Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research (SPIESR), Ahmedabad.

CALL FOR PAPERS

National Seminar on "Scaling India's MSMEs: From Local Enterprise to Global Markets"

Date: March 11–12, 2027

Venue: Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research (SPIESR), Ahmedabad, Gujarat

About the Seminar

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) constitute the backbone of the Indian economy, contributing significantly to employment generation, regional industrialisation, entrepreneurship and inclusive economic growth. As India pursues an inclusive, resilient and self-reliant economic future, enabling local enterprises to scale up and compete effectively in domestic and global markets has become increasingly important.

Against this backdrop, the two-day National Seminar seeks to bring together academicians, empirical researchers, policymakers, industry practitioners and research scholars to deliberate on the structural transformation, scaling dynamics, competitiveness and integration of Indian MSMEs into global value chains (GVCs).

The seminar will provide a platform for presenting original research, sharing empirical evidence, discussing emerging policy challenges and identifying strategies to strengthen the capacity of Indian MSMEs to scale and compete in an increasingly globalised and technology-driven economy.

About the Institute

Established in 1965 at the initiative of the Government of Gujarat, with academic activities commencing in 1969 under its Founder-Director, Prof. D. T. Lakdawala, the **Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research (SPIESR)** is a premier autonomous research institution based in Ahmedabad. The Institute has been recognised by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) since 1975.

SPIESR is committed to undertaking basic and applied research on socio-economic issues of regional, national and wider significance. The Institute conducts empirical research, promotes research and training, nurtures young scholars, and facilitates academic and policy-oriented discourse through seminars, workshops and other scholarly programmes.

The Institute is recognised by Gujarat University for Ph.D. programmes and has also been associated with ICSSR-supported data consultancy and research activities. Its faculty and

researchers have contributed to various national and international policy institutions, government bodies, planning and development agencies, and international financial institutions.

Seminar Themes

The seminar invites **original, empirical and policy-oriented research papers** addressing issues related to MSME growth, transformation and competitiveness. Papers may cover, but are not limited to, the following themes:

1. **MSMEs and Macroeconomic Growth**
2. **GST Compliance, Taxation and Regulatory Frameworks**
3. **Scaling Dynamics, Competitiveness and Global Value Chains (GVCs)**
4. **Digital Transformation and Technological Adoption**
5. **Inclusive Development, Entrepreneurship and Employment**

Papers addressing related themes and emerging issues concerning the growth, resilience and internationalisation of Indian MSMEs are also welcome.

Full Paper Submission Deadline: 16 January 2027

Further details will be uploaded after Diwali

Contact Information

For queries and further information, please contact the Organising Committee at program@spiesr.ac.in **or visit website** **https://www.spiesr.ac.in**
