



TWO-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON
DEMOCRACY, DEVELOPMENT
&
TRANSFORMATION
Pathways For Viksit Bharat 2047

28-29 October, 2026

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- **Research Committee 03: Economy and Society**
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NAVATI - 90TH ANNIVERSARY
Tata Institute of
Social Sciences (TISS)

About the Conference

A Two-Day National Conference on “**Democracy, Development and Transformation: Pathways For Viksit Bharat 2047**” shall be held on **28-29 October 2026** at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Tuljapur Off-Campus.

This Conference is being organized by **RC 29: Social Transformation & Development** in collaboration with **RC 03: Economy & Society**, **RC 07: Adivasi & Tribal Studies**, and **RC 31: Sociology of Sanitation** as part of the ‘Platinum Jubilee Celebration’ of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS), New Delhi in association with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), that celebrates its Navati - 90th. Anniversary marking nine decades of institutional excellence, nation-building and a shared goal of equality, dignity, justice and inclusion.

Keeping in mind the vision of *Viksit Bharat 2047*, this Conference seeks to present an opportunity to critically examine the interconnections between democracy, inclusive development and social transformation. It aims to provide an interdisciplinary platform for researchers, academicians, policymakers, development practitioners and civil society organizations to discuss and deliberate on the ongoing challenges faced by contemporary societies. While economic growth is characterised mostly by technological innovation and infrastructural expansion, the realization of a holistically developed India should be based on strengthening democratic institutions. This in turn will promote sustainable development by providing increased access to education, health, livelihoods, gender equity, youth participation, ecological stability and overall social justice.

Conference Sub-Themes

- 1 **Social Transformation & Development**
- 2 **Economy & Society**
- 3 **Adivasi & Tribal Studies**
- 4 **Sociology of Sanitation**

Conference Venue

School of Rural Development
Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)
Tuljapur Off-Campus
Dharashiv (Osmanabad), Maharashtra 413 601

Website: <https://tiss.ac.in/view/15/tuljapur-campus/>

Guidelines for Abstract Submission

- Abstracts should be in English, aligned with Conference central theme & sub-themes.
- Abstract sub-themes should be clearly indicated.
- Abstracts should not exceed more than 300 words.
- Abstracts should include – A Title, Name (s) of Author/Authors & their Affiliation.
- Abstract must be in- Times New Roman, 12-point font size, single-spaced with 1-inch margins all around.
- Selected Abstracts shall be intimated by e-mail for registration.
- Post conference, selected abstracts will have to submit full paper for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.
- Conference proceedings shall also be published in an edited volume.

All Abstracts must be based on the Conference theme & sub-themes & submitted to the following ID:

nationalconferencesep2026@gmail.com

Important Dates

	Abstract Submission Deadline	12 October, 2026
	Notification of Abstract Acceptance	15 October, 2026
	Registration Deadline	21 October, 2026
	Conference Date	28 & 29 October, 2026

Conference Registration Details

Category	Without Accommodation	With Accommodation
Students, Research Scholars	500 INR	1000 INR
Faculty	1000 INR	1500 INR
NGOs/CSOs, Development Consultants	1000 INR	1500 INR

Registration fee includes:

Conference Lunch, Dinner, Tea, Snacks and a conference kit.

On-Spot Registrations shall also be done for attendees on both 28 & 29 October, 2026.

About the Institute

Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) was established in 1936, as the Sir Dorabji Tata Graduate School of Social Work. TISS, Tuljapur Off-Campus, was established in 1986 as its rural campus to promote sustainable, eco-friendly, and equitable socio-economic development for rural communities, with a focus on gender and social justice. TISS, Tuljapur seeks to contribute to transforming and strengthening the rural economy, society, and polity through its academic curriculum, promoting entrepreneurial activities for the holistic development of society through its undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes. The institute's initial focus on rural development projects and field action has widened to include educational activities with grassroots-level involvement by faculty and students with a four-dimensional program comprising teaching, training, field action, and research & documentation. TISS, Tuljapur Campus has begun playing a significant role not only in influencing local self-governance but also in strengthening the overall capacities of, specifically, marginalised and vulnerable communities to access educational programs, live with dignity, and participate in decision-making processes.

How to Reach TISS, Tuljapur-Off Campus



Solapur Airport is the closest, though flights operate from Solapur-Mumbai (To & Fro), twice a week (Fri & Sun). Pune Airport is the next closest to Tuljapur. From Pune to Solapur, one can travel by rail or road.



Nearest stations are Solapur (SUR) & Dharashiv (DRSV). Some major trains include Vande Bharat Express, Pune-Hyderabad Shatabdi Express, Siddheshwar Express, Udyan Express, Kanyakumari Express, Karnataka Express, Hussain Sagar, and Kurla Coimbatore Express.



State Transport buses are frequently available from Mumbai, Pune, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar (Aurangabad), Dharashiv (Osmanabad) and Solapur cities that pass through Tuljapur. From the Solapur bus stand, there are frequent MSRTC buses that take 45-50 mins to reach Tuljapur Town.



The campus is situated on Apsinga Road, Tuljapur. One can reach the campus directly by taking a short 15-mins ride by an Auto Rickshaw from the Tuljapur State Transport (ST) Bus Depot



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