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Sponsored

Two Days National Seminar

on

Multi-Faceted Approaches to Driving Inclusive Rural Development  
(Mode of Seminar: Offline)

Date & Venue: 19–20 March 2026, Government College Una, H.P.

Organised by

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### About the College

Established in 1968 and located on the Una–Nangal Road, Government College Una is one of the prominent public institutions in the region. Affiliated with Himachal Pradesh University, Summer Hill, Shimla, the college is recognized under Sections 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act and has been accredited with a “B+” grade by NAAC, reflecting its commitment to quality education and academic excellence.

The college offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs, including B.A., B.Sc., B.Com., M.A. (Economics, English, Political Science), and M.Com., along with professional courses such as BBA, BCA, MBA, MCA, PGDCA, and B.Voc., designed to enhance employability and skills.

With modern laboratories, digital classrooms, a well-stocked central library, and hostel facilities, the institution provides a supportive academic environment. Alongside academics, active participation in NSS, NCC, Rovers and Rangers, sports, and cultural activities ensures holistic development and nurtures responsible, well-rounded citizens.

### About the Seminar

The seminar on “Multi-Faceted Approaches to Driving Inclusive Rural Development” aims to explore innovative and sustainable pathways for holistic rural transformation. It seeks to understand how villages can grow in a balanced, inclusive, and self-reliant manner. Rural development today extends beyond agriculture to include employment generation, education, healthcare, women empowerment, infrastructure, digital inclusion, clean energy, and responsive governance.

The seminar provides a dynamic platform for teachers, researchers, policymakers, social workers, and students to exchange ideas and share research findings. Discussions will focus on smart agriculture, MSMEs, financial inclusion, skill development, renewable energy, digital technologies, and policy innovation—key drivers for strengthening rural livelihoods and reducing the rural–urban divide.

Emphasis will be placed on empowering women, youth, small farmers, and marginalized communities while promoting environmental sustainability through clean energy and resource conservation. Overall, the seminar encourages collaboration and knowledge-sharing to advance inclusive, resilient, and sustainable rural societies.

### Sub-Themes

- Innovations and Empowerment for Sustainable Rural Development
- Smart Agriculture and Smallholder Farmer Empowerment
- Strengthening Rural Livelihoods through MSMEs and Cooperative Innovation
- Financial Inclusion and Rural Business Innovation
- Digital Inclusion and ICT for Rural Empowerment
- Decentralized Governance and Policy Innovation in Rural Development
- Women Empowerment and Technological Innovation in Rural Areas
- Renewable Energy and Sustainable Rural Infrastructure Development
- Value Chain Innovation and Rural Market Integration

- Inclusive and Innovative Approaches to Rural–Urban Educational Equity
- Technological Innovation in Rural Water Supply and Sanitation
- Strategic Investment and Financial Tools for Rural Economies
- Skill Development and Employment Innovation for Rural Youth
- Quantitative Modelling of Rural Income Distribution, Poverty & Growth Dynamics
- Rural Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management for Inclusive Growth
- Data-Driven and Quantitative Models for Sustainable Agricultural Optimization
- Role of Civil Society and NGOs in Rural Development
- Rural Literature, Cultural Heritage & Indigenous Knowledge in Inclusive Development
- Environmental and Scientific Approaches for Rural Transformation
- Rural Tourism Models for Sustainable Rural Development
- Any other topic related to the Seminar Theme

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#### Abstract Submission

- Word limit: 450–500 words.
- Structured format: Rationale & Objectives (100 words), Data & Methods (150 words), Results (150 words), Conclusion (100 words), Include 5–7 keywords.

#### Full Paper Submission

- Only selected abstracts will be invited for full paper submission.
- Submit full paper via email to: [icssr.ecogcuna@gmail.com](mailto:icssr.ecogcuna@gmail.com)
- Word limit: 6000–6500 words.
- Follow APA 7th Edition style.
- The submitted article must be original, unpublished and free from plagiarism.

#### Formatting Requirements

- Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt, Single spacing, Include: Title, Author(s), Affiliation, Email
- Tables and figures must be properly numbered

#### Registration

- Registration is mandatory for participation.
- Register through the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/icssrgcuna>
- The registration fee includes refreshments, lunch, and a seminar kit.
- No TA/DA or accommodation will be provided by the organizers.
- Non-Refundable Registration Fee:

Faculty	Rs. 800
Research Scholar	Rs. 600
Students	Rs. 400

Note: On-the-spot registration will incur Rs. 200 extra

#### Account Details

- Account Name: Principal GC Una Seminar N Conferences
- Account Number: 60412291642
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#### Important Dates

- Abstract Submission Deadline & Intimation of Acceptance: 13 March 2026
- Full Paper Submission: 17 March 2026
- Seminar Dates: 19–20 March 2026

#### Publication Opportunity

Selected papers, after peer review and editing, will be published in an edited volume by a national publisher with an ISBN, ensuring academic recognition.

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