



Call For Papers

Special Issue on

RURAL INDIA: TRANSFORMATIONS, LIVELIHOODS, DEVELOPMENT AND CHALLENGES

The Social Science Review A Multidisciplinary Journal (Open-Access, Peer-Reviewed, Refereed, Bi-Monthly, International E-Journal, e-ISSN: 2584 – 0789) invites original

research papers, review articles, and policy-oriented studies for a Special Issue focusing on the changing socio-economic, geographical, environmental and institutional dimensions of rural India. Rural India is undergoing significant transformation driven by economic diversification, technological change, migration, infrastructure development, climate variability, changing agricultural systems and evolving government interventions. These processes are reshaping rural livelihoods, settlement patterns, social relations, resource use and access to development opportunities. At the same time, rural communities continue to face challenges related to poverty, inequality, unemployment, agrarian vulnerability, digital exclusion, environmental stress and uneven access to public services. This Special Issue aims to bring together interdisciplinary research that examines these transformations through empirical, theoretical and policy-oriented perspectives. Contributions addressing emerging rural realities, regional disparities and pathways towards inclusive and sustainable rural development are particularly encouraged.

Suggested Areas (Manuscripts may address, but are not limited to)

- Rural livelihoods and livelihood diversification
- Agriculture, agrarian change and rural economy
- Rural poverty, inequality and social exclusion
- Tribal and indigenous communities in rural India
- Rural employment, labour markets and migration
- Women, youth and rural development
- Rural entrepreneurship and emerging economic activities
- Digitalisation and transformation of rural economies
- Digital divide and access to digital services
- Rural infrastructure, connectivity and accessibility
- Education, health and other rural social services
- Water security and rural resource management
- Climate change and rural vulnerability
- Natural resources, forests and community livelihoods
- Rural tourism and cultural economies
- Government schemes, welfare programmes and rural development
- Panchayati Raj and rural governance
- Spatial inequality and regional disparities
- Sustainable rural development
- Rural transformation and changing settlement patterns
- Food security and nutrition
- Land use and changing rural landscapes
- Technology, innovation and rural transformation
- Policy challenges and future pathways for Rural India

Submission Guidelines

- The Special Issue welcomes *original and unpublished research* based on empirical studies, fieldwork, quantitative or qualitative analysis, comparative studies, policy evaluation or interdisciplinary approaches.
- Submissions should provide clear research objectives, appropriate methodology, evidence-based analysis and meaningful implications for understanding rural India.
- **Word Limit: Not more than 5000 words, with Abstract within 200 words. Include 5 keywords.**
- Times New Roman, 12 font size
- Mention Author/s name, designation, institution, ORCID iD (if available), email & Ph number

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