



ST. ANN'S COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

(Autonomous), Affiliated to Osmania University
NAAC Accredited with 'A' Grade, CPE by UGC
Mehdipatnam, Hyderabad, Telangana, India



Two-Day National Seminar (Hybrid Mode)

Sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research
(ICSSR-Southern Regional Centre)

**GST 2.0 Balancing Growth
with Social Equity and Inclusion**

17th & 18th March 2026

under Special call

GST Reforms and their Socio-Economic impact in the Southern States

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

St. Ann's College for Women, founded in 1983 by the Sisters of St. Anne, began with two programs and 106 students and has grown into a large institution with over 3,500 students and 45+ UG and PG programs. The college now has more than 145 faculty members across 30 departments, ensuring strong academic delivery. It consistently maintains high academic standards with a supportive learning environment and modern infrastructure. A wide range of curricular and co-curricular activities promotes holistic development and employability skills. The institution is committed to character building, critical thinking, social responsibility, and nation building. It is accredited with NAAC 'A' Grade with CGPA 3.24 and ranked in the 201–300 band by NIRF.

ABOUT ICSSR-SRC

Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) was established in the year of 1969 by the Government of India to promote research in social sciences in the country on the recommendation of Prof. V. K. R. V. Rao Committee. Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) is an autonomous organization established in 1969 on the recommendation of Prof. V. K. R. V. Rao Committee. The Southern Regional Centre was established on 1st February 1973 in collaboration with the Osmania University and the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The founders of the Southern Regional Centre were Prof. Rasheeduddin Khan and Prof. G. Ram Reddy. The major role of the Southern Regional Centre is to act as an agent of the ICSSR within the southern region; to act as the representative of the social scientists of the region and to bring their ideas and problems to the ICSSR, New Delhi; to provide a platform for the social scientists of the southern region; to come together for the promotion of social science research and to serve as the link between the social scientists of the southern region, national and international community of social scientists. The jurisdiction of the Southern Regional Centre extends to the states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and the Union Territories of Lakshadweep and Puducherry.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Department of Commerce started in 1983 is the largest department in the institution, with over 1100 students, 18 qualified full-time faculty members, and 8 academic programs. The department brings together diverse faculty expertise in Accounting, Finance, Cost & Management Accounting, Computer Applications, Foreign Trade, Honors, CMA, Business Analytics and BFSI-Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Program continuously expanding its academic horizons. Guided by its vision, "Quest for Excellence," the department is committed to nurturing holistic development. Its mission "From the classroom to the corporate world a chrysalis transformation of students into successful entrepreneurs, dedicated professionals, dynamic business leaders, and motivated researchers contributing to national growth" reflects its focus on shaping competent, ethical, and future-ready graduates.

ABOUT THE IQAC

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) at our institution embodies a visionary approach towards fostering a culture of continuous quality enhancement, with a focus on innovation, ideation, and the internalization of a quality culture. IQAC aims to be a "Quality Connect" within our academic community. Engaging stakeholders through feedback mechanisms and interactive forums and promoting holistic developments aligns with our mission to create globally competent individuals grounded in moral, social, and spiritual values.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SEMINAR

"One Nation, One Tax" remains the foundational vision of GST 2.0. However, with the "simple tax" it reinforces the unified indirect tax system launched in 2017, While GST 2.0 reforms 2025 saw a major shift from structural emphasis to next gen reforms to reduced regressivity. This revision simplifies the tax structure further while upholding the unified tax vision. GST 2.0 embodies India's refined tax framework by streamlining rates to 5% for essentials, 18% standard, and 40% for demerit goods or "Sin goods" fostering economic growth while prioritizing social equity. This seminar explores how these changes drive economic growth through simplified compliance for MSME, Agriculture, Arts & Crafts, Women led enterprises while supporting skill development, vocational training. GST 2.0 major focus remains in making a difference in the lives of rural and vulnerable population. This Seminar attempts to evaluate GST2.0 agenda of social equity via lower taxes on medicines, food, and insurance, boosting affordability for low-income households with reference to the state of Telangana. The seminar shall draw meaningful conclusions to support academia in curriculum designing and bridging the GST digital compliance proficiency gap.

THEME 1

GST 2.0 Impact on Agriculture, Rural industries with special reference to State of Telangana

- Taxes on agri equipments
- Processed food & Dairy Sector
- Biodegradable packaging materials
- FPO & Co-operatives
- Inverted tax structure, Input Tax Credit (ITC) challenges
- Handlooms & Handicrafts,
- Tribal Livelihoods & Promotion of Financial Inclusion
- Registration Compliance for small traders

THEME 2

GST 2.0 and Atmanirbhar Bharat with Ease of Doing Business

- Unified National Market
- Simplified Tax Structure
- Automated Compliance, refunds and E-invoicing
- Support for MSMEs and unorganised sector
- Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT)
- Multiple Registrations & GSTN portal

THEME 3

GST 2.0 and social and cultural impact

- Formalization by mandatory GST registration
- Affordable Living Essentials, Hospitality & Wellness
- Traditional Arts & handiCrafts
- Geographical Indication-Tagged Products
- Textile Heritage, Democratization of Fashion
- 'Sin Tax' vs.'Fit India' goals.
- Tribal livelihoods
- Tax on destination celebrations, gifting and travel

THEME 4

GST 2.0 Impact on Employability

- Direct & Sector-Specific Job Growth
- GST compliance managers & Vocational training
- Logistics & E-commerce sectors
- Labor-Intensive Manufacturing in MSME
- Healthcare, Allied health professionals.
- GIG Employability & Semi-Skilled Work
- MSME & Rural Empowerment
- Women-Led Enterprises
- Startup Ecosystem
- Skill Development Alignment

CALL FOR PAPERS

Researchers, academicians, scholars, industry experts and students are cordially invited to submit original research or review papers for presentation in the seminar. Contributions are welcome on the listed seminar themes as well as on other related and emerging areas relevant to the seminar focus. Interested participants may submit their papers to comseminars@stannscolgehyd.com

IMPORTANT DATES

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION	ABSTRACT ACCEPTANCE	FULL PAPER SUBMISSION	FULL PAPER ACCEPTANCE
28 February 2026	1 March 2026	6 March 2026	10 March 2026

PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstracts should not exceed 300 words and must include 4–5 keywords. Full papers should be original and unpublished, ranging between 3,000–5,000 words (including references). The manuscript should be typed in Times New Roman, font size 12. Authors are requested to clearly mention the complete details of the corresponding author, including contact number and email ID.

All submissions must adhere to academic integrity standards, with plagiarism limited to 10–15%. Authors whose papers are accepted are required to register and present their work at the seminar. Selected papers will be considered for publication in an ISBN edited volume

REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee is Rs. 750/- which includes the conference kit and lunch. Bank Details for Registration

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