





MANTHAN-

21st NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

12-13 JANUARY, 2026



Vivekanand Swadhyay Mandal

G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar

ABOUT VIVEKANAND SWADHYAY MANDAL (VSM)

Vivekanand Swadhyay Mandal (VSM) is dedicated to cultivating leadership qualities within contemporary youth, thereby fostering their development as invaluable assets for national progress for last 25 years. This inclusive platform welcomes individuals deeply rooted in Indian philosophy, culture, and values to contribute their wisdom. Our collective endeavor is to revitalize the profound humanitarian principles and national character that have been the bedrock of our country for centuries. Over the years, VSM has translated into a nationwide network with its main working centre at G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar. Through various activities and initiatives, VSM inspires individuals to discover their inner potential and recognize their purpose in life. Our mission is to instill in young minds a profound empathy for humanity, which ultimately translates into a strong sense of duty.

ABOUT PANTNAGAR

G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, holds the distinction of being India's first agricultural university, established in 1960. Renowned as the 'Harbinger of the Green Revolution', the University has made substantial contribution to the nation's food security over its six-decade-long existence. Its unwavering commitment to the advancement of the Indian farming community is evident in its ongoing endeavors. As a premier agricultural university with distinguished national and international acclaim, the institution is nestled amidst the serene Himalayan foothills, offering an idyllic environment conducive to learning and research. Since its inception, the University has been at the forefront of development, with a core mandate encompassing teaching, research, and extension activities. The University is also a leading agricultural university of the country in context of national and international rankings. Consecutively for last three years, Pantnagar is getting placed in the World QS Rankings and QS Asia Rankings as well.

ABOUT YUVA AND NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

VSM organizes **YUVA-The National Youth Awakening Festival** to commemorate the birth anniversary of two great personalities i.e. Swami Vivekanand and Subhash Chandra Bose. Beginning on January 12 i.e. the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekanand and culminating on January 23, the birth anniversary of Subhash Chandra Bose, YUVA is a 12 day long festival organized to ignite, inspire and illuminate the youth of the country towards nationalism and broader roles of the youth towards their nation.

The National Youth Conference is a part of YUVA and is organized on January 12-13 each year since 2006. The two days conference is a congregation of stalwarts from different domains who have worked at grassroot levels and youth delegates from across the country. The National Youth Conference has a theme and participating youth delegates have an opportunity to present their ideas in oral and poster presentation in front of the stalwarts. Another distinction of the National Youth Conference is the Conference Compendium which is an ISBN Book comprising youth ideas presented in the Conference and also compiled, edited and designed by VSM youth volunteers.

The forthcoming National Youth Conference 2026 is the 21st edition of the Conference which will be organized on January 12-13, 2026 at Pantnagar.



THEME AND SUBTHEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

National Youth Conference 2026 Theme:

Cultural Roots and Digital Power: Guiding Youth for Cultural Strengthening and Nation Building with Technological Innovations.

Subthemes:

- From Naturopathy to Nanotechnology: Exploring Health through Indian Knowledge Systems
- From Indigenous Agri Practices to Hitech Agriculture: Generating Models for Sustainable Food Systems
- From Gurukul System to e-Learning: Creating Culturally Rooted Pedagogy
- From Sacred Ecology to Smart Solutions: Utilizing Traditional Lifestyle Practices for Climate Change Action

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Papers based on the above subthemes are invited for National Youth Conference 2026. Submissions may encompass original research, review papers, case studies or experiential articles aligned with the specified subthemes.

GUIDELINES FOR PAPER SUBMISSION

1. Language and Author Collaboration:

- All papers must be written exclusively in English.
- Teams of up to three authors may submit a paper on any designated subtheme.

2. Paper Content and Format:

- Submissions should be between 2000 to 3000 words, excluding references.
- Papers should be formatted using Times New Roman 12-point font, single spacing, with one-inch margins on all sides and standard 8.5x11 inch page dimensions.
- All figures, graphs, and tables must be of high quality.

3. Academic Integrity and Submission:

- Papers must be original work and properly cited. Plagiarism will not accepted.
- Submissions must be in Microsoft Word format (.doc or .docx). Incomplete submissions will not be considered.
- Papers must include the title, authors' full names, and affiliated institutions.
- Standard abbreviations may be used.



SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Author(s) are requested to prepare their papers in Microsoft Word format. Papers must be submitted electronically on www.youthariseawake.org OR https://forms.gle/6LHhZYqBAThUkKtR8

CONFERENCE COMPENDIUM

All selected papers will be published in an ISBN volume.

NOTE: It is mandatory for all authors of any selected paper to register for the National Youth Conference.

REGISTRATION FOR NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE 2026

The Registration Fee of National Youth Conference 2026 includes registration kit, boarding/lodging arrangements in University Guest House and meals for Conference duration, and access to all Conference sessions including the Entry Pass for Anand Lehar Cultural Eve.

Registration Fees

Students

₹600/- (Rupees Six Hundred Only)

Professionals

₹1200/- (Rupees One Thousand Two Hundred Only)

Payment Detail:

The registration fee is to be deposited in the following account. A screenshot of payment confirmation is to be uploaded in the registration form.

Account Number: 024001000874

Account Name: Vivekanand Swadhyay Mandal Samiti

Bank Name: ICICI, Haldwani IFSC Code: ICIC0000240



REGISTRATION LINK:

https://forms.gle/6LHhZYqBAThUkKtR8

Note: Participants will be responsible for covering their own travel and daily allowances (TA/DA) through their respective organizations.

IMPORTANT DATES

• Last date for Paper Submission: 31 October, 2025

• Intimation about Paper acceptance: 10 November, 2025

• Last date for Registration: 31 November, 2025

• National Youth Conference: 12-13 January, 2026

VENUE

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