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Aim and Objectives

The aim of the Two-Day Conference on "One Nation, One Tax: GST Reforms and Their Role in Promoting Entrepreneurship across States in India" is to critically examine the economic foundations and policy outcomes of the Goods and Services Tax in creating a unified national market and fostering entrepreneurship across diverse Indian states. The seminar seeks to analyze the impact of GST reforms on MSMEs, start-ups, and micro enterprises by evaluating their role in reducing inter-state trade barriers, improving supply chain efficiency, promoting business formalization, enhancing digital compliance, and strengthening access to institutional finance. It also aims to identify regional disparities, compliance challenges, and digital infrastructure gaps faced by entrepreneurs in less-developed and rural regions, while exploring the implications of GST for women, rural, and marginalized entrepreneurs. Through scholarly deliberations, the seminar intends to generate policy insights and recommendations to strengthen GST reforms and promote inclusive, sustainable, and equitable entrepreneurial growth across India.

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About the Conference

The implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on July 1, 2017, introduced the concept of "One Nation, One Tax," transforming India's indirect taxation system into a unified structure. By subsuming multiple central and state taxes, GST has simplified tax compliance, reduced inter-state trade barriers, and strengthened market integration. With over 1.4 crore registered taxpayers—most of them MSMEs—the reform has encouraged business formalization, enhanced digital compliance through the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN), and improved transparency. While more developed states have leveraged GST to enhance competitiveness and expand market access, less-developed and rural regions continue to face challenges such as compliance costs and limited digital infrastructure. Therefore, a critical academic discussion is essential to evaluate GST's role in promoting inclusive entrepreneurship across Indian states. The seminar aims to examine the economic principles underlying the "One Nation, One Tax" system and to analyze the impact of GST reforms on entrepreneurship across various Indian states. It seeks to evaluate GST's role in reducing trade barriers, improving MSME competitiveness, promoting business formalization, and enhancing access to institutional finance through digital integration. The seminar also focuses on identifying regional disparities and proposing policy measures to strengthen GST reforms in order to foster inclusive and equitable entrepreneurial growth.

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