



**Western Regional Center/ICSSR**

**Call for Papers**

**Western Region Social Science Conclave**

**'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'**

**India at 75: Actions, Achievements, Aspirations, and Resolve**

**19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022**



WRC-ICSSR welcomes contributions from Indian scholars/researchers by inviting papers that may have interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary perspectives on the main theme and the sub-themes of 'Azadi ka Amrtimahotsav'. 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' is an embodiment of all that is progressive about India's socio-cultural, political, and economic identity and is an initiative to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive independent India and the glorious history of its people, culture, and achievements. It commenced on 12th March 2021 with a 75 Week countdown to our 75th Anniversary of independence and will be concluded post a year, on 15th August 2023.

# About WRC/ICSSR

The 'Western Regional Center' of ICSSR' (WRC/ICSSR) was set up with the approval of the Government of Maharashtra in January 1973 in collaboration with the University of Mumbai is located at the Kalina campus of the University of Mumbai and the states covered under the Western Regional Office of ICSSR are Maharashtra, Goa, and Gujarat. The Western Region that WRC/ICSSR, in pursuance of its aims and objectives, conducts as well as funds the research methodology workshops, and other seminars; receives foreign visitors; administers study grants; provides hostel facilities, etc.

## **Some activities of the WRC/ICSSR have been:**

- To operate a study grant scheme under which travel costs and local maintenance charges at the prescribed rates are given to social scientists who come to Mumbai to avail themselves of the research material available, in accordance with the rules framed by the ICSSR;
- To organize as well as fund training courses in Research Methodology in the social sciences as approved by the ICSSR from time to time;
- To arrange as well as fund lectures, seminars, and discussions for Indian social scientists with the help of eminent social scientists;
- To undertake any other programs designed to promote and facilitate social science research in the region.

## Themes of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

### Vishva Guru Bharat

People from all around the world converged in India to gain from its priceless wisdom. Illuminaries like Charak, Patanjali, Bhaskaracharya, Chanakya, Sushruta, Kanad, and Aryabhatta have left indelible imprints in various domains of human knowledge for the entire world. India has all the potential to become Vishva Guru once again because of its value system, culture, and inherent belief in 'VasudhaivaKutumbakam'. Moreover, India is also reforming the education system of the country by implementing NEP 2020.

## Ideas, Achievements, and Resolve

Through Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the government aims to commemorate every citizen's belief in India as the 'best-in-class' in social, political, and economic terms. Amid all the planned events, the country's achievements in varied sectors, such as agriculture and science & technology, will be highlighted. Such programs will not only help in nation-building but also aid citizens in overcoming challenges in their daily lives. These initiatives will further strengthen the country's performance at large and give rise to new dreams and opportunities.

## Atmanirbhar Bharat

During the pandemic, as a nation, India has shown the entire world its resilience and capability to deal with extreme adversities. India has not only started the world's largest self-made vaccination drive, but it is also exporting it to many other countries. Atmanirbharta provides financial support to several firms, encouraging entrepreneurs to produce goods and services within the country. This will help the country to focus on the tagline of 'vocal for local,' the promotion of local brands, manufacturing, and supply chains that will provide a significant boost to India's economy. This will ultimately help India to become Atmanirbhar Bharat in every aspect.

## India's Rich Cultural Heritage

The principle of 'Unity in Diversity' lies in the deep roots of India. People from different ethnicities coexist peacefully, speak different languages, eat different foods, and follow distinct customs. India has developed numerous kinds of art, architecture, painting, music, dance, festivals, and rituals over the years, and this diversity has resulted in an unparalleled culture that the rest of the world admires. This theme will highlight the rich culture and heritage of India and celebrate India's achievements by organizing various events across the country.

## Celebrating Unsung Heroes

During the celebration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' activities like exhibitions, publications, and the development of museums to honour the unsung or unacknowledged heroes of India's freedom struggle will be conducted as many independence freedom fighters do not fall within the traditional narrative of the freedom movement. The concept of unsung heroes will be intertwined with the Visit India Year 2022', which will also help to promote regional art, culture, tradition, wellness, and yoga.



## Independence 2.0

The vision of New and Atmanirbhar Bharat can become a reality by promoting and focusing on local manufacturing i.e. 'Made in India' and being 'vocal' about 'local'. The focus must lie on the creation of world-class products, promoting investments, and value pricing. This shall lead to the establishment of a level-playing business ecosystem, keeping the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in mind. Not only will sustainability remain a key, but increased participation of local craftsmen and artisans shall also be witnessed as well. All the elements (such as Visva Guru Bharat, and Aatmanirbhar Bharat) will be imbibed in spirit while implementing this vision. Along with imbibing ethos, marketing battles will also have to be fought in the fast-evolving consumer world. Implementation of this vision will drive the success of Independence 2.0.

**The papers are invited on the main theme and the sub-themes**

**Besides the above broad themes, the papers can also focus on one of the following themes/sub-themes**

**Freedom Struggle**

**Actions@75**

**Achievements@75**

**Ideas@75, and**

**Resolve@75**

## Freedom Struggle

- Movements & Struggles freedom movements
- Forgotten Heroes; Stories of Unsung heroes, freedom fighters
- Milestones; key milestones during the freedom struggle and
- Ideas-ideas that inspired the struggle for independence

## Ideas@75 (Ideas and Ideals which unite the country)

- Vasudev Kutumbakam
- National Security
- Innovation, Peace & Unity
- Ideas of India
- Development
- Sustainability, and
- Justice

## Achievements@75

- Women@75
- Village@75
- Youth@75
- Environment@75
- Diaspora@75
- Defence@75 and
- Economy@75

## Actions@75

(Current priorities and actions activated through programs and schemes)

- Swachha Bharat
- Swastha Bharat; Ayushman Bharat, Aarogya Bharat
- Atmanirbhar Bharat
- Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat
- One Nation One Ration Card Unifying Agricultural Markets;
- SabkaSaath, SabkaVikas, SabkaViswas, SabkaPrayas
- Skill India
- Digital India
- National Education Policy and
- GST

## Resolve@75

- India 2.0; Vision for India in 2047
- Sector-specific aspirations
- Involve all sections; Youth, Students, Entrepreneurs, Diaspora, etc; and
- Articulation of goals and targets for the above

# Guidelines for Research Papers

**Word Limit: 2000 to 5000 words**

**Font: Times New Roman**

**Font Size: 14 pt for the Title and 12 pt for the sub-titles**

**Body Text: 12 pt**

**Spacing: 1.5 line**

**Margin: 1 inch on all sides**

# Suggested Structure and Components of Research Paper

- I. **Abstract**
- II. **Heading 1 - Introduction:** The introduction should set the context and objectives of the paper by clearly developing the purpose of the investigation and developing the research design.
- III. **Heading 2 - Review of Literature:** The Literature Review should contain an adequate understanding of the relevant literature in the field and cite an appropriate range of literature sources and should specify the gap existing in the research.
- IV. **Heading 3: Research Methodology** - The paper can be qualitative or quantitative but must emerge from a scientific or systematic study. This section should contain appropriate methodological processes used for scientific and objective assessment, variables/constructs under investigation, and their selection process along with the steps taken for scientific vigour in the analysis. This section should also specify the sample size, sampling techniques and the hypothesis developed.
- V. **Heading 4: Data Analysis and Interpretation** - The data analysis and interpretation must be stated in this section. This will enable the researcher to focus on the results which can be stated in a tabular format for both qualitative and quantitative approaches.
- VI. **Heading 5: Conclusion** - The conclusion should adequately combine all the elements of the research paper. It should summarise the results and provide clear implications for the field investigated by the researcher.
- VII. **References: APA Style**

## **Important Deadlines**

**Last Date for Submission of the Full-length Research Paper: 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Last Date for Communication for the Acceptance of the Full-length Research Paper: 25th July 2022**

**Western Region Social Science Conclave: 19th and 20th August 2022**

**All shortlisted papers will be published in ISBN numbered book released by WRC-ICSSR**

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