



SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Research Paper Contest

For PG Students | Ph.D. Scholars | Teachers

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Competition Themes

No.	Suggested Theme
1	Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Commerce: Opportunities, Risks and Ethical Challenges
2	Digital Transformation and Emerging Business Models: From E-Commerce to Social Commerce
3	FinTech, Digital Payments and Financial Inclusion: Trends and Challenges in India
4	Sustainable Business and ESG: Strategies for Responsible and Inclusive Growth
5	Women Entrepreneurship and Inclusive Growth: Digital Platforms, Finance and Market Access
6	Green Economy and Circular Business Models: Opportunities for Indian Enterprises
7	Future of Work, Employability and Skill Development in the Age of AI and Automation
8	Corporate Governance, Business Ethics and Transparency in the Digital Era
9	Data-Driven Business and Analytics: Transforming Decision-Making in Organisations
10	Start-ups, Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Building Competitive Businesses for a New India
11	Co-operative Enterprises and Community-Based Development: New Opportunities and Challenges
12	Resilient Supply Chains and New-Age Logistics: Lessons for Indian Businesses



Evaluation Scheme

Parameter	Marks
Originality and Novelty	20
Research Quality / Conceptual Rigour	20
Methodology and Use of Evidence	20
Analysis, Findings and Practical Relevance	20
Overall Presentation and Clarity	20
Total	100



Eligibility



Post-Graduate (PG) students enrolled in Commerce, Management, Economics or allied programmes.



Ph.D. scholars/research scholars in Commerce, Management, Economics or allied disciplines.



Teachers/faculty members from colleges, universities and recognised institutions.



Participants may submit one paper only. The paper must be original and prepared specifically for the competition.



Paper Submission Rules

- 1 Paper may be empirical/research-data based or conceptual in nature.
- 2 Recommended length: 2,500–3,500 words, excluding references and appendices.
- 3 File format: MS Word (.docx). Page size A4; Times New Roman, 12 pt; 1.5 line spacing; normal margins.
- 4 Paper should contain: Title, Abstract (150–250 words), Keywords, Introduction, Objectives/Research Questions, Literature Review, Methodology/Conceptual Framework, Analysis/Discussion, Findings, Conclusion, Implications/Recommendations and References.
- 5 Use a consistent academic referencing style (APA 7th edition recommended).
- 6 Tables, figures and charts must be numbered and have appropriate titles and source notes.
- 7 Entries may be submitted in English. Marathi submissions may be accepted if the organising committee announces this option.
- 8 Plagiarism and unethical use of sources will lead to disqualification. Participants must acknowledge sources and obtain permission where required.
- 9 AI tools may be used only as permitted by the competition committee; the participant remains responsible for originality, accuracy, citations and academic integrity.
- 10 The paper should not carry the participant's name or institutional identity in the main manuscript if a blind-review process is adopted.



Proposed Deadlines & Competition Schedule

Stage	Proposed Date
Submission of Full Research Paper	30 September 2026
Initial Screening & Plagiarism Check	1–7 October 2026
Shortlisted Papers Announced	10 October 2026



Submission Procedure

- Submit the final paper in MS Word format to commsearch2026@gmail.com
- File naming format:
Category_FirstName_LastName_ShortTitle.docx
- Participants should submit a separate cover sheet containing: participant name, category (PG/Ph.D./Teacher), designation/class, institution, mobile number and email ID.
- The organising committee may conduct a preliminary screening for theme relevance, originality, formatting and plagiarism before sending papers for evaluation.
- Shortlisted papers will be published in peer reviewed journal Commerce and Management thought.



Awards & Recognition



Best research papers will be awarded certificates and special recognition during the Valedictory Ceremony at the Research Paper Competition.



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Will Be Recognised and
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**Last Date for Submission
30 September 2026**