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The conference will provide a platform for academicians, research scholars and policy makers engaged in the area diaspora studies to share their knowledge and expertise which will offer enriching insights into the contribution of Diaspora to the development of Indian economy. The conference invites authors to submit original papers/extended abstracts, both theoretical and empirical, that presents a comprehensive analysis of the Diaspora and its contribution to the development of the economy. It is expected that the research will lay down important policy implications which will pave the path for India in achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Submission is invited under the following themes:

Theme I. Economic Empowerment through Diaspora Contributions

a) Impact of Remittances on Inclusive Growth:

- The role of remittances in eradicating poverty and boosting rural development.
- Leveraging digital payment platforms for seamless remittance transfers.

b) Diaspora-Driven Trade Linkages:

- Expanding India's export footprint through diaspora networks.
- Opportunities for diaspora-led trade partnerships in emerging markets.

c) Investment Flows from the Diaspora:

- Attracting diaspora investments in sectors like infrastructure, renewable energy, and technology.
- Policy frameworks to incentivize diaspora investments in underdeveloped regions.

Theme II: Knowledge Transfer and Technological Advancement

a) Leveraging Diaspora Talent for Research and Development:

- Contributions of Indian diaspora scientists and technologists to cutting-edge research.
- Creating cross-border research collaborations to solve global and national challenges.

b) Building India's Knowledge Economy:

- Knowledge transfer in AI, biotechnology, and renewable technologies.
- Enhancing educational institutions in India through diaspora-led faculty exchanges and curriculum design.

c) Diaspora Support for Startup Ecosystems:

- Mobilizing diaspora funding and mentorship for Indian startups.
- Establishing innovation hubs connecting Indian entrepreneurs with diaspora expertise.

Theme III. Cultural Diplomacy and India's Global Image

a) Strengthening India's Soft Power:

- The role of diaspora-led cultural initiatives in promoting Indian heritage globally.
- Organizing Indian cultural festivals and events in host nations.

b) The Diaspora as Cultural Ambassadors:

- Highlighting contributions of diaspora personalities in enhancing India's global identity.
- Showcasing India's diversity and values through diaspora-led campaigns.

c) Leveraging Cultural Ties for Economic and Strategic Gains:

- Building bilateral partnerships through cultural diplomacy.
- Diaspora's role in promoting India as a global tourism and investment destination.

Theme IV. Strategic Economic and Institutional Linkages

a) Strengthening Diaspora-India Collaborations:

- Institutionalizing diaspora engagement through government programs and initiatives.
- Enhancing the role of Indian embassies and missions in supporting diaspora efforts.

b) Diaspora-Led Development in Critical Sectors:

- Opportunities for diaspora investments in healthcare, education, and green energy.
- Collaborating with diaspora communities for urban development and smart cities.

c) Policy Innovations for Diaspora Engagement:

- Reviewing and improving diaspora-related policies like OCI cards and investment schemes.
- Introducing new policy frameworks to enhance two-way collaboration.

Theme V. Challenges and Opportunities in Diaspora Engagement for Vision 2047

a) Overcoming Structural Barriers:

- Addressing issues such as bureaucratic hurdles, taxation policies, and dual citizenship.
- Creating a diaspora-friendly ecosystem for investments and collaborations.

b) Opportunities in Emerging Global Sectors:

- Diaspora participation in India's green energy transition and digital economy.
- Harnessing diaspora expertise for space exploration, AI, and sustainable technologies.

c) A Shared Vision for 2047:

- Defining a long-term roadmap for continuous diaspora involvement in India's progress.
- Mobilizing youth diaspora to contribute towards India's development goals.

Theme VI. Diaspora as a Geopolitical Asset

a) Building Strategic Alliances:

- Leveraging diaspora connections for fostering India's relationships with host nations.
- Diaspora's role in influencing global policy in favor of India's strategic interests.

b) Diaspora Engagement in International Institutions:

- Empowering diaspora leaders in global organizations to represent India's interests.
- Case studies of diaspora influence in global governance and advocacy.

c) Diaspora Contributions to Global Challenges:

- Mobilizing the diaspora for India's role in climate action and sustainable development goals (SDGs).
- Diaspora participation in global health and humanitarian initiatives.

Note: The entire structure of the paper including citation and reference should be in accordance with 'Publication Manual APA 7th edition' (in PDF format). Paper can be submitted in Hindi or English language.

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