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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Tenet, a peer reviewed Multidisciplinary Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences of SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi invites abstracts for its 2nd and 3rd volumes under the following topics:

For Volume 2: Abstracts for articles on Indian Knowledge Systems

Theme: Developmental Perspectives in the Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)

India is poised to press home its civilisational charisma and unique advantages in the quest to realise its goals under the mission Viksit Bharat 2047. Fuelled by conceptual, imaginative and practical inputs derived from the continuously preserved Indian Knowledge Systems (Bharatiya Jñāna Paramparā), India's developmental mission is not for its own exclusive benefit; rather, it is to guide the world in its anxious search for an alternative holistic paradigm of growth that preserves the universal core of human life and values, restores our vital spiritual connections with natural environments and rejuvenates an organic sense of community even as global enterprise prospers and enables a sense of economic well-being and security in people.

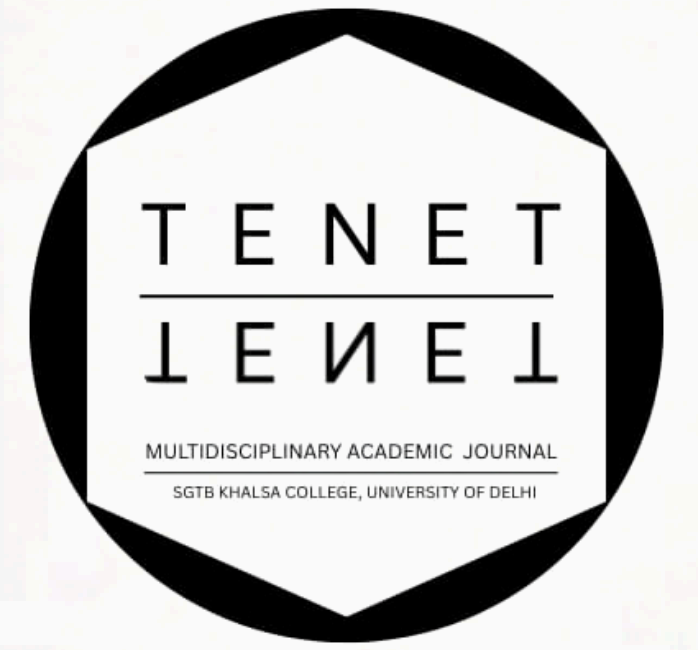
It is clear that the amoral model of laissez-fairé capitalism that has been expanding across the globe since the end of World War II has now reached a conceptual dead-end. Climate change, recurring global challenges to food security and public health, terrorism, weaponisation of information, burgeoning refugee populations, energy crises, disrupted global supply-chains and high trade tariffs threaten to undermine international cooperation, confuse strategic priorities and upset developmental roadmaps. In the early years of economic liberalisation, Swami Ranganathananda, the towering spiritual leader and pontiff of the Ramakrishna Mission, had warned that without compassion and moral character, a stable pattern development could not be achieved. If practical knowledge is not integrated with spiritual wisdom, humanity will be at the mercy of what the biologist Richard Dawkins has described as the "selfish gene". India is uniquely poised to address this problematic historical conjuncture as its civilisational DNA is imprinted with organic models of leadership and progress derived from the ancient practical and moral sciences realised by our rishis and gurus.



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Can the traditional knowledges reorganised under the rubric of the Indian Knowledge Systems guide us in understanding the complex nature of our developmental challenges and in devising creative solutions that will help us realise our goals? Will the Indian Knowledge Systems prove a game-changer in meeting global aspirations while harmoniously aligning them to the environment that supports and sustains life on the planet? These are the key questions that we wish to pursue through a curation of essays that offer wide-ranging and multidisciplinary engagements with the developmental perspectives that can be gleaned from the Indian Knowledge Systems.

We invite abstracts for papers that address (but not necessarily limiting themselves to) the following areas:

- IKS and Climate Change
- IKS and Knowledge Societies
- IKS and Sustainable Enterprise
- IKS and Universal Design for Inclusive Spaces and Processes
- IKS and Regional Cooperation for Constructive Geopolitics
- IKS and National Security
- IKS and Food Security
- IKS, Shelters and Sanctuaries
- IKS and Youth Aspirations



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For Volume 3: Abstracts for articles on Climate Change and Gender

Theme: The Intricacies of Climate Change and Gender

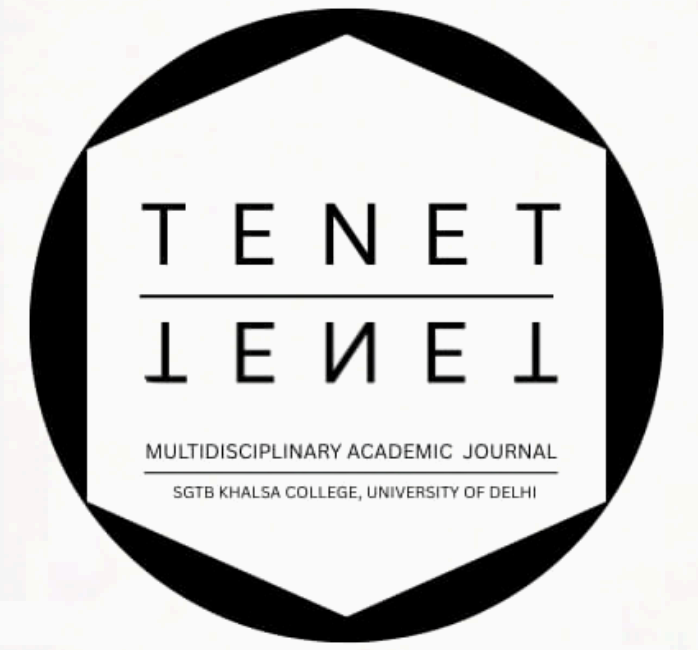
Climate change is often discussed as an environmental emergency, but its most profound consequences are social, political, economic, and deeply gendered. The climate crisis does not operate in isolation from existing systems of inequality; rather, it intensifies historically entrenched hierarchies of gender, caste, class, race, labour, sexuality, and power. Women and gender minorities, frequently experience climate change not as a distant ecological abstraction but as everyday reality lived through food insecurity, water scarcity, displacement, unpaid labour, agrarian distress, and precarious working conditions. Thus, climate vulnerability is produced through unequal access to land, resources, healthcare, mobility, education, and political representation. An intersectional understanding therefore becomes essential, as climate crisis acutely affects those already marginalized by caste, indigeneity, gender, migration, sexuality, and poverty.

Contemporary scholarship in Feminist Political Ecology (Dianne E. Rocheleau) demonstrates that ecological crises reshape gendered divisions of labor and everyday survival practices. In many regions, women bear the burden of securing water, fuel, food, and care in unsustainable ecological conditions. Simultaneously, capitalist models of development and environmental policies frequently overlook local communities while appropriating Indigenous ecological knowledge and subsistence practices. Within this context, Ecofeminism has argued that the exploitation of nature and the subordination of marginalized bodies emerge from interconnected systems of patriarchal and capitalist domination. However, newer climate-gender intersectional scholarship moves beyond the associations between women and nature to emphasize agency, resistance, collective care, and ecological activism. Grassroots feminist movements, indigenous environmental struggles, and community-led sustainability practices increasingly challenge dominant models of development and propose alternative futures embedded in reciprocity, ecological ethics, and social justice.



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Colonial histories of resource extraction, industrialization, and gender oppressions, remain central to contemporary ecological devastation, yet the responsibility for climate adaptation is often imposed on vulnerable communities themselves. Hence, Decolonial Ecology (Arturo Escobar) critiques dominant climate discourses that continue to privilege Eurocentric frameworks of sustainability while marginalizing indigenous and Global South epistemologies. It emphasizes indigenous ecological knowledge systems, community-centered sustainability practices, and alternative modes of co-existence that resist exploitative frameworks of development and resource extraction, thus waging a constitutive struggle for environmental justice.

Climate change must be understood as not merely an environmental catastrophe but as a critical site where questions of gender, power, embodiment, labor, mobility, governance, and justice converge. Any meaningful engagement with climate futures, therefore requires a serious engagement with gendered inequalities and the political structures that sustain them.

To address these concerns, we invite abstracts for academic papers on the following areas of inquiry (but not limiting to):

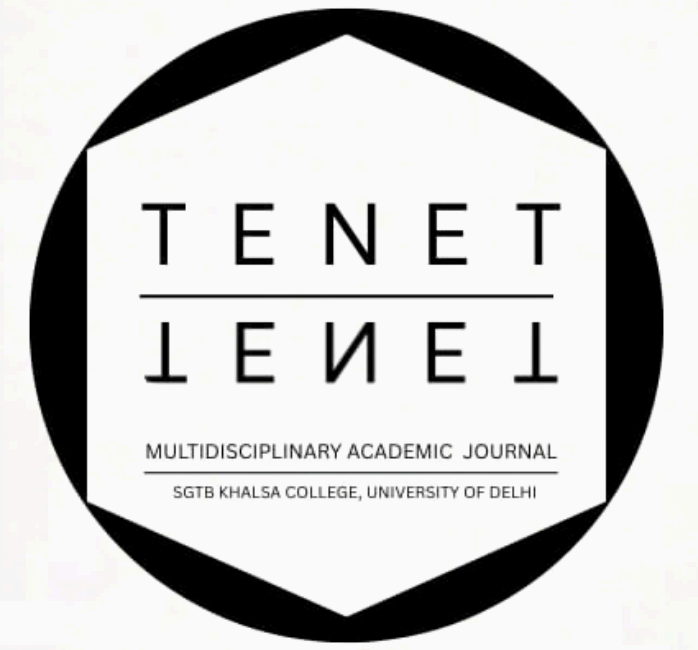
- Gendered dimensions of climate vulnerability and resilience
- Feminist political ecology and resource governance
- Climate justice, caste, race, and environmental inequality
- Decolonial approaches to climate discourse
- Ecofeminism and critiques of development
- Indigenous ecological knowledge systems and environmental ethics
- Gender, labour, and agrarian/ecological precarity
- Water politics, food insecurity, and reproductive labour
- Queer ecologies and environmental crisis
- Urban ecologies, pollution, and environment deterioration
- Literature, cinema, media, and cultural narratives of climate crisis
- Sustainability, care ethics, and community resilience
- Disability and climate change



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- Intimation of Selected Authors: 20th July 2026
- Submission of Full Papers: 1st September 2026

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