



ALLIANCE
UNIVERSITY

NAAC
GRADE A+
ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY

2nd Alliance Model GST Council, 2026

PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE — DAYS, ROUNDS, AND SESSIONS

4–5 September 2026 · Alliance University, Bengaluru · Read with the Rules and Regulations

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE — THE QUALIFYING STAGE

Registration (closes 15 August 2026). Your institution enters one delegation of two members — a **State Finance Minister** and a **Principal Secretary** — at Rs. 3,000 per delegation, with accommodation an optional add-on of Rs. 1,500 per participant, chosen individually. Your State or Union Territory is allotted by **drawing of lots** after registration.

Position Paper (due 30 August 2026). Study the Agenda Note and its annexures, then submit a Position Paper (maximum 14 pages, Times New Roman 12, 1.5 spacing, OSCOLA or Bluebook citations, **no identifying marks**). Treat every annexure marked [S] as stipulated — its data cannot be disputed, only interpreted. AI tools may assist with research, translation, grammar, and citation formatting, but the substantive analysis and drafting must be your own.

Screening result (by 1 September 2026). Teams clearing preliminary screening are intimated. Clarifications on the Rules or Agenda may be sought until 30 August at accl@alliance.edu.in; answers of general application go to all delegations.

DAY 1 — FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2026

ROUND 1: THEMATIC COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS

Inauguration and Roll Call. Formal opening, then delegates sign the attendance roll and take their seats. All 31 delegations sit as the GST Council, presided over by the Union Government (played by ACCL office bearers, who are not scored).

GST Council Speaking Order List. Each delegation states its State's position on the Agenda in the order set by the Union Government. Your set-piece: a disciplined opening anchored in your Position Paper and your State's interests. Time limits per speaker are notified at the drawing of lots.

Chaired Debate Session. Rebuttals, clarifications, and interventions under the Chair. Your five rights are live: **Order**, **Information** (never against an [S] annexure), **Inquiry**, **Reply**, and **Personal Privilege** — all exercised through the Union Government and only after the Chairperson recognises you.

Announcement of Qualifiers. At the close of Day 1, the judges announce the **six delegations** qualifying to present draft resolutions, on Round 1 scores alone.

***What is assessed:** substantive content and legal accuracy; use of the Agenda Note and annexures; fidelity to your State's interests; clarity and responsiveness under challenge.*

DAY 2 — SATURDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2026 (MORNING)

ROUND 2: OPEN DIALOGUE AND CONSENSUS-BUILDING

Presentation of Draft Resolutions. The six qualifying delegations open the Session by presenting their draft resolutions. Each takes effect as a proposed amendment to the operative draft resolutions annexed to the Agenda Note.

Open Consultations. Multilateral negotiation to build support. The roles invert: the **Principal Secretary falls silent but gains online research access**, passing inputs to the Minister through the mode the OC prescribes, while the **Finance Minister negotiates aloud with no external resources**.

Co-sponsorship. Any delegation may co-sponsor up to **three** draft resolutions; a qualifying delegation may co-sponsor another's but not its own. Offers may be refused. The Secretariat records every co-sponsorship in the Minutes. At the close, the **three delegations** whose resolutions attract the most co-sponsors advance — ties broken on Round 1 score.

***What is assessed:** diplomacy, coalition-building, and the Principle of Harmony. Round 2 is scored towards Best Delegation and Best Speaker, though qualification here turns on co-sponsors secured, not marks.*

DAY 2 — SATURDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2026 (AFTERNOON)

ROUND 3 / FINAL: PRESS CONFERENCE, VOTING, AND VALEDICTORY

Press Conference Simulation. The **three advancing delegations** explain and defend the positions underlying their resolutions before a press panel formed by all remaining delegations acting as Indian media. If you are on the panel, this is still your stage — sharp questioning is part of the simulation and is seen by the judges.

Fifteen-minute recess. Advancing delegations may amend their draft resolution and Position Paper during the recess. Amendments must stay within the subject matter originally presented, must be announced to the Council with the changes identified, and co-sponsors must be notified — though their consent is not required.

Final Voting Session. The full Council reconvenes and votes online under **Article 279A(9)**: a three-fourths weighted majority, the Centre's vote weighted one-third and the States' together two-thirds. The Union Government votes to a position scripted in advance, undisclosed until now. **Every delegation has one vote**, whatever it co-sponsored, and may vote for its own resolution. The outcome is a simulation result and does not affect your marks.

Valedictory. Declaration of results, awards — Winner (Rs. 50,000), Runner-Up (Rs. 25,000), Best Speaker and Best Position Paper (Rs. 5,000 each) — certificates for all participants, and the formal close.

THROUGHOUT THE COMPETITION

Formal attire at all times; a delegation may seek prior written OC permission to wear the traditional attire of its allotted State. Electronic devices are prohibited except for the Principal Secretary during the Open Dialogue Session, or as the official schedule expressly permits. You represent a constitutional office, never a real named individual, and nothing said in the Council may be attributed to any real institution or officeholder. The OC may alter the procedure of any Session on notice, and its interpretation of the Rules is final. Queries: accl@alliance.edu.in.



This is an academic simulation; all agenda instruments are hypothetical and prepared solely for educational purposes.