

## About the Institute

The Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed to be university was established in 1956 as one among the 14 Rural Institutes started by the Government of India. The Institute was declared as Deemed to be university in August 1976 under Section 3 of the UGC Act – 1956 in recognition of its exemplary services and contributions in Rural Higher Education. GRI was Accredited by the NAAC with “A” Grade in the third cycle (2016) and fully funded by the Ministry of Human Resource Development through UGC, Government of India, Delhi.

## About the Department

The Department of Applied Research is an important wing of the institute, plays a key role in enabling the institute to achieve its overall objectives of the Rural Development through teaching, Research and extension. Its strives to promote inter-disciplinary, problem –solving and development research. The department offers Ph.D and PG Diploma programme apart from offering courses in Research Methodology and Applied Statistics to various departments of GRI.

## About the Conference

In essence, the National Conference on Transdisciplinary Research for Sustainable Rural Development is justified by the imperative to address the intersectionality of complex challenges of rural development through innovative, collaborative, and transdisciplinary approaches. By organizing this conference, the aim is to contribute to a transformative agenda that transcends disciplinary boundaries and fosters sustainable development for rural communities.

## Important dates

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION	10 MARCH, 2024
FULL PAPER SUBMISSION	16 MARCH, 2024

## Registration Fee

(Including Conference kit, Lunch and Refreshments)

DELEGATES	OUT STATION	LOCAL (GRI PARTICIPANTS)
FACULTY	INR 1000	INR 600
SCHOLARS	INR 600	INR 400
OTHERS	INR 1000	

## Bank Details

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APPLIED RESEARCH  
A C NO. : 8500101002525  
BANK : CANARA BANK  
BRANCH : GANDHIGRAM RURAL UNIVERSITY  
IFSC CODE : CNRB0008500

## Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided in the university premises on payment basis for out station participants only

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School of Health Sciences and Rural Development  
**Department of Applied Research**  
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**National Conference**  
on

**INTERSECTIONALITY AND  
TRANSDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH FOR  
SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(ITRSRD - 2024)**

**19 – 20, March 2024**

Registration Link

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## Themes of the Conference

### Intersectionality in Rural Development

CONCEPTS AND APPROACHES  
INTERCONNECTED SOCIAL IDENTITIES  
DISPARITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

### Transdisciplinary Approaches to Rural Development

METHODOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS  
INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security

AGROECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY  
CLIMATE-RESILIENT AGRICULTURE  
FOOD SYSTEMS AND SUPPLY CHAINS

### Rural Livelihoods and Economic Development

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION  
ACCESS TO FINANCE  
SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

### Social Inclusion and Community Development

GENDER INCLUSIVITY  
INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND TRADITIONS  
EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE

### Technology for Rural Development

DIGITAL INCLUSION  
PRECISION AGRICULTURE  
RENEWABLE ENERGY SOLUTIONS

### Policy, Governance, and Institutional Frameworks

POLICY IMPACT OF TRANSDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH  
LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND PARTICIPATION  
INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

## Resource Persons

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## Call for paper

Scholarly, empirical & original contributions of papers for presentations and discussions during for the national conference on the given themes & sub-themes are invited.

Original unpublished research papers are invited from academic experts and research scholars for presentation in the conference. Abstracts of the papers along with title, name and address of the author(s) and keywords shall be send along with the registration and it should be limited to 250 words.