



UGC Sponsored Two Day International Conference on

Sustainable Development Goals in India: Achievements and Challenges Ahead

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The Gandhigram Rural Institute
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About the Institute

The Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed to be University (GRI–DU) 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 towards Rural Higher Education. GRI was accredited by the NAAC with “A” Grade in third cycle and fully funded by the Ministry of Education through the UGC, Government of India, New Delhi.

The Department of Economics

The Department of Economics is one of the oldest Departments in GRI, established in 1956 and offers UG, PG, Ph.D., and PDF programmes with a team of highly motivated and experienced faculty members. The research work carried out by the faculties and the scholars are oriented towards Development Economics, Rural Development, International Economics, Globalization and WTO, and Natural Resources. The Department has a history of organizing several sponsored academic programmes including International Conferences in 2020 and 2024.

The Conference

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted in 2015 by all United Nations Member States, set an ambitious global agenda to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030. The 17 SDGs are interconnected and address global challenges related to poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice. For a developing country like India, the SDGs align closely with its national priorities and long-term development objectives, marking the successful implementation crucial not only for the Indian economy but also for global economic progress, given India's size and influence. This conference aims to critically assess India's progress towards the SDGs, highlighting the country's achievements, while also addressing the systemic challenges that threaten to derail its efforts.

Objectives of the Conference

The conference aims to examine the achievements of SDGs on the Indian economy, particularly in the last 10 years and analyses the challenges faced by different sectors and segments of the Indian economy. By identifying the policy gaps and barriers, India can adopt to accelerate progress and overcome these hurdles in the lead up-to 2030. Hence, this conference aims to critically assess India's progress towards the SDGs highlighting the country's achievements, while also addressing the systemic challenges. In addition, the conference offers a platform for students, young scholars, and faculties to present their academic work related to SDGs and engage in discussions with experts in their respective fields.

Sub-Themes

❖ Poverty and Inequality

- No Poverty
- Zero Hunger
- Reduced Inequality

❖ Health, Well-being and Education

- Good Health and Well-being
- Quality Education
- Clean Water and Sanitation

❖ Economic Growth and Employment

- Decent Work and Economic Growth
- Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

❖ Sustainable Cities and Communities

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- Responsible Consumption and Production

❖ Climate Action and Environment

- Affordable and Clean Energy
- Climate Action
- Life Below Water
- Life on Land

❖ Peace, Justice and Partnerships

- Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
- Partnership for the Goals

Resource Persons

- Prof. A. Narayanamoorthy, Senior Professor and Member, CACP, Govt. of India (Rtd.), Alagappa University, Karaikudi
- Prof. P. Arunachalam, Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla
- Prof. S. Vijayakumar, Jaffna University, Sri Lanka
- Prof. Dhanonjoy Kumar, Islamic University, Bangladesh
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- Prof. Kennady Ongaro, Kenya University, Kenya
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Call for Papers

Both empirical and theoretical research papers are invited from any of the conference themes from the academia, researchers, policy makers and other stakeholders. 500 words abstract along with details on institutional affiliation, postal address, e-mail ID and contact number of the author(s) are to be sent to the Email: icsdgaca@gmail.com. Full paper is limited to 6000 words (7-10 pages) typed in MS Word using Times New Roman with font size 12. Accepted papers will be published after review in an edited book with ISBN.

Important Dates

Submission of Abstract: On or before 3rd March, 2025

Intimation for Acceptance: 5th March, 2025

Submission of Full Paper with Registration: On or before 20th March, 2025

Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/u24DeXbVQggzLmRa9>

Note for all participants:

Individual registration is mandatory for all Participants. Registration fee includes conference kit, food and refreshments. No TA/DA will be provided to the delegates. Accommodation will be arranged for the limited participants on first come first basis on shared basis with reasonable rate

Registration (INR)

Delegates	Outstation	Local (GRI)
Foreign	2000	-
Faculties/Industrialists	1000	500
Research Scholars /Students	500	300

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