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on

# Significant Strategies of Social Development: A Comparative Analysis of India and South Africa (Hybrid Mode)

Social Development of the Global South calls for South-South Cooperation. Their partnership holds great potential in transferring knowledge, skills and technological capacities for achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Therefore, this 'International Symposium on Significant Strategies of Social Development: A Comparative Analysis of India and South Africa' seeks to explore the possibilities of taking forward both countries as emerging economies through experiential sharing and mutual learning.

**DATE: 20.01.2025**

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Prayer 10:00 am - 10:05 am	<b>Ms. GANGA P. SREENIVASAN</b> Ph.D. Research Scholar GRI - (DTBU), Gandhigram
Welcome Address 10:05 am - 10:10 am	<b>Prof. M. HILARIA SOUNDARI</b> Head, Department of Applied Research GRI - (DTBU), Gandhigram
Presidential Address 10:10 am - 10:15 am	<b>Prof. N. PANCHANATHAM</b> Vice - Chancellor GRI - (DTBU), Gandhigram
Inaugural Address 10:15 am - 10:20 am	<b>Sr. Prof. L. RATHAKRISHNAN</b> Registrar i/c GRI - (DTBU), Gandhigram
Special Address 10:20 am - 10:25 am	<b>Sr. Prof. A. BALAKRISHANAN</b> Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development GRI - (DTBU), Gandhigram
Release of New Book ceremony <b>“Qualitative Research of Rural India - Paradigm and Practice”</b> 10:25 am - 10:30 am	
Special Lecture 10:30 am - 11:15 am	<b>DR. NEVASHNEE PERUMAL</b> Senior Lecturer & Acting HOD Social Development Professions Nelson Mandela University, South Africa
Tea Break 11:15 am - 11:30 am	



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Technical Session - I 11:30 am - 12:30 pm	<b>“Indian Demography: Scope and Struggles for Social Development”</b> <b>DR. S. M. KARTHIK</b> Guest Faculty, Department of Applied Research, The Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU) Gandhigram, Dindigul
Lunch Break 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	
Technical Session - II 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>“Social Development and Children”</b> <b>DR. JENITA CHIBA</b> Lecturer, University of Pretoria South Africa
	<b>Socially Disadvantaged in India: Population, Problems and Policies for Development</b> <b>DR. S. JEYABASKARAN</b> Assistant Professor, Dept. of Rural Development Science, Arul Anandar College, Madurai
Tea Break 3:00 pm - 3:10 pm	
Technical Session - III 3:10 pm - 4:10 pm	<b>“Social Development and Advocacy”</b> <b>PROF. ZIBONELE ZIMBA</b> Associate Professor & Deputy HOD University of Johannesburg South Africa
	<b>“Psychological Concerns in Technological Era: Challenges for Social Development of India”</b> <b>DR. MARIA JOSEPH LOUIS</b> Head, Department of Social Work, Anugraha Institute of Social Sciences, Dindigul
Vote of Thanks 4:10 pm - 4:25 pm	<b>Dr. M. GUNASEKARAN</b> Guest Faculty, Department of Applied Research GRI - (DTBU), Gandhigram

