



**The Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed to be University**  
**Ministry of Education, Govt. of India**  
**Accredited by NAAC with 'A' Grade (3rd cycle)**  
**Gandhigram- 624 302, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu, India**



**Centre for Applied Research**  
**organizes**

**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON**  
**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL COMMUNITY:**  
**A COMPARATIVE OUTLOOK OF INDIA AND SOUTH AFRICA**  
*Hybrid mode (Online and Offline)*

**25 January 2023**

**THEME OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**

'Real India lives in its villages' – said Mahatma Gandhi. Making it a true fact, India, primarily a rural agrarian society continues to be a residence for 86.48 per cent of the population (Census, 2011). It is a rich hub of divergent culture and languages. With fast changing technology, globalisation and urbanisation, the rhythm of rural life posed with drastic changes in every walk of life.

Nature of South Africa's growth path has its similarities of India. Its unique history traces the patterns of colonial development. Recent developments around the commercialization of agricultural and the design of rural investment opportunities lead to the prospect that rural landscapes may start to resemble those created by inappropriate and poorly conceptualized development visions in South Africa (Hall, 2011).

**Objective**

To learn and share the cultural and ethnic similarities and diversities in the hope that we may stimulate change towards indigenisation within the social work curriculum in higher education in India and South Africa

With an aptitude for mutual learning, the international symposium is being organised with the following sub themes on,

- Rural Education – Policies and programmes
- Economy and Livelihood in villages
- Health – Wellbeing of rural population
- Social Stratification in rural area

**REGISTRATION LINK:**

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**Free Registration**

## VISITING PROFESSORS



### About Gandhigram Rural Institute

Founded in 1947 by a team of disciples and contemporaries of Gandhiji, Dr. T.S. Soundaram Ramachandran and Dr. G. Ramachandran, the Gandhigram Rural Institute attained the status of a Deemed University under section (3) of the UGC Act on 3 August 1976. The work of this institute based on Mahatma Gandhi's revolutionary concept of 'Nai Talim' system of education attracted national attention. GRI is a nationally and internationally recognized institution with its multi-faceted academic programmes integrating the tridents of teaching, research and extension. It is reaccredited with 'A' Grade in 2015 in the third cycle.

### About the Centre for Applied Research

The Department of Applied Research established in 1976 under the Faculty of Rural Development plays a key role in enabling the Institute to achieve its overall objective of rural development by promoting interdisciplinary, problem solving and development research. The Department offers Ph.D. and M.Phil. programmes apart from teaching Research Methods and Applied Statistics courses to UG, PG and M.Phil. programmes of the Institute. The thrust areas of academia are Research Design and Applied Statistics, Interdisciplinary and Policy Research, Rural Development Research Paradigms, Development Indicators, Advances in Gender Research, Population and Reproductive Health, Poverty and Human Rights, Applied Gerontology, Labour Studies and Globalization, Environment and Tribal Education.



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