

**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL COMMUNITY:  
AN COMPARATIVE OUTLOOK OF INDIA AND SOUTH AFRICA  
PROGRAMME SCHEDULE - 25.1.2023**

Time	Programme	Speakers
9.00 am	Registration	
9.30 am	Inauguration	
	Welcome Address	<b>Dr. A. BALAKRISHNAN</b> Professor & Director Centre for Applied Research The Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), Gandhigram
	Inaugural Address	<b>Prof. Dr. GURMEET SINGH</b> Vice-Chancellor (A/C) The Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), Gandhigram
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	Special Address	<b>Dr. L. RAJA,</b> Professor & Dean School of Health Sciences and Rural Development Director, Centre for Lifelong Learning The Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), Gandhigram
	Vote of Thanks	<b>Dr. M. HILARIA SOUNDARI</b> Associate Professor Centre for Applied Research The Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), Gandhigram

Time	Topic	Theme
10.30 - 11.15 am	Session - I	Economy and Livelihood in Villages
11.15 - 11.30 am	Coffee break	
11.30 - 12.15 pm	Session - II	Rural Education - Policies and programmes
12.15 - 01.00 pm	Session - III	Health - Wellbeing of Rural Population
01.00 - 02.00 pm	Lunch	
02.00 - 02.45 pm	Session - IV	Social Stratification in Rural Area
02.45 - 03.30 pm	Concluding Session	
3.30 pm	Departure	