

REPORT ON INAUGURATION OF CDER AND CONCLAVE ON INDIAN ECONOMY - A SELF- RELIANT PERSPECTIVE

The formal inauguration of CDER(Center for Development and Environmental Research) was held on 30.11.2024 at Podigai Hall, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore -14. The program was started with Tamizhthai vazhthu and lighting of kuthu vilakku by the dignitaries. Prof.R.K. Govindarajan, Founder and Director of CDER welcomed the gathering. In his welcome speech he gave a brief note about the research centre, its administration and objectives. Then he explained about the timely need of the Conclave topic – ‘Indian Economy -A Self Reliant Perspective’.

The following lead note given by Prof. R.K. Govindarajan was very much useful for the faculties, research scholars and invited speakers as an eyeopener about the concept and to participate in the deliberations.



Welcome address by Prof. R.K Govindarajan



Release of CDER Brochure



Lighting of Kuthuvilakku



Participants of the Conclave

Important Policy Statement of 1991

- The end of Licence - Permit Raj
- Steep cuts in fiscal deficit and tariffs
- Devaluation of rupee.
- Other general economic measures.

Current Vision Statement.

- Public spending and investment aimed at promoting the welfare and raising the investment rate.
- Policy reforms aimed to make the domestic economy more globally competitive.
- Long – term structural shift making the economy more self - reliant and less dependant on the world economy.
- Foreign Direct Investment and Exchange Reserve.
- Agriculture and Rural Development
- Employment Generation.

- Self reliance and selfconfidence i.e reducing the country's dependance on other nations
- Theotonio Das Santos - Brazilian Economist- Concept of Dependency worked on the dependency of Latin American Countries on other countries.He said that to be Self- reliant, the growth process of an economy should not become dominated or dependant on another economy.

History and Experience has registred that to be truly self-reliant and self – confident, public investment in Education, human capability and R&D has to be increased. It is observed that at present Indian Economy is emerging as self-reliant in most of the sectors.

India's Dependency

- Oil Exporting Economies
- Foreign Exchange
- Defence Equipment
- Electronics and Pharmaceuticals



Address by Dr. D. Brindha, Pricipal

Dr.D.Brindha,Principal,PSGCAS, delivered the presidential address on the eve of inauguration of CDER and Conclave on Indian Economy. In her address, she stressed the importance of research and also highlighted the growth of Indian Economy since independence.



Address by Dr. T. Kannaian, Secretary

Felicitation address was delivered by Dr.T.Kannaian,Secretary,PSGCAS. He felicitated the CDER, by giving very informative talk to the young research scholars. He suggested to under take small level research studies by involving students which will be informative and motivating to the students who have inclination to wards research in future.

Dr.Kavidasan, Director, HR, Roots Industries and Secretary, Satchidananda Jothi Nikitan International School, Coimbatore delivered inaugural address. In his informative speech, he elaborately stressed the need for research institutes like CDER in the present day situation. Further he added that society oriented small level research and the dissemination of the findings will be useful for the policy makers. His thought provoking speech on Indian Economy thrown lights on the performance of Indian Economy in the International Scenario.



Address by Dr. Kavidasan

Dr.A.Vidhyavathi, Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, TNAU, Coimbatore delivered special address on the theme. She clearly explained the self reliant nature of the Indian Economy as far as Agricultural Sector is considered. She was able to narrate the growth of Agricultural Sector since independence in a systematic way with suitable data source.



Dr. A. Vidhyavathi Honoured



Mr. Osai Kalidasan Lighting the Kuthuvilakku

Mr. Osai Kalidasan well known Environmentalist and Member of Tamilnadu State Board for wildlife delivered the key note address. In his speech, he explained the importance of Environmental Management while undertaking the process of Economic Development initiatives. He stressed the need and role of Environmental Economists who can conduct the scientific research on the environmental issues which will provide empirical evidence for administrators and policy makers. In this regard, the establishment of research institutes like CDER will be instrumental for the research initiatives.

Dr.V.Selvaraju, Deputy Director, CDER and consultant of World Bank and WHO, delivered felicitation address on the occasion. He explained the role and objectives of CDER and also narrated the growth of Indian Economy since Independence. Dr.R.Venkatachalapathy, Secretary, CDER and Former Professor of Physics, Annamalai University, also felicitated the CDER and the Conclave on Indian Economy. He shared his rich research experience with the scholars during the deliberations.

Mrs.P. Jayanthi, Managing Trustee, CDER made the arrangements for the conclave and participated in the deliberations. Senior faculty members, research scholars and students from different institutions attended the conclave and took active participation in the deliberations and shared their observations. Dr. G. Jayanthi, Assistant Professor, PSGCAS, presented a brief note on conclave proceedings. Dr.R.Ravikumar, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Economics, PSGCAS and Organising Secretary, delivered the vote of thanks. The conclave on Indian Economy – A self- reliant perspective and inauguration of CDER came to end with National Anthem.



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