



# CDER CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH

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## The Trust

Green India Trust, a non-governmental organisation, is a charitable trust registered in 2005. It is registered under NGO-Darpan-NITI Aayog, Government of India. Under the aegis of the trust, a research institute namely, Centre for Development and Environmental Research (CDER) has been established. The trust is managed by the governing body consisting of trust members from different walks of life committed towards social service activities.

CDER



**Development** With  
**Sustainable**  
**Environment**

## CDER

Centre for Development and Environmental Research is an Applied Economics and Interdisciplinary Research Institution. Major research thrust will be on Developmental issues and environmental challenges and Management. The founders believe in the principle of Economic Development with sustainable environmental resources and to make use of natural and environmental resources considering it as a precious treasure in the production process. It is also committed to disseminate the concept of "Nature gives everything for our need but not for our greed".

To achieve the objectives and to carryout the programs in a more scientific and reliable manner, a team of advisory board and visiting professors have been invited and now they are part of CDER. Those scholars are from GIDR, NIEPA, IIFT, ISEC, Jamia Millia, Bharathiar University, Lovely Professional University and Annamalai University. Recently CDER has signed MoU with National level premier institutions to associate in the academic and research activities

### Release of CDER Brochure



Brindha, Former Principal of PSG College of Arts and Science; Kannan, Secretary Kavayasan, Director, HR, Roots Industries and Govindarajan, Founder & Director, CDER with the CDER brochure and other dignitaries.

#### The Coval Mall

The inauguration ceremony of the Centre for Development and Environmental Research (CDER) was held recently at PSG College of Arts and Science.

At the inauguration, the centre's brochure was released in the presence of dignitaries including, Venkatachalapathy, Former Professor, Department of Physics, Annamalai

University, Govindarajan, Founder & Director, CDER, Vidhyarathi, HOD, Department of Agricultural Economics, TNAU; Brindha, Former Principal of PSG College of Arts and Science; Kannan, Secretary, Kavayasan, Director, HR, Roots Industries, Oasi Kalidhasan, Environmentalist and Ravikumar, HOD, Department of Economics of the college.

On this occasion, a Conclave on Indian Economy was also conducted.

Research Scholars and faculty members from various institutions participated in the event. Invited speakers delivered lectures on different themes on the subject. Students and faculty members actively participated in the conclave deliberations.

Interested faculty member and students may visit the website of CDER to become a member.  
Website: [www.cder.org.in](http://www.cder.org.in)



### Vision

To conduct scientific method of research with commitment to the community aiming common man's welfare and inculcating awareness for the betterment of the society in general.

### Mission

Development with commitment to humanity and sustainable resources.

### Our Values

- ◆ Commitment to the Society
- ◆ Inclination towards research
- ◆ Invention for Social Welfare
- ◆ Science with Humanity
- ◆ Balancing Development with Environment.



## Major Objectives of CDER

CDER as a research institute is aimed to undertake the following assignment with experienced, well trained and competent research personnel in the specified areas of research. It is also aimed to undertake consultancy research work assigned by the government departments and also under the scheme of CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) etc. The following are few to specifically mention:

- ◆ To undertake research studies and surveys on developmental issues with special reference to socio-economic and agro-rural aspects.
- ◆ To undertake research studies and surveys on Environmental issues and management and suggesting possible remedies for policy implications.
- ◆ To undertake funded research projects and to organise conferences, workshops and seminars on General Economic Aspects and Environmental issues etc. in association with Higher Educational Institutions and Government Departments.
- ◆ To coordinate with the state and central government in implementing the important programmes and policies aiming for the welfare of the society.
- ◆ To conduct skill development training programmes and short-term courses.
- ◆ To provide a helping hand for the socially and economically backward section of the society for their betterment in life specifically in the areas of Health and Education.
- ◆ To undertake awareness programmes and providing financial assistance for Research Education for the under privileged students and Scholars.

## Governing Body



**Prof. Dr. R.K. Govindarajan**

Founder and Director, CDER  
Former Prof. & Head Dept. of. Economics, BU  
Coimbatore - 46



**Dr. V. Selvaraju**

Deputy Director, CDER  
Consultant, World Bank,  
WHO - New Delhi



**Prof. Dr. R. Venkatachalapathy**

Secretary, CDER  
Former Professor of Physics  
Annamalai University



**Mrs. P. Jayanthi**

Managing Trustee & Coordinator  
CDER

## Advisory Board and Visiting Professors



**Prof. Dr. P. Geetharani**  
Professor  
Department of Educational Planning,  
NIEPA, New Delhi



**Prof. Dr. R. Parthasarathy**  
Former Director GIDR, Ahmedabad,  
Gujarat Visiting Professor,  
Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy  
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**Prof. Dr. M.S. Bhatt**  
Former Professor of  
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Lovely Professional University  
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Professor, Centre for WTO Studies,  
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**Prof. Dr. Krishna Raj**  
Professor, Centre for Economic Studies and Policy,  
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Bangalore.



**Prof. Elango**  
Consultant and Legal Advisor

## MoU with PSG College of Arts and Science and CDER

CDER Signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with one of the National Level Premier Institution - PSG College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore. It is a mile-stone for CDER and also a proud moment for the organization. The major objective of the MoU is to associate and collaborate with each other in the areas of Academic, Research, Extension and Training Programs and Assignments.



Dr.D.Brindha, Principal, PSG College of Arts & Science and Dr.R.K.Govindarajan, Founder and Director, CDER signed the MoU on 9.10.2024. Dr.S.Kannaian, Secretary, PSG College of Arts and Science, Dr.M.Jayanthi, Vice Principal, PSGCAS, Dr. V. Selvaraju, Trust Member and Deputy Director, CDER, Mrs.P.Jayanthi, Managing Trustee, CDER and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

## MoU WITH TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY TNAU, COIMBATORE & CDER

It is another milestone and a proud moment in the progress of Academic and Research activities of CDER. We are very much happy to place it on record that CDER has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the world renowned, premier Agriculture and allied Research University of our country namely, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University – TNAU, Coimbatore on 18.6.2025. The objectives of MOU includes collaboration and association in the areas of Teaching Assistance, Internship, Student Research Projects, Funded Projects, Conduct of Seminars, Conferences, Workshops and Short-term Courses.

**Prof. Dr. R. Tamizh Vendan, Registrar and Acting Vice-Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore and Prof. Dr. R.K. Govindarajan, Founder & Director, CDER, Coimbatore-46 signed the MoU on 18.6.2025.**



**Prof. Dr. D.Suresh Kumar, Director, CARDS, TNAU, Prof. Dr. A. Vidhyavathi, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Dr. V. Karthick, Asst. Professor and Mrs. P. Jayanthi, Managing Trustee, CDER and Research staff were present on the occasion.**

## MAJOR EVENTS

### INAUGURATION OF CDER AND CONCLAVE ON INDIAN ECONOMY

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 dignataries. 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 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.Dr.D.Brindha, Principal, PSGCAS, delivered the presidential address.Felicitation address was delivered by Dr.T.Kannaian, Secretary, PSGCAS.Dr.Kavidasan, Director, HR, Roots Industries,Coimbatore delivered inaugural address.Dr.A.Vidhyavathi, Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, TNAU, Coimbatore delivered special address.Mr. Osai Kalidasan, well known Environmentalist and Member of Tamilnadu State Board for wildlife delivered the key note address.



Address by Dr. D. Brindha, Pricipal



Mr. Osai Kalidasan Lighting the Kuthuvillakku



Honouring Dr. A, Vidhyavathi



Participants of the Conclave



Address by Dr. R. K. Govindarajan



Address by Dr. Kavidasan

## **NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “CURRENT SCENARIO OF INDIAN ECONOMY- ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES”**

### **Objectives**

- To provide a platform for the academicians and researchers to discuss on the sectoral growth and achievements for the Indian economy since independence.
- To trace out the challenges ahead of Indian economy and to identify possible policy guidelines.
- To discuss the impact of the recent programs and schemes of the Indian government

### **Programme Outcome/Impact**

This conference provided a platform for students, scholars, experts and academicians to discuss on the current trends of the Indian economy on various aspects. It covered the growth performance, achievements and the challenges embedded with the Indian economy in achieving further growth in all the sectors.

### **The Event**

The National Conference on “Current Scenario of Indian Economy-Achievements and Challenges” was successfully conducted on 28.02.2025 at PSGCAS, GRD Auditorium. Four technical sessions were provided for paper presentation and discussion, based on the sectors and themes on which the papers were presented. The conference provided a platform for experts, researchers, students and academicians to discuss the Current Scenario of Indian economy and the trends and growth associated with different sectors - Primary (Agriculture), Secondary (Manufacturing) and the Tertiary sectors(Service).



Registration of Delegates



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Dr. T. Kannaian, Secretary, PSGCAS



Address by Dr. R. Ravikumar



Honouring Dr. R. Parthasarathy, GIDR



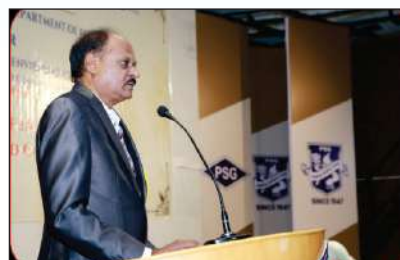
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Section of Delegates



Address by Prof. R. K. Govindarajan



Section of Participants



Honouring Dr. Murali Kallummal, IIFT



Honouring Dr. Geetharani, NIEPA



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Release of Conference Souvenir



Address by Dr. R. Parthasarathy



Experts in Technical Session



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