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# PREFACE



Greetings to all!

It is my pleasure and honour to present the 1st Annual Report of the significant events and functions of CDER during the year 2024-2025. A humble beginning of the institute took place during November 2024 and we were able to conduct few academic and research events in association with PG and Research Department of Economic, PSG College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore. In accordance with the vision, mission and major objectives of our Trust and CDER, the role and functions have been formulated to achieve the goals of Socio - Economic and Environmental Research activities.

It is proud to mention that notable and experienced academicians and researchers have joined our team to guide the activities and research work. The major events and functions have been highlighted and presented in this report. This is a testament of our humble beginning and also to understand the road map of our future journey. We sincerely believe that CDER will achieve new heights in the years to come with all your support and guidance.

With Regards,

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

Founder and Director  
CDER, Coimbatore - 641 046.



## Green India Trust

Green India Trust (GIT) a non-governmental organisation founded in 2005. It is registered under the Indian Trust Act and also registered with NGO-Darpan – NITI Aayog, Government of India. Recently, the trust has established a research institution namely “CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH” to provide quality social science research in the areas of Development Economics, Education, Health, Environment, Public Policy etc. and also to conduct training programmes and short term courses as and when it is necessary.



## About us



CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH (CDER) is an Applied Economics and Interdisciplinary Research Institute founded by Green India Trust registered under the Indian Trust Act in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India. The trustees and governing body members had the vision to establish CDER to meet the basic objectives by undertaking field oriented empirical research. The governing body members are having vast experience for more than 35 years in research, teaching and consultancy in higher educational institutions and international organisations.

Initially the institute has been undertaking awareness programmes about socially, economically and environmentally significant issues. Later on it has expanded its activities towards conducting research, training and extension programmes on the thrust areas.

### 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.



## 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  
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NIEPA, New Delhi



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Former Director GIDR, Ahmedabad,  
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Institute for Social and Economic Change,  
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**Prof. Elango**

Consultant and Legal Advisor

## Faculty and Research Team

Hon. Project Coordinator



**Dr. P. Periyasamy Ph.D**

Former Asst. Professor and Project Lead  
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Kumaraguru College of Liberal Arts and Science,  
Coimbatore

Project Associate

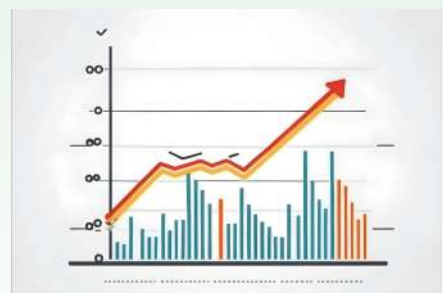


**Dr. L. Krishnan Ph.D**

## Research Experience of the Team

Broad areas of Research Projects undertaken and completed by the members.

- Impact of Water Pollution on Rural Households and Agriculture
- Economic Assessment of Solid Waste Management.
- Common Property Resources
- Climate Change
- Government Expenditure on Education and Health
- Determinant Analysis on Public Expenditure
- Health Economics
- Environmental Magnetism
- Marine Pollution





# **Memorandum of Understanding**





## MoU WITH PSG College of Arts and Sciences and CDER

CDER Signed Memorandum of Understanding 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, Chairman 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.**



# **Programmes & Events**





## Programmes & Events conducted during 2024-25

1. Conducted Conclave On, “Indian Economy – A Self-reliant Perspective” and Inauguration of CDER Date : 30.11.2024 “, Venue : Podigai Hall, PSG College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore.
2. Guest Lecture on "Relevance of Economic Theory on Indian Economic Structure" on 27.12.2024 at PSG College of Arts & Science by Prof. Dr. R.K.Govindarajan, Founder & Director of CDER
3. Planning Forum Seminar at PSGCAS on 03.01.2025
4. Special Lecture on "Uses of Statistical tools in Economics Research" on 19.02.2025 at Department of Economics, Bharathiar University
5. Special Lecture on Union Budget 2025-26 at PSG College of Arts & Science on 22.02.2025
6. "National Conference on Current Scenario of Indian Economy – Achievements and Challenges" Conducted at PSGCAS on 28.02.2025
7. International Invited Special Lecture on "Energy Crisis and Climate Change" on 25.03.2025 by Prof. Jesse Scott and Prof. Simon Blakey

## 1. Conclave On, “Indian Economy – A Self-reliant Perspective” and Inauguration of CDER

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.



Participants of the Conclave



Welcome address by Prof. R.K Govindarajan



Release of CDER Brochure

### 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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## 2. Guest Lecture at PSG College of Arts & Science by Prof. Dr. R.K.Govindarajan, Founder & Director of CDER

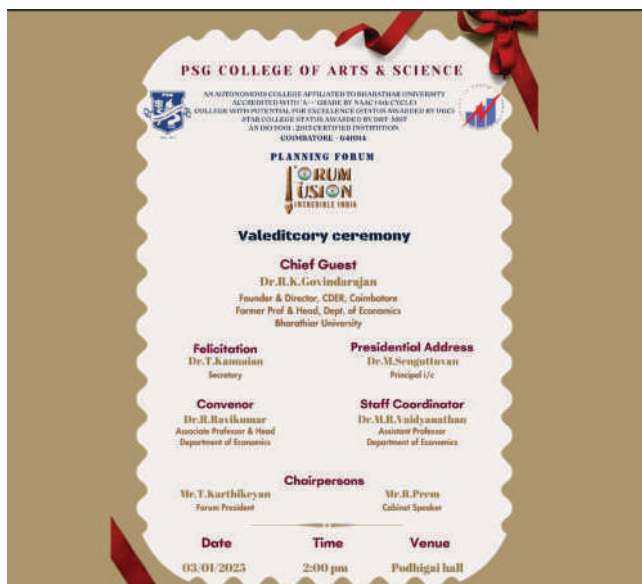
Prof. Dr. R. K Govindarajan. Founder and Director of CDER delivered Guest Lecture on “Relevance of Economic Theory in Indian Economic Structure, at PSGCAS on 27.12.2024



Prof. R.K. Govindarajan traced and explained the emergence of Economic theories, its development and critical views of Economists at different stages and also its relevance in the present day Context. Faculty Members, Reserach Scholars and Post- Graduate Students of Department of Economics, PSGCAS attended the programme and actively participated in the discussion. Dr. Ravikumar HOD. Dept. of Economics felicitated the event.

### 3. Planning Forum Seminar at PSGCAS

Prof.R.K.Govindarajan, Founder & Director, CDER participated as chief guest in the Valedictory Function of Planning Forum conducted by PG & Research Department of Economics, PSGCAS on 03.01.2025 at Podhigai Hall.



Prof.R.K.Govindarajan, delivered lecture on the "**Sectoral Development and contribution to the Indian Economy**" in a detailed manner. UG, PG students and Research Scholars actively participated in the deliberations and discussion session. In addition to this, he had highlighted the job opportunities available for Economics Students and also about the competitive exams and presented the certificates for the participants. Dr.R.Ravikumar, HOD of Economics convened the function. All faculty members of the Department were present on the occasion.

## 4. Special Lecture at Department of Economics, Bharathiar University

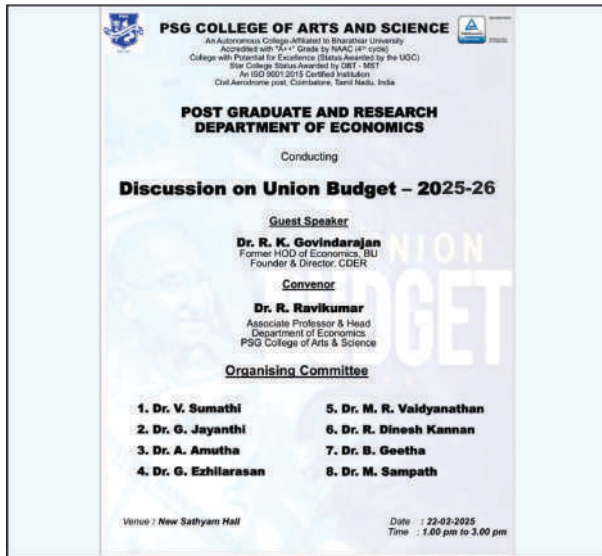
Prof.R.K.Govindarajan, Founder & Director, CDER participated and delivered lecture on "Uses of Statistical tools in Economics Research" on 19.02.2025 in the , "Three days workshop on Adavanced Hands on Training in Statistical Software ", The Workshop was organised by Department of Economics, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore.



He explained a) Relationship between Economics and Statistics b) Uses of appropriate statistical tools in Economic Research c) Theoretical relevance and selection of tools and other related concepts. PG students and Scholars actively participated in the workshop. Dr.R.Manikandan, Convenor and organising secretary, Prof.S.Boopathy, Prof.P.Shanmugam and Prof.R.Govindasamy were also present on the occasion.

## 5. Special Lecture on Union Budget 2025-26 at PSG College of Arts & Science

Prof. R.K.Govindarajan, Founder & Director, CDER participated and delivered special talk on Union budget 2025-26, in the BUDGET SEMINAR organised by Department of Economics, PSGCAS on 22.02.2025



He initiated his lecture with brief introduction about Public Finance and the budgetary aspects, its history, growth and components. It was an eyeopener for the students especially the UG Students to understand the concepts and different heads of budgetary provisions. The budget proposal for the year 2025-26 of Government of India was elaborately discussed by sector wise for the clear understanding of the students.



The presentation was done with relevant data and diagrams for understanding the growth, trend and share of revenue and expenditure of various sectors of the economy. The participation of students and research scholars was overwhelming and encouraging. Dr.R.Ravikumar, HOD, Dept of Economics presided over the function. Dr.G.Jayanthi, Assistant Professor welcomed the gathering and Dr.M.R.Vaithyanathan, Assistant Professor proposed vote of thanks. Faculty members of the department, Scholars, UG and PG Students attended the programme.

## 6. National Conference on “Current Scenario of Indian Economy- Achievements and Challenges”

Jointly Organised by



PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE,  
COIMBATORE-14  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS



and  
**CDER**

(CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENTAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH)

FRIDAY  
**28<sup>th</sup>**  
2025  
9.00a.m-5.00p.m



GRD AUDITORIUM,  
PSGCAS

### 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 at PSGCAS, GRD Auditorium. Four technical sessions were provided for paper presentation and discussion, classified based on the sectors and themes on which the papers focused on and the mode. 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. Received papers were classified on the basis of the sectors – Primary (agriculture), Secondary (manufacturing) and the Tertiary (service) sectors.



## Inaugural Session

The inaugural function started with prayer and Thamizh Thai Vazhthu and then dignitaries joined for Lighting the lamp. Dr. R. Ravikumar, Associate Professor & Head of the Department of Economics, PSG College of Arts & Science welcome the dignitaries, participants guests and students. It was followed by the note on conference theme given by Dr. V. Selvaraju, Deputy Director, CDER and Consultant, World Bank, WHO. Dr. R. K. Govindarajan, Former HOD of Economics, Bharathiar University, Founder and Director of CDER gave a brief note on the activities of CDER and also about experts associated with CDER. It was followed by the key note address by Dr. S. Ganapathy Venkatasubramaniam, Former Professor, AU. He highlighted the importance of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the economic activities conducted in the nation. The inaugural address was given by Dr. R. Parthasarathy, Former Director GIDR and visiting Professor of LBSNAA and his talk on Indian Agriculture highlighted the transformation taken palce in Agriculture and its Challenges. The input given by him was very much useful for the students especially the research scholars. Then the participants and presenters were dispersed to their respective venues for paper presentation.









## Technical Sessions

The conference featured four technical sessions on various themes and topics related to the current scenario of Indian Economy, its achievements and challenges:

### Session I: Agriculture, Rural development & Allied theme:

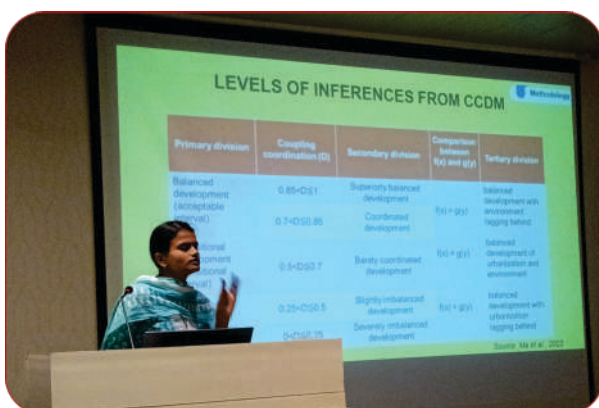
The session was chaired by Dr. R. Parthasarathy, GIDR, Ahmedabad & Lal Bahadur Sastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA). The key note address given by Dr. R. Venkatachalapathy, Secretary, CDER and Former Professor of Physics Annamalai University focussed on the environmental quality, awareness on micro-plastics and degradation in various countries and areas over the years. Thematic representations showing the productivity of agriculture and other socio-economic situations of our economy, with environmental quality were added. This was followed by the presenter's paper discussions. Major areas covered in the discussion were regarding the cultivation of crops like cotton, millets and coconut. Environmental quality, soil nutrient capacity and its productivity was also focused on. The papers covered the preference and profitability of farmers engaged in cultivation.

The remarks for the presentations were given by Dr. R. K. Govindarajan, Director, CDER and Dr. R. Parthasarathy. They appreciated the presenters on their interest towards research and analysis and also gave inputs for further research and improvement. 37 papers were presented in this session. Dr. P. Shanmugham, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Bharathiar University acted as the Rapporteur and he summed up all the presentations and gave the report audit.



## Session II: Industrial sector, Environmental Issues & Management:

The session was chaired by Dr. P. Ganapathy Venkatasubramanian, Former Professor, Anna University, and Expert member & MoEFCC, (Tamilnadu). The keynote address was given by Dr. Krishna Raj, ISEC, Bangalore. He focused on various issues and challenges of the Indian economy. The objectives of VIKSIT Bharat, possibilities and achievements associated with it were discussed. The growth of Indian economic sectors and their path to VIKSIT Bharat were also highlighted. This was followed by presenters' paper discussions related to Industrial sector, environmental issues and management. 20 papers were presented in this session. The remarks for the papers were given by Dr. B. Chandrasekaran, AgaPuram, Public policy research centre, Erode. His observations and reviews on the papers were very much taken care by the presenters. Dr. V. Sumathi, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, PSG College of Arts & Science acted as the rapporteur.



### Session III: Social Sector, Service Sector, Money, Finance, Trade and Allied theme:

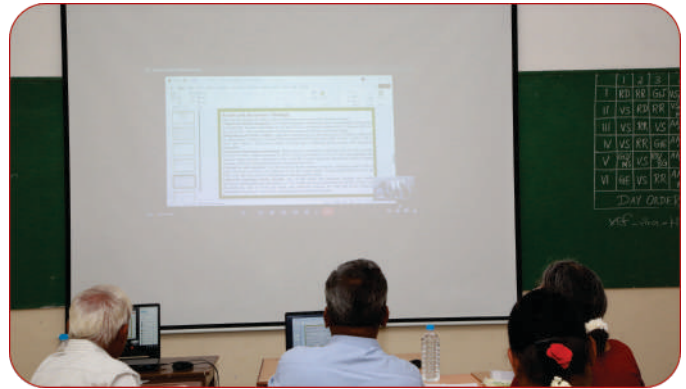
The session was chaired by Dr. P. Geetharani, Proessor, NIPEA, New Delhi. The key note address was given by Dr. Murali Kallumal, Professor, IAFI. His presentation focused on the trade and service sector as a whole, its growth, challenges and achievements. This was followed by the paper presentations of participants – students, researchers and academicians. There were around 34 papers presented in this session. The remarks and reviews on the papers were given by Dr. G. Ravi, Former Professor and Head, Economics Annamalai University and visiting Professor of VIT. His scholarly suggestions were well taken by the participants. Dr. A. Shanpareeth, Asst. Professor of Economics, Government Arts College, Coimbatore acted as the rapporteur.



### Session IV: Online Presentation – All Themes:

The online session was conducted through the Google meet platform for all themes and it was chaired by Dr. N. Lalitha, GIDR, Ahmedabad. The key note address was given by Dr. V. Selvaraju, Deputy Director, Centre for Development and Environmental Research (CDER). They highlighted the current trends of Indian economy in general and the trend of growth and achievements in particular. They have also made remarks on the challenges of Indian Economy. This was followed by the presentation of participants.

The papers focussed on diverse areas of Indian economy and the challenges and growth projections related to the topics and areas concerned. The reviews and remarks on the presentations were given by Dr. V. Mohanasundaram, PSG College of Arts & Science. Dr. G. Jayanthi, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, PSG College of Arts & Science acted as the rapporteur.



### Valedictory function

The welcome address for the valediction was given by Dr. R. Ravikumar, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Economics, PSG College of Arts & Science. This was followed by the distribution of the Best Paper awards and certificates to winners and participants from various colleges and universities. The interesting and appreciable part of the conference was the presentation made by the Higher Secondary Schools of Satchidananda International School, Kallar, Mettupalayam. They were presented papers on different aspects on Indian Economy. Their presentation, concept and analysis were very well appreciated by everyone attend the conference. The conference rapporteurs' of all technical sessions presented their reports for their respective sessions. They highlighted the major areas covered by the presenters and the themes focused on. The valedictory address was given by Dr. V. Selvaraju, Consultant World Bank, WHO and Deputy Director, CDER. Dr. M.R. Vaidyanathan, Organising Secretary, Assistant Professor, PSG College of Arts & Science proposed vote of thanks. Valedictory session came to an end with National Anthem.





## Concluding remarks

The National conference on “Current Scenario of Indian Economy – Achievements and Challenges” conducted at PSG College of Arts and Science. The conference was jointly organised by CDER. There was overwhelming participation from students, professors, key speakers and academicians and other participants from all over the country. It provided a platform for discussing the current trend, growth performance and challenges of various sectors of the economy. The conference served as a right place for the stakeholders to discuss and exchange their research ideas and thoughts. It served the participants to gain valuable insights about the growth of Indian economy and the challenges we face with. The recent developments and welfare programmes of the central government and its impact on the economy were also discussed. Consequently, new areas of research have been identified by the scholars.

The support and motivation given by Shri. L. Gopalakrishnan, Managing Trustee of PSG College of Arts & Sciences and Dr. T.Kannaian, Secretary, PSGCAS will be ever remembered by the members of CDER. We are also thankful to Dr.M.Seguttuvan, Principal i/c, Dr. R. Ravikumar, HOD of Economics, Dr.M.R.Vaigyanathan, Organising Secretary, Faculty members, student volunteers, students and research scholars of Department of Economics PSG College of Arts and Science for their involvement and participation for making the National Conference a fruitful event.



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## 7. International Invited Special Lecture on Energy Crisis and Climate Change by Prof. Jesse Scott and Prof. Simon Blakey

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