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FROM DIRECTOR'S DESK



Greetings to all!

It is my privilege and honour to present the **2nd Annual Report** of the Research work, events and functions of CDER during the year 2025-2026. Since, its establishment, we have completed 2 yrs. During this period, the institute has undertaken few research projects, compendium work, national level workshop. The research project assigned by the state planning commission was another milestone in the progress of CDER. 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 during 2025-2026 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 academic and research progress 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.

I sincerely appreciate and acknowledge the involvement and dedication of the research scholars, students and faculty members of Department of Economics, PSG College of Arts and Science and Department of Agricultural Economics, TNAU in all our programmes. Further, I Place it on record the guidance and support provided by the advisory board members of our institute.

With Regards
Prof. 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



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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



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Gujarat, Visiting Professor
Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy
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Environmental Economics &
HOD of Economics
Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi.



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Professor of Economics &
Finance Lovely Professional
University Phagwara
Punjab



Prof. Dr. N. LALITHA

Former Professor
GIDR
Ahmedabad
Gujarat



Prof. Dr. MURALI KALLUMMAL

Professor
Centre for WTO Studies
Indian Institute of Foreign Trade
New Delhi



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Professor
Centre for Economic Studies and
Policy, Institute for Social and
Economic Change, Bangalore.



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Founder Professor and Head
Department of Environment Management
Bharadithasan University
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Professor & Head (Rtd.)
Department of Economics
The Gandhigram Rural Institute -
Deemed University Gandhigram



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Former Professor and Head
Department of Economics
Advisor - UGC SAP DRS II, Faculty of Arts
Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar



Dr. PERIYASAMY PALANI

Senior Lecturer
School of Economics and
Development Studies
IBS University Port, Moreseby
Papua New Guinea(PNG)



Dr. ELANGO

Consultant &
Legal Advisor

Faculty and Research Team



Dr. L. KRISHNAN, Ph.D
Project Associate



Dr. P. KALAISELVI, Ph.D
Project Associate

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
- 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 Science 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. T. Kannaian, Secretary, PSG College of Arts and Science, Dr. M. Umarani, 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 2025-26

- a. National Workshop on “Analyzing Large Scale Household Survey Datasets for Research in Social Sciences” conducted at PSG College of Arts & Science during 06.10.2025 to 10.10.2025.
- b. Presentation and Discussion on “Union Budget 2026-2027” at CARDS, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University on 17.02.2026 by Prof. Dr. R. K. Govindarajan
- c. Research Study assigned by State Planning Commission, Govt. of Tamil Nadu on, “Assessing the Impact of e-Vaadagai Mobile App among the Farmers of Tamil Nadu”
- d. Preparation of Compendium of Proceedings for “TN Land Use 2025 International Conference on Research and Innovation for a Sustainable Future”, Department of Agriculture, TNAU

POST GRADUATE AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE

An Autonomous college affiliated to Bharathiar University
Accredited with A++ grade by NAAC (4th cycle)
College with Potential for Excellence status awarded by UGC
Star college status awarded by DBT-MST
An ISO 9001:2015 certified institution.
Civil Aerodrome Post, Coimbatore-641 014



INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES & HEALTH (IASSSH)

IASSSH Secretariat, Department of Family & Generations, International Institute
for population Sciences, Mumbai - 400088, Maharashtra.



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Unit of Green India Trust, Coimbatore - 641 046.



**WORKSHOP ON
ANALYSING LARGE SCALE HOUSEHOLD SURVEY DATA SETS
FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Cordially invite you for the

INAUGURATION

06.10.2025 **9.00 am** **Sangamam Hall, PSGCAS**

Welcome Address : **Dr. R. Ravikumar**
Associate Professor & Head, Dept. of Economics, PSGCAS

Introduction of
Resource Person &
Note on Workshop : **Dr. R. K. Govindarajan**
Former Prof. & Head, Dept. of Economics, Bharathiar University,
Founder & Director, CDER, Coimbatore

Presidential Address : **Dr. M. Senguttuvan**
Principal (i/c), PSGCAS,

Felicitation Address : **Dr. T. Kannaian**
Secretary, PSGCAS

Inaugural Address : **Dr. V. Selvaraju**
General Secretary, IASSSH
Consultant, World Bank, WHO
Deputy Director, CDER, Coimbatore,

Vote of Thanks : **Dr. V. Sumathi**
Asst. Prof. of Economics, PSGCAS

RESOURCE PERSONS



Dr. V. Selvaraju
Consultant,
World Bank & WHO



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



Dr. Manoj Alagarajan
Associate Professor
Department of Family & Social Demography
IPS, Mumbai



Dr. Harihar Sahoo
Associate Professor & Head
Department of Family and Generations
IPS, Mumbai

TOPICS & HANDS ON TRAINING

- NSSO Data
- NHFS Data
- SPSS & STATA Packages
- Research Methodology
- Formulation of Research Problem

WORKSHOP ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- HOD & Faculty Members Department of Economics, PSGCAS
- Indian Association for Social Sciences & Health
- CDER - Centre for Development and Environmental Research

NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON "ANALYSING LARGE SCALE HOUSEHOLD SURVEY DATASETS FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCES"

REPORT

The Five Days Workshop was organized by CDER (Centre for Development and Environmental Research – A unit of Green India Trust) in association with Post Graduate and Research Department of Economics, PSG College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore-014 and Indian Association for Social Sciences & Health (IASSH).

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

The workshop was aimed to provide hands-on training on Large-scale Secondary data for the early stage Ph.D research scholars. It focused on the utilization of National Sample Survey and National Family Health Survey data sets. Sampling data collection, coverage and availability of raw household data of these two sources were discussed. The workshop highlighted the utilization of these data sets more meaningfully for research on health, population, nutrition, child health, immunization, etc., in social sciences. In addition to the detailed discussions, hands-on training was given to the participants using statistical software such as SPSS and STATA.

WORKSHOP CO-ORDINATORS

- **Prof. Dr. R. K. Govindarajan**, Director, CDER
- **Dr. R. Ravikumar**, Associate Professor & Head, Dept. of Economics, PSGCAS

RESOURCE PERSONS

- **Dr. V. Selvaraju**, Consultant, World Bank & WHO
- **Prof. Dr. P. Geetharani**, Professor, Department of Educational Planning, NIEPA, New Delhi
- **Dr. Manoj Alagarajan**, Associate Professor, Department of Fertility & Social Demography, IIPS, Mumbai
- **Dr. Harihar Sahoo**, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Family and Generations, IIPS, Mumbai

PARTICIPANTS

In the workshop, 30 Ph.D research scholars from various institutions attended. The following are the institutions from where the delegates attended.

- Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur University, Uttar Pradesh
- University of Madras, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Periyar University, Salem, Tamil Nadu
- Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu
- Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu
- The Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Dindigul, Tamil Nadu
- Ayya Nadar Janaki Ammal College, Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu
- Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women (Deemed to be University), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

- Government Arts College, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- PSG College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

06.10.2025

INAUGURAL SESSION

Inauguration of the workshop was held on 06.10.2025 at Sangamam Hall, PSGCAS at 9.30 am. Dr. R. Ravikumar, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Economics, PSGCAS welcomed the gathering. Prof. Dr. R. K. Govindarajan, Director, CDER introduced the resource persons and presented a brief note about the workshop. On this occasion, the edited book entitled "Recent Trends in Indian Economy" was released by the dignitaries. The research articles presented in the National Conference conducted during February 2025 were published in the book. Dr. M. Senguttuvan, Principal i/c, PSGCAS presided over the function and Dr. T. Kannain, Secretary, PSGCAS felicitated the participants. Inaugural Address was delivered by Dr. V. Selvaraju, General Secretary, IASSH, Consultant, World Bank & WHO. He highlighted the significance of the workshop and the uses of statistical packages in big data analysis. Dr. V. Sumathi, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, PSGCAS proposed vote of thanks.



Workshop Participants



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SESSION ON STATA

The session was handled by Dr. V. Selvaraju. He gave a brief introduction on the NSS, its working nature, types of data, etc., He explained how the organisation deals with various NSS rounds of collecting data in various surveys. He started the practical session by explaining on how to extract the data files to be used in the STATA software through coding in the Commands Box. Later, he proceeded with the basic commands in the STATA software making it as a warm-up session for the following days. This session helped the participants to get an overview on how to use the STATA software for data analysis.

07.10.2025

FN - SESSION ON STATA

The session was handled by Dr. Selvaraju who gave a glance about the previous day's session and proceeded with briefing on the National Sample Survey data on Health domain using Interview Schedules that are used in their surveys to create the Household and Individual Datasets. Using the Household Datasets, he taught on creating Summary Statistics, Bar charts, t-tables and valuing the variables to aid our research requirements. The session gave an idea to the participants on how to extract and use data from large datasets for our research purposes.



AN - SESSION ON STATA

The session was handled by Prof. Dr. P. Geetha Rani from NIEPA, who briefed on the Education domain of the NSS data and started to teach on combining the Household and Individual Datasets and guided to analyse the data in the education domain through various tools like list, inspect, tables, etc. where the mean, frequency, percentages and other statistical operations used two or more variables for gaining a comparative understanding on the datasets to the participants.

08.10.2025

FN - SESSION ON SPSS

The session was handled by Dr. Harihar Sahoo, IIPS who gave introduction to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) and explained on the 4 sets of Questionnaires namely, Men Questionnaire, Women Questionnaire, Household Questionnaire and Biomarker Questionnaire which was used in preparing 7 types of datasets namely, Birth file (IABR), Couple file (IACR), Household file (IAHR), Individual respondent file (The Women file) (IAIR), Kids file (IAKR), Men file (IAMR) and Persons file (IAPR).

The session proceeded with Dr. Manoj Alagarajan, IIPS starting the practical session in the SPSS with the IAHR dataset with various tools like frequencies and crosstabs for the existing variables and creating new variables through syntax commands like compute, variable values and variable labels. This enabled the participants to get a fair understanding on the nature and use of the datasets for further research.



Honouring the Resource Persons



Hands on Training

AN - SESSION ON SPSS

The session was handled by Dr. Manoj Alagarajan, who carried over with the IAIR dataset. Firstly, he provided the participants a gist on the nature of the IAIR file through the questionnaires used to create the dataset. Later, the dataset was analysed using tools like frequencies, crosstabs and binary logistic regression along with coding and computing new variables providing a deeper understanding on the relationship between the variables used for analysis.



Dr. Manoj Alagarajan, IIPS
Hands on Training



Dr. Harihar Sahoo, IIPS,
addressing the scholars

09.10.2025

FN - SESSION ON SPSS

The session was led by Dr. Harihar Sahoo who trained on with the IABR, IAKR and IAPR datasets. After briefing the nature of datasets using the questionnaires used for the survey, he provided the practical demonstration by analysing those datasets with various tools in the SPSS with the participants following it. This session further developed the knowledge of the participants on the NFHS datasets and paved way for extensive research ideas in their own domains.



Prof. Govindarajan addressing the workshop participants

AN - SESSION ON SPSS

The session was handled by Dr. Manoj Alagarajan, who explained the IAMR and IACR datasets with the survey questionnaires followed by the practical session using various SPSS tools for analysis. He also explained the nature and use of Multiple Classification Analysis to create effective summary tables for our research. With a brief summary at the end clarified the queries of participants' by both Dr. Manoj Alagarajan and Dr. Harihar Sahoo, the SPSS sessions provided a basic and clear understanding on NFHS datasets to the participants.



10.10.2025

FN – SESSION ON STATA

The session was started by Prof. P. Geetha Rani who explained the uses of merging various data files and demonstrated it with the Household and Individual data files. Various tools were used in the command box to analyse the merged data while some significant ideas and precautions were provided during the files merging process. Later, Dr. V. Selvaraju gave a briefing on multiple other data sources apart from NSS and NFHS like the Indian Human Development Survey, National Council for Applied Research, Young Life Survey, etc. for various domains of studies to be used by the participants in their Doctoral Research. The STATA sessions came to an end with the insights and very good guidance from both the resource persons.



Prof. Geetharani, NIEPA, Hands on Training

The post lunch session was allotted for the participating Ph.D scholars to present their research proposals for fine-tuning and shaping the research problem, objectives and methodology, etc., This session was very much useful for the scholars by receiving the feedback and suggestions to improve the research work.



Presentation of Proposal and Feedback by the participants (Research Scholars)

VALEDICTORY SESSION

The Valedictory session was held on 10.10.2025 at 3.30 pm at Sangamam Hall, PSGCAS. On this occasion, the edited book titled “Current Scenario of Indian Economy: Achievements and Challenges” was released by the dignitaries. Participants gave their feedback and shared their experience about the workshop. Certificates were distributed to all the Ph.D research scholars who attended the workshop. Dr. P. Geetharani, Professor, NIEPA, New Delhi delivered valedictory address. Dr. R. Dinesh Kannan, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, PSGCAS submitted the report on the workshop. Dr. G. Jayanthi, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, PSGCAS proposed the vote of thanks.



Releasing Conference Proceedings Volume II
by Dr. T. Kannaian, Secretary and
Dr. M. Senguttuvan, Principal i/c, PSGCAS



Special Address by
Prof. Nagarajan, IIPS, Mumbai
(joined online)



Distribution of Certificates



Resource Persons, Co-ordinators and Faculties with the Participants



GUEST LECTURE ON
“UNION BUDGET 2026-27”

AT CARDS - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS -
TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY (TNAU), COIMBATORE

On-**17.02.2026**

BY

Prof. Dr. R. K. GOVINDARAJAN

CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR

GREEN INDIA TRUST

(A CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH)

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Prof. Dr. R. K. Govindarajan delivered an informative lecture on “Union Budget 2026-27” at the Department of Agricultural Economics, Centre for Agricultural Development and Rural Studies (CARDS), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore. He Highlighted the background of the foundation and development of the Indian Economy. Later the salient features, provisions and allocation of the Union Budget were presented to the Post-graduate students and Research Scholars of Agricultural Economics.

After the presentation, Prof. Dr. R. K. Govindarajan interacted with the students and explained the clarifications raised by them. Prof. Dr. Suresh Kumar, Director - CARDS & Dean - PG Studies, Prof. Dr. A. Vidyavathy, Head, Department of Agricultural Economics and faculty members participated in the discussion. The session concluded successfully with bridging the gap between macroeconomic policy and academic inquiry through his detailed budgetary analysis. For the resource person, the engagement provided a vital platform to disseminate valuable insights and mentor future agricultural economists. Simultaneously, the participants gained a profound understanding of budgetary allocations and their real-world implications for the Indian economy. The interactive discussion ultimately fostered a collaborative environment that enriched the scholarly perspectives of the faculty, research scholars and students.





Research Study Assigned by State Planning Commission, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

Another important milestone in the growth of Green India Trust and CDER is the research study assigned by State Planning Commission (SPC), Government of Tamil Nadu. In recognition of the competency and experience of the research team of GIT and CDER, the research study on “Assessing the Impact of e-Vaadagai Mobile App among the farmers of Tamil Nadu” was granted by Agriculture Policy and Planning (APP) Division of State Planning Commission, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

Prof. Dr. R. K. Govindarajan, Chairman-GIT and Director, CDER was the Principal Investigator for the project assignment and Prof. Dr. S. Rajendran, Former Professor and Head, Department of Economics, The Gandhigram University, Dindigul and Dr. V. Selvaraju, Consultant, World Bank and WHO & Deputy Director, CDER were the Co-Principal Investigators for this project assignment.

The e-Vaadagai mobile App enables farmers to easily book agricultural implements through the smart phone platform from anywhere instead of physically visiting AED offices and digital payment towards hiring charges. This App allows farmers to book, reschedule or cancel services and receive SMS notifications with booking confirmations, schedules and operator details, thereby helps the farmers to save time and money. In this regard, the functioning of the mobile app scheme and its challenges have been assessed in the study to revamp and improve the scheme.

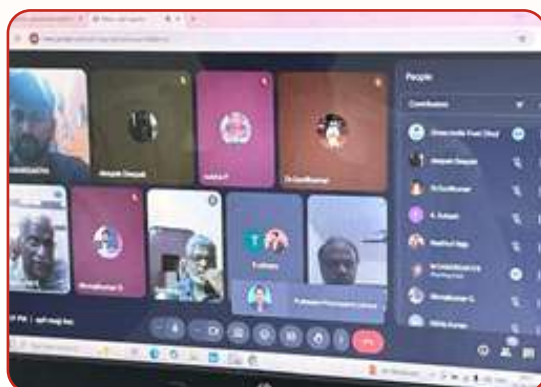




The Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigator presented the Inception Report of the project assignment and had a discussion with the officials at State Planning Commission, Chennai



The Principal Investigator had a discussion with the Chief Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu at AED Office, Coimbatore and Chennai



The Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigators gave an orientation to the field investigators (spread all over Tamil Nadu) about the project assignment, data collection techniques and related activities in online mode



Primary data were collected using structured interview schedule and personal interview method from the beneficiary and non-beneficiary farmers across 37 districts of the state



In order to gain qualitative insights and strengthen the study, Focus Group Discussions were conducted across significant places in the state. Both beneficiary and non-beneficiary famers, AED Officials and SPC representatives actively participated in the FGDs.

**Preparation of Compendium of Proceedings on
“TN Land Use 2025 International Conference on Research and
Innovation for a Sustainable Future”**

CDER was identified and assigned the preparation of Compendium by reviewing the research papers presented in the “TN Land Use 2025 – International Conference on Research and Innovation for a Sustainable Future”. In this regard, Prof. Dr. R. K. Govindarajan, Director, CDER was identified as an expert and assigned the work of reviewing 30 research articles. The research assignment is a joint programme of State Planning Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu and Agricultural Economics Department, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore. The reviewed articles was submitted in time and appreciated by the concerned authorities.

Sl.no	Theme Title	No. of Papers
1	Environment, Climate, and Natural Landscapes - biodiversity, pollution control, and ecosystem-based climate adaptation	14
2	Sustainable Tourism and Heritage Conservation - eco-tourism, cultural landscapes, and climate-resilient tourism strategies	16

FEEDBACK AND MESSAGE BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Prof. Dr. Murali Kallummal
Professor, Centre for WTO Studies,
Indian Institute of Foreign Trade,
New Delhi

It gives us immense pride to celebrate the completion of three successful years of the Centre for Development and Environmental Research (CDER). Over this period, CDER has consistently organised seminars, workshops and technical sessions that have provided students, educators, and researchers with a vibrant platform for knowledge exchange and collaborative inquiry.

Our members have undertaken and completed research projects across broad and impactful areas, including: Impact of Water Pollution on Rural Households and Agriculture; Economic Assessment of Solid Waste Management; Common Property Resources and Climate Change; Government Expenditure on Education and Health; Determinant Analysis on Public Expenditure; Health Economics; Marine Pollution and Environmental Magnetism.

These initiatives have not only advanced academic discourse but also contributed to policy-relevant insights addressing pressing environmental and developmental challenges.

We are equally proud to have formalised two significant academic collaborations during this journey: with PSG College of Arts & Science (established in 1947) and with Academic and Research Collaboration with Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU - established in 1965), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

Together, these partnerships strengthen our commitment to fostering interdisciplinary research and nurturing future scholars.

As we look ahead, the Advisory Committee reaffirms its dedication to expanding CDER's role as a hub for impactful research, dialogue, and collaboration. We extend our gratitude to all members, partners, and participants who have contributed to this remarkable journey.

Prof. Dr. Murali Kallummal



Prof. Dr. James Daniel Paul
Professor of Economics & Finance
Lovely Professional University
Phagwara, Punjab

It is a privilege to be associated with the Centre for Development and Environmental Research (CDER) as a member of its Advisory Committee. As a Professor of Economics, Finance and Analytics at the Mittal School of Business, Lovely Professional University, I appreciate CDER's commitment to advancing research that addresses contemporary environmental and developmental challenges.

The Centre's initiatives in environmental research, along with its efforts to create awareness through seminars, workshops, and outreach programmes, reflect the important role that academic institutions play in promoting sustainable development. By encouraging evidence-based research and meaningful public engagement, CDER is contributing to informed decision-making and a greater understanding of environmental issues.

I sincerely appreciate the dedicated leadership of Dr. R. K. Govindarajan and the unwavering efforts of the faculty, researchers, and students who have helped shape CDER into a vibrant academic platform. I am confident that the Centre will continue to strengthen interdisciplinary research, foster impactful collaborations, and make significant contributions to society in the years to come.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations on the Centre's achievements and wish CDER continued success in all its future endeavours.

Prof. Dr. James Daniel Paul



Prof. Dr. G. Ravi
Former Professor and Head,
Department of Economics
Advisor - UGC SAP DRS II, Faculty of Arts
Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar

Greetings,

My heartfelt congratulations to you and the entire CDER team on the publication of your Annual Report.

The report stands as a remarkable reflection of your vision, dedication, and unwavering commitment to advancing environmental research while promoting responsible and sustainable development. It is truly inspiring to see how scientific excellence is being translated into meaningful action for the benefit of society and the environment.

Your research continues to enrich our understanding of the complex relationship between human progress and ecological balance. Year after year, your team's sincere efforts, rigorous scientific approach, and valuable contributions provide guidance to researchers, policymakers, and future generations alike.

The Annual Report is not merely a record of achievements; it is a testament to the passion, integrity, and perseverance that define your institution. Such work strengthens our confidence that sustainable solutions can be achieved through knowledge, innovation, and collective responsibility.

Please convey my warmest congratulations to every member of the CDER family. I sincerely appreciate your relentless efforts in safeguarding our environment while contributing to scientific advancement and meaningful societal progress.

Wishing you and your esteemed team continued success, good health, and many more milestones in your future research and environmental initiatives.

With Best Wishes

Prof. Dr. G. Ravi

