



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 the year 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) was founded by Prof.R.K.Govindarajan, Former Prof and Head, Dept.of Economics, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore. The trust is managed by the governing body consisting of members dedicated to teaching, research and social service activities.

CDER



**Development With
Sustainable Environment and Natural Resources**

Centre for Development and Environmental Research a unit of GREEN INDIA TRUST 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. CDER is an action oriented research institute committed to policy centered evaluation and wide

dissemination of sustainable economic models. 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, Bharathidasan University, Gandhigram 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.

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

Promoting sustainable development through action oriented research, community outreach and institutional collaboration.

Our Values

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| ◇ Commitment to the Society | ◇ Policy Centred environmental governance |
| ◇ Inclination towards research | ◇ Science with Humanity |
| ◇ Invention for Social Welfare | ◇ Balancing Development with Environment. |

MAJOR OBJECTIVES OF CDER

- ◇ To undertake policy centered research and evaluation oriented studies on development aspects, agro-rural issues and environmental challenges to formulate actionable remedies for policy implications.
- ◇ To undertake funded research projects and to drive knowledge dissemination through conferences, policy conclaves, seminars and publications on General Economic Aspects and Environmental issues 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 execute action oriented outreach and grass root level extension programmes, focussing on skill development health, education and Socio-Economic empowerment for rural, tribal and under privileged communities.
- ◇ To undertake awareness programmes and to provide financial assistance for Research Education for the under privileged students and Scholars.

Governing Body



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MOU WITH PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE, COIMBATORE

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.



The MoU was signed by Dr. C. Krishnaraj, Registrar, RGU and Prof. R. K. Govindarajan, Founder and Director, CDER. Dr. S. P. Suriyaraj, Dean, School of Applied Biosciences, Food & Agri Tech, and Dr. S. Aravindh, HoD, Department of Biotechnology, RGU and Dr. V. Selvaraj, Deputy Director, CDER. were present on the occasion.

These collaborative linkages serve as a key channels for outreach, extension work and dissemination of research findings directly to the stakeholders and all sections of the society.

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION WITH TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY (TNAU), COIMBATORE

It is an 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.

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.

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION WITH RATHINAM GLOBAL UNIVERSITY(RGU), COIMBATORE

Rathinam Global Deemed to be University (RGU), through its School of Applied Biosciences, Food & Agri Tech, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre for Development and Environmental Research (CDER), a unit of Green India Trust, Coimbatore on 10-08-2026 Monday to strengthen collaborative research, skill development, community extension and social welfare initiatives. The MoU is effective for a period of three years.



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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. Prof.R.K. Govindarajan, Founder and Director of CDER welcomed the gathering. 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.



Mr.Osai Kalidasan Lighting the Kuthuvillakku



Address by Prof.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

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.

Programme Outcome

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.



Address by Prof.R.K.Govindarajan



Honouring Dr.N.Lalitha, GIDR



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Section of Delegates



Address by Dr.R.Ravikumar



Section of Participants



Honouring Dr.Murali Kallummall, IIFT



Release of Conference Souvenir

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.



Presentation of Inception Report of the Project at SPC Chennai



Discussion with CE, officials of AED & Farmers



Field Survey



Focus Group Discussion



Submission of Draft Final Report

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON UNION BUDGET 2026-27 AT CARDS, TNAU, COIMBATORE

Prof.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 on 17.02.2026. 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.R. K. Govindarajan interacted with the students and explained the clarifications raised by them. Prof.Suresh Kumar, Director - CARDS & Dean - PG Studies, Prof.A. Vidyavathy, Head, Department of Agricultural Economics and faculty members participated in the discussion.



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

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). The workshop was aimed to provide hands-on training on Large-scale Secondary data for the early stage Ph.D research scholars. Resource persons of the workshop included **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, **Dr. V. Selvaraju**, Consultant, World Bank & WHO, **Prof. Dr. P. Geetharani**, Professor, Department of Educational Planning, NIEPA, New Delhi.



DISTRICT RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (DRDA) AND CDER JOINT STUDY ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IN MALUMICHAMPATTI PANCHAYAT

The survey on SWM Programmes in Malumichampatti Panchayat was conducted during June 2026. In order to examine the objectives of the study, a systematic methodological framework was constituted about Malumichampatti Panchayat in Madukkarai Block, Coimbatore District.



Team of Field Investigators with the Director, CDER and Panchayat Secretary



WORKSHOP ON “TRIBAL WOMEN SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT FOR GLOBAL MART

One Day Workshop on “Tribal Women Skill Development and empowerment” was conducted on 07.09.2026 at Rathinam Global University. The programme was jointly organized by CDER, Rathinam Global University and Tribal Welfare Department, Coimbatore District. The Workshop was conducted in 2 Technical Session. One was on “Herbal Cosmetics” from Traditional Knowledge to market ready products and the second was on “Food Processing and value addition” from local resources to Market Opportunities followed by incubation centre visit. Around 50 women from Self Help Groups and Tribal settlement attended the workshop. In addition to the training, details about financial assistance, Marketing Strategies were provided to the trainees. The workshop was Co-ordinator by Dr. S. P. Suriyaraj, Dean, RGU, Mrs. P. Manimegalai, Dist. Adidraavidar and Tribal Welfare Officer, Coimbatore and Prof. R. K. Govindarajan, Director, CDER





Release of Conference Souvenir by the Dignitaries



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