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Intimation for Acceptance : **9th March, 2025**

Note for all participants: Individual registration is mandatory for all Participants. Registration fee includes conference kit, food and refreshments. No TA/DA will be provided to the delegates. Accommodation will be arranged for the limited participants on first come first basis on shared basis with reasonable rate

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ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Economics, established as an PG Extension Centre of the University of Madras in 1977, was integrated into Bharathidasan University during its inception in 1982. The Department has been headed by stalwarts like Prof.S.Neelakantan (who did Post-Doctoral work with Nobel laureate Douglas C.North and later became the Director of the prestigious Madras Institute of Development Studies), Prof.V.B.Athreya (who after his B.Tech. in IIT Madras, did P.G. and Ph.D. in Economics at the famous Wisconsin University, USA), and Prof.C.Thangamuthu (who headed Bharathidasan University as Registrar for 9 years and later became the Vice-Chancellor of the University). Other erstwhile and present faculty members of the Department include Dr. S.C.Joseph, Dr.S.Lakshmi, Dr.S.Iyyampillai, Dr.M.Ravichandran, Dr.N.Manimekhalai, Dr.J.A.Arul Chellakumar, Dr.L.Ganesan, Dr.V.Bakiyavathi, Dr.N.Prasanna, Dr.S.Ganesan, Dr.K.Vetrivel, Dr.P.Natarajamurthy and Dr.T.Sudha. At present Dr. S Vanitha is heading the Department of Economics. The Department has always been in the forefront in carrying out research and extension activities at the grass root and pivotal levels funded by various funding agencies like World Bank, MHRD, UGC, ICSSR, IGIDR, MSSRF,

Adiseshiah Trust, TNPCB, TN-SPC, RUSA, etc.. The students and research scholars of the department have been regularly receiving fellowships from renowned institutions like Wageningen University, Netherlands, London School of Economics, UGC, ICSSR, RUSA and students of the Department have been receiving scholarships from Central and State governments, UGC and Pvt. Companies. Alumni of the department occupy coveted positions in academia, public service and industry, within the country and abroad as Vice-Chancellors, Registrars, Professors, Social Science People's Representatives and Corporate professionals.

DEAR DELEGATES

Access to clean water, adequate sanitation, and proper hygiene are basic pre-requisites for human well-being and economic development. Despite significant progress, India faces numerous challenges in ensuring universal access to WASH services. Tamil Nadu, one of India's most industrialized states, presents a unique case study due to its diverse geography, urbanization, and socioeconomic conditions. This conference seeks to examine INDIA'S performance in WASH while drawing lessons from Indian states and global experiences.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The proposed international conference is related to the Major Research Project sponsored by ICSSR and aims to address the critical issues surrounding water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) in India with a special focus on Tamil Nadu. It seeks to align these challenges with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation). The conference will bring together policymakers, academicians, researchers, NGOs, industry leaders, and international organizations to discuss innovative solutions, identify challenges, and explore prospects for achieving sustainable WASH outcomes in India.

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

India faces significant challenges in ensuring universal access to clean water, adequate sanitation, and proper hygiene practices. Despite

progress under initiatives like Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) and Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), disparities persist across rural and urban areas, socio-economic groups, and regions. These challenges hinder India's ability to achieve SDG 6 by 2030. This conference will serve as a platform to

- Evaluate India's Progress toward WASH-related SDGs.
- Identify gaps and barriers in policy implementation
- Foster collaboration among stakeholders for sustainable solutions

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF CONFERENCE

- To assess the current state of water, sanitation, and hygiene in India and its alignment with global sustainability goals.
- To analyze the socio-economic, environmental, and institutional challenges hindering WASH Progress.
- To explore innovative technologies, financing models, and community-driven approaches for sustainable WASH Systems.
- To facilitate dialogue between policymakers, practitioners and researchers for evidence-based policymaking.
- To propose actionable recommendations for achieving SDG 6 in India.

THEMES OF CONFERENCE

- Theme 1 : Achieving SDG 6 – Progress and Gaps
- Theme 2 : Challenges in WASH Implementation
- Theme 3 : Prospects for Sustainable Solutions

SUB THEMES

1. Access to safe drinking water: Rural vs urban divide.
2. Sanitation coverage and behavioral change.
3. Institutional WASH
4. Hygiene education and menstrual health management.
5. Climate change impacts on water resources.
6. Financing gaps and public-private partnerships.
7. Governance and institutional capacity building.
8. Innovations in water conservation and recycling.
9. Role of digital technologies in monitoring WASH Programs.
10. Community participation and grassroots innovations.