



CIRCULAR-I AET ANNUAL CONFERENCE- XLIV (44th)
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Respected AET Life Members, Annual Members, Associates, Professors, Research Scholars, Well-wishers and Friends,

0.1 Greetings!

As we wish you all the best in this academic year, 2024-2025, we are desirous of informing you all our affectionate AET Associates the good news concerning our preparations for the ensuing AET's Annual Conference-XLIV (44th)

0.2 Purpose

We request those intending to present papers at the conference-venue on the themes given in this AET Circular-I, to please get ready. As in the previous occasions, I am sure that our AET's Seniors will provide the necessary assistance to bring elegance to your papers.

0.3 In Gratitude

The 43rd Annual Conference of the Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu (AET) organized by the Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University was held at the Khajamalai Campus on 29th and 30th December, 2023 with a participation of about 700 members and 272 paper presentations was a big success. The two-day Conference was inaugurated by **Prof.M.Selvam**, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University on 29th December, 2023 (Monday). In his Inaugural Address, the Vice-Chancellor recounted the remarkable contributions of AET in fostering the study of Economics and the camaraderie among the Economics fraternity in Tamil Nadu, and the importance of Economics in policy making. He also presented various awards such as life time achievement award, senior and young economist awards, and best paper award to various faculty members and students selected by the AET. **Rev.Fr.Dr.P.Paulraj SJ**, Co-Chairman, AET, **Dr.D.Kumar**, Secretary, AET, **Dr.G.Iruthayaraj**, Treasurer, AET and **Dr.P.Nararajamurthy**, Associate Professor of Economics, Bharathidasan University gave felicitations. The gathering was welcomed by **Dr.N.Prasanna**, Conference Secretary, Professor & Head, Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University, and **Dr.T.Sudha**, Associate Professor of Economics, Bharathidasan University proposed the vote of thanks.

The two-day Academic Conference witnessed the presentation of research papers by the Academicians and Students across Tamil Nadu on the focal themes of the conference, viz., *Economic Dimensions of Climate Change, Labour Market with Special Reference to Migration, Monetary Policy in the Digital Era, Millets in Tamil Nadu Agriculture, and the Regional Economics of Tiruchirappalli, Pudukkottai, Ariyalur and Perambalur districts*. In fine, it must be stated that the participants were in praise of the reception, food, accommodation, hall arrangements and every other detail relating to the conduct of the conference.

The conference concluded with a valedictory session. The valedictory address was delivered by **Prof.M.Senthilvelan**, Director-Research, Bharathidasan University, who appreciated the academic purpose of the conference and the potential of such conferences in fostering the discipline of Economics. He also distributed the best paper presentation awards to the Post Graduate Students. The gathering was welcomed by **Dr.G.Iruthayaraj**, Treasurer, AET and **Dr.D.Kumar**, Secretary, AET, presented the conference report. The Rapporteurs of the various technical sessions of the conference presented their reports, providing the audience a detailed idea of the deliberations in the conference. **Rev.Fr.Dr.A.G.Leonard SJ**, the Chairman of AET gave his felicitation. Vote of Thanks was proposed by **Dr.N.Prasanna**, Conference Secretary, 43rd AET Conference.

0.4 Our Awardees (43rd AET Conference)

AET's Life Time Achievement Award

Dr.T.R.Jeyaraj, Former Professor & Head Department of Economics, Annamalai University, Chidambaram.

Dr.M.Soundarapandian, Professor of Economics, The Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Dindigul

Dr.S.Theenathayalan, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Economics, The Madura College (Autonomous), Madurai.

AET's Senior Economist Award

Dr.N.Mani, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Erode Arts and Science College, Erode.

Dr.C.Selvaraj, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Govt. Arts College (Autonomous), Coimbatore.

Dr.K.Prakasam, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Arignar Anna Arts College, Musiri.

AET's Young Economist Award

Dr.S.Panimaya Mercy, Assistant Professor of Economics, Holy Cross College (Autonomous),Nagarcoil, Kanyakumari.

Dr.S.Sangeetha, Assistant Professor & Head Department of Economics, AVVM Sri Pushpam College(Autonomous Poondi, Thanjavur

AET Best Paper Presentation Awardees -Memento and Certificate

Dr.Satheesh Babu, Assistant Professor & Head Department of Economics, Vivekananda, Tiruvedakam West, Madurai.

Mr. Vishaal K, Ph.D Research Scholar Department of Economics, Central University of Tamil Nadu Tiruvarur.

The AET thanks the selection committee members and **Dr Suriya Kumar S M**, for the citations given in flawless English.

0.5 The Rev.Fr.Dr.Sebastian M SJ Memorial Lecture-XVII.

The Rev.Fr.Dr.Sebastian M SJ Memorial Lecture- XVII, part of the 43rd Annual Conference of the Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu (AET), was delivered by **Dr. S. Senthamarai**, Associate Professor at Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli on the topic “The Pursuit of Happiness: Determinants of India's Happiness Index,” explored the key factors influencing India's position on the global happiness scale. The session was chaired by **Dr.Rajalakshmi**, Former Professor and Head of Economics at the University of Madras, provided insights into the multidimensional aspects of happiness and its implications for public policy, fostering in-depth discussions among participants.

Dr G.Gnanasekaran, Associate Professor of Economics, Special Educational Expert, Dr SNS Rajalakshmi College of Arts & Science (Autonomous), Coimbatore has graciously consented to deliver the Memorial Lecture-XVIII on “**Navigating Challenges, Building Resilience: A Critical Analysis of Tamilnadu's Startup Eco System**” at the forth coming AET Annual Conference – XLIV

0.6 General Body Meeting-XLIII

Rev.Fr.Dr.A.G Leonard SJ, AET Chairman presided over the *General Body Meeting – XLIII* held at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, on 29th December, 2023. He appreciated all the members of the AET who came to attend the conference in large numbers and made the conference a grand success. He observed that one of the main objectives of the AET Conferences is to promote good academic and research culture among the economics fraternity in Tamil Nadu, especially students and research scholars, and encouraged the students and research scholars to make use of this platform to propel their careers. He thanked the out-going AET Secretary, **Dr.D.Kumar**, Associate Professor of Economics, Jamal Mohamed College (Autonomous) and treasurer **Dr.G.Iruthayaraj**, Associate Professor of Economics, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli. Dr.D.Kumar, former Secretary, and Dr.G.Iruthayaraj, former Treasurer, of the Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu (AET), have been honored for their outstanding contributions during their tenure. Dr.Kumar's visionary leadership and commitment as Secretary helped guide the association towards new initiatives and growth, while Dr.Iruthayaraj's meticulous financial management ensured the organization's stability and progress. Their dedication and service have left a lasting legacy within AET, significantly shaping its future direction and success. He also welcomed the new AET Secretary, **Dr.N.Prasanna**, Professor and Head, Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli and Treasurer, **Dr.P.Jayakumar**, Assistant Professor of Economics, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli.

0.7 Preliminary Details of the AET Annual Conference–XLIV(2024-2025)

Venue: Department of Economics, GTN Arts College (Autonomous), Dindigul- 620024

Date: 15th December, 2024 (Sunday)

Conference Secretary for 2024-2025:**Dr.M.Ponnaiaha**, Associate Professor & Dean of Research & HOD Department of Commerce, G.T.N Arts College (Autonomous), Dindigul.(9443675215)

Themes of the AET ANNUAL CONFERENCE–XLIV (44th):

- ✓ **Empirical discourse in Gender Economics.**
- ✓ **Fiscal Federalism.**
- ✓ **Industrial Productivity in Tamil Nadu**
- ✓ **Regional Economics (Dindigul, Sivagangai, and Karur Districts)**

0.8. Fees relating to AET Annual Conference:

i. Delegate Fee for one Day–Rs 340 only-

All, attending the conference are to pay the delegate fee of Rs 340/- (Rupees Three Hundred and Forty only) to the Conference Secretary. Dr.Ponnaiaha M Associate Professor & Dean Of Research & HOD Department of Commerce, GTN Arts and Science College, Dindigul.(9443675215). He will communicate to you on the manner of sending this amount.

ii. Membership Fee:

You may be an **AET LIFEMEMBER** or an **AET ANNUAL MEMBER**.

If you are *already* an AET LIFE MEMBER, you don't need to pay the Membership Fee.

Any one keen on becoming now an AET LIFE MEMBER please pay **Rs.2,270/-** (Rupees Two Thousand Two Hundred and seventy only) through a **DD**, drawn in favour of *Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu*. Kindly send that amount to **Dr.P.Jayakumar**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli – 620 002.

All **non- LIFE MEMBERS**, teachers or other-wise, attending the AET Conference, are treated as **AET ANNUAL MEMBER**.

A *teacher*, desirous of becoming an AET Annual Member, is to pay **Rs.240/-** (Rupees Two Hundred and Forty only) through a **DD**, drawn in favour of *Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu*. Kindly send the amount to **Dr.P.Jayakumar**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli – 620 002.

A non-teacher, desirous of becoming an AET Annual Member, is to pay **Rs.150/-** (Rupees One Hundred and fifty only) through a **DD**, drawn in favour of *Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu*. Kindly send the amount to **Dr.P.Jayakumar**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli – 620 002.

iii Publication Fee:

You may be a **Teacher** or a **Non-Teacher**.

A teacher is to pay Rs 850 /-(Rupees Eight hundred and fifty only). A Non-Teacher is to pay Rs 550/-(Rupees Five Hundred and Fifty only).

After presenting the paper and getting a *note* from the Chairman at the Technical Session where the paper is presented, those concerned pay the required amount to **Dr.P.Jayakumar**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli – 620 002 at the AET Conference Venue.

Kindly pay the publication fee through a DD, drawn in favour of Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu. Kindly get a receipt from **Dr.P.Jayakumar**, AET Treasurer. (9842051810)

0.9 The Guidelines for Paper-Presenters

- ✓ A paper should have a Title, Author's Name, Institution, Contact (Residence) Postal Address, Cell Number and Aadhar Number including email address.
- ✓ Papers should be neatly typed (double space) in *Times New Roman*, font size 12 in A4 bond paper.
- ✓ A Paper should not exceed six typed pages.
- ✓ A member can present a maximum of **two** papers only
- ✓ In case of joint authors, only **the first two** names will be considered.
- ✓ Only **single author** papers presented at the Annual Conference will be considered for **paper presentation award**.
- ✓ An **abstract** of the paper to be presented at the AET Conference, along with the Delegate Fee of **Rs. 340/-**, should be sent to the AET Conference Secretary, **Dr.M.Ponnaiah**, Associate Professor & Dean of Research & HOD, Department of Commerce, G.T.N Arts College (Autonomous), Dindigul – 624005, by Wednesday, 20th November 2024 at 44aetconferences@gmail.com. This will facilitate the printing of the AET Conference Souvenir, as well as arrangements for food and accommodation by the venue authorities.
- ✓ The **full paper** should be handed over to the AET Secretary, **Dr.N.Prasanna** at the conference venue, immediately after the paper presentation, duly authorized by the Rapporteur /Session Chairman.
- ✓ Also please send the same paper to the AET(aetsjc1982@gmail.com). Please provide details regarding payments as required.
- ✓ The Editorial Team appreciates that the specifications are followed exactly and completely.

10. Awards Criteria

The Senior Economist Award and Young Economist Award

- ✓ Those who desire to be considered for the *Senior Economist Award* and the *Young Economist Award* may kindly send their Curriculum Vitae and the supporting documents on or before **20th November, 2024, Monday to Dr.N.Prasanna**, AET Secretary, Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli – 620 024, (9894915061).
- ✓ Nominees must have AET Life Membership and should have attended the AET Conferences at least one fifth number of times of the AET Conferences, (i.e., a minimum of **seven** times). Please mention the details of attendance.
- ✓ The Senior Economist Award will be given to the selected nominee above the age of 45 years on the date of submission.
- ✓ The Young Economist Award will be given to the selected nominee *below* the age of 45 years on the date of submission.
- ✓ The nominee a) should be within the jurisdiction of Tamil Nadu; b) should have published papers in reputed journals, including *Peninsular Economist*, books and c) proven participation in academic activities including seminars, symposia, workshops and conferences. The member's contribution to the activities of AET in the form of organizing or the conduct of Seminars and / or Conferences will be given due consideration. Bringing in at least three LIFE MEMBERS to AET is desirable. The nomination for selection of the Awards may come *directly* from the candidate or by any member of the AET.
- ✓ The selected economists will be presented with a memento and citation at the Annual Conference of AET.

I join our Chairman **Rev.Dr.A.G Leonard SJ**, and other Executive Committee Officials/Members by stating our familiar saying: **TOGETHER, WE SHOULD ADD; AND NOT SUBTRACT.**

Our Chairman further appeals to our AET members having our *AET Identity Card*. Hence, those yet to have the Identity Card, please contact me at once.

Along with your photo graph we need to have information on your contribution to the academic field. Also, please give your contact house address. It is becoming increasingly difficult to contact members, especially after their retirement.

Please suggest as to how best we can proceed in this venture.

With regards,

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