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Greetings to the AET Members

The PG and Research Department of Economics, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, warmly welcomes the esteemed members of the Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu (AET) to the **46th Annual Conference of AET**.

It is a privilege to host this prestigious conference at **St. Joseph's College**, the birthplace of **AET**, established here in **1980**. We are delighted to welcome academicians, researchers, professionals, and scholars to our historic campus for an enriching exchange of ideas and meaningful academic deliberations.

We look forward to welcoming you to St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli, to celebrate the enduring legacy of AET and academic excellence.

AET Conference



Rev. Fr. Dr. M. Sebastian, SJ, former Head of the Department of Economics, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, founded the Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu (AET) in 1980 with the vision of creating a common academic platform for economists to promote excellence in teaching, research, and policy discourse. What began as a modest Economics Club has since evolved into one of Tamil Nadu's most distinguished professional associations in the field of Economics.

Today, AET has **947 life members** from leading colleges, universities, research institutions, and policy organizations in India and abroad. The Association provides a vibrant platform for academicians, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to present research, exchange ideas, and address contemporary economic challenges. Through *its annual conferences, seminars, workshops, faculty development programmes, and academic collaborations*, **AET fosters research excellence, professional networking, interdisciplinary collaboration, and evidence-based policy dialogue**, which continues to advance economic scholarship through its annual conferences and the peer-reviewed journal ***Peninsular Economist***. By bridging academic scholarship with practical economic concerns, the Association continues to make a significant contribution to the advancement of economic knowledge and informed public policy.

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About the College

St. Joseph's College, founded in 1844 by Jesuit visionaries, is guided by the enduring motto *Pro Bono Et Vero* for the good and the true. Established at **Nagapattinam** and relocated to **Tiruchirappalli in 1883**, the college has grown into a leading institution of higher education in central Tamil Nadu, committed to academic excellence, ethical values and social responsibility. Initially affiliated to the University of Madras and presently to Bharathidasan University, it was among **the first colleges in India to receive autonomous status from the UGC in 1978**.

The college has contributed significantly to nation-building through its distinguished alumni, including **Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, Mr. Raja J. Chelliah, Mr. N. Gopalaswamy, Rev. Fr. Jerome D'Souza SJ, Major Saravanan, Mr. K. Vijay Kumar and Mr. Arockia Rajeev**. Recognized as a College with Potential for Excellence by the UGC and supported by DST-FIST and DBT-STAR schemes, it received Heritage Status in 2015.

Quality standards have been affirmed through accreditation, including **A++ Grade (4th Cycle) by National Assessment and Accreditation Council in 2019**. Further strengthening its national stature, the college secured the **25th rank in National Institutional Ranking Framework 2025**, reflecting its sustained commitment to excellence and service to society.

About the Department



The **PG & Research Department of Economics, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli**, traces its origins to **1844**, making it one of the oldest centres of economics education in India. A defining phase in its development came under **Rev. Fr. P. Carty, SJ**, who pursued advanced studies in Europe (**1907 -11**) and was academically associated with the **Cambridge School of Economics**. He studied under **Prof. Alfred Marshall** and was associated with eminent economists such as **A. C. Pigou** and **F. Y. Edgeworth**, whose ideas profoundly influenced his humanistic approach to economics. As **Head of the Department (1918-1919)**, he laid a strong foundation for economics education and research at St. Joseph's College.

The Department was subsequently strengthened by distinguished Jesuit scholars including **Rev. Fr. Adisayam, SJ** and **Rev. Fr. Ehrhart, SJ**. The **M.A. Economics** programme was introduced in **1930**, followed by **M.Phil. and Ph.D.** programmes in **1974** under **Rev. Fr. M. Sebastian, SJ**. The Department has produced several distinguished alumni, including **Major M. Saravanan (Ashoka Chakra)**, along with eminent economists, administrators, academicians, and public servants. Today, it continues its enduring tradition of academic excellence, research, and service to society.



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Conference Themes

1. **Tariff War and Trade Tension: Implications for India.**
2. **GST 2.0: The Core and Periphery of Tax Reforms in India.**
3. **Growth Potential and Status of the Service Sector in Tamil Nadu.**
4. **Regional Economies (Tiruchirappalli, Pudukkottai, Perambalur and Ariyalur Districts).**

Call for Research Papers

Original research papers are invited from faculty members, academicians, research scholars, students, and industry experts on the above-mentioned themes, in the prescribed format, for presentation at the conference and subsequent publication by the **Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu (AET)**.

Research papers can be submitted only by **Life Members** or **Annual Members** of AET. A member may submit and present a maximum of **two research papers**. Each research paper can have a maximum of **two authors**; however, each author must register separately. Authors submitting more than one paper must register separately for each paper. Only **single-author papers** presented at the conference will be considered for the **Best Paper Presentation Award**.

The Guidelines for Paper – Presentation and Publication

- 1) The paper presenter must be a **Life Member** or **Annual Member** of AET.
- 2) Non-AET members will not be allowed to present papers at the conference.
- 3) A member can present a maximum of **two papers** only.
- 4) In the case of joint authorship, only the first two authors will be considered, and both authors are required to present the paper jointly at the conference. Each author must pay the publication fee separately.
- 5) A paper should include the **Title, Author's Name, Institution/Contact (Residence) Address, Mobile Number, and Email Address**.
- 6) Papers should be neatly typed in **Times New Roman, Font Size 12**, with **1.5 line spacing**, on **A4-sized** sheets.
- 7) Common reference examples can be found at:
<https://apastyle.apa.org/instructional-aids/reference-examples.pdf>
- 8) You may use the APA Online Citation Generator here:
<https://www.scribbr.com/apa-style/reference-entry/>
- 9) A paper should not exceed **3,000 words**.
- 10) Only papers presented at the conference, certified by the Rapporteur and Session Chairman, and for which the publication fee has been paid, will be published in the journal **Peninsular Economist**.
- 11) An abstract (maximum **250 words**), including the **title, author affiliation, and keywords**, should be sent to the **AET Conference Secretary** at 46aetconference@gmail.com on or before **5 September 2026, 5:00 PM**, to facilitate the preparation of the **Conference Souvenir (Soft Copy)**.
- 12) Authors must submit an undertaking affirming the originality of their papers. All submissions will be screened for plagiarism, and the maximum acceptable similarity is **15%**.
- 13) Only papers recommended by the Editorial Board will be published in **Peninsular Economist**.
- 14) The full paper, for which the publication fee is paid at the **AET Registration Desk**, must be submitted via email to aetsjc1982@gmail.com on or before **30 September 2026, 5:00 PM**.

Procedure for Registration:

- 1) **Step 1:** Scan QR Code or browse the registration form link.
- 2) **Step 2:** Fill necessary details.
- 3) **Step 3 :** All authors must register & Pay separately to participate in the
- 4) **Step 4:** If you are the corresponding author, check the 'Yes' box and upload the abstract. (**Only corresponding author may upload the abstract.**)
- 5) **Step 5:** Pay the Registration Fee. The Transaction/Reference ID must be kept for future reference.
- 6) **Step 6:** Once the registration is completed, a confirmation e-mail will be sent with a link.

Note:

- 1) All delegates are required to pay the **Registration Fee** to the Conference Secretary at the time of registration itself through **QR Code** on or before **5th September 2026**.
- 2) Membership and Publication Fee should be paid to the **AET Treasurer. Dr. P. Jayakumar (9842051810)**
- 3) **No TA/DA / Accommodation & No Spot Registration.**

Registration

Individuals interested in participating in the conference may register by filling out the online registration form and paying the Registration Fees through the following Link / QR Code. <https://forms.gle/1taQcEDV5utZSmHv9>

Fees Particulars	
Particulars	Amount
Delegate Fee for ALL	Rs. 380/-
Membership Fee (Teacher)	Rs. 260/-
Membership Fee (Non-Teacher)	Rs. 170/-
Life Membership	Rs. 2400/-
Publication Fee (Teacher)	Rs. 1000/-
Publication Fee (Non-Teacher)	Rs. 700/-



Timeline for the Conference	
Activity	Date
Registration and Abstract Submission	5 September 2026
Conference	12 September 2026
Full Paper Submission	30 September 2026

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