



CIRCULAR-I
46th AET ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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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, 2026-2027, we are desirous of informing you all our affectionate AET Associates the good news concerning our preparations for the ensuing AET's 46th Annual Conference.

0.2 PURPOSE

We request those intending to present papers at the conference 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 45th Annual Conference of the Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu (AET) organized by the N.K.R Government Arts College For Women Namakkal on 27th September, 2025 with a participation of 755 members and 280 paper presentations was a big success. The one day Conference was inaugurated by Dr.M.Vijayabaskar, Professor, Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) Chennai, Member, State Planning Commission Government of Tamil Nadu. In his Inaugural Address, he narrated the remarkable contributions of AET in nurturing the study of Economics and the camaraderie among the Economics fraternity in Tamil Nadu, and the importance of Economics in policy making. He emphasized Tamil Nadu's economy is important because it is a leading center for manufacturing, services, agriculture, exports, and employment. Its strong industrial base and skilled workforce make it one of the key drivers of India's economic development. **Rev.Dr.P.Paulraj SJ**, Co-Chairman, of AET recorded the history of AET and how it has been growing over the period. The Co- Chairman also tinted the features of AET and how it has been helping to the AET fraternity. **Rev.Dr.P.Paulraj SJ**, Co-Chairman, has given felicitation address and read out the awardees selected by the AET. **Dr.K. Raja**, Associate Professor, Department of Economics Pachaiyappa's College, Chennai Conference President of 45th Annual conference of the AET enlightened in his lecture how Indian economy missed the good opportunity of the current business environment in the global market and he praised the Tamil Nadu Economy is in the top level in all growth indicators. The gathering was welcomed by **Dr.R.P.Bhuvaneswari**, Conference Secretary, Head & Associate Professor of N.K.R. Government Arts College For Women Namakkal and **Dr.A.Madavy**, Principal of the college gave felicitation address.

The one 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., Developing Economy of Tamil Nadu, Center - State Financial Relationship, Sustainable Development Goal and Regional Economics (Namakkal, Salem, Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri 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 **Dr.A.Madavy**, Principal of N.K.R. Government Arts College For Women Namakkal, who appreciated the academic purpose of the conference and the potential of such conferences in fostering the discipline of Economics. She also distributed the best paper presentation awards to the Post Graduate Students of N.K.R. Government Arts College For Women Namakkal. The gathering was welcomed by **Dr.P.Jayakumar**, Treasurer of AET and presented the conference report and read out the financial statement of 2024-2025 and the same ratified by the general body meeting. 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. **Dr.R.P.Bhuvaneswari**, Conference Secretary, 45th AET Conference, Head & Associate Professor of N.K.R. Government Arts College For Women Namakkal proposed Vote of Thanks.

0.4 OUR AWARDEES (45TH AET CONFERENCE)

AET's Senior Economist Award

1. **Dr. T. Saravanan**, Assistant Professor & Research Supervisor, PG & Research Department of Economics, Chikkaiah Government Arts & Science College, Erode District-638 004.
2. **Dr.A.Shanpareeth**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Government Arts College (Autonomous), Coimbatore-641018.
3. **Dr.P.Ragu**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Thiru.Vi.Ka Government Arts College, Thiruvavur -610003.

AET's Young Economist Award

Dr.S.Murugan, Assistant Professor, PG & Research Department of Economics, Thiagarajar College (Autonomous), Madurai – 625 009

AET Best Paper Presentation Awardees

Dr. P. Mohammed Hithier Ali, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Wakf Board College, Madurai

0.5 THE Rev.Fr.Dr.SEBASTIAN M SJ MEMORIAL LECTURE-20TH.

The Rev.Fr.Dr.Sebastian M SJ Memorial Lecture- 20th, part of the 45th Annual Conference of the Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu (AET), was delivered by **Dr.S.Theenathayalan**, Associate Professor & Head Department of Economics, The Madura College, Madurai on "Fiscal Federalism ", and he explored the key factors influencing Tamil Nadu position which compares India's level. The session was chaired by **Dr.K.Jayaraman**, Dean CDC, Professor and Head, Department of Economics, Periyar University of Salem provided insights into the Fiscal Federalism, and all indicators which is driving economic growth in Tamil Nadu and the policy, fostering in-depth discussions among participants.

Dr.A.Shanpareeth, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Government Arts College (Autonomous), Coimbatore-18, has graciously consented to deliver the Memorial Lecture- 21st on **FDI and Industrial Development in Tamil Nadu : Status and Scope** at the forth coming AET Annual Conference – 46th

0.6 GENERAL BODY MEETING-45TH

Rev.Fr.Dr.P.Paulraj SJ, AET Co- Chairman presided over the *General Body Meeting – 45th* held at N.K.R. Government Arts College For Women Namakkal,, on 27th September, 2025. 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. The members of the General body meeting nominated **Dr.P.Natarajamurthy**, Professor, Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli to be the conference president of 46th AET Annual Conference.

0.7 PRELIMINARY DETAILS OF THE AET ANNUAL CONFERENCE– 46TH (2026-2027)

Venue : Department of Economics, St.Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli – 620002,

Date : 12th September, 2026 (Saturday)

Conference Secretary for 2026-2027: Dr.M.Suvakkin, Associate Professor & Head , Department of Economics, St.Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli – 620002, (9789244394)

Themes of the AET ANNUAL CONFERENCE–46th

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

0.8. FEES RELATING TO AET ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

i. *Delegate Fee for one Day–Rs 380 only-*

All attending the conference are to pay the delegate fee of Rs 380/- (Rupees Three Hundred and Eighty only) to the Conference Secretary. **Dr.M.Suvakkin**, Associate Professor & Head , Department of Economics, St.Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli – 620002, (9789244394). The Conference Secretary 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.2400/-** (Rupees Two Thousand Four Hundred only)

All **non- LIFE MEMBERS**, teachers or other-wise, attending the AET Conference, are treated as **AET ANNUAL MEMBER** and they have to register themselves as an annual member falls on the following fee mode:

A *teacher*, desirous of becoming an AET Annual Member, is to pay **Rs.260/-** (Rupees Two Hundred and sixty only)

A non-teacher, desirous of becoming an AET Annual Member, is to pay **Rs.170/-** (Rupees One Hundred and seventy only)

iii. *Publication Fee:*

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

A teacher is to pay **Rs 1000/-** (Rupees One thousand only). A Non-Teacher is to pay **Rs 700/-** (Rupees Seven Hundred only).

Kindly pay the membership and publication fee to **Dr.P.Jayakumar, AET Treasurer**, in the 46th conference venue (AET Registration Desk) itself and get a receipt. Further clarification feel free to contact **Dr.P.Jayakumar, AET Treasurer. (9842051810)**

0.9 THE GUIDELINES FOR PAPER-PRESENTATION AND PUBLICATION

1. **The paper presenter must be a life member or annual member**
2. Non AET members will not be entertained to present the paper in the conference.
3. A member can present a maximum of **two** papers only.
4. In case of joint authors, only **the first two** names will be considered and both authors are asked to present the paper in the conference jointly and both authors must pay the publication fee separately.
5. A paper should have a Title, Author's Name, Institution/ Contact (Residence) Address, email address and Cell Number
6. Papers should be neatly typed (1.5 space) in *Times New Roman*, font size 12 in A4 paper Sheet.
7. Common Reference Examples Guide can be seen at <https://apastyle.apa.org/instructional-aids/reference-examples.pdf>
The APA Online Citation Generator can be used at <https://www.scribbr.com/apa-style/reference-entry/>
8. A Paper should not exceed 3000 words.
9. Only the presented papers in the conference duly authorized by the Rapporteur and Session Chairman and the publication fee paid by the author will be published in the Journal **"Peninsular Economist"**.
10. Only an **abstract** of the paper should be 250 words with title, affiliation and keywords and it should be sent to the AET Conference Secretary email ID: **46aetconference@gmail.com** before **30th August 2026, at 5 PM**. This will facilitate the printing of the AET Conference Souvenir (Soft Copy).
11. Authors have to submit an undertaking for the originality of their papers. All papers will be screened for plagiarism. Please ensure that the **similarity (plagiarism) index and AI-generated content do not exceed 10%**.
12. The editorial board members recommended papers only will be published in **"Peninsular Economist"**
13. The **full paper** one who paid the publication fee in the conference venue (AET Registration Desk) itself should be sent (Soft Copy) to the AET email id: **(aetsjc1982@gmail.com)** on or before **20th September 2026 at 5 PM**.

10. AWARDS CRITERIA

Life time Achievements Award, The Senior Economist Award and Young Economist Award

1. **The Lifetime Achievement Award** will be given to the selected nominee between the ages of **51 to 60** years on the date of submission. Nominees must have AET Life Membership and should have attended and presented papers in AET Conferences at least a minimum of **twelve times** and published papers in **"Peninsular Economist" Ten times**. Please mention the details of attendance and submit necessary evidences.
2. **The Senior Economist Award** will be given to the selected nominee between the ages of **40-50** years on the date of submission. Nominees must have AET Life Membership and should have attended and presented papers in AET Conferences at least a minimum of **Eight times** and published papers in **"Peninsular Economist" Seven times**. Please mention the details of attendance and submit necessary evidences.
3. **The Young Economist Award** will be given to the selected nominee *below* the age of **40** years on the date of submission. Nominees must have AET Life Membership and should have attended and presented papers in AET Conferences at least a minimum of **Five times** and published papers in **"Peninsular Economist" Five times**. Please mention the details of attendance and submit necessary evidences.
4. **Best Paper Presentation Award:** Nominees must have AET Life Membership and should have attended and presented papers in AET Conferences at least a minimum of **three times** and published papers in **"Peninsular Economist" one time**. Only **single author** papers presented at the Annual Conference will be considered for **paper presentation award**. Please mention the details of attendance and submit necessary evidences.
5. The nominee a) should be within the jurisdiction of Tamil Nadu; b) 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. c) Bringing in at least **Five LIFE MEMBERS** to AET is desirable. d) The nomination for selection of the Awards may come *directly* from the candidate or by any member of the AET. e) The selection of the awardees will be considered based on academic score (Award, Pattern, Research Projects, Acted as a Resource Person, published papers in reputed journals and books, etc..)
6. Those who desire to be considered for the *Life time achievements award, Senior Economist Award* and the *Young Economist Award* may kindly send their Curriculum Vitae and the supporting documents on or before **20th August, 2026, at before 5 PM to Dr.P.Jayakumar**, AET Treasurer, AET Head Office, Department of Economics, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli – 620 002, **(98420 51810)**.
7. The selected candidates will be presented with a memento and citation at the AET Annual Conference venue.

I join our Chairman **Rev.Dr.A.G Leonard SJ**, and other Executive & Advisory committee 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 photograph 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,
AET Chairman and AET Head-Office