

## The Annamalai University

Annamalai University, one of the largest Universities in terms of disciplinary diversity and student enrolment, is also one of the oldest universities in South India. Sprawling over a vast and sylvan campus of 1000 acres, the University houses about 50 Departments of Study under Eight Faculties. Founded by the legendary philanthropist and farsighted visionary, Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar in 1929, Annamalai University has played a key role in social, cultural, and economic uplift of the people across the rungs of society for nearly a century. Annamalainagar, the University Town, is located just to the east of Chidambaram, the Abode of the Cosmic Dancer, Lord Nataraja.

To serve the downtrodden and to promote Tamil Language and Literature, Rajah Sir S. RM. Annamalai Chettiar founded Sri Minakshi College, Sri Minakshi Tamil College and Sri Minakshi Sanskrit College at Chidambaram in the early 1920s. In 1928, Rajah Sir S. RM. Annamalai Chettiar agreed with the local Government to handover the above said institutions for establishing a University. Thus, on 01.01.1929 Annamalai University came into existence as the first-ever to have been founded by a private philanthropist. Ever since its establishment, Annamalai University has played an incredible role in the lives of the people near and far. Until 2013, the University was governed by the Annamalai University Act, 1928. In 2013, the Annamalai University Act, 2013 (Tamil Nadu Act 20 of 2013), was passed and has come into force from September 25, 2013. The University, which remained "unitary" in status until 2021, was made an "affiliating" one with Mayiladuthurai, Cuddalore, Villuppuram, and Kallakurichi districts as its jurisdiction and 81 colleges are affiliated to the University now.

Annamalai University, a "university" in the true sense of the term, has been sustaining a unified ecosystem of education by offering diverse programmes under one roof. Being multi-faculty institution, Annamalai University has evolved as a time-tested system of administration to ensure the ceaseless transaction of teaching-learning, boundless expansion of research and innovation, and selfless extension of service to the society. Availability of diverse disciplines of study along with sports pavilion, gymnasiums, libraries, yoga/meditation halls, the University ensures a fertile ground and favourable climate for learners to become all rounded and competent individuals rather than mere "programmed specialists"

Annamalai University has also been a forerunner in making education accessible to countless citizens through distance education mode. All the programmes offered in by the Directorate of Distance education (DDE) are approved and accredited by the Distance Education Board (DEB). The on-campus programmes are duly approved/accredited by the competent bodies such as NAAC, NBA, AICTE, NCTE, ICAR, etc. In 2022, the University is accredited with 'A+' Grade by NAAC in the fourth cycle of accreditation.

## The Centre for Rural Development

The Centre for Rural Development was established in 1989 and it acts as a Nodal Agency in coordinating developmental activities to ensure overall Rural Development in the rural neighborhood of the University with the active involvement of the rural communities. The Centre also promotes research programmes in micro level planning, waste land development, employment generation, women and child development, health and family planning etc. The Centre is devoted to training young men and women to take up Rural Development as a mission.

The Centre for Rural Development plays a vital role in nation building, and it offers four post-graduate programs in addition to M.Phil. and Ph.D. research programs. The centre has conducted two U.G.C national seminars, one workshop, and one refresher course. The Farmers Club is a unique concept to extend professional assistance to agriculturalists, and the department has fifty nine clubs. It is a nascent centre of learning, and it has produced 30 Ph.D and 45 M.Phil. The department has undertaken 6 research projects of worth 1.12 crore and published more than 150 research papers. The department has also organized 12 national & International seminars and workshops, and 45 rural training programmes. In or order to serve the cause of the society, the department has organized 43 Meet with Expert programmes. Also 70 training programmes and a village camp have been organized by the department. With the co-operation of banks, the department has adopted 75 villages.

### Highlights

- Functioning as a Rural Technology Centre to promote technical knowhow and skills
- Organization of periodical field visits and outreach programmes
- Achievement of total literacy in the rural community, with computer literacy
- Creation of Rural Industries through industrial cooperatives
- Functioning as a central nodal agency in promoting integrated Rural Development

### Thrust Areas of Research

- Rural Energy
- Village Wisdom & Indigenous Knowledge System
- Village Resource Mapping - Gram Panchayat Development
- Plan (GPDP)
- Rural Health & Sanitation
- Sustainable Environment & Water Resources
- ICT & Digital Integration
- Rural Industries (MSME)
- National Resource Management
- Women Empowerment
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Appropriate Technology Micro-Finance Institutions
- NGOS Management & Sustainable Rural Development

## The Workshop

The ultimate goal is to foster a proactive approach towards climate change and sustainable rural development, ensuring a resilient and sustainable future for all.

### Objectives of the Workshop

1. To build capacity for developing sustainable livelihoods that is resilient to climate change impacts.
2. To explore practical adaptation strategies for vulnerable communities.
3. To foster collaboration among stakeholders for effective climate action.
4. To inculcate knowledge and skills, pertinent to make all sections of stakeholders to take part in the adaptation processes to climate change

### Expected Outcomes of the Programme

1. Ensuring Sustainability of Resources for Sustainable Livelihood Security
2. Applications of Climate Change procedures
3. Farming And Non-Farming Sector's Role in Adaptation to Climate Change
4. Awareness on the Disaster management and Community based Preparedness;
5. Development of the Capacity of the Young Teachers on Disaster Preparedness to Guide the Youth to involve in Disaster Preparedness activities;
6. Conservation of Natural Resources through Local People
7. Promotion of Young India for Protection of People and Resources
8. Make all the People for taking Responsibilities through the Teachers
9. Technical based Community Counseling and Guidance to make India Risk Free
10. Prepare the Teaching Community for guiding the Community for indepenant Risk reduction Process.
11. Creation of Disaster Preparedness based Teaching Processes, to impart the youth in Community based disaster Preparedness
12. Result oriented Interactions and Discussions for Better Guidance

### Target Audiance / Participants

Total Participants: 60 from

1. Young faculty members
2. Researchers & PG Students
3. District level Rural Development Trainers
4. Non-Governmental Organisations

Admission shall be based on 'First Come First Serve'

## Eligibility

Faculty Members, Research Scholars from Colleges / Universities and NGO's & Rural Development Master Trainers, Agriculture Officers, Employees in Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Government of Tamil Nadu.

## Important Dates

Last Date for Registration : 15.03.2025

Selection Notification : 17.03.2025

## Resource Persons

1. Annamalai University
2. Queen Mary's College, Chennai
3. Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore
4. Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Science University (TANUVAS), Karaikudi
5. State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), Chennai

## Registration

Participants are requested to fill the online registration from provided on the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JvHGpGFv3uSBLBCZWDRcsJlpr4F0dSaoQaqEuWb7U/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JvHGpGFv3uSBLBCZWDRcsJlpr4F0dSaoQaqEuWb7U/viewform?edit_requested=true)

## QR Code for Registration



## Registration Fee

- No Registration Fee
- Refreshments & Working Lunch will be provided
- Accommodation will be provided on payment

## Venue

Centre for Rural Development  
Annamalai University  
Annamalai Nagar - 608002  
Tamil Nadu

## Organizing Committee

- Chief Patron : **Dr.T.ARUTSELVI**  
Vice - Chancellor Convener  
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