

What is new(s) from GIFT

A Webinars

1. Webinar on COVID-19 pandemic and fiscal federalism

While the fiscal federal relations between the Centre and the States have been deteriorating over time, the outbreak of COVID- 19 has imposed heavy fiscal burden on states towards protecting the lives and livelihood of people. In this context, GIFT pioneered the initiative of bringing together different stakeholders online by organizing this webinar during 27-28 April 2020. Through this webinar, which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri Pinarai Vijayan, GIFT brought together Finance Ministers of different States, leaders of major political parties, senior administrators, eminent academicians and captains of fourth estate. The webinar had a viewership from 3244 participants.

For more details, please visit <https://www.gift.res.in/index.php/workshop/detail/18/27042020-Webinar-on-COVID-19-Pandemic-and-fiscal-federalism-in-India>

2. Webinar on labour regulations in India

While decent work is emerging as the paradigm governing labour and employment across the world, the recent labour regulations implemented by different states in India amounted to depriving the labour of the privileges that they enjoyed. In this context, GIFT organized a webinar on labour regulations in India which was held on 13 June 2020. In the webinar, inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for labor, Shri T.P Ramakrishnan, over 35 experts, both from within and outside the country, shared their views. They included Dr.T.M Thomas Isaac, Hon'ble Minister for Finance and coir, Representatives of ILO, leaders all the important trade unions, administrative

heads of leading Industry Associations like CII and FICCI and scholars of eminence like Amit Bhaduri, A V Jose among others. There were over 550 online participants for this programme

For more details <https://www.gift.res.in/index.php/workshop/detail/20/13062020-Webinar-on-Labour-Regulations-in-India>

3. Webinar on deagriculturalisation in India and technical change

This webinar presented by Prof K Pushpangadan, based on the research undertaken by him in GIFT as ICSSR Senior Fellow, was chaired by Prof K P Kannan. Discussants included Prof K L Krishna, Prof Alwin Prakash, Dr Abdul Azeez Erumban, Shri S S Nagesh and Prof K J Joseph.

For more details <https://www.gift.res.in/index.php/workshop/detail/21/16072020-Deagriculturalisation-and-Technical-change-A-studyof-crop-husbandry-in-Kerala>

4. Webinar series on Indialics

GIFT initiated a webinar series jointly with Indialics (India chapter of Globelics) The series was opened with conversation between Prof Bengt Ake Lundvall, the founder of Globelics and Prof Rishikesh T Krishnan, Director IIMB and Prof K J Joseph.

For more details <https://www.gift.res.in/index.php/events/detail/38/Indialics-Webinar-Series>

5. Webinar on the COVID- 19 pandemic and Local Governments, May 16-17, 2020 organized jointly with KILA.

This webinar, organized jointly with KILA, was in the context of the pandemic that impacted the lives and livelihood of people and the local governments shouldering the major responsibility. The event was inaugurated by Shri A C Moideen, Hon'ble Minister of local Self Governments and Chaired by Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, former Minister of Panchayathi Raj, Government of India. Apart from Dr Thomas Isaac, Hon'ble Finance Minister of Kerala Champions of decentralization from different

states, representative of UNICEF, senior administrators, eminent academicians and representatives local governments joined deliberations. The webinar brought to the fore the experiences of states other than Kerala with special sessions on MGNREGS and financing local governments in times of pandemic. It also dealt at length on the Kerala experience with three thematic sessions with special focus on Disaster Management, COVID- 19 Pandemic and Kudumbashree.

For more details please visit <https://www.gift.res.in/index.php/workshop/detail/19/16052020-Webinar-on-COVID-19-and-Local-Governments-in-India>

6. National webinar series: Local Governments for Sustainable Development - Good Practices from Kerala

Subsequently, in the context of 25 years of decentralized planning in Kerala, GIFT jointly with KILA and Haritha Kerala Mission initiated this Webinar series.

One webinar each is being organized every week (Saturday). Seven webinars have already been organized from 4 July onwards on the following issues

For more details please visit <https://www.gift.res.in/index.php/events/detail/37/National-Webinar-Series-Local-Governments-for-Sustainable-Development-Good-Practices-from-Kerala>

6.1 Reduction of waste through behavioral change: The Green Protocol Experiences of LSGIs 22.08.2020

6.2 Non-Biodegradable Waste Management and Local Governments 15.08.2020

6.3 Organic Waste Management and the Local Self Governments 01.08.2020

6.4 Innovative Water Conservation Practices in Local Self Governments of Kattakkada Assembly Constituency 25.07.2020

6.5 National Webinar on Local Governments for Sustainable Development on Child Friendly Local Governance 18.07.2020

6.6 Effective Intervention of Local Governments in Water Conservation 11.07.2020

6.7 National Webinar on Local Governments for Sustainable Development of Local Governments Experiences on Agriculture and allied Sectors 04.07.2020

7. Webinar on Supporting MSME in COVID-19 crisis was organized jointly with KFC.

This webinar was organized in the context of the adverse impact of COVID- 19 on MSMEs in Kerala. In the webinar, inaugurated by Dr T.M. Thomas Isaac, Hon'ble Finance Minister of Kerala, Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Shri Sanjay Kaul IAS Chairman and Managing Director, KFC and Dr K. J. Joseph, Director, GIFT addressed the audience. The Hon'ble Minister and the senior officials responded to the concerns and queries of the entrepreneurs. Total 9731 participants have viewed the webinar.

For more details <https://www.gift.res.in/index.php/events/detail/35/Webinar-on-Supporting-MSMEs-in-COVID-19-Crisis-on-23062020>

8. Webinar on Business continuity for startups in COVID-19 crisis :Kerala Financial Corporation 2020-Jul-14 8.4

9. Webinar on 'Supporting MSMEs in COVID-19 Crisis' on 23.06.2020 : Kerala Financial Corporation 2020-Jun-23

B. Teaching and training programmes

1. KFC-GIFT partnership for training the entrepreneurs under the Chief Minister's Entrepreneurship Development Program

GIFT, jointly with Kerala Finance Corporation (KFC) has been organizing a week long training program for all the the prospective entrepreneurs being promoted under the Chief Minister's Entrepreneurship Development Programme (CMEDP).

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For details about this ongoing programme please visit <https://www.gift.res.in/index.php/events>

2. Post Graduate Diploma in Goods and Services Tax (PGDGST)

Admission for the third batch of the Post Graduate Diploma in Goods and Service Tax (PGDGST) stated with an overwhelming response

For mote more details <https://www.gift.res.in/index.php/course/detail/14/PGD-GST>

3. Research Capacity Building Programme (RCBP) in Social Sciences for young scholars.

Along with the Ph.D programme, GIFT started a Research Capacity Building Programme (RCBP) in social scienves for the young scholars

For details please visit <https://www.gift.res.in/index.php/training/detail/13/Research-Capacity-Building-Programme-RCBP-for-Social-Sciences>

C. New distinguished associates of GIFT

1. Honorary Professors

Professor M Govinda Rao, Shri Jairam Ramesh, Professor Prabhat Patnaik, Professor Jayati Ghosh, Professor M A Oommen, Shri G Vijayaraghavan, Professor Venkitesh Athereya, Dr A V Jose and Professor D Narayana, designated as the Honorary Professors in GIFT

For details please visit <https://www.gift.res.in/index.php/faculty/details/3/Honorary-Faculty>

2. ICSSR National fellow

Dr Sreekumar Chattopadhyaya joined as ICSSR National Fellow

https://www.gift.res.in/faculty/faculty_details/42/Dr-Srikumar-Chattopadhyay

3. Visiting faculty

Dr N Vijayamohan Pillai joined as Visiting Faculty in GIFT

https://www.gift.res.in/faculty/faculty_details/43/Dr-Vijayamohanan-Pillai-N

D. Publications

1. Reports

1. GIFT (2020) Economic and fiscal shock of COVID-19 on Kerala: Socio economic response and macro economic recovery, Gulati Institute of Finance and taxation, Thiruvananthapuram

For more details please visit https://www.gift.res.in/index.php/publish/list_detail/150/May-2020-Economic-and-Fiscal-Shock-of-COVID-19-on-Kerala

2. Government of Kerala (2020) COVID-19 pandemic and Kerala - A response strategy, Department of Finance, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram (GIFT Faculty associated)

For details: https://www.gift.res.in/index.php/publish/list_detail/161/Government-of-Kerala-2020-COVID-19-pandemic-and-Kerala-A-response-strategy

For more details please visit: Government of Kerala (2020) Report on the additional revenue mobilization from own tax and non tax revenue sources of Kerala, Department of Finance , Government of Kerala (GIFT faculty associated - not for public circulation)

2. Kerala Tax Reporter (KTR)

The flagship publication of GIFT, Kerala Tax Reporter which was started in 1992, has gone online <https://www.gift.res.in/ktr/>

3. Innovation and Development

A Routledge journal from GIFT, Volume 10, No. 1 published. (Editor in Chief, K J Joseph). For details please visit <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/riad20/current>

4. Weekly update on the Indian economy

This new initiative at the instance of Young Scholars' Forum, GIFT will keep you updated on Indian economy. Please visit

https://www.gift.res.in/index.php/publish/publish_list/9/Weekly-Updates-on-Indian-Economy-prepared-by-GIFT-Young-Scholars-Forum