



# Agricultural Transformation in India: Resource Use, Trade Dynamics, and Sustainability

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**Theme 1**

- Evolving Patterns of Input and Resource Use in Indian Agriculture

**Theme 2**

- Sustainable and Regenerative Agricultural Systems

**Theme 3**

- Transformation of India's Agricultural Trade Landscape



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**Agricultural Economics Research Association (AERA)**

## **About the Agricultural Economics Research Association (AERA), India**

The AERA is a prominent professional organisation dedicated to advancing research, education, and policy analysis in Agricultural Economics and related fields. Established in 1987, the association focuses on agriculture and allied sectors and addresses economic challenges in productivity, sustainability, market dynamics, rural development, and food security. AERA communicates with the wider audience through its flagship publication, the Agricultural Economics Research Review (AERR), by publishing high-quality research articles and policy papers. AERA plays a vital role in fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and contributing to the sustainable development of agriculture, rural livelihoods, and food systems, both in India and globally. The association also emphasises capacity building by providing training and networking opportunities for young researchers and professionals in the field. Its initiatives aim to bridge the gap between research and policy implementation, ensuring that evidence-based solutions are effectively integrated into decision-making processes. Dr P.K. Joshi, former Director of ICAR-NAARM, ICAR-NIAP and IFPRI-South Asia, is the President of the Association.

## **About Pondicherry University**

Pondicherry University is a Central University established by an Act of the Indian Parliament in October 1985. It is an affiliating University with a jurisdiction spanning the Union Territories of Puducherry, Lakshadweep, and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The University's objectives are to disseminate and advance knowledge by offering teaching and research facilities, and to promote interdisciplinary studies and research in various fields. The main campus is located in Kalapet, 10 km from Puducherry, in a serene, beautiful 800-acre site adjoining the scenic Bay of Bengal. The university has entered into MoUs with a good number of reputed international institutions in India and abroad for collaboration and faculty development.

## **Department of Economics**

Department of Economics is one of the founding departments of Pondicherry University, established on 15<sup>th</sup> December 1986. The Department offers undergraduate, post-graduate and research programmes that enable students to acquire both theoretical knowledge and technical skills. In recent times, the Department has emerged as one of the leading centres for training in applied econometrics and for conducting regular programmes and workshops for researchers and policymakers. The Department provides ample opportunities for faculty members and students to interact with leading academicians from the country and abroad, as they are regularly invited to the Department's training programmes, conferences, seminars, and workshops. There are a number of projects undertaken by faculty members, funded by the Reserve Bank of India, ICSSR, various Ministries of the Government of Puducherry & the Government of India, the University Grants Commission, etc. In addition, faculty members have published research papers in reputable journals.

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Prof. S. Mahendra Dev is Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India. He earlier served as Director and Vice Chancellor of the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (2010–2022) and as Chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices. He was Vice Chairman and Board member of the International Food Policy Research Institute and served on India's National Statistical Commission. He received the Malcolm Adisesaiah Award (2016). He earned his Ph.D. from the Delhi School of Economics and completed post-doctoral work at Yale University.

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Particulars	Early Bird	
	Registration (Up to September 30, 2026)	Spot Registration
AERA Member	₹ 6000	₹ 7000
Non-Member*	₹ 7000	₹ 8000
Students/Scholars**	₹ 2500	₹ 3000
Corporate / Exhibitors	₹ 15000	₹ 16000
Accompanying member	₹ 4000	₹ 4000
Foreign National	\$ 150	\$ 200

\* Registration fee includes annual membership fee | \*\* Travel Grants available

- Food will be provided to all delegates during conference days.
- Accommodation, if needed, will be provided on a payment basis.

### Dates to Remember

**Submission of Paper / Abstract: June 30, 2026**  
**Intimation of Selection: August 1, 2026 (onward)**  
**Payment of Registration: August 1, 2026 (onward)**

### Bank Details for Registration Fee Payment

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## About Puducherry (aka Pondicherry)

Puducherry is a beautiful coastal town in the eastern part of South India. It is a Union Territory and a former French colony that was a major port of French India. It is famous for its colonial buildings, French-style bakeries, and European-style cafes. It is also known for its beaches and its unique culture, a mix of French and Indian influences. It's a popular tourist destination and has a variety of attractions, including old churches, temples, and colonial buildings. Pondicherry is also known for its yoga and Ayurveda centres and its vibrant markets, which sell everything from handmade crafts to modern wear.

## Connectivity to Pondicherry University

The University is located about 165 km south of Chennai metropolitan city. It is well connected by road, rail, and air.

- **Via Bus:** A good number of buses are available from Chennai Bus Stand to reach Puducherry, which is located about 160 km south of Chennai on East Coast Road (ECR). The delegates are advised to take the Chennai-Puducherry (ECR Route) so that they can get down directly at Pondicherry University.
- **Via Train:** Puducherry railway station is well-connected to major cities. Villupuram Junction railway station, just 37 km away, is the closest railhead to Puducherry. The railway station is well linked to places like Delhi, Chennai, Trichy, Madurai and Tirupati via an extensive rail network.
- **Via Flight:** Puducherry Airport, located at Lawspet, is 11km from Pondicherry University and provides daily flight services to Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Rajahmundry.

**Pickup facilities will be offered to delegates arriving at Puducherry Railway Station/Puducherry Airport.**

## Weather in October (Puducherry)

The weather during the AERA Conference period will be pleasant, as it is the pre-monsoon season. The mean maximum temperature in October will be around 30°C, and the mean minimum temperature will be around 22°C. Standard clothing is preferable.

## Puducherry Tourism (recently ranked as the #2 top city to visit globally by Lonely Planet)



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