

Thirteenth Faculty Seminar Retreat

6th & 7th March, 2026



**MADRAS SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
(Institution of Special Importance)
GANDHI MANDAPAM ROAD, CHENNAI – 600 025**

Program Schedule

Venue: Conference Room, 1st Floor, New Academic Block

Day 1: 6th March 2026 (Friday)

Inaugural Session: (10 am – 10:45 am)

Welcome address at 10 am

by

Dr. N.R. Bhanumurthy, Director MSE

Inaugural lecture at 10:05 am

by

Dr. C. Rangarajan

**Former Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister
& Former Governor, RBI;**

Chairman, Madras School of Economics

Tea/Coffee Break: 10:45 am -11 am

Presenters are marked in bold letters. Each paper is scheduled for a maximum of 30 minutes out of which 20 minutes are for presentation followed by 10 minutes of discussion.

Technical Sessions:

Technical Session 1: (11 am – 1:00 pm)

Chair: Dr. N.R. Bhanumurthy

Paper 1: *Employment Transition in India: The Role of Trade and Skilling in Selected Strategic Manufacturing Industries*

Gopal Krishna Roy and Devasmita Jena

Paper 2: *Efficiency of Labour Investment and Bribery in Indian Manufacturing*

Devlina and Santosh Kumar Sahu

Paper 3: *Evaluating Indian Mutual Fund Performance through Machine Learning and Factor Models: A Risk-Adjusted and Post-Pandemic Perspective*

Samrat Sadhukhan and **Parthajit Kayal**

Paper 4: *Fairness and Efficiency in Health Insurance Pricing: An Actuarial Framework*

Rupel Nargunam

Lunch Break: 1:00 pm- 1:45 pm

Technical Session 2: (1:45 pm- 3:15 pm)

Chair: Dr. Brinda Viswanathan

Paper 5: *Gender Mainstreaming in Public Policy: A Need for an Alternative Framework*

N R Bhanumurthy and Aritri Chakravarty

Paper 6: *Son Preference and Spousal Violence: Impact on Child Malnutrition*

Amrita Chatterjee and Abheshek Nath

Paper 7: *Who Benefits from India's Energy Transition? Gendered Employment Effects Across States*

Sweta Sen and Sana Mehta

Tea/Coffee Break: 3:15 pm -3:30 pm

Technical Session 3: (3:30 pm- 5:00 pm)

Chair: Dr. Parthajit Kayal

Paper 8: *Equilibrium Exchange Rate and Asymmetric External balance Adjustment*

Saumitra Bhaduri and Shubham Anand

Paper 9: *Commodity Price Shocks in Presence of Spot and Futures Trading: A NK-DSGE Analysis for India*

Rudra Prosad Roy and Saikat Sinha Roy

Paper 10: *Bridging Regional Gaps through Fiscal Federalism: An Analysis of Convergence among Indian States*

Liz Ann Luckose and **Blessy Augustine**

Day 1 concludes

Day 2: 7th March 2026 (Saturday)

Technical Session 4: (10:00 am-11 am)

Chair: Dr. Amrita Chatterjee

Paper 11: *Financing the Fields: An Empirical Analysis to Understand the Access to Formal Credit in Indian Agriculture*

Yuvika Chaudhury and **Aritri Chakravarty**

Paper 12: *Geopolitical risk, Military expenditure and Income inequality: Evidence from India*

Mini P Thomas and **Sanjeev Vasudevan**

Tea/Coffee Break: 11 am -11:15 am

Technical Session 5: (11:15 am- 12:45 pm)

Chair: Dr. Rakesh Nigam

Paper 13: *Investors' reaction to climate transition risk - Evidence from India*

Saumitra Bhaduri and **Ekta Selarka**

Paper 14: *Riding the Sales Seasonality Premium in the Indian Stock Market*

Tholkappian S and Deepan M

Paper 15: *Rational Bubbles as Hidden Solutions: A Transseries View of Asset Pricing*

Srikanth Pai

Lunch Break: 12:45 pm- 1:45 pm

Technical Session 6: (1:45 pm- 3:15 pm)

Chair: Dr. Saumitra Bhaduri

Paper 16: *Dietary Energy, Protein and Fat Intakes of Rural Indian Households, 2022-2024*

Brinda Viswanathan and Surabhi M

Paper 17: *Processed Food Import, BMI, and the Obesity Kuznets Curve: Disaggregating Results by Income Groups*

Nawaraj Paudel and **Jeeten Krishna Giri**

Paper 18: *Stereotype Threat and Relative Wealth Status: An Artefactual Field Experiment with Adolescents*

Nathan Berg, Sujoy Chakravarty and **Anuvinda Pulickal**

Tea/Coffee Break: 3:15 pm -3:30 pm

Technical Session 7: (3:30 pm- 4:30 pm)

Chair: Dr. Ekta Selarka

Paper 19: *Search for Binary Companions around Millisecond Pulsars*

Arpita Choudhary and Dhruv Pathak

Paper 20: *Merger Waves and Excess Downstream Entry: A Welfare Perspective*

Srishti Gupta, **Neelanjan Sen** and Uday Bhanu Sinha

**Vote of Thanks
Day 2 concludes**