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SDG # 1

Progress Report : 2022-23

GITAM University – SDG #1 - No Poverty – Progress report 2022-23

Introduction:

Sustainable Development Goal 1 aims to end poverty in all its forms everywhere. GITAM University is committed to contributing towards this goal through its research, educational programs, its operations and its partnerships with government and non-governmental organisations. GITAM University is dedicated to making significant strides towards achieving SDG1.

Research:

☞ Research Publications in Scopus Index: GITAM has a relative activity index of 0.54 in its Scopus indexed publications relating to SDG1 during the reference period of 2021-2023.

☞ Projects:

GITAM is supported by Department of Science and Technology (DST) in establishing Four (4) Community Resilience Resource Centres (CRRC) in Rural Mandals in the State of Andhra Pradesh Viz., V. Madugula Block, Cheedikada Block, Anakapalli District and G. Madugula Block, Paderu Block, Alluri Sitarama Raju District. These centers are actively engaged in creating ability of a community to prepare for hazards, adapt to changing conditions, and recover from disruptions. It's based on four primary sets of adaptive capacities: economic development, social capital, information and communication, and community competence

Education:

☞ Contribution towards imparting and igniting the young minds on the aspect of poverty. In the Post-Graduate program of Masters in Economics, one of the expected outcome of program is to understand, estimate and offer the solutions for poverty reduction.

☞ ***Master's students carry out their dissertation on the issues of poverty reduction as a part of their course work.***

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Key initiatives:

1. Scholarship Programs:

- ❖ GITAM University has established various scholarship schemes for economically disadvantaged students. These include merit-based scholarships, need-based financial aid, and specific programs for marginalized communities.

<https://www.gitam.edu/fee-scholarship/student-scholarships>

2. Study India Program:

- ❖ GITAM University is a member of STUDY-IN-INDIA (SII) program of Ministry of Education, GoI and most of it's international students are from low income countries of Africa and South East Asia

3. GITAM President's Merit Scholarship (GPMS) for International Students:

- ❖ Under this program international students who got qualified in the test and admitted will get 100% free education, along with one laptop and Ipod.

Progress:

- ☞ A 6.75 % of the national students are from Economically Weaker Section (EWS). The following are the statistics of EWS students during 2022-2023 total strength.

Program	EWS - students	National students	Total students
UG	1461	22748	23078
PG	260	2744	2798

- ☞ Year-wise admission statistics under this category in total student strength

Program	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	EWS - Total students
UG	72	128	261	463	537	1461
PG				124	136	260

- ☞ There are 224 students in the final year of various programs who are getting graduated during 2022-23. Under this category 100 per cent success rate is recorded during this AY 2022-23.
- ☞ There are 384 international students from 47 countries, where majority of them are from low income countries and funded with scholarships

The list of students and countries: AY2022-23

Location	No of students
Afghanistan	8
Bahrain	2
Bangladesh	6

Bhutan	13
Burundi	3
Cameroon	11
Canada	1
Egypt	1
Ethiopia	5
Gambia	5
Ghana	6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	1
Ireland	1
Kenya	7
Kuwait	2
Lesotho	3
Liberia	6
Malawi	6
Mauritius	2
Mozambique	3
Namibia	1
Nepal	70
Nigeria	45
Oman	4
Papua New Guinea	2
Philippines	1
Qatar	3
Rwanda	32
Saudi Arabia	13
Sierra Leone	2
Singapore	1
South Sudan	2
Sri Lanka	3
Sudan	8
Swaziland	1
Syrian Arab Republic	2
Tajikistan	1
Tanzania	37
Thailand	1
Togo	1
Uganda	14
United Arab Emirates	12
United States	16
Vietnam	1
Yemen	4
Zambia	8
Zimbabwe	7

Engagement:

PMSSS for J & K Students

- ❖ GITAM is one among the listed institutions for Prime Minister Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) for Jammu & Kashmir Students. A special nodal officer has been nominated by GITAM to assist the students in getting admission, scholarship and liaison between AICTE and GITAM in the implementation of this Scheme.

Community Outreach Programs

- ❖ The GITAM Hospitality team of Bangaluru Campus visited the Brzee Foundation, a charitable trust supporting abandoned children and orphans, as part of its ongoing commitment to community engagement and social responsibility. Home to 20 children aged 3 to 14, the visit aimed to bring joy, serve a meal, and distribute clothes. The team received a warm welcome from the staff and the children, who were excited to see them after school. The children began lunch with a prayer and relished the meal served by the Hospitality team. Their infectious enthusiasm shone through as they introduced themselves and delighted everyone with a lively dance performance. The team distributed chocolates and clothes to the children and staff. The children's gratitude and cheerful smiles left a lasting impression on the team, underscoring the importance of community support. This event reinforced GITAM's commitment to making a difference in the lives of those in need.

https://www.instagram.com/p/C8bJj3RPGeQ/?hl=en&img_index=1

- ❖ The university has engaged in outreach initiatives aimed at supporting low-income communities. This includes educational workshops, skill development training, and health camps. In the month of September 2024, Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (GIMSR) organized a medical camp in association with India Youth for Society (IYFS), HUT Foundation, and Neolaia Centre for Global Health and Research. A total of 650 patients from nearby villages such as Jangalapalem, Neelakantapuram, Chikkalipeta, Rayavanipalem, Rajyipeta, Gurrampalem, Chintalapalem, and Old Pendurthi attended the camp.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Visakhapatnam/medical-camp-conducted-in-visakhapatnam/article68645940.ece>

Policy engagement

- ❖ Kautilya School of Public Policy, GITAM brings on board the world's leading policy practitioners drawn from eminent institutions and international organizations offers programs in Public Policy necessary for a successful career as a public policy professional in policy-making & governance. GITAM Kautilya School of public policy conducts policy research supported by funding agencies.

<https://kspp.edu.in/>

- ❖ Kautilya School of Public Policy, GITAM signed an MoU with #UNHCR to build impactful connections and advance our efforts in addressing global displacement challenges. Looking to make this collaboration a step towards developing innovative solutions together.

<https://kspp.edu.in/unhrc>

- ❖ “A Comparative Assessment of the Impact of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme in the Gender-Critical Districts of Telangana and Uttar Pradesh”. Funded by Indian Council of Social Science Research aims at assessing the public attitude on this government initiative/scheme to provide feedback on policy interventions.

<https://kspp.edu.in/research-projects>

- ❖ Every student has to do a capstone project in the masters programme addressing the policy issues. These students are mentored by bureaucrats and policymakers. During the AY 2022-23, Archana Gupta, a student of GITAM MPP programme has done a study on “Asset Formation as an Instrument of Poverty Alleviation” where Shakti Singh (IAS) has supported in connecting the student with the policy practitioners. This project contributed to influence the policymakers, policy funders, aid organisations etc to look into the aspect of asset creation as a tool for poverty alleviation.

<https://kspp.edu.in/capstone-project/asset-formation-as-an-instrument-of-poverty-alleviation>

Way forward:

GITAM is committed to continue efforts and collaborative activities to address the complex challenges of poverty effectively. The commitment to education, community service, and research will remain at the core of our mission to eradicate poverty in all its forms.