

SDG 1

1.1 Research on Poverty

Publications within SDG 1: No Poverty (2022-2024)

Parameter	Data
Scholarly Output	40
Field-Weighted Citation Impact	1.69
Citation Count	244



From 2022 to 2024, **Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham** made significant strides in advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 1 — *No Poverty* — through impactful research that bridges technology, innovation, and community empowerment. The university produced **40 high-quality scholarly outputs** with a **Field-Weighted Citation Impact of 1.69**, surpassing the global average and reaffirming Amrita's leadership in poverty alleviation research. Core themes such as **Participatory Rural Appraisal, Community Engagement, Microcredit, and Self-Help Groups** underscore Amrita's deep commitment to fostering inclusive and sustainable rural development. Simultaneously, research on **Blockchain, FinTech, and Smart Contracts** demonstrates how Amrita integrates frontier technologies to strengthen financial inclusion and enhance transparency in poverty reduction initiatives. With **1,707 views and 244 citations**, Amrita's SDG 1 research continues to generate global visibility and influence, reflecting its mission to eradicate poverty through

knowledge, innovation, and compassion-driven action.

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham has implemented extensive initiatives advancing SDG 1, focusing on financial inclusion, educational access, entrepreneurship, and rural and tribal empowerment. These multi-campus programs directly benefit poor and marginalized communities, with documented outcomes and recognition at national and international forums.

Entrepreneurship and Seed Grants:

Launched in June 2024, the Amrita Center for Entrepreneurship Seed Grant Scheme awards competitive grants (up to ₹200,000) to student- and community-led startups from disadvantaged backgrounds,



providing both seed funding and structured mentorship for business model development. The ARISE 2024 Startup Festival supported such ventures with equity-free grants and incubation services.

Student Support: Full Funding and Scholarships:

The E4Life PhD Fellowship and several scholarship schemes offer full tuition, accommodation, stipends, and research grants to low- and lower-middle-income

students. The Rekha Eipe Memorial Scholarship ensures full funding for economically disadvantaged women, and additional support covers health, housing, and food for bottom 20% income-group scholars. Over 2,500 students received need-based scholarships in 2024, achieving a 92% continuation rate.



Rural and Tribal Empowerment through STI Hubs:

Through partnerships with the Department of Science and Technology and Mizoram University, the STI Hub initiative reached over 4,400 direct beneficiaries and 170,000 indirectly, training rural and tribal youth in digital skills, preventive health, and small-scale product manufacturing.

(Caption: Our local leaders have reached out to about 9,000 people in their communities with 70% of them women and girls.)



Community Training and Welfare Access:

The “Bridging the Gap” program in October 2024 connected hundreds of villagers to government welfare schemes by training them in digital documentation, Aadhaar services, and public benefits. AMMACHI Labs and ALARM outreach events delivered education and hygiene awareness to underserved schools.

(caption: A Week in Kanti, Haryana – Learning, Sharing, and Growing Together)

Affirmative Admission Policies:

Amrita prioritizes admission of students from the lowest income quintiles, guided by transparent policies grounded in economic need and affirmative action for socially backward communities. Merit, economic need, and social factors guide the allocation of partial or full tuition waivers, living stipends, and health benefits.

Experiential and Sustainability Education:

The Sustainability Education @ AMRITA program integrates circular economy, ethical leadership, and impact measurement into coursework, while the Live-in-Labs® program immerses students in rural communities to co-create solutions for critical needs like water, sanitation, healthcare, and digital access.

Policy Engagement and National Recognition:

Amrita’s SDG 1 impact extends to policy advice and implementation at local, state, and national levels. In 2024, Amrita’s UNESCO Chair led dialogues and presented research on rural poverty, skill development, and digital inclusion at national SDG summits.

(Caption: Amrita Provost Dr. Maneesha Ramesh showcased the University’s commitment to SDGs at the Times Higher Education’s Global Sustainable Development Congress.)