SDG 1: No Poverty

End poverty in all its forms everywhere · Reporting period: 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

INTRODUCTION

Ending poverty through service, access and scholarship

Sustainable Development Goal 1 calls on the world to end poverty in all its forms everywhere. Poverty is not only a lack of income; it is limited access to education, essential goods, opportunity and a voice. Universities can respond in three ways: by opening the doors of learning to students from every background, by serving the communities around them, and by producing research that helps people move out of vulnerability.

SRM University-AP, at Neerukonda in Mangalagiri Mandal, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh, approaches SDG 1 through these same three routes. Its National Service Scheme (NSS) unit takes student volunteers into nearby communities; its student body includes learners from socially challenged and economically backward backgrounds, supported by fee reimbursement from government, institutional and private sources; and its researchers publish on financial inclusion, poverty, smallholder livelihoods and inequality.

This section of the Sustainability Annual Report presents that contribution for the academic year **1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025**, using only the documented evidence available.



NSS volunteers and Peddakakani residents at the distribution.



Students interacting with community members, 28 Oct 2024.

HIGHLIGHTS

35
student participants in the NSS outreach

1
SDG 1-mapped event (Peddakakani cloth distribution)

9,063
students enrolled (institutional data sheet)

1,971
students with full tuition fee reimbursement

6
SDG 1-tagged publications, AY 2024–25 (Scopus)

THREE ROUTES TO IMPACT

COMMUNITY

Outreach & volunteer service

NSS student volunteers distributed donated clothes to underprivileged residents of Peddakakani on 28 October 2024.

ACCESS

Inclusive education

Student-profile data records learners from socially challenged and economically backward backgrounds, and students receiving full tuition fee reimbursement.

KNOWLEDGE

Research on poverty & inclusion

Six SDG 1-tagged publications fall within the year, spanning financial inclusion, poverty and growth, smallholder irrigation and inequality.

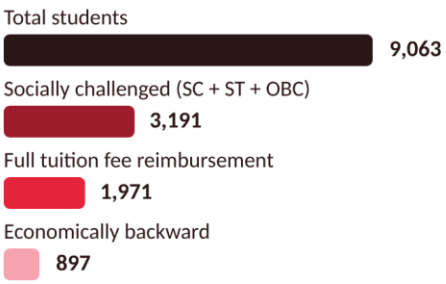
STUDENT ACCESS AND INCLUSION

Inclusive education: who the university serves

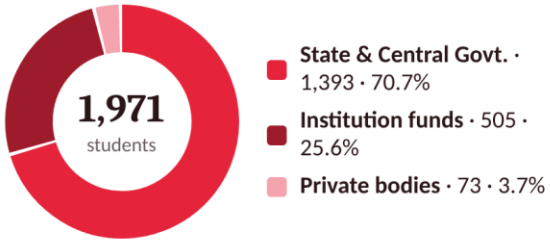
9,063
Total students enrolled

1,971
Students receiving full tuition fee reimbursement
21.7% of all students

Student profile



Who funds the reimbursement



ANALYSIS

- **1,971 of the 9,063 students** (21.7%) receive full tuition fee reimbursement.
- State and Central Government sources fund 1,393 students (70.7%), institution funds 505 (25.6%) and private bodies 73 (3.7%).
- Socially challenged students (SC + ST + OBC) number **3,191**, or 35.2% of enrolment; economically backward students number **897** (9.9%).

Sources: institutional data sheet and student table, academic year 2024–25.

EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

Cloth distribution in Peddakakani

The NSS Unit of SRM University-AP took a meaningful initiative to support the underprivileged in the Peddakakani area, near Guntur District, by distributing donated clothes. The initiative addressed a fundamental need – clothing – which many residents, particularly those from low-income backgrounds, often struggle to afford.

The event report describes the effort as a direct contribution to improving the quality of life of vulnerable groups, especially children, elderly people and women most affected by poverty.

Event 1 – NSS Volunteer Service: Cloth Distribution in Peddakakani near Guntur District

28 Oct 2024 · 35 participants

Date	28 October 2024
Venue	Peddakakani, near Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh
Host	NSS Unit, SRM University-AP
Participants	35 (all undergraduate students; attendance sheet with 35 signatures)
Activity	Distribution of donated clothes to underprivileged residents

KEY OUTCOMES

- **Direct relief.** Donated clothes reached underprivileged families in Peddakakani, easing some of the financial burden they face and allowing them to focus on education, healthcare and livelihood.
- **Dignity and hope.** The distribution brought a sense of relief and hope to people who may have been overlooked by conventional social services.

- **Student engagement.** Students engaged with the welfare of their surrounding community, strengthening ties between the university and residents and building empathy and social responsibility.

“NOT ME BUT YOU”

The National Service Scheme motto, as printed on the banner used at the Peddakakani outreach.

EVENTS AND INITIATIVES · GALLERY

Cloth Distribution, Peddakakani, 28 October 2024



Cloth Distribution – volunteers and residents beneath the NSS banner



Cloth Distribution – students assisting community members



Cloth Distribution – distribution under the shelter



Cloth Distribution – NSS banner, “Not Me But You”

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

SDG 1 research output, 2024–2025

Scopus classifies **six publications** by SRM University-AP authors under SDG 1 with publication dates inside the reporting year. They address financial inclusion, the links between growth and poverty, smallholder livelihoods, gender empowerment and inequality. Of the six, five are journal articles and one is a book chapter (Scopus publication types).

SCIVAL: ACTIVITY OF SRM UNIVERSITY-AP WITHIN SDG 1: NO POVERTY (CALENDAR WINDOW 2024–2025)

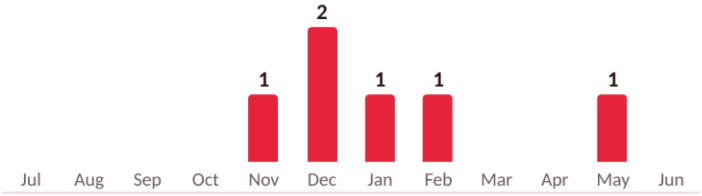
11	0.88	42	629	36.4 %
scholarly output	field-weighted citation impact	citation count	views count	international collaboration (4 of 11)

Publications by type



Scopus publication types.

Publications by month



1 Jul 2024 – 30 Jun 2025 (publication date).

TOP KEYPHRASES (BY RELEVANCE)

Top five keyphrases across the 11 SDG 1 publications in the SciVal 2024–2025 window, ranked by relevance:

Financial Inclusion	Sustainable Development Goals	Sustainable Development	Commercial Bank	Physics

Source: Scopus / SciVal.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

SDG 1 publications in the reporting year

The six SDG 1-tagged publications dated 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025 are listed below. Metrics are as exported from Scopus (CiteScore with percentile; FWCI = Field-Weighted Citation Impact; “n/a” = not available).

#	Title and authors	Date / type	CiteScore / percentile	FWCI	DOI
1	**Mobile banking services and financial inclusion among customers of commercial banks: Evidence from an emerging economy** Saeed, M.M.; Donkoh, E.	Dec 2024 Article	5.5 / 12	1.30	10.1002/bsd2.70035
2	**Accounting for the interconnectedness of globalization, growth, and poverty towards achieving sustainable development** Sodiq Olaide, B.; Manzoor Hassan, M.	Dec 2024 Article	6.6 / 7	1.62	10.1007/s11135-024-01908-8
3	**From Resist to Privilege: Rising Psychological Empowerment and Gender Equality for Poverty Alleviation** Dhamodharan, M.; Sunaina, K.	22 Nov 2024 Chapter	n/a	0.00	10.1108/978-1-83753-292-620241010
4	**Linkages between financial development and the growth dynamics of the manufacturing industry: empirical evidence from India** Sahoo, M.; Mohanty, S.P.; Sahu, P.	Jan 2025 Article	7.0 / 15	0.55	10.1108/JEAS-08-2024-0293
5	**Unlocking the potential of small-scale irrigation for small farmers in Northwestern Ethiopia** Gebrehiwet, D.L.; Pandey, G.	27 Feb 2025 Article	7.1 / 10	2.46	10.1108/JADEE-05-2024-0157
6	**Does Excellence Correspond to Universal Inequality Level?** Biswas, S.; Chakrabarti, B.K.; Ghosh, A.; Ghosh, S.; Józsa, M.; Néda, Z.	May 2025 Article	4.9 / 12	0.56	10.3390/e27050495

CONCLUSION

Progress towards ending poverty

In academic year 2024–25, SRM University-AP advanced SDG 1 through service, access and scholarship. The documented record shows:

The NSS Cloth Distribution shows the university's students acting on the ideal of "Not Me But You", bringing practical support and dignity to underprivileged families. The student-profile data show a student body in which socially challenged and economically backward learners are well represented and in which fee reimbursement from government, institutional and private sources supports access to education. University researchers contributed to the evidence on financial inclusion, poverty, smallholder livelihoods and inequality.

The next step is to widen the evidence base: recording beneficiary numbers at each outreach, documenting all SDG 1 events and programmes with annual figures, and capturing prior-year baselines so that progress can be measured year on year.