

## **Development Alternatives (DA) ranks 135th among top 175 Think Tanks worldwide<sup>1</sup>**

Development Alternatives (DA), a Delhi based research and action organisation has been ranked **135th** among top 175 Think Tanks worldwide (U.S. and non-U.S.). The survey '**2015 Global Go To Think Tank**' was conducted by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP), University of Pennsylvania.

Over the last three decades, DA has been striving to deliver socially equitable, environmentally sound and economically scalable development outcomes. Apart from bagging the **135th** position among Top Think Tanks globally (U.S. and non-U.S.), DA has also been acknowledged in 14 other eminent categories.

**Top Think Tanks in China, India, Japan, and the Republic of Korea:** DA has been slotted **26th** position out of the Think Tanks that were nominated from countries like China, India, Japan, and the Republic of Korea. DA's initiatives have delivered basic needs; generated sustainable livelihoods in large numbers; reduced poverty and rejuvenated natural ecosystems in the most backward regions of India.

**Environment Policy:** Appreciating DA's efforts to foster a healthy relationship among people, technology and environment, it has been listed **37th** under the category of Top Environment Policy Think Tanks from across the world. Since 1982, DA has been innovating and multiplying alternatives and sustainable tools, techniques, approaches and strategies to manage people-nature interactions in all spheres including the rural, urban, industrial, pristine and global environments.

**Transparency and Good Governance:** DA has been ranked **19th** amid Top Transparency and Good Governance Think Tanks for valuing the quality and global commitment in mobilising the financial and human resources, monitoring the quality, independence and impact.

**Innovative Policy Ideas/Proposal worldwide:** In the past 32 years, DA has produced innovative policy proposals-challenging traditional wisdom of policy makers and generating innovative policy ideas and programmes. This has enabled DA to bridge the gap between the academic, policy makers and public. The organisation has been successful in bringing about a positive behavioural change among millions of people in India. Valuing these efforts, DA has been ranked as the **22nd** Think Tank with the most Innovative Policy Ideas/Proposal worldwide.

**Best use of Social Networks:** For understanding the significance of communication, DA has been ranked **54th** for its Best use of social networks.

**Best External Relations/Public Engagement Program:** DA has been positioned at 41st for the Best External Relations/Public Engagement Program. This ranking highlights the focus laid by the organisation on using electronic, print and new media to communicate research to policymakers, journalists and the public.

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<sup>1</sup> Source : 2015 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report by Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCP), University of Pennsylvania, url: [http://repository.upenn.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1009&context=think\\_tanks](http://repository.upenn.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1009&context=think_tanks)

**Think Tanks with Outstanding Policy-Oriented Research Programs:** DA gained 54th position amongst Think Tanks with Outstanding Policy-Oriented Research Programs.

DA has also been positioned **48th** among the **Best Think Tank Conference** and **54th** among **Best Trans-disciplinary Research Program Think Tanks**.

**An exemplifying achievement for DA has been that out of 6,846 Think Tanks worldwide, it has been recognised in a total of 15 categories out of 52.**

It has been sited **51st** under the category of **Top Energy and Resource Policy Think Tanks**; **62nd** under the Category **Top Science and Technology Think Tanks**; **73rd** under the Category **Top Social Policy Think Tanks**; **73rd** under the category of **Best managed think tanks** and **53rd** under the category of **Best New Idea or Paradigm developed by a Think Tank**.