

Development Alternatives (DA) ranks 139th among top 175 Think Tanks worldwide¹

Development Alternatives (DA), a Delhi based research and action organisation has been ranked 139th among top 175 Think Tanks worldwide (U.S. and non-U.S.). The survey '2016 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report' 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 139th position among Top Think Tanks globally (U.S. and non-U.S.), DA has also been acknowledged in 15 other eminent categories.

Top Think Tanks in China, India, Japan, and the Republic of Korea: DA has been slotted 29th 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 16th 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 34 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 23rd 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 56th 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.

Think Tanks with Outstanding Policy-Oriented Research Programs: DA gained 55th position amongst Think Tanks with Outstanding Policy-Oriented Research Programs.

DA has also been positioned 64th among the Best Think Tank Conference, 77th Best Independent Think Tank and 58th among Best Transdisciplinary 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 50th under the category of Top Energy and Resource Policy Think Tanks; 63rd under the Category Top Science and Technology Think Tanks; 74th under the Category Top Social Policy Think Tanks; 73rd under the category of Best managed think tanks and 58th under the category of Best New Idea or Paradigm developed by a Think Tank.

¹Source : 2016 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report by Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP), University of Pennsylvania, url: http://repository.upenn.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1011&context=think_tanks