

Horizon

*The Fourth Vertical of the Ganga Zuari Academy now
Invites New Investigators to carry out the following research projects.*

- 1. Theory of India:** The Theory of India should explore India's socio-political landscape on governance, human resources, economic trends, social justice, geopolitics and global dynamics. This research should highlight the nation's challenges and opportunities, serving as a valuable resource for understanding India's future trajectory.
 - Part I Completed:** Walnut has just published 30 insightful essays in a 399-page Book. Price: ₹ 650, September 2025. *Editors:* Mukhopadhyay, Iyer, Verma.
 - Part II can be taken up now:** A sequel to the earlier one, researching the continuity, showing new relevance, adding value, and responding to stakeholders.
- 2. Sussegadism: A New Socio-Economic Order Towards Holistic Sustainability.** This research develops a new economic order integrating work-life balance to enhance HDI and GNH. It aims to revive cultural practices, foster contentment, and create immersive and healing experiences, promoting sustainable development rooted in balance and well-being.
- 3. Generating a Tangible Growth Index to replace GDP:** The Gross Domestic Product does not capture actual human progress or ecological sustainability. A Tangible Growth Index (TGI) or Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI) is necessary to combine economic productivity with environmental health, equity, and cultural vitality. TGI/GPI would offer a holistic measure for development that prioritises people, future resilience, and the planet.
- 4. A Sustainable Blue Economy Architecture for Islands:** The blue economy is essential for islands, offering a sustainable way to utilise ocean resources that support livelihoods, food security, and climate resilience. It promotes a balance between marine conservation and economic activities, such as fisheries, tourism, and renewable energy, ensuring long-term prosperity for island communities.
- 5. Comparative Study of Five Riverine Civilisations:** This study aims to compare the riverine civilisations of the Ganga, Nile, Yangtze, Amazon, and Zuari, examining their cultural, ecological, and spiritual significance in art, philosophy, music, and rituals. It will analyse art, philosophy, music, and rituals shaped by rivers, highlighting shared legacies, distinctive practices, and lessons for sustainability, intercultural dialogue, and heritage preservation in today's interconnected global context.

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- Horizon aims for selfless research for a national cause, a pursuit of knowledge dedicated to collective progress, driven by service and integrity, without expectation of monetary return.
- All of these projects are to be completed between 24 and 30 months.
- Use cutting-edge tools and innovative ideas to transform primarily secondary field and lab data into powerful insights.
- You are invited to volunteer to develop each of these five ideas and investigate, first into (1) a Report for policymakers and then into (2) a Book for the general audience (~ 50,000 words).
- Interested researchers to submit the following to the Convenor (RSVP 7042809368) under the following heading:
 - Name of the Investigators
 - Stages of implementation with a monthly timeline (00 - 24/30 months).
 - GZA will support you in taking dissertation students from the University/Colleges as 6-month Interns.
 - Can this project attract funds? If so, please indicate the likely grant agency and provide a budget breakdown.
 - Investigator(s) biography(ies) in 25 words