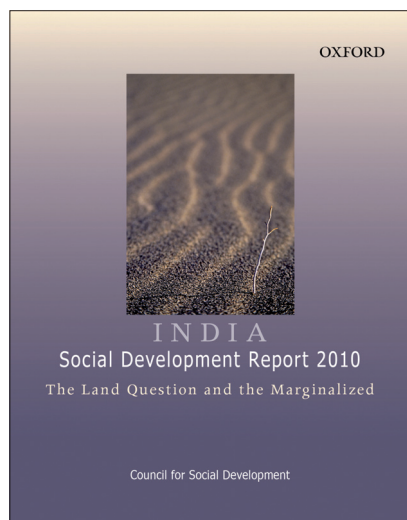


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About the Report

Land is evidently the most critical cause of poverty and violence in contemporary India. The *Social Development Report (SDR) 2010*, with a special focus on the land question, captures trends in the usual human development indicators, such as, literacy, life expectancy, and per capita income. It also studies differentiated socio-economic and political indicators for marginalized groups—Dalits, Adivasis, unorganized labour, religious minorities—and women and children among them.

This Report is a collection of empirical studies showing the record of social development in India. It strongly posits that development has to be a comprehensive process of change benefiting not only the recognized, but also the marginalized. With contributions from experts in the field, this report:

- presents an intensive analysis of land reform policy and practice in India;
- examines the crisis of agriculture in contemporary India;
- focuses on macro trends on specific issues—poverty and malnutrition, education and health, and specific marginalized groups in the light of recent initiatives of the Indian state;
- discusses the experience of farmers in rural India and the causes for the increasing number of farmer suicides; and
- highlights the need for an alternative development strategy.

In addition, the Report underscores the contemporary conditions of the marginalized sections of Indian society and also carries contributions on recent developments relating to child rights, violence, and administrative reforms. It also includes a social development index providing useful statistical information on social dimensions of development.

Readership

The Report will be a useful resource for students and scholars of sociology, economics and political science, activists, policy planners, bureaucrats, and journalists.

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