1. ABOUT CSD
For over five decades, the Council for Social Development (CSD) has functioned as a non-profit, non-partisan, vibrant research and advocacy institution engaged in issues of social development, especially the welfare of the marginalised. CSD began its journey as an informal study group at India International Centre in 1962 formed by a few prominent social workers and social scientists, under the leadership of the legendary freedom fighter and social worker Durgabai Deshmukh. It was registered as a society in 1970 with C.D. Deshmukh as President and Durgabai Deshmukh as Executive Chairperson and Honorary Director. Presently, the distinguished diplomat and educationist, Prof. Muchkund Dubey is President and Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty, Political Scientist and China scholar, is Vice President of CSD. The team is led by Prof. Nitya Nanda, an economist, as the Director of the institute. A Southern Regional Centre (SRC) of CSD was set up in Hyderabad in 1967 which is currently funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and the government of Telengana. The SRC is governed by a managing committee of its own and presently, the eminent educationist and child right activist, Dr Shantha Sinha, is its chairperson. The regional team is led by Prof. Kalpana Kannabiran, a sociologist, as the Regional Director. Eminent educationists and representatives of public institutions constitute the CSD society which guides its programmes.

CSD has about 40 academic/research professionals and 20 administrative/support staff (including the southern regional office). The CSD academic staff consists of a good mix of experienced and young researchers, most of them holding a doctorate degree. People are also drawn from different parts of India, and about 40 per cent of
them are women. It also encourages foreign scholars to spend some time as visiting faculty, and foreign students as interns.

2. VISION

CSD’s vision is the attainment of the goal of “Antyodaya” or “wiping every tear from every eye” set before the nation by Mahatma Gandhi. Towards the achievement of this vision, CSD focuses itself on the problems and aspirations of the poorest, deprived and marginalised sections of the population including women. Keeping this vision of its founders in view, CSD constantly renews its agenda for research and social action with fresh and innovative elements and dimensions of social development as demanded by changing times.

3. PROGRAMMES

Through its programmes of research, seminars, publications, capacity-building and other initiatives CSD actively participates in policy discourses on social development in India. It pursues its vision by undertaking studies and advocacy activities in key areas such as development, education, health, agriculture and rural development, environment, governance, and social justice. Its pioneering efforts have helped shape planning, policies and programmes and their implementation and foster critical ideas, approaches and strategies designed to bring about social change. With social development in India being the focus, it works on all relevant national issues; it also works on regional and global issues that impact social development in India.

3.1 RESEARCH

CSD has made its mark as a leading social science research institution with a focus on education, health and nutrition, poverty, agriculture and rural development, employment,
environment and climate, water and sanitation, gender and social discrimination and deprivation, especially with reference to the marginalised communities.

CSD research activities have been funded by various national and international agencies such as UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund), Oxfam, UNDP (United Nations Development Programme), World Bank, Ford Foundation, ICSSR (Indian Council for Social Science Research), NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development), Planning Commission (now NITI Aayog), MoRD (Ministry of Rural Development), MoHRD (Ministry of Human Resource Development), MoTA (Ministry of Tribal Affairs), MoA (Ministry of Agriculture) and various departments of state governments.

3.2 PUBLICATIONS

Social Development Report

India: Social Development Report is one of the flagship publications of CSD, brought out bi-annually by the Oxford University Press. The Report gives a picture of the social conditions prevailing in the country at the time of its publication and contains a number of well-researched, particularly empirical, papers on the specialized themes constituting the focus of the Report. In addition, the Report carries a chapter ranking States on the basis of a Social Development Index developed by the Council. The special themes covered by the Report so far have been Child Development (2006), Development and Displacement (2008),

**Social Change**

*Social Change* is a quarterly journal brought out by CSD since 1971 and has been published by Sage since 2010. A multi-disciplinary journal with a wide-ranging readership in India and abroad, it publishes empirically grounded, analytical papers, theoretical essays and policy discussions related to the field of social change and development. It occasionally publishes special issues. Some of the themes covered in special issues lately are Urban Growth and Exclusion of the Poor, Universal Health Care, Clinical Legal Education, Women and Education, Displacement and Rehabilitation.

**Samajik Vimarsh (Hindi Journal)**

The Council has also been publishing a peer reviewed social science journal in Hindi, *Samajik Vimarsh* since 2018. Like *Social Change*, it is designed to create and disseminate knowledge of social development issues in Hindi. It includes original theoretical articles, empirical research articles, commentaries, reviews and symposium on contemporary issues.

### 3.3 TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

The Council for Social Development carries out a number of training courses and workshops designed to enhance the capacity of the
participants in these programmes to have a better understanding of social development problems and challenges, learn methodology for carrying out research on social issues through the survey method and other modern techniques. Participants in these training courses and workshops are drawn from researchers in universities and independent think tanks, policy makers and non-governmental organisations. **Training on Research Methodology**, conducted every year, is the flagship training programme and has some unique features. The programme aims at helping young social scientists and professionals. Apart from methods and updated techniques, including new software packages of field research and data analysis, it also provides a hands-on exercise in the stages of research project.

Another training programme that CSD has been conducting is on **Displacement, Resettlement and Rehabilitation**. In a developing country that is developing its infrastructure, displacement is often unavoidable. Recognising this, the programme trains different stakeholders on consequences of displacement, resettlement challenges and best practices in resettlement and rehabilitations including the techniques of social impact assessment (SIA) of development projects.

### 3.4 SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS/ LECTURES

CSD regularly organises seminars, workshops and conferences on contemporary issues and subjects of social relevance. Some of the recent events have covered subjects like National Food Security Act;
Challenges of Land Governance in India; Disabilities Legislation; Agrarian Crisis; and Transforming the Global Economic and Political Order, Private Sector Participation in Public Services; the Bandung Legacy and the Global Future, Social Development in India; Sustainable Development Goals and Social Development Issues and Democracy and Minority Rights.

Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture
One of the annual signature events of CSD is the Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture. The lecture is held every year on 15th July, the birthday of Durgabai Deshmukh, and is delivered by an eminent expert or renowned personality on any topic of his/her choice relating to social development. Some of the eminent experts who delivered the lectures in recent years were Hiren Gohain, Rehman Sobhan, P. Sainath, Flavia Agnes, Abhijit Sen, N.C. Saxena, S.K.Thorat, Narendra Jadhav, Devaki Jain, and Randhir Singh. A collection of the lectures from 1992 to 2010 was published in the form of a book under the title: ‘Towards Just and Equitable Development’.
Social Development Forum
CSD organises a Social Development Forum which provides a regular platform that seeks to bring together leading academicians, activists, policy makers, planners and other renowned figures from the social sector to discuss and debate contemporary social, political and economic issues.

3.5 RIGHT TO EDUCATION FORUM
CSD also houses the Right to Education Forum (RTE Forum), a collective platform of national education networks, teachers’ unions, peoples’ movements with a combined strength of 10,000 NGOs across India. The Forum has been working towards building a people’s movement to achieve the goal of universal, equitable and quality education through the implementation of the Right to Education Act, 2009, in its true letter and spirit emphasising the need for a strong public system of education, funded by the state.

4. LIBRARY
CSD’s Amar Kumar Singh Library has a collection of over 10000
(ten thousand) books in Social Sciences and Humanities. It subscribes to 33 journals and periodicals, 17 daily newspapers and subscribes to JSTOR.

The library is automated using the software, LIBMAN and has its own Local Area Network (LAN). The library is an Institutional member of DELNET and NASSDOC and a Corporate Member of the Central Secretariat Library, New Delhi.

5. CSD CAPABILITY
CSD is an applied inter-disciplinary social science research centre. Its research draws mainly from the fields of economics, sociology, political science and social work, but occasionally from other disciplines like applied sciences, community medicine and public health. It has high capability for social science research using both quantitative techniques including survey-based analysis and statistical and econometric techniques, using both primary and secondary data; and qualitative methods including focus group discussion, ethnography and participatory appraisal. CSD also has expertise in monitoring and evaluation studies including baseline survey, impact evaluation, and social impact assessment.

6. CSD IMPACTS
CSD has primarily been involved with policy research and advocacy and in the process has influenced government policies at national and state level and helped implementation at all levels including in local bodies through monitoring and evaluation. CSD has also worked with international agencies, business organisations and NGOs, and in the process influenced their policies and actions by providing knowledge inputs and transferring skills. Some aspects of impacts of CSD activities are highlighted below:
### IMPACTS ON DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS

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<td>• Contributed to education policies of central and state governments including Right to Education Act.</td>
<td>• Helped in the process of resettlement and rehabilitation particularly in mining affected regions</td>
<td>• Trained more than 1000 social science researchers on research methodology.</td>
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<td>• Contributed in the policy making on drinking water in rural areas and sanitation in urban areas, particularly in slums.</td>
<td>• Through research, discussion and evaluation activities it has influenced programmes and strategies of some international organisations.</td>
<td>• Trained about 300 people (including researchers, government officials and company executive) on resettlement and rehabilitations.</td>
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<td>▪ Prepared the guidelines for village community workers</td>
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<td>▪ Conceptualised a scheme and pilot project for child care which was later adopted by the government as Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS)</td>
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