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About Council for Social Development

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 the 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 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 Telangana. The SRC is governed by a managing committee and eminent educationist and child rights expert, Dr. Shantha Sinha is chairperson. The regional team is led by Prof. Kalpana Kannabiran, a sociologist as Regional Director.

CSD has about 40 academic/research professionals and 20 administrative/support staff (including the Southern Regional Centre). 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.

From the Director's Desk



The year 2019-2020, was a productive one for the Council for Social Development. We completed some important projects. In the context of a growing digital divide, the digital literacy of rural people can go a long way in their empowerment. In line with this premise, we took up a study to understand how the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA), a national digital literacy programme, is working on the ground. While it was found that the programme showed some positive impact, there is room for further improvement in terms of an appropriate selection of beneficiaries and better outreach. Some beneficiaries could not use their acquired knowledge and skills due to the absence of internet connectivity.

Sustainable rural development has been a priority area of CSD's activities and two of our completed projects have been linked to this theme. While the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has been an important initiative, intended to promote the socio-economic development of rural

areas, it is also bringing some environmental benefits. One such outcome is improved water conservation through the creation and rejuvenation of water bodies. While this brings substantial environmental benefits, it also helps agriculture and other allied activities which in turn improve the economic conditions of rural people. While such activities have had a positive effect, they need to be given more prominence, especially in areas that face problems of both plenty and scarcity of water. One important area for rural communities is the mitigation of the adverse impact of development related activities like infrastructure development. In this regard, CSD assisted the Airport Authority of India by assessing the needs of villages which lie adjacent to Birsamunda Airport, Ranchi.

An important aspect of social development that CSD has with over the last few years is access to quality education. A matter of overriding concern that has emerged recently has been the issue of closure and merger of schools. CSD studied the prevalence of school closures and mergers through detailed field research in Rajasthan. The findings indicated that large-scale mergers of schools were not only violating prescribed norms laid down under the Right to Education Act, but also seriously jeopardising access to education, especially of girl children and children of vulnerable groups. Often decisions to merge schools were carried out without adequate consultation with key stakeholders, such as teachers and parents.

Through the RTE Forum, CSD also completed some significant advocacy projects on education. One such initiative was the evidence-based advocacy for equitable and quality education in which the Forum engaged with different stakeholders in the field of education like teacher's associations, government officials and decision-makers, such as Parliamentarians to create a powerful collective voice to push the cause of education. The fact that the Draft Education Policy 2019 now includes pre-primary education within its ambit is a positive development for which we worked so hard. Another initiative that also worked in this direction was the 'Inequality Campaign' under which several activities were organised. The third initiative that was completed under this category was the project, Promoting Girls Education through Evidence-based Advocacy.

CSD-Southern Regional Centre too completed several important research projects this year. Inter-State migration was a significant theme of research in SRC and there were as many as four research studies covering different aspects of migration. The first study looked at migrant domestic workers, mostly women, in Hyderabad. Women domestic workers face several challenges both in the homes where they work as well as in their own homes. Their working conditions are very poor and they virtually have no bargaining power *vis-à-vis* their employers. Nevertheless, the women are much better off as compared to what it could have been in their place of origin. Not only they are much more empowered, but also they are also able to give a better life to their children, whether they were boys or girls. The issue of caste issue and migrant workers was addressed in two research projects of the CSD-SRC. While one was about dalit migrant workers from Odisha coming to Hyderabad, the other related to dalit migrants in general. Both studies had strikingly similar findings. Even though caste discrimination persists in cities, the extent and intensity of such discrimination is substantially reduced. The fourth study under this theme was on Bihari migrant workers in Hyderabad. This study found that even though the workers have a substantially higher income in the city as compared to what they would have earned in their villages, their working and living conditions were quite deplorable. The study recommended that governments, both in the State of origin as well as the State of destination, should work towards ensuring that migrant workers have better working and living conditions.

A major legislation of this century that tries to address the historical injustice of the disadvantageous communities is the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (FRA). However, the Supreme Court case of *Wildlife First and ors. v. Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change and ors*, WP(C) 109/2008, points to a constitutional challenge to the FRA. Given this context, the CSD-SRC has undertaken a study to document cases related to the implementation of the Act with the objective of providing narratives of the historical and continuing injustice produced by the failure of forest settlement processes. To be presented to the Supreme Court, the report has been published by Vasundhara, Bhubaneswar.

Geographical Indication (GI) is now widely considered as a tool for protecting traditional knowledge and empowering indigenous communities. While a large number of GIs have been granted in India, most remain unutilised or underutilised. The CSD-SRC completed a study that looked into the GIs of protected agricultural products from four selected States of India with a focus on the economic, livelihood and institutional aspects. The study emphasised that institutional governance and mechanisms need to be strengthened. In this context, it suggested two types of institutions for pushing the use of GIs—well governed and visionary farmer's collectives and active marketing structures—that will position GI products successfully.

Two other projects that were completed in SRC are also noteworthy. One was on electoral politics and elected presidents of dalits and adivasis in Gram Panchayats in Telangana. It found that dalit and adivasi candidates find it difficult to win without the support of dominant caste groups even in reserved constituencies. A major channel of discrimination against Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates comes from the unequal allocation of funds for fighting elections, including the distribution of money during elections. Another interesting study that got completed was related to women's entry into the Ayyappa temple in Sabarimala. The study revealed the specific ways in which the frame of untouchability creates contrasting layers of gender and caste discrimination that is based on the structured beliefs and practices of Ayyappa worship.

Along with the MGNREGS, the National Food Security Act (NFSA) passed in 2013, is mandated to ensure food and nutrition security to all by providing food grains at affordable prices. This constitutes a major social safety net in India. CSD is currently engaged in a concurrent evaluation of the implementation of NFSA in the southern upper Ganga plains and in the central region of Uttar Pradesh. CSD is also evaluating Investor Awareness Programmes on Potential Investors in rural India. This has been spearheaded by CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, the Special Purpose Vehicle of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in collaboration with Investor Education and Protection Fund, Ministry of Corporate Affairs and other professional institutes. We are also evaluating another programme of the CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, namely, the Stree Swabhiman Initiative – a scheme to improve the menstrual health of women along with their empowerment through production of sanitary napkins by village-level women entrepreneurs.

A significant study on Scheduled Caste entrepreneurship has been initiated. The study, focussing on Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, aims to examine constraints and challenges facing Dalit entrepreneurs to understand the discrimination faced by them. The study also tries to understand whether globalisation and liberalisation of the Indian economy has provided more opportunities to SCs or whether capitalist development has reinforced already existing barriers.

With education being a key area of activity in CSD, we are engaged in several related projects. While in one study we try to look at the role of private schools, in another we explore the ways of improving public education by reviving government schools. Similarly, the RTE Forum is also engaged in a few initiatives that combine research and advocacy.

The SRC is also engaged in several ongoing researches. One study is preparing the Action Plan for Aspirational Districts in Telangana. This project is part of an initiative to understand the achievements of the Transformation of Aspirational Districts' programme initiated by the Government of India in January 2018. In a related theme, SRC is examining the impact of MGNREGS on rural employment and migration in Andhra Pradesh. It is also engaged in an evaluation of Intensive Training Programme for Tribal Welfare of the Tribal Welfare Department of the Government of Telangana.

Under the RBI Chair, SRC is conducting three studies. Assessing Multi-Dimensional Poverty in India for the Sustainable Development Goals: Adaptation and Use of the Consensual Approach in South India, looks at the suitability of an internationally validated method of poverty assessment—the Consensual Approach—in the Indian context. Two other studies focus on the dietary diversity and iron deficiency/ anaemia, among women in four Indian States, namely, Kerala, Jharkhand, Punjab and Assam. The other study examines the inter-state variation in time use in women employment between Bihar and Telangana with a focus on the declining work force participation rates of women.

Every year, the Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture takes place on 15th July to pay tribute to our founder on her birthday. This year, the lecture was delivered by Prof. Hiren Gohain, eminent intellectual and former Professor of English, Guwahati University, who spoke on 'The Heritage and Prospects of Democracy'. CSD also organised several other lectures, seminar and training programmes. Prominent among them were: 'International Seminar on Satyagraha in the Twenty-First Century Social, Ethical and Spiritual Dimensions of Global Pursuits of Truth'; a National Seminar on 'Social Sector Development in Northeast India: Problems, Issues and Challenges' and 'Macroeconomic Aspects of Union Budget 2019-2020 and 2020-2021' and 'Macroeconomic Policy Alternatives for Putting the Indian Economy Back on the Trajectory of High Growth and the Role of the Social Sector'.

The Social Change Golden Jubilee Lecture 2020 – 'From Home to the Borders; Violence Against Women, Impunity and Resistance' was delivered by feminist historian, Uma Chakravarty; other events included the Justice Alladi Kuppaswami Centenary Seminar and Training Courses on Research Methodology in Social Sciences in Delhi and Hyderabad.

CSD published its biennial *India Social Development Report* this year that covered the theme Rising Inequalities in India. Other publications included, *Visions of Education in India*, edited by Muchkund Dubey and Dr Susmita Mitra, *Universalizing Health Care in India: From Care to Coverage*, edited by Prof. Imrana Qadeer, Prof. K.B.Saxena and Dr P.M.Arathi; *India's Social Sector and SDGs: Problems and Prospects* edited by R. Govinda and Poornima M. and *Justice Alladi Kuppaswami in Court: Compendium of Judgments* compiled by Raghunandan Sriram and Kalpana Kannabiran, CSD-SRC, Hyderabad.

The year 2019-2020 came to an abrupt end due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the lockdown came just few days before the end of our reporting year and hence our activities were not affected. But with the huge uncertainty ahead, maintaining this level of activity in the current year will be a challenge. Let's hope for the best!

Prof. Nitya Nanda

December 2020

Executive Summary

In a departure from past practice, the Council for Social Development is presenting an executive summary of its 2019-2020 activities, for a quick grasp of current activities and an insight into future activities. As the year's journey has shown, CSD continues to follow the mandate of its founder Durgabai Deshmukh using its core strength of research and study to look at structural problems that drive widening inequality and support the cause of vulnerable communities. With the help and support of a dedicated faculty and staff members, 2019-20 was a productive one for CSD. Both Delhi and Hyderabad pursued their areas of specialisation. The former examined issues related to education, agriculture and rural development, while Hyderabad additionally looked at areas of labour, employment as well as challenges facing dalits and adivasis. During this period, Delhi was able to complete eight projects, while Hyderabad also completed eight projects. At the end of the year, six projects were ongoing in Delhi while Hyderabad had nine ongoing projects.

The year 2019-2020 came to an abrupt end due to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. With the lockdown coming just a few days before the end of the reporting year, CSD's activities largely remained unaffected.

Research/Project Activities

Council for Social Development, Delhi

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Sustainable rural development has been a priority area of CSD's activities and two important completed projects are linked to this theme. The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), an important state-sponsored initiative to promote the socio-economic development of rural areas, brings with it some environmental benefits, too. A significant outcome is **improved water conservation** through the creation and rejuvenation of water bodies. Apart from the obvious environmental advantages, agriculture and other allied activities have also benefitted, improving the economic conditions of rural people. Our study has concluded that the positive effects of such projects need to be highlighted especially in areas that face issues of both water shortages and surfeit.
- The National Food Security Act (NFSA) was passed in 2013 to ensure food and nutrition security to all. Mandated to provide food grains at affordable prices, the Act constitutes a major social safety net in India. CSD is currently engaged in a concurrent **evaluation of the implementation of the NFSA** in southern upper Ganga plains and central region of Uttar Pradesh.
- To understand the reasons behind a growing digital divide, a **grassroots study of the efficacy of a national digital literacy programme**, the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) has been initiated. Though the programme has had a positive impact, certain gaps have also been noted: for instance, the need for a better selection of beneficiaries and the lack of internet connectivity in some areas, hindering youngsters in applying recently acquired IT skills.
- Spearheaded by CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, the Special Purpose Vehicle of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and in collaboration with Investor Education and Protection Fund, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and other professional institutes, an **evaluation study of Investor Awareness Programmes on Potential Investors** in rural India has begun. Using telephonic as well as in-person field surveys

across 19 states, the goal of the programme is to create awareness about savings and investment to improve the long-term financial security of rural Indians.

EDUCATION

Continuing CSD's work towards ensuring education for all, this year too several projects have been focussed on access to education. Our various projects have involved studies, collaborations with State and civil society partners and projects at various levels to raise awareness and strengthen advocacy for basic rights like education.

Some brief highlights:

- An important study on the **role of private schools** examines the status of privatisation of elementary education. It also looks at why parents increasingly prefer private education for their children and compared government and private schools and their ability to provide quality education.
- A research project on **reviving government schools** is concentrating on how public education can be strengthened and improved by showcasing some of the best practices in government schools.
- A detailed research study on the **large-scale closure and merger of schools** in Rajasthan shows how these schools are not only violating prescribed norms laid down under the Right to Education Act, but also seriously jeopardising access to education, especially for girl children and children of vulnerable groups. Often decisions to merge schools have been carried out without adequate consultation with key stakeholders, such as teachers and parents.
- A **policy document** has been prepared for the advocacy of the right to quality, inclusive and equitable education for all children from pre-primary to higher secondary level. It is a potential reference point for the proposed National Education Policy.
- In keeping with its goals, the Right to Education (RTE) Forum has conducted projects that have combined research with advocacy. Through the RTE Forum, CSD has participated in important advocacy projects in the area of education. One such programme, includes **evidence-based advocacy projects** that concentrate on ensuring equitable and quality education.
- The RTE Forum has held **multi-stakeholder collaborations** with teacher's associations, government officials, policymakers, such as Parliamentarians and politicians all whom have raised a powerful collective voice to promote the cause of education. The fact that the Draft Education Policy 2019 today includes pre-primary education within its ambit shows the visible positive outcome of such deliberations and the result of single-minded hard work.
- The far-reaching **Inequality Campaign** is another project geared towards equitable education under which several activities have been organised. An initiative in this category is the project, **Promoting Girls Education through Evidence-based Advocacy**.

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Not often highlighted, but nonetheless significant is the adverse impact of development activities, like infrastructure expansion, on rural communities. To assess the effects of such undertakings, CSD embarked on an **impact study on villages located close to Birs Munda Airport, Ranchi** for the Airport Authority of India. The report has concluded that the development has not brought in a significant improvement in the wellbeing of the people in the area. To achieve this goal, CSD's detailed study has made many recommendations including the installation of an effective governance system to prevent the illegal sale of land; introduction of relevant infrastructure like irrigation facilities and the strengthening of community assets, such as education and health services.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN

CSD has conducted an evaluation study of a project that has been initiated by CSC e-Governance Services India Limited—the Stree Swabhiman Initiative. The project has three goals: to improve the menstrual health of women; produce quality sanitary napkins in manufacturing units run by women entrepreneurs located in the village; and create levels of empowerment. CSD's study seeks to assess whether units set up in villages have been successful in producing quality hygiene products at affordable prices for rural underprivileged women; gauge whether awareness levels on menstrual health practices have locally improved and if better behavioural changes in rural women on the issue of menstruation has occurred.

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

A significant study on **Scheduled Caste (SCs) entrepreneurship** that touches upon CSD's important focus area — dalits — has been initiated. The study focusses on challenges facing dalit entrepreneurs in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar to assess whether they face any discrimination or bias. Extending the canvas further, the study will also look at whether the globalisation and liberalisation of the Indian economy has provided more opportunities to SCs or has capitalist development merely reinforced already existing barriers.

Council for Social Development- South Regional Centre, Hyderabad

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Geographical Indication (GI) is an effective tool for protecting traditional knowledge and empowering indigenous communities. While a large number of GIs have been granted in India, most remain unutilised or underutilised. In its study, SRC looked into the **GIs of protected agricultural products** from four states of India, focussing on economic, livelihood, and institutional aspects. The study has concluded that institutional governance and mechanisms need to be strengthened to push the use of GIs. For this, it suggests that two institutions — well governed and visionary farmer's collectives and effective marketing structures — will be useful in positioning GI products successfully.

- **The Action Plan for Aspirational Districts in Telangana** project is part of an initiative to understand the achievements of the Transformation of Aspirational Districts' programme initiated by the Government of India in January 2018.
- SRC is examining the **impact of MGNREGS on rural employment and migration** in Andhra Pradesh. It is also engaged in the **evaluation of Intensive Training Programme for Tribal Welfare** of the Tribal Welfare Department of the Government of Telangana.
- Under the **RBI Chair**, SRC is conducting three studies: **Assessing Multi-Dimensional Poverty in India for the Sustainable Development Goals: Adaptation and Use of the Consensual Approach in South India** looks at the suitability of an internationally validated method of poverty assessment — the Consensual Approach — in the Indian context. Two other studies focus on the **dietary diversity** and **iron deficiency/anaemia**, among women in four Indian States, namely, Kerala, Jharkhand, Punjab and Assam.

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

Inter-state migration is a significant theme of research in SRC and there are four research studies being conducted covering different aspects in this area.

- The first looks at women **migrant domestic workers** in Hyderabad. The city's woman domestic worker force faces several challenges, both in their own homes and in the homes they work in. But even though they are constrained by bad working and living conditions and low bargaining power they are still better off when compared to their place of origin. More empowered, more aware, they will be able to afford a much better life to their children, whether they are boys or girls.

Two research projects are concentrating on **caste and the migrant worker**. While one has focussed on dalit migrant workers from Odisha into Hyderabad, the other relates to dalit migrants in general. Both studies have strikingly similar finding: even though caste discrimination persists in cities, its extent and intensity is far less as compared to the migrant's place of origin.

- The fourth study on **Bihari migrant workers in Hyderabad** has found that even though workers have a substantially higher income in the city compared to what they would have earned in their villages, their working and living conditions remain deplorable. The study recommends that governments, both in the State of origin as well as the State of destination, should ensure better working and living conditions for migrants.

DALITS AND ADIVASIS

- A major legislation of this century the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (FRA) has tried to redress the injustice meted out to depressed communities. However, the Supreme Court case of *Wildlife First and ors. v. Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change and*

ors, WP(C) 109/2008 has constitutionally challenged the FRA. Against this background, SRC is documenting and studying cases related to the implementation of the FRA, providing detailed narratives of the historical and continuing injustice caused by the failure of forest settlement processes. The report has been published by Vasundhara, Bhubaneswar and has been presented to the Supreme Court.

- Two other noteworthy projects have been also completed in SRC. One on **electoral politics and elected presidents of dalits and adivasis** in the Gram Panchayats in Telangana found that dalit and adivasi candidates found it difficult to win without the support of dominant caste groups even in reserved constituencies. One reason could be the discrimination against SC/ST candidates in the unequal allocation of funds for fighting elections.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN

- Another completed study relates to **women's entry into the Ayyappa temple** in Sabarimala which outlines specific ways in which untouchability creates contrasting layers of gender and caste discrimination based on the structured beliefs and practices of Ayyappa worship.
- Two other related studies focus on the **dietary diversity and iron deficiency** that causes anemia among women in four States—Kerala, Jharkhand, Punjab and Assam. A second study examines the inter-state variation in time use of women's employment between Bihar and Telangana with a focus on the declining work force participation rates of women. Both were under the RBI chair.

EVENTS

- Every year, the Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture takes place on 15 July to honour CDS's founder on her birthday. This year, **Prof. Hiren Gohain**, eminent intellectual and former Professor of English, Guwahati University spoke on **The Heritage and Prospects of Democracy**. CSD also held several other lectures, seminar and training programmes including the annual training programme, **Research Methodology in Social Sciences**.
- **The Social Change Golden Jubilee Lecture 2020, From Home to the Borders; Violence Against Women, Impunity and Resistance** was delivered by feminist historian, Uma Chakravarty on 24 February 2020.
- **A International Seminar on Satyagraha in the Twenty-First Century Social, Ethical and Spiritual Dimensions of Global Pursuits of Truth** took place 22-24 October 2019. The objective was to take the philosophy and methodology implicit in Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography, *The Story of My Experiments with Truth*. Nearly 60 papers were presented in the 4 plenary sessions, 14 parallel sessions and 3 special sessions. In all, about 300 people attended the event.
- **A National Seminar on Social Sector Development in Northeast India: Problems, Issues and Challenges** was held at New Delhi on 14-15 July 2019. The deliberations examined social sector development at aggregate and disaggregated levels in the North-eastern States of India.

Numerous discussions and seminars also took place. Some highlights.

- A special discussion, Macroeconomic Policy Alternatives for Putting the Indian Economy Back on the Trajectory of High Growth and the Role of the Social Sector was held on 28 November 2019. Every year, CSD holds a discussion on the Annual Union Budget. This year the budget was presented twice as the full budget for 2019-20 could not be presented in time because of the general elections. CSD's discussion on the budget was held on 13 August 2019 and another discussion was organised on the 2020-21 budget on 18 February 2020.
- A seminar on Disarmament: Reviving Global Initiatives was held on 24 April as part of the Bandung Day celebration in CSD. Several other seminars were organised under the Social Development Forum platform of CSD. RTE Forum also organised a number of seminars/workshops.

CSD-SRC also organised a number of lectures, talks and workshops

- Every year to honour C.D. Deshmukh, the **CD Deshmukh Memorial Lecture** is organised by the CSD-SRC. This year it was delivered by **Prof. Zoya Hasan**, Professor Emerita, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and currently Distinguished Professor at CSD, Delhi on **Democracy as Majoritarianism** on 25 September 2019.
- The Centre also organised the Justice Alladi Kuppaswami Centenary Seminar and a Training Course on **Research Methodology in Social Sciences**. A lecture on **Modernity of Slavery Revisited** was delivered by **Prof. P. Sanal Mohan** on 28 August 2019 while a lecture on **The Shifting Sands of Citizenship: Dispossession, Constitutional Ruptures**

and **Borderlands** was delivered by Prof. Kalpana Kannabiran on 31 December, 2019. A Faculty Seminar was held on 31 October, 2019 on **Issues in Social Development** in which four of the SRC faculty members made presentations.

PUBLICATIONS

- CSD published its biennial, **India Social Development Report 2018** this year that covered the theme **Rising Inequalities in India**. Other publications included, *Visions of Education in India*, edited by Muchkund Dubey and Dr Susmita Mitra; *Universalizing Health Care in India: From Care to Coverage*, edited by Prof. Imrana Qadeer, Prof. K.B.Saxena and Dr P.M.Arathi; and *India's Social Sector and SDGs: Problems and Prospects*, edited by R. Govinda and Poornima M.
- As scheduled, CSD's journals, *Social Change* published four issues (June, September, December 2019 and March 2020), while *Samajik Vimarsh*, CSD's Hindi journal published two issues (June and December 2019).
- CSD-SRC published *Justice Alladi Kuppuswami in Court: Compendium of Judgments* compiled by Raghunandan Sriram & Kalpana Kannabiran, CSD-SRC, Hyderabad.
- Faculty members of both Delhi and Hyderabad centres published several journal articles, book chapters and newspaper articles.

RESEARCH

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COMPLETED PROJECTS



DIGITAL LITERACY INITIATIVE TO EMPOWER RURAL INDIA: IMPACT EVALUATION OF THE PRADHAN MANTRI GRAMIN DIGITAL SAKSHARTA ABHIYAN (PMGDISHA)

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Sponsoring Agency CSC E-Governance Services India Ltd., Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Date of Completion May 2019

This study sought to evaluate the impact of the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) which has trained more than 60 million rural Indians making them digitally literate. The study, using telephonic interviews, covered a sample of 25,000 trainees from across India. It found that 50 per cent of beneficiaries were women, suggesting the programme's significant gender reach. A majority of the trainers (80 per cent) were satisfied with the computers and 65 per cent with the internet facility available in training centres; over 95 per cent of the trainees were satisfied with the lessons provided on operating digital devices like computer, laptop and smart phones. However, the programme has fallen short in achieving some objectives. A primary goal of the PMGDISHA has been to train rural masses across the country in the use of computers, especially those from disadvantaged communities. In a few States, a substantial proportion of beneficiaries were being enrolled from peri-urban areas. To effectively reach rural interiors, that there is a need to strengthen the programme's outreach was seen in some States; against the goal of including one member from a targetted family in the training more members need to have been selected. Though in some cases, already digitally literate people were also being selected. In targetting disadvantaged groups, such as SCs, STs, minorities, and differently abled persons more innovative methods are needed. It is suggested that local communities and panchayats representatives can be tapped in identifying such eligible beneficiaries.

DOCUMENTATION OF SUCCESSFUL WORKS FOR WATER CONSERVATION UNDER MGNREGS

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Sponsoring Agency National Institute of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India

Date of Completion 31 July 2019

This project has entailed the verification and documentation of best practices in water conservation carried out under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). In this context, CSD has examined four States, Haryana, Punjab, Assam and Jammu & Kashmir, researching the best examples of water conservation being carried under MGNREGS. The research has been undertaken specifically for the Prime Minister's Water Conclave that has been scheduled for 2 October 2019. Notwithstanding criticisms of the quality of community

assets created under MGNREGA, the study has found many innovative measures for conserving water. It was observed that the water harvesting work carried out under MGNREGA had a positive impact on agriculture, horticulture, fish farming or pisciculture in the studied States. The study has recommended that for States like Jammu & Kashmir and Assam, water conservation should be taken up on a large-scale and on a priority basis as they face problems of both plenty (during the rainy season) and scarcity (especially for agriculture, during the dry summer months).

NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF AIRPORT-ADJACENT VILLAGES IN RANCHI

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Sponsoring Agency UNDP

Date of Completion 5 October 2019

Under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) requirement, the Airport Authority of India has earmarked Rs 5 crore for the development of about 15 villages adjoining the Birsa Munda International Airport, Ranchi. This needs assessment study attempts to gauge the needs of people living in these selected villages and in doing so identify some key priorities that the district administration and other agencies should follow. The study has also recommended a set of activities or interventions which can be implemented for the socio-economic upliftment of people living in these villages and the development of the area. But the development that is already in place does not reflect any significant improvement in the lives of the villagers. This is due to both supply-side and the demand-side factors. Supply-side factors such as bad road connectivity and poor infrastructures have hampered development. On the demand-side, the villagers seem unable to inculcate a culture of saving; land selling is rampant as is the malaise of alcoholism. The study recommends there should be a system of governance in place that prevents the illegal sale and purchase of land, provides adequate irrigation facilities and better road connectivity, strengthening of community assets, especially in the areas of education and health, and creating vocational training centres.

CLOSURE OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS IN RAJASTHAN. A STUDY OF RATIONALISATION POLICY, IT'S IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPACT

Project Director Prof. Ashok Pankaj

Co-Directors Dr Aparajita Sharma and Dr Susmita Mitra

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Sponsoring Agency Child Fund India

Within four years of implementation of the RTE Act 2009, following a policy of rationalisation, many States have begun to shut down and merge schools. The States with the highest number of such closures are Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. Between 2014 and 2017 alone, a total of 25,629 schools were closed in Rajasthan. This study, which focusses on Rajasthan, found that often the mergers have resulted in the schools receiving the children being located at a great distance from the original school, in fact beyond the prescribed norms outlined in the RTE Act. Because of the great distances girls are dropping out of school as are children from disadvantaged communities. Often located in inaccessible areas, the receiving schools are often ill equipped and unprepared to receive extra students. Little or no preparatory work has been done in advance with parents, teachers or SMCs not being consulted about this eventuality. All these challenges have caused irregular attendance by students, some of whom are being directed by their families to do agricultural work rather than study. In some cases, children are being pushed into private schools, resulting in an extra financial burden for their families. The study suggests that mergers should follow the norms prescribed in the RTE Act and not violate children's right to education or disrupt it in any way. The receiving schools should also be provided with adequate infrastructure to absorb students and mergers and should take into account the spatial mapping of habitations and population of children in the area concerned. In case

a merger is inevitable, and the distance to the school is huge, transport facilities should be provided or parents should be helped financially to make proper transport arrangements. Pre-merger consultation with the community, parents, teachers, and headmaster and teachers of the receiving school, the report stresses, will help in a smoother transition.

RIGHT TO QUALITY, INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN

Project Director Prof. Muchkund Dubey

Associated Academic Staff Dr Hem Borker (*Consultant*)

Sponsoring Agency Save the Children

The purpose of the project is to prepare a policy document for the advocacy of a continuum of education from pre-primary to the higher secondary level. The focus of this document is on early childhood education and extending the right to education, which is a fundamental right for all children. This exercise resulted in a document as a reference point for the proposed National School Education Policy for the country. Towards this end, it generated advocacy material from the RTE Forum to take forward in its National Campaign for the extension of the RTE Act from the pre-primary level to higher secondary education level. A draft paper on the RTE prepared by Prof. Muchkund Dubey and Dr Hem Borker was discussed in a roundtable meeting attended by core group members on 21 October 2019 for their feedback and suggestions.

COMPLETED PROJECTS UNDER RTE

EVIDENCE-BASED ADVOCACY FOR EQUITABLE AND QUALITY EDUCATION

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Sponsoring Agency UNICEF

Date of Completion December 2019

The project advocates the Right to Education by engaging different stakeholders in the field of education like teacher's associations, government officials, decision-makers, such as Parliamentarians, in an attempt to create a powerful collective voice to push the cause for education. An extension of the RTE Act increasing the allocation of resources for education and creating a secure educational space for girls are integral elements of this project. This initiative broadly looks at advocating equitable and quality education for all; improving learning levels of children by fully implementing the RTE Act; pressing for the enhancement in the Budget's allocation to education by at least 6 per cent of the GDP and extending the RTE Act to include pre-primary and higher secondary education. To this end, many steps have been taken. Several meetings have taken place: with the Union Finance Minister at a pre-budget consultation where the RTE Forum submitted its demands to the ministry; with teachers and other stakeholders in Karnataka; with teachers' associations in Himachal Pradesh to discuss the Draft National Education Policy 2019 as also a national-level meeting with teachers' association and other stakeholders. The purpose of extended meetings with teachers is to reaffirm their critical role in enhancing quality education. A press conference on the National Education Policy 2019 has also been held and a National Consultation on Safe and Secure Education for Girl has been organised in an effort to build a consensus. After continuous advocacy for the extension of the RTE Act up to 18 years, the draft version of the National Education Policy 2019, recommends the RTE Act to be extended to include all children from 3-18 years of age. While this is a big advocacy win, the RTE Forum will continue its advocacy agenda for it to be implemented and will continue to campaign for 6 per cent of the GDP to be allocated for education.

INEQUALITY CAMPAIGN

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Sponsoring Agency Oxfam India

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The project aims to hold the State accountable for complying with the RTE Act 2009 and pushing that the RTE Act extends from the pre-primary level of education to higher secondary. The project is also directed towards making education a prime development agenda through an all-India national campaign. Largely structured as an evidence-based advocacy initiative, this project hopes to achieve its goals by engaging with a broad spectrum of stakeholders collectively creating a powerful force to push for equal and quality education. There has been steady progress in activities. A National Council Meeting has been held to draft the way forward for the Right to Education campaign in the coming six months. Discussions on education like school closure, the RTE Act compliance, elections campaigns and post-election advocacy have also taken place. Mr Anurag Behar, member of the drafting committee of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2019, joined a RTE Forum meeting in which concerns about the NEP were candidly discussed. Further, State consultations on the privatisation and commercialisation of school education are also being planned. While inclusion of children from 3-18 years of age in NEP can be considered a victory for the mandate of the RTE Forum, certain provisions of the NEP have caused concern as discussed during the National Consultation with Teachers' Unions and also during a Roundtable Meeting with Members of Parliament.

PROMOTING GIRLS EDUCATION THROUGH EVIDENCE-BASED ADVOCACY

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Sponsoring Agency The Malala Fund, Washington, DC

Date of Completion March 2020

This project aims to support girls' education on a sustained basis through the implementation of the RTE Act at the national level with a specific focus on Hamirpur district in Uttar Pradesh and Patna in Bihar. The objective of this project is to ensure that all out-of-school girls in the project locations are enrolled in schools and that local communities with School Management Committees (SMCs), Panchayati Raj Institutions and school teachers are actively engaged in monitoring their regular attendance. To do that it is important to create at the local level an interface between communities and block and district administration officials to see that schools in selected districts become RTE compliant. At the national-level, we are engaged with a regular engagement with researchers, academicians, activists and political leadership for advocating the expansion of RTE Act, 2009 from the pre-primary level up to secondary education level, is also essential. At the national level, the project has also been advocating an increased allocation of the GDP for education (at least 6 per cent) and for the inclusion of specific provisions in the New Education Policy to support the education of girls. The project has initiated the enumeration of all out-of-school girls in the selected areas through a baseline survey and formed of block and district level advisory committees in project areas for the monitoring of schools. School Enrollment Campaigns have started at both project locations. Based on its research, recommendations have been submitted for inclusion in the draft National Education Policy 2019 to develop a comprehensive document that will address the all-important issue of educating girls as part of the Gulmakai Network, India Chapter.

ONGOING PROJECTS

CONCURRENT EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NFSA IN SOUTHERN UPPER GANGA PLAINS AND CENTRAL REGION OF UTTAR PRADESH

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Sponsoring Agency Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Govt. of India

In 2013, the National Food Security Act (NFSA) was passed to ensure food and nutrition security to all by providing food grains at affordable prices. Under the Act, Priority Households (PHH) are entitled to 5 kg of food grains per person, per month while Antodaya Anna Yojna (AAY) households are entitled to 35 kg at a more subsidised price. The study seeks to evaluate and assess the implementation of the NFSA (2013) in 26 districts of Uttar Pradesh, measuring and monitoring changes that have been brought in, specifically at the system and the beneficiary level. After field visits to ten districts of Uttar Pradesh, findings reveal that a number of PHH card holders are eligible for being AAY card holders. The installation of e-PoS (electronic point of sales) machines in Fair Price Shops (FPS) in urban as well as rural areas has created some operational problems: poor connectivity means that beneficiaries wait endlessly for their rations, sometimes forgoing their daily wages; operating e-PoS also requires basic technical knowledge and training which is missing; with receipts in English, consumers do not know if they have received the quantity they are entitled to or calculations have been done correctly. The delivery of food grains is also an issue. Though grievance redressal systems are in place, through officers and toll free numbers, awareness is low and vigilance committees exist only on paper. Further, no social audit has been conducted. The reports of 4th and 5th quarter have been submitted and the field survey for the 6th quarter is in progress.

SCHEDULED CASTE ENTREPRENEURSHIP: STATUS, CONSTRAINTS AND CHALLENGES, A STUDY OF PUNJAB, UTTAR PRADESH AND MAHARASHTRA

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Sponsoring Agency ICSSR

The proposed study aims to examine constraints and challenges facing Dalit entrepreneurs to understand the discrimination faced by them in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. It also seeks to look at the barriers in establishing and sustaining business firms by members of the Scheduled Caste community because of discrimination arising out of caste identity by examining detailed case studies in the selected districts of these three States. In this context, the study aims to understand whether globalisation and liberalisation of the Indian economy has provided more opportunities to SCs or has capitalist development reinforced already existing barriers. This study, which is both quantitative and qualitative, makes use of the Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) data to examine the number of SC entrepreneurs in the selected States. About 70 Dalit entrepreneurs (petty, small and large) in each State have been interviewed through structured questionnaires. The field survey in the three locations is now complete and chapter writing is in its final stage.

FINANCIAL INCLUSION OF RURAL CITIZENS: ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF INVESTOR AWARENESS PROGRAMMES ON POTENTIAL INVESTORS IN RURAL INDIA

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Sponsoring Agency Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India

Investor education through financial literacy programmes in rural areas is essential for helping potential investors know about available investment policies and schemes, choosing better investment opportunities to ensure the best outcomes from their investment. Investor Awareness Programmes is an initiative implemented by CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, the Special Purpose Vehicle of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in collaboration with Investor Education and Protection Fund, Ministry of Corporate Affairs and other professional institutes. The aim of the programme is to create awareness about savings and investments to improve financial knowledge and investment aspects of rural Indians. Our study seeks to find the awareness levels among these rural trainees about savings, investments and other financial products and services, examine constraints faced by them while planning their investments and avoid possible pitfalls while doing so. It will also assess the preference of rural citizens in choosing digital platforms for financial transactions. The survey, which will be both qualitative and quantitative in nature, will cover 19 States in which the Investor Awareness Programme is being implemented. The questionnaires for beneficiaries and Village-Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) have been finalised and telephonic surveys and field surveys have also been initiated. The preliminary writing of the report has started.

REVIVING GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS: CASE STUDIES OF BEST PRACTICES OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS IN IMPROVING PUBLIC EDUCATION

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Sponsoring Agency ICSSR

This study aims at identifying some best practices in reviving government schools which forms the core of the Indian public education system. Whether it is the effort of teachers, the community or assorted individuals, innovative measures to improve the quality and efficiency of education and learning outcome in government schools will be showcased. The research, which focusses on Bihar and Tamil Nadu, the two States with the highest and lowest proportions of government schools in India, intends to highlight positive case studies which can serve as a model for replication by other government schools. The study looks at identifying some innovative steps such as increasing enrollment, reaching out to out-of-school children, preventing the closures of government schools and identifying the factors that have made these initiatives possible. After capturing some good case studies and analysing how schools have coped with the challenges of quality, implementation and monitoring, key factors and individuals who have been instrumental in taking proactive measures will be identified. Two districts have been chosen from each selected States and a total of 10-15 schools in each district have been covered. The study thus aims to collect evidence from 50-60 elementary schools. With fieldwork, data entry and revisits to the field to fill in gaps having already been completed, tabulation and report writing is under process.

ADVANCING THE MENSTRUAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE OF WOMEN: IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE STREE SWABHIMAN INITIATIVE

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Sponsoring Agency CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd

This study aims to assess the impact of the Stree Swabhiman initiative which is directed at spreading awareness about menstrual health and hygiene among rural women and adolescent girls, apart from making women produce bio-degradable and environment-friendly sanitary napkins, thus providing employment opportunities. The research seeks to examine the functioning of the sanitary napkin production units set up by village level entrepreneurs (VLEs) and assess whether these products can be bought by the underserved, illiterate and unaware women. It will also trace measures taken by the CSCs/VLEs in creating awareness for these women on menstrual health practices; examine whether women accept the idea of using sanitary napkins; and determine any behavioural change in girls and women regarding the use of such products, post-training. The study will also assess the employment opportunities created for women through this initiative and suggest measures to improve this intervention. The survey, both qualitative and quantitative in nature together with a primary survey, has been undertaken in six Indian States where the Stree Swabhiman scheme has been implemented on a large-scale. The study, based on a sample of 600 respondents for intensive field survey, will be carried through in-depth interviews and Focussed Group Discussions with beneficiaries, VLEs, Primary Health Centres, doctors and other key informants. With the fieldwork in the selected States and data entry having been completed, the tabulation and writing of the report is under process.

REACH AND ROLE OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN INDIA

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Sponsoring Agency Nehru Memorial Trust for Cambridge University

The project aims to analyse the status of privatisation of elementary education in India and to assess the reach and role of private schools from the supply and demand side. It will also examine why parents prefer to enroll their children in private schools and look at the financial implications for doing so, especially relevant for poor families. Further, it will study the facilities and quality of education provided in private schools *vis-à-vis* government schools, the fee structure of private schools and their impact on lower segments of society. Significantly, the study will also look at the implications of privatisation in realising the objectives of Articles 14 and 15 of the Constitution that provides 'equality before law' and 'prohibition of discrimination' on various grounds. Both primary and secondary data have been used for the study. Firstly, the available secondary data will be desk-reviewed in order to assess the status, reach and quality of private and government schools across four States in India selected for the study, that is Karnataka, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh. Then primary data will be collected from five villages of identified blocks in the selected districts of each State. One paper out of this study has been published in *India Social Development Report, 2018* and another paper for a book on Public-Private partnership is under preparation, three chapters of the report have been written and the remaining two chapters will be completed shortly.

HYDERABAD

COMPLETED PROJECTS



A STUDY OF MIGRANT WOMEN DOMESTIC WORKERS IN GREATER HYDERABAD

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This study looks at migrant domestic workers in Hyderabad, a largely female workforce from marginalised communities, that is informal, unregulated and unprotected with a low bargaining power. The major objective of the study has been to look at different aspects of migration and to understand the dynamics that are involved in migration and choice of domestic work. The study has been carried out in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation area (GHMC) by using the snowball method. The sample consisted of 15 part-time domestic workers who have migrated with their families to Hyderabad from neighbouring districts and States. It has been found that wage rates differed based on work locations: IT areas give higher wages than other areas. In terms of access to facilities in the homes they work in, workers report that they are not permitted to use electrical appliances, meals and beverages are given at the whim of the employer while wages are not cut for short absences. All the women have reported that wages were fixed unilaterally by their employers and their only choice is to accept the stated work terms or leave. Workers also report receiving gifts in kind during festivals. In terms of their personal circumstance, domestic workers are the primary income earners in their families and take all major decisions, especially regarding their children's education. In the choices they make no distinction between boys and girls. These domestic workers usually earn more than their husbands, all of them report alcohol consumption by husbands, very few have access to banking services, and with a few exceptions, they do not disclose their income to their husbands. In general, the study has found that the absence of bargaining power, standard wages and conditions of employment makes the situation of domestic workers precarious.

CASTE AND MIGRATION: A STUDY OF ODIA DALIT MIGRANT WORKERS IN HYDERABAD

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The study has focussed on rural Dalit migrants from Odisha to Hyderabad city through a qualitative, interview-based approach. The main findings indicate that the move from rural Odisha to Hyderabad city has been propelled by the aspirations of migrants to better their lives and to access education in cities. Although far from home, the respondents have uniformly observed that migration has been good for them—in terms of work, livelihoods and basic dignity. But the city offers them opportunities as well as challenges. The lack of a formal education and skills training, they feel, restricts their ability to significantly enhance their earnings. The migrants feel that though city life gives them the space to escape from direct caste discrimination and humiliation and they earn well, it is still not enough to meet

their needs. Throughout the interviews and discussions there were no complaints against their owners or managers. It is not that cities are caste free, but the degree of caste discrimination is comparatively less. In their villages, the spatial segregation they felt dehumanised them. This is not their experience in the city, where material and cultural life are not subjected to the problem of untouchability, and that gives dalit migrants a new hope.

A STRATEGY OF SURVIVAL: THE STORY OF BIHARI MIGRANT WORKERS IN HYDERABAD

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The agrarian structure of rural Bihar does not favour its agricultural community which is why the bulk of migrants from this State belong to agricultural or allied services. The distribution of land is also uneven causing unemployment and indebtedness among its rural population. With the question of survival a major concern, male members tend to migrate, leaving female members of their families behind in the villages. But in their destination places too migrant labourers live in appalling working and living conditions. This study has found that there is no sign of improvement in the Bihari migrant's working or living conditions. One recommendation emerging from the research is that since migration is taking place on such a large-scale, the two States, that is destination and origin, should seriously look at the issue of the worker's wellbeing. The origin State should take few important initiatives such as land reform which can be implemented by a committed social and political will. It should also focus on building community property such as schools and ponds. The destination States should not leave the issues of worker's wellbeing to the industries which employ them, but instead focus on setting institutional standards for workers' rights. The State establishment should see that factories do not use inhumane and illegal practices, such as unpaid overtime, excessive workloads, insufficient salary/wages, inadequate housing and health facilities and ensure quality basic amenities.

ASSIMILATION OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CHANGE AT THE WORK PLACE: A CASE STUDY OF DALIT MIGRATION

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The respondents of this study were Dalit and non-Dalit daily wage labourers affected by agrarian distress over the last two decades. The study has found that there is more social integration among migrant workers at their destination place, which helps them search for better employment opportunities in the local labour market. The study has found that during the post-migration period, women and children adopt a more urban lifestyle reflected in changing food habits. The majority of workers staying in cities achieve economic stability for their families as they access labour market employment opportunities at a reasonable wage rate. The study also reveals that the majority of them become skilled and semi-skilled labour in construction. Participation in social and cultural activities has a positive impact leading to a socially inclusive approach. Participation in religious activities is higher in women than men. However, non-Dalits do not participate in church activities with Dalits because of the social stigma prevalent back in their village. Since caste-based occupations are absent in the city, unlike in the villages, relatively speaking caste-based discrimination of Dalit migrant workers in the city becomes less severe.

CASE STUDY DOCUMENTATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FOREST RIGHTS ACT, 2006 IN INDIA

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The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (FRA) was enacted to correct the historical injustice produced by the eradication of customary rights of forest-dwelling communities in favour of overall State control and of the authority of Gram Sabhas to govern forests and secure sustainable livelihoods. Given this context, the Supreme Court case of *Wildlife First and ors. v. Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change and ors, WP(C) 109/2008*, relates to a constitutional challenge to the FRA. The objective of this documentation is to present to the Supreme Court the narratives of historical and continuing injustice produced by the failure of forest settlement processes and exclusion of forest dwellers from decision-making, large-scale forest destruction by the forest department and other State/non-State actors under other laws, as well as the role of communities and Gram Sabhas in forest conservation under the FRA. Detailed case studies were conducted in 24 sites across 11 States based on the following factors: high percentage of rejection of FRA claims; forest settlement operations severely affecting rights of STs, OTFDs, PVTGs; procedures for scheduling of tribes severely affecting rights of communities; claims not being considered/ rejected/ cancelled due to the diversion of forest land; claims being rejected or put on hold due to forest department programmes; local communities/Gram Sabhas protecting forests; co-existence in Protected Areas; rights not being recognised for displaced communities; rights violation in protected areas and no due process.

The final report was published by Vasundhara, Bhubaneswar in November 2019.

GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION PROTECTED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM SELECT STATES OF INDIA: AN INQUIRY INTO THE ECONOMIC, LIVELIHOOD AND INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS

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Sponsoring Agency Indian Council of Social Science Research (*CSD-SRC in collaboration with GIDR*)

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This study explores the potential of agricultural Geographical Indications (GIs) in strengthening livelihoods and enhancing farmer's incomes. GIs assume significance in India with its diverse climatic and soil conditions and rich cultural fabric. The report has looked at GI tagged agricultural products from Gujarat, Kerala and Maharashtra, the three States leading in filing GI applications. It has covered the Gir Kesar mango and Bhalia wheat in Gujarat; Pokkali rice, Malabar pepper, Alleppey cardamom in Kerala and Vengurla cashew, Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri kokum and Nashik grapes in Maharashtra. The study finds that even among high value crops such as grapes, mango, cashew, pepper and cardamom, the GI tag is largely absent. Awareness about GI is also negligible among low value, traditional varieties of products such as Pokkali and Bhalia wheat and kokum. An important finding is that Farmer's Producer Organisations (FPOs) and strong institutional mechanisms have played an important role in the growth of Nashik grapes. From a consumer analysis, it is clear that while the geographical origin of a product is indeed an 'important' attribute, a GI tag is not considered an asset, indicating a low awareness. Thus it is necessary to publicise the GI tag and logo which has been introduced in August 2018. To that end, institutional governance and mechanisms need to be strengthened. Two types of institutions will help in pushing the use of GIs—well governed and visionary farmer's collectives and active marketing structures—will position GI products successfully.

ELECTORAL POLITICS AND ELECTED PRESIDENTS OF DALITS AND ADIVASIS: A STUDY ON GRAM PANCHAYATS IN TELANGANA

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Sponsoring Agency Indian Council of Social Science Research

The project aims at understanding the electoral politics of elected presidents and the dynamics of Gram Panchayats elections with specific reference to the elected leadership from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The study has covered 100 villages across four districts and used a questionnaire, long interviews and participant observation with an equal proportion of Dalit and Adivasi leaders in the interview sample. The districts covered are Adilabad and Nizamabad in Telangana and West Godavari and Prakasam in Andhra Pradesh. Some important findings have emerged from the study. Though there is keen interest among Dalits and Adivasis to participate in electoral politics it is only possible for candidates from these communities to stand if there are reservations in local government. Further, the dependence on dominant caste/community leaders for political leverage and financial support is inescapable. Electoral victories for Dalit and Adivasi aspirants in mainstream politics remains totally dependent on political patronage from dominant groups.

WOMEN'S ENTRY INTO THE AYYAPPA TEMPLE IN SABARIMALA: UNDERSTANDING THE CONTEXTS OF INTERSECTING CONFLICTS AND NORMATIVE ORDERS

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Sponsoring Agency CSD Core & ICAS-MP

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The study attempts to understand the marginality of women's space at different devotional locations from the perspective of devotees and devotional places after the Supreme Court's verdict allowing women entry into the Ayyappa temple in the Indian Young Lawyers Association case (2018). Extensive fieldwork has been conducted through 152 interviews that took place in the districts of Nellore, Prakasam, West Godavari, Nizamabad, Adilabad, Hyderabad and in the Pamba River area and also at various points in the journey to and from the Ayyappa temple hill shrine. The research was spread across the Ayyappa *deeksha* process, beginning from observing *mala* by the devotees and culminating in the hill shrine in Sabarimala. The key findings of the study point to the ways in which the inclusion of women is structured in the entire *deeksha* process—locating women at various Ayyappa temples and documenting the active participation of women in performing *padi pooja*, for example, indicates a dependence on gendered labour that makes *deeksha* possible. In the conflict over temple entry, it is seen that there is an amalgamation of neutral groups into political forces. In general, the study documents the specific ways in which the frame of untouchability reveals contrasting layers of gender and caste discrimination that is based on the structured beliefs and practices of Ayyappa worship.

ONGOING PROJECTS

ACTION PLAN FOR ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS IN TELANGANA

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Sponsoring Agency Dr Marri Channa Reddy, HRD Institute of Telangana, Government of Telangana

This study is part of an initiative to understand the achievements of the Transformation of Aspirational Districts' programme initiated by the Government of India in January 2018. The main objective of the programme is to enhance the Human Development Index and reduce developmental variations between both inter-states and inter-districts significantly. The programme is specifically concentrated in 115 districts which were identified from 28 regions to transform themselves in a transparent manner. The study covered three districts, Bhadrachalam, Jayashankar Bhupalapally and Kumarambheem Asifabad. From each district, two *mandals* were selected based on a criteria used for developed and underdeveloped areas. Similarly, the villages of Lingala and Katapuram, Gummallapalli and Nasturpalli from Jayashankar Bhupalapally and villages of Mutyampeta and Pardi, Pullera and Pangidi from Kumarambheem Asifabad have been selected as developed and underdeveloped districts respectively and have been taken for the baseline survey of aspirational districts in Telangana. The data have been collected on five specific areas—health, education, agriculture and water resources, infrastructure and skill development. Presently, the data is being analysed and report writing is under process.

TELANGANA SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2020

Project Director Prof. L. Reddeppa, Professor

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Sponsoring Agency Government of Telangana

Broadly, TSDR 2020 aims to identify barriers in attaining educational security for all in Telangana state and detail how health insecurities impede educational security. This broad objective can be schematised through a set of interrelated concerns and the causes for denial of the right to education to children (6-16 years), motives and rationale behind parents' preference for private education, factors underlying students' choice of courses in higher education, and proportion of adolescent/adult girls (16-29) not in higher education and causes behind this. In examining these concerns, TSDR is seen as a foundational step in creating a longitudinal database on structurally important policy aspects through periodic surveys at regular intervals.

Based on detailed preparatory work, a total of 60 *mandals* and 120 villages in rural areas and 62 wards in urban areas (including Hyderabad) have been identified. A census listing of over 40,000 households, eliciting socio-economic information as well as educational status of the members, was conducted. From these census households, sample households along the four categories mentioned in the objectives were selected. All census households in the category of dropouts, never enrolled, and girls not in higher education were covered in the sample survey. In case of those households with children in the private sector and those with students enrolled in higher education, proportionate sampling has been followed. The sample survey has been completed across all districts except in a few which has been disrupted due to the nationwide lockdown due to corona.

IMPACT OF MGNREGS ON RURAL EMPLOYMENT AND MIGRATION IN ANDHRA PRADESH

Project Director Prof. L. Reddeppa

Sponsoring Agency Government of Andhra Pradesh

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Act (MGNREGA) is a right-based social security scheme where funds are being spent at the village level for wage employment. Although MGNREGA is self-targetting, the question is whether poor households are able to get an ensured volume of employment and wages demanded by the workers and the timely payment of wages, apart from other dimensions of entitlements of workers. Any incompatibility

between demand and supply factors results in distress migration. The study, using primary and secondary data, aims at assessing supply and demand-side factors, and their interplay for work and determinants of the incidence of distress migration among workers in Andhra Pradesh. The primary data has been collected through four sets of interview schedules, household, field assistant, Gram Sarpanch and technical assistant. Apart from this, a check list has also been also used for the collection of data from Srama Shakiti Sangas (SSS) operating in 27 sample Gram Panchayats in the three study districts - Kadapa, Chittoor and Ananthapur of Andhra Pradesh. The household data was collected from 832 job card holders in the three study districts. Among them, 430 job card holders are migrant households. The data collection on this project is now complete.

IMPACT OF MGNREGS ON RURAL EMPLOYMENT AND MIGRATION IN ANDHRA PRADESH

Project Director Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra

As part of the TSDR 2020, a compendium on the educational status in Telangana has been envisaged. Its main objective is to generate baseline information on the status of education for 33 districts. As the size of households covered for the house-listing is considerably large, CSD-SRC proposes to analyse information for five indicators and present it statistically for all 33 districts. The main thrust of the analysis is to help the State in its longitudinal surveys on educational status, keeping the compendium as the base point. A total of 67,927 households from 33 districts covering 80 *mandals*, 197 villages and 67 wards have been undertaken through house-listing. Apart from this, secondary information has also been collected on different issues of education. The study has adopted frequency distribution tools at different levels, district, region, social category and so on to categorise information. The analysis of primary as well as secondary information collected from all 33 districts is now complete. The use of maps to delineate districts and the respective statistics is also under way. Once this task is finished, validation to check the uniformity of data will be undertaken.

DYNAMICS OF PARENTAL CHOICE OF SCHOOLING IN RURAL AREAS: A STUDY IN TELANGANA

Project Director Dr Satyam Sunkari, Assistant Professor

Associated Academic Dr Md. Tajuddin, Post-Doctoral Fellow

Sponsoring Agency Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)

The existence of private schools is not a new phenomenon in Telangana. However, a preliminary exploratory field visit reveals that new low budget private schools are emerging in rural areas and these schools are creating ample schooling choices for parents. The study looks critically at the education policies of the State against the backdrop of privatisation of education. This study, through the prism of gender, caste and religion, will examine equity in accessing education within the context of privatisation of education. Indicators in school education, such as physical infrastructure and learning outcomes in public and private school education will be explored. For the present study, both qualitative and quantitative methods are being used. For the empirical observations, Sangareddy district has been selected from where 10 *mandals* have been selected using a purposive sampling method.

Research under the RBI Chair

ASSESSING MULTI-DIMENSIONAL POVERTY IN INDIA FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: ADAPTATION AND USE OF THE CONSENSUAL APPROACH IN SOUTH INDIA

Project Director Prof. Sunny Jose, RBI Chair (*with Shailen Nandy and Marco Pomati*)

Sponsoring Agency Cardiff University, UK

This project tests the suitability of an internationally validated method of poverty assessment—the Consensual Approach—in the Indian context. The approach surveys a representative sample of the population, asking respondents what they consider necessary for an acceptable standard of living. They are asked about the items related to material needs (such as food and housing), access to services (like education and healthcare), and also about activities relating to important elements of social participation. These broader aspects of everyday life are rarely incorporated in or considered by conventional measures of poverty despite forming the basis of internationally-agreed definitions of poverty. The study seeks to validate the significance of this approach through a survey of about 5,000 households spread across all the 13 districts of Telangana. Specifically, the study, the first of its kind in India, will identify a set of socially perceived necessities, and whether households lack such necessities primarily because of a lack of resources or of personal choice.

DIETARY DIVERSITY AND IRON DEFICIENCY ANAEMIA AMONG WOMEN: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF FOUR INDIAN STATES

Project Director Prof. Sunny Jose, RBI Chair (*with Bheemeshwar Reddy, BITS-Pilani, Hyderabad*)

Sponsoring Agency Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research, Mumbai

This research engages with the pressing issue of human development and women's empowerment in India, specifically focussing on the persistence of high level of iron deficiency anaemia among adult women in India. Approaching from the perspectives of human development and women's empowerment, the study considers the persistence prevalence of high levels of anaemia as a lack of freedom to lead a healthy life and the absence of empowerment, central to a woman's wellbeing. Therefore, the study aims to both ascertain what factors are associated with varying prevalence and progress in iron deficiency anaemia and assess the potential contribution of dietary diversity in addressing this unfreedom. The empirical examination will be carried out in four States, Kerala, Jharkhand, Punjab, and Assam. These four States, which represent four diverse regions of India, have been selected based on the twin criteria of prevalence of poverty and progress.

WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT, INTERSTATE VARIATIONS AND TIME-USE: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF BIHAR AND TELANGANA

Project Director Prof. Sunny Jose, RBI Chair (*with Bheemeshwar Reddy, BITS-Pilani, Hyderabad*)

Sponsoring Agency Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

The study examines three interrelated questions. First, why do the labour force participation rates of women remain so low in India and why are inter-state variations huge and unchanging over the years? Second, whether such huge inter-state variations are primarily a product of, or utterly unrelated to, structural transformations and nature of economic growth? Third, can and to what extent time-use studies and alternative concepts of work capture the gamut of changing, intermittent and simultaneous, and multiple jobs increasingly done by women in India? By examining

these three questions, the study serves two important purposes. At one level, it both engages with broad insights emerging from the current debate and ascertains their empirical veracity across the States. At another level, the study seeks to broaden the ambit of the current debate by bringing in some neglected, but substantive aspects associated with women's labour force participation in India. Intensive fieldwork has been conducted in a village each in the States of Bihar and Telangana which remain at both the bottom and top spectrum, respectively, in terms of labour force participation of women in India.

Evaluation of Government Programmes

TRAINING FOR ALL: INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR TRIBAL WELFARE

Sponsoring Agency Dr Marri Channa Reddy, Human Resource Development Institute of Telangana (MCR HRD IT)

Hyderabad has taken up Intensive Training Programme (ITP) for Tribal Welfare Department (TWD), Government of Telangana to improve service delivery in the sectors of education, health and economic development as against the proposal given to the Department of Personnel Training (DOPT), Government of India. The interim report was prepared reflecting the status of work in progress in imparting ITP schemes and its impact on capacity building of staff involved in service delivery. The report is prepared based on desk review, records and documents; verification on process and procedures followed in training; and interaction and focus group discussions with expert resource persons (10 members) and also with staff undergone training on basic skills in computers and IT applications (20 members). The training on basic computer skills in computers and IT application has been imparted to all the Hostel Welfare Officers and Head Masters on priority. It has been observed in the study that the training programme prove to be most useful in their day-to-day administration in using computer applications. The training identified next in the order of priority will be the Training of Trainers (ToT) for primary teachers and high school teachers in the education sector. The ToT is under progress and Base Level Training (BLT) will soon follow for teachers to improve quality in teaching. The process of training for other functionaries of TWD is under progress. The concurrent evaluations will follow in two stages once the BLT is completed, and the other is the final evaluation on impact of training on quality of service delivery for tribal development.

ACADEMIC EVENTS

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DELHI EVENTS

Seminars

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON SOCIAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT IN NORTHEAST INDIA: PROBLEMS, ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

Sponsoring Agency Indian Council for Social Science Research, New Delhi and National University of Education and Planning, New Delhi

Venue India International Centre, New Delhi

Date 14-15, July 2019

Seminar Coordinators Prof. Atul Sarma, Prof. Ashok Pankaj, Ms Antora Borah

The general understanding that the Northeast is a homogenous social and political entity is incorrect. It has pronounced heterogeneity, diversity and cultural plurality, an aspect that policymakers need to note while deciding the development agenda for the region. To understand this region, politically, socially and economically, a two-day National Seminar was organised. The deliberations examined social sector development at aggregate and disaggregated levels in the North-Eastern States of India. Variations in social sector development among the North-Eastern States were pointed out and suggestions given to address the needs of the area. The discussions and presentations held looked at issues of demography, education, with a focus on literacy and infrastructure and expenditure, health, poverty and nutrition: poverty and deprivation, malnutrition and hunger, food security, common/community resources; unemployment, migration, governance and service delivery, institutions, conflict and violence.

It was reported that with pronounced inter-State and intra-State variations in social-sector development, region-specific focus interventions should be made. Health, some speakers stated, was a particular area of concern. With large areas being cut off during the floods, it was necessary for additional health centres to be accessible. The low Infant Mortality Rate of Arunachal Pradesh in particular needed an immediate intervention. Introduction of separate price-levels for PDS rations for hilly and remote areas of the Northeast region, it was noted, would be extremely helpful for locals. To build the region's economic status, it was important to strengthen trans-border trade and build adequate infrastructure. Inter-state and intra-State collaboration to harness water resources of the region could also be very productive. As traditionally informal institutions have played an important role, reinforcing them was important especially they were currently decaying in character. While the dynamics between conflict and governance was a major issue in the region and had affected development adversely, the region had become disempowered by this obsessive concern for security and integration. That deployment of security personnel in the region was disproportionate to its total population was causing tensions. Creating further social tensions was the widening wealth gap in a society that is traditionally and essentially egalitarian.

Important Resource Persons

- Prof. Mrinal Miri, Former Vice Chancellor, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong
- Prof Muchkund Dubey, President, Council for Social Development
- Shri B.P. Singh, Former Governor of Sikkim
- Prof. Sanjoy Hazarika, Director of the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative
- Prof. Virginius Xaxa, Former Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi
- Prof. Chandan Kr. Sharma, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University

- Prof. Bimal Kumar Kar, Department of Geography, Gauhati University
- Prof. K.B. Saxena, Distinguished Professor, Council for Social Development
- Prof. R. Govinda, Distinguished Professor, Council for Social Development
- Dr Nirmali Goswami, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University
- Shri L.D. Mishra, Former Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Government of India
- Prof. Imrana Qadeer, Distinguished Professor, Council for Social Development
- Dr Nemthianngai Guite, Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Prof. Sushanta Nayak, Department of Economics, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh
- Prof. Amitabh Kundu, formerly with Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Dr Rakhee Bhattacharya, Special Centre for the Study of North East India, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Prof. Kalyan Das Omeo, Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati
- Shri P.P. Shrivastava, Indian Administrative Service 1 (*retd.*)
- Prof. Saundariya Borborah, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati
- Dr T. Hoakip, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, JNU, New Delhi
- Ms Patricia Mukhim, Editor, *The Shillong Times*
- Mr Sabyasachi Dutta Secretary, Governing Council, Asian Confluence Shillong
- Ms Sangeeta Barooah, Pisharoty, Deputy Editor, *The Wire*

Participants Over 80 people attended the two-day deliberations. Academicians, journalists, serving and former bureaucrats, and civil society representatives actively participated and gave their inputs.

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON SATYAGRAHA IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY SOCIAL, ETHICAL AND SPIRITUAL DIMENSIONS OF GLOBAL PURSUITS OF TRUTH

Sponsoring Agency Council for Social Development, Asiatic Society, India International Centre, Anthropological Survey of India, Interfaith Foundation

Venue India International Centre, New Delhi

Dates 22-24 October 2019

Seminar Coordinators Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty, Dr P.M. Arathi

The objective is to take the philosophy and methodology implicit in Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography, *The Story of My Experiments with Truth* and the many satyagraha campaigns that he launched in South Africa and India during his lifetime and in that light examine some social movements and philosophical discourses in the 21st century that raise new and fundamental questions regarding global transformation. Movements for building an equitable and sustainable world in pursuit of justice, equality, self-determination, democratic decentralisation and harmony with nature in different parts of India and the world were taken up for analysis. Spread over three days, nearly a hundred delegates, comprising distinguished public figures, eminent members of academia, independent research scholars, and domain experts representing the fields of political science, sociology, human rights, philosophy, anthropology, economics, history, law, gender studies from five countries gathered to present their ideas, addressing the many dimensions of satyagraha and its ever-changing application.

Nearly 60 papers were presented in 4 plenary sessions, 14 parallel sessions and three special sessions. The highlights of the seminar included the inaugural session chaired by Prof. Muchkund Dubey in which Shri N. N. Vohra gave the inaugural address. The address by the chief guest Ms. Medha Patkar from the Narmada Bachao Andolan on 'Satyagraha in Contemporary India' emphasised the need for carrying on satyagraha to strengthen democratic rights

of struggling people. The valedictory address, 'Satyagraha, Life Sustainance on Earth' was delivered by environmental activist and founder Navdanya, Ms Vandana Shiva who painted a vivid picture of the environmental crisis that humanity is facing today and pointed out how many innovative initiatives were being taken to promote alternative lifestyles and sustainable production.

Key plenary speakers in the conference included Prof. Mark Jurgensmeyer, Prof. Beatriz Bissio, Prof. Ashis Nandy, Prof. John Clammer, Prof. Ramin Jahanbegloo, Prof. Vinay Lal and Prof. Neera Chandoke. Special Panels on Satyagraha and Land and Forest Rights Movements, Education and Satyagraha, 'Discourse on Truth in Global Philosophical Traditions.', Satyagraha in Ideas and Satyagraha in Action, Satyagraha, Travel and Translation, and Women and Peace Movements, attracted a lot of attention.

A special feature of the event was the two evening cultural programmes, one a dance performance by the famous Bharatanatyam artist, Geeta Chandran on the theme of satyagraha and 'Satyagraha in Verse', an evening of poetry by seven eminent poets—the latter jointly organised with the Raza Foundation. As a part of the event some sessions were organised in Jamia Millia Islamia University, Kirori Mal College, Zakir Hussain College and Ram Lal Anand College where foreign and Indian scholars made presentations. The seminar aimed at increasing an engagement and understanding of satyagraha through an academic and research perspective. The programme combining presentations from delegates, and through extended plenary sessions, special sessions and working groups, was designed to address challenges in creating an equitable, sustainable and just world which still forms the core of satyagraha. Fruitful discussions, engaged dialogues and lively panel discussions followed the presentations contributing to various understandings and definitions of satyagraha. By disseminating shared experiences and organising cultural programmes that underscored social cohesion and inclusion the seminar sought to break new ground.

Participants While the plenary sessions attracted an audience of over 100, the smaller venues had a smaller but committed audience. In all over 300 people attended the deliberations of this three-day International Conference.

Important Resource Persons

- Ms Medha Patkar, Narmada Bachao Andolan and National Alliance for People's Movement
- Ms Vandana Shiva, environmental activist and founder Navdanya
- Shri N. N. Vohra, President, India International Centre
- Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President, Council for Social Development
- Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty, Vice President, Council for Social Development
- Prof. Mark Jurgensmeyer, Department of Global Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Prof. Beatriz Bissio, Federal University, Rio de Janeiro
- Prof. Ashis Nandy, Honorary Fellow, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies
- Prof. Ramin Jahanbegloo, Mahatama Gandhi Chair, Jindal University
- Prof. John Clammer, Jindal University
- Prof. Vinay Lal, University of California, Los Angeles
- Prof. R. Govinda, Distinguished Professor, Council for Social Development
- Prof. G. Palanithurai, Gandhigram University
- Prof. K.B. Saxena, Distinguished Professor, Council for Social Development
- Dr Sushama Sharma, Principal, Anand Niketan, Wardha
- Prof. Anant Giri, Madras Institute of Development Studies
- Prof. M.M. Verma, President Interfaith Foundation
- Prof. Furqan Ahmed, Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia
- Prof. Vibha Singh, Chauhan Principal, Kirori Mal College
- Prof. Satyababta Chakrabarti, The Asiatic Society
- Prof. Arun Bandopadhyay, Calcutta University
- Prof. Uma Chattopadhyay, Calcutta University
- Prof. Vinay Srivastava, Director, Anthropological Survey of India

Bandung Day

DISARMAMENT: REVIVING GLOBAL INITIATIVES

Coordinator Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty, Vice President CSD

Sponsoring Agency Council for Social Development and India International Centre

Venue India International Centre

Date 24 April 2019

Chair

Prof. Muchkund Dubey President, CSD and former foreign secretary, Govt. of India

Speakers

- Prof. Darwis Khudori Convenor, Bandung Spirit Network
- Ambassador Sheelkant Sharma, formerly with the IAEA
- Prof. Happymon Jacob, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty, Vice President CSD

This year's symposium to mark Bandung Day was entitled, 'Disarmament: Reviving Global Initiatives' emphasising how the issue is today is underplayed in the global strategic culture. In his opening remarks, Prof. Dubey reconstructed worldviews and strategies that underlay geopolitics, also illuminating some fundamental precepts of India's foreign policy which were incorporated in the Rajiv Gandhi Action Plan for a Nuclear Weapon Free and Non-Violent World Order. As Ambassador Sheelkant Sharma pointed out the virulent phase of the Cold War had caused a global revulsion against nuclearisation and the fears about the destruction that it can cause have still not gone away as the world faces the spectre of nuclear terrorism. But though the moral argument for working towards global nuclear arms reduction is most convincing the challenge for ushering in negotiations to initiate actual reductions is a daunting one. There is an unwillingness of major powers to create a viable framework to negotiate, stressed Prof. Happymon Jacob. India today has a unique opportunity to rekindle the global nuclear disarmament momentum, and it should respond to global developments in nuclear disarmament and arms control as a responsible stakeholder in the non-proliferation regime and revive its long-forgotten tradition of campaigning for global nuclear disarmament. Prof. Khudori said, that it is particularly appropriate that this year, when India marks Mahtama Gandhi's 150th anniversary, the topic of the symposium was disarmament because Bandung is a moral force and in all its subsequent meetings, whether they were in Cairo or Belgrade, there was always a recognition of the immorality of the mass destruction that a nuclear arms can cause.

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DISCUSSION - A STUDY 'GLIMPSE INTO THE MINDS OF THE AGED IN TERMS OF GUILT AND OTHER RELATED FACTORS'

Venue DDML Hall, CSD

Date 16 May 2019

Chair Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty

Speaker Dr Meenakshi Saxena

Several studies have described the condition of the elderly in India and abroad. But the major focus has been on the demographic picture, longevity, nutrition, disease and disabilities, physical and mental problems, elderly abuse,

institutionalisation, care-taker problems, and inter-generational conflicts. However, studies on the psycho-social aspects of the life of the elderly are scarce. Investigations on the aged are highly relevant not only due to their ever increasing population, but also due to the great distress and unrest currently felt by them. The study gives an insight into the mind of the elderly regarding their varied experiences of life with the help of qualitative data as well as through quantitative measures like personality, guilt and shame proneness, current affective states, and their locus of control.

MACRO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF UNION BUDGET 2019-20

Venue DDML Hall, CSD

Date 13 August 2019

Chair Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President, CSD

Panellists

- Prof. Deepak Nayyar, Emeritus Professor of Economics at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Distinguished Professor, CSD
- Prof. Biswajeet Dhar, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Prof. Atul Sarma, Distinguished Professor, CSD

The speakers analysed the key features of the Union Budget 2019-20 presented by the finance minister in Parliament which they felt was populist in nature with the real problems confronting the Indian economy received neither recognition nor attention. Given the slow GDP growth over the last quarters, a low investment rate in the economy since 2014-15, the massive slowdown in every sector, particularly in automobiles and Fast Moving Consumer Goods sector and huge job losses in the automobile sector, decline in private consumption expenditure as a proportion of GDP and fall in the country's exports in real terms, the Budget did little, if anything, to revive investment, domestic consumption, economic growth and exports. The Union budget neither engaged with some current problems of the economy nor with the structural problems of the sectors crucial for the Indian economy such as agriculture, industry, education and health.



BOOK DISCUSSION

WITCH HUNTS IN INDIA AND ELSEWHERE BY GOVIND KELKAR AND DEV NATHAN

Venue DDML Hall, CSD

Date 30 August 2019

Chair Prof. K. B. Saxena

Panellists

Virginius Xaxa, University of Tezpur

Patricia Mukhim, Editor, *The Shillong Times*

The book looks at witch hunts as a gendered process in the creation and re-creation of patriarchy as it interacts with changes in socio-economic systems. These gendered socio-economic processes are linked with conflicts in the realm of culture and ideas, and the notions of evil. This articulation of a culture of witchcraft beliefs with gender struggles and socio-economic transformation is used to explain why any woman in the concerned communities could be a witch, while only some few categories of men could be witches. The text used an explanatory framework to understand witch hunts among indigenous peoples in central India by using 110 case studies. The meaning and the social context of witch hunts changes in both patriarchal and broader socio-economic transformations, as from non- accumulative to accumulative societies, with conflicts in value systems and normative customs. With this analytical approach the book links the analysis of this phenomenon in India with existing literature on witch hunts in parts of Africa, Amazonia and Oceania and also early modern Europe. The book simultaneously deliberates on de-exoticising witchcraft beliefs and witch hunts among indigenous and rural societies, in India and eliminates European exceptionalism in the history of witch hunts.

DISCUSSION

MACRO-ECONOMIC POLICY ALTERNATIVES FOR PUTTING THE INDIAN ECONOMY BACK ON THE TRAJECTORY OF HIGH GROWTH, AND THE ROLE OF THE SOCIAL SECTOR

Venue DDML Hall, CSD

Date 28 November 2019

Panellists

- Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President, CSD
- Prof. Deepak Nayyar, Emeritus Professor of Economics at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Distinguished Professor, CSD
- Prof. Biswajit Dhar, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Prof. Praveen Jha, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Prof. Atul Sarma, Distinguished Professor, CSD
- Prof. K. B. Saxena, Distinguished Professor, CSD
- Prof. T. Haque, Distinguished Professor, CSD
- Prof D. N. Reddy, CSD

LECTURE

AMBEDKAR'S THEORY OF THE SOCIAL: THE UNIVERSAL CONDITION OF RECOGNITION

Venue DDML Hall, CSD

Date 13 February, 2020

Chair Ms Sudha Pai, National Fellow, ICSSR, former professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University

Speaker Prof. Martin, Fuchs University of Erfurt, Germany and German Co-Director, ICAS:MP

Social justice as understood by Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar can be taken as shorthand for a whole bundle of values and norms which a decent society is meant to provide and which is required for each of its members to be able to lead a dignified life. While Ambedkar put a strong emphasis on the chance for each individual to develop his or her capabilities, equality and justice for him had to be grounded on mutual respect, social recognition and compassion, or what he, with others, called fellow-feeling. Ambedkar's attempt to achieve this in the case of his own society through political struggle and by legal means—culminating in his work on the Indian Constitution—was accompanied by his endeavour to gain a deeper understanding of the mechanisms of society and explore the role of social values therein. He both explored the place and possibilities of social ethics and thought of ways of establishing such ethics that would generate a just society. It was in this context that the question of religion achieved special prominence for Ambedkar. The presentation reconstructed Ambedkar's sociological and socio-philosophical explorations of the conditions for a just society. The focus is on what one could call Ambedkar's theory of the social, which underlies his conceptualisation of religion and of social and religious change.

DISCUSSION

UNION BUDGET 2020-21

Venue DDML Hall, CSD

Date 18 February 2020

Session 1: Macro-economic Aspects

Chair Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President, CSD

Panellists

- Prof. Abhijeet Das, Head, Centre for WTO Studies, IIFT
- Prof. Biswajit Dhar, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Prof. Atul Sarma, Distinguished Professor, CSD
- Prof. Nitya Nanda, Director, CSD

Session II: Social Sector Schemes and Marginalised Sections

Chair Prof. K. B. Saxena Distinguished Professor, CSD

Panellists

- Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President, CSD
- Prof. Ritupriya Mehrotra, Centre for Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Prof. R. Govinda, Distinguished Professor, CSD

Session III: Agricultural and Rural Development

Chair Prof. Praveen Jha, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Discussants

- Prof. T. Haque, Distinguished Professor, CSD
- Dr Ashwini Majahan, Swadesh Jagaran Manch and PGDAV College, Delhi University
- Prof. Ashok Pankaj, Professor, CSD

DISCUSSION

THE WAY WOMEN LEAD IN THE DOMESTIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SPACE

Venue DDML Hall, CSD

Date 6 March 2020

Chair Prof. Govind Kelkar Visiting Professor, CSD

Panellists

- Ms Smita Gupta, Adivasi Adikar Rashtriya Manch
- Prof. Imrana Qadeer, Distinguished Professor, CSD
- Prof. Zoya Hasan, Distinguished Professor, CSD

Gender-based issues globally have had a long-standing history in the academic, social and policy circles revealing deep-rooted inequalities that have fostered discrimination with negative consequences on the overall development and well-being of women. In the domestic sphere, women not only have fewer resources, but also face the disproportionate burden of unpaid housework. These inequalities are both a cause and effect of the low status of women in the house and their minimal participation in the decision-making process. Patterns of social hierarchies, dominance of patriarchal systems and cultural and religious norms have fostered a society where women have been denied the right to make decisions about their lives while class and caste based discrimination have further added to the vulnerabilities of women. Earlier, there was a lack of consciousness and understanding about the structures of patriarchy functioning within families, homes and society. Women were ignored. But that very ignorance has generated a counter-intuitive process of delving deep into individual experiences and understanding giving birth to new perspectives, a feminist consciousness. A discussion on such issues was held at CSD to mark International Day of Women.

Training

TRAINING COURSE ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

Sponsoring Agency CSD

Dates 9-20 December, 2019

Venue Durgabai Deshmukh Hall, CSD, New Delhi

Coordinator Dr Susmita Mitra

Objectives: To help academic researchers/teachers in research institutions/universities/colleges, as well as professionals in government organisations and NGOs. It is designed to train how to select and formulate the research problem, review the relevant literature, build the conceptual framework, select the research design, formulate the targeted research questions/testable hypothesis, select the sampling methods, prepare the interview schedule/questionnaires

for data collection, choose suitable techniques for data analysis, analyse data through software package, interpret the results to complete the scientific report writing.

Resource Persons:

External Resource persons: Eminent Sociologist Prof. T K Oommen; Prof. Gurpreet Mahajan, Centre for Political Studies, JNU; Prof. Subhadra Mitra Channa, (Rtd.) Social Anthropology, University of Delhi; Prof. Sanjay Kumar, Director, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS); Dr Abhay Kumar, Director, Monitoring and Evaluation, World Food Program; Dr Shagun Sabarwal, Director, Policy, Training and Communications, J-PAL; Dr Kiran Bhairannavar, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi; Amrita Sastry, Jesus and Mary College, DU; Dr Krishna Ram, Ambedkar University Delhi; Dr Rajesh Kumar Abhay, Dayal Singh College, DU; Dr Somayya Madakam, FORE School of Management;

From CSD: Prof. Muchkund Dubey, Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty, Prof. Imrana Qadeer, Prof. K B Saxena Prof. Ashok Pankaj, Prof. Govind Kelkar, Dr Surajit Deb, Dr Akhil Alha, Dr Aparajita Sharma, Dr Ankita Goyal, Dr Poornima M., Dr Nivedita Sharma, and Dr Susmita Mitra

Participants: 28 participants including Assistant Professors and PhDs pursuing research and scholars from different universities across the country.

HYDERABAD

EVENTS

Seminars

JUSTICE ALLADI KUPPUSWAMI CENTENARY SEMINAR

Sponsoring Agency Alladi Family and Council for Social Development, Hyderabad

Sessions

Justice Alladi Kuppaswamy's Contribution to Constitutional Jurisprudence

Dissent, Impunity and the Constitution

The Constitution and the Indian State

Pluralism, Dignity and the Indian Constitution

Law and Literature

Panellists

- Justice M. Jagannadha Rao, former Chairperson, Law Commission of India
- Justice Syed Shah Mohammed Quadri, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India
- Justice G. Raghuram, Director, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal
- Justice J. Chelameswar, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India
- Justice P. V. Reddi, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India
- Justice M. N. Rao, Former Chairman, National Commission for Backward Classes
- Advocate Mihir Desai, Mumbai
- Advocate Henri Tiphagne, Madurai
- Advocate Vrinda Grover, Delhi
- Advocate Jayna Kothari, Bengaluru
- Professor M Sridhar Acharyulu, Former CIC
- Professor G. Haragopal, NSLIU
- Professor D. Narasimha Reddy, CSD
- Professor Padmaja Shaw
- Bezwada Wilson, Safai Karamchari Andolan
- Professor Zoya Hasan, Professor Emerita, JNU and Distinguished Professor, CSD
- Dr Ghazala Jamil, JNU
- Dr Sharmila Sreekumar, IITB
- Professor K. Suneetha Rani, UoH

MODERNITY OF SLAVERY REVISITED

Chair Kalpana Kannabiran, Professor & Regional Director

Speaker Professor P. Sanal Mohan, Director, Kerala Council of Historical Research, Thiruvananthapuram

Venue CSD-SRC, Hyderabad

Dates 26 August 2019

THE SHIFTING SANDS OF CITIZENSHIP: DISPOSSESSION, CONSTITUTIONAL RUPTURES & BORDERLANDS

Chair Professor G. Haragopal, Visiting Professor, NLSIU, Bengaluru

Speaker Professor Kalpana Kannabiran, Regional Director, CSD, Hyderabad

Venue CSD-SRC, Hyderabad

Dates 31 December 2019

FACULTY SEMINAR ISSUES IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

In Honour of P. Satya Nagesh, Assistant Librarian

Chair Kalpana Kannabiran, Regional Director, CSD, Hyderabad

Venue CSD-SRC, Hyderabad

Dates 31 October 2019

Panellists

- Prof. L Reddeppa, CSD-SRC Hyderabad
- Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra, CSD-SRC, Hyderabad
- Dr Soumya Vinayan, CSD-SRC, Hyderabad
- Dr Satyam Sunkari, CSD-SRC, Hyderabad

Closing Remarks

Prof. Sunny Jose, RBI Chair CSD-SRC, Hyderabad

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Book/Report Releases/Discussions

RELEASE OF INDIA SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2018: RISING INEQUALITIES IN INDIA

Released by Former Prime Minister of India Dr Manmohan Singh

Chair Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President Council for Social Development

Venue India International Centre

Date 24 June 2019

India Social Development Report 2018: Rising Inequalities in India

Edited by Prof. T. Haque and Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy

Released by Hon'ble Dr. Manmohan Singh, Former Prime Minister of India

The other speakers of the report releasing function were:

- Prof. Deepak Nayyar, Former Vice Chancellor, Delhi University and Distinguished Professor, CSD
- Prof. Abhijit Sen, Former Member, Planning Commission
- Dr Harsha Vardhana Singh, Former DDG, World Trade Organisation

Discussion on *Samajik Vimarsh*

Venue Institute of Gandhian Studies

Date 10 August 2019

Book Releases

RELEASE OF VISIONS OF EDUCATION IN INDIA

Edited by Prof. Muchkund Dubey and Dr Susmita Mitra

Chief Guest Prof. Shyam Menon Central Institute of Education, University of Delhi

Venue India International Centre

Date 2 September 2019

The Visions of Education in India edited by Professor Muchkund Dubey and Dr Susmita Mitra is published by Aakar Books. The volume seeks to review education in the country through a matrix of nation-building, democratisation process, identity, power, social and economic divisions, and social hierarchies—all in the overall framework of

globalisation and neoliberalism. Divided into five sections, apart from the editors, the book has contributions from 15 domain experts, leading academicians and activists including Ms Medha Patkar, Prof. Prabhat Patnaik, Prof. G. Hargopal and Prof. Jandhyala Tilak. A discussion followed the launch.

Panel Discussion

Chair Professor R. Govinda

Panellists

- Prof. Shyam Menon, Central Institute of Education, University of Delhi
- Prof. Avinash Kumar Singh, Department of Education Policy, National University of Educational Planning and Administration
- Ms Shireen Vakil Miller, Policy Advocacy, Tata Trusts
- Dr Hem Borker, Assistant Professor, Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Jamia Millia Islamia

RELEASE OF UNIVERSALIZING HEALTH CARE IN INDIA: FROM CARE TO COVERAGE

Edited by Prof. Imrana Qadeer, Prof. K.B. Saxena and Dr. P.M. Arathi

Venue India International Centre

Date 2 September 2019

Universalizing Health Care in India: From Care to Coverage edited by Prof. Imrana Qadeer, Prof. K.B. Saxena and Dr. P.M. Arathi is published by Aakar.

The book launch was followed by panel discussion

Panel Discussion

Chair Prof. Rama Baru

Panellists

- Dr Indranil Mukhopadhyay
- Shri Dunu Roy
- Dr. Bijoya Roy
- Prof. Biswajit Dhar
- Prof. Ritu Priya
- Shri Bezwada Wilson
- Prof. Shah Alam Khan

CSD-SRC HYDERABAD

Book Discussions / Releases

INDIA SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2018: RISING INEQUALITIES IN INDIA

Edited by T. Haque and D. Narasimha Reddy

Chair Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President Council for Social Development

Chief Guest Dr. Y.V. Reddy, Former Governor, Reserve Bank of India

Venue CD Deshmukh Auditorium, CSD, Hyderabad

Date 24 July 2019

Publishers Oxford University Press

Chair Professor Muchkund Dubey, President, CSD

Panellists

- Professor Muchkund Dubey, President, CSD chaired the programme
- Dr C. Rammanohar Reddy, Writer, Journalist, Economist
- Professor E. Revathi Director, Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad
- Professor Usha Ramachandra, ASCI, Hyderabad

MEMORIAL LECTURES SPECIAL LECTURES

DURGABAI DESHMUKH MEMORIAL LECTURE

Prof. Hiren Gohain, Distinguished Literary Critic and Public Intellectual delivered the 2019 Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture on July 15, 2019 at IIC, New Delhi.

SOCIAL CHANGE GOLDEN JUBILEE LECTURE 2020

From Home to the Borders; Violence against Women, Impunity and Resistance

By Prof. Uma Chakravarti, Eminent Historian, Feminist Scholar and Filmmaker

Chair Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President, Council for Social Development

Venue Kamla Devi Complex, India International Centre, New Delhi

Date: 24 February 2020

Uma Chakravarti, feminist scholar and noted historian, delivered the Social Change Golden Jubilee lecture, 2020 entitled, From Home to the Borders; Violence Against Women, Impunity and Resistance. The lecture examined the violence and suppression from sexual assault to domestic abuse that affected millions of women in the country. Contextualising the content with specific examples, Prof. Chakravarti said that this expression of violence can be found particularly in four arenas: in the homes; in the streets and fields; in villages and regions, and borderlands. All these arenas have exhibited features linked to the manner where impunity exists. Women, in both rural and urban India, have been victims of a continuum of violence and have suffered an ongoing application of male power, including by the police and armed forces. The impunity enjoyed by the perpetrators of these assaults has been responsible for their brazenness and their frequency and it is therefore important to point to the slow pace shown by the State to address this issue.

The lecture marked the 50th year of publication of *Social Change*. The quarterly is brought out by the Council for Social Development and is published by SAGE. The annual lecture, part of the journal's Golden Jubilee series, is supported by the Anthropological Survey of India, SAGE Publications and India International Centre.

17TH C.D. DESHMUKH MEMORIAL LECTURE

Professor Zoya Hasan, Professor Emerita, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi delivered the CD Deshmukh, Memorial Lecture, 'Democracy as Majoritarianism'. The lecture was held on 25 September 2019 at CSD Hyderabad, Kalpana Kannabiran, Professor & Regional Director chaired the event.



17TH C.D. DESHMUKH MEMORIAL LECTURE Professor Zoya Hasan



PUBLICATIONS



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BOOK

1. **Visions of Education in India**
Edited by Muchkund Dubey and Susmita Mitra, New Delhi.
Aakar Books (2019)
2. **Universalising Health Care In India: From Care To Coverage**
Edited by Imrana Qadeer, K.B. Saxena, P. M. Arathi.
Aakar Books (2019)
3. **India's Social Sector and SDGs: Problems and Prospects**
Edited by Rangachari Govinda and Poornima M.
Routledge (2020)

REPORTS

1. **Digital Literacy Initiative to Empower Rural India Impact Evaluation of the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan {PMGDISHA}**
By Poornima M., December (2019)
2. **A Study to Understand the Legal Rights and Challenges of Surrogates from Mumbai and Delhi**
By P. M. Arathi. (2019)

JOURNALS

1. ***Social Change*: Journal of the Council for Social Development published by SAGE Publications.**
Four issues were published:
Vol. 49, No. 2, 3, 4 (June, September, December) 2019
Vol 50, No.1 (March 2020).
2. ***Samjik Vimarsh*: Journal of the Council for Social Development published by SAGE Publications.**
Two issues published:
Vol. 2, No. 1, 2 (June, December) 2019

LECTURE

Social Change Golden Jubilee Lecture 2020

'Home to the Borders: Violence against Women, Impunity and Resistance'
By Uma Chakravarti, feminist historian and filmmaker
February 24, 2020

SEMINAR REPORTS

Social Sector Development in North-East India: Problems, Issues, and Challenges.

August 2019

Publications

HYDERABAD

1. Justice Alladi Kuppaswami in Court: Compendium of Judgments

Compiled by Raghunandan Sriram (NALSAR University of Law) & Kalpana Kannabiran
CSD-SRC, Hyderabad (2019)

This compendium commemorates the centenary of Justice Alladi Kuppaswami. Retiring as Chief Justice of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh in 1982, Justice Kuppaswami was in office during a crucial period in Indian history—the Emergency era of the 1970s. An authority on Hindu law and on constitutional law, he delivered several landmark judgments during the 15 years that he occupied the bench in the AP High Court in various capacities. CSD-SRC celebrated the work of this respected jurist-scholar, and has offered a small tribute to mark his centenary, by bringing together his reported judgments, with a two-fold purpose: first, in the hope that this compendium will inspire young scholars and students of law to engage more closely with his work; second, to recover a significant part of the intellectual history of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh, and persuade scholars to open out other jurisprudential pathways of the court as well.

2. Forest Dwelling Communities & Forest Rights Act 2006:

Evidence from 24 Sites

Based on documentation of cases in eleven states carried out in 2019

Edited and Compiled by Kalpana Kannabiran

In collaboration with Vasundhara, Bhubaneswar

CSD-SRC, Hyderabad (November 2019)

Chapter Authors

- Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra, Professor
- Dr D. Sunder Raj, Research Associate
- Dr Soumya Vinayan, Assistant Professor

Adivasis and forest dwellers live in different States and Union Territories in India and are spread across the country. Their status, autonomy, rights and entitlements are affirmed by the Constitution of India, and by special legislations, importantly The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act (FRA 2006). Despite constitutional guarantees, protective legislation and earmarked budgets as well as policy initiatives for over seven decades, tribal and forest peoples (hereafter ST and OTFD) in the constitutional era in India have faced chronic and escalating immiserations and have been pushed to the margins of vulnerability. This vulnerability is the cumulative consequence of centuries of historical injustice, and regimes of oppression and dispossession against STs and OTFDs. Tribal and forest communities have witnessed their habitats and homelands getting fragmented, their cultures disrupted and disturbed through predatory tourism, forced evictions, disruption of silvicultural practices through policies of the State's enclosure of forests, their communities shattered and impoverished. Displacement from the forests and resettlement in peri-urban and urban areas turn them from collective owners of common forest resources to individual wage earners in the urban agglomerates with uncertain futures and threatened existence. This report provides a detailed documentation of the situation on the ground in 24 sites across 11 States and restates the Indian State's obligation for the protection of tribal and forest peoples in India, under the generic provisions of the Constitution of India and its Preamble and the FRA, 2006 which contain protections, and provide pathways for the realisation of basic entitlements and reflects the concerns relevant to persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers.

RTE ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN (DEC 2018- MAY 2019)

Dates (December 2018- May 2019)

Elections in India provide an opportunity for citizens to make their demands heard by political leaders with different political persuasions. During the 2019 Parliamentary elections, the RTE Forum, along with two other major networks in India, Campaign against Child Labour and Alliance for the Right to Early Childhood Development, came together to launch a national campaign to demand the right to quality education for all children up to 18 years and ensure an end to child labour.

The key demands of the campaign

- Implementation of the Right to Education Act 2009 in letter and spirit
- Extension of the Right to Education Act to include all children up to 18 years of age
- Increasing allocation for education up to 6 per cent of GDP
- Eradicating all forms of child labour up to 18 years.

This campaign successfully reached out to 30 regional parties representing 20 States of India and, significantly also four national parties. The campaign it is hoped will influence the manifestos of these major parties in India. The campaign received wide media coverage, more than 150 reports (both in print and in the electronic media) appeared on the campaign, making people aware of the importance of a meaningful public education. Through its State chapters, the RTE Forum reached out to over 200 candidates from different political parties who signed a pledge to make education an important part of their development agenda if there were elected to power. Of the 200 candidates, 60 were indeed successful and have become Members of Parliament now. Through them, the RTE Forum is continuing with its efforts to push forward its mandate.

NATIONAL ANTI-CHILD LABOUR DAY

Venue Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi

Date 30 April 2019

Important Resource Persons

- Amitabh Behar CEO, Oxfam India
- Ambarish Rai, National Convener RTE Forum
- Devika Singh, Alliance for the Right to Early Childhood Development
- Radhika M. Alkazi, Founder, Aastha

On the occasion of National Anti-Child Labour Day, a gathering was organised in New Delhi to discuss the importance of education as a deterrent to child labour. The meeting included experts from different organisations. Community-level activists also joined the discussions to raise demands for an inclusive and equitable education for all children, from infancy up to 18 years of age. Important questions on the issue of the extension of the RTE Act, a comprehensive participation of community members in school education and unemployment were raised.

CONSULTATION ON DRAFT NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2019

Venue Council for Social Development, New Delhi

Date 21 June 2019

Nearly 60 participants attended this important consultation. The interaction discussed the draft version of the National Education Policy 2019 that had been released by the Ministry of Human Resource Development for recommendations and feedback to the public. During the first half of the discussion, expert panellists analysed the

draft policy and shared their recommendations. In the second session, thematic specialists gave their comments on different sections of the documents including on Early Childhood Care and Education, Equity and Quality Education, and Governance and Financing of Education. The recommendation in the draft policy to extend the RTE Act, 2009 to all children from 3-18 years and allocation of increased public provisioning for education was welcomed by all those present. However, certain aspects of the document were criticised. For example, the relaxation of RTE Act norms, calling for volunteers to teach students and the setting up of the Rashtriya Shiksha Aayog with the Prime Minister of India as its head. It was decided that suggestions on the draft policy would be prepared in a collaborative manner by the RTE Forum within the stipulated timeline and submitted.

Important Resource Persons

- Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President CSD
- Prof. R. Govinda, Distinguished Professor CSD
- Prof. Jagmohan Rajput, Former Director NCERT
- Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty, Vice President, CSD
- Adv. Ashok Agrawal, Senior Advocate, High Court
- Prof. Anita Rampal, Delhi University (rtd.),
- Prof. Jandhyala Tilak, Distinguished Professor, CSD

CONSULTATION WITH TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION ON THE DRAFT NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2019

Date 11 July 2019

Venue India International Centre, New Delhi

This consultation with Teachers' Associations was organised primarily to understand the perception of teachers on the New Education Policy (NEP) and on the RTE Act 2009 which would engage teachers, along with the RTE Forum's efforts to ensure the right to education for all children. National Council members representing 20 States of India were present at this discussion and brought to the table important State-level perspectives. As a next step, it was suggested that a press conference should be organised in New Delhi to highlight relevant issues through the media.

Important Resource Persons

- Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President CSD
- Prof. Poonam Batra, Delhi University
- Mr Shatrughan Prasad Singh, former Ex MP, General Secretary, Bihar Madhyamik Shikshak Sangh and All India Secondary Teachers' Federation
- Mr Rampal Singh President, All India Primary Teachers' Federation
- Prof. Jagmohan Singh, Rajput India's representative to the Executive Board of UNESCO

PRESS CONFERENCE ON DRAFT NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2019

Venue Press Club of India, New Delhi

Date 30 July 2019

During the press conference, speakers welcomed the positive recommendations in the policy such as the expansion of the RTE Act to provide free and compulsory education to all children from 3-18 years (presently, the Act only covers children from 6-14 years). Concerns were raised about attempts to dilute the norms and standards of the RTE Act 2009 which the speakers feared would lead to increasing inequality in the education system.

Important Resource Persons

- Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President, Council for Social Development
- Mr Ambarish Rai, National Convener, RTE Forum
- Mr Shatrughan Prasad Singh, former MP, General Secretary Bihar Madhyamik Shikshak Sangh and All India, Secondary Teachers' Federation

- Mr Rampal Singh, President, All India Primary Teachers' Federation
- Ms Sumitra Mishra, Alliance for Right to ECD

SAFE AND SECURE EDUCATION FOR GIRLS

Venue India International Centre, New Delhi

Date 30 September 2019

A National Consultation on Safe and Secure Education for Girls was attended by nearly 150 participants. Representatives from Assam, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Delhi participated. Girls Advocates/Champions from across India shared their experiences and challenges. Eminent speakers stated that one of the barriers for girls remaining out of school was the lack of a safe and secure environment within schools and also within their own communities. Extension of the RTE Act up to the secondary level and adequate resources for education were necessary tools for enabling the education of girls along with changing the patriarchal mindset of society. In conclusion, it was decided to hold a roundtable discussion in order to workout a policy brief, finalise recommendations and strategise measures to take forward the advocacy that is focussed on ensuring education for girls.

Important Resource Persons

- Mr Priyank Kanoongo, Chairperson National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
- Ms Jaya Singh, State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights—Uttar Pradesh
- Mr Pankaj Pushkar, Member, Legislative Assembly Delhi
- Dr Suman Sachdeva UNICEF India
- Dr Geeta Menon, Educationist

MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Venue Constitution Club of India, New Delhi

Date 27 November 2019

Seven parliamentarians representing six political parties attended the discussion, along with more than 100 participants from civil society. A two-page note on the RTE Forum's comments on the draft NEP was given to the Members of Parliament which Mr Ambarish Rai, National Convener, RTE Forum, highlighted during his opening remarks. As was evident from their response, all the MPs shared the RTE Forum's concerns and demands and pledged to raise the issue of equitable and quality education in Parliament.

Important Resource Persons

Members of Parliament

- Dr Rajeev Gowda, Indian National Congress
- Dr Mohammad Jawed, Indian National Congress
- Mr Margani Bharath, YSR Congress
- Mr Ram Mohan Naidu, Telegu Desam Party
- Mr Ravi Prakash Verma, Samajwadi Party
- Mr Kunwar Danish, Ali Bahujan Samaj Party
- Dr Ravikumar Dravida, Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK)

NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON DRAFT EDUCATION POLICY 2019 FROM A PUBLIC PROVISIONING PERSPECTIVE

Venue India International Centre, New Delhi

Date 18 December 2019

This consultation jointly organised for the Centre for Budget Governance and Accountability (CBGA) engaged in a critical discussion on the fiscal implications of the draft NEP with reference to school education. The consultation raised some questions such as whether the recommended time-frame of ten years to increase expenditure by 10 per cent for education was not too long a stretch? And what should be the resource sharing pattern between the Centre and States to implement suggested reforms in the policy? The recommendation of financing education by imposing a cess, through the avenues of Corporate Social Responsibility and philanthropy as envisioned in the draft was also questioned and debated by the speakers. Nearly 100 participants attended the consultation which included distinguished intellectuals and members of civil society organisations from 16 States of India.

Important Resource Persons

- Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President, Council for Social Development
- Prof. Anita Rampal, Delhi University (retd.)
- Prof. Geetha Nambissan, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Prof. R. Govinda, Distinguished Prof. Council for Social Development
- Dr Sukanya Bose, National Institute of Public Finance & Policy

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION AND NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY

Venue Indian Women Press Corps, New Delhi

Date 24 January 2020

On International Day of Education and also National Girl Child Day, the RTE Forum organised a discussion on 'The Status of Girls' Education in India' highlighting various issues related to this area. The interaction drew attention to the need for enhanced public resources for universalising school education by extending the RTE Act 2009. The experiences related by girls studying in schools located in the urban slums and resettlement colonies of Delhi echoed the concerns of thousands of girls living in other suburban localities of the capital. They spoke about the difficulties they faced in attending schools which in most cases were located far from their neighbourhood. Simultaneous press conferences were organised on the challenges facing the education of girls in Bihar, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Odisha, West Bengal, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu.

Important Resource Persons

- Mr Urmilesh Rai, senior journalist
- Mr Md. Salam Khan, Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee
- Ms Rita Singh, Delhi Commission for the Protection of Child Rights
- Ms Anjela Taneja, Oxfam India
- Ms Anubhuti Patra, Malala Fund
- Girls representing different communities in Delhi

#SPENDONED CAMPAIGN

Date January-February 2020

The RTE Forum, along with other Champions for Girls' Education Network, initiated the #SpendOnEd campaign to ensure an increase in the allocation for education in the Union Budget 2020-21. The campaign commenced with a petition of a 16 year-old Dalit girl from Uttar Pradesh asking the Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to increase the Centre's contributions to education from public resources so that all children, especially girls, could complete their school education. This petition has garnered support from over 72,000 people supporting the increase in the Budget for education. Two MPs, Dr Mohammad Jawed (Lok Sabha) and Dr Rajeev Gowda (Rajya Sabha) initiated the process of getting a letter signed by 72 other Members of Parliament asking the Finance Minister to enhance allocations. The RTE Forum disseminated the petitions within its network and also initiated discussions with MPs, Dr Rajeev Gowda, MP, Satyanarayan Jatiya, Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education and Mr Priyank Kanoongo, Chairperson, NCPCR. In the Budget

session of Parliament, nine Members of Parliament raised questions on RTE, NEP and also need for an enhanced budget.

Important Resource Persons

- Dr Rajeev Gowda, Member of Parliament
- Mr Satyanarayan Jatiya, Member of Parliament
- Dr Mohammad Jawed, Member of Parliament
- Mr Priyank Kanoongo, Chairperson NCPCR

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE RTE FORUM

Venue Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi

Dates 12-13 July 2019 and 19-20 December 2019

Key Issues Discussed

- Key challenges like out-of-school children, school closure, threat of privatisation
- Organising of decentralised meetings, Siksha Sabhas at the community level
- Continuing the engagement with Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assemblies
- Solidarity with networks and movements, teachers and anganwadi unions (and other workers' unions) and SMC Federations ensuring that people's voices are also brought into the campaign
- Increasing government outreach programmes, especially tapping State-level bureaucracy and relevant members of the NITI Aayog

PRE- BUDGET-CONSULTATION WITH MINISTRY OF FINANCE, 2019

Date 23 December 2019

RTE Forum's representatives attended a pre-budget Consultation with the Ministry of Finance, Government of India. At the Consultation, the RTE Forum reiterated its demand to prepare a financial roadmap for the implementation of the Right to Education Act 2009 and also to enhance budget allocation to at least 6 per cent of the GDP. A submission on behalf of the RTE Forum was also submitted to the Ministry.

RTE FORUM'S ENGAGEMENT IN PATNA AND HAMIRPUR

The RTE Forum, through its project on girls' education supported by the Malala Fund, aims to strengthen girls' education and their participation in education through evidence-based advocacy. The key locations identified for direct intervention are Patna district in Bihar and Hamirpur district in Uttar Pradesh where, in selected villages, grassroot workers of the RTE Forum will directly engage with community members, SMCs, teachers, adolescent girls and their parents to build an awareness on the importance of girls' education and the right to education. At the school level, the RTE Act compliance was monitored with the support of the RTE Action Committees that were formed in villages comprising all stakeholders mentioned earlier. As a result of this intervention, there has been:

- Greater awareness within the community on their rights and greater sensitisation towards gender issues which has resulted in the enrollment of out-of-school girls in the region.
- A collectivisation of girls and women leaders has created a sense of solidarity and empowerment. Their involvement in household visits to encourage community members to send their children to schools and in organising community meetings is a positive step forward. Women leaders and girl advocates have met district level authorities to discuss the challenges they face and outline their needs.

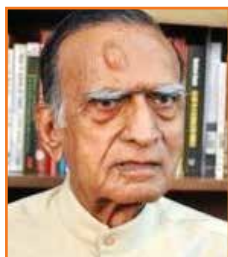
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President, Council for Social Development

Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President of CSD, former foreign secretary, Government of India and Chairperson, Commission of Common School System, is an economist and educationist having taught at Jawaharlal Nehru University. His area of research includes international economic relations and social and economic development. He writes prolifically, broadly following the themes of international security and disarmament, international development cooperation, world order and development and education. He has authored three books, *Unequal Treaty: World Trading Order after GATT*, *India's Foreign Policy: Coping with the Changing World* and *Lalon Shah Fakir Ke Geet*. He has also most recently co-edited, *Visions of Education*, having earlier edited three books, including, *Indian Society Today: Challenges of Equality, Integration and Empowerment* and co-edited six other volumes.



Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty

Vice President, Distinguished Professor and Editor, Social Change

Manoranjan Mohanty is a former professor of political science, University of Delhi and Honorary Fellow and former chairperson, Institute of Chinese Studies. A China scholar, his most recent publications include *China's Transformation, the Success Story and the Success Trap*, *Ideology Matters: China from Mao Zedong to Xi Jinping*, *Exploring Emerging Global Thresholds: Towards 2030* (co-ed) and *Building a Just World, Essays in Honour of Muchkund Dubey* (co-edited).

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Ashok Pankaj specialises in law and political economy with a focus on public policy, institutions of governance and development and interface between democracy and development. He has directed, co-directed a number of research projects on issues of socio-economic development. His most recent publications are *Subalternity, Exclusion and Social Change in India* (edited) and *Dalits, Subalternity and Social Change in India* (co-author).

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- **Policy Trends in the 13th National People's Congress**
China's National People's Congress seminar organised by ICS and IIC, 2 April 2019.
- **Bandung Agenda on Disarmament**
Bandung Day Symposium Organised by CSD and IIC, 24 April 2019.
- **Odisha 2036: Vision and Strategy**
Keynote address in national seminar on Development, Displacement and the Weaker Sections of Odisha, Rayagada Autonomous College, Rayagada, 28 June 2019.
- **Studying China as Area Studies, Comparative Study and a Part of the Knowledge Base**
Research Workshop jointly organised by Shiv Nadar University and Institute of Chinese Studies, 20 July 2019.
- **Fifty Years of China Studies**
Indian Council for World Affairs, New Delhi, 19 August 2019.
- **Challenges to Democratic Rights in Contemporary India**
Convention on Democratic Rights, M. M. Malviya Bhavan, New Delhi, 31 August 2019.
- **Satyagraha and Democracy in the Contemporary World**
Sixth Creative Theory Colloquium on Satyagraha and Democracy, India International Centre, 6 September 2019.
- **Geo-Politics to Geo-Civilisational Perspective in Studying China-India Relations,**
Tan Yunshan Memorial International Seminar, Chaling, Hunan, 13 October 2019.

- **Truth Discourse in Indian, Chinese and European Philosophical Traditions—some Comparative Issues.**

International Seminar on Satyagraha in the Contemporary World, Council for Social Development, India International Centre, 24 October 2019.

- **Creative Initiatives to Break the Deadlock in Sino-Indian Boundary Negotiations**

South Asia Institute, Fudan University, Shanghai.

- **Interpreting Contemporary China in a Geo-Civilisational Perspective**

Keynote address at international seminar on China: Dynamics of Development, Cheena Bhavan, Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, 7 September, 2019.

- **Ethnic Policy in China**

Anthropological Survey of India, Western Regional Centre, Udaipur, 2 January 2020.

- **Philosophy and Practice of Satyagraha for the 21st Century**

Keynote address at the Gandhi 150 Symposium at Presidency University, Kolkata, 28 January 2020.

- **Doing Fieldwork in a Chinese Countryside**

Research Methodology Course, Development Research Institute and Nabakrushna Chaudhury Centre for Development Studies, Bhubaneswar, 15 February 2020.

- **Xi Jinping and China's Success Trap**

Panel discussion at Nabakrishna Chaudhury Centre for Development Studies, Bhubaneswar, 13 January 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

Books/ Chapters/ Articles/Book Reviews

Chapters

- **'Democratic Rights and the Sources of Inequality'.**
Bijayalaxmi Nanda and Nupur Ray (Eds) Discourses

on Democratic Rights in India New Delhi: Routledge (2019).

- **BRICS Vision of Global Future**

Rashmi Doraiswamy (Ed.) BRICS, New Delhi (2019).

- **Thinking Samata in the SDG Moment**

R. Govinda and Poornima M. (Eds.), India's Social Sector and SDGs: Problems and Prospects, London: Taylor & Francis, 2019.

Media

Indian Republic's New Avatar

Business Line, 24 May 2019

Media Interview

'China's Growth has come at a Cost'

Interview to Business Standard, 6 October 2019.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Chair

Social Development in the Northeast

Panel discussion in Social Development in Northeast India: Problems, Issues and Challenges organised by CSD-IIC, July 16, 2019.

Panellist

Discourses on Democratic Rights in India

Panel discussion on the book organised by the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, IIC, 27 July 2019.

PROF. NITYA NANDA

Lectures Delivered

Issues in Trade in Services

International Capacity Building Programme on International Economic Issues and Development Policy (10 February- 6 March 2020) under the ITEC / SCAAP Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, 12 February 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Chapters/Articles/Reports/Book Reviews

Chapter

Rebooting the Economy Post-Lockdown.

Prabir De, Suranjan Gupta and Ajitava Raychoudhury (Eds.), COVID-19 Challenges for the Indian Economy: Trade and Foreign Policy Effects, New Delhi: RIS and EEPC.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Chair

- **Energy Cooperation in South Asia**

International conference Neighbourhood First Policy: Regional Perceptions organised by the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis, 28-29 January 2020.

- **Non-traditional Security Dimensions of Climate Change**

Session in national conference on Climate Change and Security: Implications of 'Securitization for International and National Realms, Kumarakom, Kerala, 20-22 February 2020.

PROF. ASHOK PANKAJ

Lectures Delivered

- **Privatisation and Draft New Education Policy 2019**

Keynote speaker in a national seminar on Draft New Education Policy organised by CRRID at Chandigarh, 13 Sept. 2019.

- **Gandhi and Hind Swaraj: Contemporary Relevance of Gandhi's Ideas**

Special lecture, Department of Sociology, Benares Hindu University Varanasi 21 November 2019.

- **Experience of Development in India: Social Science Perspective**

Valedictory address in a national conference at Government Arts College, Sikar, Rajasthan, organised by Government Arts College, Sikar and Savitri Bai Phule Mahila Mahavidyalaya, 7-8 February 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Chapters/Articles/Reports/Book Reviews

Chapters

- **Unequal Access to Elementary Education in India: Government vs. Private Schools (co-author)**

T. Haque & D.N. Reddy (Ed.) India Social Development Report 2018: Rising Inequalities in India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press (2019).

- **MGNREGA and Doubling of Farmers' Income**

Sher Singh Sangwan and Gagan Deep (Eds.) Policy and Technology Options for Doubling of Farmer's Income. Chandigarh: CRRID, (2019).

- **Barriers to School Education in Chattisgarh**

S. K Pant, Renu Srivastava, Rukmani Devi (Eds.) Social Inclusion and Empowerment Through Education: A Critical Appraisal of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. Allahabad, New Delhi: Consortium Books. (2019).

Articles

- **Gandhi Ke Vicharon ki Samsamayikta: Hind Swaraj par ek Tippani**

(Contemporary Relevance of Gandhi's ideas. A Note on Hind Swaraj), Bhartiya Samajshashtra Sameeksha, Vol. 6 (2), Jun-Dec 2019).

- **Jeevika, Women and Rural Bihar: Cultural Impact of a Development Intervention, Sociological Bulletin, 2020.**

Book Reviews

- **Ramchandra Pradhan, translated and edited *The Struggle of My Life: Autobiography of Swami Sahajanand Saraswati*.**

Social Change, Vol. 49, (4) (December, 2019).

- **Ruchir Sharma, Democracy on the Road: A 25-Year Journey through India**

Samajik Vimarsh, Vol. 2 (2) December 2019.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Chair

- **Poverty, Democracy and Differentiated Citizenship**

A talk by Prof. Rumki Basu, Chaitanya Kashyap Foundation, 5, Hailey Road, New Delhi, 26 April 2019.

- **Education Scenario in India: Current Policy Issues in Higher Education**

A talk by Prof. Jandhyala Tilak, Chaitanya Kashyap Foundation, 5, Hailey Road, New Delhi, 31 May 2019.

- **Our Dharma in Universities: Seeing Beyond Techno-Managerial Solutions**

A public lecture by Prof. Abhijeet Pathak, Zakir Hussain College, University of Delhi, 22 August 2019.

- **Muslim Personal Laws: Historical and Constituent Assembly Perspectives**

International seminar on Muslim Personal Law in post-colonial India organised by the Institute of Public Enterprises and CSDS, Hyderabad, 20 Sept. 2019.

- **Safe and Secure Education for Girls**

Discussion organised by RTE Forum, IIC, 30 Sept. 2019.

- **Gandhi and Ideology**

International seminar on Gandhi organised by Zakir Hussain College, University of Delhi, 24-25 January 2020.

Book Release

Release of Adivasi and Democratic Politics by Sunkari Satyakam, Rawat Publication at ICAS-MP, New Delhi 25 September, 2019.

Membership / Chairperson of Advisory / Professional Committees

Member, MGNREGA Award Committee of Ministry of Rural Development Publications.

PROF. R. GOVINDA

Lectures Delivered

- **Inequality and Exclusion in Indian the School System**

University of Madras, 6 September 2019.

- **Searching for Gandhi in Contemporary Education in India**

Valedictory Address in national meet on Gandhian Educational Ideas in Policy Perspective: Relevance, Challenges and Prospects organised by NUEPA, New Delhi, 5 October 2019.

- **Nai Taleem—for a Sustainable Future**

Inaugural address in the 25th National Conference of Sahodaya School Complexes, Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, 1 November 2019.

- **Exploring the 'Disadvantaged' in Indian Society: Context and Contours Discourse on the 'Disadvantaged' in Indian Society: A Conceptual Exploration**

ICSSR- sponsored Research Methodology Workshop on Researching the Disadvantaged Status in India, Tezpur University, 27 November 2019.

- **Searching for Gandhi in Contemporary Education in India**

School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tezpur University, 28 November 2019.

- **Teachers: Effecting Change for a Sustainable Future**

Keynote Address in a national conference on Learning Lady Irwin College, Delhi University, 6-7 December 2019.

- **Imaginative Pedagogies – Fostering the Joy of Learning**

Special Address in a conference on Imaginative Pedagogies – Fostering the Joy of Learning, IIC, New Delhi, 14 December 2019.

- **Critical Role of Central Universities in Transforming Teacher Education**

Valedictory Address of the National Consultative Meet organised by the MoHRD – NIEPA, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, 21 January 2020.

- **Public Education System and NEP**

A civil society consultation on NEP organised by RTE Forum and CBGS, IIC, New Delhi, 18 December 2019.

- **Role of University Departments in Quality Transformation of Teacher Education Refresher Course on Teacher's Education at the UGC-HRDC and Zakir Hussain Centre for Educational Studies, JNU, February 3 -15, 2020.**

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Chair

- **Session on Education and Satyagraha in a International Seminar on 'Gandhi 150 at**

Satyagraha in the 21st Century, Social, Ethical and Spiritual Dimensions of the Global Pursuits of Truth' organised by CSD, IIC, AnSI, October 22-24, 2019.

- **Session on Special Training Programmes in a conference Finding Solutions to Reach Out-of-School Children organised by UNICEF, India Habitat Centre, 2 December 2019 India.**

- **Inaugural session of the 10th International Conference on Comparative Education Society of India, Convention Centre, JNU, 9 December 2019.**

- **Session on policy dialogue on Leading Change in Teacher Education:**

Policy, Problems and Possibilities, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, January 21, 2020.

- **Session on Managing Quality at the Institutional Level at an International Seminar on Governance and Autonomy in Higher Education organised by the British Council and NIEPA, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, 20-21 February 2020.**

PROF. T. HAQUE

Lectures Delivered

Investors Education and Awareness

Keynote speaker at national summit organised by Assocham, Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi, 26 June 2019.

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Chapters/ Articles/Reports/Book Reviews

Report

India Social Development Report 2018

(Eds.) Prof. T. Haque and Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy New Delhi: Oxford University Press, May 2019.

Media

- **Transforming Village Commons (co-author)** *Sopan Step: New Delhi, May 2019.*

- **Regional Disparity in the Flow of Institutional Credit to Agriculture in India (co-author)** *Outlook, June 2019.*

- **Transforming Indian Agriculture: A Support System is the Need of the Hour**

The New Indian Express, 19 May 2019.

- **Five Trillion Dollar Economy and the Budget, 2019**

India Today, July 2019.

- **Does the Budget Address Farmers Issues Adequately?**

The New Indian Express and Morning Standard, 6 July 2019.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Panellist and Chair

- **Evolving Agricultural Food Systems in Asia: Achieving Food and Nutrition Security by 2030**

International conference organised by IFPRI Washington DC and Myanmar Institute for Integrated Development in Yangon, Myanmar, 30-31 October 2019.

Panellist

- **Growth and Regional Development**

Technical Session at a national conference organised by IHD at IIC, May 13 2019.

- **Village Commons**

Brain storming seminar in NARS Campus, New Delhi, 3 October 2019.

Chair

- **Expert Appraisal Committee Meetings for Infrastructure Projects**

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India for three days monthly from April–August, 2019.

- **Growth and Regional Development**

Technical Session at national conference organised by IHD at IIC, May 13, 2019.

- **Way Forward on Implementation of FRA**

Meeting organised by RRI at CSD, 10 June 2019.

- **Capacity Building of Sustainable Food Value Chain**

Technical Session at the national seminar organised by the National Productivity Council, 21–22 August, 2019.

- **Enhanced Food Safety and Quality**

Technical session at international conference organised by the Asian Productivity Organisation at IIC, 22 August 2019.

- **Challenges of Land Governance in Asia**

Seminar organised by FES and Land Coalition, New Delhi at Udaipur, 28–29 September 2019.

Participation in Committee Meetings

- *Participated in Advisory Committee meeting of NCAER as a member, 6 August 2019.*
- *Participated in Senior Advisor's meeting of the Forum for Ecological Security, Anand, 30 June 2019.*
- *Participated in Advisory Committee meeting as Chairperson of Expert Committee for the Holistic Development of Lakshadweep Islands organised by the Home Ministry, Govt. of India, 4 June 2019.*
- *Participated Advisory Committee on Forest Rights, Indian School of Business 24 July 2019.*

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**Membership / Chairperson of Advisory / Professional Committees****PROF. K.B. SAXENA****Lectures Delivered**

- **Grievance Redressal in Land Administration**

Keynote address in a seminar organised by Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, 2 April 2019.

- **Governance in Northeast**

Presentation in national seminar on Social Development in Northeast India: Problems, Issues and Challenges, CSD-IIC, 16 July 2019.

- **Satyagraha and Land Rights Movement in India**

Session on Land and Forest Rights Movement and Satyagraha in international seminar, Satyagraha in the Twenty-First Century organised by CSD, India International Centre, 22 October 2019.

PUBLICATIONS**Books/Chapters/ Articles/Reports/Book Reviews****Chapter**

Do not Change the Goal Post from Equality to Inclusiveness: A Modest Agenda for Elimination of Marginalization of Dalits, Adivasis, and Muslims.

India Social Development Report 2018, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2019.

Article

The Poor have no Political God Fathers

Revolutionary Democracy. Vol. XXIV, No. 2, April 2019.

Book Review

The Political Economy of Health in India

Review of Health beyond Medicine: Reflections on the Policies and Sociology of India, (Eds.) Vikas Bajpayee and Anoop Saraya, Revolutionary Democracy. Vol. XXIV, No. 2, April 2019.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**Chair**

- **Unemployment and Out-Migration**

National seminar, Social Development in Northeast India: Problems, Issues and Challenges, CSD-IIC, 16 July 2019.

- **NEP-Pre-School Education**

Consultation organised by CSD on the New Education Policy, 21 June 2019.

PROF. IMRANA QADEER**PUBLICATIONS****Books/Chapters/ Articles/Reports/Book Reviews**

Book

***Universalising Health Care from Care to Coverage* (co-edited)**

New Delhi: Aakar Books, June 2019

Chapters

- **A Critical Look at Public Private Partnership for Health Services in Karnataka** (co-author)

Universalising Health care in India: From Care to Coverage, New Delhi: Aakar Books, June 2019.

- **Universal Health Care: The Trojan Horse of Neoliberal Policies**

Universalising Healthcare in India: From Care to Coverage, New Delhi: Aakar Books, June 2019.

- **Introduction: The Idea of Universal Health Care: It's Passage Through Time** (co-author)

Universalising Healthcare in India: From Care to Coverage, New Delhi: Aakar Books, June 2019.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Chair

- **Social Sector Development in North-East India: Problems, Issues and Challenges**

Session on Health and Nutrition, India International Centre, New Delhi 15 July, 2019.

Book Discussion

Discussion on Shiela Zurbrigg's book, Epidemic Malaria and Hunger in Colonial Punjab, IIC, New Delhi, 11 January, 2020.

PROF. JANDHYALA B. G. TILAK

Lectures Delivered

- **Education: Classic and Modern Approaches**

International conference, Baku State University, Baku, Azerbaijan Organised by Consultancy (Advisory Service) for the Government & Other Bodies in India, 4-5 April 2019.

- **Public Policy Education**

Keynote address and a special lecture, English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, 16-18 August 2019.

- **Perennial Problems and Promising but Perplexing Solutions: A Critique of the Draft National Education Policy 2019.**

Dr A. N. Sinha Memorial Lecture, A.N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, 22 August 2019.

- **National Education Policy 2019**

Valedictory address in a seminar organised by the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh, 14 Sept 2019.

- *Workshop on Making Data Count: Improving Outcomes for Indian Schooling with Better Data Practices. Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, Deakin University, 23 Sept. 2019.*

- **Education in India: Challenges and Policy Responses.**

National Education Day Lecture, Indian Institute of Technology, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Mumbai, 11 Nov 2019.

- **UGC-HRDC Orientation and Refresher Courses**

Inaugural Address, JNU, 18 November 2019.

- **Academic Audit in Higher Education Institutes**

Valedictory Address, National Seminar on Academic Audit in Higher Education Institutes. Kolkata: Rabindra Bharati University, 20 November 2019.

- **National Workshop on Socially Relevant Technical Education.**

Special Address, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Sri City, Chittoor and National Institute of Technical Teachers, Chennai, 6-7 December 2019.

- **International Conference on Economic Development: Role of Higher Education Institutions in Employment**

Institute of Public Enterprise, Hyderabad 10-11 December 2019.

- **43rd Indian Social Science Congress.**

Indian Social Science Academy and Bengaluru Central University, 17-21 January 2020.

- **Future of Higher Education in India**

Zakir Hussain Centre for Educational Studies, JNU, 4 March 2020.

Papers Presented

Re-imaging Technical and Vocational Education and Training for Changing World: Perspectives and Practices.

National conference, Pandit Sunderlal Sharma Central Institute of Vocational Education, Bhopal, 11-12 February 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Chapters/ Articles/Reports/Book Reviews

Research Paper

- **Inequality in Access to Higher Education in India between the Poor and the Rich: An Analysis of the 64th and 71st Rounds of NSSO Data (2007-08 and 2013-14).** (co-author)

Working paper CSD-2/2019. New Delhi: Council for Social Development.

Abridged version in India: Social Development Report 2018: Rising Inequalities in India (Eds.) T. Haque and D.N. Reddy. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. (2019).

Chapters

- **The Policy Crisis in Education**

Vision of Education in India (Eds.) M. Dubey and S. Mitra. New Delhi: Aakar Books (2019).

- **'Paradise Lost'—How to Regain It?**

A Political Economic Approach to Reclaiming India (Ed.) C. D. Sahay. New Delhi: Vitasta Publishing and Vivekananda International Foundation (2019).

Articles

- **What can we Learn from Universities of Ancient India?**

Journal of Contemporary Education Research 4 (1) (January 2020).

- **Perennial Problems and Promising but Perplexing Solutions: A Critique of the Draft National Education Policy 2019**

Social Change 49 (4) (Dec 2019).

- **On Dilemmas in Reforming Higher Education in India**

Higher Education for the Future 7 (1) January 2020.

- **Higher Education and Development in Asia**

Education Reform for the Future of Work, The Shift to a Knowledge Society. Manila: Asian Productivity Organization (Sept 2019).

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Panellist

- **Early Childhood Care and Education in India: Contexts, Costs and Practices.**

Panellist in two sessions and special guest for the release of the book by the Centre for Budget and Policy Studies

Bengaluru, 29-30 August 2019.

- **Making Data Count: Improving Outcomes for Indian Schooling with Better Data Practices**

Workshop organised by the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi & Deakin University, 23 Sept 2019.

- **10th Anniversary Commemorative Seminar on Universities of the Future**

Discussion organised by O.P.Jindal University, Sonapat, Haryana, 27-28 September 2019.

- **10th Conference of the Comparative Education Society of India,**

Jawaharlal Nehru University, 9-11 December 2019 (panellist in two sessions).

- **National Workshop on Technical Education Management and Future Perspective**

University Institute of Engineering & Technology, Kurukshetra University 24-25 January 2020.

- **10th Conference of the Comparative Education Society of India,**

Jawaharlal Nehru University, 9-11 December 2019 (panellist in two sessions).

Chair

Education Essentials Draft National Education Policy 2019

- *Technical session in the XVII World Congress of Comparative Education Societies 2019: The Future of Education. Cancun, Mexico: Barceló, River Maya, 20-24 May 2019.*

- **Consultation Meeting on Draft National Education Policy 2019**

RTE Forum, New Delhi, 21 June 2019.

- **Panel Discussion, Chennai: Dwaraka Dass Govardhan Dass**

Vaishnav College, Chennai, 31 July 2019.

- **Public Policy Education**

Plenary session in national seminar, English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, 17 August 2019.

- **Workshop on Innovations and Good Practices in Institutional Governance of Higher Education**

Panel session at National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi, 1-19, August 2019.

Membership in Official Committees

- Member, Committee to Examine and Review Ordinance on Choice-based Credit System of Bachelor's Programmes. Goa, Goa University, (2019-).
- Member, Expert Committee on Educational Reforms in Andhra Pradesh.
Amaravathi: Government of Andhra Pradesh, (2019-).
Consultancy (Advisory Service) for the Government and Other Bodies in India.
- Member, Ved Pathahala, Sri Sathya Sai Ashram (Veda Pratisthan), Rishikesh (2020-).
- Special Invitee, Justice Shri B Seshasayana Reddy Commission on Measurement of Educational Deprivation, Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies, Kadapa/Nuzvid, Andhra Pradesh (2020).
- Member, Committee to examine and review Ordinance on Choice based Credit System of Bachelor's Programmes. Goa, Goa University (2019-).
- Member, Search Committee (for the post of Vice Chancellor), Sri Padmavathi Mahila University, Tirupati (Nov, 2019).
- Member, Expert Committee on Educational Reforms in Andhra Pradesh. Amaravathi: Government of Andhra Pradesh (2019-).
- Member, Technical Advisory Committee, Study on Multi-Dimensional Poverty in Urban Maharashtra. Mumbai: Indian Institute of Population Studies (2019-).
- Expert Member, Working Group, 78th Round of National Sample Survey. New Delhi: National Statistical Commission, Government of India (2019-20).

Important Committee Reports

- Report of the Committee on Education Reforms in Andhra Pradesh. Vijayawada: Govt of Andhra Pradesh, February 2020.

DR AKHIL ALHA

Papers Presented

Agrarian Crisis and Land Leasing in Kerala

27th Annual Conference of Agricultural Economics Research

Association, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, 17-19 December.

Land, Labour and Agrarian Transformation in Rajasthan: Insights from a Field Survey

Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Ahmedabad, 4 July 2019.

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Chapters/Articles/Reports/Book Reviews

- Continuity and Change in the Agrarian Market in Odisha: Insights from a Field Survey
Man and Development (journal of CRRID, Chandigarh). March 2020.

Book Review

Vidya Bhushan Rawat, Contesting Marginalisations: Conversations on Ambedkarism and Social Justice

People's Literature Publication New Delhi, 2017, Social Change December 2019.

DR ANKITA GOYAL

Papers Presented

- Successful Works for Water Conservation in Punjab under MGNREGS
NIRD& PR, Hyderabad, Sponsored by NIRD, MoRD, Govt. of India, 3 July 2019.
- Successful Works for Water Conservation in Punjab under MGNREGS
Sponsored by NIRD, MoRD, Govt. of India. Held in CSD, New Delhi, 22 August 2019.
- Concurrent Evaluation (4th Quarter) of the Implementation of NFSA in Southern Upper Ganga Plains and Central region of Uttar Pradesh
Organised by the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Govt. of India Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, 17 October 2019.
- Concurrent Evaluation (5th Quarter) of the Implementation of NFSA in Southern Upper Ganga Plains and Central region of Uttar Pradesh.
Organised by the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Govt. of India, Venue: Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, 27 November, 2019.

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Chapters/ Articles/Reports/Book Reviews

Chapter

Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture in India
(co-author)

(Eds). R.Govinda & Poornima M. *India's Social Sector and SDGs: Problems and Prospects New Delhi: Routledge (2020).*

Media

- **Evolve Comprehensive Policy on Common Resources** (co-author)

Sopan Step, May 2019.

- **Regional Inequality in the Flow of Institutional Credit to Agriculture** (co-author)

Outlook India, July 15 2019.

DR ARATHI P.M.**Lecture Delivered**

Universal Health Care: Shifting Ideas and Perspectives

Daya Hospital Thrissur, Kerala, 29 June 2019.

Paper Presented

Health Geographies and Spatial Epidemiology: Revisiting Methodologies

Kerala Modernity Study Collective, Kiralur Retreat, Thrissur, 22 June 2019.

PUBLICATIONS**Books/Chapters/ Articles/Reports/Book Reviews****Book**

Universalizing Health Care in India: From Care to Coverage (co-author)

Aakar Books (June 2019).

Chapters

- **Unaccountable Deaths and Damages: An Analysis of Socio- Legal Implications of Sterilisation Camp Deaths in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh**

Universalizing Health Care in India: From Care to Coverage, Aakar Books (June 2019).

- **Challenges of Reclaiming the Public Health System: Experiences of Community-Based Monitoring and Planning in Maharashtra** (co-author)

Universalizing Health Care in India: From Care to Coverage, Aakar Books (June 2019).

Article

Silent Voices: A Critical Analysis of Surrogacy's Legal Journey in India

Social Change, 49(2), 344-352, June 2019.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Book Review Editor, *Social Change*, (January 2019-March 2020).

DR POORNIMA M.**Lectures Delivered**

- **Examples of Research using Index Numbers**

Durgabai Deshmukh Hall, CSD, 20 December 2019.

- **Good Practices of School Leadership in Bihar and Tamil Nadu**

Live streaming on Kishore Manch, organised by NCERT, 20 March 2020.

PUBLICATIONS**Books/Chapters/ Articles/Reports/Book Reviews****Chapters**

- **Unequal Access to Elementary Education in India: Government vs. Private Schools** (co-author)

T. Haque, T & Narasimha D. Reddy (Ed.) Rising Inequalities in India: Social Development Report 2018, New Delhi: Oxford University Press (2019).

- **Kothari Commission Report 1964-66.**

Muchkund Dubey and Susmita Mitra (Ed.) Visions of Education in India, New Delhi: Aakar Books. (2019).

- **Public Choice Approach**

Perspectives on Public Administration – BPAC-131. New Delhi: IGNOU (2019).

- **Public Interest Approach**

Perspectives on Public Administration – BPAC-131. New Delhi: IGNOU (2019).

Article

Universalisation of Secondary Education (co-author)

Social Change, 49(3), 2019.

Report

Digital Literacy Initiative to Empower Rural India: Impact Evaluation of the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan

(PMGDISHA), New Delhi: CSD (2019).

DR SUSMITA MITRA

Lectures Delivered

Literature Review through Memory Mapping, Social Resource Mapping, and Narrative Analysis: Narratives to Frameworks

Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Assam, 10-14 June 2019.

Papers Presented

- Documentation of Successful Case Studies of Water Conservation

MGNREGS in Haryana, NIRD&PR, Hyderabad July 31, 2019.

- Socio-Economic-Environmental Impacts of Climate Change in Aspirational District Nuh, Haryana

International Conference on Climate Change and Disasters: Challenges, Opportunities and Responses, CESS, Hyderabad organised jointly with GIZ-India & National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad, 6 Nov 2019.

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Chapters/ Articles/Reports/Book Reviews

Book

Muchkund Dubey and Susmita Mitra (Ed.) *Visions of Education in India*, Aakar Books (2019).

Chapters

- Tagore's Vision of Education and its Relevance Today

Muchkund Dubey and Susmita Mitra (Ed.) *Visions of Education in India*, Aakar Books (2019).

- Inequality and Imbalances in the Education System of India: Insights from NSSO 71st Round

Muchkund Dubey and Susmita Mitra (Ed.) *Visions of Education in India*, Aakar Books (2019).

Book Review

Gene B. Sperling and Rebecca Winthrop, *What Works in Girls' Education: Evidence for the World's Best Investment*, Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press

Social Change, Vol. 49, No. 3, SAGE Publications.

DR APARAJITA SHARMA

Panellist

- Workshop on Right to Education and its Implementation

Moradabad Community Centre, 29 February, 2020.

- Workshop on Right to Education and its implementation

National Law University, Dwarka, 25.01. 2020.

DR NIVEDITA SHARMA

Lectures Delivered

Research Methodology, PAU, Ludhiana 24 February, 2020

DR SURAJIT DEB

Paper Presented

Gender Differences in Well Being: An Evaluation of CIS Countries

Special International Association for Research in Income and Wealth and Higher School of Economics (LARIW-HSE) Conference on Experiences and Challenges in Measuring Income and Wealth in Eastern Europe and CIS Countries, Moscow, Russia, 17-18, September 2019.

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Chapters/ Articles/Reports/Book Reviews

Articles

- Social Change Indicator: Livelihood Prospects across Social Classes in Rural India

Social Change, 49(2), June 2019.

- Social Change Indicator: Inequality in Asset Ownership across Social Class in Rural India

Social Change, 49(3), June 2019.

- Social Change Indicator

49(4), December 2019.

- Social Change Indicator: Women and Work in India: State-Level Analysis,

Social Change 50 (1), March 2020.

Faculty Contributions

HYDERABAD

PROF. KALPANA KANNABIRAN

Lectures Delivered /Paper Presentations

- **Feminist Voices and Feminist Futures: Reflections from South India**

Lecture organised by Women Against Sexual Violence and State Repression (WSS), Sundarayya Vignana Kendrum, 30 June 2019.

- **American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Conference on 'Emerging Social Justice for a Better World'**

Plenary Speaker at the Conference organised at New York, August 10-13, 2019.

- **What Use is Poetry? Excavating Tongues of Justice around Navtej Johar vs. Union of India**

Video recorded speech presented in absentia.

- **Co-inventing Lyrical Constitutionalism**

Justice Alladi Kuppaswamy Centenary Seminar 'The Habitations of the Indian Constitution' in collaboration with Alladi Family, September 26-27, 2019.

- **Professor Radhakamal Mukherjee Memorial Lecture**

45th All India Sociological Conference, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, 27-29 December 2019.

- **Reforms to give Women Equal Rights to Economic Resources**

Senior Indian Statistical Service Participants for the Workshop on SDGs-Goals 1,2 & 5- No Poverty, Zero Hunger & Gender Equality for In-Service ISS Officers. Govt. of Telangana, Dr. MCR Human Resource Development Institute of Telangana, 24 January, 2020.

- **Constitutional Ruptures, Borderlands and Belonging**

Panel on Citizens People, Laws and Right to Life, XVI National Conference of Women's Studies, Indian Association for Women's Studies (LAWS) in collaboration with National Law University, Delhi, 28 January 2020.

- **Laws, Lives and Disobedience: Experiences in Higher Education in the Continuing Present**

Indo-French Conference on Social Scientists in the Civic Space, India International Centre, Delhi, 30 - 31 January 2020

- **Commemorating Constitution Day**

Special lecture Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad, 7 February 2020.

- **Advanced Writing in Social Sciences**

Contemporary Research Methodology in Social Sciences: Theories and Practices, organised by Development Research Institute, Bhubaneswar in collaboration with Nabakrishna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies, Anthropological Survey of India at NCDS, Bhubaneswar, 12 February.

- **Rethinking Development: Reflections from Research on Displacement and Disability Rights**

Contemporary Research Methodology in Social Sciences: Theories and Practices, organised by Development Research Institute, Bhubaneswar in collaboration with Nabakrishna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies, Anthropological Survey of India at NCDS, Bhubaneswar, 13 February 2020.

- **The Gender Question in Social Science Research**

Contemporary Research Methodology in Social Sciences: Theories and Practices, organised by Development Research Institute, Bhubaneswar in collaboration with Nabakrishna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies, Anthropological Survey of India, Bhubaneswar, 13 February 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Chapters/Articles/Book Reviews

Articles

- **The Struggle is its Own Reward**

Seminar 721, September 2019.

- **What Use is Poetry? Excavating Tongues of Justice around *Navtej Singh Johar vs. Union of India***
National Law School of India Review, 31(1): (2019).

Chapters

- **Constitutional Morality and the Imagination of Justice**
Badri Narayan and K.N. Bhatt (Eds). *Mapping Social Gaze: A Discourse on Culture and Democracy (Govind Ballabh Pant Memorial Lecture Series- I)*. New Delhi: Vani Book Company (2019).
- **Traumascapes and an Arc of Resistance: #MeToo in India (co-author)**
Ann M. Noel and David B. Oppenheimer, (Eds). *The Global #MeToo Movement*. Washington, DC: Full Court Press, 2020.
- **Feminist Futures and Ideas of Justice for India**
Aakash Singh Rathore and Ashish Nandy (Eds.) *Vision for a Nation: Paths and Perspectives*, New Delhi: Penguin Random House, (2020).
- **Foreword, NUJS Diversity Report**
Kolkata, 2019.

Media

- **The Court is not above the Constitution**
The Hindu, 23 April 2019
- **Redeeming the Constitution**
The Leaflet, 13 May 2019
- **Humiliation, suffering and impunity: Question before India as a constitutional Democracy**
Scroll.in, 18 August 2019
- **Babri Masjid Revisited: No, we Cannot just Decide that it's Done and Dusted and Move on**
Scroll.in, 15 November 2019
- **Judicial Opacity on Women's Entry in Sabarimala is Troubling**
Outlook, 20 November 2019
- **Constitutional Justice is Non-Negotiable (with Justice B. Sudarshan Reddy)**
The Hindu, 9 December 2019
- **Through the Clouds of Protest, Sightings of Hope**
Scroll.in, 22 January 2020

- **Do Women have a Right to Dignity?**
The New Indian Express, 22 January 2020
- **Retrieving the Idea of Citizenship**
The Hindu, 28 January 2020
- **We shall not be Silenced, nor shall we ever Forget**
Commentary in "Everyone has been silenced": Police excesses against anti-CAA protesters in Uttar Pradesh, and the post-violence reprisal, New Delhi: Citizens Against Hate, March 2, 2020.
- **To Accuse Activist Harsh Mander of Hate Speech is to fall Prey to the Barbarity of False Equivalence**
Scroll.in, 17 March 2020.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Moderator

Moderated a panel discussion on 'Understanding Violence', Hyderabad Literacy Festival 2020, 26 January 2020.

Chair

Panel on Constitutional Principles in 21st Century India: Visions for Emancipation XVI National Conference of Women's Studies, Indian Association for Women's Studies (LAWS) in collaboration with National Law University, Delhi, 28 January.

Discussant

Constitutional Rights and Women's Work

Discussant in Indian Association for Women's Studies (LAWS) - Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE) Joint Panel, National Law University, Delhi, 29 January 2020.

Membership of Committees

Nominated Civil Society Advisory Governor (Asia Region) by Commonwealth Foundation, London for a two-year term, 2020-2022.

PROF. L. REDDEPPA

Lectures Delivered

- **Contextualisation of Rural Development Indicators with Respect to Sustainable Development Goals**
Training programme to Block Development Officers, NIRD & PR, Hyderabad, on 23 September 2019.
- **Impact MGNREGA on Employment and Distress Migration in Andhra Pradesh**

Faculty Seminar on Social Development: Areas and Challenges in honour of P. Satya Nagesh, Librarian organised by CSD Hyderabad, 31 October 2019.

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Chapters/ Articles/Book Reviews

Articles

State Policy in Development of the Poor: A Case Study of Scheduled Tribes in Telangana

LASSI Quarterly: Contributions to Social Sciences, October – December, 38 (4), 2019.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Presented conceptual framework and methodology of the study, Impact of MGNREGS on Employment and Migration Andhra Pradesh.

Organised by the Office of the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, 20 August 2019.

- Presented the findings of the Interim Report on Training for All: Intensive Training Programme for Tribal Welfare.

In the meeting of Additional Secretary, Department of Personnel Training (DoPT), Government of India organised by MCR HRD IT, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh on 7 March 2020.

PROF. SUJIT KUMAR MISHRA

Lectures Delivered

- Climate Change & Disaster Management: Institutional Mechanisms in Uttarakhand**

Training Programme on Induction Training-cum-Exposure visit for Chairpersons and Vice-chairpersons of Uttarakhand at NIRD & PR, Hyderabad, 25 February 2020.

Climate Change & Disaster Management: Institutional Mechanisms in UT of Ladakh

Induction Training cum Exposure visit for BDCs and Chairpersons of Ladakh at NIRD & PR, Hyderabad on 28 February 2020.

- Smile in Every Hut: Women in Mining Areas**

Faculty Seminar on Social Development: Areas and Challenges in honour of P. Satya Nagesh, Librarian organised by CSD Hyderabad 31 October 2019.

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Chapters/ Articles/Book Reviews

Articles

- Beach Livelihoods of Odisha,**
Economic & Political Weekly, 55 (10), 2020.
- In Times of Drought,**
Economic & Political Weekly, 2019, 54 (29)

Media

Yet to Reach Benchmark

Orissa Post, February 15, 2020.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Course Director

Ten-Day Research Methodology Course for Social Science Research Scholars (supported by ICSSR, New Delhi), Council for Social Development, Hyderabad, 26 August to 5 September 2019.

PROF. SUNNY JOSE (RBI CHAIR)

Lectures Delivered

Hunger and Malnutrition in India

Discussion on 'The face of Poverty and Hunger: The Conundrum' at MC HRD, 24 January 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Chapters/ Articles/Book Reviews

Child Undernutrition in India: A Tale of Two Surveys

Economic & Political Weekly, 2019, 54 (49).

Media

Turning the Policy Focus to Child Undernutrition

The Hindu 20 November.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Budget 2020

Chair and moderator at BITS Pilani Hyderabad campus, 17 February 2020

DR SOUMYA VINAYAN

Lectures Delivered

- **Climate Change and Paddy Cultivation: The Case of Pokkali Rice (co-author).**

Faculty Seminar, Social Development: Areas and Challenges, in honour of Librarian P. Satya Nagesh Social Development: Areas and Challenges, 31 October. 2020, organised at CSD, Hyderabad

- **Climate Change and Paddy Cultivation: The Relevance of GI tagged Pokkali rice from Kerala (co-author)**

INSEE-CESS International Conference on Climate Change and Disasters: Challenges, Opportunities and Responses (Tenth INSEE Biennial Conference), CESS, Hyderabad, November 6-8, 2019.

Geographical Indications from India: Potential for Agricultural Marketing

School of Agribusiness Management, Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, Hyderabad, 13 February 2020.

Regional Products and Rural Livelihoods: Geographical Indications from India' at

Weekly Seminar Series at the Department of Liberal Arts, Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad, 13 November 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Chapters/ Articles/Book Reviews

Can Geographical Indications Add Value to Agribusiness in India? (co-author).

S.S. Kalamkar and H. Sharma (Eds.) Emerging Global Economic Situation: Impact on Trade and Agribusiness in India, New Delhi: Allied Publishers.

Media

Time to Revive Traditional Rice Varieties (co-author).

The Hindu Business Line 27 February 2020.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- **Course Co-Director, Ten Days Research**

Methodology Course for Social Science Research Scholars (supported by ICSSR, New Delhi) from 26 August to 5 September 2019 at Council for Social Development, Hyderabad.

- **Participant, ASCI-MGG Conference Training & Dialogue for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda, 23 - 27 April at ASCI, Hyderabad.**

- **Participant Alumni Spring School on Global Transformation towards Sustainability, organised by University of Bonn and German Development Institute, Bonn, April 1-10, 2019.**

DR SATYAM SUNKARI

Lectures Delivered

- **Rural Governance in Water and Sanitation Management: Empirical Observations and Policy Approach**

International Conference on Water Resources, Climate Change and Sustainability IPE, Osmania University Campus, Hyderabad. 27- 28 September 2019.

- **Youth Unemployment and Skill Development Initiatives in Telangana – A Policy Study**

Youth Unemployment and Migration in Telangana State, Telangana Economic Association at the Department of Economics, Kakatiya University, Warangal, February 15-16, 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Chapters/ Articles/Book Reviews

Book

Tribals and Democratic Politics of India - Understanding from Agency Areas of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

Jaipur: Rawat Publication (2019).

Articles

Understanding People's Voice on Democracy: A Study from Agency Areas of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

IASSI Quarterly-Contribution to Indian Social Sciences, 2019, 38 (4), October- December.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

ICAS Fellow, at ICAS-MP, New Delhi under thematic module of Normative Conflicts and Transformations, July – September 2019.

DR G. VENKATESWARLU**PUBLICATIONS****Books/Chapters/ Articles/Book Reviews****Reproductive Health Status and Type Delivery of Labour**

National Seminar on Budgeting System in Federal Government organised by B.J.R Government College, Hyderabad, 12 March 2020.

DR SIVAKUMAR DANYASI**PUBLICATIONS****Books/Chapters/ Articles/Book Reviews****Labour Force, Work Participation and Economic Activities: A Focus on Female in Telangana State during 2001-11**

5th Economics-Conclave organised by School of Economics, University of Hyderabad, 13- 14, September 2019.

DR KEYOOR**PUBLICATIONS****Books/Chapters/ Articles/Book Reviews****Articles**

- **Disaster, Development & Livelihood: With Special Reference to Floods in India**

Disaster Advances, 2019, 12 (5).

- ***Aupniveshik Baganon Me Bhartiya Mahila Girmitya: Paradhinta Ki Punravriti***

Samajik Vimarsh, 2020, 2 (1).

Book Review

Vandana Shiva, Staying Alive: Women, Ecology and Development. North Atlantic Books. 2016.

Journal of International Women's Studies (A Journal of Bridgewater State University, USA), 20 (7), pp. (2019).

Lectures Delivered**Social Harmony and Role of Educational Institutions in India**

National Conference-cum-Symposium on Interfaith Dialogue on Communal Harmony and National Integration In collaboration with & sponsored by National Foundation for Communal Harmony. Department of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu, 15-16 October, 2019.

AUDITOR'S REPORT



Council for
Social Development

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Independent Auditor's Report

**To The General Body
Council for Social Development**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Council for Social Development** which comprise the Balance Sheet as at March 31st, 2020, the Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Receipts & Payment Account for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information in which are incorporated the financial statements of Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad for the year ended on that date audited by the branch auditor (hereinafter referred to as "financial statements").

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the accompanying financial statements of the Council, have been prepared in accordance with the applicable Laws, in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the other accounting principles generally accepted in India.

- a) in the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Council as at March 31, 2020;
- b) in the case of the Statement of Income & Expenditure Account, of the deficit for the year ended on that date; and
- c) in the case, of the Receipts/ Payment Account for the year ended on that date, the receipts & payments shown therein.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs). Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the organization in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements under the provisions of the applicable law, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management of the Council is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements in accordance with applicable Laws and for such control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statement that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operation, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Other Matter

We did not audit the financial statements of of Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad included in the financial statements of the Council whose financial statements reflect total assets of Rs.8,57,11,453.28 as at 31st March, 2020 and total revenues of Rs.1,93,10,746.90 for the year ended on that date, as considered in the financial statement. The financial statements of Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad have been audited by the branch auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion in so far as it relates to the amounts and disclosures included in respect of Council, is based solely on the report of such branch auditors.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Report on other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

- a. we have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- b. in our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Council so far as it appears from our examination of those books and proper returns adequate for the purpose of audit have been received from the Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad not visited by us.
- c. the report on the accounts of the Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad audited by the branch auditors have been sent to us and have been properly dealt with by us in preparing our report.
- d. the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Receipts & Payment Account, dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account and the returns received from the Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad not visited by us.



e. in our opinion, the aforesaid financial statements comply with the Accounting Standards to the extent applicable.

For Thakur, Vaidyanath Aiyar & Co.
Chartered Accountants
FRN: 000038N



(M.P. Thakur)
Partner
M. No. : 052473

Place: New Delhi
Date:

UDIN:- 20052473AAAA CU7308



COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
Sangha Rachana, 53, Lodi Estate, New Delhi - 110003

BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2020

(Amt in Rs.)

	Schedule	As at 31-Mar-20	As at 31-Mar-19
LIABILITIES			
CORPUS FUND	1	5,40,45,343.31	5,21,03,283.01
RESEARCH CORPUS FUND	2	49,49,338.02	1,70,12,965.70
BUILDING DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND	3	-	-
GENERAL FUND	4	4,98,16,989.05	5,60,46,579.10
FIXED ASSETS FUND	5	87,94,068.85	99,98,408.95
UNUTILISED GRANTS	6	28,92,727.17	64,98,362.88
CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS	7	3,79,88,549.36	3,40,70,114.00
TOTAL		15,84,87,015.76	17,57,29,713.64
ASSETS			
FIXED ASSETS			
- Owned Fund	5B	1,65,96,749.62	1,81,84,048.82
Less: Depreciation		93,53,107.19	85,37,127.66
		72,43,642.43	76,26,920.96
- Grant Fund	5A	87,94,068.85	99,98,408.95
		1,60,37,711.28	1,76,25,329.91
INVESTMENTS	8		
- Corpus Fund (Hyderabad)		5,21,03,282.98	4,97,97,708.56
- Other Fund		5,90,32,205.02	5,46,16,336.42
CURRENT ASSETS	9		
- Accrued Interest		26,97,725.18	24,69,514.11
- Receivables		81,06,445.37	99,25,499.95
- Cash & Bank Balances		1,51,67,117.53	3,50,36,415.70
LOANS & ADVANCES			
- Advances Recoverables		18,48,417.22	27,60,417.39
- Tax Deducted at Source (TDS)		34,94,111.18	34,98,491.60
TOTAL		15,84,87,015.76	17,57,29,713.64
Significant Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts	22	0.00	0.00

Schedules 1 to 22 form an integral part of the accounts

As per our report of even date attached

for Thakur, Vaidyanath Aiyar & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Firm Reg. No. 000038N

(M.P. Thakur)
Partner
M. No. 052473

Place : New Delhi

Date : 09-12-2020



for Council for Social Development

(Nitya Nandan)
Director

(Izhar A.)
Finance Officer



COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
Sangha Rachana, 53, Lodi Estate, New Delhi - 110003

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2020

(Amt in Rs.)

INCOME	Schedule	For the Year Ended 31-Mar-20			For the Year Ended 31-Mar-19		
		General Account	Projects Grants Account	Total	General Account	Projects Grants Account	Total
REVENUE							
Grants in Aid	10	1,26,54,231.00	1,94,71,438.30	3,21,25,669.30	2,63,08,560.00	2,33,13,512.42	4,96,22,072.42
Interest Income	11	47,51,151.23	41,35,475.07	88,86,626.30	50,60,783.54	40,41,445.00	91,02,228.54
Rental Income	12	2,47,72,674.00	-	2,47,72,674.00	1,88,86,616.00	-	1,88,86,616.00
Contribution for Training and Workshop		1,89,000.00	-	1,89,000.00	3,57,500.00	-	3,57,500.00
Royalty		2,40,678.20	-	2,40,678.20	2,02,135.89	-	2,02,135.89
Donation		1,00,000.00	-	1,00,000.00	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	13	31,151.73	-	31,151.73	45,67,165.11	52,477.00	46,19,642.11
		4,27,38,886.16	2,36,06,913.37	6,63,45,799.53	5,53,82,760.54	2,74,07,434.42	8,27,90,194.96
EXPENDITURE							
Salaries, Allowances and Employee Benefits	14	3,05,44,389.66	1,15,39,677.00	4,20,84,066.66	3,50,61,010.00	1,37,60,020.00	4,88,21,030.00
Programme, Research & Publication Expense	15	65,49,537.15	1,19,41,024.02	1,84,90,561.17	77,76,467.00	1,34,66,966.76	2,12,43,433.76
Expenditure Related to Research & development Fund	16	1,20,64,711.68	-	1,20,64,711.68	31,26,686.00	-	31,26,686.00
Repair & Maintenance	17	6,31,061.80	-	6,31,061.80	6,62,383.27	-	6,62,383.27
Office Expenses and Hired Services	18	32,96,975.15	1,97,280.00	34,94,255.15	42,46,912.96	1,80,528.00	44,27,440.96
Rates & Taxes	19	57,19,561.50	-	57,19,561.50	53,90,554.00	-	53,90,554.00
Other Expenses	20	11,98,231.93	79,713.74	12,77,945.67	9,78,735.92	95.00	9,78,830.92
Depreciation	21	8,13,428.53	-	8,13,428.53	6,57,464.00	-	6,57,464.00
		6,08,17,897.40	2,37,57,694.76	8,45,75,592.16	5,79,00,213.15	2,74,07,609.76	8,53,07,822.91
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year		(1,80,79,011.24)	(1,50,781.39)	(1,82,29,792.63)	(25,17,452.61)	(175.34)	(25,17,627.95)
Amount appropriated / Transfer to :							
- Fixed Assets Fund (Hyderabad)		-	-	-	63,981.00	-	63,981.00
- Library Development Fund (Hyderabad)		58,425.00	-	58,425.00	2,36,256.00	-	2,36,256.00
- Research Corpus Fund (Hyderabad)		(1,20,64,711.68)	-	(1,20,64,711.68)	1,34,587.95	-	1,34,587.95
- General Fund (Delhi)		(60,72,724.56)	(1,50,781.39)	(62,23,505.95)	(29,52,277.56)	(175.34)	(29,52,452.90)
TOTAL		4,27,38,886.16	2,36,06,913.37	6,63,45,799.53	5,53,82,760.54	2,74,07,434.42	8,27,90,194.96
Significant Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts	22	-	-	-	-	-	-

Schedules 1 to 22 form an integral part of the accounts

As per our report of even date attached

For Thakur Vaidyanath Aiyar & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Firm's Registration No. 000038N(M.P. Thakur)
Partner
M. No. 052473

Place : New Delhi

Date : 09-12-2020



For Council for Social Development

(Nitya Nanda) Director

(Hemali) Finance Officer



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Schedules forming part of the accounts for the year ended March 31, 2020

SCHEDULE-22: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

General

Council for Social Development (the council), is a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, in 1970 having its registered office at 'Sangha Rachana', 53 Lodi Estate, New Delhi-110003 and it has Southern Regional Center (SRC) at Hyderabad. As per the Constitution of the Council for Social Development, SRC at Hyderabad and its audited accounts are an integral part of the Council. The society is also registered under section 12A of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and is also an approved research institution under section 10(23C) (iv) under the said act.

The main objects of the society are:

- a. to undertake or promote the study of Social Development, to undertake studies in the national/ regional policies of social development, in the process of planning in social development and in the interaction between social and economic development at various stages of national growth in developing territories.
- b. to plan & promote studies in techniques of social planning & programming, inter-disciplinary research, socio-economic/ occupational surveys, motivation for social change and socio-psychological studies in rural areas.

A. Accounting Policies

1. Basis of Accounting

The Financial Statements are prepared on the historical cost conventions on accrual basis and in accordance with appropriate accounting standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountant of India, unless otherwise stated.

2. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires some estimates and assumptions which affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities on the date of financial statements and the reported amount of revenue and expenses during the year. Difference between the actual result and estimates are recognized in the period in which the results are known materialized.



3. Fixed Assets/Property, Plant & Equipment (PPE), Depreciation and Impairment

- a. Fixed Assets/ Property, Plant & Equipment (PPE) acquired out of own funds are shown at a cost of acquisition less accumulated depreciation. Cost includes incidental and direct expenses related to the acquisition.
- b. Fixed assets acquired out of core/ project grants are charged to the respective projects. Fixed Assets funds are created for the assets acquired out of Core/ project grants. Depreciation on such assets are adjusted from the fixed assets Fund account.
- c. Depreciation on the fixed assets is provided on written down value method at the rates prescribed in the Income Tax Act 1961. Assets purchased and put to use on or after 1st October of a year are depreciated during that year at half of the rates stated above.
- d. Fixed Assets/ Property, Plant & Equipment (PPE) is assessed at the year-end by the Management whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. In case of such an indication, management estimates the recoverable amount of assets. If the recoverable amount of the asset is less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount and the difference is recognized as impairment loss.

4. Investments

Long term investments are carried at cost after adjusting decline, other than temporary, in carrying amount. Current investments are carried at the lower of cost and fair value.

5. Leases.

Leases where the lessor effectively retains substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the leased assets are classified as operating lease. Lease rent received on letting out the office premises are recognized as income in the Income and Expenditure account.

6. Books and Periodicals purchased for library are charged off to revenue in the year of purchase unless otherwise stated.

7. Retirement Benefits

Post-employment and other long-term employee benefits are recognized as an expense in the income and Expenditure Account for the year in which the employee has rendered services.

a) Contribution to Provident Fund

Employer's Contribution to the Employee's Provident Fund is made to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner.



b) Leave Encashment

Provision for Leave encashment is made as per rules of the council and the same is represented partially by internally Earmarked investments.

c) Gratuity

Provision for Gratuity for the employees of Delhi is made as per the rules of the Council. However, the Southern Regional Council, Hyderabad (SRC) has opted for LIC Group Gratuity Scheme for its employees and the gratuity fund is managed by Life Insurance Corporation of India. SRC forwards the data on the emoluments of staff to LIC for renewal of policy and the LIC recommends the premium due for which gratuity contribution is made/provided for. The Gratuity Liability of Delhi Office is represented by Earmarked investments in FDRs held with Banks

8. Foreign Exchange Transactions

Transactions denominated in foreign currency is accounted for at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of the transaction.

9. Research and Development Fund is utilized for research and development activities undertaken by the Council independently and to finance deficit, if any, in execution of project.

10. Provision & Contingencies

Provisions are recognized when there is a present obligation as a result of past events for which it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made. Provision required settling the obligation are reviewed regularly and are adjusted where necessary to reflect the current best estimate of the obligation.

A disclosure for a contingent liability is made when there is a possible obligation or a present obligation that may but probably will not require an outflow of resources. Disclosure is also made in respect of a present obligation that probably requires an outflow of resources where it is not possible to make a reliable estimate of related outflow

11. Revenue Recognition

- a) Income and Expenditure are recognized on accrual basis. Other miscellaneous revenues are recognized when the amount and the collectability are certain such as membership fees and Insurance claim.

b) Grants in Aid

Government Grants / Subsidy are accounted for on sanction / realization basis in the income and expenditure account over the period necessary to match them with the related costs which they are intended to compensate. Unutilized amount / excess expenditure is carried to next financial year.



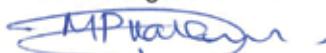
- c) Interest on Fixed Deposit is recognized on time proportion basis at the applicable rate. Interest on income tax refund is accounted for receipt basis.
- d) Royalty is accounted for based on the agreement with the party and the statement of accounts received.

B. Notes on Accounts**1. Contingent Liability and Commitments**

- (a) Contingent Liability for Bank Guarantee given by Bank of India in favour of the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Govt. of India, New Delhi, is Rs.1,35,000 (Previous Year Rs.1,35,000). Fixed deposits of Rs.1,35,000 with Bank of India is under lien against the said bank guarantee of the same amount.
- (b) Capital Commitment less advances as on 31.03.2020 Rs. NIL (P.Y. Rs.1,80,039)

2. The previous year's figure have been reworked, regrouped, rearranged and reclassified wherever necessary to make them comparable with the current year's figures.

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