



# COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

*... towards a just, equitable and responsible society*



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## 1. ABOUT CSD

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

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

## 2. VISION

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

## 3. PROGRAMMES

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

### 3.1 RESEARCH

CSD has made its mark as a leading social science research institution with a focus on **education, health and nutrition, poverty, agriculture and rural development, employment, environment and climate, water and sanitation, gender and social**



**discrimination and deprivation**, especially with reference to the marginalised communities.

## **3.2 SUPPORT/COLLABORATION**

CSD research activities have been funded by various national and international agencies such as UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund), Oxfam, UNDP (United Nations Development Programme), World Bank, Ford Foundation, KfW Development Bank, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Tata Trust, ICSSR (Indian Council for Social Science Research), NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development), Planning Commission (now NITI Aayog), MoRD (Ministry of Rural Development), MoHRD (Ministry of Human Resource Development), MoTA (Ministry of Tribal Affairs), MoA (Ministry of Agriculture) and various departments of state governments. CSD is registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), enjoys exemption from income tax (also donors) under sections 12A & 80G of the Income Tax Act.

## **3.3 PUBLICATIONS**

### **Social Development Report**

*India: Social Development Report* is one of the flagship publications of CSD, brought out bi-annually by the Oxford University Press. The Report gives a picture of the social conditions prevailing in the country and contains a number of well-researched, papers on the specialized themes. In addition, the Report carries a chapter ranking States on the basis of a Social Development Index developed by



the Council. The special themes covered by the Report so far have been *Child Development* (2006), *Development and Displacement* (2008), *Land Question and Marginalized* (2010), *Minorities at the Margins* (2012), *Challenges of Public Health* (2014), *Disability Rights Perspectives* (2016), *Rising Inequalities in India* (2018) and *Women and Employment* (2022).

### ***Social Change***

*Social Change* is a quarterly journal brought out by CSD since 1971 and has been published by Sage since 2010. A multi-disciplinary journal with a wide-ranging readership in India and abroad, it publishes empirically grounded, analytical papers, theoretical essays and policy discussions related to the field of social change and development. It occasionally publishes special issues.



### ***Samajik Vimarsh (Hindi Journal)***

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

## **3.4 TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING**

The Council for Social Development carries out a number of training courses and workshops designed to enhance the capacity of the participants in these programmes to have a better understanding of

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

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

### 3.5 SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS/ LECTURES



CSD regularly organises seminars, workshops and conferences on contemporary issues and subjects of social relevance. Some of the



recent events have covered subjects like National Food Security Act; Challenges of Land Governance in India; Disabilities Legislation; Agrarian Crisis; and Transforming the Global Economic and Political Order, Private Sector Participation in Public Services; the Bandung Legacy and the Global Future, Social Development in India; Sustainable Development Goals and Social Development Issues and Democracy and Minority Rights.

### **Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture**

One of the annual signature events of CSD is the **Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture**. The lecture is held every year on 15<sup>th</sup> July, the birthday of Durgabai Deshmukh, and is delivered by an eminent expert or renowned personality on any topic of his/her choice relating to social development. Some of the eminent experts who delivered the lectures in recent years were Hiren Gohain, Rehman Sobhan, P. Sainath, Flavia Agnes, Abhijit Sen, N.C. Saxena, S.K.Thorat, Narendra Jadhav, Devaki Jain, Randhir Singh, Ashok Khosla, Y. K. Alagh, Ravi Srivastava, and K. Srinath Reddy. A collection of the lectures from 1992 to 2010 was published in the form of a book under the title: *'Towards Just and Equitable Development'*.



## **Social Development Forum**

CSD organises a Social Development Forum which provides a regular platform that seeks to bring together leading academicians, activists, policy makers, planners and other renowned figures from the social sector to discuss and debate contemporary social, political and economic issues.



## **3.6 RIGHT TO EDUCATION CELL**

CSD also houses the Right to Education Forum (RTE CELL) that provides a platform to education networks, teachers' unions, peoples' movements with a combined strength of 10,000 NGOs across India. The Cell has been working towards achieving the goal of universal, equitable and quality education through the implementation of the Right to Education Act, 2009, in its true letter and spirit emphasising the need for a strong public system of education, funded by the state.

## **4. LIBRARY**

CSD's Amar Kumar Singh Library has a collection of over 10000 (ten thousand) books in Social Sciences and Humanities. It subscribes to 33 journals and periodicals, 17 daily newspapers and subscribes to JSTOR. The library is automated using the software, LIBMAN and has its own Local Area Network (LAN). The library is



an Institutional member of DELNET and NASSDOC and a Corporate Member of the Central Secretariat Library, New Delhi.



## 5. CSD CAPABILITY

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

## 6. CSD IMPACTS

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

## IMPACTS ON DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS

National/State/Local Govt.	Business Organisations	Others
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contributed to education policies of central and state governments including Right to Education Act.</li> <li>Contributed in the policy making on drinking water in rural areas and sanitation in urban areas, particularly in slums.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepared the guidelines for village community workers</li> </ul> </li> <li>Contributed to policies related to women, children, minorities and SC/ST people                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conceptualised a scheme and pilot project for child care which was later adopted by the government as Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	International Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trained more than 1000 social science researchers on research methodology.</li> <li>Trained about 300 people (including researchers, government officials and company executive) on resettlement and rehabilitations.</li> <li>Trained students, officials and social activists on Dalit and minority rights</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helped in the process of resettlement and rehabilitation particularly in mining affected regions</li> <li>Through research, discussion and evaluation activities it has influenced programmes and strategies of some international organisations.</li> </ul>	

## 7. FACULTY & STAFF

### Director

Prof. Nitya Nanda, Ph. D

### Regional Director

Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra, Ph. D (Acting)

### Faculty Members (with specialization)

#### Distinguished Professors

Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty, Ph. D (Social movements, development)

Prof. Deepak Nayyar, Ph. D (Macroeconomics, trade, industry)

Prof. K. B. Saxena, IAS (Retd.) (Social welfare, rural development)  
Prof. R. Govinda, Ph. D (Education, democracy, human rights)  
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Prof. Atul Sarma, Ph. D (Public finance, regional development)  
Prof. J.B.G. Tilak, Ph. D (Economics of education, development)  
Prof. Biswajit Dhar, Ph. D (Trade, agriculture, bio-diversity)

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Prof. Nitya Nanda, Ph. D (Trade, industry, agriculture, environment)  
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### **Assistant Professor**

Mr. Akhil Alha, Ph. D (Labour, informal sector, agriculture)  
Ms Ankita Goyal, Ph. D (Agriculture, food security, sustainability)  
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Ms. Susmita Mitra, Ph D (Environment, agriculture, education)  
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### **Research Associate**

Ms. Jaya Lekshmi Nair (Agriculture, rural development, gender)  
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### **Consultants**

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## **SOUTHERN REGIONAL OFFICE**

### **Faculty Members (with specialization)**

#### **Distinguished Professor**

Prof. Kalpana Kannabiran, Ph. D (Gender, adivasi & disability rights)

### **Professor**

Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra, Ph.D (Environment, resources, displacement)

Prof. Sunny Jose, Ph.D, RBI Chair (Health, livelihood, mobility)

Prof. L. Reddeppa, Ph.D (Small industry, self-employment)

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## **8. GOVERNING STRUCTURE**

At the apex of the governing structure is the General Body of the Council supported by Executive Committee, Managing and Finance Committee for the Southern Regional Office, Administration and Finance Committee, and Research and Publication Committee.

### **General Body**

Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President

Prof. Biswajit Dhar, Vice-President

Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty, Member

Prof. D. N. Reddy, Member

Prof. Shantha Sinha, Member

Prof. Deepak Nayyar, Member

Prof. Suranjan Das, Member

Mr. Shyam Saran, IIC Trustee, Member

Mr. K. N. Shrivastava, Director IIC, Member

Mr. Saurabh Garg, Secretary to the Govt. of India, (Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment), Member

Prof. Dhananjay Singh, Member-Secretary, ICSSR, Member

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Dr. Dheeraj Shah, Director, NIHFWS, Member

Dr. K. Srinath Reddy, Member

Prof. Virginius Xaxa, Member

Dr. Sheel Kant Sharma, Member

Ms. Razia Ismail, Member

Prof. Nitya Nanda, Member Secretary



### **Executive Committee**

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Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty, Member

Prof. D. N. Reddy, Member

Prof. Shantha Sinha, Member

Prof. Dhananjay Singh, Member-Secretary, ICSSR, Member

Prof. Nitya Nanda, Member Secretary

### **Managing and Finance Committee**

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Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy, Member

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