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ABOUT THE COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

For over five decades, the Council for Social Development (CSD) has functioned as a non-profit, non-partisan, vibrant research institution engaged in issues of social development, especially the welfare of the marginalised. In 1962, CSD began its journey as an informal study group at the India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi. Prominent social workers and social scientists, under the leadership of the legendary freedom fighter and social worker Durgabai Deshmukh, were part of this group. The Council was registered as a society in 1970 with C. D. Deshmukh as President and Durgabai Deshmukh as Executive Chairperson and Honorary Director.

A Southern Regional Centre (SRC) of CSD was set up in Hyderabad in 1967. It is currently funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and the government of Telangana.

Eminent educationists and representatives of public institutions constitute the CSD society, which guides its programmes. The Delhi and Hyderabad offices include about 40 academic/research professionals and 20 administrative/support staff. The CSD academic staff consists of a good mix of experienced and young researchers, and most of them have a doctorate degree. The CSD team has members from different parts of India, and about 40 per cent are women. The organisation also welcomes foreign scholars as visiting faculty and foreign students as interns.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Council for Social Development (CSD) made significant strides in advancing social research and adding to policy development during the year 2023–2024. During the year we completed 11 key research projects – two in Delhi and nine at our Southern Regional Centre at Hyderabad. At the year ending, we had 13 research projects that were at different stages of being carried out. While many of the projects are for public knowledge, some of them were undertaken to support government departments or their agencies and therefore meant for policy-making.

The completed projects in Delhi focussed on themes such as ‘Gender, Capital and Culture: Witch Hunts and Ritual Attacks across Northeast India’, and ‘Concurrent Evaluation of the National Food Security Act, 2013 (Phase – 2)’. These two covered important aspects, as food security as well as welfare of women and girl children have always received substantial attention in our work. Completed projects in Hyderabad included topics such as ‘Child Under-Nutrition in Telangana: An Assessment on the Efficacy of Nutrition Schemes’, ‘Evaluation of the Start-up Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) in Telangana’, ‘Platform Economy as a Driver of Economic Empowerment and Social Inclusion in Hyderabad’, ‘Information and Communication Technology and Livelihoods: A Study of Marine Fisheries in Kerala’, ‘State-led Empowerment or Employment?: A Study of Female Bus Conductors in Telangana’, ‘Gender Equality and Adolescent Girls’ Education: A Study on MVF Intervention’, ‘Evaluation on Health Command Centres in Telangana’, ‘Statistical Bulletin on Households Using Improved Sanitation Facility in the Southern States of India’, ‘Environmental Sanitation and Swachh Bharat Mission in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha’.

Keeping our focus on women and girls, CSD Delhi took up a project on ‘Enhancing Food Security for Women and Girls’. We also started a research project on ‘How to Increase Farmers’ Adoption of Water-Saving Technologies in Semi-Arid Northern India?’. This is in continuation with our activities on agriculture and climate change adaptation. Another important research project that we started this year was ‘Contextualising the Role of Caste and Gender in Defining Employment and Earning Outcomes in Gig Economy in India’. This study aims to shed light on how caste and gender disparities affect gig work outcomes and inform policies to foster inclusivity.

The ongoing projects of the CSD Hyderabad office engage a variety of development issues including ‘Agriculture and Climate Change’, ‘Sustainable Development Goals and Child Well-being in Telangana’, ‘Status of Informal Employment and Survival Strategies in Telangana and Odisha’, ‘Social Security and Economic Development Impacts of Aasara Pensions in Telangana’, ‘Socio-Economic Enumeration and Analysis of In-Migrants to Telangana’, a data collection assignment for the India Human Development Survey-3 (IHDS-3), ‘Status of Women in India’s Extractive Industry’, ‘Girls’ Education and Functional Status of Toilets in Telangana’, ‘Maternal and Child Health Care’, ‘Telangana Welfare Initiatives’, ‘Land Alienation Process in the Agency Region of Andhra Pradesh’, ‘Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Special Development Fund in Telangana’, ‘Common Property Resources,

Practices, Laws, and Challenges in Odisha & Madhya Pradesh’, and ‘Willingness to Pay for GI Tagged Products’.

Our annual flagship events like the Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture and C. D. Deshmukh Memorial Lecture, attracted huge interest and audience from India and beyond. This year the Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture was delivered by the renowned public health specialist Prof. K Srinath Reddy who talked on Public Health, while the C. D. Deshmukh Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. Kalpana Kannabiran, on the topic ‘Utopias, Convivialities and the Cultural Politics of Care: Interpreting the Indian Constitution for our Times’. Another important event, the *Social Change* Golden Jubilee Lecture, was delivered by Prof. Barbara Harriss-White, on the topic ‘Gold in India’s Social Development’, which had to be held online due to some unavoidable reasons.

This year we could resume our flagship publication, ‘India: Social Development Report 2023’, after a gap as the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the publication of this report. Our faculty members were also quite prolific in publishing their work in peer-reviewed journals, edited volumes and such other modes of publication.

In the end, we hope and look forward to a better and more productive year in partnership with our collaborators, and also look forward to making impacts on lives of people.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Executive Summary provides an overview of completed and ongoing projects, organised by theme for Delhi and Hyderabad centres.

CSD, Delhi, made significant strides in advancing social research and contributing to policy-making during the reporting period—April 2023 to March 2024. While two key projects were completed, work continued on three ongoing projects.

CSD–Delhi

Caste, Gender, & the Economy

- The **ongoing project ‘Contextualising the Role of Caste and Gender in Defining Employment and Earning Outcomes in Gig Economy in India’**, investigates discrimination in the gig economy. This two-year project sheds light on how caste and gender disparities affect gig work outcomes and inform policies to foster inclusivity.

Food Security

- The project, **‘Concurrent Evaluation of the National Food Security Act, 2013 (Phase – 2)’**, was **completed** during this period. It assessed the NFSA’s implementation in Haryana and Delhi, highlighting the need for improved biometric authentication, revised eligibility criteria, and enhanced awareness campaigns. Recommendations were presented to officials to strengthen food security measures. The project led to actionable improvements in food security systems, with significant insights presented to relevant officials, contributing to policy enhancements.
- An **ongoing project** under the aforementioned theme is **‘Enhancing Food Security for Women and Girls’**, which addresses malnutrition among women by advocating for a more diverse diet in the National Food Security Act. It would offer recommendations for including pulses, cooking oil, and dairy products in the Public Distribution System by August 2024.

Gender

- The **completed project ‘Gender, Capital and Culture: Witch Hunts and Ritual Attacks Across Northeast India’**, funded by Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, examined cultural and gender dynamics in Northeast India, revealing how patriarchal structures perpetuate violence against women. Recommendations include policy reforms, community awareness, and strengthening healthcare infrastructure.

Resource Utilisation and Agriculture

- The ongoing project, **‘How to Increase Farmers’ Adoption of Water-Saving Technologies in Semi-Arid Northern India?’**, under the above theme, explores the socio-economic and institutional factors influencing water-saving technology adoption among farmers. With its conclusion in December 2024, it would provide actionable insights for improving agricultural practices and resource management.

CSD–SRC Hyderabad

The CSD-SRC Hyderabad completed nine projects during April 2023–March 2024, and has ten ongoing. It has five state government projects sanctioned for the year 2023–24.

Agriculture

- The 2023–24 state government project (SGP), **‘Agriculture and Climate Change: Coping and Resilience Strategies’** explores climate change impacts on Telangana’s agriculture. The study addresses the vulnerabilities of agriculture due to climate change, including reduced crop yields and deteriorating soil quality. It assesses farmers’ awareness, current practices, and policies like the Kaleswaram project to develop adaptation strategies.

Child Welfare & Development

- The ongoing project, **‘Sustainable Development Goals and Child Well-being in Telangana’**, examines the intersection of health with other Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its impact on child well-being in Telangana. It explores how various non-health SDGs influence health outcomes and identifies key targets related to child well-being across SDGs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, and 16. Utilising secondary data from sources like the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) and Telangana Social Development Reports, the study also involves fieldwork in districts with weaker SDG indicators.
- The completed project, **‘Child Under-Nutrition in Telangana: An Assessment on the Efficacy of Nutrition Schemes’**, sponsored by the Department of Planning, Government of Telangana, assesses the effectiveness of nutrition schemes in addressing rising malnutrition levels, as highlighted by the National Family Health Survey-5 (2019–20). The survey reveals that around one-third of children under five are stunted or underweight, with significant regional disparities, such as 50 per cent stunting in Jogulamba Gadwal and 36 per cent wasting in Komaram Bheem Asifabad. The study evaluates the success of current nutrition programmes and identifies barriers to accessing services. The findings emphasise the critical role of AWCs in

combating malnutrition and improving maternal and child health in the state. Key recommendations include strengthening Anganwadi Centers (AWCs), promoting regular participation in nutrition programmes, ensuring the consumption of IFA tablets, periodic nutritional assessments, and improving infrastructure.

Development and Livelihoods

- The project, **‘Evaluation of the Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) in Telangana’**, was **completed** in May 2023. Sponsored by the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty under DAY-NRLM, SVEP aims to uplift rural families through self-employment support, and it improved livelihoods, income, savings, and employment, but faced challenges with insufficient and delayed honorarium payments for CRP-EPs. Recommendations include increasing and ensuring timely honorarium disbursement.
- The project **‘Information and Communication Technology and Livelihoods: A Study of Marine Fisheries in Kerala’**, funded by the RBI Corpus Fund, was **completed** in September 2023. This study explored the impact of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), particularly mobile phones, on the livelihoods of fishermen in Thiruvananthapuram district, Kerala. It confirmed that ICTs play a crucial role in transforming fishing livelihoods, aligning with previous findings on the benefits of mobile technology in this sector.
- The **ongoing project, ‘Status of Informal Employment: Survival Strategies and Policy Implications in Telangana and Odisha’**, explores the informal labour market’s dynamics through diverse case studies in Telangana and Odisha. Focusing on beach livelihood earners, Dalit drum beaters, and Tollywood background dancers, the study examines how these workers navigate their socio-economic vulnerabilities and adapt their strategies for survival. The research sheds light on the effectiveness of labour collectives, identifying key factors influencing their outcomes.
- The **completed** research project **‘Can Platform Economy be a Driver of Economic Empowerment and Social Inclusion?: A Study of Hyderabad’**, explored the role of the platform economy in enhancing economic and social outcomes. With the platform economy rapidly growing and reshaping various sectors, this study concentrated its impact in Hyderabad, specifically examining services like ridesharing and food delivery. It assessed whether these platforms provide better employment opportunities and promote social inclusion within the urban informal sector.
- The **SGP project ‘Social Security and Economic Development: The Case of Aasara Pensions in Telangana’**, investigates the impact of the Aasara Pension scheme on poverty reduction and economic development in Telangana. The study examines how this state initiative, which supports the elderly, widows, and other vulnerable groups, contributes to social security and empowerment. It assesses the socio-economic effects of the pension scheme, focusing on beneficiaries’ quality of life, empowerment, and dignity.
- The **SGP project, ‘In-Migrants to Telangana: A Socio-Economic Enumeration and Analysis’**, aims to address the lack of current data on in-migrants in Telangana,

a gap exacerbated by outdated Census information and recent COVID-19 impacts. With a duration of 19 months, the study seeks to build a comprehensive database on in-migrants, examining their socio-economic conditions, access to amenities, and the factors driving their migration, aiming to identify technological skill gaps and evaluate institutional support for decent work conditions.

- The data collection assignment for the **India Human Development Survey-3 (IHDS-3)**, is an **ongoing** project, sponsored by the National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER), which aims to explore human development indicators such as education, gender, caste, poverty, infrastructure, immunisation, and community relations in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The study will cover approximately 3,200 households (1,700 in Andhra Pradesh and 1,500 in Telangana) and track changes over time by re-interviewing households from the second round of IHDS.

Gender & Development

- The study titled, '**State-led Empowerment or Employment?: A Study of Female Bus Conductors in Telangana**', funded by the Department of Planning, Government of Telangana, explored the impact of reserving 33 per cent of bus conductor positions for women. **Completed** in August 2023, the findings indicated that the policy has significantly enhanced women's autonomy, economic security, and social recognition. It revealed challenges such as severe physical pain and psychological stress due to the demanding nature of the job. Recommendations include addressing these health issues to maximise the policy's benefits and ensuring better overall well-being for female conductors.
- The **completed** project '**Gender Equality and Adolescent Girls' Education: A Study on MVF Intervention**', funded by CSD Core, evaluated the effectiveness of the M. Venkatarangaiya Foundation's (MVF) efforts to enhance gender equality and promote secondary education for adolescent girls in Telangana. **Completed** in October 2023, the project findings indicated significant positive impacts from the MVF intervention, with girls in programme areas showing increased confidence and autonomy compared to those in non-programme areas.
- The **ongoing** project, '**Political Geography and Structural Change: Status of Women in India's Extractive Industry**', examines the impact of resource extraction on women in mining communities, specifically in the Mahanadi Coal Field's Basundhara site in Odisha. With a duration of 27 months, it aims to understand how mining affects women's lives and the social dynamics of these areas. The project addresses a critical gap in understanding the intersection of resource extraction and gender, focusing on how mining influences women's social and economic status.
- The **ongoing** project, '**A Study of Women's Safety Accelerator Fund (WSAF) – Towards Establishing Return on Investment in The Tea Sector in Assam**', aims to evaluate the economic impact of gender-based violence (GBV) on women working in Assam's tea industry. It documents the prevalence of violence against women and girls (VAWG) within the industry, analyses its social and economic costs, and determines the return on investment for implementing safety measures.

- The **SGP project ‘Girls Education and Functional Status of Toilets in the State of Telangana’**, aims to evaluate the impact of toilet facilities on girls’ education in Telangana. It will assess the condition of water, sanitation, and hygiene infrastructure in schools. Despite improvements, about 21.2 per cent of schools lack functional girls’ toilets, which affects students’ health, school attendance, and overall learning outcomes. The study aims to explore the need for behavioural change communication to enhance toilet usage and sanitation awareness.

Health

- The **completed project, ‘Evaluation on Health Command Centres in Telangana’**, assessed the effectiveness of Health Command Centres established under the Giribala Arogya Raksha programme. These centres, set up to monitor and enhance health care for tribal children in Ashram schools, utilised electronic health records to provide tailored medical services. The study evaluated the centres’ operational efficiency, the quality of health screenings, and the effectiveness of electronic records in delivering health services. The project covered 32 schools across eight districts, including both Scheduled and Plain Areas. The final report is expected by November.
- The **SGP project ‘Maternal and Child Health Care: An Assessment of KCR Kit’**, evaluates the impact of the KCR Kit scheme on maternal and child health in Telangana. It examines the effectiveness of this initiative in reducing maternal mortality rates and improving health outcomes for pregnant women and children. The project assesses policy perspectives, financial support impacts, implementation gaps, and socio-cultural factors influencing maternal health.

Infrastructure & Welfare

- The project, **‘Statistical Bulletin on Households Using Improved Sanitation Facility in the Southern States of India’**, funded by the Department of Planning, Government of Telangana, was **completed** in September 2023. It analysed improved sanitation facilities across households in the southern states, including Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu. By comparing data from NFHS-4 to NFHS-5, the research revealed a significant increase in sanitation facilities, with Telangana showing a notable improvement of 23.9 per cent. Kerala, while maintaining the highest prevalence, saw a modest increase of 0.5 per cent. The findings indicate a positive trend in sanitation improvement across the region, surpassing the national average, highlighting progress in enhancing living conditions through better sanitation.
- The **ongoing project, ‘Telangana Welfare Initiatives: An Opinion Survey’**, assesses the effectiveness and accessibility of various welfare programmes implemented by the Telangana government since the state’s formation in 2014. With initiatives such as KCR Nutrition Kit, Rythu Bandhu, and Mission Bhagiratha, the study aims to evaluate public awareness and the reach of these programmes. Covering

eight districts and 24 Mandals, the survey involves about 2,400 households to gauge their experiences with these initiatives.

- The **completed project, ‘Including Environmental Sanitation in Sanitation Programmes: Evidence From Swachh Bharat Mission – Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha’**, investigated the broader impacts of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) on environmental sanitation. Although SBM has improved access to sanitation facilities, the study assessed whether these improvements are sufficient to address environmental sanitation comprehensively. By creating an Environmental Sanitation Vulnerability Index (ESVI), which considers household infrastructure, hygiene, microenvironment, and disease risk, it evaluated sanitation beyond basic access. Covering diverse districts across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha, the study compared pre- and post-SBM conditions and analysed the broader implications for sanitation policy.

Marginalised Communities

- The **ongoing project, ‘Land and Tribes: A Critical Study of Land Alienation Process in the Agency Region of Andhra Pradesh’**, investigates the issue of land alienation affecting Scheduled Tribes in Andhra Pradesh. Despite constitutional protections and specific regulations intended to safeguard tribal land, non-tribal encroachment and government land acquisitions have led to significant land loss among small and marginal tribal farmers. The aim is to propose solutions to address the plight of tribal landowners who have become landless, thus contributing valuable insights into the impact of land alienation on tribal communities.
- The **ongoing project, ‘A Study on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Special Development Fund in Telangana’**, investigates the effectiveness of development funds aimed at supporting the most marginalised groups in the state. Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes face significant socio-economic challenges, and this study evaluates whether the special development funds address their needs adequately. It examines the suitability of existing programmes, identifies issues with institutional mechanisms, and explores the gap between community needs and government interventions.
- The **ongoing project, ‘Common Property Resources, Practices, Laws, and Challenges in Odisha & Madhya Pradesh’**, examines the sustainable management of Common Property Resources (CPRs) in these two states. CPRs, which include minor forest products such as fruits and medicinal plants, are critical for food security and income, particularly for tribal communities. However, mismanagement and vague property rights threaten their preservation. The study aims to assess the status of CPRs, examine relevant laws, and analyse issues like depletion, encroachment, and accessibility. It aims to explore the role of CPRs in livelihoods and the convergence of rural development schemes. The research targets gathering data from 720 households across selected villages in Odisha and Madhya Pradesh.

Others

- The ongoing project, ‘Willingness to Pay for GI Tagged Products in India: The Case of Select Products from South India’, investigates consumer willingness to pay (WTP) for Geographical Indication (GI) products from South India. The aim is to provide insights into consumer preferences and the effectiveness of GI labelling. Focusing on Cheriya Paintings from Telangana and Bandar Laddu from Andhra Pradesh, the study uses experimental auction methods to gauge how much consumers value these products and the impact of GI labeling. The research involves a detailed auction process with 300 participants in Hyderabad, who bid on products with varying labels, including GI information.

Publications

Significant publications by CSD–Delhi and CSD–SRC Hyderabad have been listed below.

CSD Delhi

- **Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture (DDML) Booklet (2023)**
The DDML was delivered by Prof. K. Srinath Reddy on 15 July, 2023, and simultaneously, the Lecture Booklet was released.
- **Project Report**
Gender, Culture, and Capital: Witch Hunts and Ritual Attacks Across Northeast India by Govind Kelkar, Dev Nathan (December 2023).
- **Social Development Report 2023**
India: Social Development Report (2023), titled ‘Women’s Contribution in the Economy’, was released. The report is edited by Prof. Indira Hirway, and published by New Delhi: Oxford University Press in 2024.
- **Working Paper**
Publication of the working paper, ‘Rhetoric versus Reality: Budgetary Allocations for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Union Budgets’ [Working Paper / CSD 1 / 2023], co-authored by Dr Akhil Alha and Savita Garwa.
- **Social Change Annual Lecture Booklet (2024)**
The *Social Change* Annual Lecture was delivered online on 6 March 2024 by Prof. Barbara Harriss-White on ‘Gold in India’s Social Development’, and prior to the lecture, the Lecture Booklet was released.

CSD–SRC HYDERABAD

- ‘Relevance of Large Datasets in Policy Making’ [Invited Lecture Series No. 2/2023, 21 July 2023] by Mr Anshuman Kamila, IES, Assistant Director, DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India.
- Publication of ‘Statistical Bulletin on Households Using Improved Sanitation Facility in the Southern States of India’, CSD Bulletin No. 3, September 2023, by Langa Dolma Samuel, Mohammad Sajid, Pullanna Vidyapogu and Sujit Kumar Mishra.

Events

A slew of events, ranging from public lectures, workshops, to trainings were organised in this year, where eminent scholars, activists, and thinkers shared their insights at the different events organised by CSD.

➤ *Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture 2023*

The DDML was delivered by Prof. K. Srinath Reddy on 15 July, 2023, and simultaneously, the Lecture Booklet was released.

➤ *Social Change Annual Lecture 2024*

The SCAL, ‘Gold in India's Social Development’ [6th *Social Change Annual Lecture*], was delivered by Prof. Barbara Harriss-White, on 6 March 2024 online.

➤ *C. D. Deshmukh Memorial Lecture 2023*

Prof. Kalpana Kannabiran, Distinguished Professor, CSD, New Delhi delivered the 20th C. D. Deshmukh Memorial Lecture titled, ‘Utopias, Convivialities and the Cultural Politics of Care: Interpreting the Indian Constitution for our Times’ on 17 November 2023.

Apart from these annual public lectures, other seminars, workshops, meetings/discussions also dotted CSD’s scenes at both the offices.

CSD Delhi organised the following seminars—

- Two-days National Seminar on ‘Environmental Protection in India from the Perspective of the Poor’ on 21–22 September 2023 at IIC, Delhi.
- Seminar to Discuss the Union Budget 2024–2025, 8 February 2024, at the DDML Hall.

❖ Achievements of the RTE Cell

The RTE Cell within the aegis of CSD–Delhi, initiated the *Quarterly RTE Lecture Series*. As a part of this series, they organised the ‘**National Summit on the Implementation of the RTE Act – Fifteen Years of Implementation of the Right to Education Act: Where do we Stand?**’ on 1 April 2024 at the Constitution Club of India with over 250 participants. The event was sponsored by Max Weber Stiftung, CSD, and IIC, in collaboration with the RTE Forum. The objective of this lecture is to delve into the measures of this country towards universalisation of school education and discuss the challenges, progress made, and future directions in the pursuit of making it a reality.

❖ Social Development Forum (SDF)

Through various SDF discussions, CSD endeavours to disseminate ideas that matter in influencing policy formulation and design, thereby strengthening social development programmes and giving a voice to the marginalised on critical social development issues of education, health, rural development, and human rights.

The following were some of the key discussion topics this year—

1. Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill 2023 and Biological Diversity Act 2002: A Comparison

Date: 18.08.2023

Venue: DDML Hall, CSD, New Delhi.

Resource Persons: Prof. Biswajit Dhar [Speaker]; Prof. Nitya Nanda [Moderator].

2. Agricultural Marketing in Africa and India: Some Reflections

Date: 11.10.2023

Venue: DDML Hall, CSD, New Delhi.

Resource Persons: Dr. Toendepi Shonhe [Speaker], Senior Lecturer, Marondera University of Agricultural Science & Technology (MUASt), Zimbabwe; Dr. Nivedita Sharma, Assistant Professor, CSD, Prof. Biswajit Dhar [Chair], CSD, and Dr. George Mudimu [Discussant], Senior Lecturer, Marondera University of Agricultural Science & Technology (MUASt), Zimbabwe

3. Japanese Employment Practices in Japanese Manufacturing Firms in India: Results of the 2021 Questionnaire Survey

Date: 16.11.2023

Venue: DDML Hall, CSD, New Delhi.

Resource Persons: Prof. Takahiro Sato [Speaker], Kobe University, Japan;
Prof. Nitya Nanda [Moderator]

4. **Quality of Drinking Water in Urban Areas: A Case Study of Delhi**

Date: 14.12.2023

Venue: DDML Hall, CSD, New Delhi.

Resource Persons: Dr. Meheebub Rahaman [Speaker], Urban Policy Expert, Dr. Nivedita Sharma [Moderator], Dr. Sourindra Mohan Ghosh [Discussant]

5. **Implications of COP28 for the Indian Economy**

Date: 18.01.2024

Venue: DDML Hall, CSD, New Delhi.

Resource Persons: Speaker: Dr. Manish Kumar Shrivastava [Speaker], Senior Fellow, TERI, & Prof. Nitya Nanda [Moderator]

6. **School Leadership in Improving the Public Schools SDF Case Study of Bihar & Tamil Nadu**

Date: 22.02.2024

Venue: DDML Hall, CSD, New Delhi.

Resource Persons: Speaker: Dr. Poornima M [Speaker], Assistant Professor, CSD, Dr. Nivedita Sharma [Moderator], Prof. Ashok Pankaj [Discussant], CSD

7. **Indian Universities under Neoliberalism: Re-examining Issues of Autonomy and Accountability**

Date: 12.03.2024

Venue: DDML Hall, CSD, New Delhi.

Resource Persons: Chetna Trivedi [Speaker], PhD Scholar, Centre for Political Studies, JNU, & Prof. Nitya Nanda [Moderator]

CSD–SRC organised the following lectures—

- ‘Shrinking Commons for Small-Scale Fishers: Reflections from the Karnataka Coast’ by Prof. Amalendu Jyotishi, School of Development, Azim Premji University, Bangalore on 15 March 2024.
- ‘Non Vegetarian Histories of Agriculture’ by Prof. Barbara Harriss-White, FAcSS, Emeritus Professor & Fellow, Wolfson College, Oxford University, and Visiting Professor, JNU, and Research Fellow, Max Weber Forum, New Delhi, India on 21 March 2024, was also held online.

Other events, such as the Nagar Rajbhasha Karyanvayan Samiti (NARAKAS) Meeting on 26 September 2023, was held at the C. D. Deshmukh Auditorium. Apart from this, the report *Telangana Social Development Report 2022 - Barriers to Education* was also released by Dr G. Narendra Kumar, IAS, Director General, National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRD & PR) at NIRD & PR under the guidance of Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra in the presence of faculty members of CSD and NIRD & PR on 12 October 2023.

In addition to the above, the CSD–SRC Hyderabad organised the following workshops, proposed a special panel, and held a conference in collaboration—

- **Workshop on Sustainable Development Goals and Gender** on August 2–4, 2023, sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi, with Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra, Dr Soumya Vinayan, and Dr. Pullanna Vidyapogu (Programme Coordinator) as workshop directors.

18 research scholars from Central University of Gujarat; Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Bihar; Sambalpur University, Odisha; University of Delhi; KREA University; National Institute of Technology, Rourkela; Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur; Veer Narmad South Gujarat University; Anna University, Chennai; and Sakshyam NGO, Odisha participated in the workshop.

- **Academic Writing Workshop for Research Scholars in Social Sciences** on 14–18 November 2023, at CSD, Hyderabad, sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi and Government of Telangana, with Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra and Dr. Soumya Vinayan as workshop directors.
- **One-Day Workshop on ‘Including Environmental Sanitation in Sanitation Programmes: Evidence from Swachh Bharat Mission in Select Areas of Telangana, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh’** on 14 March 2024, sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi.
- **Special Panel at 16th All India Conference of China Studies** proposed a special panel on Rural Urban Linkages: Emerging Trends in India and China at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies organised by University of Hyderabad and Institute of Chinese Studies on 16–18 November 2023. The panel was chaired by Prof. D Narasimha Reddy, former Professor, School of Economics, University of Hyderabad.
- **64th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Labour Economics** was organised in collaboration with School of Economics, University of Hyderabad, during 29–31 March 2024.

Publications

Social Change

A journal of the Council for Social Development, *Social Change*, published by SAGE Publications, brought out the following volumes during 2023–24—

1. Volume 53 Issue 2, June 2023 Special Issue [with Ghazala Jamil as Guest Editor, titled ‘Nationalist Urbanisms on the Urban Peripheries’]
2. Volume 53 Issue 3, September 2023
3. Volume 53 Issue 4, December 2023
4. Volume 54 Issue 1, March 2024

Since January 2024, *Social Change* has been a regular contributor to the Times Internet Scholar Spotlight segment, which brings research on significant, interesting topics published in the journal in the last five years back into focus.

As per the recent Publisher’s Report by SAGE, *Social Change*’s downloads continue to go up substantially each year, and has increased by 12 per cent in 2023, which is around 69,000 + downloads from all across the world with the majority from the US, Asia, South America, and UK etc. In terms of full-text downloads in 2024 (through the end of March), there has been a 40.4 per cent increase. The journal is currently indexed with Scopus with a Citescore of 1.0 in 2022 which reflects an increase in its citation trend since its indexing in 2020.

Samajik Vimarsh

CSD’s journal in Hindi, *Samajik Vimarsh* published the following volumes—

1. Volume 5 Issue 2, Special Issue on ‘भारत की स्वतंत्रता का पचहत्तर वर्ष’
2. Volume 6 Issue 1, June 2023
3. Volume 6 Issue 2 [In Press]

RESEARCH

During the reporting period, April 2023–March 2024, CSD (Delhi) completed two projects, while work continued to progress in three more projects which are ongoing. The completed projects focussed on aspects of food security, gender, and resource utilisation in agriculture.

CSD Delhi

Completed Projects

Food Security

1. Concurrent Evaluation of the National Food Security Act, 2013 (Phase – 2)

Sponsoring Agency	Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution, Government of India
Project Director	Dr. Ankita Goyal
Associated Academic Staff	Mr. Gitesh Sinha
Project Duration	November 2020 to October 2023
Date of Project Completion	October 2023

The National Food Security Act (NFSA) of 2013 aims to ensure food and nutrition security through affordable food grains, shifting the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) from a welfare-based to a rights-based approach. Under NFSA, Priority Household (PHH) families receive 5 kg of grains per person per month, while Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households receive 35 kg at subsidised rates. To enhance monitoring, the Department of Food, Consumer Affairs, and Public Distribution initiated a Concurrent Evaluation for 2018–2020, which was extended for another three years (2020–2023). CSD led this evaluation in Haryana and Delhi.

The project's objectives were to assess the progress of NFSA implementation at both systemic and beneficiary levels. Systemically, it evaluated the various aspects of the NFSA's implementation, while at the beneficiary level, it measured the impact on the target groups.

The study covered Haryana and Delhi, with CSD working under an MoU. In Haryana, bi-annual reports were generated, while in Delhi, annual reports were produced. Districts and Fair Price Shops (FPS) were randomly selected, and 15 NFSA beneficiary households (10 PHH and 5 AAY) were surveyed per village. One FPS was also evaluated each round.



Key recommendations included upgrading internet connections from 2G and improving OTP systems to reduce e-PoS failures, reactivating vigilance committees, and increasing beneficiary awareness. In Delhi, revising AAY income criteria and conducting a re-survey to update beneficiary lists was suggested. In Haryana, raising awareness about scheme details and adding rice to the ration distribution was advised.

Gender

2. Gender, Capital and Culture: Witch Hunts and Ritual Attacks Across Northeast India

Sponsoring Agency

Project Director

Associated Academic Staff

Project Duration

Date of Project Completion

Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung

Prof. Govind Kelkar

Dr. Poornima M

January 2023 to December 2023

31 December 2023

This study examined the intersection of culture, capitalism, and gender in Northeast India, focusing on witch violence and ritual attacks in Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim, and Tripura. Through a literature review and fieldwork, it explored the belief systems behind these practices and their links to patriarchal and capitalist influences.

Findings revealed that women, despite their economic and spiritual roles, were often excluded from rituals and targeted in witch hunts. In Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim, cultural gatekeeping by elites exacerbated gender-based violence. Witch-related attacks stemmed from male dominance over land and property, societal fears, and jealousy.

The study advocated policy reforms, community education, legal protections, and decentralised healthcare to combat these practices. Empowering indigenous women through land rights and economic independence is crucial, it observed. A dissemination workshop was held in Tripura in January 2024.

Ongoing Projects

Food Security

1. Enhancing Food Security for Women and Girls

Sponsoring Agency	Collective Good Foundation
Project Director	Dr Sourindra Mohan Ghosh
Associated Academic Staff	Ms Ramandeep Kaur Mr Gitesh Sinha
Project Duration	12 months
Expected Date of Project Completion	August 31, 2024

In India, women are increasingly suffering from the dual burden of malnutrition where at one hand more than 50 per cent of women are undernourished and are suffering from anaemia, while on the other hand 10 per cent of women are suffering because of being overweight or obesity. Both undernutrition and obesity are primarily caused by lack of access to nutritious diet. Lack of access is primarily caused by lack of purchasing power, and India's food supplement programme viz., the Public Distribution System (PDS) only provides subsidised cereals which is rich in calories, but not micro-nutrient dense non-cereal foods.

This ongoing project will highlight the importance of diversified diet for women's nutrition security. It will deliberate on whether the National Food Security Act, 2013, can be amended to also provide pulses, cooking oil, and packaged milk or eggs.



Primary household survey along with literature survey and analysis of secondary data has been used, and research findings have been disseminated to bring about effective policy change.

Employment and Economy

2. Contextualising the Role of Caste and Gender in Defining Employment and Earning Outcomes in Gig Economy in India

Sponsoring Agency	Indian Council for Social Science Research
Project Director	Dr. Akhil Alha
Associated Academic Staff	Dr. Nancy Yadav, Research Associate [For 6 months]
Project Duration	Two Years
Expected Date of Project Completion	December 2025

It aims to explore whether the discrimination meted out to SCs and women in traditional labour market in employment and wages is also prevalent in the gig economy or not.

To examine if the gig economy has obfuscated the role of social identities like caste and gender in defining outcomes in the gig economy. If not, what are the

mechanisms through which SCs and women are discriminated in the platform economy?

Field survey based approach in six Indian states has been adopted. Currently, the literature review is underway currently.

Agriculture and Utilisation of Natural Resources

3. How to Increase Farmers' Adoption of Water Saving Technologies in Semi-arid Northern India? An Exploration through Agent Based Modelling

Sponsoring Agency	Indian Council for Social Science Research
Project Director	Dr. Susmita Mitra
Associated Academic Staff	Dr. Dhiman Debsarma [Research Associate for six months] Mr Gitesh Sinha
Project Duration	12 months
Expected Date of Project Completion	15 December 2024

Water scarcity problem—a global issue—is exacerbating with climate change and would have far-reaching repercussions for agriculture, food and nutritional security. The study attempts to fill the gap of paucity of literature on socio-economic-institutional determinants of water-saving-technology adoption in northern India.

The study's objectives are to explore:

- (i) Determinants of water-saving technologies: socioeconomic, spatial, social networking, and institutional factors.
- (ii) Knowledge and attitude of farmers towards water-saving technologies and practices of adopting farmers.
- (iii) The productivity and cost efficiency of water-saving technologies.
- (iv) The impact of different policies and interventions (like subsidies, training programmes, infrastructure development, reducing institutional challenges) on technology adoption rates.

A method of descriptive and cross-sectional data analysis has been used, and data has been collected through a primary survey through purposive sampling of 500 farm households in Haryana and Rajasthan. The analysis is based on a mixed method approach, combining quantitative findings to be complemented with qualitative information.



The determinants of water-saving technologies are to be explored through logistic regression analysis. For the two groups, adopter and non-adopter net return (total revenue–total cost) are to be estimated to explore productivity and cost efficiency of water saving technologies. Through agent-based model, the study will try to explore, out of the non-adopters farmers at present, how many are the potential adopter.

CSD-SRC, Hyderabad

Completed Projects

Child Welfare and Development

1. Child Under-Nutrition in Telangana: An Assessment on the Efficacy of Nutrition Schemes

Sponsoring Agency	Department of Planning, Government of Telangana
Project Director	Prof. Sunny Jose
Associated Academic Staff	Mr. D. Sunder Raj

The National Family Health Survey-5 (2019–20) data for Telangana reveals alarming trends in child undernutrition, with one-third of children under five years being stunted or underweight. Between 2015–16 and 2019–20, stunting rose from 28 per

cent to 33 per cent, and wasting from 18 per cent to 22 per cent, with districts like Jogulamba Gadwal and Komaram Bheem Asifabad experiencing the highest levels. Addressing these issues requires identifying barriers to accessing nutrition services and improving programme reach and effectiveness.

This study evaluated successful strategies and assessed challenges in nutrition programme design and implementation. Using a mixed-method approach, it combined secondary data review, structured surveys with lactating mothers and pregnant women, and stakeholder discussions with Anganwadi workers, ASHAs, and ANMs.

The study recommended strengthening Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), promoting regular participation in nutrition programmes, ensuring IFA tablet consumption, and improving training for ICDS workers. Additionally, it highlighted the need for better infrastructure and integrating WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) components into nutrition services to combat malnutrition and improve health outcomes in Telangana.

Development and Livelihoods

2. Evaluation of Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) Blocks in the State of Telangana (Chandrugonda, Bijinepally, Makthal and Devarakonda)

Sponsoring Agency	Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty, Department of Rural Development, Government of Telangana
Project Submission	May 2023
Project Director	Dr. Sunkari Satyam
Associated Academic Staff	Mr. D. Sunder Raj Mr. B. Srinivasa Reddy

The Government of Telangana launched the Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) to create sustainable livelihoods and self-employment opportunities in rural areas through financial support and inclusion.

SVEP aims to assist rural poor families within Self-Help Groups (SHGs) by supporting rural enterprises and providing ongoing support until these businesses are established. The programme also offers training in business management and soft skills.

A mixed-methods approach (quantitative and qualitative) was used to assess SVEP's outcomes. Data was collected through tailored questionnaires and focus group discussions (FGDs), based on the programme's indicators.

Despite SVEP's success, in improving livelihoods, income, savings, asset creation, and employment, the honorarium for Community Resource Persons (CRP-EPs) is insufficient, causing delays in payment and demotivation. An increase in the honorarium and timely payments were recommended to address this issue.

The study concluded that before SVEP, potential entrepreneurs lacked essential skills to start and manage businesses—a gap that SVEP has addressed, by creating trained social capital to support rural entrepreneurs.

Dissemination Activities:

- Executive summary available online (SVEP Report);
- Shared on social media (July 6, 2023);
- Report submitted to SERP and relevant Telangana government departments.

3. Information and Communication Technology and Livelihoods: A Study of Marine Fisheries in Kerala

Sponsoring Agency
Project Director

RBI Corpus Fund – Research Grant
Prof. Sunny Jose

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), particularly smartphones, are believed to reduce information asymmetries and improve market access for livelihoods-based occupations. This study investigates whether ICTs, especially mobile phones, help improve income and market efficiency for fisherfolk in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, with a focus on marine fisheries.

The study assessed the impact of ICT use on livelihoods in marine fisheries, examining whether mobile phones contribute to better market access, higher income, and improved efficiency for fishermen in Thiruvananthapuram district.

A mixed-methods approach was used, with a survey of 250 fishermen and focus group discussions with stakeholders across the fishing supply chain, including merchants, vendors, and export agents. This approach provided insights into how ICTs influence fisheries livelihoods in South India.

The study confirmed that mobile phones play a crucial role in fishing-related activities. Fishermen use mobile phones at sea to inquire about fishing locations, catch availability, and market prices, enabling them to make informed decisions about where to sell their catch. This has reduced uncertainty, costs, and time spent, leading to higher income. Overall, the study supported previous findings that mobile phones have transformed the fishing sector by improving market access and efficiency.

4. Can platform economy be a driver of economic empowerment and social inclusion?: A Study of Hyderabad

Sponsoring Agency	RBI Corpus Fund – Research Grant
Project Director	Prof. Sunny Jose
Associated Academic Staff	Mr D. Sunder Raj
Project Duration	18 months
Completion Date	October 2023

The platform economy has seen significant growth in recent years, disrupting traditional sectors and impacting various aspects of society. This study explored the presence and influence of the platform economy, focussing on its socio-economic impacts in urban India.

The study examined the platform economy's effects on economic empowerment and social inclusion, particularly in the urban informal sector. It assessed whether platform-based employment offers better opportunities, who benefits from them, and how these opportunities can be made more inclusive and empowering.

The study was based in Hyderabad, Telangana, and employed a 'time-space probability sampling' method. It focussed on two major platform economy sectors: ridesharing (Uber, Ola) and food delivery (Zomato, Swiggy). Using a large, representative sample, the study employed mixed methods to analyse the functioning and impact of these platforms.

It was found that the platform economy provides a temporary income for workers, many of whom seek more stable jobs over time. For most, it serves as a stop-gap measure while pursuing other opportunities like education or permanent employment.

The study recommended—

- **Minimum Wage and Fair Compensation:** Set wage standards and ensure pay transparency.
- **Access to Benefits:** Mandate benefits like insurance and retirement options for gig workers.
- **Dispute Resolution and Protections:** Establish mechanisms for addressing grievances and protecting workers' rights.

Gender & Development

5. State-led Empowerment or Employment?: A Study of Female Bus Conductors in Telangana

Sponsoring Agency	Department of Planning, Government of Telangana
Project Director	Prof. Sunny Jose

Associated Academic Staff Mr. D. Sunder Raj

Women's labour force participation in India, particularly in urban areas, remains low, with many engaged in informal, low-paid jobs lacking social security. The Telangana government's policy reserving 33 per cent of bus conductor jobs for women aims to address this by providing formal employment and challenging gender stereotypes. This study assessed the policy's impact on women's empowerment and quality of life.

Through a quantitative survey of 750 female bus conductors across 16 depots in Telangana, the study evaluated improvements in economic independence, decision-making power, and personal autonomy. While the policy has enhanced financial security and social respect, challenges remain. The physically demanding nature of the job has led to musculoskeletal pain and stress, impacting overall well-being.

Despite its positive impact, the study highlighted the need for workplace interventions to address health concerns. It recommended that the transport administration implement measures to improve working conditions, ensuring that female conductors experience both empowerment and well-being.

6. Gender Equality and Adolescent Girls' Education: A Study on MVF Intervention

Sponsoring Agency

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The M. Venkatarangaiya Foundation (MVF) implemented an intervention in Telangana to improve gender equality by promoting adolescent girls' education. The foundation aimed to assess the effectiveness of this intervention in achieving its goals.

The study's aims were—

- To evaluate the transformation in the lives of adolescent girls (up to 18 years) who completed secondary education (class 12) before COVID-19.
- To understand the challenges girls faced during the COVID-19 lockdown, particularly in terms of education and gender discrimination.

The study used a mixed-methods approach, combining qualitative and quantitative data. In the first phase, 350 samples were collected from MVF intervention areas in Telangana, including girls, boys, teachers, parents, and community members. In the second phase, 150 samples were collected from areas where MVF did not implement

its intervention. A comparison between these two groups was made to assess the intervention's impact.

The study found that the MVF intervention positively impacted girls' freedom and confidence, especially at the family, school, and community levels. Girls in the intervention areas showed greater autonomy compared to those in non-project areas. While COVID-19 negatively affected the psychological and economic well-being of girls, the positive changes brought by MVF were not disrupted.

Health

7. Evaluation on Health Command Centres in Telangana

Sponsoring Agency	Department of Tribal Welfare, Government of Telangana
Project Director	Dr. Sunkari Satyam
Associated Academic Staff	Mr. Sunder Raj Mr. B.Srinivas Reddy Ms. K. Kalpana

The Health Command Centres under the *Giribala Arogya Raksha* programme aim to enhance healthcare for tribal students in Telangana's Ashram schools. These centres monitor student health profiles, enabling timely medical interventions and disease prevention. Serving over one lakh Scheduled Tribe children (classes 5–12) across Ashram schools and hostels, the programme integrates digital health data and professional healthcare services in collaboration with Call Health Service Pvt. Ltd.

The study evaluated the functioning of Health Command Centres in Ashram schools with key objectives, which were:

- Assessing their operational status;
- Evaluating the effectiveness of health screenings;
- Understanding the role of Electronic Health Records (EHR);
- Examining the support provided by health coordinators; and
- Assessing overall performance.

The study sampled 32 schools across 8 districts (5 Scheduled and 3 Plain Areas), collecting data from 192 students, 32 teachers, and 32 health coordinators. Findings revealed frequent student health issues like stomach aches, headaches, and fatigue. While local health centres provided support, the absence of emergency funds in schools appeared to be a critical gap.

Recommendations included improving sick room facilities, increasing emergency funds, and strengthening health infrastructure. Findings were shared with policymakers to enhance healthcare services in Ashram schools.

Infrastructure and Welfare

8. Statistical Bulletin on Households Using Improved Sanitation Facility in the Southern States of India

Sponsoring Agency	Department of Planning, Government of Telangana
Project Director	Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra
Associated Academic Staff	Ms. Langa Dolma Samuel Mr. Mohammad Sajid Mr. Pullanna Vidyapogu

Sanitation is crucial for improving health and living conditions, and it is a global issue influenced by resource distribution. This study investigated improved sanitation facilities in households in the southern states of India, examining factors such as socio-religious, geographic, educational, and economic contexts that influence sanitation access in these regions.

The main objective was to assess the availability of improved sanitation facilities in households across the states of southern India.

A bivariate analysis was conducted to evaluate the socio-economic status of the southern Indian states—Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu—and their sanitation facilities. District-level estimates were also made to assess sanitation conditions across these states, allowing for comparative rankings based on household sanitation availability.

Analysis of sanitation data from NFHS-4 to NFHS-5 revealed an upward trend in improved sanitation facilities across all southern states, with figures exceeding the national average. Notably, Telangana saw a significant increase of 23.9 per cent, from 52.3 per cent in NFHS-4 to 76.2 per cent in NFHS-5, following the state's formation. Other states like Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka also showed notable improvements, with increases of 22.9 per cent, 20.1 per cent, and 17 per cent, respectively. Kerala, however, had a smaller increase of 0.5 per cent. These findings underscored the progress made in sanitation facilities but highlighted regional disparities that require targeted interventions.

9. Including Environmental Sanitation in Sanitation Programmes: Evidence From Swachh Bharat Mission – Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha

Sponsoring Agency	ICSSR, New Delhi
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The Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), launched in 2014, aimed to eradicate open defecation and ensure accessible sanitation facilities across India. While SBM has been widely recognised as successful, there are concerns about its ability to fully address environmental sanitation, which involves improving overall hygiene and reducing disease transmission. This research examined SBM's performance through an environmental sanitation lens, using primary data from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha. The study constructed an Environmental Sanitation Vulnerability Index (ESVI) to assess the broader sanitation environment, including household infrastructure, hygiene, micro-environment, and disease risk, and compared it to basic sanitation access.

The aims were—

1. To compare sanitation access progress between 2012 and 2022 across vulnerable groups before and after the SBM campaign.
2. To develop an Environmental Sanitation Vulnerability Index (ESVI) to evaluate broader household and local environmental conditions.

The study focussed on Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha, selecting three districts from each state based on urban/rural populations. A composite ESVI was created, drawing from factors like infrastructure, hygiene, and disease risk. OLS regression estimated SBM's effect on household sanitation vulnerability, controlling for demographic and income factors.

It was found that the SBM implementation was successful in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh but faced cultural barriers in Odisha, where many households lacked access to or did not use latrines. The study recommended increased awareness and behavioural change initiatives to improve SBM outcomes.

Ongoing Projects

Child Welfare and Development

1. Sustainable Development Goals and Child Well-being in Telangana

Sponsoring Agency	Department of Planning, Government of Telangana
Project Director	Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra
Associated Academic Staff	Dr. Pullanna Vidyapogu, Mr. Mohammad Sajid, Ms. Langa Dolma Samuel
Project Duration	8 months
Expected Date of Project Completion	May 2024

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) emphasise the interconnectedness of health with economic, social, and environmental factors. Health is directly linked to several other SDG targets, highlighting the need for integrated policies and strategies. Addressing health through SDGs can promote well-being and reduce poverty, especially by focusing on child well-being.

The study aims to analyse how health is reflected in other SDGs, focusing on child well-being, and assess the status of indicators related to child health and development (SDGs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, and 16) in Telangana.

Empirical data will be collected from districts in Telangana with weak SDG indicators related to child well-being. The study aims to compare secondary data (census, NFHS, human development reports) with primary data gathered from households in selected districts.

Development and Livelihood

2. Status of Informal Employment: Survival Strategies and Policy Implications in Telangana and Odisha

Sponsoring Agency	ICSSR, New Delhi under OH-31 grant
Project Director	Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra
Co-Project Director	Dr. Sunkari Satyam
Associated Academic Staff	Mr. Gujjeti Anudeep
Project Duration	18 Months
Expected Date of Project Completion	June 2024

The unorganised labour market is a major source of employment and livelihoods in India, but it is marked by socio-economic vulnerability and a lack of social security. Informal sector workers often face economic shocks that can lead to long-lasting poverty. The study focusses on the dynamics of three distinct informal livelihoods across Telangana and Odisha: (i) Beach Livelihood Earners in Odisha;

(ii) Dalit Drum Beaters in both states; and (iii) Background Dancers in the Tollywood industry. It aims to understand how workers in these sectors adapt to their circumstances, make decisions, and engage in collective action to improve their conditions.

The study seeks to analyse the characteristics of labour unions and collectives among these workers, identify the factors influencing their group dynamics, and explore how policy, institutions, and information impact their outcomes.

3. Data collection assignment for India Human Development Survey-3 in the state of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana

Sponsoring Agency	National Council for Applied Economic Research, New Delhi
Project Director	Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra
Associated Academic Staff	Dr. Sunkari Satyam Mr. P. Kumar Mr. B. Srinivasa Reddy Mr. D. Sammaiah Ms. Kalpana Kolli
Project Duration	6 Months
Expected Date of Project Completion	May 30, 2024

This project aims to explore various human development indicators, including education, gender, caste, infrastructure, learning capacities, immunisation, poverty, family structures, and community relations. The focus is on understanding these factors' impact on development.

CSD is conducting fieldwork for the India Human Development Survey (IHDS-3) in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The study aims to cover approximately 3,200 households (1,700 in Andhra Pradesh and 1,500 in Telangana).

The survey re-interviews households from the second round of the IHDS (IHDS-II) to track changes in India's economic and social conditions over time. The study is being led by the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER).

Gender & Development

4. Political Geography and Structural Change: Status of Women in India Extractive Industry

Sponsoring Agency	Institute of Eminence, University of Hyderabad
Project Director	Dr. Prajna Paramita Mishra (from University of Hyderabad)

Co-Project Director	Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra
Associated Academic Staff	Mr.Ch Sravan Xavier (from University of Hyderabad)
Project Duration	27 Months

The project examines the impact of natural resource extraction, particularly mining, on women in local communities. While mining drives economic growth in mineral-rich regions, it can also bring negative externalities, conflicts, and poor economic outcomes. The project focusses on understanding how these activities affect women, an area that is often under-researched.

The project aims to—

- Assess the impact of mining on local women and their lives.
- Explore societal changes associated with mining and their effects on women.

Fieldwork has been conducted in the Basundhara Site of Mahanadi Coal Field Limited, Sundargarh District, Odisha. The study uses a multi-pronged approach, including detailed interviews with women, primary surveys with stakeholders, secondary data collection from various sources, and focus group discussions.

5. A Study of Women's Safety Accelerator Fund (WSAF) – Towards Establishing Return of Investment in The Tea Sector in Assam

Sponsoring Agency	IDH – WSAF (The Netherlands)
Project Director	Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra
Associated Academic Staff	Dr. Raj Kumar Kattula Dr. Soumya Vinayan Mr. D. Sunder Raj Dr. Pullanna Vidyapogu Dr. Mohd. Wasim Akhtar
Project Duration	Initial proposal was for 6 months
Expected Date of Project Completion	June 2024

The tea industry in India, being the largest globally, employs a significant number of women, especially at the lowest levels. These women face various challenges, including gender-based violence (GBV), which costs the global economy approximately \$12 trillion annually. The study, commissioned by WSAF and supported by CSD, aims to assess the economic cost of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) in the Assam tea industry to understand the return on investment and the feasibility of addressing VAWG within the sector.

The project aims to—

- Document the types of VAWG in Assam's tea industry;
- Analyse the social and economic impacts of VAWG; and
- Measure the tangible and intangible costs of VAWG on the tea industry.

The study uses an empirical approach, including personal interviews, case studies, focus group discussions, and data collection from stakeholders like women workers, tea estate management, and relevant organisations.

Infrastructure and Welfare

6. Telangana Welfare Initiatives: An Opinion Survey

Sponsoring Agency	Department of Planning, Government of Telangana
Project Director	Dr. Sunkari Satyam
Associated Academic Staff	Mr. Sunder Raj Mr. B.Srinivas Reddy
Project Duration	1 Year
Expected Date of Project Completion	October 30, 2024

The Government of Telangana has launched several welfare and development programmes since its formation in 2014, including initiatives like KCR Nutrition Kit, Rythu Bandhu, Mission Kakatiya, Kanti Velugu, and Dalit Bandhu. These programmes aim to address underdevelopment and poverty, and their impact is visible in the rise in per capita income and a reduction in poverty rates.

The primary objective of the study is to evaluate the awareness and accessibility of these welfare programmes among the people of Telangana.

A random sampling method has been used to select beneficiary households across eight districts and 24 Mandals, covering approximately 2400 households. The study assesses the effectiveness of various welfare programmes implemented by the state.

The final data analysis has been completed, and currently, the draft report is in progress.

Marginalised Communities

7. Land and Tribes: A Critical Study of Land Alienation Process in the Agency Region of Andhra Pradesh

Sponsoring Agency	ICSSR Senior Fellowship
Project Director	Dr. Pachinulu Raghupathi under the supervision of Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra

Project Duration

2 Years

Scheduled Tribes traditionally reside in specific areas, but some have moved to plains. Constitutional protections like the Fifth and Sixth Schedules safeguard their land rights. However, issues of land alienation began during British rule and persist despite protective laws like the Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Areas Land Transfer Regulation. The study aims to address the plight of small and marginal farmers who have become landless despite being former landowners.

The aim of the project is to—

- Understand the land alienation process in the agency region;
- Analyse government land acquisitions for welfare;
- Examine land alienation by non-tribes;
- Study the socio-economic conditions of affected landholdings; and
- Recommend solutions for landless small and marginal farmers.

The study uses both primary and secondary data. Secondary data would be gathered from four Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs) with significant land alienation cases. The study employs a three-stage stratified random sampling method to select 160 sample households across ITDAs, mandals, and villages with high land alienation. Data collection will involve structured surveys and focus group discussions.

8. A Study on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Special Development Fund in Telangana

Sponsoring Agency	Department of Planning, Government of Telangana
Project Director	Dr. Sunkari Satyam
Associated Academic Staff	Ms. Kalpana Kolli
Project Duration	2 Years
Expected Date of Project Completion	March 31, 2025

The Scheduled Castes (SCs), alongside Scheduled Tribes (STs), are among the most marginalised and vulnerable groups in Telangana. SCs, historically subjected to segregation, discrimination, and exclusion, have limited access to education, health, and basic infrastructure. The study aims to explore the development paradigms of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Special Development Fund in Telangana, assessing its approach and strategies.

The study aims to—

- Evaluate if existing programmes meet the needs of SCs and STs;

- Identify issues in institutional mechanisms;
- Understand the socio-economic aspirations of these communities; and
- Assess the gap between government interventions and the needs of the people.

This is a process evaluation using standard social science research methods. Data will be collected through semi-structured interviews, case studies, and focus group discussions with both grassroots communities and officials from district-level departments.

9. Common Property Resources, Practices, Laws and Challenges in Odisha & Madhya Pradesh [Collaborative Study with Madhya Pradesh Institute of Social Science Research]

Sponsoring Agency	BN Yugandhar Centre for Rural Studies Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie
Project Director	Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra
Associated Academic Staff	Dr. Amiya Kumar Sahoo Dr. Jyotirmaya Pattnaik Mr. Mangalu Charan Patra
Project Duration	5 Months
Expected Date of Project Completion	May 2024

Common Property Resources (CPRs) in India, while historically important for villagers, face challenges in sustainable management due to free-riding behaviour, vague property rights, and lack of institutional arrangements. CPRs, which include minor forest products such as fruits, nuts, and medicinal plants, provide food security and income, particularly for tribal communities, and contribute to biodiversity. However, the mismanagement of CPRs—due to unclear management systems and lack of awareness—threatens their preservation. The B. N. Yugandhar Centre for Rural Studies has launched a study on ‘Common Property Resources: Practices, Laws, and Challenges’ in Odisha and Madhya Pradesh, with the Madhya Pradesh Institute of Social Science Research (MPISSR) handling the research in Madhya Pradesh.

The study aims to—

- Identify CPRs and assess their recognition and status in Odisha and Madhya Pradesh;
- Examine relevant national and state-level legislation, and the role of panchayats in CPR management;
- Analyse CPR depletion, encroachment, and accessibility; and

- Explore the convergence of rural development schemes and the role of CPRs in livelihoods.

A two-stage stratified sampling approach would be used in Odisha's Sundergarh and Berhampur districts. Key stakeholders, including local panchayats, will be interviewed to understand CPR types and usage. From each district, two administrative blocks, four panchayats, and 16 villages will be selected, with 720 households providing primary data.

Others

10. Willingness to Pay for GI Tagged Products in India: The Case of Select Products from South India

Sponsoring Agency	ICSSR, New Delhi under OH-31 grant
Project Director	Dr. Soumya Vinayan
Associated Academic Staff	Mr. Fahin Faras V.
Project Duration	9 Months
Expected Date of Project Completion	June 2024

The awareness of Geographical Indications (GI) tagged products is growing in India. Since 2003, 370 products, including agricultural, handicrafts, and food items, have been registered under the GI framework, highlighting the importance of product origin. The study aims to estimate consumers' Willingness to Pay (WTP) for GI products, focussing on Cheriya Paintings from Telangana and Bandar Laddu from Andhra Pradesh using the experimental auction method.

The study aims to—

- Estimate the WTP of consumers for GI products in India;
- Assess the WTP for both food and non-food GI-tagged products from South India;
- Understand the socio-economic profiles of consumers willing to pay for GI products;
- Examine awareness of the GI logo and its impact on consumer preferences.

The study uses a survey design, experimental economics, and a random nth-price auction. Participants bid for products with different labels, including standard, origin-based, and GI-logo labelled products. Auctions will be held with 300 participants in Hyderabad, and each would receive a fixed participation fee of Rs. 750.

The Advisory Committee has approved the study, and pilot auctions were successfully conducted with 258 participants from various institutions. Preliminary findings

indicate a strong WTP for GI products when clear information and GI logos were provided.

State Government Projects Sanctioned for the Year 2023–2024

In order to receive the grant-in-aid from the Planning Department, Government of Telangana, the following activities (in the form of research proposal, seminar, activities relating to large data workshop) had been submitted in the form of Outcome Budget for the current financial year 2023-2024.

Agriculture

1. Agriculture and Climate Change: Coping and Resilience Strategies to Mitigate Risks (Goal 1 – No Poverty, Goal 8 – Decent Work, Goal 13 – Climate Action)

Sponsoring Agency	Department of Planning Government of Telangana
Project Director	Dr. Satyam Sunkari
Associated Academic Staff	Mr. D Sunder Raj
Project Duration	19 months

Climate change is a significant global challenge with widespread impacts, particularly on agriculture and food security. Agriculture, vulnerable to changing climatic conditions, faces issues such as declining crop yields, soil degradation, and altered rainfall patterns. In India, where 60 per cent of the net cultivated area is rainfed and more than 80 per cent of farmers are smallholders, the effects of climate change are particularly severe. Telangana, a semi-arid state, is not exempt from these challenges. Studies show that climate vulnerability in the state will increase, with many mandals already facing significant climate-related risks. However, policy measures like the Kaleswaram irrigation project and Mission Kakatiya have shown positive results, improving crop productivity, particularly in rice.

The study aims to assess the impact of climate change on agricultural practices in Telangana, focusing on the knowledge of farmers, current agricultural methods, and existing mitigation strategies. It's target is to evaluate localised practices that help farmers adapt to climate variability and explore policy measures aimed at reducing vulnerability.

The methodology includes primary field surveys, secondary data analysis, and focus group discussions with stakeholders. The study would focus on areas most affected by climate change, based on rainfall and temperature data over the past decade.

Development and Livelihoods

2. Social Security and Economic Development: The Case of Aasara Pensions in Telangana (Goal 1 – No Poverty, Goal 2 – Zero Hunger)

Sponsoring Agency	Department of Planning, Government of Telangana
Project Director	Dr. Pullanna Vidyapogu
Associated Academic Staff	Dr. Soumya Vinayan Ms. Dolma Langa Samuel
Project Duration	16 months

Poverty continues to be a significant global challenge, prompting efforts at international, national, and local levels to address its root causes. India, as a welfare state, has implemented various poverty alleviation programmes, such as MGNREGA, IRDP, and the National Rural Livelihood Mission. In Telangana, the Aasara Pension Scheme stands out as a key initiative aimed at providing social security to vulnerable groups, including the elderly, widows, disabled, and other marginalised communities. The scheme not only secures income for these groups but also plays a vital role in promoting dignity, self-esteem, and empowerment.

The study aims to evaluate the impact of the Aasara Pension Scheme on its beneficiaries, focussing on its role in improving their socio-economic conditions, empowerment, and quality of life. The study would examine the socio-economic profile of beneficiaries, explore the relationship between social security and empowerment, and assess the scheme's effectiveness in enabling a life of dignity. It would cover 10 districts in Telangana, surveying 100 beneficiaries and 10 non-beneficiaries per district.

3. In-Migrants to Telangana: A Socio-economic enumeration and Analysis (Goal 1 – No Poverty, Goal 2 – Zero Hunger, Goal 8 – Decent Work)

Sponsoring Agency	Department of Planning, Government of Telangana
Project Director	Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra
Co-Project Director	Dr. Soumya Vinayan
Associated Academic Staff	Dr. Raj K Kattula Dr. Pullanna Vidyapogu Ms. Dolma Langa Samuel Mr. Anudeep Gujjeti
Project Duration	19 months

Migration is a long-standing phenomenon driven predominantly by livelihood opportunities. While migration studies in India have focused on out-migration, research on in-migrants, particularly to newly formed states like Telangana, remains

limited. In Telangana, data on in-migration is outdated, mainly relying on pre-2014 Census figures from undivided Andhra Pradesh. The COVID-19 crisis further highlighted the vulnerability of migrants, many of whom were stranded without livelihoods or resources during the lockdown.

The study aims to build a comprehensive database on in-migrants in Telangana, focussing on their socio-economic profiles, access to basic amenities, and the challenges they face in terms of work conditions. It also aims to identify the push and pull factors influencing migration, technological skill gaps, and the institutional and legal support for migrants.

The methodology involves household surveys using a two-step sampling method: first, Simple Random Sampling to select districts, and then Stratified Multistage Random Sampling to divide districts into rural and urban strata. A proportional number of households would be selected from each locality. Data collection would focus on both the socio-economic conditions of in-migrants and their access to work opportunities and services.

Gender and Development

4. Girls Education and Functional Status of Toilets in the State of Telangana (Goal 3 – Good Health and Well-being, Goal 4 – Quality Education, Goal 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation)

Sponsoring Agency	Department of Planning, Government of Telangana
Project Director	Dr. Soumya Vinayan
Co-Project Director	Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra Dr. Satyam Sunkari
Associated Academic Staff	Mr. Mohammad Sajid Mr. D Sunder Raj
Project Duration	10 months
Expected Date of Project Completion	March 2025

According to UNICEF and WHO, about 2.2 billion people globally lack access to safe drinking water, 4.2 billion lack safe sanitation, and 3 billion are without basic handwashing facilities (UN Water, 2019). The Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 aims to ensure access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) for all by 2030. In India, inadequate WASH facilities, particularly in schools, severely impact students' health and education. In Telangana, while the situation for girls' toilets has improved, 8,980 schools (21.2 per cent of schools with girls) still lack functional toilets. This deficiency impacts girls' enrolment, attendance, and retention, and increases the risk of harassment and health issues, discouraging girls from attending school.

This study aims to—

- Assess the availability and functional status of WASH facilities in girls’ and co-ed schools in Telangana;
- Investigate the consequences of non-functional toilets on girls’ health, attendance, and academic outcomes;
- Explore interventions for strengthening WASH facilities and improving student access; and
- Evaluate the need for behavioural change communication (BCC) to improve toilet access and usage among students, teachers, and parents.

The study will use a cross-sectional design across 198 schools in Telangana. Schools would be selected based on their toilet facilities, location, and distance from district headquarters. Participants will include girls aged 10-18, teachers, parents, and staff, and data would be collected through structured questionnaires, FGDs, and interviews with local officials and resource persons.

5. Maternal and Child Health Care: An Assessment of KCR Kit (Goal 3 - Good Health and Well-being)

Sponsoring Agency	Department of Planning, Government of Telangana
Project Director	Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra
Co-Project Director	Dr. Soumya Vinayan Dr. Pullanna Vidyapogu
Associated Academic Staff	Mr. Mohammad Sajid Ms. Dolma Langa Samuel Mr AnudeepGujjeti
Project Duration	19 months

India has one of the highest maternal mortality rates (MMR), with significant risks associated with pregnancy and childbirth. Despite global improvements, India still accounts for the highest maternal deaths in South Asia, with around 35,000 deaths in 2017. In Telangana, however, MMR has shown a positive decline, from 92 per 100,000 live births in 2011–2013 to 43 in 2018–2020. This reduction is largely attributed to various state-run health programmes, including Arogya Lakshmi, KCR Kit, and Anganwadis, which aim to improve maternal and child health. KCR Kit, in particular, provides financial and social support to pregnant women, helping to reduce maternal mortality.

The study focusses on understanding the effectiveness of maternal health practices in Telangana, examining policy perspectives on mother and child care, assessing the impact of financial support, and identifying gaps in implementation. Additionally, the study explores socio-cultural factors that shape maternal health practices.

The methodology includes surveying 100 beneficiaries and 10 non-beneficiaries in 10 districts.

SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS/ SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM

CSD Delhi

1. Two-days National Seminar on ‘Environmental Protection in India from the Perspective of the Poor’

Sponsoring Agency	CSD
Date	21–22 September 2023
Venue	India International Centre, Delhi
Seminar Coordinator	Dr. Susmita Mitra

The seminar addressed key issues for sustainable and equitable development, including India’s climate commitments, the Biodiversity Act, sustainable resource management, environment laws, sustainable agriculture, urbanization, health, gender, and eco-friendly lifestyles.

Recommendation/Conclusion/s

Contemporary environmental challenges stem from growth-focused policies that alienate resources and disproportionately favour the wealthy. A resilient economy and infrastructure, along with climate adaptation measures, are essential. While environmental regulations exist in India, stronger and more inclusive enforcement is needed.

Important Resource Persons (Outside CSD)

1. Vandana Shiva, environmental activist, author, founder of Research Foundation for Science, Technology, and Natural Resource Policy;
2. R.R. Rashmi, Distinguished Fellow and Programme Director, Earth Science and Climate Change, TERI;
3. Yogesh Gokhale, Area Convener, Centre for Forest Mgmt. & Governance; and Nutritional Security, TERI;
4. Devendra Pandey, Former DG, Forest Survey of India;
5. Amitabh Kundu, Professor Emeritus, LJ University, Ahmedabad;
6. Zeenat Niazi, Senior Vice president and Chief Knowledge Officer at the Development Alternatives Group;
7. Amrit Srinivasan, Professor (Retd.), Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT-Delhi);
8. Subhash Sharma, IAS (Retd.);
9. Petal Chandhok, Head, National Green Tribunal Practice, Trust Legal, Advocates and Consultants;
10. Nivit Kumar, Centre for Science and Environment; and
11. Sukanya Das, HoD and Associate Professor, Department of Policy Management and Governance, TERI School of Advanced Studies.

Participants Around 50 participants, mostly researchers, students, media persons and civil society organisations

2. Seminar to Discuss the Union Budget 2024–25

Sponsoring Agency	CSD, New Delhi
Date	8 th February, 2024
Venue	Durgabai Deshmukh Lecture Hall
Seminar Coordinator	Dr. Ankita Goyal

Objective The Union Budget Discussion is an annual event conducted by CSD, New Delhi after the Union Budget is presented in the Parliament by the Union Finance Minister. The discussion is divided into three sessions, viz.

Session 1: Macroeconomic Aspects of the Union Budget 2024-25

Session 2: Agriculture, Employment and Rural Development in the Union Budget 2024-25

Session 3: Social Sector Schemes and Marginalised Sections in the Union Budget 2024–25



Recommendation/Conclusion/s

The Union Budget 2023, presented just before the General Elections, resembled a ‘vote-on-account’ and was labeled as an Interim Budget. The report ‘The Indian Economy: A Review’ replaced the Economic Survey 2024, signaling the upcoming elections by dividing post-independence history into pre-2014 and post-2014 periods. The Budget lacked clarity on the government's priority areas for the upcoming elections.

Important Resource Persons

Prof. Muchkund Dubey
Prof. C.P. Chandrasekhar

Prof. Biswajit Dhar
Prof. Ashwini Mahajan
Prof. Vikas Rawal
Prof. K. Srinath Reddy
Prof. KB Saxena
Prof. Nitya Nanda

Participants 25 participants including Faculty and Distinguished Professors at CSD, students from JNU, representatives from NGOs like School Education, UT of Ladakh and Ideal Resources and Member Governing Body ILO

3. National Summit on the Implementation of the RTE Act – Fifteen Years of Implementation of the Right to Education Act: Where do we Stand?

Sponsoring Agency	Max Weber Stiftung, CSD, and IIC	Collaborating Partner:	RTE Forum
Date	1 April 2024		
Venue	Constitution Club of India		
Seminar Coordinator	Prof. Niranjana Radhaya, & Dr. Poornima M		
Associated Staff	Ms. Ramandeep Kaur, Ms. Mehak Dhiman (CSD Intern) and Mr. Gitesh Sinha		

Objective The National Summit on the Implementation of the Right to Education (RTE) Act intended to engage in useful deliberations on the status of implementation of the RTE Act and reflect on the implementation measures, challenges and gaps in implementation.



Recommendations/Conclusions

- The importance of 'Shikshit Bharat' (Educated India) for achieving a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India) was emphasised;

- Mass closure of government schools was highlighted as inconsistent with the spirit of the RTE Act;
- Need for strategic interventions to achieve equitable and inclusive education for all children was emphasised;
- Rather than consolidation of schools, a decentralised resource allocation was suggested to combat educational imbalances;
- Emphasis was made on moving away from superficial RTE compliances to tangible implementation of RTE Act;
- Caution was made against excessive digitisation that is promoted in the name of Ed-tech; and
- Need for renewed RTE campaigns to address discrimination and inequality in education provision was emphasised.

Important Resource Persons

- Prof. R Govinda, CSD (Keynote Speaker for Inaugural Session);
- Dr. Kishore Singh, Former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education (Keynote Speaker of Valedictory Session);
- Dr. Colin Gonsalves, Senior Advocate Supreme Court & Founder, Human Rights Law Network (HRLN);
- Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President, CSD, New Delhi;
- Prof. Manisha Priyam, NIEPA, New Delhi;
- Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty, Distinguished Professor, CSD, New Delhi;
- Prof. Jandhyala B.G. Tilak, Distinguished Professor, CSD, New Delhi;
- Mr. Shailendra Sharma, Principal Adviser to Director Education, Government of NCT Delhi;
- Prof. Praveen Jha, JNU, New Delhi;
- Mr. C.K. Dinesan, Joint Voluntary Action for Legal Alternatives, Kerala;
- Ms. Anjela Taneja, National Co-convener, RTE Forum;
- Mr. Noor Mohammed, Rajasthan Convener, RTE Forum;
- Madhukar Gumble, Maharashtra Convener, RTE Forum;
- Mr. Gurumurthy Kasinathan, IT for Change, Bengaluru;
- Dr. Rajini Menon, Girls Not Brides, New Delhi;
- Dr. Sunkari Satyam, CSD, Hyderabad;
- Dr. Venkatanarayanan S, Christ University, Bengaluru;
- Mr. Kishore Darak, Tata Trusts, Mumbai;
- Mr. Anil Kumar Roy, Bihar Convener, RTE Forum; and
- Mr. Raghu Tewari, Uttarakhand Convener, RTE Forum.

Participants There were more than 250 participants from about 16 states.

Social Development Forum (SDF)

Through various SDF discussions, CSD endeavours to disseminate ideas that influence policy formulation and design, thereby strengthening social development programmes and giving a voice to the marginalised on critical social development issues of education, health, rural development, and human rights.

The following were some of the key activities of the forum:

1. Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill 2023 and Biological Diversity Act 2002: A Comparison

Date	18.08.2023
Venue	DDML Hall, CSD, New Delhi
Resource Persons	Prof. Biswajit Dhar [Speaker], Prof. Nitya Nanda [Moderator]
Participants	Offline participants: CSD faculty
SDF Coordinator	Dr. Nivedita Sharma

A talk was organised under SDF in which Prof. Biswajit Dhar threw light on the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), its objectives and key features. Prof. Dhar explained the Biological Diversity Act 2002 and recent amendments (2021) to the Act and its implications on the Indian economy.

2. Agricultural Marketing in Africa and India: Some Reflections

Date	11.10.2023
Venue	DDML Hall, CSD, New Delhi
SDF Coordinator	Dr. Nivedita Sharma
Resource Persons	[Speakers] Dr. Toendepi Shonhe, Senior Lecturer, Marondera University of Agricultural Science & Technology (MUAST), Zimbabwe; Dr. Nivedita Sharma, Assistant Professor, CSD, Prof. Biswajit Dhar [Chair], CSD and Dr. George Mudimu [Discussant], Senior Lecturer, Marondera University of Agricultural Science & Technology (MUAST), Zimbabwe
Participants	CSD faculty [offline] and 25 online participants.

The contemporary upsurge in the financialisation of agriculture in the Global South is driven by the ascendancy of transnational capital and triggers an adverse incorporation of smallholders into global commodity circuits through primitive capital accumulation. Resulting from the credit unavailability within the African economy, and the quest to increase income by Indian farmers, the financialization of agricultural production resulted in the shift from food to cash crops to satisfy the European and North American markets, leading to food insecurity in the home market. In both

countries, the financialisation of cash crop production escalates the exploitation of producers more than it increases capital accumulation for the producers.

3. Japanese Employment Practices in Japanese Manufacturing Firms in India: Results of the 2021 Questionnaire Survey

Date	16.11.2023
Venue	DDML Hall, CSD, New Delhi.
Resource Persons	Prof. Takahiro Sato [Speaker], Kobe University, Japan; Prof. Nitya Nanda [Moderator]
SDF Coordinator	Dr. Nivedita Sharma

Participants CSD faculty [offline] and 10 online participants.

Prof. Sato discussed the impact of Japanese employment practices in India's manufacturing sector. A 2021 survey, 'Survey on Human Resource Management in Indian Manufacturing Companies', investigated the adoption of Japanese-style management in Japanese-affiliated firms in India. The study found that these firms implemented certain Japanese practices, with multi-skilled blue-collar employment practices positively correlating with productivity. However, Japanese-style production equipment and processes, such as built-in quality, showed a negative correlation with productivity.

4. Quality of Drinking Water in Urban Areas: A Case Study of Delhi

Date	14.12.2023
Venue	DDML Hall, CSD, New Delhi.
Resource Persons	Dr. Meheub Rahaman [Speaker], Urban Policy Expert, Dr. Nivedita Sharma [Moderator], Dr. Sourindra Mohan Ghosh [Discussant].
SDF Coordinator	Dr. Nivedita Sharma

Participants CSD faculty [offline] and 10 online participants.

Access to clean drinking water is critical for public health, but urban slum dwellers in Delhi face significant challenges. A 12-month study on water quality found that two-thirds of water samples exceeded WHO limits, with around 60 per cent showing deterioration post-supply. Contamination peaks during the summer and monsoon, correlated with temperature and rainfall. Risk analysis indicates a higher diarrhoea risk due to coliform contamination. The study recommends campaigns on water, sanitation, and hygiene, real-time monitoring, prioritising piped water in slums, and further research for cost-effective interventions.

5. Implications of COP28 for the Indian Economy

Date	18.01.2024
Venue	DDML Hall, CSD, New Delhi.
Resource Persons	Dr. Manish Kumar Shrivastava [Speaker], Senior Fellow, TERI & Prof. Nitya Nanda [Moderator]
SDF Coordinator	Dr. Nivedita Sharma

Participants 9 offline participant from CSD and 16 online participants.

Dr. Manish Kumar spoke about the repercussions of the 28th Conference of Parties (COP28) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on the Indian economy. He stressed the implications of the ‘UAE Consensus’, the shift in acknowledging fossil fuels as the primary driver of global warming, and the critical goal of transitioning away from coal. Against the backdrop of India’s energy landscape, he accentuated the delicate balance required between economic growth, renewable energy ambitions, and the harsh realities of climate impact already felt across the country.

6. School Leadership in Improving the Public Schools SDF Case Study of Bihar & Tamil Nadu

Date	22.02.2024
Venue	DDML Hall, CSD, New Delhi
Resource Persons	Dr. Poornima M [Speaker], Assistant Professor, CSD, Dr. Nivedita Sharma [Moderator], Prof. Ashok Pankaj [Discussant], CSD
SDF Coordinator	Dr. Nivedita Sharma

Participants 10 offline participant from CSD, and 5 online participants.

Dr. Poornima highlighted positive cases where teachers played a pivotal role in school improvement. Teachers showed vision, identified opportunities, and were deeply involved in teaching, with a focus on infrastructure improvement and student development. Despite resource constraints, key teachers ensured necessary resources for their schools.

7. Indian Universities under Neoliberalism: Re-examining Issues of Autonomy and Accountability

Date	12.03.2024
Venue	DDML Hall, CSD, New Delhi

Resource Persons	Chetna Trivedi [Speaker], PhD Scholar, Centre for Political Studies, JNU; Prof. Nitya Nanda [Moderator]
SDF Coordinator	Dr. Nivedita Sharma
Participants	17 offline participants and 9 online participants.

The discussion began by tracing the idea of university autonomy through the history of universities in medieval Europe. It further traced how the idea of university autonomy was transplanted and domesticated in India during British Colonialism. Various points of convergence and departure in the policy practices of colonial and post-colonial India were analysed. The discussion also involved the contradictions between university autonomy and various frameworks of accountability under the economic and political changes unleashed by neoliberalism in India.

RTE Cell

Quarterly RTE Lecture Series

First Lecture of the Series

Title	Universalisation of School Education: A Distant Dream
Speaker	Prof. Muchkund Dubey
Date	25 January 2024
Time	3:00–4:30 pm
Venue	IIC Annex (Lecture Room 2)

About (the Quarterly RTE Lecture Series)

The objective of the Lecture Series is to foster a comprehensive understanding on the key concerns of the RTE Act, explore its significance, challenges and identify potential solutions for strengthening the RTE Act. In every quarter, a key educational expert will be invited to deliver the keynote address and the aim would be to facilitate an enriching discourse that not only raises awareness, but also contributes to the advancement of policies and practices supporting the right to education of children.

First Lecture of the Series (Topic & Objectives)

The objective of this lecture was to delve into the measures of this country towards universalisation of school education and discuss the challenges, progress made and future directions in the pursuit of making it a reality.

Key Takeaways From the Lecture

- Comprehensive understanding on the policy measures and gaps;

- Insights into the challenges that affect universal education; and
- Reflections on actions needed for the advancement of inclusive and quality education.

CSD–SRC Hyderabad

Seminar/Workshop/Discussion/s Organised

1. Workshop on Sustainable Development Goals and Gender

Sponsoring Agency	ICSSR, New Delhi
Dates	August 2-4, 2023
Venue	CSD, Hyderabad
Workshop Directors	Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra and Dr. Soumya Vinayan Dr. Pullanna Vidyapogu (Programme Coordinator)

The workshop aimed to— (a) raise awareness among participants from various organisations about SDGs related to gender; (b) highlight the social, economic, and political realities of gender; (c) reflect on the laws and policies formulated by the government at central and regional levels; and (d) advocate for the empowerment of women, transgender individuals, and girl children in both personal and organizational capacities. Additionally, the workshop emphasised fostering a collaborative approach to reduce gender inequality and achieve SDG 5 and its interconnected goals.

Important Resource Persons

- Prof. Nagaraju Gundemeda, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad;
- Prof. Usha Kiran, Former Professor, Osmania University & Former Honorary Director, ICSSR-SRC, Hyderabad;
- Dr. Zelalem Birhanu Taffesse, Chief of Field Office, UNICEF Field Office for AP, Karnataka & Telangana;
- Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra, Regional Director (In-charge), CSD, Hyderabad;
- Prof. Aparna Rayaprol, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad;
- Dr. Soumya Vinayan, Assistant Professor, CSD-SRC, Hyderabad;
- Prof. Sujata Surepally, Head, Department of Sociology, Satavahana University, Karimnagar;
- Dr. Deepthi Krishna T, Assistant Professor, GITAM University, Hyderabad;
- Prof. G. Sreedevi, School of Economics, University of Hyderabad;
- Dr. Amrita Datta, Assistant Professor, IIT Hyderabad; and
- Prof. Ajailu Niumai, Centre for Exclusion and Inclusive Policy Studies, University of Hyderabad.

Participants 18 research scholars from various institutions, including Central University of Gujarat, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, and University of Delhi, participated in the workshop.

Key Recommendations The workshop, initially planned online, was successfully conducted offline. Based on feedback, participants suggested extending the course duration to a week to include field trips and more interactive activities, enhancing the workshop's value.

2. Academic Writing Workshop for Research Scholars in Social Sciences

Sponsoring Agency	ICSSR, New Delhi and Government of Telangana
Dates	November 14–18, 2023
Venue	CSD, Hyderabad
Workshop Directors	Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra and Dr. Soumya Vinayan Mr. Anudeep Gujjeti (Programme Coordinator)

The workshop's aims were—

- To build the capacity among research scholars in reading and writing.
- To engage critically with reading and writing ideas focusing on theoretical knowledge in their respective discipline.
- To provide an exposure to research scholars to different types and facets of writing and enable them to summarise, analyse, evaluate and synthesis their ideas.
- To create awareness about different styles, conventions and protocols in academic writing.



Important Resource Persons

- Prof. B. Sudhakar Reddy, Honorary Director, ICSSR Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad;
- Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Director (Academic) & Professor of Sociology, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad;
- Prof. Pramod K Nayar, UNESCO Chair in Vulnerability Studies, Department of English, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad;

- Prof. Anand Mahanand, Department of Materials Development, Testing & Evaluation, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad;
- Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra, Professor & Regional Director (In-charge), CSD, Hyderabad;
- Dr. Soumya Vinayan, Assistant Professor, CSD, Hyderabad;
- Mr. Anudeep Gujjeti, Research Associate, CSD, Hyderabad;
- Dr. J. Appa Swami, Assistant Professor, Centre for English Language Studies, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad;
- Dr. Aniruddha Jena, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Kashipur;
- Dr. Prajna Paramita Mishra, Associate Professor, School of Economics, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad;
- Dr. M.N. Rajesh, Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad;
- Dr. K. Rama Patnaik, Librarian, Indian Institute of Management, Bengaluru;
- Dr. Satyam Sunkari, Assistant Professor, CSD, Hyderabad;
- Prof. Sunita Mishra, Professor, Centre for English Language Studies University of Hyderabad;
- Prof. M Channa Basavaiah, Former Honorary Director, ICSSR Southern Regional Centre & Former Dean, School of Social Sciences, Osmania University, Hyderabad.

Participants 26 research scholars participated in the workshop.



Key Recommendations

Participants found the workshop highly useful, as it covered key aspects of paper writing, the publication process, and online library resources. It also provided insights into referencing software and an overview of ethics in publication and research.

3. One-Day Workshop on ‘Including Environmental Sanitation in Sanitation Programmes: Evidence from Swachh Bharat Mission in Select Areas of Telangana, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh’

Sponsoring Institution/Agency

ICSSR, New Delhi

Dates

14 March 2024

Inaugural address was delivered by Sri Rajesh Rangarajan, Water Aid, Telangana on ‘Importance and Status of Sanitation’, with Prof. Bupinder Zutshi, Mentor, ICSSR Empirical Research as the Guest of Honour. The Inaugural Session was chaired by Dr. M. Sneha Latha, Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad. A panel discussion, chaired by Dr. R. Ramesh, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad, with Dr. Meheebub Rahaman, Urban Policy Specialist, was also held, where the panellists were Dr. Nanda Kishore Kannuri, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad; Dr. K.N. Rekha, GITAM University, Hyderabad; Dr. Madhulipika Giri Transformation of Health Care Facility; DMF, Keonjhar, Odisha, India; and Dr. Sucharita Pujari, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad. The Valedictory address was delivered by Prof. B. R. Shamanna, School of Medical Sciences, University of Hyderabad, chaired by Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra, Professor & Regional Director (In-charge), CSD, Hyderabad.

4. Special Panel at 16th All India Conference of China Studies

The CSD–SRC organised a panel on Rural-Urban Linkages at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies, held at the University of Hyderabad and Institute of Chinese Studies from 16–18 November 2023. Chaired by Prof. D Narasimha Reddy, the panel explored the economic development of India and China and its impact on rural-urban linkages, including labour migration, natural resource use, and land conversion. Despite new livelihood opportunities, challenges like poverty, income inequality, and environmental degradation remain. Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty and Dr. Ritu Agarwal discussed shifts in China’s rural-urban boundaries, while Dr. Jajati analysed changing migration patterns and living conditions of rural-urban migrants in India using NSS data from 1983 to 2021.

5. 64th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Labour Economics

Collaborated with School of Economics, University of Hyderabad in organising the 64th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Labour Economics, during 29–31 March 2024.

Lecture and Meeting/s Organised

- ‘Research Methodology and Effective Proposal Writing for Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR)’ by Dr. Richa Sharma, Deputy Director (Research) of ICSSR, New Delhi, on 16 June 2023.

- Organised the Nagar Rajbhasha Karyanvayan Samiti (NARAKAS) Meeting on 26 September 2023 at the C. D. Deshmukh Auditorium to promote official language Hindi as per the Government of India instructions. The meeting was coordinated by Dr. Md. Wasim Akhtar, Junior Research Officer. Dr. G. Narendra Kumar, IAS, Director General, National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj presided over the meeting. Dr. K. B. R. S. Visarada, Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad and Smt. Bela, Deputy Director, Hindi Teaching Scheme, Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Hyderabad participated as Resource Persons. Around 70 officials from different institutions from Hyderabad participated in the meeting.

TRAININGS

CSD Delhi

1. Research Methodology Course in Social Sciences

Dates	11–21 April
Coordinator	Dr. Akhil Alha
Co-coordinator	Ms. Jaya Lekshmi Nair
Resource Persons	16
Participants	Nine Ph.D scholars from different Universities from all over India
Objective/s	To equip PhD scholars and emerging researchers with the research methodology tools and techniques employed in social science research.

2. Research Methodology Course in Social Sciences

Sponsoring Agency	Indian Council for Social Science Research
Dates	28 February – 9 March, 2024
Venue	DDML Hall, CSD Delhi
Coordinator	Dr. Akhil Alha
Co-coordinator	Ms. Jaya Lekshmi Nair
Resource Persons	12
Participants	31 PhD scholars from different Universities from all over India.
Objective/s	To equip PhD scholars and emerging researchers with the research methodology tools and techniques employed in social science research.

SPECIAL LECTURES AND EVENTS

Public Lectures

CSD Delhi

Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture 2023

The DDML was delivered by Prof. K. Srinath Reddy on 15th July, 2023, and simultaneously, the Lecture Booklet was released.

The lecture, ‘Decoding and Delivering Public Health’, emphasised health as essential for individual and population welfare. It highlighted the traditional divide between clinical medicine that focuses on individuals, and public health, which addresses populations. While healthcare systems primarily deliver care, communities must actively contribute to agenda setting, implementation, and monitoring. Universal health coverage (UHC) is crucial to ensuring broad access to services, best achieved through strong public financing, it was noted. Health is shaped by social, economic, environmental, and commercial factors, which should support rather than hinder well-being. Public health, originating from the intersection of medicine and social sciences, has evolved into a multidisciplinary field encompassing life sciences, quantitative sciences, social sciences, and management.

Social Change Annual Lecture 2024

The *Social Change* Annual Lecture was delivered online on 6th March 2024 by Prof. Barbara Harriss-White on ‘Gold in India’s Social Development’, and consequently, the Lecture Booklet was released.

The 6th *Social Change* Annual Lecture, titled 'Gold in India's Social Development', explored what a particular product – gold – tells about Indian society. India is an emerging global gold hub, yet gold is strangely neglected by researchers. Using a systematic political economy approach encompassing imports, refining, craft and mechanised production, re-export, retail and gendered deployment in the largely informal rural money economy, the lecture examined the centrality of gold to India’s social and economic life. It further suggested reasons for its significant black flows, the decades of unstable regulative efforts to rein in ‘unproductive’ social stockpiling vastly in excess of official reserves, and other policies beset by problems and conflicts of enforcement.

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C. D. Deshmukh Memorial Lecture 2023

Prof. Kalpana Kannabiran, Distinguished Professor, CSD, New Delhi delivered the 20th Dr. C.D. Deshmukh Memorial Lecture titled ‘Utopias, Convivialities and the Cultural Politics of Care: Interpreting the Indian Constitution for our Times’ on 17th November 2023. Prof. Shantha Sinha, Chairperson, Managing Committee, CSD SRC presided over the lecture.

Other Lectures & Seminars

- ‘Shrinking Commons for Small-Scale Fishers: Reflections from the Karnataka Coast’ by Prof. Amalendu Jyotishi, School of Development, Azim Premji University, Bangalore on 15 March 2024. Prof. Saudamini Das, IES Section, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi.
- ‘Non-Vegetarian Histories of Agriculture’ by Prof. Barbara Harriss-White, FAcSS, Emeritus Professor & Fellow Wolfson College, Oxford University; Visiting Professor, JNU; Research Fellow, Max Weber Forum, New Delhi, India on 21 March 2024. Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy, Former Professor (Economics) & Dean, School of Social Sciences University of Hyderabad chaired the lecture.
- Organised Nagar Rajbhasha Karyanvayan Samiti (NARAKAS) Meeting on 26 September 2023 at C.D. Deshmukh Auditorium to promote official language Hindi as per the Government of India instructions coordinated by Dr. Md. Wasim Akhtar, Junior Research Officer. Dr. G. Narendra Kumar, IAS, Director General, National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj presided over the meeting. Dr. K.B.R.S. Visarada, Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad and Smt. Bela, Deputy Director, Hindi Teaching Scheme, Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Hyderabad have participated as Resource Persons. Around 70 officials from different institutions from Hyderabad have participated in the meeting.
- **Report release and dissemination** — ‘Telangana Social Development Report 2022 - Barriers to Education’ was released by Dr. G. Narendra Kumar, IAS, Director General, National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRD & PR) at NIRD & PR under the guidance of Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra in the presence of faculty members of CSD and NIRD & PR on 12 October 2023.

PUBLICATIONS

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- **Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture (DDML) Booklet (2023)**
The DDML was delivered by Prof. K. Srinath Reddy on 15th July, 2023, and simultaneously, the Lecture Booklet was released.
- **Project Report**
Gender, Culture, and Capital: Witch Hunts and Ritual Attacks Across Northeast India by Govind Kelkar, Dev Nathan (December 2023).
- **Social Development Report 2023**
India: Social Development Report (2023), titled ‘Women’s Contribution in the Economy’, was release. The report is edited by Prof. Indira Hirway, and published by New Delhi: Oxford University Press in 2024.
- **Working Paper**
Publication of the working paper, ‘Rhetoric versus Reality: Budgetary Allocations for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Union Budgets’ [Working Paper / CSD 1 / 2023], co-authored by Dr Akhil Alha & Savita Garwa.
- **Social Change Annual Lecture Booklet (2024)**
The *Social Change* Annual Lecture was delivered online on 6 March 2024 by Prof. Barbara Harriss-White on ‘Gold in India’s Social Development’ prior to the lecture, the Lecture Booklet was released.

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- ‘Relevance of Large Datasets in Policy Making’ [Invited Lecture Series No. 2/2023, 21 July 2023] by Mr Anshuman Kamila, IES, Assistant Director, DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India.
- Publication of ‘Statistical Bulletin on Households Using Improved Sanitation Facility in the Southern States of India’, CSD Bulletin No. 3, September 2023, by Langa Dolma Samuel, Mohammad Sajid, Pullanna Vidyapogu and Sujit Kumar Mishra.

CSD Journals

Social Change

A journal of the Council for Social Development, *Social Change* is published by SAGE Publications. During 2023–2024, the following volumes were published—

- (i) Volume 53 Issue 2, June 2023 Special Issue [with Ghazala Jamil as Guest Editor, titled ‘Nationalist Urbanisms on the Urban Peripheries’]
- (ii) Volume 53 Issue 3, September 2023
- (iii) Volume 53 Issue 4, December 2023
- (iv) Volume 54 Issue 1, March 2024

Since January 2024, *Social Change* has been a regular contributor to the Times Internet Scholar Spotlight segment. Through this collaboration, the Editorial Team sought to bring research on significant, interesting topics published in the journal in the last 5 years back into focus. The Team rigorously edits and prepares Extended Abstracts sent by authors for the same, and also publicises their achievements on the *Social Change* Facebook page.

As per the recent Publisher's Report by SAGE, *Social Change*'s downloads continue to go up substantially each year, and has increased by 12 per cent in 2023, which is around 69,000+ downloads from all across the world with the majority from the US, Asia, South America, and UK etc. In terms of full-text downloads in 2024 (through the end of March), there has been a 40.4 per cent increase. The journal is currently indexed with Scopus with a Citescore of 1.0 in 2022 which reflects an increase in its citation trend since its indexing in 2020.

Samajik Vimarsh

CSD's journal in Hindi, *Samajik Vimarsh* published the following volumes—

- (i) Volume 5 Issue 2, Special Issue on ‘भारत की स्वतंत्रता का पचहत्तर वर्ष’
- (ii) Volume 6 Issue 1, June 2023
- (iii) Volume 6 Issue 2 [*In Press*]

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FACULTY CONTRIBUTIONS

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PROF. NITYA NANDA

Journal Article/s

Nanda, N. (2023). A tale of two countries: Why economic reforms produced different outcomes in China and India. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 58(50), 53–60.

Book Chapter/s

(With Susmita Mitra). Environment and sustainable development in South Asia. In A. S. Raju & R. Srinivasan (Eds.), *The Routledge handbook of South Asia: Region, security and connectivity* (pp. 276–292). Routledge.

Others

- (With Susmita Mitra). India's Climate Commitments: Analysing Implications. National Seminar on Environmental Protection in India from the Perspective of the Poor (21–22 September 2023). Council for Social Development and IIC, New Delhi.
- (With Susmita Mitra). Women Farmers' Leadership in Climate Change Adaptation. *TerraGreen*, WSDS Special Issue, 16(11), 36–39. TERI, New Delhi.
- Nanda, N. (2023, December 18). In Poor Health. *The Telegraph*.

Lecture/s

- Nanda, N. (2024, February 26–27). *Sustainable Development Goals: Priorities and Challenges for India* [Keynote address]. International Seminar on Sustainable Development Goals, Dyal Singh College, New Delhi.
- Nanda, N. (2023, December 9–10). *SDGs and Social Sector* [Panellist]. South Asia Policy Forum Session, International Conference "South Asian Integration: Trends and Way Forward," New Delhi, RIS.
- Nanda, N. (2023, November 26–28). *Climate and Biodiversity* [Panellist]. Global Summit on the LiFE Economy: From Principles to Action, New Delhi, RIS.
- Nanda, N. (2023, November 17). *Structural Change and Economic Growth in India: Past, Present and Future* [Conference presentation]. National Conference on India's Growth Trajectory During Amrit Kaal, University of Delhi, New Delhi.
- Nanda, N. (2023, November 7). *Road to Dubai: From G20 to COP28* [Panellist]. Act4Earth National Dialogue and Information Session on World Sustainable Development Summit 2024, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI).
- Nanda, N. (2023, October 12). *Clean and Green Sustainable Development Initiatives: EU-India Cooperation* [Panellist]. International Conference on Advancing

Sustainable Development: Building a Resilient Future, Miranda House, University of Delhi.

- Nanda, N. (2023, September 15–16). *Global Governance, Higher Education and AI* [Panellist]. Conference on Role of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education: Mapping Future Trends, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat.

PROF. K. B. SAXENA

Saxena, K. B. (2023, April). Revdi culture, political economy of freebies. *Revolutionary Democracy*, 2(1).

Book Review/s

Saxena, K. B. (2023, April). [Review of the book] *A Study of Women Farmers under Kudumbashree Collective Farming in Kerala*. *Revolutionary Democracy*, 2(1).

PROF. JANDHYALA B. G. TILAK

Book/s

Tilak, J. B. G. (2024). *Economics of engineering education in India: Growing challenges of expansion, excellence and equity*. Routledge India.

Book Chapter/s

Tilak, J. B. G., & Bandyopadhyay, M. (2023, April). Improving quality in education: Issues and challenges for teacher education in India. In Y. Wang, G. Haálsz, A. Guberman, A. Baghdady, & O. Mcdossi (Eds.), *Research, policymaking and innovation* (pp. 209–246). Springer/National Institute of Education Sciences.

Monograph/s

Tilak, J. B. G., & Kumar, A. (2023). *India: Three policy initiatives in higher education*. UNESCO IESALC in partnership with UNESCO Bangkok.

Research Article/s

- Tilak, J. B. G. (2023, December). The education fads in India. *Social Change*, 53(4), 532–542.
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2023, June & September). Education, skills and employment in India: Some stylized and not-so-stylized facts. *Artha Beekshan: Journal of the Bengal Economic Association*, 32(1&2), 98-135.

- Tilak, J. B. G. (2023). COVID-19 and education in India: A new education crisis in the making. In I. Gupta & M. Das (Eds.), *Contextualizing the COVID pandemic in India: A development perspective* (pp. 87-108). Springer.
- Tilak, J. B. G., & Bandyopadhyay, M. (2023, April). Improving quality in education: Issues and challenges for teacher education in India. In Y. Wang, G. Haálsz, A. Guberman, A. Baghdady, & O. Mcdossi (Eds.), *Research, policymaking and innovation* (pp. 209–246). Springer/National Institute of Education Sciences. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-19-4349-2_11

Book Review/s

- Tilak, J. B. G. (2024). [Review of the book *Debating education in India: Issues and concerns*, by M. John]. *South Asia Research* (in press).
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2024). [Review of the book *Anchoring change*, by V. S. Mehta et al.]. *International Journal of Community and Social Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/25166026241231369>
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2024, April). [Review of the book *Campus economics*, by S. Baum & M. McPherson]. *Indian Journal of Human Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09737030241241541>
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2024, January). [Review of the book *Education and democracy through the prism of the Constitution*, compiled by P. B. Suresh Babu]. *Contemporary Education Dialogue*, 21(1), 125-129. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09731849231209603>
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2023). [Review of the book *Critical perspectives on economics of education*, edited by S. Mendolia et al.]. *Journal of Social and Economic Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40847-023-00299-0>
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2023, December). [Review of the book *Handbook of education policy*, by G. Postiglione, C. J. Johnstone, & W. R. Teter]. *Review of Development and Change*, 28(2), 285-288. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09722661231201710>
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2023, October). [Review of the book *Un/Common schooling: Educational experiments in twentieth-century India*, edited by J. Nair]. *International Review of Education*, 69(5), 753-756. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11159-023-10047-5>
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2023, July-December). [Review of the book *Implementing National Education Policy 2020*, edited by P. Mittal & S. R. D. Pani]. *Indian Journal of Social Development*, 23(2), 185-186.
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2023). [Review of the book *How to enable employability of university graduates*, edited by S. L. Hansen & K. Daniels]. *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, 66, 941-946. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41027-023-00447-4>
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2023, December). [Review of the book *Higher education and intellectual regression*, by A. Maharatna]. *Indian Journal of Human Development*, 17(2), 286-288. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09737030231190003>
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2023). [Review of the book *Becoming great universities: Small steps for sustained excellence*, by R. J. Light & A. Jegla]. *Journal of Asia Pacific Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02188791.2023.2210466>

Participation in Seminar/Conference/s

- Tilak, J. B. G. (2024, February 24). Indian higher education: Where is it in global perspectives? *ZHCES Seminar*, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. [Chaired the programme].
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2024, February 16). *Demystifying higher education in India*. 9th National Seminar on Higher Education in India, Hyderabad: Sanskruti Foundation – Institute of Dravidian Culture and Research. [Keynote lecture and chief guest].
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2024, February 5). *Higher education policy and practices in India*. Inaugural lecture, MMTTC-Hyderabad University. [Online].
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2024, February 2). *Research in education*. Keynote address and inauguration of the Centre for Research in Education Studies and Training (CREST), R. V. University, Bengaluru.
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2024, January 23). *Reforming higher education and the National Education Policy 2020*. Special lecture, University of Hyderabad, Department of Sociology.
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2024, January 11). *Journey of university: Classical liberal to neo-liberal*. Special lecture, GITAM University, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hyderabad.
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2024, January 5). *Demystifying higher education in India*. Special lecture and chief guest, Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad.
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2023, December 7-8). *Human capital formation in India*. National Seminar, Krishna Menon Memorial Government Women's College, Kannur. [Inaugural cum keynote address].
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2023, December 1). *Political economy of higher education in India*. National Conference, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi. [Panelist].
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2023, November 25). *Research in school education*. Consultation meeting, Centre for Social and Economic Progress, New Delhi. [Panelist].
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2023, October 11). *Strategic human resource management in higher education*. Symposium, Tata Institute of Social Sciences & Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai.
- Tilak, J. B. G. (2023, August 2). *Reforming higher education in India: National Education Policy 2020*. Special lecture, Ashank Desai Centre for Policy Studies, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai.

Consultancy (Advisory Service) for the Government & Other Bodies in India (and Membership in Official Committees)

- Tilak, J. B. G. (2024–present). Member, Taskforce on Financing School Education, Karnataka State Education Policy Commission, Bengaluru.
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Book/s

Pankaj, A. (2024). *Lohia ke sapno ka Bharat: Bhartiya samajvad ki ruprekha* (in Hindi). Lok Bharti Prakashan.

Book Review/s

- Pankaj, A. (2024, April 20). Changing ecology of Indian media [Review of the book *The Journey of Hindi Language Journalism in India: From Raj to Swaraj and Beyond*, by M. Pande]. *Economic & Political Weekly*.
- Pankaj, A. (2024, March 17). The final countdown [Review of the book *The Last Mile: Turning Public Policy Upside Down*, by A. Sinha]. *The Indian Express*.

Chapter/s in Edited Volumes

- Pankaj, A., & Sinha, A. (Forthcoming). Women-led climate action in India: Lessons from India's two flagship programmes – MGNREGS and DAY-NRLM. In *Climate Action and Justice*. Routledge.
- Pankaj, A. (2024). Sociology of religion and religion of a sociologist: Interview with Prof. T. N. Madan. In B. K. Nagla (Ed.), *Conversation with Indian Sociologists*. Rawat Publication.
- Pankaj, A. (2023). धर्म का समाजशास्त्र एवं समाजशास्त्री का धर्म (Dharma ka samajshastra evam samaj shastri ka dharma) [In Hindi]: Interview with Prof. T. N. Madan. In B. K. Nagla (Ed.), *भारत के समाजशास्त्रियों के साथ संवाद (Bharat ke Samaj Shastriyaon ke Saath Samvaad)*. Rawat Publication.

Special Lecture/Talk/Seminar/s

- Pankaj, A. (2023, October 14). Special lecture on tribal subalternity. Presented at the *National Seminar on Tribes, Subalternity, and Social Change in India*, Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow.
- Pankaj, A. (2023, October 12). Caste and varna. Special lecture delivered on the occasion of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia's death anniversary, Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow.
- Pankaj, A. (2023, November 23). *75 years of independence*. Lecture delivered at the ICSSR-sponsored capacity-building programme, CRRID, Chandigarh.
- Pankaj, A. (2023, November 24). *Growth with justice*. Lecture delivered at the ICSSR-sponsored capacity-building programme, CRRID, Chandigarh.
- Pankaj, A. (2023, December 18–19). *Formulating research questions and Framing research design*. Lectures delivered at the ICSSR-sponsored two-week capacity-building programme, GB Pant Institute of Social Sciences, Prayagraj.

- Pankaj, A. (2024, February 14). *Dynamics of Indian politics*. Special lecture delivered at UGC-MMTTC (formerly Academic Staff College), JNU.
- Pankaj, A. (2023, December 14). *Involving SHGs in MGNREGA*. Presentation at the *National Seminar on Good Governance Practices*, NIRD&PR, Hyderabad.
- Pankaj, A. (2024, February 29 – March 1). Moderated a session on *75 years of India's independence* at the *National Seminar on Social Science Research in India: Potential, Prospects and Priorities*, CRRID, Chandigarh.
- Pankaj, A. (2024, April 16). *Quasi-experimental research design*. Special lecture delivered at Chaudhary Ranbir Singh Institute of Social and Economic Change, M.D. University, Rohtak.

Foreword

Wrote a foreword (both in English and Hindi) for “*Caste System*” by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, edited by Raghu Thakur, Aakar Books.

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Journal Article/sAlha, A. (2023, September). Land leasing in Kerala: Evidences from a field survey. *Social Change*, 53(3).

Book Review/s

Singh, S. K. (Ed.). (2024, March). *Remembering India's Villages* [Review of the book *Remembering India's Villages*, edited by S. K. Singh]. *Social Change*, Sage.

Working Paper/s

Alha, A., & Garwa, S. (2023, November). *Rhetoric versus reality: Budgetary allocations to SCs and STs in Union budgets* [CSD Working Paper]. *CSD Working Paper*.

Lecture/s Delivered

Alha, A. (2024, March 23). *Dalit entrepreneurship in the neo-liberal period*. Lecture presented at ARSD College, Delhi University.

Paper/s Presented

1. Alha, A. (2024, March 21-22). *Dalit entrepreneurship in the neo-liberal period: Experiences from the ground*. Paper presented at the National Seminar on Unorganised Manufacturing Sector in India, Institute for Development Studies, Jaipur.

2. Alha, A. (2024, March 29-31). *Role of caste and gender in defining outcomes in the gig economy in India*. Paper presented at the 64th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics, Hyderabad Central University.

DR SUSMITA MITRA

Journal Article/s

Sharma, A., & Mitra, S. (2023, December). *Rationalisation of schools and its impact on children's right to education: Narratives of violation of the RTE*. Social Change, Sage.

Book Chapter/s

Nanda, N., & Mitra, S. (2023, October). Environment and sustainable development in South Asia. In *The Routledge Handbook of South Asia* (pp. 276-292). Routledge.

Lecture/s Delivered

Mitra, S. (2023, August-September). Delivered 10 lectures in the course 'Methods of Research in Economics – M. Sc. (Economics)'. Lecture series presented at the Department of Policy Management and Governance, TERI School of Advanced Studies, New Delhi.

Paper/s Presented

- Mitra, S. (2023, August 11). *The impact of COVID-19 on children, and interventions by various stakeholders in India*. Paper presented at the World Anthropology Congress 2023, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- Mitra, S., & Nanda, N. (2023, September 21). *India's climate commitments and their implications*. Paper presented at CSD's national conference on 'Environmental Protection in India from the Perspective of the Poor', India International Centre, New Delhi.
- Mitra, S. (2024, February 1). *How to increase adoption of water-saving technologies in semi-arid areas? An exploration through agent-based modelling*. Paper presented at the Twelfth INSEE Biennial Conference 'SDGs and Climate Change: Understanding the Imperatives and Intersections', BML Munjal University, Haryana.

DR ANKITA GOYAL

Journal Article/s

Goyal, A., & Sharma, N. (2023, October-December). *Prospects and challenges of farming in Delhi: Evidences from the field*. *Journal of Rural Development*, 42(4), 277–287. NIRDPR, Hyderabad.

DR NIVEDITA SHARMA

Journal Article/s

- Singh, G., & Sharma, N. (2024). *The unrelenting struggles of Punjab's Kinnow farmers amidst a bumper crop this year*. *The Wire*. <https://thewire.in/agriculture/why-punjab-farmers-have-opted-for-paddy-over-kinnow-despite-a-bumper-crop-harvest>
- Singh, G., & Sharma, N. (2024, February 1). *What promises should Budget 2024-25 hold for the agriculture sector? Down to Earth*. <https://www.downtoearth.org.in/test/blog/what-promises-should-budget-2024-25-hold-for-agriculture-sector--94196>
- Singh, G., & Sharma, N. (2024, February 2). *The unabated paddy monoculture of Punjab*. *India Development Review*. <https://idronline.org/article/agriculture/the-unabated-paddy-monoculture-of-punjab/>

Book Review/s

Sharma, N., & Singh, G. (2024, February). [Review of the book] *Inclusive Development Through Guaranteed Employment: India's MGNREGA Experiences* by A. Pankaj. *Agrarian South: Journal of Political Economy*, 13(1), 146–151. Sage.

Lecture/s Delivered

- Sharma, N. (2024, March 2). Delivered a lecture on *Sampling techniques* at the Research Methodology Workshop organised by CSD, sponsored by ICCSR.
- Sharma, N. (2024, January 26). Delivered a special lecture on *Challenges of farmers in India: From Small Holders' Perspective* at Phranakhon Rajabhat University, Bangkok, Thailand.
- Sharma, N. (2023, December 14-16). Chaired a session on *Gender empowerment* at the Winter School 2023 at Delhi University.
- Sharma, N. (2023, September 29-30). Discussant at the session *Labour Rights and Agri Value Chains* at the conference *Political Economy of Agricultural Value Systems in India: Regional Perspectives and Policy Implications – Labour and Agri-business*, JNU.

Paper/s Presented

- Sharma, N. (2024, January 27-28). Presented a paper titled *Legacy of employment challenges and the role of public policy in India* at the international conference at Phranakhon Rajabhat University, Bangkok.
- Sharma, N. (2023, September 29-30). Presented a paper at the conference *Political Economy of Agricultural Value Systems in India: Regional Perspectives and Policy Implications – Labour and Agri-business*, JNU.

DR POORNIMA M.

Paper/s Presented

- Poornima, M. (2023, August 12). *Clean cooking fuel for all: Access and portability barriers of the migrant households*. Paper presented at the International Conference on Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development in the Global South: International Experiences and Future Strategies, organised by the Institute for Human Development, India International Centre, New Delhi.
- Poornima, M. (2024, February 22). *School leadership in strengthening public schools: Case study of Bihar and Tamil Nadu*. Paper presented at the Social Development Forum, CSD, New Delhi.

Expert Committee Member

Poornima, M. (2024, February 2). *Review-Cum-Revision Expert Committee Meeting* on the syllabus of the Diploma Course on Women's Empowerment and Development (DWED), School of Gender and Development Studies (SOGDS), IGNOU. SOGDS Committee Room, IGNOU, New Delhi.

Member of Guest Editorial Board

Education and Society (UGC CARE Listed Quarterly Journal), published by the Indian Institute of Education, Pune.

DR SOURINDRA MOHAN GHOSH

Journal Article/s

- Ghosh, S. M. (2023, December). *National Health Mission and the status of public healthcare in Indian states*. *Social Change*.
- Ghosh, S. M. (2023, December). *Examining the effect of removing banknotes and implementing Goods and Services Tax on access to healthcare in India*. *International Health Trends and Perspectives*.
- Ghosh, S. M. (2024, March). *Union health budgets since COVID pandemic: Lost opportunity in reshaping India's healthcare*. *Economic & Political Weekly*.

Paper/s Presented

- Ghosh, S. M. (2023, October 6). *From primary health care to universal health coverage: Its implication for public healthcare in India*. Paper presented at the Department of Economics, University of Calcutta, Kolkata.
- Ghosh, S. M. (2023, November 2). *Can universal health coverage achieve the goal of health for all in India: A theoretical and empirical exploration*. Paper presented at the Social Development Forum, Council for Social Development, Delhi.

Ms RAMANDEEP KAUR

Seminar Report

Poornima, M., & Kaur, R. (2023). *Global Conclave on Education 2023: Schools for the Future* [Conclave Report]. CSD, New Delhi.

DR SURAJIT DEB

- **Journal Article/s** Deb, S. (2023, September). *Household assets and indebtedness in states of India*. *Social Change*, 53(3), 399–406.
- Deb, S. (2024, March). *Challenges for higher education in the Indian states*. *Social Change*, 54(1), 118–124.

CSD–SRC Hyderabad

PROF. SUJIT KUMAR MISHRA

Regional Director (In-charge)

Journal Article/s

- Mishra, S. K., Mishra, P. P., & Sravan, C. (2023). Lacking among the have-nots: The faring of the locals in extractive industrial setup. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 58(15). <https://www.epw.in/engage/article/lacking-among-have-nots-faring-locals-extractive>
- Mishra, S. K., & [Co-author]. (2023). Examining the integration of women's issues in the corporate social responsibility (CSR) strategy of Coal India Limited. *The Extractive Industries and Society*. Elsevier.
- Mishra, S. K., & [Co-author]. (2023). Extracting empowerment: A critical review on violence against women in mining and mineral extraction. *Energy Research & Social Science*. Elsevier.

Popular Press

- Mishra, S. K., Gujjeti, A., & Sajid, M. (2023, July 6). Opinion: Towards better child sex ratio. *Telangana Today*. <https://telanganatoday.com/opinion-towards-better-child-sex-ratio>
- Mishra, S. K., & Patnaik, P. (2023, September 28). Getting closer to the goal. *Orissa Post*. <http://odishapostpaper.com/m/217052/6514859b17847>
- Mishra, S. K. (2023, October 7). Enabling informal livelihood earners in TS. *Telangana Today*.

Statistical Bulletin

Mishra, S. K., Samuel, L. D., Sajid, M., & Vidyapogu, P. (2023). Statistical bulletin on improved sanitation facility in the southern states of India (CSD Statistical Bulletin No. 03). Council for Social Development.

Magazine Article/s

- Mishra, S. K. (2023, October 16). Individual forest rights: How residents of this Sundargarh tribal village fight to protect their natural resources. *Down to Earth*.
- Mishra, S. K. (2023). Kutia Kondhs and bride capture: An exploration on oral traditions. *Matir Mahak, Annual Souvenir, Western Odisha Social and Cultural Association*.

Conference Paper/s & Presentation/s

- Mishra, S. K., & Sajid, M. (2023, June 26–28). Investigating the factors influencing safe motherhood in Telangana. *Three-Day National Seminar on Public Policies, Development, and Empowerment of Social Groups in India: Lessons from Telangana State*, ICSSR-Southern Regional Centre, Osmania University, Hyderabad.
- Mishra, S. K. (2024, January 11–13). Political geography and structural change: A cross-sectional study of the status of women in the extractive industry of India. *Global Conclave 2024: Advancing Human Development in the Global South*, Institute of Human Development, New Delhi.
- Mishra, S. K. (2024, February 16). Diversification of diet: How do ICDS, mid-day meal scheme and urban canteens fare? *ICSSR - UoH-IOE Sponsored Workshop*, University of Hyderabad.
- Mishra, S. K. (2024, March 22). The current status of social sciences in India and the way forward. *Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Madras Institute of Development Studies*, Chennai.
- Mishra, S. K., & Danyasi, S. (2024, March 31). Youth employment dynamics and educational attainments in urban Telangana: During 2004-05 and 2022-23. *Indian Society of Labour Economics Conference*, University of Hyderabad.

Lecture/s Delivered

- Mishra, S. K. (2023, June 15). Doing a book review and writing a short piece (1500–1800 words). *Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad*.
- Mishra, S. K. (2023, September 4). Mapping the marginality in higher education. *Workshop on Education, Nation Building and Social Justice, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad*.
- Mishra, S. K. (2023, September 21). Initiatives and interventions taken by Telangana State Government to address various dimensions of poverty and inequality. *ISS Probationers Training Programme on Poverty and Inequality Estimation*, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad.

- Mishra, S. K. (2023, November 26). Balancing futuristic development with sustainable living. *Keynote Address, Jan Jatiya Gourav Diwas and Constitution Day Celebrations, National Institute of Technology, Rourkela.*
- Mishra, S. K. (2024, March 6). Academic writing. *Training Workshop on Methodology for Social Sciences, Council for Social Development, New Delhi.*
- Mishra, S. K. (2024, March 6). Structure of research paper, report, and book; and differences in structure of each kind of writing. *Training Workshop on Methodology for Social Sciences, Council for Social Development, New Delhi.*
- Mishra, S. K. (2024, March 18–28). Who will be my respondent? *Inaugural Lecture, Research Methodology Course on Quantitative Methods and Women Studies, CWDS in collaboration with the Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad.*

Book Review/s

Mishra, S. K. (2023). Review of *Sebastian and Sons: A Brief History of Mrdangam Makers*, by T. M. Krishna. *Social Change*, 53(4).

PROF. SUNNY JOSE

RBI Chair Professor

Popular Press

Jose, S., & Raghupathi, P. (2023, June 28). A model for quality and inclusive education. *The Hindu*.

Conference Paper/s & Presentation/s

Jose, S. (2023, April 20). Sampling framework. *Discussion on Socio-economic Assessment and Environmental Vulnerability of Coastal Communities in Tamil Nadu*, Tamil Nadu Planning Commission.

Other Academic Activities

Jose, S. (2023, June 21–26). Resource person in a training workshop for field investigators. *Tamil Nadu Planning Commission, Nagercoil and Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu.*

DR SOUMYA VINAYAN

Assistant Professor

Conference Paper/s & Presentation/s

- Vinayan, S. (2023, September 7–10). *Gendered analysis of policies related to education of girl children with disabilities*. XVII National Conference on Women's Studies and

Women's Movements: Challenges and Resilience, Indian Association of Women's Studies & Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram. (Co-author).

- Vinayan, S. (2023, August 10–11). *Mapping barriers in accessing education for persons with disabilities in India*. Two-day International Virtual Conference on Rethinking Disability across Disciplines: New Directions and Emerging Trends, VIT-AP University. (Co-author).

DR. SUNKARI SATYAM

Assistant Professor

Book Chapter/s

Satyam, S. (2023). Tribes in India: Public policy perspective. In R. Rupavath (Ed.), *Education as development – Deprivation, poverty, dispossession*. Routledge. (ISBN 978-1-032-46014-7)

Conference Paper/s & Presentation/s

Satyam, S. (2023, September 5–7). *Kautilya on institutions and society: A critical analysis*. Conference on Chanakya's Philosophy and Its Relevance to the 21st Century: Theories and Practice, Chanakya University, Bengaluru, in collaboration with the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University, and National Law School of India University, Bengaluru.

DR P. RAGHUPATHI

ICSSR Senior Fellow

Popular Press

- Raghupathi, P., & Jose, S. (2023, June 28). A model for quality and inclusive education. *The Hindu*. <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/a-model-for-quality-and-inclusive-education/article67015478.ece>
- Raghupathi, P., & Jose, S. (2023, August 30). Gig Workers Bill: Reading between the lines. *The Hindu*. <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/gig-workers-bill-reading-between-the-lines/article67248229.ece>

Conference Paper/s & Presentation/s

- Raghupathi, P. (2023, July 27–28). *Land and caste: Macro level evidence*. National Seminar on Liberalisation and Caste–Class Dynamics in India, School of Economics, University of Hyderabad.
- Raghupathi, P. (2023, August 23–25). *Land alienation and restoration: Macro level experience from Andhra Pradesh*. Association of Academics for Social Justice (AASJ)

Inaugural Conference on Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru.

DR SIVAKUMAR DANYASI

Project Fellow

Working Paper/s

Danyasi, S. (2023). *Youth employment dynamics and educational attainment in urban areas: A comparative analysis of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh (2004–2021)*. [Manuscript submitted for review].

Conference Paper/s & Presentation/s

Danyasi, S. [Co-author]. (2024, March 31). *Youth employment dynamics and educational attainments in urban Telangana: During 2004–05 and 2022–23*. Indian Society of Labour Economics Conference, University of Hyderabad.

DR PULLANNA VIDYAPOGU

Project Fellow

Statistical Bulletin

Vidyapogu, P., Samuel, L. D., Sajid, M., & Mishra, S. K. (2023, September). *Statistical bulletin on improved sanitation facility in the southern states of India* (CSD Statistical Bulletin No. 03). Council for Social Development.

Conference Paper/s & Presentation/s

Vidyapogu, P., & Jonnalagadda, I. (2023, June 1). *Caste and urban political ecology: Enduring structures, elusive dynamics*. Publics@, Indian Institute for Human Settlements, Bengaluru.

ANUDEEP GUJJETI

Research Associate

Popular Press Article/s

- Gujjeti, A., Mishra, S. K., & Sajid, M. (2023, July 6). Towards better child sex ratio. *Telangana Today*. <https://telanganatoday.com/opinion-towards-better-child-sex-ratio>

- Gujjeti, A. (2023, October 16). Navigating complexities of a war. *Telangana Today*. <https://telanganatoday.com/opinion-navigating-complexities-of-a-war>

Podcast/s

Gujjeti, A. (2023, July 8). *Digital transformations and foreign policy dynamics in the Indo-Pacific (Ep. 34)* [Audio podcast]. International Policy Circle. Retrieved August 21, 2023, from <https://www.ipcircle.org/podcast/episode/2db5886d/ep-34-digital-transformations-and-foreign-policy-dynamics-in-the-indo-pacific>

Working Paper/s

Mishra, A. A., & Gujjeti, A. (2023). *Poverty and inequality in Telangana and the efforts made by Telangana Government to overcome the same* (Unpublished working paper). Council for Social Development.

MOHAMMAD SAJID

Research Associate

Statistical Bulletin

Sajid, M., Samuel, L. D., Vidyapogu, P., & Mishra, S. K. (2023, September). *Statistical bulletin on improved sanitation facility in the southern states of India* (CSD Statistical Bulletin No. 03). Council for Social Development.

Popular Press Article/s

Sajid, M., Mishra, S. K., & Gujjeti, A. (2023, July 7). Towards a better child sex ratio. *Telangana Today*.

Conference Paper/s Presented

- Sajid, M., & Mishra, S. K. (2023, June 26-28). Investigating the factors influencing safe motherhood in Telangana. Paper presented at the Three-Day National Seminar on *Public Policies, Development, and Empowerment of Social Groups in India: Lessons from Telangana State*, organised by ICSSR-Southern Regional Centre, Osmania University, Hyderabad.
- Sajid, M. (2023, August 10-11). Mapping barriers in accessing education for persons with disabilities in India. Paper presented at the *International Virtual Conference on Rethinking Disability across Disciplines: New Directions and Emerging Trends*, VIT-AP School of Social Sciences & Humanities (VISH).

DR MD. WASIM AKHTAR

Junior Research Officer

Journal Article/s

- Akhtar, W., & Co-author. (2023, October). Redefining rural markets: The influence of digital media on consumer behavior in rural India. *International Journal of Science and Research Archive (IJSRA)*.
- Akhtar, W., & Co-author. (2023, October). An empirical study of comparison between rural & urban consumer behavior. *International Journal of Emerging Technologies and Innovative Research (JETIR)*, UGC Approved No. 63975, 7.95 Impact Factor.

Book Chapter/s

Akhtar, W. (2023). Inclusion of Muslim women through Shari'ah microfinance—A study of Hyderabad. In *Barre-e-Sagheer Hind Mein Muslim Khawateen ki Haisiyat*. Hyderabad: DTTLP, MANUU. ISBN: 978-93-95203-62-3.

Popular Press

- Akhtar, W. (2023, April 3). Hyderabad Haleem: Flavorful and a profitable business. *Rahnuma-E-Deccan Urdu Newspaper, Hyderabad*.
- Akhtar, W. (2023, May 1). Labour relations and management. *Sanmarg (सन्मार्ग) Hindi National Newspaper, Patna*.
- Akhtar, W. (2023, June 2). Telangana Foundation Day and economic development. *Rahnuma-E-Deccan Urdu Newspaper, Hyderabad*.
- Akhtar, W. (2023, August 14). Jang-e-Azadi ki samaji, shaqafati aur siyasi mutahriqat (Social, cultural, and political dynamics of the freedom struggle). *Qaumi Tanzeem, Patna*.

Awards & Honours

Akhtar, W. (2023, May 10). *Kafi Azmi National Award* for contributions in the field of academic and research, awarded at Viplavi Library, Godargawan, Begusarai, Bihar.

LANGA DOLMA SAMUEL

Junior Research Officer

Statistical Bulletin

- Samuel, L. D., Sajid, M., Vidyapogu, P., & Mishra, S. K. (2023, September). *Statistical bulletin on improved sanitation facility in the southern states of India* (CSD Statistical Bulletin No. 03). Council for Social Development (CSD).

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AUDITOR’S REPORT 2023–24

Independent Auditor's Report

Council for Social Development- Delhi

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, 2024, 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 the 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, 2024;
- b) in the case of the Statement of Income & Expenditure Account, of the surplus 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 southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad included in the financial statements of the council whose financial statements reflects total assets of Rs. 12,87,71,192 as at 31 March 2024 and total revenue of Rs.3,69,28,348 for the year ended as on that date, considered in the financial statements. 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.

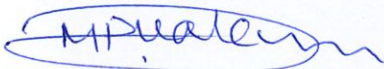


Report on other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

We further reported that:-

- 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 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 return received from 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: 26-09-2024

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COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT- DELHI

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2024

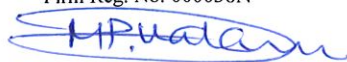
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	Schedule	As at 31-Mar-24	As at 31-Mar-23
LIABILITIES			
CORPUS FUND- HYDERABAD	1	10,42,27,042.31	10,00,03,172.31
RESEARCH CORPUS FUND- HYDERABAD	2	79,33,561.91	1,60,17,291.91
GENERAL FUND	3	3,62,49,076.37	4,63,75,148.74
FIXED ASSETS FUND	4A	64,99,853.01	71,75,999.01
UNUTILISED GRANTS	5	34,66,868.42	40,69,403.18
EARMARKED FUND	6A	1,11,90,796.00	1,01,70,700.27
CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS	6B	2,96,49,237.00	3,02,62,743.30
TOTAL		19,92,16,434.00	21,40,74,457.75
ASSETS			
FIXED ASSETS			
- Owned Fund	4B	1,68,43,042.97	1,66,93,842.97
Less: Depreciation		1,08,05,563.31	1,02,09,361.31
		60,37,479.66	64,84,481.66
- Grant Fund	4A	64,99,853.01	71,75,999.01
		1,25,37,332.67	1,36,60,480.67
INVESTMENTS	7		
- Corpus Fund (Hyderabad)		10,33,90,147.00	10,00,00,001.00
- Other Fund		5,59,08,899.09	5,57,17,381.59
		15,92,99,046.09	15,57,17,382.59
CURRENT ASSETS	8		
- Accrued Interest		31,85,327.56	24,08,376.00
- Receivables			
- Grants in Aid		65,03,237.11	59,41,207.62
- Others		3,92,673.44	4,02,790.34
- Cash & Bank Balances		1,21,62,302.44	3,21,58,374.89
LOANS & ADVANCES			
-Advances Recoverables		31,56,511.16	21,36,270.21
- Tax Deducted at Source (TDS)		19,80,002.71	16,49,575.43
TOTAL		19,92,16,434.00	21,40,74,458.57
Significant Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts	20		

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

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

(Amt in Rs.)

INCOME	Schedule	For the Year Ended 31-Mar-24			For the Year Ended 31-Mar-2023		
		General Account	Projects Grants Account	Total	General Account	Projects Grants Account	Total
REVENUE							
Grants in Aid	9	1,46,34,054.00	1,05,44,888.71	2,51,78,942.71	2,90,43,466.00	2,26,16,848.52	5,16,60,314.52
Interest Income	10	46,79,672.84	70,83,848.00	1,17,63,520.84	38,58,418.95	38,25,410.00	76,83,828.95
Rental Income	11	2,98,90,886.40	-	2,98,90,886.40	2,95,06,886.40	-	2,95,06,886.40
Contribution for Training and Workshop		7,000.00	-	7,000.00	2,56,495.00	-	2,56,495.00
Royalty		4,49,927.90	-	4,49,927.90	4,61,810.34	-	4,61,810.34
Miscellaneous Income	12	32,063.00	-	32,063.00	79,978.70	-	79,978.70
		4,96,93,604.14	1,76,28,736.71	6,73,22,340.85	6,32,07,055.39	2,64,42,258.52	8,96,49,313.91
EXPENDITURE							
Salaries, Allowances and Employee Benefits	13	4,35,39,279.00	64,84,627.00	5,00,23,906.00	3,62,98,693.00	1,34,83,266.35	4,97,81,959.35
Programme, Research & Publication Expense	14	1,11,54,873.70	1,16,71,844.46	2,28,26,718.16	1,10,48,019.00	1,27,89,359.08	2,38,37,378.08
Repair & Maintenance	15	4,47,480.00	-	4,47,480.00	5,90,172.00	-	5,90,172.00
Office Expenses and Hired Services	16	38,55,148.47	2,95,755.00	41,50,903.47	32,79,486.69	1,42,461.09	34,21,947.78
Rates & Taxes	17	65,44,981.00	-	65,44,981.00	65,06,581.00	-	65,06,581.00
Other Expenses	18	11,99,042.34	1,31,911.00	13,30,953.34	11,91,223.63	27,172.00	12,18,395.63
Depreciation	19	5,96,202.00	-	5,96,202.00	6,82,246.00	-	6,82,246.00
Fixed Assets Purchased from Core Grant		1,87,626.00	1,54,583.00	3,42,209.00	2,82,767.00		2,82,767.00
		6,75,24,632.51	1,87,38,720.46	8,62,63,352.97	5,98,79,188.32	2,64,42,258.52	8,63,21,446.84
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(1,78,31,028.37)	(11,09,983.75)	(1,89,41,012.12)	33,27,867.07	-	33,27,867.07
Amount appropriated to :							
- SRC Hyderabad							
- Transfer to Research and Development		80,83,730.00	7,31,209.75	88,14,939.75	43,60,270.89	-	43,60,270.89
- Deficit transfer to CSD, Delhi account							
- General Fund (Delhi)		(97,47,298.37)	(3,78,774.00)	(1,01,26,072.37)	(10,32,403.82)	-	(10,32,403.82)
TOTAL		4,96,93,604.14	1,76,28,736.71	6,73,22,340.85	5,88,46,784.50	2,64,42,258.52	8,96,49,313.91
Significant Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts	20						

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RECEIPT AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT OF CSD, DELHI FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

(Amt in Rs.)

RECEIPTS	Current Year		Previous Year	
Opening Cash and Bank Balances				
Cash in Hand	43,074.55		36,957.00	
Balance with Banks	32,115,300.34		33,631,075.48	
Fixed Deposits with Banks & LIC	83,417,382.59	115,575,757.48	77,107,869.27	110,775,901.75
Receipts				
Project Grants (Local)	9,529,156.00		5,406,122.00	
Project Grants (FCRA)	4,086,247.00		10,981,938.52	
Grant from ICSSR, Govt of Telengana, MGNREGS & SERP/ SVEP	13,535,200.00	27,150,603.00	30,096,656.00	46,484,716.52
Other Income				
Contribution for Training and Workshop	7,000.00		256,495.00	
Lease Rent	30,344,006.40		29,506,886.40	
Royalty	460,044.80		440,404.90	
Interest	10,256,392.51		7,577,548.00	
Interest on Income Tax Refund	78,026.00		71,027.00	
Interest on LIC Group Pension Scheme	635,175.84		517,448.95	
EMD - Assam Tenders	50,000.00		-	
Miscellaneous Receipt	32,063.00	41,862,708.55	79,978.70	38,449,788.95
Others				
Recovery of Imprest/ Staff Advance (net of advances during the year)	(102,245.00)		154,893.00	
GST on Rental Income	5,380,377.38		5,311,239.60	
GST - TDS Receipt	23,178.14		1,290,956.00	
PF Payable		-	101,250.00	
TDS Payable	8,642.00		5,019.00	
Advances - Projects (net)	-221591.48		33,618.00	
Return of EMD Deposit			100,000.00	
Security Deposits Refunded			10,508,000.00	
Maturity of Dated Securities-RBI	1,700,000.00		5,300,000.00	
Proceeds for Sale of Investments	9,996,203.10		18,577,347.00	
Fixed Deposits - RBI		16,784,564.14	44,764,526.00	86,146,848.60
TOTAL		201,373,633.17		281,857,255.82
PAYMENTS				
Salaries, Allowances and Remunerative Benefits	56,421,768.00		50,343,780.35	
Programme, Research & Publication	16,852,152.46		22,040,275.58	
Repair & Maintenance	617,913.00		548,788.00	
Office Expenses and Hired Services	4,727,871.47		3,952,149.85	
Rates & Taxes	6,544,981.00		6,536,381.00	
Other Expenses	1,015,053.34		907,375.63	
	86,179,739.27		84,328,750.41	
Add : Expenses Payable of Previous Year Paid	22,770,861.09		26,902,319.00	
Less: Opening Prepaid Expenses	251,147.00		46,718.00	
	108,699,453.36		111,184,351.41	
Less: Expenses Payable at the end of the year	24,834,964.00		31,577,146.68	
Less: LIC Gratuity Fund	281,663.50			
Add: Closing Prepaid Expenses	273,770.00	83,856,595.86	251,147.00	79,858,351.73
Fixed Deposits	10,000,000		22,878,444.00	
Less: Additional deposits during the year	9,854.00	9,990,146.00	4,301,097.00	18,577,347.00
	247,984.28		590,786.00	
Tax Deducted at Source - Current Year			53,000,000.00	
Purchase of Dated Securities			5,300,000.00	
Margin money deposit				

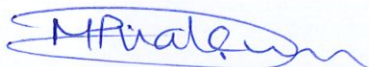


Capital Expenditure	358,409.00		319,332.00	
Advances - Projects (net)			59,265.27	
LIC Gratuity Insurance Scheme	281,663.50		2,454,568.32	
GST Paid	4,712,346.00		4,620,048.28	
GST Advance Deposit	760,320.00		714,378.14	
TDS of Earlier Year Paid	304,822.00		477,911.00	
PF of Earlier Year Paid			259,510.00	
EMD BIDS			50,000.00	
		6,665,544.78		67,845,799.01
<u>Closing Cash and Bank Balances</u>				
Cash in Hand	37,435.00		43,074.55	
Balances with Bank	12,124,866.93		32,115,300.34	
Fixed Deposits with Banks & LIC	88,699,046.09	100,861,348.02	83,417,382.59	115,575,757.48
TOTAL		201,373,633.17		281,857,255.82
Significant Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts (Schedule 20)				

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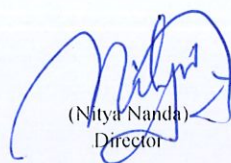


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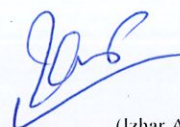
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Schedules forming part of the accounts for the year ended March 31, 2024

SCHEDULE-20: 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 with registration number having its registered office at 'Sangha Rachana', 53 Lodi Estate, New Delhi-110003. The accounts of Council Delhi office is maintained & prepared separately. The accounts of Southern Regional Center (SRC) at Hyderabad is maintained at Hyderabad and is audited by the branch auditor. 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.

The society is registered under section 12A (1) of The Income Tax Act, 1961 and the same has been last renewed vide URN. AAATC0705GE19753 dated 24.09.2022 for a period of five years from A.Y 2022-23 to A.Y 2026-27.

The society has also been granted an exemption under Section 80G (5) (vi) of The Income Tax Act, 1961 and the same has been last renewed vide URN AAATC0705GF20223 dated 24.09.2022 for a period of five years from A.Y 2022-23 to A.Y 2026-27.

The Society is also registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 1976 since 1976

bearing registration number 231650559 granted under section 6(1)(a) of the said act. The said FC Registration was last renewed for a period of five years with effect from 1/11/2016 vide letter No. 0300013032016 dated 15/10/2016. The Society Vide its application dated 7/04/2022 has applied for renewal of Registration under FC(R) Act 2010 and the same has been renewed by the GOI, MOHA, (FCRA wing) vide letter 0300002812022 dt. 17/03/2023 w.e.f. 1/04/2023 for five-year i.e. upto 31-03-2027.



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 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 is 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.



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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. **Employee Benefits Expense**

Employee benefits expense are recognized in the income and Expenditure Account for the year in which the employee has rendered services.

(a) (i) **Short term Employee Benefit**

Provident Fund

Employer's contribution to the Employee's Provident fund is expensed to Income & Expenditure Account and the amount of contribution is made to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner.

ii) **Defined Contribution Plan**

Employees of the society are entitled to receive benefit under The Provident Fund Act, which is a defined contribution plan.

The employer's contribution to Provident fund is recognized as an expense as per the applicable rate. Both the employer's & employees' contribution are made to the fund administered and managed by the Provident Fund Commissioner.

a) **Leave Encashment**

Provision for Leave encashment liabilities is made on accrual basis as per rules of the council and the same is represented partially by internally Earmarked investments in Fixed Deposits held with bank.



b) Gratuity

Provision for Gratuity liabilities for the employees of Delhi is made as per the rules of the Council under The Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972. Gratuity liability is funded through the Master Policy of "LIC's New Group Gratuity Cash Accumulation Plan" w.e.f. the valuation date (November 1, 2022). The Gratuity Liability is represented by Earmarked investments with Life Insurance Corporation of India and partly in FDRs held with Bank of India, New Delhi.

The Southern Regional Council, Hyderabad (SRC) has opted for the 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 the Policy and the LIC recommends the Premium for which the Gratuity Contribution made/ provided.

8. **Foreign Exchange Transactions**

Foreign Transactions are recorded on initial recognition in Rupees, which is the reporting currency, by applying the foreign currency amount at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of transaction.

9. **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. RBI CORPUS

During the F.Y 2023-24 Reserve Bank of India has given additional Corpus Rs.422.38 as per MOU/Agreement dt.13.03.2023 signed between Reserve bank of India, Mumbai and Council for Social Development, Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad thereby raising the total Corpus of 1000 Lakhs as at 31.03.2023 in the first phase from Rs.552.35 Lakhs(Including apportion Interest as per Last Mou/ Agreement) as on 31.03.2022 the agreement provides that the Corpus would be enhanced to Rs.1200 Lakhs in the second phase in due course.

The unutilized portion of interest earning on corpus fund Investment, if any, shall be ploughed back immediately after the year end with the Corpus Fund Account. Any Fund Ploughed back shall be invested in Securities as stipulated in the Agreement.

In view of the above, total corpus fund as on 31.03.2024 stood at Rs.10,42,27,042 (including Rs. 42,27,042 being surplus for the F.Y 2023-2024 as compared to Rs.10,00,03,172 including surplus of Rs. 3,172 at the end of Previous year. The breakup of investment head at the year end as per the RBI norms are stated at sch-7B.

2. Contingent Liabilities and Commitments

- (a) Contingent Liability with respect to taxes and duties etc is Rs NIL (P.Y Rs. NIL)
- (b) Capital Commitment less advances as on 31.03.2024 Rs. NIL (Rs. NIL as on 31.03.2023)

The Earmarked Fund against the gratuity liability as on 31-03-2024 is Rs1,11,90,796 (i.e., Rs.90,87,949 with LIC of India Rs.21,02,846.91 in Fixed Deposit with Bank of India, New Delhi



3. Income Tax Assessment Year 2021-22 (FY 2020-21)

There has been a demand of Rs.3,590 as per the CPC Intimation u/s 143(1) dt.27/10/2022 and CPC Rectification Order u/s 154 dt.15/03/2022 as well as mismatch of TDS resulting into withholding of TDS refund of Rs.10,48,788. Aggrieved by the said order, Council has filed appeal before CIT(A) u/s 246A on 29/12/2022 for which the Appellate Order has been in favour of the assessee. Accordingly Income Tax Officer (Exemption), Delhi has passed the order u/s 250/154 of the IT Act 1961 on 28/02/2024 for refund which has been received on 29/05/2024.

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

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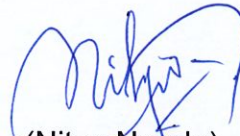
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