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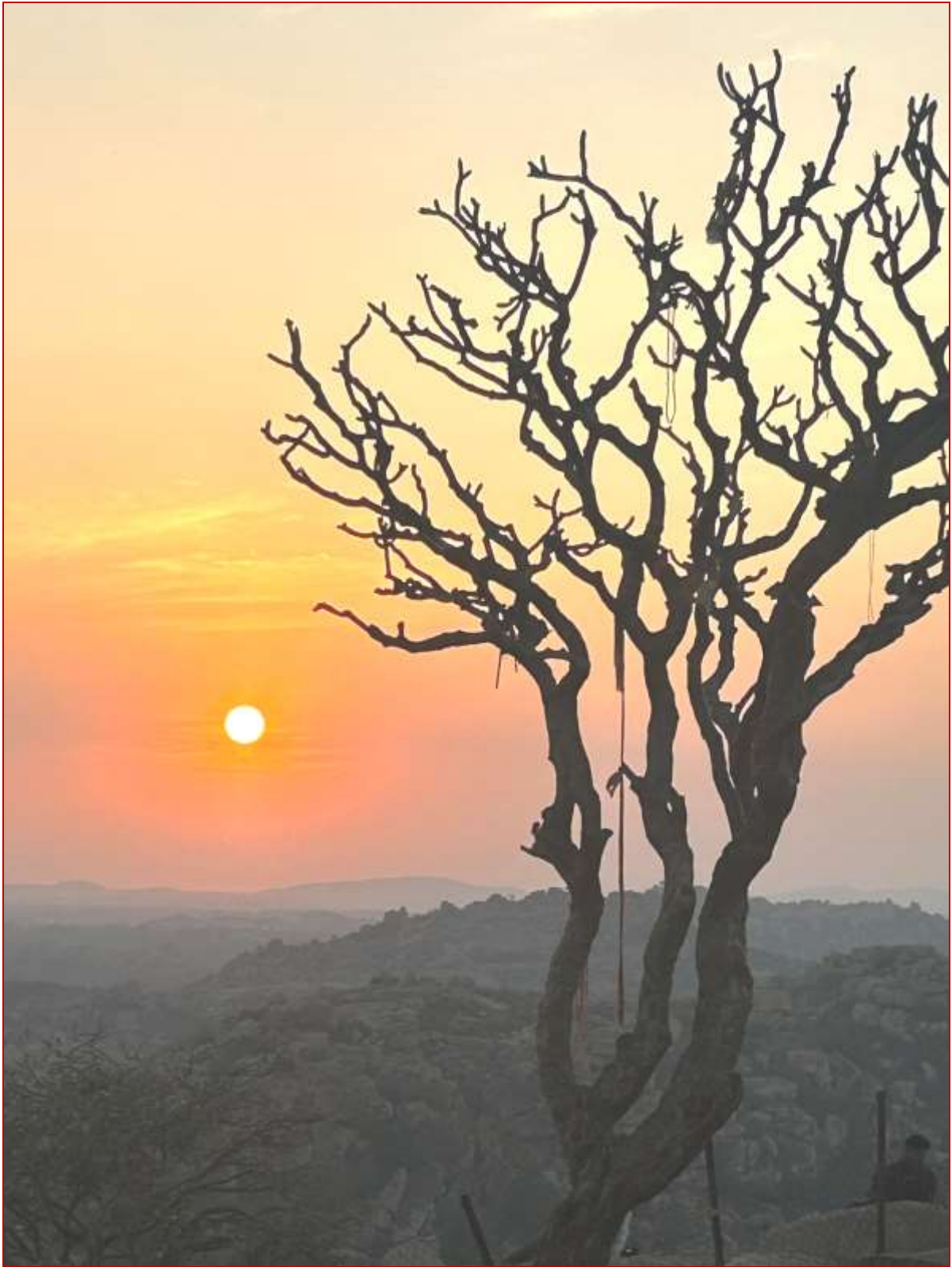
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ABOUT THE COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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

The year 2024-25 was a bit of challenging as we lost our President Prof. Muchkund Dubey in June 2024 which brought some uncertainty and its related consequences. After a few months however we got an able successor in Prof. K Srinath Reddy, an eminent public health expert. Despite such uncertainty over a few months, Council for Social Development (CSD) made significant progress in advancing social research and adding to policy development during the year 2023–2024. During the year we completed eight research projects – one in Delhi and seven at our Southern Regional Centre at Hyderabad. At the year ending, we had 16 research projects that were at different stages of being carried out.

The completed project in Delhi focussed on theme on ‘Enhancing Food Security for Women and Girls’, keeping our focus on women and girls. The completed projects in our SRC included the themes, ‘Sustainable Development Goals and Child Well-being in Telangana’, ‘Status of Informal Employment and Survival Strategies in Telangana and Odisha’, ‘Common Property Resources, Practices, Laws, and Challenges in Odisha & Madhya Pradesh’, and ‘Willingness to Pay for GI Tagged Products’, ‘Land Alienation Process in the Agency Region of Andhra Pradesh’, a data collection assignment for the India Human Development Survey-3 (IHDS-3), and “Women Safety Accelerator Fund and Return on Investment in the Tea Sector in Assam”.

The on-going studies at the end of the year in Delhi focussed on themes like land governance, access to education, climate mitigation and adaptation, gig economy, gender and included studies on ‘Land Governance in North-East States: Status and Impact of Policy Reforms and Regional Initiatives on Customary and Indigenous Laws (VI-th Schedule Areas): Assam’, ‘Equitable Education for a Viksit Bharat: Exploring School Dropout and Exclusion of Vulnerable Sections for Policy’, ‘Knowledge Management and Communication Activities in the Central Semi-Arid and Indian Coastal Region Landscapes’, ‘Evaluation of the Scheme for the Evaluation of the Implementation of PoA Act and NHAA’, ‘How to Increase Farmers’ Adoption of Water-Saving Technologies in Semi-Arid Northern India?’, ‘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.

At the end of the year, CSD SRC was engaged in several studies covering themes like girls’ education, extractive industry, employment, geographical indications, structural change in agriculture, welfare schemes of Telangana etc. The major on-going projects are: ‘Status of Women in India’s Extractive Industry’, ‘Girls’ Education and Functional Status of Toilets in

Telangana’, ‘Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Special Development Fund in Telangana’, ‘Youth Employment Dynamics and Educational Attainments in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and India’, ‘Rural Transformation: Structural Changes in Agriculture’, ‘Sustainable Livelihood and Resource Extraction: The Impact of Mining Activity in Odisha’, and ‘Establishing Inclusive and Integrated Systems for Promoting Geographical Indications (GI) tagged Rice Varieties in India’. The SRC is also engaged in preparing ‘Telangana Social Development Report 2026: Status of Health in Telangana’.

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 economist Prof. Prof. Madhura Swaminathan who talked on ‘The Agrarian Economy: Perceptions Versus Reality’, while the C. D. Deshmukh Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. R. Govinda, on the topic ‘Our Struggle for Ensuring Quality Education for All: Is Mass Education a Mirage?’. Another important event, the *Social Change* Annual Lecture, was delivered by Prof. Krishna Kumar, on the topic ‘Social Change as an Object of Educational Inquiry’ on March 5, 2025.

As we resumed our flagship publication with, ‘India: Social Development Report 2023’, after a gap as the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the publication of this report, we released the report on July 15, 2024 coinciding with the Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture. The next report in this series will come out in 2025 or 2026 work for which is already at an advanced stage. 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 which contribute to making lives of people better in partnership with our collaborators.

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 2024 to March 2025. While one key project was completed, work continued on six on-going projects.

CSD–Delhi

Agriculture and Rural Development

- The ongoing project **‘Land Governance in North-East States: Status and Impact of Policy Reforms and Regional Initiatives on Customary and Indigenous Laws (VI-th Schedule Areas): Assam’**, documents the status of land digitalization in the two types of land administration systems that exist in Assam: customary land and individual ownership based on codified and un-codified laws.

Gender/Marginalized Groups

- 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.
- The ongoing project **‘Evaluation of the Scheme for the Evaluation of the Implementation of PoA Act and NHAA’**, evaluating the implementation of the PoA Act with a particular focus on benefits under the Inter-caste marriages, relief amount to the atrocity victims, role of judiciary, police and SC-ST protection cells in the implementation of the Act and the efficacy of National Helpline against Atrocities

Health and Food Security

- A **completed project** under the aforementioned theme is **‘Enhancing Food Security for Women and Girls’**, which addressed malnutrition among women by advocating for a more diverse diet in the National Food Security Act. It suggested for inclusion of pulses, cooking oil, and dairy products in the Public Distribution System by August 2024.

Education

- The **on-going project, ‘Equitable Education for a Viksit Bharat: Exploring School Dropout and Exclusion of Vulnerable Sections for Policy’**, examines school dropout in India, exploring its causes among marginalized communities beyond household factors and aiming to develop strategies for reducing exclusion and ensuring equitable, quality education for all.

Environment and Climate Change

- 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. It would provide actionable insights for improving agricultural practices and resource management.
- The ongoing project **‘Knowledge Management and Communication Activities in the Central Semi-Arid and Indian Coastal Region Landscapes’**, aims to document, synthesize, and disseminate the environmental and livelihood impacts of 37 grassroots initiatives under the GEF-SGP in India. It seeks to promote knowledge sharing, highlight best practices, and strengthen learning across stakeholders through case studies, communication products, and capacity-building efforts.

CSD–SRC Hyderabad

The CSD-SRC Hyderabad completed seven projects during April 2023–March 2024, and has ten ongoing.

Agriculture and Rural Development

- The **ongoing project, ‘Willingness to Pay for GI Tagged Products in India: The Case of Select Products from South India’**, investigated consumer willingness to pay (WTP) for Geographical Indication (GI) products from South India. Focusing on Cherial Paintings from Telangana and Bandar Laddu from Andhra Pradesh, the study used experimental auction methods to gauge how much consumers value these products. The study indicates that willingness to pay varies from products to products and handicrafts command more value compared to food items.
- 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 data collection assignment for the **India Human Development Survey-3 (IHDS-3)**, is a **completed** project, sponsored by the National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER), which explored human development indicators such as education, gender, caste, poverty, infrastructure, immunisation, and community relations in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- 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.
- The ongoing project ‘**Establishing Inclusive and Integrated Systems for Promoting Geographical Indications (GI) tagged Rice Varieties in India: A Longitudinal Study of Innovations and Technological Advancements in building Resilience and Sustainability of Farming Communities**’ focuses on the economic, environmental, climatic, social and cultural analysis of factors involved in the cultivation of select GI tagged rice varieties in India spread across nine states representing North-South-East and Western parts of India.
- The ongoing study ‘**Rural Transformation: Structural Changes in Agriculture**’, is examining shift in activities with agricultural sector and how this transformation is impacting the incomes of the farmers.
- The ongoing study ‘**Sustainable Livelihood and Resource Extraction: The Impact of Mining Activity in Odisha**’, examines the effects of mining on livelihoods, land tenure, social relations, cultural heritage, health, public services, and economies from an anthropological perspective.

Health and Nutrition

- The **completed project**, ‘**Sustainable Development Goals and Child Well-being in Telangana**’, examined the intersection of health with other Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its impact on child well-being in Telangana. It explored 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.
- The **ongoing project** ‘**Telangana Social Development Report 2026: Status of Health in Telangana**’, aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of the health landscape in Telangana, focusing on the availability and quality of health facilities, the healthcare workforce, and access disparities between urban and rural areas.

Gender & Development

- 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. It aims to understand how mining affects women's lives and the social dynamics of these areas.

- The **completed 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 **ongoing 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. The study also aims to explore the need for behavioural change communication to enhance toilet usage and sanitation awareness.
- The **ongoing study, 'Impact and Effectiveness of One Stop Sakhi Centres in Telangana'**, evaluates the impacts these centres which aim to integrate a wide range of services under one roof, including legal aid, medical assistance, psychological counseling, and temporary shelter. It also aims to identify gaps in service delivery, and propose actionable recommendations for enhancing their operations and outreach.

Marginalised Communities

- The **completed project, 'Land and Tribes: A Critical Study of Land Alienation Process in the Agency Region of Andhra Pradesh'**, investigated 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 study proposed 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. The 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 'Youth Employment Dynamics and Educational Attainments in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and India'**, examines labour force and work participation, sectoral distribution, and educational status by gender, social group, and region. The preliminary finding is that youth labour force participation has declined, especially among rural female youth, and unemployment is rising due to a mismatch between skills and job opportunities.

Environment and Climate Change

- The **completed project, ‘Common Property Resources, Practices, Laws, and Challenges in Odisha & Madhya Pradesh’**, examined the sustainable management of Common Property Resources (CPRs) in these two states. The study assessed the status of CPRs, examined relevant laws, and analysed issues like depletion, encroachment, and accessibility. It also explored the role of CPRs in livelihoods and the convergence of rural development schemes and suggested legal reforms to strengthen community based governance.

Publications

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

CSD Delhi

Book

Satyagraha: A Global Force for the 21st Century, Edited by Manoranjan Mohanty and Mannika Chopra. New Delhi: Aakar Books. 2025.

Report

Implementation of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009: Where do we stand? – Status Report 2024, Editors: Poornima M, Ramandeep Kaur, Amrita Sastry, CSD: September 2024

Social Change Annual Lecture

7th Social Change Annual Lecture by Professor Krishna Kumar on *Social Change as an Object of Educational Inquiry* (March 5, 2025)

Lecture

Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture 2024: The Agrarian Economy: Perceptions Versus Reality, by Prof. Madhura Swaminathan, July 15, 2024

India Social Development Report 2023

India Social Development Report 2023: Women's Contribution in the Economy/ Compiled by Indira Hirway

CSD–SRC Hyderabad

- “*Public Policy and Measurement Counting What Counts*” by Srijit Mishra, Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, Invited Lecture Series: 5/2024
- *Telangana Social Development Report 2024: Child Health and Wellbeing* by Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra, Dr. Pullanna Vidyapogu, Ms. Langa Dolma Samuel and Mr. Mohammad Sajid.
- “*Shrinking Commons for Small-Scale Fishers: Reflections from the Karnataka Coast*” by Amalendu Jyotishi, Professor, School of Development, Azim Premji University, Bangalore, Invited Lecture Series 3/2024.
- “*Non-Vegetarian Histories of Agriculture*” by Barbara Harriss-White, Emeritus Professor & Fellow, Wolfson College, Oxford University, Visiting Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Research Fellow, Max Weber Forum, New Delhi, India, Invited Lecture Series 4/2024.

CSD Journals: Social Change published two issues and Samajik Vimarsh published two issues during the year.

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.

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—

- **National Seminar On “Out-of-School Children: Bringing them Back to School** (Sponsored by ICSSR), 25 February 2025
- **Union Budget 2025-26 Discussion**, February 20, 2025
- **Book Launch and Panel Discussion on The Routledge Companion to Primary Education in India: From Compulsion to Fundamental Right**, August 2, 2024
- **Agriculture through the Lens of Small and Marginal Farmers: Challenges and Pathways** (Sponsored by ICSSR), 15-16 July, 2024
- **Bandung Day Symposium**, 24 April, 2024
- **National Summit on the Implementation of the RTE Act**, April 1, 2024

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—

- Beyond Sri Lanka Debt Default: Policies for Inclusive Growth and Leveraging Trade with India
- How to Increase Farmers' Adoption of Water Saving Technologies in Semi-arid Northern India? An Exploration through Agent Based Modelling
- 'Third World Woman', Feminism and Empire
- Global ecological crisis: exploring the eco-socialist perspective.
- Shrinking govt. jobs and trivialising reservation: what does data tell us?
- Transgender Rights in India.
- Food deprivation among undernourished women in India: Findings from a household survey in rural India.

CSD–SRC organised the following lectures—

- In addition to the above, the CSD–SRC Hyderabad organised the following workshops, proposed a special panel, and held a conference in collaboration—
- **Five Days workshop on Academic Writing Workshop for Research Scholars in Social Sciences (Sponsored by ICSSR), December 16-20, 2024.**
- **A one-day workshop titled Political Geography and Structural Change: Status of Women in the Indian Extractive Industry (Sponsored by Institute of Eminence, University of Hyderabad), 20 December 2024**
- **A one-day workshop on Political Geography and Structural Change: Status of Women in the Indian Extractive Industry (Sponsored by Institute of Eminence, University of Hyderabad), January 13, 2025 held at Centre for Integrated Rural and Tribal Development, Sundargarh, Odisha.**
- **National Workshop on Open Economy Macroeconomics in Emerging Market Economies (EMEs), January 21-24, 2025**
- **Researching Everyday Lives – A Ten Day National Workshop on Qualitative Research (Sponsored by ICSSR), March 10-19, 2025**

- **Panel Discussion on Publishing in a Journal: Editors' Point of View**, 18 December 2024.
- **Panel Discussion on Violence Against Women**, 20 December 2025.
- **Book Discussion on "Obtuse Angle: A bureaucrat's journey through cartoons" by B.P. Acharya, IAS (Retd.)**, 11 March 2025.

Invited Lectures

- "Tribes of Central India: In Between Culture, State and Market" by Professor S.N. Chaudhary, Tagore Fellow at Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi, 13th March 2025.
- "Open Economy Macroeconomics: An Evolutionary Perspective" by Professor Deba Prasad Rath, RBI Chair Professor, Council for Social Development, Hyderabad, 21 January 2025.
- "Agro- Pessimism, Bypassed Agrarian Transition and Poverty: Poverty Targetting and Its Various Approaches" by Dr. Ramya Ranjan Patel, Associate Professor, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 13th January 2025 (online).
- "Public Policy and Measurement: Counting What Counts" By Professor Srijit Mishra. Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai, 10 July 2024.

Research Methodology Course

Two research methodology courses were conducted, one at Delhi and one at Hyderabad as below:

- **Research Methodology Programme on Qualitative Methods in Social Sciences: Ethnography, Narratives and Social Stories jointly organized with GB Pant Social Science Institute (GBPSSI), Sponsored by ICSSR**, 20-31 August 2024
- **Research Methodology Course for Ph.D Scholars in Social Sciences, Sponsored by ICSSR**, July 2-12, 2024

Special/Memorial Lectures

- The Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture 2024 was delivered by Prof. Madhura Swaminathan, 15th July, 2024. The title of the lecture was ***“The Agrarian Economy: Perceptions Versus Reality”***
- The C. D. Deshmukh Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. R. Govinda, on the topic **‘Our Struggle for Ensuring Quality Education for All: Is Mass Education a Mirage?’**, 17 December 2024.
- The Social Change Annual Lecture, was delivered by Prof. Krishna Kumar, on the topic **‘Social Change as an Object of Educational Inquiry’**, March 5, 2025

Faculty Publications

CSD Delhi Faculty members published four books, seven book chapters, nine journal articles, nine book reviews and 2 media articles. Similarly faculty members at SRC published five book chapters, six journal articles, one book review and eleven media articles. Many of our faculty members have functioned as members of different government committees and executive council and other committees of reputed institutes.

Project Activities/Research



RESEARCH

CSD, Delhi

During the reporting period, April 2024 to March 2025, CSD (Delhi) has completed one project and six projects are on-going. The completed projects focussed on aspects of food security. The on-going projects are dealing with issues of agriculture and rural development, education, environment and climate change, gender and marginalised communities.

Completed Projects:

Health and Food Security

1. Title of the Research Project: Enhancing Food Security for women and girls

Sponsoring Agency: Collective Good Foundation

Project Director: Dr Sourindra Mohan Ghosh

Associated Academic Staff: Dr. Dhiman Debsarma, Ms. Ramandeep Kaur, Mr. Gitesh Sinha

Project Duration: 1 year 1 month

Date of Project Completion: 30 September 2024

The project aimed to examine the link between food consumption and nutritional status among women and girls. This objective of the project sought to highlight the importance of diversified diet for women's nutrition security. It deliberates on whether the National Food Security Act, 2013, can be amended to provide also pulses, cooking oil, and packaged milk or eggs. Primary household survey along with literature survey and analysis of secondary data, and dissemination of research findings to bring about effective policy change.

Key Findings are large proportion of women are suffering from multiple nutrient deprivation and have poor nutritional status (low height, weight, etc.), women across the spectrum are consuming low quality diet as well, consuming very little pulses, fruits, milk products and other animal products, women with under nutrition as compared to those with healthy status (vis-à-vis anthropometric measures) are consuming very low quantities of foods, particularly cereals, pulses, vegetables, and animal products such as fish and meat and PDS have shown to improve food consumption. Its recommended to diversify PDS basket beyond cereals.

An Social Development Forum (SDF) presentation and a roundtable in India International Centre was organized. National and international (in hybrid mode) participants joined in the SDF programme.

On-going Projects:

Agriculture and Rural Development

1. **Title: ‘Land Governance in North-East States: Status and Impact of Policy Reforms and Regional Initiatives on Customary and Indigenous Laws (VI-th Schedule Areas): Assam’**

Sponsoring Agency: BN Yugandhar Centre for Rural Studies Lal Bahadur Shastri National Administrative Academy, Mussourie

Project Director: Dr. Ankita Goyal

Associated Academic Staff: Ms. Jaya Lekshmi Nair, Mr. Gitesh Sinha

Project Duration: 6 Months

Expected Date of Project Completion: May 2025

The project documents the status of land digitalization in the two types of land administration systems that exist in Assam: customary land and individual ownership based on codified and un-codified laws.

The objective is to understand the issues of implementing and status of land records modernization programme and other new initiative taken by the Govt. of India. It aims to explore the challenges of land record modernization in areas including ADC and tribal-hilly areas, conflicts between various institutions/ laws/ practices, identify gaps and and suggest the way forward.

The study involves primary survey in six districts of Assam, namely, Kokrajhar, Karbi Anglong East, Dima Hasao, Sonitpur, Dibrugarh and Cachar, comprising a household sample size of 600 as well as secondary data collection and analysis along with a thorough desk research regarding the functioning of land governance in the ADC and non-ADC areas in the state of Assam. The primary survey includes qualitative as well as quantitative data collection, adopting a ‘*top to bottom*’ approach which will include data collection from the state department right up to the household level.

Education

2. **Title: Equitable Education for a Viksit Bharat: Exploring School Dropout and Exclusion of Vulnerable Sections for Policy**

Sponsoring Agency: ICSSR

Project Director: Prof. Ashok Pankaj, Dr. Poornima.M, Dr. Senthamizh Kanal, Dr. Amrita Sastry

Associated Academic Staff: Ms. Ramandeep Kaur, Ms. Jaya Lekshmi Nair, Mr. Gitesh Sinha

Project Duration: 12 Months

Expected Date of Project Completion: 09/09/2025

Project examines school dropout in India, exploring its causes among marginalized communities beyond household factors and aiming to develop strategies for reducing exclusion and ensuring equitable, quality education for all.

This study examines dropout trends among marginalized groups-particularly girls, SC, and ST children across five states. It aims to identify socio-economic causes, assess state-wise variations, evaluate policy effectiveness, and offer evidence-based recommendations to reduce dropout, promote inclusive education, and support national goals like NEP 2020, SDGs, and Viksit Bharat.



The study uses a mixed-methods approach across five selected Indian states, with a sample size of 1,200 participants, focusing on dropout trends among marginalized groups-particularly girls, SC, and ST children. It combines secondary data analysis with qualitative methods, including interviews and focus group discussions with students, parents, teachers, and policymakers. The study explores socio-economic causes such as poverty, gender disparities, caste discrimination, and access to quality education. It also aims to assess policy effectiveness, drawing evidence-based narratives, which can be used for replicable recommendations aligned with NEP 2020, SDGs, and the vision of *Viksit Bharat*.

Environment and Climate Change

3. Title: Knowledge Management and Communication Activities in the Central Semi-Arid and Indian Coastal Region Landscapes

Sponsoring Agency: TERI-UNDP

Project Director: Dr. Susmita Mitra

Associated Academic Staff: Prof. Nitya Nanda (Advisor), Dr. Dhiman Debsarma, Dr. Sourindra Mohan Ghosh, Dr. Jayanti Saha, Ms. Jaya Lekshmi Nair, Mr. Gitesh Sinha

Project Duration: 20 months

Expected Date of Project Completion: September 2026

Funded by UNDP, monitored by MoEFCC, and implemented by TERI, the GEF-SGP supports grassroots projects across India. CSD leads knowledge management and impact promotion of 37 such initiatives.

The project aims to document, synthesize, and disseminate the environmental and livelihood impacts of 37 grassroots initiatives under the GEF-SGP in India. It seeks to promote knowledge sharing, highlight best practices, and strengthen learning across stakeholders through case studies, communication products, and capacity-building efforts led by CSD.

The project adopts a mixed-methods approach combining qualitative and quantitative techniques. Primary data is collected through field visits, interviews, focus group discussions, and structured questionnaires across 37 grassroots projects. Secondary data, including project reports and monitoring documents, are reviewed to validate findings. Case studies are developed to highlight innovations, impacts, and replicable practices. Knowledge products such as policy briefs, photo stories, and videos are created for wider dissemination. Capacity-building workshops and stakeholder consultations are conducted to foster learning and dialogue. The methodology emphasizes participatory documentation, local engagement, and contextual analysis to ensure credible, comprehensive, and policy-relevant knowledge generation.

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

Sponsoring Agency: ICSSR

Project Director: Dr. Susmita Mitra

Associated Academic Staff: Dr. Sudipta Kumar Mishra (G D Goenka University), Dr. Pradeep K Mehta (Amity University), Dr. Dhiman Debsarma (Research Associate), Mr. Gitesh Sinha

Project Duration: 12 months

Expected Date of Project Completion: May 2025

Water scarcity, worsened by climate change, threatens agriculture and food security. This study explores socio-economic and institutional factors influencing water-saving technology adoption in northern India, addressing a key research gap.

The study objectives are to explore determinants of water-saving technologies: socioeconomic, spatial, social networking, and institutional factors, knowledge and attitude of farmers towards water-saving technologies and practices of adopting farmers, the productivity and cost efficiency of water-saving technologies and 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) to be estimated to explore productivity and cost efficiency of water saving technologies. Through agent-based model we will try to explore, out of the non-adopters farmers at present, how many are the potential adopter.

Gender and Marginalised Communities

5. Title: Evaluation of the Scheme for the Evaluation of the Implementation of PoA Act and NHAA

Sponsoring Agency: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Project Director: Prof. Nitya Nanda

Team Leader: Dr. Akhil Alha

Co-Team Leaders/ Research Team: Dr. Susmita Mitra, Dr. Sourindra Mohan Ghosh, Mr. Gitesh Sinha

Consultants/ Research Associates: Ms. Anuradha Singh, Mr. Dhiraj Singha

Project Duration: Twelve Months (Originally 3 months, three extensions of three months each has been granted by the MSJE).

Expected Date of Project Completion: May 2025

PoA Act is targeted at mitigating caste-based atrocities against SCs and STs. The study attempts to examine the implementation of the Act and the challenges faced by the atrocity victims in seeking justice under the Act, and those faced by the government agencies in implementing the Act.

The objective is to explore the implementation of the PoA Act with a particular focus on benefits under the Inter-caste marriages, relief amount to the atrocity victims, role of judiciary, police and SC-ST protection cells in the implementation of the Act and the efficacy of National Helpline against Atrocities

The study adopted field survey-based approach in 22 States/ union territories

6. Title: Contextualizing the Role of Caste and Gender in Influencing Employment and Earning Outcomes in the Gig Economy In India

Sponsoring Agency: ICSSR

Project Director: Dr. Akhil Alha

Associated Academic Staff: Dr. Nancy Yadav (May- December 16, 2024)

Project Duration: Twenty Four Months

Expected Date of Project Completion: January 15, 2026

Caste and gender are known to have significant impact on outcomes in the Indian labour market. However, in the gig economy, it is algorithms which allocate work. Does this lead to obfuscation of caste and gender identities in defining outcomes.

The project aims to examine the role of caste and gender in the gig economy in regard to the quality of work and the level of earnings.

Field survey-based approach in four Indian cities (Jaipur, Delhi, Bengaluru and Hyderabad); mixed methodology approach adopted in the study.



CSD Hyderabad

During the reporting period, April 2024 to March 2025, CSD (Hyderabad) has completed Seven projects and Ten projects are on-going. These projects are on themes like, gender and development, agriculture and rural development, environment and climate change, marginalised communities, health and nutrition, and employment.

Completed Projects:

Gender and Development

- 1. Title: A Study of Womens' 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, Prof. K S Sujit, Dr. Soumya Vinayan
Mr. D. Sunder Raj, Dr. Pullanna Vidyapogu Dr. Mohd. Wasim Akhtar

Project Duration: Twelve Months

Date of Project Completion: June, 2024

This study examined the economic impact of gender-based violence (GBV) in Assam's tea estates and assessed the return on investment (ROI) of the Women's Safety Accelerator Fund (WSAF). Launched by IDH and Unilever in 2020, WSAF aimed to support GBV prevention and response mechanisms across tea-producing regions in India. The study covered 15 tea estates in four districts of Assam—Nagaon, Golaghat, Dibrugarh, and Tinsukia—and engaged 750 women workers through surveys, interviews, FGDs, and case studies.

The findings revealed a high prevalence of GBV, with nearly 50% of women reporting incidents, primarily verbal and psychological abuse occurring at home. GBV was found to be strongly correlated with worker absenteeism, productivity loss, and wage reduction. Structural equation modelling showed that GBV increased both tangible costs (lost wages, healthcare expenses) and intangible costs (impact on children's education, psychological trauma). The study also found that external support systems—such as counselling, NGO interventions, and management assistance—significantly mitigated these losses, enabling up to 71% recovery of GBV-related productivity decline.

Key policy recommendations included establishing confidential reporting mechanisms, providing counselling and paid leave for survivors, improving management training, and building partnerships with local organizations. Overall, the study underscored that

addressing GBV is not only a moral imperative but also an economic necessity, directly influencing labour efficiency and business sustainability in Assam's tea sector.

Agriculture and Rural Development

2. Title: 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: Six Months

Date of Project Completion: June 2024

The *India Human Development Survey (IHDS)*, an initiative of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), focused on understanding socio-economic changes within selected Indian families. By designing a panel dataset, the survey sought to examine shifts in household lives and capture the dynamics of rapid socio-economic transition. The primary objective was to analyse socio-economic transformation in India over time and establish the first large-scale nationwide panel for Indian households.

Field survey, covering 3,229 households from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, indicated that a large proportion of these households had changed their locations, which would make tracking them in subsequent rounds challenging. This highlighted the need for revising or reselecting the panel households for future phases of the survey.

As part of the data collection process, CSD, with support from NCAER, organised a 21-day training programme at CSD, Hyderabad. The programme trained 55 unemployed rural youth—both male and female—including postgraduate social science students and research scholars, on IHDS indicators and the use of computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) tools.

3. Title: 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, Ms. Kalpana Kolli

Project Duration: Eighteen Months

Date of Project Completion: February 2025

The study examined the vulnerabilities faced by informal sector workers who, despite working year-round, lacked social security and protection from economic shocks. The research analysed two types of informal livelihoods and the role of worker mobilization through three case studies across Telangana and Odisha: (i) beach livelihood earners in Odisha, (ii) Dalit drum beaters in Telangana and Odisha, and (iii) background dancers in Telangana's Tollywood industry.

Using a multi-pronged methodology—primary field surveys, secondary data, and focus group discussions—the study explored the dynamics of informal collectives and their negotiation capacity. Findings revealed that these workers operated within precarious, culturally marginalized spaces with little institutional protection. Drum-beating communities faced severe stigma and declining youth participation, beach vendors sustained seasonal livelihoods with minimal security, and film dancers encountered ageism, unstable incomes, and lack of benefits.

Key recommendations included targeted skill development, access to microfinance, health and pension benefits, legal awareness, and formal registration mechanisms. Strengthening collective action and institutional support was identified as essential to enhancing the dignity, security, and sustainability of these livelihoods.

4. Title: 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: Nine months

Date of Project Completion: February 2025

The study used experimental auction method to estimate the WTP in two products from the states of Telangana (Cheriyal Paintings) and Andhra Pradesh (Bandar Laddu) which are registered as geographical indication wherein the origin of the product is the key driver behind consumer preference. Findings of the study revealed that several layers of

consumers' willingness to pay: variations between sweets and handicrafts, between those with GI information and those without; between different labels – standard, with origin, with origin and GI info, with origin, GI info and GI logo. It was clearly evident that the WTP was more for handicrafts than sweets; when provided with GI information, the gap widened; while across labels, the WTP for both products showed increased premiums as labels indicated additional information. Between groups with and without GI information, mean differences were calculated: for Cheriya painting it ranged from Rs. 29 (standard label) to Rs. 43 (origin label) to Rs. 49 for (origin with GI label) to Rs. 105 (origin with GI and logo label). For Bandar Laddu, the differences were Rs. 18 for standard label, Rs. 25 for origin label, Rs. 45 for label with origin and GI and Rs. 44 for with origin, GI and logo. Regression analysis too indicated that occupation (employed), providing GI information, display of labels with GI logo as a marker of authenticity had a positive relationship with WTP for both products. In case of laddu too tasting was significant too.

Environment and Climate Change

5. Title: 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

Project Duration: Five Months

Date of Project Completion: November 2024

The study aimed to understand the utilization, governance, and practical challenges of CPRs in Odisha, with a particular focus on community practices, governance mechanisms, and sustainability issues in Sundargarh and Ganjam districts.

Common Property Resources play a vital role in sustaining rural livelihoods, fostering environmental conservation, and enhancing community welfare. However, the study found that their effective use was often undermined by unlawful possession, legal ambiguities, and administrative shortcomings. It examined the various types of CPRs present in the selected villages, their allocation patterns, and the challenges related to encroachments, legal frameworks, and sustainable management practices.

The research highlighted the distinctive socio-economic, demographic, and environmental dynamics of these regions, which are heavily dependent on agricultural and forest resources. The study concluded by emphasizing the urgent need for sustainable management strategies and legal reforms to strengthen community-based governance and safeguard rural livelihoods dependent on CPRs.

Marginalised Communities

6. Title: 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

Project Duration: Twenty Four Months

Date of Project Completion: January 2025

In order to protect the interests of the Scheduled Tribes with regard to land alienation and other social factors, provisions of “Fifth Schedule” and “Sixth Schedule” have been enshrined in the Constitution. As a welfare measure, Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Areas Land Transfer Regulation 1969 and Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Areas Debt Relief Regulation II of 1960 and I of 1970 Acts have been enacted in order to protect the rights of tribal. Despite of these, a large extent of agricultural land is eroded by both government and the landlords of non-tribes.

The tribes lost their land ownership rights either by failing land mortgage agreement or failed to repay the loan amount; the entire land is occupied by the non-tribe. Key factors for not occupying the disputed lands are political influence and financial ability are the two significant elements that are always available with the non-tribal community. Government initiation of land-to-land mechanism under R & R package has not given expected results. No decision has been taken so far in order to disseminate package amount to the eligible beneficiaries. “House value benefit” is another important benefit under which no household is benefited under R & R package.

Health and Nutrition

7. Title: 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 Ms. Langa Dolma Samuel, Mr. Mohammad Sajid,

Project Duration: Twenty One Months

Date of Project Completion: March 2025

The study examined the interlinkages between health and other Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly those related to child well-being (Goals 2, 3, 5, and 6) in Telangana. Using secondary data from the Census and NFHS-5, along with empirical data

from nine districts, the research assessed health-related indicators and policy interventions. Telangana performed better than the national and South Indian averages on several SDG health indicators. Progress was notable in access to drinking water and sanitation, driven by state initiatives such as Mission Bhagiratha and Swachh Bharat.

Maternal health indicators, however, reflected persistent socio-cultural barriers such as early marriage and low education. Institutional births and skilled birth attendance showed positive outcomes through schemes like KCR Kit and Arogya Lakshmi. Nutrition indicators presented negative trends, linked to economic and cultural factors despite targeted programmes.

Policy recommendations emphasized strengthening infrastructure, ensuring equitable access, empowering women through health education and social protection, improving nutrition through locally adapted diets, and enhancing monitoring mechanisms. The study highlighted the need for integrated, context-specific strategies to sustain progress on child health and related SDGs in Telangana.

Ongoing Projects

Gender and Development

1. Title: 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: 36 Months

Expected Date of Project Completion: December 2025

This ongoing project examines the political geography of extractive industries and their implications for women in mineral-rich regions of India. While mining contributes significantly to the Indian economy—not only through direct output but also by supporting it also generates substantial externalities, including environmental degradation, conflict, and social disruptions. A critical gap in existing research is the limited focus on how natural resource extraction affects women's lives in local communities. This study specifically explores the relationship between resource extraction and gendered impacts, with a focus on the Basundhara mining site of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited in Sundargarh district, Odisha.

The objectives are to understand how mining shapes women's lives and to analyse the social construction of mining spaces and the abrupt societal changes they trigger. The

research employs a multi-pronged methodology, including in-depth interviews with women across age groups, primary field surveys, secondary data analysis, and focus group discussions.

2. Title: Gender Inclusive Infrastructures in Schools and Educational Outcomes among Girls in Telangana

Sponsoring Agency: ICSSR, New Delhi under OH-31 grant and Department of Planning, Government of Telangana

Project Director: Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra

Co-Project Director: Dr. Soumya Vinayan

Associated Academic Staff: Mr. D. Sunder Raj, Mr. D. Sammaiah, Mr. B. Srinivasa Reddy

Project Duration: Twelve Months

Expected Date of Project Completion: November 2025

This study examines the impact of lack of access to sanitation in terms of availability of functional toilets and safe drinking in schools on educational outcomes of girls with specific focus on Telangana. It focuses on understanding the status of infrastructural facilities—such as water, sanitation, and hygiene—in girls’ and co-educational schools across Telangana. It assesses the functionality of toilets, with a particular focus on girls’ toilets, and analyses the consequences of non-functional sanitation facilities on girls’ enrolment, attendance, dropout rates, and health outcomes. Furthermore, the study seeks to map and evaluate existing interventions aimed at strengthening infrastructural and learning facilities, with an emphasis on improving water, sanitation, hygiene, enrolment, and overall educational experiences for girl students.

3. Title: Impact and Effectiveness of One Stop Sakhi Centres in Telangana: A Study

Sponsoring Agency: Department of Planning, Government of Telangana

Project Director: Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra

Associated Academic Staff: Mr. D. Sunder Raj, Mr. B. Srinivasa Reddy, Mr. D. Sammaiah

Project Duration: Twelve Months

Expected Date of Project Completion: February 2026

One Stop Sakhi Centres (OSSC) were established as a pivotal initiative under the Ministry of Women and Child Development to provide comprehensive support to women affected by violence. These centres aim to integrate a wide range of services under one roof, including legal aid, medical assistance, psychological counseling, and temporary shelter.

In Telangana, OSSCs have been operational for several years, playing a crucial role in addressing gender-based violence. These centres cater to diverse cases, ranging from domestic violence and sexual harassment to trafficking and dowry-related abuses. This study aims to evaluate the impact of OSSCs in Telangana, identify gaps in service delivery, and

propose actionable recommendations for enhancing their operations and outreach based on the following broad objectives a) To assess the utilization and accessibility of OSSCs in Telangana: Understanding how well these centres serve women across urban, semi-urban, and rural areas and b) To identify barriers faced by women in accessing these services: Exploring challenges such as social stigma, lack of awareness, and infrastructural limitations.

Marginalised Communities

4. Title: 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: Twenty Four Months

Expected Date of Project Completion: December 2025

The study examines the development paradigms of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Special Development Fund in Telangana, focusing on the effectiveness of existing strategies and approaches. Its key objectives are to assess whether programmes address community needs, identify institutional challenges, understand socio-economic aspirations, and analyze the gap between people's expectations and government interventions through the special fund. Using a process evaluation framework, the study employs standard social science research methods, including case studies, semi-structured interviews, and focused group discussions with both community members and officials at the district level. Progress so far includes completing secondary data collection on fund allocation and expenditure, revising research tools based on pilot findings, and refining the methodology for deeper analysis to evaluate the impact and responsiveness of development programmes for SCs and STs in Telangana.

Agriculture and Rural Development

5. A Policy Brief: People's Perceptions on Telangana Welfare Schemes

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: Twenty Four Months

Expected Date of Project Completion: October 2025

In a democracy, the legitimacy of governance relies on the effective delivery of welfare policies and fulfillment of electoral promises. Citizens' perceptions—shaped by fairness, accessibility, communication, and institutional trust—play a vital role in evaluating governmental performance and sustaining democratic accountability. Telangana, since its formation in 2014, has experienced two distinct policy regimes. The first government promoted welfare-driven growth under the slogan “Bangaru Telangana,” while the subsequent administration, post-December 2023, launched the “Praja Paalana” initiative emphasizing transparency, accountability, and citizen-centric governance.

The study aims to assess public perceptions of welfare programmes, their usefulness, and the challenges in their implementation. Using a descriptive research design, it gathers insights from 1,201 respondents across 232 villages in 14 mandals spanning four districts—Bhadradi Kothagudem, Nagarkurnool, Nalgonda, and Narayanpet. Data collection involved interviews and field observations to capture people's experiences and sentiments regarding 20 key welfare programmes—10 from each regime. Thematic analysis was used to identify effectiveness, challenges, and policy implications. The study also offers policy recommendations based on household-level data and field evidence. Data collection and analysis have been completed, and the draft report is under preparation, with a working paper scheduled for release by October 2025.

6. Title: Establishing Inclusive and Integrated Systems for Promoting Geographical Indications (GI) tagged Rice Varieties in India: A Longitudinal Study of Innovations and Technological Advancements in building Resilience and Sustainability of Farming Communities

Sponsoring Agency: ICSSR, New Delhi

Project Coordinator: Dr. Soumya Vinayan

Project Directors: Prof. N Lalitha (Retd, GIDR, Ahmedabad), Prof. P K Vishwanathan (Amrita School of Business Management, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Kollam), Prof N Padmavathi (IIT, Kharagpur), Dr Vishnu C Rajan (IIT, Tirupati)

Associated Academic Staff: Parnika Saha

Project Duration: Sixty Months (5 Years)

Expected Date of Project Completion: August 2029

This study focuses on the economic, environmental, climatic, social and cultural analysis of factors involved in the cultivation of select GI tagged rice varieties in India spread across nine states representing North-South-East and Western parts of India. The important aim of the study is to undertake a holistic impact assessment of cultivation of GI rice varieties in enhancing livelihoods and income generation, costs of cultivation, challenges in the use of GI tag, the institutional mechanisms for governance to authenticate and trace quality parameters along the value chain through a longitudinal survey of a panel of farmers (and other stakeholders in the value chain of these rice varieties) either engaged or not engaged in cultivation of these varieties. Due to lack of a

database to undertake such cohort surveys, in the first phase, exploratory preliminary visits covering 23 GI tagged non-Basmati rice varieties spread across nine states – Kerala (6), West Bengal (3), Maharashtra (3), Assam (3), Uttar Pradesh (2), Bihar (2), Chhattisgarh (2), Madhya Pradesh (1) and Odisha (1) are underway. The primary objective is to identify the rice varieties for baseline study



through understanding the status of cultivation of these rice varieties in terms of area, production, number of farmers and other stakeholders in the value chain, governmental interventions especially the role of state level agricultural departments, universities, extension service officials, community-based organisations, producer organisations and the impacts of GI tag use, if any.

7. Title: Rural Transformation: Structural Changes in Agriculture

Sponsoring Agency: Department of Planning, Government of Telangana

Project Director: Dr. P. Raghupathi

Project Duration: Ten Months

Expected Date of Project Completion: March 2026

Agriculture is the backbone of Telangana's economy, supporting the livelihoods of nearly 55 per cent of the state's population. Within the agriculture sector three different dimensions namely field crops, vegetables and fruits and livestock are predominately dominating farmers' economic development. Cultivators who solely depend on field crops appears to have experienced with low and less or loss of income and majority of them appeared to be fall in the same trap as well. Changing dynamics of field crops, livestock and fruits and vegetables play a significant role at grassroots level in order to assessing the farmers' income improvement levels.

Such dynamism will slowly lead to change of farmers' psychology of choosing the multiple agricultural occupations simultaneously. This emerging phenomenon giving rise to change the existing agriculture sector's income structure which ultimately led to the enhancing farmers' income on the one hand and few farmers' income has also been stagnant on the other.

8. Title: Sustainable Livelihood and Resource Extraction: The Impact of Mining Activity in Odisha

Sponsoring Agency: ICSSR, New Delhi (Post-Doctoral Fellowship)

Project Director: Dr. Amiya Kumar Sahoo under the supervision of Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra

Project Duration: Twenty Four Months

Expected Date of Project Completion: November 2026

The mineral-rich districts of Odisha have emerged as focal points for intensive extraction activities, significantly altering landscapes and impacting indigenous livelihoods. This project builds on global scholarship regarding dispossession, environmental harm, cultural disruption, and public health risks associated with mining. This study examines the effects on livelihoods, land tenure, social relations, cultural heritage, health, public services, and economies from an anthropological perspective.

A mixed-methods design directs the research: household surveys to track socio-economic change; in-depth interviews and focus-group discussions to capture lived experiences and priorities; participant observation to comprehend negotiations regarding resource access; and environmental assessments to record exposure and risk. This research examines counter-discourses and resilience movements, emphasizing community-led initiatives that challenge extractive governance and shape forest policy.

Expected results comprise evidence-based recommendations aimed at protecting indigenous rights, enhancing local institutions, and ensuring that extraction practices align with sustainable development objectives.

Employment

9. Title: Youth Employment Dynamics and Educational Attainments in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and India (2004-05 to 2023-24)

Sponsoring Agency: ICSSR, New Delhi under OH-31 grant and Department of Planning, Government of Telangana

Project Director: Dr. Sivakumar Danyasi

Associated Academic Staff: Mr. P. Kumar, Mr. D. Sunder Raj

Project Duration: Twelve Months

Expected Date of Project Completion: November 2025

The report discusses employment and unemployment trends in Telangana with a focus on young people aged 15-29. While economic growth has dominated regional policy, employment and inequality have become critical developmental priorities, and

employment played a major role in the statehood movement. Using national sample survey and PLFS data, the analysis examines labour force and work participation, sectoral distribution, and educational status by gender, social group, and region. One key finding is that youth labour force participation has declined, especially among rural female youth, and unemployment is rising due to a mismatch between skills and job opportunities. Marginalized groups, including Scheduled Tribes and Castes, face severe exclusion, and although educational achievements have improved, many rural women remain in insecure, unpaid self-employment. Urban youth have better access to stable, formal jobs, highlighting deep inequalities along gender, social, and regional lines. The report urges gender and caste-sensitive policies, targeted skilling, rural job creation, urban job formalization, and improved education alignment with market needs to ensure sustainable and inclusive economic growth in Telangana.

Health and Nutrition

10. Title: Telangana Social Development Report 2026: Status of Health in Telangana

Sponsoring Agency: Department of Planning, Government of Telangana

Project Director: Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra

Associated Academic Staff: Dr. Rahul Mishra, Dr. Pullanna Vidyapogu, Ms. Langa Dolma Samuel

Project Duration: Ten Months

Expected Date of Project Completion: March 2026

This ongoing project recognizes the centrality of health and well-being to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Goal 3, “*Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages*,” is a core pillar of sustainable development, closely linked with goals on poverty, gender equality, education, sanitation, food security, and urbanization. The study aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of the health landscape in Telangana, focusing on the availability and quality of health facilities, the healthcare workforce, and access disparities between urban and rural areas. It examines per capita availability of healthcare professionals, the effectiveness of health information dissemination, and the functioning of public health programmes. Themes include infrastructure, services, outcomes, quality of care, and patient satisfaction.

The findings will inform policymakers on strategies to strengthen healthcare access, enhance health outcomes, and ensure equitable and inclusive health services, contributing to the broader SDG agenda of sustainable development and improved quality of life.

SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS/ SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM

CSD, Delhi

1. National Seminar On “Out-of-School Children: Bringing them Back to School

Sponsoring Agency: ICSSR

Date: 25 February 2025

Venue: Conference Room II, India International Centre, New Delhi.

Seminar Coordinator: Dr. Poornima M, Ms. Jaya Lekshmi Nair

Objective: The objective of the seminar was to share the preliminary findings of the study after the field work conducted in five states - Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Telangana and Maharashtra on school dropout trends among marginalized groups. The seminar aimed to engage stakeholders, including educators, policymakers, and community members, to discuss the identified factors beyond household levels and policy implications.



Recommendations/Conclusions: As a key recommendation, the panelists, session chair, and participants emphasized the need for a full-day deliberation solely focused on the study's findings, with broad dissemination after its completion. It was strongly suggested that such kind of studies should go beyond quantifying numbers and truly reach the ground level, engaging with individuals to understand their lived experiences. Capturing the narratives and voices of children is crucial to identifying the challenges they face.

Important Resource Persons: Prof. D N Reddy, formerly Prof. of Economics & Dean of the School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad, Prof.. T.V. Kattimani, Vice-Chancellor, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, Vizianagaram, A.P, Prof. R. Govinda, former Vice-Chancellor, NIEPA and presently Distinguished Prof. at Council for Social Development, New Delhi, Prof. Shivashankar, Prof. Praveen Jha

No. of Participants: 80

2. Union Budget 2025-26 Discussion

Sponsoring Agency: CSD

Date: February 20, 2025

Venue: Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Hall, CSD

Seminar Coordinator: 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 objective of this year's discussion was to understand the Union Budget's orientation towards the core issue concerning the Council, viz., agriculture and rural development, health, education and the marginalized sections (particularly women); with an overview of the macro-economic policies of the Government of India.

Recommendations/Conclusions:

The panelists spoke about the various new schemes and programmes proposed under the Union Budget 2025-26 and the budget entailed for each of these together with a critical review of the earlier union budgets.

Important Resource Persons:

- Prof. Srinath Reddy, President CSD
- Prof. Santosh Mehrotra, University of Bath (Macro-economic Aspects)
- Prof. Praveen Jha, JNU (Agriculture and Rural Development)
- Prof. Protiva Kundu, CBGA (Education)
- Prof. Ritu Priya, JNU (Health)
- Prof. Aasha Kapur Mehta, IHD (Marginalised Sections)

Participants: Number and Details

28 total participants including 11 online participants

3. Book Launch and Panel Discussion on The Routledge Companion to Primary Education in India: From Compulsion to Fundamental Right

Sponsoring Agency: CSD and Routledge

Date: August 2, 2024, 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm

Venue: Seminar Hall 1, 2 & 3, Kamla Devi Complex, India International Centre

Coordinator: Dr. Poornima M

Objective: To have a panel discussion on the Recent Volume of Prof. R. Govinda

Important Resource Persons:

- Deepak Nayyar, Emeritus Professor of Economics, JNU (Keynote Address)
- N.V. Varghese, Former Vice Chancellor, NIEPA, New Delhi

- R. Govinda, Distinguished Professor, CSD, New Delhi
- S. Irfan Habib, Former Abul Kalam Azad Chair, NIEPA, New Delhi
- Shantha Sinha, Child Rights Activists & Former Chairperson, NCPCR
- Shyam Menon, Vice Chancellor, BML Munjal University, Kapriwas, Haryana

Participants: 110 participants

Key Recommendations: NA

4. Title: Agriculture through the Lens of Small and Marginal Farmers: Challenges and Pathways

Sponsoring Agency: ICSSR

Date: 15-16 July

Venue: IIC

Seminar Coordinator: Dr. Nivedita Sharma

Objective: The agriculture sector is grappling with multiplicity of problems such as rising input prices, price volatility, unremunerative prices, inadequate infrastructure and competition in the global market. Through this conference, we brought academicians, policymakers and farmers from various parts of India and other countries of the Global South to brainstorm on the possible pathways for reversing the declining fortunes of agriculture.

Recommendations/Conclusions:

1. Resolving the agrarian question should be a global project centered around the Global South, with peasantry, nature, and ecology at the forefront. There is a need the need to mainstream the agrarian question and include discourses on agro-biodiversity and climate change
2. There is a need for transparency in fertilizer pricing and adequate government regulation.
3. Increasing public procurement and guaranteeing Minimum Support Price (MSP) through direct measures to support small and marginal farmers and break the cycle of low investment and low profit. Enhance farmers' bargaining power and ensure a fairer distribution of value across the agriculture value system.
4. There is a need for sector-specific measures including the development of warehousing, community ponds, community-based resource sharing, and direct subsidy transfers to farmers.
5. There is a need improve the asset base, protect diversity, and address social exclusion, including establishing a National Platform for SCs/STs.
6. There is a need for collective access to land and equipment for women and the integration of nutrition and work into policy discussions

Important Resource Persons:

1. Dr. Dhananjay Singh, Member Secretary, ICSSR
2. D N Reddy, Former Professor, University of Hyderabad
3. Praveen Jha, Professor, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi
4. Ashwani Mahajan, Professor, PGDAV College, New Delhi
5. Biswajit Dhar, Vice-President, CSD
6. Brajesh Jha, Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi
7. R. Ramakumar, Professor, School of Development Studies, TISS, Mumbai.
8. Prachi Bansal, Assistant Professor, O P Jindal Global University
9. Giuliano Martiniello, Associate Professor, Université Internationale de Rabat, Morocco
10. George T Mudimu, Senior Lecturer, MUSAT, Zimbabwe
11. Sukhpal Singh, Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
12. Avanindra Nath Thakur, Professor, OP Jindal Global University
13. Toendepi Shonhe, Senior Lecturer, MUSAT, Zimbabwe (Online)
14. Manish Kumar, Assistant Professor, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
15. Nalini Arumugam, Associate Professor, Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin, Malaysia
16. Siraj Hussain, former Union Agriculture Secretary and adviser of FICCI
17. Xu Jin, Professor, China Agriculture University, China
18. Gurpreet Singh, Associate Professor, O P Jindal Global University
19. A Amarendra Reddy, Joint Director, School of Crop Health Policy Support Research, ICAR, New Delhi.
20. Indira Hirway, Professor, Centre for Development Alternatives, Ahmedabad
21. Dzifa Torvikey, Research Fellow, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research, University of Ghana.
22. Giuliano Martiniello, Université Internationale de Rabat and script member of the Interdisciplinary Policy Oriented Research in Africa (IPORA) network
23. Sudha Narayanan, Research Fellow, The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
24. K B Saxena, Distinguished Professor, CSD.
25. R Rashmi, Distinguished Fellow and Programme Director, Resource Efficiency & Governance, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi
26. Manish Anand, Senior Fellow, TERI
27. Farida Akhter, Executive Director, UBINIG, Bangladesh
28. Sandeep Chachra, Executive Director, ActionAid Association
29. Nitya Nanda, Director, CSD
30. Harvir Singh, Rural Voice
31. Sanghmitra Dubey, Centre for Integrated Rural & Tribal Development, Odisha
32. Suman Goutam, Basant Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO), Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh
33. Vikas Chaudhry, Progressive Farmer, Director, FPO
34. Gurpreet Singh, Abohar, Punjab

Participants: Day one-39 offline participants and 10 online
Day Two-50 offline and 6 online participants

5. Title: Bandung Day Symposium

Sponsoring Agency: CSD

Date: 24 April, 2024

Venue: IIC

Seminar Coordinator: Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty, Ankita Goyal (Co-coordinator)

Objective: The Symposium, held in anticipation of the 70th anniversary of the Bandung Conference in 2025, focused on the theme 'Building the World Anew', with a special discussion on 'The Future of Palestine'.

Recommendations/Conclusions: The Symposium saw it as imperative that the international community works together to ensure the rights, dignity, and safety of all people, regardless of race or nationality. In honoring the legacy of Bandung, the Symposium sought to reaffirm the commitment to a world built on peace, justice, and equality. It concluded by urging nations to rekindle the goals of the 1955 Bandung Conference, emphasizing the need for peace, equality, and solidarity with the marginalized.



Important Resource Persons: Prof Manoranjan Mohanty, Distinguished Faculty CSD; Shri K.N. Shrivastava, Director, IIC; Achin Vanaik, Former Professor, University of Delhi, Anuradha Chenoy, Former Dean, School of International Studies, JNU, Amb. Shyam Saran, President, IIC and former Foreign Secretary of India.

Participants: 150 including students, scholars, and activists with many also joining online.

6. 2024 National Summit on the Implementation of the RTE Act

Sponsoring Agency: CSD

Collaborating Institutions: MWS, RTE Forum

Date: April 1, 2024

Venue: Constitution Club of India

Seminar Coordinator: Dr. Poornima M

Associated Staff: Ms. Ramandeep Kaur, Ms. Mehak Dhiman(CSD Intern) and Mr. Gitesh Sinha

Objectives: To organize a National Summit on the RTE Act and invite educational stakeholders to share their perspective on status of implementation of the RTE Act and then produce a Status Report on the same. The programme intended to make an assessment of the status of implementation of the RTE Act with the completion of 15 years of its enactment.



Findings and Recommendations: The findings indicate that while substantial progress has been made in several areas—such as increased school enrolment and decreased dropout rates—RTE implementation still faces numerous challenges. These include providing access to neighbourhood schools, ensuring quality education, addressing dropout issues, recruiting qualified teachers, tackling teacher shortages, providing adequate infrastructure, ensuring sufficient financial allocation for education, and giving teeth to the institutional mechanisms that are in place to support RTE implementation.

The Status report, recommends the following: i) expanding the provision of RTE Act to children below 6 years and above 14 years; ii) strengthening government schools by ensuring adequate funding, recruiting and training adequate teachers, improving

infrastructure and quality of education; addressing the scenario of declining government schools and enrolment in such schools, regulating the rise of private schools, and so on; iii) ensure the presence of accurate data collection mechanism to identify out of school children; iv) empowering SMCs to take ownership of schools; v) regulating school closures and mergers and focusing on improving the conditions of small and under-resourced neighbourhood schools; vi) enhancing Teacher Professional Development by including sensitivity training alongside content knowledge and subject expertise; and vii) promoting a system of common schooling system so as to address issues of poverty, inequality and injustice.

Participants: Number and Details

There were more than 250 participants from about 16 states



Social Development Forum (SDF)

1. Beyond Sri Lanka Debt Default: Policies for Inclusive Growth and Leveraging Trade with India

Date: 13 February 2025

Venue: DDML Hall, CSD

Seminar Coordinator: Dr Sourindra Mohan Ghosh

Abstract : The objective was to analyze the economic crisis of Sri Lanka.

Investment in sectors that have strong trade linkages will be beneficial for Sri Lanka

Important Resource Persons: Speaker: Ganeshan Wignaraja; ODI International: Nisha Taneja, ICREAR

Participants: Number and Details: 15 online, 15 offline

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

Date: 9 January 2025

Venue: DDML Hall, CSD

Seminar Coordinator: Dr Sourindra Mohan Ghosh

Abstract: to speak on factors contributing to increase Farmers adoption of water saving technologies in semi-arid northern India.

Improvement in education, institutional access, technical knowledge and economic and social status leads to improvement in the use of water saving techniques.

Important Resource Persons: Speaker: Susmita Mitra, CSD; Discussant: Pradipta Ranja Pradhan, GD Goenka University.

Participants: Number and Details: 21 online, 10 offline

3. 'Third World Woman', Feminism and Empire

Date: 17 December 2024

Venue: DDML Hall, CSD

Seminar Coordinator: Dr Sourindra Mohan Ghosh

Abstract: She traced the roots of the figure of the 'third world woman' to British colonial rule in India.

Deconstructing the historical production of the figure of 'third world women', this paper help us understand how and why this figure continues to be reproduced, what the continued salience of this figure obscures about women and feminisms in India and the global south, and what pitfalls to avoid in feminist theory.

Important Resource Persons: Speaker: Radhika Govinda, University of Edinburgh; Discussant: G. Arunima, JNU.

Participants: Number and Details: 12 online, 17 offline

4. Global Ecological Crisis: Exploring the Eco-Socialist Perspective

Date: 20 June 2024.

Venue: DDML Hall, CSD

Coordinator: Dr Nivedita Sharma

Abstract: A significant spatial shift in global capitalism has taken place from relatively less populated countries to massively populated countries. Further expansion and deepening of capitalism will bring unprecedented environmental and social destruction. Eco-socialism-consistent ecological perspective visualising that a true eco-friendly economy and society can be built only by replacing capitalism with a class less society.

Key Resource person: Prof. Pritam Singh, Emeritus Professor, Oxford Brookes University, was the speaker. Prof. Nitya Nanda moderated the talk.

Participants: 10 offline, 33 online

5. Shrinking Government Jobs and Trivialising Reservation: What does Data Tell Us?

Date: 30 May 2024

Venue: DDML Hall, CSD

Abstract: The paper pointed out that the shrinkage in government jobs has adversely impacted all social groups, but Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are far worse affected due to the widespread discrimination against them in the private sector. It suggests that given the employment challenge facing the country, the huge volume of vacant positions should be filled in and affirmative action policies in recruitment in the private sector should be initiated.

Coordinator: Dr Nivedita Sharma

Key resource person: Dr. Akhil Alha, Assistant Professor, CSD (Speaker), Prof. K B Saxena (Chair).

Participants: 8 offline, 12 online

6. Policy Discourse on Transgender Rights in India

Date: 2 May 2024

Venue: DDML Hall, CSD

Abstract: The paper showed the crucial gaps in the legal framework which has deep-rooted impact on transgender rights in India.

Coordinator: Dr Nivedita Sharma

Key Resource Person: Ms. Jayana Kothari, Senior Advocate at Supreme Court of India and Executive Director, Centre for Law & Policy Research, Bengaluru, was the speaker.

Participants: 12 offline, 17 online

7. Food Deprivation among Undernourished Women in India: Findings from a Household Survey in Rural India.

Date: 22 August 2024

Venue: DDML Hall, CSD

Abstract: The data from the study demonstrated a high level of food deprivation among women and girls. Such food deprivation also results in nutritional deficiencies. Contrary to the conventional belief, the paper argues that undernutrition still is a very serious problem in India, though looking only through the lens of relative parameters such as BMI hides more than it reveals. Revamping the PDS and moving beyond cereals to essential non-cereal food items is suggested.

Coordinator: Dr Nivedita Sharma

Key Resource Person: The speaker was Dr. Sourindra M Ghosh, and discussants were Prof. Ramila Bisht, JNU and Prof. Giuliano Martiniello, University of Rabat, Morocco.

Participants: 9 offline, 23 online

Seminar/ Workshop/ Discussion/s Organised

1. Five Days workshop on Academic Writing Workshop for Research Scholars in Social Sciences

Sponsoring Agency:	ICSSR, New Delhi (under OH-31 grant) and Government of Telangana
Dates:	December 16-20, 2024
Venue:	CSD, Hyderabad
Seminar Coordinator:	Dr. Soumya Vinayan Dr. Sunkari Satyam

Objective: The workshop's objectives are to build capacity among research scholars in reading, writing, and engaging critically on ideas focusing on theoretical knowledge in their respective disciplines. Writing research proposal is the first step in entering into academic arena. Apart from different types of writing, this workshop will train students about different components of writing a robust research proposal. The workshop also aims to expose research scholars to different types and facets of writing and enable them to summarise, analyze, evaluate and synthesize their ideas and develop independent arguments and narratives by critically reviewing peers' writing and learning from each other.



Important Resource Persons: The Resource Persons are Dr. Soumya Vinayan, Dr. Sunkari Satyam, Dr. Aravind Susarla, Dr. K. Venu Madhavi, Dr. Prajna Paramita Mishra, Dr. Nagaraju Gundimeda, Dr. J. Appa Swami, Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra, Dr. Susmita Mitra, Dr. Lakshmi Mantha, Dr. M.N. Rajesh

Participants: Twenty eight participants from different Universities were participated in the Workshop.

2. **A one-day workshop titled Political Geography and Structural Change: Status of Women in the Indian Extractive Industry**

Sponsoring Agency: Institute of Eminence, University of Hyderabad.
Dates: 20 December 2024
Venue: CSD, Hyderabad
Seminar Coordinator: Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra

Objective: This workshop emerged from the research project titled “Political Geography and Structural Change: Status of Women in the Indian Extractive Industry.” The project aims to examine the impact of natural resource extraction on local women and their everyday lives, and to explore the abrupt societal transformations that occur following the opening of a mine. The dissemination workshop was structured into two key segments: the first focused on presentations offering theoretical perspectives, while the second highlighted narratives drawn from fieldwork.



Recommendations/Conclusions: The workshop was well received by the attending experts, and the feedback provided valuable insights to further strengthen the study.

Important Resource Persons: Ms. Manisha Majumdar, WSAF, Prof. Gyanmudra (Formerly with TISS, Hyderabad), Prof. Manju Singh, NIT, Jaipur, Prof. Sheela Prasad (Formerly with Centre for Regional Studies, University of Hyderabad)

Participants: The dissemination workshop brought together academicians, gender specialists, representatives from international agencies such as the Women Safety Accelerator Fund—an organization working exclusively on issues of women—and young researchers from across India.

3. **A one-day workshop on Political Geography and Structural Change: Status of Women in the Indian Extractive Industry**

Sponsoring Agency: Institute of Eminence, University of Hyderabad
Dates: January 13, 2025
Venue: Centre for Integrated Rural and Tribal Development, Sundargarh, Odisha
Seminar Coordinator: Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra

Objective: This workshop emerged from the research project titled “Political Geography and Structural Change: Status of Women in the Indian Extractive Industry.” The project aims to examine the impact of natural resource extraction on local women and their everyday lives, and to explore the abrupt societal transformations that occur following the opening of a mine. The dissemination workshop was structured into two key segments: the first highlighted presentations offering local perspectives, while the second featured narratives drawn from fieldwork, [Author 1 and 2:Prajna Paramita Mishra and Sujit Kumar Mishra]



Recommendations/Conclusions: The workshop was well received by the participants, including victims of domestic violence from mining villages, NGO practitioners, members of self-help groups (SHGs), lawyers, and gender specialists. The feedback offered by them provided valuable insights to further strengthen the study.

Important Resource Persons: Ms. Samima Begum, CIRTD, Sundargarh, Nata Kishor Mishra, CIRTD, Subhashree Rai, PRAGATI, Sundargarh.

Participants: The workshop engaged a diverse group of participants, including legal experts, gender specialists, representatives from civil society organizations, community leaders, members of self-help groups (SHGs), and women and men from mining-affected villages. Their insightful feedback has greatly contributed to and enriched the ongoing research.

4. A National Workshop on Open Economy Macroeconomics in Emerging Market Economies (EMEs)

Sponsoring Agency: RBI Chair, CSD, Hyderabad
Dates: January 21-24, 2025
Venue: CSD, Hyderabad
Seminar Coordinator: Prof. Deba Prasad Rath

Objective: As per the RBI's mandate that there is a need to enhancing the involvement of RBI Professorial Chairs in RBI's Research and Training Activities.

Recommendations/Conclusions: While appreciating the course content and coverage and the application modules together exposure visit to RBI, participants in their feedback suggested a somewhat longer workshop keeping in view the rigour of the course content.

Important Resource Persons: Dr Pallavi Chavan, Shri Binod Bihari Bhoi, Shri. Dhirendra Gajbhiye, Ms. Sujata Kundu, Dr. Pankaj Kumar, and Ms. Upasana Sharma



Participants: Around 30 participants drawn from among research scholars, economists, professionals and faculty members of academic institutions participated. Eminent speakers/resource persons were chosen from esteemed experts which enabled learning through hands-on applications mode, including a field visit to RBI, Hyderabad. As per the feedback received, the Workshop was a grand success.

5. Researching Everyday Lives – A Ten Day National Workshop on Qualitative Research

Sponsoring Agency: Organised in collaboration with ICSSR, Southern Regional Centre and Government of Telangana
Dates: March 10-19, 2025
Venue: CSD, Hyderabad
Seminar Coordinator: Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra
Dr. Raj Kumar Kattula

Objective: The main objectives are: 1. Capacity building among research scholars on the fundamentals of social science research. 2. Provide an understanding on the use of the qualitative and quantitative research tools, techniques and perspectives. 3. Training on practical application of methods, selection of appropriate tools and techniques for research as well as equip them to write thesis/dissertation/ research reports/research articles.

Important Resource Persons: Prof. R. Siva Prasad, Prof. N. Sudhakar Rao, Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra, Dr. Richa Sharma, Prof. P.H. Mohammad, Dr. Soumya Vinayan, Prof. Nagaraju Gundemeda, Dr. T. Appa Rao, Mr. Samanth Kasa, Dr. Raj Kumar Kattula, Ms. Surya Surendran, Dr. Satyam Sunkari, Prof. Nanada Kishore Kannuri, Prof. Sridevi Gummadi, Dr. Pullanna Vidyapogu, Dr. Richa Saun,

Participants: Twenty one participants attended the workshop. They were enrolled in state and central universities (both public and private) belonging to different disciplines such as Political Science, Sociology, Social Anthropology, Education, Public Health, Law, Languages & Literature, Cultural Studies, Media Studies, Business Management, Geography, Commerce, and Linguistics.

Panel Discussions:

1. Panel Discussion on *Publishing in a Journal: Editors' Point of View* on 18 December 2024. Dr. T. Satyanarayana, Managing Editor, Indian Journal of Agricultural Marketing; Dr. Susmita Mitra, Assistant Professor, CSD-Delhi & Book Review (Editor) - Social Change; and **Mr. Krishna Raj**, Assistant Editor, Journal of Rural Development, NIRD&PR, Hyderabad are the panelists.
2. Panel Discussion on *Violence Against Women* on 20 December 2024. Prof. Gyan Mudra, Former Professor & Chairperson, School of Gender Studies, TISS, Hyderabad; Prof. Manju Singh, Dept. of Humanities & Social Science, Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur; Dr. Raj Kumar Kattula, Project Fellow, CSD-SRC, Hyderabad; and Ms. Manisha Majumdar, Senior Program Manager, Agri

Commodities & Women's Safety, Accelerator Fund IDH-Transforming Markets-India Office are the panelists.

Book Discussion

Book Discussion on “Obtuse Angle: A bureaucrat’s journey through cartoons” by B.P. Acharya, IAS (Retd.) Former Special Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana on 11 March 2025. Professor D. Narasimha Reddy, Former Professor of Economics & Former Dean, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad chaired the discussion. Shri S.A. Huda, IPS (Retd.), Former Director General of Police, Government of Andhra Pradesh; and Shri Subhani Shaik, Senior Cartoon Editor, Deccan Chronicle, Telangana, Hyderabad are the panelists.

Invited Lectures

1. “Tribes of Central India: In Between Culture, State and Market” by Professor S.N. Chaudhary, Tagore Fellow at Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi and Former National Fellow, ICSSR, New Delhi on 13th March 2025. Professor R. Siva Prasad, Former Honorary Professor, CDLTR, & Professor and Head Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad chaired the lecture.
2. “Open Economy Macroeconomics: An Evolutionary Perspective” by Professor Deba Prasad Rath, RBI Chair Professor, Council for Social Development, Hyderabad on 21 January 2025. Professor Parthapratim Pal, Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata chaired the lecture.
3. “Agro- Pessimism, Bypassed Agrarian Transition and Poverty: Poverty Targetting and Its Various Approaches” by Dr. Ramya Ranjan Patel, Associate Professor, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on 13th January 2025 (online). Dr. K.J.S. Satyasai, Chief General Manager (Retd.), NABARD, Mumbai chaired the lecture.
4. “Public Policy and Measurement: Counting What Counts” By Professor Srijit Mishra. Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai on 10 July 2024. Professor R. Vijay, Dean, School of Economics, University of Hyderabad chaired the lecture.



TRAININGS

CSD Delhi

Research Methodology Programme on Qualitative Methods in Social Sciences: Ethnography, Narratives and Social Stories jointly organized with GB Pant Social Science Institute (GBPSSI)

Sponsoring Agency: ICSSR

Dates: 20-31 August 2024

Venue: DDM Hall, CSD, Delhi

Budget: 5.5 Lakhs

Coordinators: Prof. Ashok Pankaj & Ms Jaya Lekshmi Nair (CSD) and Prof. Badri Narayan and Dr. Archanan Singh (GBPSSI)

Objectives: The main objective of the workshop was to train young researchers in the use of qualitative methods especially in India's. It draws heavily on the field experiences of social science research in India, with a focus on the use of qualitative methods, in a more context-specific manner.

Resource Persons:

- 1 Prof. T.V.Kattimani , Vice-Chancellor, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh
- 2 Prof. D.N.Reddy , Former Professor, University of Hyderabad
- 3 Prof. Badri Narayan , Director , G.B. Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj
- 4 Dr. Archana Singh, Associate Professor, G.B. Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj
- 5 Dr. Kamei Samson, Assistant Professor, G.B. Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj
- 6 Prof. Subhadra Mitra Channa, Formerly Professor of Anthropology at University of Delhi, Delhi
- 7 Prof. Prem Vashishta, Professor & Former Director, Agrarian research Centre, University of Delhi
- 8 Dr. Sunil Mishra, Associate Professor ,IHD, Delhi
- 9 Prof. Ajit Pandey, Former Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, Banaras Hindu University
- 10 Dr. Sudanshu Ranjan , TV Journalist (Doordarshan)
- 11 Dr. Sebastian Schwecke, Head of the Country , Max Weber Stiftung India Office
- 12 Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, Professor , Dept. of Political Science, University of Delhi
- 13 Prof. Susan Visvanathann, Formerly Professor , Centre for the Study of Social System, JNU
- 14 Prof. Ramesh Gaur, Dean, Director (Library & Information) & Head-Kalanidhi Division, IGNC
- 15 Dr. Parveen Babbar, Deputy Librarian, JNU

- 16 Prof. K.B.Saxena, Distinguished Professor CSD, New Delhi
- 17 Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty, Distinguished Professor, CSD, Delhi
- 18 Prof. Ashok Pankaj, Professor, CSD

Participants: Number: 30

CSD-SRC Hyderabad

1. Research Methodology Course for Ph.D Scholars in Social Sciences

Sponsoring Agency: ICSSR, New Delhi

Dates: July 2-12, 2024

Venue: CSD, Hyderabad

Objectives: To impart training to research scholars on social science research;

- To strengthen the capacity among research scholars on the use of quantitative and qualitative research methods;
- To equip scholars on how to choose methods, tools and techniques and its appropriateness

Resource Persons: Prof Y S Sisodia, Prof Sujit Kumar Mishra, Prof B Sudhakar Reddy, Prof M Gopinath Reddy, Prof Sujata Surepally, Prof Aseem Prakash, Prof Ravi Akula, Prof G Nagaraju, Prof Sheela Prasad, Prof S Indrakant, Prof M Channa Basavaiah, Dr Jajati Keshari Parida, Dr Banka Bihari Chand, Dr M Venkataramana Reddy, Dr Motilal Mahamallick, Dr J Appasami, Dr Akhil Alha, Dr M Anuradha Reddy, Dr Satyam Sunkari, Dr Soumya Vinayan, Mr Anudeep Gujjeti, Mr P Kumar.

Participants: 26 participants belonging to 14 states of India attended the workshop. They were enrolled in state and central universities (both public and private) belonging to different disciplines such as Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Management and Humanities.

SPECIAL LECTURES

CSD Delhi

- **Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture**

The Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture 2024 was delivered by Prof. Madhura Swaminathan, Indian Statistical Institute, Bengaluru on 15th July, 2024 at 6.00 PM. The title of the lecture was *“The Agrarian Economy: Perceptions Versus Reality”*



This lecture provided evidence and argument to question popular perceptions about the agrarian economy, about farmers and farming.

This lecture begins by examining the economics of farming in the context of the debates on Minimum Support Prices, countering the view that there is no profit squeeze in agriculture. Evidence on incomes from farming across regions, crops, socio-economic classes, and castes indicate that the large majority of small farmers receive abysmally low incomes. In terms of price policy, the evidence shows that costs of production have risen faster than government-announced minimum support prices for most crops in most regions of India. Raising incomes of our “annadataas” (by means of price policy as well as other measures) is not only a moral commitment, but can spur rural demand and provide a multiplier effect to growth of the overall economy.

A second myth is that farming in India is highly subsidized and that there is in over-production of rice and wheat. In reality subsidies in India are low in comparison to the rest of the world, the European Union and North America, in particular. While there is undoubtedly urgent need for crop diversification, without improvements in yields of other crops such as pulses, switching out of rice or wheat will require a huge expansion of cultivatable land with consequences for the environment and biodiversity. Changing the cropping pattern in a feasible way will require a massive expansion of public policy including subsidies and investment in research and extension, among other things.

The third and last issue taken up is the invisibility of women workers in agriculture. Women are playing an increasingly significant role in the agricultural economy, that official statistics are unable to capture. Counting women workers better is the first step to recognizing their roles in agriculture and tailoring policy to meet gender concerns.

- **Social Change Annual Lecture**

The 7th Social Change Annual Lecture was delivered by Prof. Krishna Kumar, an eminent educationist and a Padma awardee, on 5 March 2025. The title of the lecture was ***Social Change as an Object of Educational Inquiry***



The term ‘social change’ has many connotations. Some of these arose during India’s freedom struggle, and others have their derivation in the theory of modernisation. The system of education was quite centrally involved in disseminating both sets of connotations. Education is also a personal experience that lasts for many years, during which several personal meanings of social change arise. Inquiry into social change generally refers to structural aspects, such as relations between castes and communities, men and women, parents and children, and villages and towns. The difference would arise from the actual experience of getting educated over a considerable period of early life. This experience is shaped by the state of the system of education and its specific conditions that intersect with one’s own life circumstances. This kind of inquiry dispels the generalised image of social change that the dominant theory of modernisation has created.

CSD-SRC Hyderabad

- **C.D. Deshmukh Memorial Lecture**

The 21st C.D. Deshmukh Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. R. Govinda, on 17 December 2024. The title of the lecture was ***“Our Struggle for Ensuring Quality Education for All: Is Mass Education A Mirage?”***



Recounting the long transformative journey of primary education in India from Compulsion to Fundamental Right stretched over more than 100 years, the Lecture examines the current state of primary education, and challenges to address for reaching the final goal of education for all. During the long and chequered journey many promises were made but remained unfulfilled. Each time we saw the same vision of equipping every citizen with at least basic literacy and numeracy skills. But the goal remained elusive moving away like a mirage. Yet, primary education for all is not a goal to be abandoned; the struggle has to continue by addressing the challenges involved. The chapter discusses five critical challenges. The first challenge is the fragility of the system to cater to the large mass of children due to substandard infrastructure and human resources; the second is the absence of a system of local governance to monitor and support school functioning; the third is the challenge of 'schooling without learning' due to lack of focus on learning outcomes and quality of teaching in schools; the fourth is the need for building a professional community of teachers; and finally, the most critical one is to tackle the problem of increasing inequality within the education system saddled with segregated schooling and unequal opportunities for quality education. An all-encompassing problem is the continued reluctance to resolve issues quickly through radical reforms. Opting for small and non-cumulative incremental changes at a slow pace has resulted in increased inertia and resistance to reforms. A by-product of this festering problem is the lack of identity with the public education system among the ruling elites, increasing social distance between the administrators, teachers and children, and a decreasing sense of accountability for its failure. One could say that the colonizers left but coloniality did not; Macaulay is no more but Macaulayism is alive and thriving. Yet, notwithstanding the class-mass divide, and even with limited economic resources and no social capital, the people in India have embraced schooling as the beacon of light for building their children's future.

PUBLICATIONS

DELHI

Book

Satyagraha: A Global Force for the 21st Century, Edited by Manoranjan Mohanty and Mannika Chopra. New Delhi: Aakar Books. 2025.

Report

Implementation of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009: Where do we stand? – Status Report 2024, Editors: Poornima M, Ramandeep Kaur, Amrita Sastry, CSD: September 2024

Social Change Annual Lecture

7th Social Change Annual Lecture by Professor Krishna Kumar on *Social Change as an Object of Educational Inquiry* (March 5, 2025)

Lecture

Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture 2024: The Agrarian Economy: Perceptions Versus Reality, by Prof. Madhura Swaminathan, July 15, 2024

India Social Development Report 2023

India Social Development Report 2023: Women's Contribution in the Economy/ Compiled by Indira Hirway

CSD-SRC Hyderabad

- “*Public Policy and Measurement Counting What Counts*” by Srijit Mishra, Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, Invited Lecture Series: 5/2024
- *Telangana Social Development Report 2024: Child Health and Wellbeing* by Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra, Dr. Pullanna Vidyapogu, Ms. Langa Dolma Samuel and Mr. Mohammad Sajid.
- “*Shrinking Commons for Small-Scale Fishers: Reflections from the Karnataka Coast*” by Amalendu Jyotishi, Professor, School of Development, Azim Premji University, Bangalore, Invited Lecture Series 3/2024.
- “*Non-Vegetarian Histories of Agriculture*” by Barbara Harriss-White, Emeritus Professor & Fellow, Wolfson College, Oxford University, Visiting Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Research Fellow, Max Weber Forum, New Delhi, India, Invited Lecture Series 4/2024.

CSD Journals

Social Change

A journal of the Council for Social Change is published by Sage Publications. During 2024-25, the following volumes were published:

- i) Volume 55 Issue 1, March 2025
- ii) Volume 54 Issue 4, December 2024
- iii) Volume 54 Issue 3, September 2024
- iv) Volume 54 Issue 2, June 2024

Samajik Vimarsh

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

- i) Volume 7, Issue 1 (June 2024)
- ii) Volume 6, Issue 2 (December 2023)

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PROF. NITYA NANDA

Book Chapter/s

1. Climate Change and Environment Issues in Post-liberalized India 9789350028841 Nitya Nanda and Susmita Mitra Satyaki Roy (Ed), India's Economy 2024: Disparities In Fractured Democracy, 84-96. New Delhi: Aakar Books 2024
2. Food Security in Africa and India 9788197198687 Nitya Nanda Ruchita Beri and Rajeesh Kumar (Eds), India and Africa: Deepening the Security Engagement, 107-116. New Delhi: Pentagon Press 2024

Article/s

1. Mitra, Susmita and Nitya Nanda (2025), "Decoding India's Leadership in South Asia for Accelerating Sustainable Development and Climate Solutions", TerraGreen, WSDS Special Issue, 17(11), TERI, New Delhi, 43-46.
2. Nanda, Nitya (2025), "Mind the gap: India needs to reimagine the mechanism of fiscal transfer," The Telegraph, January 1.
3. Nanda, Nitya (2024), "Climate Change and Development Concerns in South Asia", *Trade Insight*, 20(1-2), Kathmandu, 32-35.

Book Review

Nanda, Nitya (2024) "Rise of the North East: The Path to Prosperity, Inclusion, and Sustainability," by Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), Oxford University Press (OUP), New Delhi, p276, *Journal of Asian Economic Integration*, 6(1): 118-20.

Presentation/s

1. "Sustainability and Sustenance of Agriculture", presented in an International Conference on "Agriculture through the Lens of Small and Marginal Farmers: Challenges and Pathways," New Delhi, 15-16 July 2024, Council for Social Development and IIC 07/16/2924
2. "Structural Change in the Indian Economy: Was it a case of service-export-led growth?" presented at Jindal School of Government and Public Policy (JSGP), OP Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana, India 04/24.2024

Conference/s

- 1 Circular Economy: Issues and Challenges Fifteenth South Asia Economic Summit: Unleashing an equitable green transformation in South Asia, Kathmandu, 11-13 December 2024.12/13/2024
- 2 Inequality and justice in an era of climate change: South Asian Perspective Fifteenth South Asia Economic Summit: Unleashing an equitable green transformation in South Asia, Kathmandu, 11-13 December 2024. 12/12/2024

- 3 Governance and BIMSTEC Bay of Bengal Regional Integration Capacity Building Program, South Asia Network of Economic Modeling (SANEM), Dhaka (Hybrid), 21-25 September, 2024. 09/23/2024
- 4 Keynote Address: Perspectives of inequality in India International Conference on “Envisioning the Future India: Opportunities and Challenges for Viksit Bharat 2047”, K R Mangalam University, Baskent University and CSD. Gurugram, 9-10 May, 2025. 05/10/2025
- 5 Panellist – Inclusive Growth and Well-being: Bridging Political, Economic, Social and Mental Health Divides International Conference on “Envisioning the Future India: Opportunities and Challenges for Viksit Bharat 2047”, K R Mangalam University, Baskent University and CSD. Gurugram, 9-10 May, 2025. 05/10/2025
- 6 Emerging Environmental Challenges: From Apathy to Consciousness and Actions Exploring Sustainability, Literary Environmentalism and Ecological Ethics in Indian Sub-continental Studies, Deshbandhu College (University of Delhi), April 8-9, 2025 04/08/2025
- 7 Chaired a Session on Green Industrialisation Second National Conference on India’s Industrial Transformation: Towards a Competitive, Inclusive and Sustainable Manufacturing Sector, 21-23 November 2024, Institute for Studies on Industrial Development, New Delhi. 11/23/2024
- 8 The Indian Growth Story: Some Questions Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, US (Online) 04/10/2025 (04/09/2025 US time)
9. Panellist at a session, “Grassroots Action for Ecosystem Restoration through the Implementation of the Seventh Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in India” World Sustainable Development Summit 2025, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi, March 5-7, 03/05/2025
10. Chaired the plenary session on “Contemporary Issues in the Social Sector of India: Way Forward” National Seminar on “Charting India's Course to Viksit Bharat: Addressing Social Sector Challenges and Opportunities”, Christ University, Ghaziabad, January 22-23, 2025, 01/22/2025

Membership:

- **Member**, Executive Council, TERI School of Advanced Studies, New Delhi.
- **Member**, Executive Council, National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad

PROF MANORANJAN MOHANTY

CSD Book

Manoranjan Mohanty and Mannika Chopra (Eds), *Satyagraha: A Global Force for the Twenty First Century*, (New Delhi: Aakar, 2025)

Lectures

1. 24 November 2024: “Challenges before People’s Movements in Contemporary India”, Loka Swar Annual Lecture, Bhubneswar.
2. 1 April 2025 : Keynote Address at the International Conference on Centenary of Tagore’s visit to China and the 75th Anniversary of India-China Diplomatic Relations on the topic: Tagore Perspective on the World Civilizational Process at Visva Bharati, Santiniketan.
3. 6 September 2024: Daya Krishna Memorial Lecture on *The New Concept of Self in Global Political Theory*, organized by the Raza Foundation at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

Publications

1. “Rise of the New South and Global Restructuring” in Monica Bruckman et al (Eds), *Dynamics of the South South Relations and Latin American Integration*, (Rio de Janeiro: CLACSO, 2025)
2. “Nehru and the Genesis of Non-alignment” in Darwis Khudori et al (eds), *The Rise of Asia Sixty Years after Belgrade* (New Delhi: Aakar, 2025)

PROF JANDHYALA B G TILAK

Conferences/Seminars

- 2024 National Summit on the Right to Education Act. New Delhi: RTE Forum & RTE Cell, Council for Social Development (1 April 2024) [chaired a thematic session]
- International Conference on Education Policy in India: Contexts, Texts and Institutions. Hyderabad: Indira Mahindra School of Education, Mahindra University (25-27 April 2024) [presented a paper and chaired a session]

Books

Economics of Engineering Education in India: Growing Challenges of Expansion, Excellence and Equity. Routledge India. 2024

Special Lectures/Conference Papers

- A Decade of Growth in Higher Education in Telangana, Presidential Address, Telangana Economic Association Annual Conference, 2025. Nalgonda: Mahatma Gandhi University (8-9 February 2025).
- Revisiting India’s Intellectual Heritage and Rebuilding of Universities, paper presented in the First International Conference on Revamping Higher education: Blending of Legacy and Advancement. Varanasi: Inter-University Centre for Teacher Education, Banaras Hindu University, (25-26 December 2024)

Review Articles/Book Reviews

- The ever-growing private higher education', A World of Private Higher Education. (Daniel Levy), *Higher Education* (Springer) 2024 (online first) DOI:10.1007/s10734-024-01269-z
- The Right to Higher Education: A Political Theory (Christopher Martin), *Contemporary Education Dialogue* (Sage) 22(1) (January 2025): 154-161 [abridged version in *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities* (Taylor & Francis) 25(3) (August 2024): 505-06
- Mass Higher Education and the Changing Labour Market for Graduates (eds. F. Suleman et al), *Indian Journal of Human Development* (Sage) 18(3) (December 2024) 502–05.
- Assessing the Contributions of Higher Education (S Marginson et al., eds.), *Review of Development and Change* (Sage) 29(2) (Dec 2024): 266-69
- The Abundant University (M D Smith). *Minerva* (Springer), 62 (December 2024): 643-46
- Development and Governance of Private Universities in China (Xu Liu). *Millennial Asia* (Sage) 15(4) (Dec. 2024):717-20
- Debating Education in India: Issues and Concerns (Maya John, ed.), *South Asia Research* (Sage) 44(2) (July 2024): 278-80
- Privatization in and of Public Education (eds.: A Santalova & K Pöder), *Journal of Social and Economic Development* (Springer). (August 2024) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40847-024-00379-9>
- Education, Teaching, and Learning: Discourses, Cultures, and Conversations – Essays in Honour of Professor Krishna Kumar (eds.: A. Razzack, et al), *Social Change* (Sage) 54(3) (Sept 2024): 440-443
- Academic Star Wars: Excellence Initiatives in Global Perspective (Eds., Maria Yudkevich, et al), *Developing Economies* (Wiley) 62(3) (Sept 2024): 316-19
- Debating Education in India: Issues and Concerns (Maya John, ed.), *South Asia Research* (Sage) 44(2) (July 2024): 278-80
- Development and Governance of Private Universities in China (Xu Liu). *Millennial Asia* (Sage) (June 2024) (online first)
- Campus Economics (S Baum & M McPherson), *Indian Journal of Human Development* (Sage) April 2024) (online first)
- Becoming Great Universities: Small Steps for Sustained Excellence (R.J Light & A. Jegla). *Journal of Asia Pacific Education* 44(2) (2024): 518-60 (Taylor & Francis)

PROF. ASHOK PANKAJ

Books:

1. *Lohia ke Sapno ka Bharat*, (2024) (In Hindi), Lokhbharati Prakashan
2. *Tribal Subalternity in India* (Forthcoming) (Third book in the series)

Report

UP Development Report 2025 (jointly with Prof. Atul Sarma) (Routledge) (forthcoming)

Chapter

“Women-led Climate Action in India: Lessons from India’s two Flagship Programmes – MGNREGS and DAYNRLM”, jointly with Amarjeet Sinha in *Climate Action and Justice* (Routledge) (2025).

Review Article:

An agonizing search for Liberal-secular Islam, Contemporary Voice of Dalits, December 2024

(This article has been included in the syllabus of the Political Science department at Chittagong University, Bangladesh).

Book Review

Changing Ecology of Indian Media, review of *The Journey of Hindi Language Journalism in India: From Raj to Swaraj and Beyond* by Mrinal Pande, published in EPW, 20 April 2024

Valedictory Address:

Gave valedictory address in a two-day national seminar on rural development in Department of Social Work, University of Kashmir, on 14 Nov. 2024.

Lectures/ Seminars

1. *Challenges of Nation Building in Contemporary India*
Department of Sociology,
Venue: Lucknow University
Date: 25-27 March 2025
2. *Lohia ke Sapno ka Bharat: A discussion based on my book*
Venue: Sociology Department
Lucknow University
Date: 21 Jan 2025
3. Tribal Subalternity in a Two-day National Seminar on *75 Years of Independence: Exploring Tribal Culture, Philosophy, and Sustainable Growth*, organized by the Department of Sociology at Iswar Saran Degree College, Prayagraj (U.P.).
Dates: January 10-11, 2025
Venue: Iswar Saran Degree College, Prayagraj
4. *Selection of the Field: Our Society and Other Society*
Date: 17 October 2024
Mode: Online (One week research methodology workshop)
Organisation: Indian Research Scholars Association
5. *Discussion on Lohia Ke Sapno Ka Bharat*
Date: 02 September 2024
Venue: CPS, JNU.
6. *Political Economy of Development in Jharkhand*
Date: 20 August 2024

- Venue: Rajendra Bhavan, New Delhi, organized by Council for Development of Bihar and Jharkhand
7. Discussion on *Lohia Ke Sapno Ka Bharat*
Date: 12 August 2024
Venue: Iswar Saran PG College, Allahahbad
8. *Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav Ke Bahane*
(Two Lectures in a Refresher Course programme of Faculty Members)
Date: 01 August 2024
Venue: Iswar Saran PG College, Allahahbad
9. *Role of Opposition Parties in Indian Democracy*
Date: 07 July 2024
Venue: Rohtak, Democratic Forum
10. *Quasi-experimental Research Design*
Date: 16 April 2024
Venue: Chaudhary Ranbir Singh Institute of Social and Economic Change, M.D. University Rohtak.

Members of Official Mission/ Academic/Administrative Bodies

- Member, Executive Council, Central Tribal University of AP
- Chairperson, Administrative and Finance Committee, Centre for Policy Research and Governance
- Member Expert Committee to review academic work and suggest future research domains (G.B pant Institute of Social Sciences)
- Member 7th Common review Mission, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India

DR. ANKITA GOYAL

Non-CSD Publications

Title: Prospects and Challenges of Farming in Delhi: Evidences from the field

Author/Authors: Nivedita Sharma and Ankita Goyal

Date of Publication: Vol. 42, No.4, October-December 2023

Publishers: Journal of Rural Development, NIRDPR, Hyderabad

Lecture Delivered

Title: “Livelihood of sugarcane farmers and migrants workers in current scenario”

Date: March 5, 2025

Venue: Workshop on “Trends of Employment in Sugarcane Industry for Inclusive Sustainable Development” organized by the **V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, NOIDA**

Papers Presented

Costs and Constraints of Farming in Delhi: A Field Based Study (Based on the study conducted by CSD, 'Comprehensive Research Study on Pattern of Farming and to Assess the Costing and Income from Cultivation of Major Crops in Delhi', sponsored by the Planning Department, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, in 2020-21)

Date: March 2-3, 2025

Venue: Sukhamoy Chakarvarty Chair Conference, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, in collaboration with the Centre for Agrarian Research and Education for South (CARES)

DR POORNIMA. M

Publications

Fifteen Years of Implementation of the Right to Education Act, 2009: Status Report 2024

Edited by Poornima M, Ramandeep Kaur and Amrita Sastry, CSD: November 2024

Paper Presented

Education for Viksit Bharat: The Nagging Problem of Out-of-School Children with a special focus on Dropouts, February 25, 2025

Venue: ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar on Vision Viksit Bharat @2027: Out-of-School Children: Bringing them Back to School, Conference Room II, India International Centre, New Delhi

Others

Member of the Guest Editorial Board for the Special Issue of "Education and Society" (UGC CARE Listed Quarterly Journal), published by the Indian Institute of Education, Pune

DR. NIVEDITA SHARMA

Non-CSD Publications

1. Sharma, N. & Goyal, A. (2024). *Prospects and Challenges of Farming in Delhi: Evidences form the Field*, Journal of Rural Development, 42(4), 277-287.
Author/Authors: Dr. Nivedita Sharma & Dr. Ankita Goyal
Date of Publication: June 2024
Publishers: NIRD
2. Singh, G. & Sharma, N. (2024). Legacy of employment challenges and the response through the budgetary provisions in India. *Labour & Development*, 29(2), 1-16.
Author/Authors: Dr. Gurpreet Singh & Dr. Nivedita Sharma
Date of Publication: August 2024
Publishers: V V Giri National Labour Research Institute

Lectures Delivered

Title: Sampling methods and techniques in a research methodology workshop

Date: 26 July 2024

Venue: GB Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj

Public Seminars

Delivered a lecture on Issues and Innovations in Agriculture Marketing: Some Reflections on Contract Farming 27 April 2024 at the Taj Mahal Hotel, Man Singh Road, New Delhi organised by OP Jindal Global University.

DR. AKHIL ALHA

Non-CSD Publications

Title: Shrinking Government Jobs and Trivializing Reservation: What Does Data Tell us?

Author: Akhil Alha

Date of Publication: August 24.

Publisher: Economic and Political Weekly, 2024 vol LIX no 34, August 24.

Lectures Delivered

- Title: *The Idea of Field and Field Research*
Date: 30th September 2024)
Venue: St Xaviers College, Jaipur
- Title: *The Idea of Field and Field Research*
Date: 16th January, 2025
Venue: Dr B R Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru
- Title: *The Political Economy of Gig Work in India*
Date: 22nd January 2025
Venue: RV University, Bengaluru

Papers Presented

The Missing Link between Self-employment and Entrepreneurship among Dalits

Date: 9-11 January 2025

Venue: 65th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Labour Economics, Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

DR. SOURINDRA MOHAN GHOSH

Non-CSD Publications

Invisible yet Indispensable: What Tribal Farmers Need

Author/Authors: Sourindra Mohan Ghosh, & Nivedita Sharma

Date of Publication: 21 Jan 2025

Publishers: Opinion article in newspaper, Hindustan Times

Papers Presented

Food Deprivation among Undernourished Women in India - Findings from a Household Survey in Rural India

Date: August 22, 2024

Venue: CSD Delhi

Conference/ Release of Report

State of Malnutrition and Food Deprivation among Women and Girls in India: Glimpses from a Field Survey in Uttar Pradesh and Odisha

Date: September 24, 2024

Venue: IIC Delhi

Chapter/s

- *Calorie and Nutrient Intake in India from 1993–94 to 2011–12 and Its Implications*
Full Title of Book: Development, Transformations and the Human Condition: Essays in Honour of Prof. Jayati Ghosh
Name of Publication: Chapter in edited volume
Date of Publication: December 2024
Publishers: Routledge (Taylor & Francis Group)
- *Meddling With Food Security*
Title of Book: Federalism and Public Health in India: Dissonant Discourses
Name of Publication: Chapter in edited volume
Date of Publication: January 2025
Publishers: Routledge (Taylor & Francis Group)

DR. SUSMITA MITRA

Non-CSD Publications

- Nanda, N., & Mitra, S. (2024). Climate Change and Environment Issues in Post-liberalized India. In S. Roy (Ed.) *India's Economy 2024: Disparities in Fractured Democracy*. Aakar Books.
- Mitra, S., & Nanda, N. (2025) *Decoding India's Leadership in South Asia for Accelerating Sustainable Development and Climate Solutions: Perspectives from GEF-SGP*, TerraGreen

CSD Publications:

Mitra, S. (2024). Review of “Subhash Sharma and Ksipra Sharma, Environment and Society: Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Routledge, 2023”. *Social Change* 54(4).

Lectures Delivered

Writing Book Reviews & Systematic Literature Reviews

Date: 18th December, 2024

Venue: CSD, Hyderabad (part of Five-Day Academic Writing Workshop)

Panel Discussion

Publishing in a Journal- Editors' Point of View

Organiser: CSD, Hyderabad

Date): 18th December, 2024

Participated as a panellist

Papers Presented

How to Increase Adoption of Water Saving Technologies in Semi-arid Areas? An Exploration through Agent Based Modelling

Date: 9th January, 2025

Venue: CSD, New Delhi

Research Guidance

Co-supervisor of four Master's Thesis as external supervisor for M.Sc. Economics Programme, TERI School of Advanced Studies. (Two students during December 2024 to June 2025, and two students during December 2023 to June 2024)

PROF. SURAJIT DEB

Work at CSD:

Submission of the full-chapter of Social Development Index-2024 for inclusion in *Social Development Report 2024*.

Conference/s:

1. Emerging Pattern of City Formation in Global South: A Comparison between Asian and African Urbanization Process, Paper presented at the International Conference: Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development in Global South, Technical Session 6, Organized by NITI Aayog (GoI), DURP (University of Florida), Institute of Human Development and CSRD (JNU) and National Institute of Urban Affairs., 10-12 August, 2023. <https://www.ihdindia.org/UrbanDevConference2023/>
2. Unpaid Work in the SNA Revisions: Implications for the Care Economy, Paper presented at Session 2D-2, August 27, 2024) in the IARIW 38th General Conference held in London, August 26-30, 2024. <https://iariw.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Paper1-IARIW2024-Final.pdf>

Papers in Academic Journals/Books:

1. Household Assets and Indebtedness in States of India, *Social Change*, 53 (3), September, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00490857231188099>
2. Challenges for Higher Education in the Indian States, *Social Change*, 54 (1), March, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00490857231221212>
3. Socio-Economic Attainment for SCs, STs, and OBCs in India, *Social Change*, 54 (2), June, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00490857241245168>
4. Social Development Index 2022, in Indira Hirway (Edited 2023): *India: Social Development Report*, Oxford University Press: Delhi. July 2024. <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/india-social-development-report-2023-9780198885979?cc=in&lang=en&#>.

PROF. SUJIT KUMAR MISHRA, Regional Director

Publications

Journals/Magazine

- “Sustainable Development Goals and Understanding of Gender”, *Journal of Rural Development*, 43(3), 420–428. 2025. (Co-author: Soumya Vinayan)
<https://doi.org/10.25175/jrd/2024/v43/i3/173300>
- "Smartphones are intensifying distrust and killing privacy", *Down to Earth*, 16 August 2024 (Co-author: Keyoor Pathak).

Popular Press

- “Insights on School Performance Indicators in Odisha”, *Orissa POST*, 07 February 2025.
- “Help-seeking in Violence against Women”, *Orissa POST*, 21 April, 2024.
- “Cultural Behaviour and Sanitation Practices”, *The India Forum*, 03 July, 2024 (Co-authors: A.K.Sahoo, V. Pullana and D. Sivakumar).
- “Bleak status of gender equality”, *Orissa POST*, 08 August, 2024.

Photo Essay

- “Baja Market of Chattisgarh”, *Point of View*, December 2024.

Book Review

- Reviewed book of Pratibha Ray, Yajnaseni [Yajnaseni: The Story of Draupadi] (Odia), Adya Prakashani, 2012 (76 thed.), 429 pp. ISBN: 978-81-908545-0-2, Social Change, <https://doi.org/10.1177/00490857241254198>.

Lectures Delivered

- “Structure of a Paper in Research and Writing”, 5-Day “Academic and Writing Workshop” organized by Council for Social Development on December 16-20, 2024.
- “Art of Academic Writing”, Research Methodology Course for Research Scholars at Siksha ‘O’ Anusandhan, Bhubaneswar on January 06 to 15, 2025.
- “Introduction to Statistics in Social Research (Descriptive and Inferential Statistics)”, Research Methodology Course for Ph.D in Social Sciences at Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad on March 03-13, 2025.
- “Doing Qualitative Research: The Art of Provoking for Storytelling”, Ten Day National Workshop on ‘Researching Everyday Lives: Workshop on Qualitative Research’, Council for Social Development, Hyderabad organised during March 10-19, 2025.

Inaugural/Key Note/Special Lectures

- Chief Speaker, Plenary Session “Political Confrontations on Regional Issues” at the National Seminar on “Regional Issues of Tribal Development in India: Ground realities, Policy Interventions and desired Strategies on November 7-8, 2024, MPISSR, Ujjain. Presented a paper titled “Understanding the Nature of Women’s Struggles in an Extractive Industry Setting of a Tribal Region of Odisha” (Co-author: Prajna Paramita Mishra).
- Inaugural Address on “How to Conduct a Robust Field Survey” at the Winter School Workshop on “Research Proposal Writing, Large-scale Data Analysis and Academic Paper Publishing”, organized by the Department of Economics, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow on December 23, 2024.
- Special Lecture on “Women in an Extractive Industry of India” at the National Seminar on “Development Challenges and Opportunities in Odisha” at the Department of Economics, Sambalpur University on 11-12 February 2025.
- Keynote Address titled “An Analysis of Child Health Indicators in Telangana: Socio-economic and Cultural Perspectives” at the National Seminar on “Institutions for Viksit Bharat” at Dept of Economics, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur on March 27, 2025.

Papers Presented

- “Higher Education and Some Emerging Issues” at the International Project Workshop on “Education, Nation Building and Social Justice: A Study of Universities in India, South Africa and USA”, organized by the Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad on 27-28 January 2025.

Other Activities

Seminars/Workshops Attended

- Chaired the Plenary Session on “Social Political and Economic Issues” at the National Seminar on “Regional Issues of Tribal Development in India: Ground realities, Policy Interventions and desired Strategies” at M.P Institute of Social Science Research, Ujjain on November 07, 2024.
- Chaired a Session on “GNREGS and SDGs” at the National Seminar on “Implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS: Opportunities and Challenges”, held on February 20-21, 2025 by NIRD & PR, Hyderabad.

Membership in Boards/Committees

- Member, Editorial Board, Social Change, Journal of the Council for Social Development (published by Sage) from March 2025 onwards
- Member of the Advisory Committee for the scheme Special Call for Collaborative Research Projects on Vision Viksit Bharat@2047 under the theme Inclusive Social Development. During First Review Meeting Projects under the above Umbrella were reviewed on January 17, 2025.

- Member of the expert committee formed by the ICSSR to review and make recommendations for revision in the existing guidelines of the following schemes of the ICSSR - 1. National and International Seminars; 2. Training and Capacity Building Programmes. The meeting was held on March 18, 2025.
- Member, Expert Committee of ICSSR to review the guidelines for National & International Seminar (NIS) and Training and Capacity Building (TCB) programmes.

PROF. DEBA PRASAD RATH, RBI Chair Professor

Lectures Presented

- Valedictory Address on "Open Economy Macroeconomics in Emerging Asia.", International Conference on Enabling Sustained Growth in Emerging Asia, University of Hyderabad, 8 February 2025.
- Plenary Speaker on “The State of State Government Finances in India – Persisting Issues and Future Directions” at Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation (GIFT) - Madras School of Economics (MSE) International Conference on 'Rethinking Public Finances for Emerging Development Challenges', Thiruvananthapuram, March 19, 2025.

Other Activities

- Organised a National Workshop on 'Open Economy Macroeconomics in Emerging Market Economies (EMEs)' was organised during January 21-24, 2025.
- Chaired a technical session on "Budget Constraints and Fiscal Consolidation" in the GIFT-MSE Conference, Thiruvananthapuram, March 20, 2025.

DR. SOUMYA VINAYAN, Assistant Professor

Publications

Journal

- “Sustainable Development Goals and Understanding of Gender”, *Journal of Rural Development*, 43(3), 420–428. 2025. (Co-author: Sujit Kumar Mishra)
<https://doi.org/10.25175/jrd/2024/v43/i3/173300>

Chapters

- “Mapping Prevalence of Disability in India Intersectionality with Gender” in Asha Hans (ed.) *Disability, Gender and the Trajectories of Power* (2nd Edition), New Delhi: Routledge India, 2024 (Co-authors: Shiney Chakravorty, Nandini Ghosh and Debashis Rana).

Lectures Delivered

- "Doing Gender in Qualitative Research", Workshop on Researching Everyday Lives organised by Council for Social Development, Hyderabad from March 10-19, 2025 (March 12, 2025).

- “Legal and Policy Issues Related to People with Disabilities”, Workshop on Perspectives on Disability and Inclusion in Educational Settings, organized by TISS, Hyderabad from March 24-26, 2024 (March 26, 2025).

Other Activities

Seminars/Workshops Attended

- Invited Participant at the GI Samagam 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on January 22, 2025 organised by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and India Today
- Two day National Workshop on “Longitudinal Surveys in India: Challenges and Opportunities” organised by Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Chennai, 18-19 March 2025

DR. SUNKARI SATYAM, Assistant Professor

Publications

Journals

- “Schooling of Chenchu Children: Ethnographic Observation from Selected Schools of Telangana State”, *Research and Reflections on Education*, 22(4): 5-9, October-December, 2024 (Peer review UGC Care Journal), 0974-648X (P).

Lectures Delivered

- “Ethics in Field Research”, Five-Day Academic Writing Workshop, organized by CSD, Hyderabad from December 16-20, 2024 supported by ICSSR, New Delhi and Department of Planning, Government of Telangana, 16 December, 2024
- “Narrative Analysis from Quantitative Techniques”, Research Methodology Course organized by Institute of Public Enterprise, Osmania University Campus, Hyderabad from 21.11.2024 to 05.12.2024, supported by ICSSR, New Delhi, 25 November 2024.
- “Coding and Decoding of Narrative Analysis in Social Science Research”, Research Methodology Course organized by Institute of Public Enterprise, Osmania University Campus, Hyderabad from 21.11.2024 to 05.12.2024, supported by ICSSR, New Delhi. 25 November 2024.
- “Analysis on Issues of Entrepreneurship, in the 'Young Grampreneur Development Program' as part of Sustainable Digital Marketing”, organized by Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust, at ECE Department, Osmania University, Hyderabad, Telangana, 12 November 2024.
- “Anticipating Dispossession: Construction of a Narrative (Research Methodology Course for Research Scholars in Social Sciences, July 2-12, 2024, Sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi), Council for Social Development, 10 July 2024.
- “Equitable and Inclusive Education in the State of Telangana: A Critical Policy Analysis”, National Summit on the Implementation of the Right to Education Act, Constitution Club of India, organised by Council for Social Development, Hyderabad, 1 April 2024.

- “Rejuvenation of Rural Water Resources: A Study on Aspirational District Programme in Telangana”, International Seminar on “Water Sustainability and Rural Development, Institute of Public Enterprise, Hyderabad, 19 July 2024
- “Narratives on Schooling of Chenchu Children: A Study from Nallamala Hill Regions of Telangana State” Two-day International conference on “Tribal Livelihood Patterns, Issues and Strategies for Empowerment, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad, 9 August 2024.

Papers Presented

- “Higher Education and Dalit Students: Prospects and Challenges”, Two-day International Project Workshop on "Education, National Building and Social Justice: A Study of Universities in India, South Africa and the USA, Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad organized during 27-28 January, 2025, 28 January, 2025.
- “Socio-Economic and Cultural Aspects: The Exotic Life of Background Dancers” ICSSR Sponsor International Conference: Culture of the Street: Reappropriating Territoriality in Deterritorialized Odisha organised by Woxsen University in collaboration with Council for Social Development, Hyderabad organized during 13-14 February 2025, 13 February 2025.
- “Food Processing Units as Rural Entrepreneurship in Telangana: A Critical Policy Analysis”, ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar on 'Growth Potentialities in Telangana State - Prospects and Challenges', organised by Department of Economics, KNM Government Degree College, Miryalaguda during 17-18 March, 2025, 18 March 2025.

Other Academic Activities

- Chair in the Technical Session – I (Online) at International Seminar on “Water Sustainability and Rural Development”, Organized by Centre for Sustainable Development, Institute of Public Enterprise, Hyderabad, India, in collaboration with National Remote Sensing Center (NRSC), ISRO, Hyderabad, Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA, Gujarat), National Institute of Rural Development, (NIRD, Hyderabad) and Tarun Bharat Sangh,(TBS, Rajasthan), on 18th July, 2024.
- Co-Chair in the Technical Session – I (Online) at International Seminar on “Water Sustainability and Rural Development”, Organized by Centre for Sustainable Development, Institute of Public Enterprise, Hyderabad, India, in collaboration with National Remote Sensing Center (NRSC), ISRO, Hyderabad, Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA, Gujarat), National Institute of Rural Development, (NIRD, Hyderabad) and Tarun Bharat Sangh,(TBS, Rajasthan), on 18th July, 2024

DR. P. RAGHUPATHI, Research Officer

Publications

Chapters

- “Social Discrimination in Land Alienation: Macro Level Experience in the Tribal Region of Andhra Pradesh” in Muninarayanappa. M (Editor in Chief), Sreenivasa Rao D and Venkata Reddy K (Eds.), *Socio-Economic Empowerment of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in India: Issues, Opportunities and Challenges* (pp. 48-73), Red'Shine Publication, 2025.

Papers Presented

- “Land Alienation and Its Impact: Empirical Evidence in the Agency Region of Andhra Pradesh”, Two-Day National Seminar on ‘Programmes and Policies for the Development of Tribes: Issues and Challenges’, organized by Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad from 3-4 March, 2025.
- “Social Discrimination in Land Alienation: Macro Level Experience in the Tribal Region of Andhra Pradesh”, Two-Day National Seminar on ‘Socio-Economic Empowerment of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in India: Issues, Opportunities and Challenges’ organized by Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion (CSSI), Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Anantapuramu from 27-28th March, 2025.

DR. SIVAKUMAR DANYASI, Project Fellow

Popular Press

- “Cultural Behaviour and Sanitation Practices”, *The India Forum*, 03 July, 2024 (Co-authors: Sujit Kumar Mishra, A.K.Sahoo and V. Pullana).

Papers Presented

- “Exploring the Dynamics of Self-Employment: A Socio-Economic Analysis with Insights from NSSO Data for India and Telangana”, 65th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE), organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, from 9th to 11th January 2025.
- “Marginalized Yet Resilient: Labour Market Dynamics of Scheduled Tribes in Telangana”, National Seminar organized by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, Karnataka from 4th–5th March 2025.
- "Bridging Education and Employment: A Labour Market Analysis of Telangana Youth in the Viksit Bharat Vision" National Seminar on Institutions for Viksit Bharat, organized by the Department of Economics, Central University of Tamil Nadu (CUTN) from 27th–28th March 2025.

DR. RAJ KUMAR KATTULA, Project Fellow

Lectures Delivered

- “Studying Gender-Based Violence in the Assam Tea Industry” as part of the workshop on Advance Writing Workshop Organised by CSD, Hyderabad, 20 December 2024.
- “Text, Context and Thick Description”, Ten-day National Workshop Researching Everyday Lives: Qualitative Research organized in CSD, Hyderabad, 13 March 2025.

DR. PULLANNA VIDYAPOGU, Project Fellow

Popular Press

- “Cultural Behaviour and Sanitation Practices”, The India Forum, 03 July, 2024 (Co-authors: Sujit Kumar Mishra, A.K. Sahoo and Sivakumar D).

Lectures Presented

- “Narratives in Qualitative Research”, Researching Everyday Lives: Workshop on Qualitative Research, organised by CSD, Hyderabad collaboration with ICSSR Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad during March 10-19, 2025, on 14 March 2025.

Papers Presented

- Received a Best Paper Presentation in the category of “Equity in Water Infrastructure: Socio-Cultural Perspectives” by presenting a paper titled “Urban Planning, Caste, and Water: The Interplay at Shaikpet Kothacheruvu of Hyderabad in an International Conference on “Sustainable Urban Water Management for Fast Growing Cities” organized by BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus from 21 to 23 Oct 2024. With the award, was also honored and facilitated with a token of appreciation from the renowned publisher Springer Nature.

MR. ANUDEEP GUJJETI, Research Associate

Publications

Popular Press

- “PV and India’s foreign policy”, *Telangana Today*, 13 April 2024 (Co-author: Akhil. K)
- “Why West Asia matters”, *Telangana Today*, 18 April 2024 (Co-author: Akhil. K)
- “Coalition Government and foreign policy”, *Telangana Today*, 18 June 2024 (Co-author: Akhil. K)
- “Beyond dialogue and diplomacy”, *Telangana Today*, 11 July 2024 (Co-author: Akhil. K)
- “Rewind: Kargil, 25 years on”, *Telangana Today*, 27 July 2024 (Co-authors: Akhil. K & Manoj Babu. B)

DR. MD. WASIM AKHTAR, Junior Research Officer

Publications

Journals

- “Analysis of New Education Policy 2020 and its Impact of Higher Education in India”, *Gyan Garima Sindhu*, Quarterly Hindi Magazine Issue – 80, Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, Ministry of Education (Dept. of Higher Education), Govt. of India (UGC Care Listed Journal), ISSN – 2321-0443, 2024, 165–176.
- “Smart City development”, *The International Journal of Engineering, Management and Medical Research (IJEMMR)*, UGC Care Listed Journal, 11 (1): 1-7, 2025.

Chapters

- Three Chapters on (1) “The Influence of Digital Media on Consumer Behavior in Rural India”, (2) “Comparison between Rural and Urban Consumer Behaviour: An Empirical Study”, and (3) “Challenges and Opportunities for Digital Payments in Rural India: Impacts, Initiatives, and Policy Considerations” in Dr. María-Dolores Guillamón (University of Murcia, Spain), *Contemporary Research in Business, Management and Economics*, ISBN 978-81-971164-6-9 (Print) ISBN 978-81-971164-4-5, 2024 (eBook).

DR. AMIYA KUMAR SAHOO, Post- Doctoral Fellow

Publications

Journals

- “Ethnomedicinal use of plant roots: A case study of the Juang tribe of eastern India”, *Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge*, CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR), July 2024 (Co-authors: Hari Charan Behera and Ajit Kumar Behura)

Popular Press

- “Cultural Behaviour and Sanitation Practices”, *The India Forum*, 03 July, 2024 (Co-authors: Sujit Kumar Mishra, V. Pullana and D. Sivakumar).

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AUDITOR’S REPORT 2024-25

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, Delhi** which comprise the Balance Sheet as at March 31st, 2025, 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 (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, 2025;
- b) in the case of the Statement of Income & Expenditure Account, of the Deficit for the year ended on that date; and
- c) in the case, of the Receipts/ Payment Account for the year ended on that date, the receipts & payments shown therein.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

Report on other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

- a. we have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- b. in our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Council so far as it appears from our examination of those books and proper returns.
- c. 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.
- d. in our opinion, the aforesaid financial statements comply with the Accounting Standards to the extent applicable.

For B.C. Choudhary & Co.
Chartered Accountants
FRN: 011135N

(Choudhary Bikash Chandra)

Partner

M. No. : 089960

UDIN:- **2508 9960 BMIE VD27 81**



Place:- New Delhi

Date:- 29-10-2025

COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT- DELHI

Sangha Rachana, 53, Lodi Estate, New Delhi - 110003

BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2025

(Amt in Rs.)

	Schedule	As at 31-Mar-25	As at 31-Mar-24
LIABILITIES			
CORPUS FUND- HYDERABAD	1	10,84,26,012	10,42,27,042
RESEARCH CORPUS FUND- HYDERABAD	2	33,46,332	79,33,562
GENERAL FUND	3	2,75,51,910	3,62,48,745
FIXED ASSETS FUND	4A	58,75,076	64,99,853
UNUTILISED GRANTS	5	17,30,436	34,67,198
EARMARKED FUND	6A	1,20,56,099	1,11,90,796
CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS	6B	3,23,73,544	2,96,49,237
TOTAL		19,13,59,409	19,92,16,434
ASSETS			
FIXED ASSETS			
- Owned Fund	4B	1,89,79,876	1,68,43,043
Less: Depreciation		1,14,15,252	1,08,05,563
		75,64,624	60,37,480
- Grant Fund	4A	58,75,076	64,99,853
		1,34,39,700	1,25,37,333
INVESTMENTS	7 & 7A		
CSD-Delhi Investment			
- Corpus Fund (Hyderabad)		10,93,12,966	10,33,90,147
- Other Fund		4,34,34,979	5,59,08,899
CURRENT ASSETS	8		
- Accrued Interest		25,20,423	31,85,328
- Receivables			
- Grants in Aid		1,03,98,502	65,03,237
- Others		4,48,336	3,92,673
- Cash & Bank Balances		86,92,860	1,21,62,302
LOANS & ADVANCES			
-Advances Recoverables		26,10,211	31,56,511
- Tax Deducted at Source (TDS)		5,01,430	19,80,003
TOTAL		19,13,59,409	19,92,16,434
Significant Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts	21		

Schedules 1 to 21 form an integral part of the accounts

As per our report of even date attached

for B.C. Choudhary & Co.
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(Choudhary Bikash Chandra)
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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, 2025

(Amt in Rs.)

INCOME	Schedule	For the Year Ended 31-Mar-25			For the Year Ended 31-Mar-2024		
		General Account	Projects Grants Account	Total	General Account	Projects Grants Account	Total
REVENUE							
Grants in Aid	9	1,30,32,000.00	2,08,71,590.22	3,39,03,590.22	2,25,30,158.00	1,11,21,185.45	3,36,51,343.45
Interest Income	10	45,58,385.51	73,92,954.00	1,19,51,339.51	46,79,672.84	70,83,848.00	1,17,63,520.84
Rental Income	11	3,19,83,012.16	-	3,19,83,012.16	2,98,90,886.40	-	2,98,90,886.40
Contribution for Training and Workshop		1,00,000.00	-	1,00,000.00	7,000.00	-	7,000.00
Royalty		5,65,036.44	-	5,65,036.44	4,49,927.90	-	4,49,927.90
Miscellaneous Income	12	1,65,898.57	-	1,65,898.57	32,063.00	-	32,063.00
		5,04,04,332.68	2,82,64,544.22	7,86,68,876.90	5,75,89,708.14	1,82,05,033.45	7,57,94,741.59
EXPENDITURE							
Salaries, Allowances and Employee Benefits	13	4,76,28,702.00	66,46,945.00	5,42,75,647.00	4,35,39,279.00	64,84,627.00	5,00,23,906.00
Programme, Research & Publication Expense	14	1,09,83,660.00	1,41,65,923.22	2,51,49,583.22	1,11,54,873.70	1,16,71,844.26	2,28,26,717.96
Repair & Maintenance	15	3,30,041.00	-	3,30,041.00	4,55,468.00	-	4,55,468.00
Office Expenses and Hired Services	16	27,52,349.11	4,41,388.00	31,93,737.11	39,30,213.47	3,24,241.00	42,54,454.47
Rates & Taxes	17	67,54,193.00	-	67,54,193.00	65,44,981.00	-	65,44,981.00
Other Expenses	18	8,98,279.21	1,11,670.00	10,09,949.21	11,15,989.34	1,03,425.00	12,19,414.34
Depreciation	19	7,66,995.00	-	7,66,995.00	5,96,202.00	-	5,96,202.00
Fixed Assets Purchased from Core Grant		4,72,797.00		4,72,797.00	-	-	-
		7,05,87,016.32	2,13,65,926.22	9,19,52,942.54	6,73,37,006.51	1,85,84,137.26	8,59,21,143.77
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year		-2,01,82,684	68,98,618	-1,32,84,066	(97,47,298.37)	(3,79,103.81)	(1,01,26,402.18)
Amount appropriated to :							
- SRC Hyderabad - Research Development Fund		(1,15,45,853.00)	69,58,623.00	(45,87,230.00)	-	-	-
- SRC Hyderabad - Fixed Assets Fund							
- General Fund (Delhi)		(86,36,830.64)	(60,005.00)	(86,96,835.64)	(97,47,298.37)	(3,79,103.81)	(1,01,26,402.18)
TOTAL		5,04,04,332.68	2,82,64,544.22	7,86,68,876.90	5,75,89,708.14	1,82,05,033.45	7,57,94,741.59
Significant Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts	20						

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