

# BOOK RELEASE

## SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM (SDF), CSD Book Launch and Panel Discussion

### Caste-Communal-Politics Nexus in Higher Education Policy

The Case of Southern States and Maharashtra

A. Mathew

26 February 2026, 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm (IST)

Venue: DDML Hall, Council for Social Development, New Delhi

# PROGRAMME

3.00 PM	Welcome by SDF Coordinator	Sourindra Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Council for Social Development, New Delhi
3.00-3:10PM	Welcome and Introduction	K.N. Shrivastava, Director, Council for Social Development, New Delhi
	Welcome Note	Vikram Jain, CEO, Sanctum Books, New Delhi
3.10-3:15PM	Opening Remarks by the Chair	R Govinda, Distinguished Professor, Council for Social Development, New Delhi
3.15-3:25PM	Introduction to the Volume: Caste-Communal-Politics Nexus in Higher Education Policy: The Case of Southern States and Maharashtra by the author	A. Mathew, Former National Fellow and ICSSR Senior Fellow at National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi
<b>Panel Discussion</b>		
3.25 – 4.25 PM	Speakers	Shyam Menon, Vice Chancellor, BML Munjal University, Kapriwas, Haryana
		Zoya Hasan, Distinguished Professor, Council for Social Development, New Delhi
		Rajesh Kumar, Honorary Director & Treasurer, IAEA and Professor, DACEE, Delhi University, New Delhi
		N.V. Varghese, Distinguished Visiting Professor, IIT, Bombay & Former Vice-Chancellor, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi
4.25 – 4.35 PM	Discussion and Chairperson's Observations	R Govinda, Distinguished Professor, Council for Social Development, New Delhi
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