

# 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

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
Panel Discussion		
3.25 – 4.25 PM	Speakers	<p>Shyam Menon, Vice Chancellor, BML Munjal University, Kapriwas, Haryana</p> <p>Zoya Hasan, Distinguished Professor, Council for Social Development, New Delhi</p> <p>Rajesh Kumar, Honorary Director &amp; Treasurer, IAEA and Professor, DACEE, Delhi University, New Delhi</p> <p>N.V. Varghese, Distinguished Visiting Professor, IIT, Bombay &amp; Former Vice-Chancellor, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi</p>
4.25 – 4.35 PM	Discussion and Chairperson's Observations	R Govinda, Distinguished Professor, Council for Social Development, New Delhi
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