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COMPLETED PROJECTS

ACTION PLAN FOR ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS IN TELANGANA

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This report was prepared as part of a baseline survey of Aspirational Districts' Programme in Telangana State. The main objective of the report is to understand socio-economic and other factors that led to these districts being termed as aspirational and to suggest strategies for transforming the aspirational districts into well performing districts. Regarding health, it suggests that there is need to increase the strength of ASHA/ANMs to reach health services to each and every household.

The data on education details that there is need to take serious concentration on students from enrolling, continuous education, completion of high school and enrolment. The study found that there is more potential to increase cultivated area in these villages and institutional support system should be set up. With regard to financial inclusion, the flexible financial transactions must be encouraged through rural kiosks. Skills development being important policy framework plays crucial in the present global economic competition with local production linkages which require up-to-date skills. Regarding basic infrastructure, there is need to sanction and lay all-weather roads as some habitations found to be not evident however Individual Households Latrines (IHHLs) reported to be performing better while it is very low in terms of regular usage.

INTERIM REPORT ON TRAINING FOR ALL: INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR TRIBAL WELFARE CONDUCTED BY MCRHRDI AS PART OF CONCURRENT EVALUATION OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES

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The National Training Policy (NTP, 2012) stipulates training for all Civil Servants at the time of their entry into the service and at appropriate intervals during service to equip them to provide effective public service delivery, updated soft skills and customer orientation with a focus on the poor. As part of this, the Department of Personnel Training (DoPT), Government of India launched a special scheme of Training for All (TFA) to provide Intensive Training Programme (ITP) as a way of empowering of grass root level personnel for effective service delivery from citizen rights perspective. Responding to a notification by GoI to launch ITPs in identified

sectors and departments of the state, Dr. Marri Chenna Reddy Human Resource Development Institute of Telangana (MCR HRD IT) set a motion an ITPs in collaboration of Department of Tribal Welfare (DoTW), Government Telangana. As Scheduled Tribes population in the state accounts for 9.08 percent of total population improving the quality of service delivery to marginalised ST communities was aimed at enhancing access to social and economic infrastructure and thereby to social development among STs.

The interim report of the Intensive Training Programme under the TFA scheme was prepared by CSD based on desk review, records and documents; verification on process and procedures followed in training need assessment; identification target functionaries for training, identification of expert resource persons and resource persons for training design, modules and reading material preparation and for TOT; and implementation of training. Apart from these, the report prepared based on the interaction and focus group discussions with expert resource persons (10 members) and also with staff undergone training on basic skills in computers and IT applications (20 members) for a quick assessment of the review of process of training need assessment, training design, modules, and material preparation; and status of TOT and Base Level Training (BLT); and usefulness of training in the case of official under gone training in the basic skills in computers and IT application in terms of improvement of their efficiency in their work in the department and service delivery to the tribals.

The programme covered all functionaries in Tribal Welfare Department in the sectors of education, health, economic development, constitutional safeguards and research. In all the Interim Report observed the training needs to be provided for a target of 5476 personnel working in tribal areas of ITDA Utnoor, Bhadrachalam and Eturunagaram in Telangana state. An important expected outcome as stated in the approach paper to the ITP was development of replicable models for training and capacity building. The identification of Department of Tribal Welfare by MCR HRD IT is commendable given the marginality of tribal communities and their distance from social and economic infrastructure generally.

IMPACT OF MGNREGS ON RURAL EMPLOYMENT AND MIGRATION: A STUDY IN ANDHRA PRADESH

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The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is formulated as a right based social security scheme for the poor who depend on wage employment. This study was undertaken to assess the supply and demand side factors and their interplay with work, and the determinants of migration, especially distress migration among the workers in the sample villages.

In order to assess the direct and indirect benefits of MGNREGA, data was collected from 830 households—444 migrants households and 386 non-migrants households—in 27 Gram Panchayats across nine mandals in three Rayalaseema districts of Andhra Pradesh. The mandals and GPs were selected based on the criteria of migration intensity, and low, medium and high participation in terms of average days of employment provided under MGNREGS.

This study was an attempt to analyse the micro-level issues of the poor resulting in lower work participation and under-utilization of the scheme's entitlements, and determining the causative factors for migration in the context of different geographic regions and varied socio-economic backgrounds of the rural poor. Migration contributes significant income for the livelihood improvement of the poor. The implementation of MGNREGS, food security under PDS, social security measures and poverty alleviation schemes did not prevent the labouring poor from migrating. The income generation from all the government support measures and all own income sources together at the native place was much lesser than the income generated at the place of destination. The income from MGNREGS was an important source during lean agriculture seasons for the non-migrants for a substantially large number of households. There were many households that did not participate in wage employment in agriculture, but participated in MGNREGS which underlines its importance for livelihood improvement of the poor.

Migration is dependent on inter play of several push factors from the native place and pull factors towards destination. In literature on labour migration, the main push factors associated with migration were lack of employment and income, food insecurity, poverty, depletion of natural resources, family catastrophe, loss of assets, and accumulation of debts, life threat due to community rivalry, and gender and social oppression. The pull factors towards destination on the other hand were identified as higher wages and income, skill up-gradation, contacts and public relations, and better social and economic infrastructure in the destination. It was observed in the study that the households' push towards migration was mainly to generate higher income in the destination to clear their debts and to improve savings and investments in majority of the cases and the migration due to distressed condition in terms of food insecurity and poverty were observed in the case of households dependent on seasonal migration, particularly for wage employment in agriculture and construction labour. The households that migrated to use better social infrastructure like health and education in urban areas were very limited. However, the households migrated with a view to earn more income to provide better and private sector education to their children was evident, particularly in gulf migrants.

ONGOING PROJECTS

TELANGANA SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2020 – REPORT ON EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Kalpana Kannabiran
Sujit Kumar Mishra
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Soumya Vinayan
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Education and Health is based on a detailed empirical study on a final sample of around 10,000 cases for education and around 5000 cases for Health drawn from this census multi-stage sampling process completed which was completed over 2019. The final stage of fieldwork covered these around 15000 cases covering 33 districts in 2020-21. TSDR 2021 will be published in mid-2021 – *the third consecutive report in this series*. TSDR 2021 aims to identify barriers to attaining educational security for all in Telangana state and how health insecurities impede educational security. These are directly linked to attaining the Sustainable Development Goals 3 (Good Health and Well-being), 4 (Quality Education), 5 (Gender Equality) and 10 (Reduced Inequalities). This broad objective is schematised through a set of interrelated questions:

- First, whether and to what extent the right to education was denied or curtailed to children (6-16 years), either through lack of enrolment or drop out and why?
- Second, what are the motives and rationale behind parents' preference for private education, despite a fairly functional and effective education system in Telangana?
- Third, what factors underlie students' choice of courses in higher education?
- Fourth, what is the proportion of adolescent/adult girls (16-29) do not pursue higher education and why?

DYNAMICS OF PARENTAL CHOICE OF SCHOOLING IN RURAL AREAS: A STUDY IN TELANGANA

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The main objective of the present study to understand the emergence of private schools and the extent to which this has influenced parental choice of schooling for their children across different socio economic groups. The study would also focus on the learning outcomes of children both in private and public schools. For the present study, both qualitative and quantitative methods are being used. For the present study, Sangareddy district is selected. Out of 27 mandals in the district, 10 rural mandals have been selected and one private and one government school in each mandal are selected to carry out the study using purposive sampling method. The sample for the study consists of teachers, parents and students. The quality of teaching is assessed by interacting with all stakeholders. Specific assessment test will be carried out by covering exclusively students through administering a set of questionnaire for 200 students from both government and private schools. So far, two chapters - Introduction and Review of literature have been completed. Status of District's Education and comparative data on Mandal level schools is completed.

STATISTICAL COMPENDIUM ON THE STATUS OF EDUCATION IN TELANGANA

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Core Project

CSD, Hyderabad produces Telangana Social Development Report (TSDR) for the Government of Telangana (TSDR 2017, TSDR 2018). Now it is under the preparation of TSDR 2020 by conducting a large-scale sample survey, intends broadly to study the educational situation in both rural and urban areas of all 33 districts of Telangana state for efficient planning and monitoring of the development targets at administrative units, such as district level in particular and state level in general. The survey for TSDR-2020 is aimed to explore the specific reasons for (1) children never enrolled in / dropped out of school in the age group of 6-16; (2) parents opting private institutions for their child education; (3) student's choice of courses in higher education; and (4) girls in the age group of 16-29 not in higher education (discontinued after Class X). Hence, the selection process of sample villages, mandals in rural; and towns/wards in urban areas to estimate the reasons mentioned under five themes at districts level is the major objective of the study.

The main objective of the compendium is to generate baseline information on the status of education for the 33 districts. As the size of households covered for the house-listing is considerably big, CSD in this regard proposed to analyse the information for the above 5 indicators and present it statistically for all the 33 districts. The main of the analysis is to help the state for longitudinal surveys on education status keeping the compendium as the base point.

A total of 67927 households from 33 districts covering 80 mandals, 197 villages and 67 wards were undertaken through the house-listing. Apart from this, secondary information was also

collected on different issues of education. The study adopted frequency distribution tools at different level – district, region, social category, etc. to categorize the information.

Finished the analysis of primary as well as the secondary information collected from all the 33 districts.

Map work is going on for the 33 districts. Once it is over, we will validate it once again to check the uniformity of data. Then it will be ready for distribution (electronic).

COVID-19 INDUCED VULNERABILITIES AND COPING STRATEGIES OF SMALL PRODUCERS: TWO CASE STUDIES FROM GUJARAT AND TELANGANA

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This study focuses on the supply shocks suffered by agri and allied enterprises in the context of the COVID health pandemic focusing on two of highly perishable products viz., horticulture products from Gujarat and a seasonal food product ‘Haleem’ in Telangana. Both the products have suffered supply shocks resulting in loss of income and potential employment. This study attempts to understand the magnitude of the vulnerabilities of the stakeholders, coping strategies if any and the approaches to future that may be drawn from the experience of countries that have suffered COVID19 and other epidemics. The specific objectives include to: assess the impacts of the pandemic and preventive measures on demand, livelihoods, production, value addition and marketing of the chosen products; explore the opportunities to improve inputs required to make value added product or fresh products that are directly consumed; understand avenues of collective approach of producers both in production and marketing in the short and long term; assess pre-requirements for producers to shift to e-commerce and cashless transactions; and examine any shift in the preferences for the domestic or export market.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS): STATUS REPORT ON CHILD RELATED INDICATORS IN TELANGANA STATE

Sujit Kumar Mishra
Soumya Vinayan

The 2030 Agenda which was adopted by world leaders in 2015 focuses on 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are in turn underpinned by 169 targets. The central theme of these goals is inclusiveness and the main mottos include: leaving no one behind as well as to improve development outcomes for nations and people through realisation of SDGs. Child rights and its realization are embedded in several of the SDGs. The proposed research aims to measure the distance Telangana state needs to travel to meet the 2030 Agenda goals and targets for children. This would help to identify the development outcomes and priorities of the state relating to the child specific SDGs and their implementation status. The main objectives of the present study are: To examine the status of the indicators identified under each focus areas of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to child (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16 and 17) in Telangana with a special focus on gender, income group, minority, social category and disability against national level given the availability of data; to assess the progress made in each indicators since 2014 and project the outcomes for the next decade; to document all the programmes and schemes that are initiated to achieve the SDGs relating to children and their linkages to specific SDG goal in Telangana and highlight the performance of flagship programmes of the state Government; to prepare an action plan to suggest concrete steps to improve the performance of SDG indicators related to child by highlighting the comparative performances of districts of Telangana through documenting best practices; and to suggest way forward to align the strategies in line with achieving Sustainable Development Goals in Telangana. The study is purely based on the secondary data sources dealing with issues related to children contained in the SDGs.

TRAINING PROGRAMME ORGANISED

Online Training Programme on

“Effects of Extreme Climate Events on Labour in Telangana: Challenges and Mitigation”

Sujit Kumar Mishra and Manoj Jatav

jointly organised by Council for Social Development, Hyderabad and VV Giri National Labour Institute

March 18-20, 2021

The aim of the three-day online course is to enhance the knowledge, understanding and capacity of labour administrators on matters relevant to extreme climatic events and status of labour welfare. The specific objectives include sensitization of participants about the impact of extreme climate events on different segments of the labour force and their working conditions; to familiarize about the negative effects of climate instability and extreme weather events on employment vulnerability; and to acquaint the participants on various laws and other social security nets for the workers focusing on climate risk resilience, adaptation and labour security.

PROJECTS UNDER RBI CHAIR

COMPLETED

ASSESSING MULTI-DIMENSIONAL POVERTY IN INDIA FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: ADAPTATION AND USE OF THE CONSENSUAL APPROACH IN SOUTH INDIA

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This project tests the suitability of an internationally validated method of poverty assessment - the Consensual Approach - in the Indian context. The approach surveys a representative sample of the population, asking respondents what they consider it to be necessary for an acceptable standard of living. They are asked about the items related to material needs (such as food, housing), access to services (like education and healthcare), and also about activities relating to important elements of social participation. These broader aspects of everyday life are rarely incorporated in or considered by conventional measures of poverty despite forming the basis of internationally-agreed definitions of poverty.

The study intends to identify a set of socially perceived necessities, and whether the households lack such necessities primarily because of lack of resources or of personal choice.

The study seeks to validate the suitability and significance of the Consensual Approach to Poverty through a survey of about 5000 households spread across all the 13 districts of Telangana.

Primary survey of 4000 households has just been completed. The analysis of the data and results would be completed within next three months

ONGOING

WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT, INTERSTATE VARIATIONS AND TIME-USE: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF BIHAR AND TELANGANA

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Women's participation in labour force in India has historically been low. Recent years witnessed a further decline. This low and declining female labour force participation generated competing hypothesis and contesting claims. However, the debate ignored an important dimension: huge interstate variation in labour force participation of women. The study intends to examine the empirical validity of competing claims and employs multiple methods to assess women's participation in labour force in India.

The study examines three interrelated questions. First, why do labour force participation rates of women remain so low in India and why are inter-state variations huge and unchanging over the years? Second, whether such huge inter-state variations are primarily a product of, or utterly unrelated to, structural transformations and nature of economic growth? Third, can and to what extent time-use studies and alternative concepts of work capture the gamut of changing, intermittent and simultaneous but multiple jobs increasingly done by women in India?

The study employs multiple methods of data collection, such as a primary survey using NSSO methodology, activities-based assessment and a time-use survey. Intensive fieldwork was carried in a village each in Bihar and Telangana.

Analysis of data and report writing under progress.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

KALPANA KANNABIRAN
PROFESSOR & REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Publications:

Books

- *Migration, Workers and Fundamental Freedoms: Pandemic Vulnerabilities and States of Exception in India* (Eds.) Asha Hans, Kalpana Kannabiran, Manoranjan Mohanty and Pushpendra, Routledge, 2021.
- *Muvalur Ramamirthammal's Web of Deceit: Devadasi Reform in Colonial India*. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 2003. Co-translator, co-editor and co-author of substantive introduction with Vasanth Kannabiran. Revised Edition, New Delhi: Zubaan, 2021.
- *Gender Regimes and the Politics of Privacy: A Feminist Re-Reading of Puttaswamy v. Union of India*, New Delhi: Zubaan, 2021 [co-author Swethaa Ballakrishnen).
- *Discourses on Corruption: Interdisciplinary and Intercultural Perspectives* co-edited by Kalpana Kannabiran, Bettina Hollstein, Florian Hoffmann, New Delhi: Sage Publications, 2021 (Under ICAS-MP).

Book Chapters

- "Commuting Between Academy and Social Movements: Reflections of an Insurgent Feminist" in *Invisible Institutionalisms: Collective Reflections on the Shadows of Legal Globalisation* edited by Swethaa Ballakrishnen and Sara Dezalay (London: Hart Publications/Bloomsbury).
- "Juridicalising Justice? Covid-19, Citizenship Claims, And Courts" in *Migration, Workers And Fundamental Freedoms: Pandemic Vulnerabilities and States of Exception in India*. New Delhi: Routledge, 2021 (co-editor with Asha Hans, Manoranjan Mohanty and Pushpendra) (co-author Sreekar Aechuri).
- "COVID-19 Jurisprudence: Triadic Ethical Framework and the Fault lines of Constitutional Governance" in Bandyopadhyay, Ritajyoti, Banerjee, Paula, Samaddar, Ranabir (eds), *Covid-19 and Migrant Workers*, New Delhi: Social Science Press/New York and London: Routledge, 2021.
- "Insurgent Realisms and Ideas of Justice in India: Imagining The 'Corruption Complex' Through Law And Literature", in *Discourses on Corruption: Interdisciplinary and Intercultural Perspectives* co-edited by Kalpana Kannabiran, Bettina Hollstein, Florian Hoffmann, New Delhi: SAGE Publications, 2021.

- Constitution-as-Commons, Spatial Justice and Estrangements in Adivasi India: The Continuing Legacy of Three Legal Cases", in Antje Linkenbach and Vidhu Verma eds. *State/Adivasis Law and Property Rights: Changing Norms of Justice* (New Delhi: Sage, 2021).
- "Caste and Gender" in Deshpande, Ashiwini (Ed.) Handbook on Economics of Discrimination and Affirmative Action, Springer, 2021

Journal Articles

- "Justice and Rights in Viral Contexts in India", *The India Forum: The Journal Magazine on Contemporary Issues*, 1 May 2020.
- "Reproductive Justice Not 'Personhood of Foetus': Lessons Learnt from Safoora Zargar's Experience", *Livelaw*, 27 June 2020
- "Judicial Viralities, Courts and the Question of Justice", *The Leaflet*, 14 August 2020.
- "The Shifting Sands of Citizenship: Disposessions, Constitutional Ruptures and Borderlands", *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 69: 3, 1-20, October 2020.
- "Constitution-as-Commons: Notes on Decolonizing Citizenship in India," *South Atlantic Quarterly*, January 2021.

National Press

- "The fight to free pregnant student activist Safoora Zargar is a battle for India's very soul", *Scroll.in*, June 11, 2020

Foreword

- *Gazing through the Broken Mirror: The Life and Times of Kolleru*, Foreword to Akkineni Kutumba Rao, *Softly Dies a Lake* (Hyderabad: Orient BlackSwan, 2020).

Forthcoming Publications

Books

- *Selected Works of Upendra Baxi*, (Ed.) Volume 3, Law and Society, Oxford University Press, 2021. Editor.
- *Law, Justice and Human Rights: Short Reflections*, Hyderabad: Orient BlackSwan, 2021. Author.
- *Dakshinayana Indian Thought: Selections from Telugu Literature (English Translations)*, (co-editor with Volga) Series Editor, Ganesh Devy, Hyderabad: Orient BlackSwan, 2021.

- *The Challenge to Impunity: KG Kannabiran's Politico-Legal Praxes and Courtcraft* (The KG Kannabiran Lectures on Law, Justice and Human Rights, 2020-2021) – fourteen lectures by legal practitioners on building jural strategies for the legal defence of civil liberties in India and its implications for our understanding of the sociology of the legal profession. Edited by Kalpana Kannabiran. Hyderabad: Asia law House, 2021.

Book Chapters

- "Gendered Bodies and Worlds of Labour: Re-Conceptualizing Dignity after *Puttaswamy vs. Union of India*" in Rakhi Sehgal et. al. eds. *Labouring Women and Violence: Building Workplaces free of Violence* (co-author: Devi Jagani).

Invited Lectures/Paper Presentations

- Invited Paper titled "Traumascesapes And An Arc Of Resistance: #Metoo In India" presented at Conference on Global Resistance to Sexual Harassment and Violence, Berkeley Center on Comparative Equality & Anti-Discrimination Law, June 8-9, 2021.
- Invited Speaker, Department of Political Science, Bijoy Krishna Girls' College Seminar, "Issues of Governance During Covid-19", 30 June, 2020.
- Keynote address for the two day national webinar on the theme "Pandemics and Democratic Societies: India's Response" 13-14 July 2020, organised by Department of Political Science, Bangalore University
- Lecture on COVID 19 and Migrant Labour: Law, Policies, Practices, CRG Webinar Series #bordersofanepidemic, 30 July 2020.
- "Gender Inscriptions and Constitutional Imaginaries: Rights, Identities, Intersections and a Way Forward" in One Day National Webinar on Gender, organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Scottish Church College in collaboration with Department of Political Science, 4 August 2020
- Key Note Address on "In the Shadows: Covid 19, Gender and the Constitution" in a National Webinar organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), NEF College, Guwahati, 8 August 2020.
- 'Constitution-as-Commons' Public lecture organised by Pinjra Tod, Delhi, 8 August 2020.
- "Inequality, Equity and the Law: Myth of Gender Justice in India" in One Day Webinar on organised by Department of History, Political Science and Women's Studies in collaboration with IQAC Sivanath Sastri College, Kolkata, 28 September 2020.
- Lecture and Interactive Session on "The Relevance of Right Based Social Activism in the Contemporary Scenario" organised by DHISHA and TRACC, ST. Teresa's College, 1 October 2020.

- “Gender, State and Human Security” in MA: Human Security Preparatory Webinar, sponsored by Institution of Eminence Scheme organised by School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad, 8 October 2020
- Oxford Human Rights Hub, RightsUp interview: ‘The Need for Empathy: Understanding India’s COVID 19 Lockdown, 8 October 2020.
- Mrinalini Goswami and Jogananda Goswami Memorial Lecture, “How Education has Shaped India’s Feminist Movement”, Purvaq Bharati Trust, Jorhat, 21 October 2020.
- Chaired the Webinar on “Sanitation Workers as Corona Warriors: Securing Their Lives, Livelihoods and Dignity” organised by S.R. Sankaran Chair (Rural Labour), National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad, 22 October 2020.
- Special Lecture on “Law, Gender and Social Sciences: The Reflections on Disciplines and Interdisciplinary Relevance” in Webinar on Inter-disciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Education: Approaches and Reflections” organised by School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, 29 October 2020.
- Lecture on “Pandemic of (In)Justice: Covid-19 metaphors in a Constitutional Democracy”, Gandhi-Ambedkar Study Circle, St. Stephens College, 15 November 2020.
- On UAPA, Peoples’ Watch Tamil Nadu State Meeting, 24 November 2020.
- Resource Person for a Panel Discussion on the theme of Covid 19 as an Epistemic Window, IAWS Western Regional Conference on Gender and Citizenship organised by Research Centre for Women’s Studies, S.N.D.T. Women’s University, 25 November 2020.
- Dr. Elizabeth Mary Mathew Memorial Lecture on “Dignity and Autonomy for Women”, Lady Doak College Madurai, 26 November 2020.
- Invited Speaker at Coalition for Educational Freedom Conference, Department of Social Anthropology, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2 December 2020.
- Lecture on “Revisiting Tools of Justice”, Sociology Seminar Series 2021, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, South Asian University, New Delhi, 6 January 2021.
- Speaker at a CFI Commemoration of India’s Republic Day on “Re-Imagining the Constitution for our Times: Equality, Values, Rights, Citizenship” organised by Citizens’ Forum India (CFI), 23 January 2021.
- Amrita Patel Memorial Lecture on “The Constitution and Fundamental Freedoms in Covid-19 Times”, organised by Sansristi: A Gender Resource Centre, 27 January 2021.
- Lecture Series on “Gender Discourse: Dignity, Autonomy and Women’s Right in India” organised by Tarabai Shinde Women’s Studies Centre, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad, 8 February 2021.

- Speaker in a discussion on “Aligning Social Justice with Inclusive and Sustainable Peace”, Women’s Regional Network Webinar, 18 February 2021.
- The Annual Radha Devi Joshi Foundation Lecture on “Insurgent Realisms and Ideas of Justice in India: Imagining the ‘Corruption Complex’ through Law and Literature”, organised by India Studies Program, 5 March 2021.
- 9th Mukta Salve Lecture Series in memory of Sharmila Rege on “State, Civil Society and Resistance: Gender and Constitutional Morality in the Contemporary” – Lecture on “Entangled Inequalities” and the Caste-Gender Complex, organised by Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule Women’s Studies Centre, Savitribai Phule Pune University, 17 March 2021.
- Special Lecture at International Conference on the Theme “Language, Law, Literature: Dialogic Interfaces” organised by Institute of Law, Nirma University, 23 March 2021
- Prof. Jayashankar Memorial Lecture on “Ideas of Justice and the ‘Corruption Complex’: Indian Literary Imaginations” at Fifth Annual Conference of Telangana Economic Association (TEA), organised by Department of Economics, Mahatma Gandhi University, Nalgonda, 27-28 March 2021.

Lecture Series

K.G. Kannabiran Lectures on Law, Justice and Human Rights

November 2020 to February 2021

Ten years after his death, a lecture series was organised in memory of civil liberties advocate KG Kannabiran to celebrate his spirit, his resistance and his constitutional insurgencies in courts and through courts and tribunals — in defence of dissent, personal liberty, associational freedoms, justice; speaking truth to power; calling for judicial accountability; and state accountability especially in the matter of repressive laws, custodial violence and extrajudicial murders — encounter killings; calling out entrenched practices of discrimination and structural violence; and setting out the basic structures of constitutional rule.

The lectures – the first series of its kind in India – were delivered on YouTube by lawyers, legal scholars and judges who knew him personally and worked with him on cases, campaigns and tribunals — to remember their collaborations with him and reflect on future pathways of this important slice of the history of lawyering for human rights and civil liberties — rooted in the Indian experience.

KG Kannabiran (1929-2010) lived and worked in the undivided state of Andhra Pradesh, in Hyderabad. He travelled across the country appearing in courts of trial and high courts and in peoples’ tribunals and fact finding missions. From Kashmir, Assam and Manipur to Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh to Gujarat to Punjab to Karnataka and beyond; within Andhra every nook and corner, every forest and town bear his footprints. Practically every court of every jurisdiction in the state bears his imprint. In his untiring defence of the rule of law and the constitution, and in his quest for justice, no place was out of bounds.

The speakers in the series were:

9th November 2020: Justice B Sudershan Reddy: Death of Democratic Institutions: Abandonment of Directive Principles

16th November 2020: Advocate B Nalin Kumar: The Daily Practice of Lawyering: Vignettes from Senior's Office.

23rd November 2020: Senior Advocate Mihir Desai: The Problem of Preventive Detention in India.

30th November 2020: Advocate Nitya Ramakrishnan: Justice measured out in coffee spoons- the Parliament Attack Case

7th December 2020: Justice K. Chandru: KGK: A Magic Acronym

14th December 2020: Advocate BB Mohan: People of Cholagar Dhotti & other cases: Working with KG Kannabiran

21st December 2020 Dr Usha Ramanathan: Citizen to Consumer to Data: Surveillance, Liberty & Life

28th December 2020: Advocate V Raghu : The Constitution and Scheduled Tribes: Polavaram & Lingadhari Koyas in the undivided state of AP

4th January 2021: Justice J. Chelameswar: Accountability & Transparency in Judicial Appointments

11th January 2021: Senior Advocate Colin Gonsalves: Rights of Workers, Associational Freedoms and Human Rights

18th January 2021: Advocate Henri Tiphagne: The Human Rights Canvas: Experiences from Tamil Nadu-

21st January 2021: Jan Advocate Kurra Jithendra Babu: The Legal Challenge to State Impunity in Andhra Pradesh

25th January 2021: Justice Zak Yacoob (South Africa): Quiet, Courageous, Committed, Convincing Kanna

1st February 2021: Professor Upendra Baxi: The Wages of Struggle: Putting Impunity First

The lectures are up for permanent viewing on a dedicated YouTube Channel – **KG Kannabiran Lectures**

SUJIT KUMAR MISHRA
PROFESSOR & REGIONAL DIRECTOR IN-CHARGE

Publications

Book

- Mishra, Sujit Kumar and R Siva Prasad (2021): *Displacement, Impoverishment and Exclusion: Political Economy of Development in India*, UK: Routledge.

Book Chapter

- “When I Listened to the Voices of Development Communities” in *Development, Environment and Migration Lessons for Sustainability* (eds.) S Irudaya Rajan and Debabrata Baral, London: Routledge, pp. 21-37, 2020.

Journal Articles

- “Searching for Her Space – The Story of a Thappad,” *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. LV, Nos. 28 & 29, pp. 209-10, 2020 (Co-author: Soumya Vinayan)
- “Combating the Twin Effects of Amphan and Covid-19 in Odisha: Understanding Coping Capacities and Strengthening Mechanisms,” *Economic and Political Weekly*, 9 March 2021.

Popular Press

- “Below the Radar,” *The Telegraph*, 28 May 2020.
- “Behavioural practices and Covid-19 in Telangana,” *The Hans India*, 25 November 2020
- “Teenage pregnancies and motherhood in Telangana,” *The Hans India*, 27 December 2020.

Lectures

- Invited Speaker – Delivered a Lecture on “Planning for climate resilience & disaster management: Role of Panchayats in Uttarakhand state” in the Online Training of Trainers (ToT) programme on “Institutionalisation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through Panchayats to manage COVID-19 crisis” NIRD & PR, Hyderabad, 3 September 2020.
- Invited Speaker – Delivered a Lecture on “Goal 13: Planning for climate resilience & disaster management: Role of Panchayats in Tripura State” in the Online Training of Trainers (ToT) programme on “Institutionalisation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through Panchayats to manage COVID-19 crisis” NIRD & PR, Hyderabad, 17 September 2020.
- Invited Speaker – Delivered a Lecture on “How to Write Academic Research Paper”, Department of Language, Manipal University, Jaipur in a two days workshop on “Enhancing Research Skills and Integrity in Humanities and Social Science”, 22-23 February 2021.

Other Academic Activities

- Participated in the activities of the Journal of Rural Development as an Advisory Editorial Board Member.
- Appointed as a Member, Departmental Committee, Centre for Regional Studies, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad.
- Examiner of the Progress Report for Upgradation of UGC Fellowship from JRF to SRF of Mr. Saurabh, School of Economics, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad.
- Attended as a Member of DAC, TISS, Hyderabad
- Subject Expert (Economics), Curriculum Development Workshop for Master of Arts in Public Policy and Development, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur, 22 January 2021.
- Appointed as Joint Secretary, Deccan Centre for Studies in Gender, Culture and History, Hyderabad, January 2021.
- External Examiner PhD Viva-Voce examination, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University at the Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad, 26 February 2021.
- External Examiner for PhD Thesis, School of Economics, University of Hyderabad, March 2021.
- External Examiner for PhD Thesis, Department of Economics, Ravenshaw University, Odisha
- External Examiner for PhD Thesis, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University
- Advisor to the project titled “Base line survey of Aspirational District in Telangana” sponsored by Dr. MCR HRD Institute of Telangana, Government of Telangana State.
- Academic Reviewer for Journal of Land and Rural Development, Journal of Rural Development and Journal of Socio-Economic Development.

SUNNY JOSE
RBI CHAIR PROFESSOR

Publications

Journal Articles

- “Of Access and Inclusivity: Digital Divide in Online Education?”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol.55, No. 36, 5th Sept 2020.

Popular Press

- “The Age Trap”, *The Indian Express* newspaper on 31st August 2020
- “Mind the Gap”, *The Indian Express* newspaper on 25th October 2020
- “The Kids Are Not Alright”, *The Indian Express* newspaper on 19th December 2020.
- “A Step back in Gender Equality”, *The Hindu* newspaper on 12th January 2021.
- “How the Pandemics Strengthens Patriarchy?”, *The Indian Express*, 22 July 2020

SOUMYA VINAYAN
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Publications

Journal Articles

- "Searching for Her Space: The Story of a Thappad", *Economic and Political Weekly*, 55(28-29): 209-210 (Co-author: Sujit Kumar Mishra).
- “Farmlands of Gold” in Technology Stories (www.technologystories.org) (Co-author).
- “Bhalia Wheat in Gujarat – Does Geographical Indication Registration Have a Role in Arresting the Decline?”, *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, DOI:10.1007/s40847-020-00137-7, Published Online 10 March 2021 (Co-author)

Popular Press

- ‘Promote Local Products with GI Logo’, *The Hindu BusinessLine*, 21 May, 2020. (Co-author).

Seminar/Webinars/Workshop

- Participated in the National Webinar titled ‘Reviving of GIs in India: Post Covid19’ organised by Inter University Centre for IPR Studies, CUSAT on May 1, 2020.
- Participated in the National Webinar titled ‘Indian Economy during Covid 19: Problems and Challenges’, organised by T.R.R. Government Degree College, Kandukur, Prakasam District, A.P - 523105 on May 6, 2020.
- Presented a paper titled ‘Cultivation of Bhalia Wheat- A Tradition in Decline?’ at the first ASFS / AFHVS Twitter Conference on July 23-25, 2020. (Co-author).

- Participated in One Day- Virtual Roundtable on ‘Geographical Indications - Protection & Promotion in India’ on 20th August 2020’, organized by the IPR CHAIR & CIPRA, National Law School of India University, Bangalore, in association with Geographical Indications Registry, India.
- “Mapping Disability in India: Gender Dimensions”, Conference on ‘Enabling Equal Opportunity: Looking at India’s Diversity through a Gender Lens’ organised by Maulana Azad National Urdu University and Centre for Development Policy and Practice, Hyderabad on October 16, 2020. (Co-author).
- "Free trade agreements and Malabar pepper" at the 80th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Agricultural Economics held at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore from February 10-12, 2021

Lectures

- Online Lecture titled “Pandemic and Persons with Disabilities: Issues and Challenges” organised by Dnyaprassarak Mandal’s College and Research Centre, Goa on November 19, 2020.

Other Academic Activities

- Online Participant, UN Summer Academy, “UN at 75: What Future We Want” organised by UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development, in cooperation with Training for International Diplomats under Foreign Service Academy, German Federal Foreign Office during August 24-28, 2020.
- Examiner, Ph.D Comprehensive Report, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai (September 18, 2020).
- Reviewer, Journal of World Intellectual Property

SUNKARI SATYAM
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Publications

Book Chapters

- Youth Unemployment and Skill Development Initiatives in Telangana – A Policy Study, in Telangana Economic Association, (Ed.), *Youth Unemployment and Migration in Telangana State*, Hyderabad: Telangana Economic Association (Fourth Annual Conference, ISBN: 978-81-940369-1-3), pp-26-43, 2020.

- “Rural Governance in Water and Sanitation Management: Empirical Observations and Policy Approach”, in Mishra, Ram Kumar, Singh, R.B. Dubey, Anupama (Eds): *Sustainable Climate Action and Water Management*, Springer, 2021.
- “Dalit Women in Politics of Gram Panchayats: Understanding Caste Layers”, in Sinha, Archana, Denzil Fernandes (Eds): *Social Harmony and Justice: Perspective of Dalit Women*, New Delhi: Indian Social Institute and Bharti, 2021.

Seminar/Webinars/Workshop

- IHD - ISLE Web Panel Discussion on “Approaches to Income Support During the Corona virus Pandemic” organized by Institute for Human Development (IHD) and Indian Society of Labour Economics ISLE), 17 July, 2020.
- Webinars (zoom) on “Learning from COVID-19 to Build a Resilient Future” organized by National University of Singapore, National University Healthcare System (NUHS) and WHO’s Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN), Singapore, July 23, 2020.
- COVID-19: Updates from Singapore was organized by National University of Singapore (NUS), National University Healthcare System (NUHS) and WHO’s Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN), 13 August, 2020.
- Webinar on “Science and Global Public Health Guidance in the Time of COVID-19” organized by National University of Singapore (NUS), National University Healthcare System (NUHS) and WHO’s Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN), 27 August, 2020.
- National Webinar on New Education Policy 2020: Future Prospects organised by the Department of Education and IQAC, T.H.B. College, Tezpur University, 29th August, 2020.
- International Webinar on “Skills for 21st Century Jobs” organised by the Department of Economics in Association with the IQAC, Abhayapuri College, Assam, India, 31 August, 2020
- International Webinar on Strategies to Mitigate the Rippling Impact of COVID-19, was organized by National University of Singapore (NUS), National University Healthcare System (NUHS) and WHO’s Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN), September 3, 2020
- Webinar on ‘Emerging Trends in the Working of a Democracy in a Pandemic Impacted World’ organized by The Centre for Research in Social Sciences, Jain University, Bengaluru and Lokniti-CSDS, New Delhi, September 10, 2020.
- Webinar on the Web Book Discussion Web Book Discussion on “Women, Witch Hunts and Social Transformation” was jointly organised by Institute for Human Development - Centre for Gender Studies (IHD-CGS) and Cambridge University Press, September 15, 2020.

- “Agricultural Produces, Marketing and Supportive Mechanism: A Study in Aspirational Districts of Telangana”, at 34th National Conference on Agricultural Marketing, Babasaheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, 16th, 17th and 18th March 2021 (accepted).
- “Skill Development and Rural Women: A Policy Study in Telangana State”, Telangana Economic Association, Annual Conference organising by the Department of Economics, Mahatma Gandhi University, Nalgonda, March 27-28, 2021(accepted).
- “Ambedkar and Politico-Welfarism in Contemporary India: A Policy Perspective”, in International Conclave on Globalizing Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s Thoughts and Legacy, Dr Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi, March 30-31, 2021.

Lectures

- “Social Security schemes for Workers in Climate Affected Regions”, Online Training Programme on Effects of Extreme Climate Events on Labour in Telangana: Challenges and Mitigation, conducted by VV Giri National labour Institute in collaboration with Council for Social Development, Hyderabad (18 – 20 March 2021), 19 March 2021
- “Planning for Climate Resilience & Disaster Management – Role of Panchayats”, Online Training Programme on Effects of Extreme Climate Events on Labour in Telangana: Challenges and Mitigation, conducted by VV Giri National labour Institute in collaboration with Council for Social Development, Hyderabad (18 – 20 March 2021), 20 March 2021.