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The “Ideal Victim” Problem: Who Does the Indian Justice Actually Serve?



This article examines how public sympathy influences India's response to gender-based violence. Drawing on the concept of the "ideal victim," it argues that high-profile cases often drive legal reforms, while the more common forms of violence, such as domestic abuse, caste-based sexual violence, and assaults by known perpetrators, receive far less institutional urgency. Using NCRB data, the piece calls for a justice system that responds consistently to all survivors through stronger institutions rather than reacting only after public outrage.

Hyderabad's Parasite Moment: What Urban Flooding Reveals About the Cities We Build



Using the film Parasite as a powerful metaphor, this article explores how Hyderabad's recent floods expose deeper failures in urban planning rather than simply the effects of heavy rainfall. It argues that the loss of lakes, encroachment of natural drainage systems, and unchecked urban expansion have made the city increasingly vulnerable to climate change. The piece calls for a shift from reactive flood management to resilient urban planning that treats ecological infrastructure as essential to sustainable development.

Click on the title to read the article!

ONLINE ARTICLES

NFHS-6: What the Latest Health Survey Tells us About India's Current and Future Trajectory.



This article analyses findings from the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6), highlighting India's progress in maternal healthcare, immunisation, and reducing child stunting, while drawing attention to emerging public health challenges. The article argues that India must move beyond expanding healthcare access to strengthening regulation, promoting preventive care, and encouraging healthier lifestyles to address the country's evolving health needs.

Beyond NEET: When India's Examination System Becomes a Crisis of Trust



This article argues that recurring controversies surrounding the NEET examination reflect a broader crisis of trust in India's examination system. Highlighting the human, social, and psychological costs of high-stakes testing, it contends that fairness and institutional credibility are as important as academic merit. Drawing comparisons with China and Japan, the piece calls for stronger accountability, more secure examination processes, holistic assessment methods, and greater mental health support to restore public confidence in India's education system.

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ONLINE ARTICLES

India Has Put CSR on Dalal Street. Can Markets Understand Social Impact?



This article examines India's decision to allow a portion of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding to be channelled through the Social Stock Exchange (SSE). While acknowledging the potential for greater transparency and accountability, it argues that measuring compliance alone cannot capture real social impact. The piece calls for a more inclusive framework that supports grassroots organisations and prioritises meaningful, long-term development outcomes over procedural reporting.

The Invisible Economy of Unpaid Care Work in India—How Women Are Kept Out of the Workforce?



This article explores how the unequal burden of unpaid care work limits women's participation in India's workforce. Arguing that childcare, eldercare, and domestic responsibilities are structural barriers to employment, it highlights the need for stronger care systems, accessible support services, and labour policies that enable more women to participate in paid work and contribute to economic growth.

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EVENTS

CDPP CENTRE FOR
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**FOUNDATIONS OF ECONOMICS &
PUBLIC POLICY**
Short Course

5 day course on concepts of
economics and public policy by
Dr. Rathin Roy



- ✓ Principles of Microeconomics
- ✓ Principles of Macroeconomics
- ✓ Development Economics
- ✓ Public Finance and Fiscal Policy
- ✓ Political Economy of Contemporary India

1-5 JUNE, 2026
04:00 PM - 06:00 PM
CDPP OFFICE

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Foundation of Economics and Public Policy

This short course introduced participants to the core concepts of economics and their relevance to contemporary public policy. Over five days, the course covered key themes including microeconomics, macroeconomics, development economics, public finance, and the political economy of India.

Led by Dr. Rathin Roy, the programme provided participants with a practical foundation for understanding economic principles and their application to policy and governance.

Date and Time: June 1-5, 2026; 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM IST

Venue: CDPP Office, Hyderabad

EVENTS

CDPP CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND PRACTICE

Why Public Policy?

Saturday **June 06, 2026** **10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

3 Floor, Serene Heights Building, Masab Tank, Hyderabad 500028, Telangana

Public policy shapes the decisions that governments make to address real-world challenges in areas like health, education, economy, environment, and social justice. Join us for an engaging discussion on why public policy matters and how it influences everyday lives.

JOIN ZOOM MEETING
Meeting ID: 828 4124 6256
Passcode: 863959

Speaker:
Shubhashis Gangopadhyay

Dr. Shubhashis Gangopadhyay is the Research Director at the India Development Foundation. He is also a visiting professor at the University of Gothenburg, and the University of Groningen. He is the Founder-Chief Editor of the Journal of Emerging Market Finance (Sage Publications).

Why Public Policy?

This session introduced participants to the importance of public policy in addressing real-world challenges and improving governance. The discussion explored how public policies are formulated, why they matter, and how they shape society and everyday life.

Featuring Dr. Shubhashis Gangopadhyay, Research Director at the India Development Foundation (IDF), the session offered participants an introduction to policy thinking and decision-making through the CDPP Intern Learning Programme.

Date and Time: June 6, 2026; 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM IST
Venue: Online (Zoom)

EVENTS



Inclusion in the Age of AI: Should Everything Be Digital?



Monday **June 08, 2026** **3:00p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

3 Floor, Serene Heights Building, Masab Tank, Hyderabad 500028, Telangana

In the age of AI and rapid digital transformation: Where do digital solutions create meaningful value? Who gets left behind when everything goes digital? How can digital inclusion be balanced with concerns of access, equity, and rights?

**JOIN ZOOM MEETING**
Meeting ID: 814 3987 1366
Passcode: 972845



Speaker: **Osama Manzar**

Osama Manzar is the Founder-Director of Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF).

Inclusion in the Age of AI: Should Everything be Digital?

This session examined how digital transformation is reshaping access to public services and the challenges it poses for equity, rights, and inclusion.

Featuring Mr. Osama Manzar, Founder-Director of the Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF), the discussion highlighted how policymakers can build more inclusive digital systems.

Date and Time: June 8, 2026; 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM IST

Venue: Online (Zoom)

EVENTS

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CDPP CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND PRACTICE

BAZM-E-SUKHAN

June 17, 2026 (Wednesday), 6:30 p.m
at Lamakaan, Near GVK One, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad

The Centre for Development Policy and Practice (CDPP) warmly invites you.
An Evening of Filmi Songs and Poetry

Sajid Azam
Sajid Azam is an accomplished writer, producer, director, journalist, and Urdu scholar. An M.A. graduate from Osmania University, he has contributed to Doordarshan, ETV, Zee TV, & documentary film-making. His award-winning works include Hamari Zeenat and several Nandi Award-winning productions. He remains active in literature, media, and cultural initiatives.

Zaheer Baig
Zaheer Baig is an eminent surgeon and a gifted singer. He brings together the essence of Urdu literature and poetry in popular culture and film music.

Dr. Atiya Mujeeb Arefi
School Assistant,
Education Department Telangana
Poetess, Writer & Anchor

The event will feature live singing of select film songs by Dr Zaheer Baig
A discussion with Sajid Azam by Dr. Atiya Mujeeb Arefi

Presided over by Smt. Lakshmi Devi Raj & Prof. Ashraf Rafi

Supported by DEF A.C.O.D.E. TEA & SNACKS

Bazm-e-Sukhan: Filmi Naghmon Ka Safar

This session celebrated the enduring connection between film music, poetry, and Urdu literary traditions. The programme featured discussions on the cultural legacy of film songs alongside live performances of timeless classics.

Featuring Sajid Azam and Dr. Zaheer Baig, with moderation by Dr. Atiya Mujeeb Arefi, the event brought together literature, music, and cultural dialogue.

Date and Time: June 17, 2026; 6:30 PM IST

Venue: Lamakaan, Hyderabad

EVENTS



PUBLIC POLICY AND DISABILITY

Workshop on Understanding Inclusion, Rights, and Justice



Resource Persons



Amita Dhanda
Professor Emerita
NALSAR University of Law,
Hyderabad

Aymen Mohammed
Assistant Professor
NALSAR University of Law,
Hyderabad



Saturday,
June 20, 2026



11:30 a.m.
to 1:30
p.m.



CDPP Office,
Serene Heights
Building,
Masab Tank,
Hyderabad



In-person Only
(Limited
Seats)

Policy, Practice, Implementation and Impact: Navigating Uncertainty

The workshop explored disability-inclusive policymaking through the lens of rights, justice, and participation. Participants engaged with key concepts of inclusive governance and equitable public policy.

Featuring Prof. Amita Dhanda and Prof. Aymen Mohammed of NALSAR University of Law, the workshop offered practical insights into building policies that are accessible and inclusive for all.

Date and Time: June 20, 2026; 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM IST

Venue: CDPP Office, Hyderabad

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MENSTRUATION DIALOGUE

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UNDERSTANDING MENSTRUATION AS A HUMAN ISSUE

THEME

RE-CENTRING LIVED REALITIES, RESEARCH, POLICY AND COLLECTIVE ACTION

An annual dialogue to create a safe space where grassroots realities, lived experiences, and sectoral insights come together to inform policy and practice. This convening serves as a platform to reimagine what menstrual equity looks like in the Indian context and beyond.

Wednesday, July 1st, 2026

Venue: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Pt. Uma Shankar Dikshit Road,
Teen Murti Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi- 110021

Time: 9:00am-6:00pm

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Menstruation Dialogue 2026: Re-centering Lived Realities, Research, Policy & Philanthropy

The conference, “Menstruation Dialogue 2026: Re-centering Lived Realities, Research, Policy & Philanthropy,” brought together researchers, practitioners, policymakers, grassroots leaders, and philanthropies to reframe menstruation as an issue of dignity, inclusion, and social justice.

Through research presentations, policy dialogues, lived experiences, and cultural expression, the conference explored more inclusive and evidence-based approaches to advancing menstrual wellbeing.

Date : July 1, 2026

Venue: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi

UPCOMING EVENTS

CDPP CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND PRACTICE

Hyderabadi Poets

BAZM-E-SUKHAN

July 08, 2026 (Wednesday), 6:30 p.m
at Lamakaan, Near GVK One, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad

The Centre for Development Policy and Practice (CDPP) warmly invites you.

Contribution of Hyderabadi Poets to Urdu Literature

Mohammed Sajjad Ansari
Research Scholar, MANUU, Hyderabad
Will speak on Hyderabadi Poets

Smita Bellur
Smita Bellur, BE MS (BITS Pilani) worked at Oracle and SAP before turning a full-time musician. She is a trained Hindustani Classical Sufi singer who has performed at more than 500 venues. She has performed at Jodhpur RIFF, Spree Paisley Festival (Scotland), Rajgir Utsav, Kalaghoda Arts Festival, Jahan-e-Khusrau (Delhi), to name a few.

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Bazm-e-Sukhan: Hyderabadi Poets

The Centre for Development Policy and Practice (CDPP) is pleased to invite you to an evening celebrating Hyderabad's rich literary heritage.

Join us for "Contribution of Hyderabadi Poets to Urdu Literature", featuring Mohammed Sajjad Ansari, Research Scholar at MANUU, followed by a musical performance by renowned Hindustani classical and Sufi vocalist Smita Bellur.

Date and Day: 8 July 2026 (Wednesday)

Time: 6:30 PM

Venue: Lamakaan, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad

UPCOMING EVENTS



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SIR in TELANGANA

Data Cleansing vs. Social Welfare

Lessons from the West Bengal SIR Exercise

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026 | TIMINGS: 2 P.M. TO 4 P.M.

Venue :
The Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI)
Federation House, 11-6-841, Red Hills
Hyderabad 500004, Telangana, India

This talk examines lessons from West Bengal's Special Intensive Revision (SIR), exploring its impact on electoral rolls, welfare access, and legal safeguards, while highlighting key considerations for balancing electoral integrity with citizens' rights in future implementations, including in Telangana.

OUR SPEAKERS

SABIR AHAMED	ASHIN CHAKRABORTY	SHAIKH AYAAN HOSSAIN
Researcher, Social Activist and RTI expert with 20+ years of experience in governance, electoral processes and developmental issues. At the forefront of research and advocacy on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process in West Bengal, and co-author of the pioneering "SIR Appeal: A Citizen's Handbook" developed with legal experts from NUJS Kolkata and NLSIU Bangalore.	Economist and public policy researcher working on political economy, inequality, gender economics and social representation. Led a major empirical project on voter exclusions during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), 2026, digitising and structuring over 150 million voter records across roughly 80,000 polling booths.	Political science researcher actively engaged in minority rights and social inclusion. Played a frontline role in the legal aid effort during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), guiding affected voters through appeals and contributing to the "SIR Appeal: A Citizen's Handbook".

SIR in Telangana: Data Cleansing vs. Social Welfare – Lessons from the West Bengal SIR Exercise

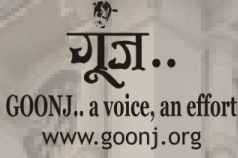
The Centre for Development Policy and Practice (CDPP) invites you to SIR in Telangana: Data Cleansing vs. Social Welfare – Lessons from the West Bengal SIR Exercise. The discussion will examine the implications of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in West Bengal, with a focus on electoral rolls, access to welfare, legal safeguards, and the broader challenges of balancing electoral integrity with citizens' rights. As Telangana considers similar questions, the session aims to encourage an evidence-based and informed public dialogue.

Date: 7 July 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Venue: The Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI), Federation House, Red Hills, Hyderabad

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/vPH89rznV8>



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