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# POLICY TO PRACTICE PODCAST: LAW & SOCIETY SERIES

CDPP's "Policy to Practice" podcast aims to enlighten a diverse audience on global issues, fostering conversations with experts to simplify complex concepts related to social, cultural, economic, and technological development.

## #8: Featuring Prof. Aymen Mohammed



The Centre for Development Policy and Practice (CDPP) featured Prof. Aymen Mohammed in Episode 8 of the Policy to Practice podcast series, under the ongoing Law and Society series.

For this episode, we sat down with Prof. Aymen Mohammed, Assistant Professor at National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR), Hyderabad, where he teaches election law, administrative law, and federalism to undergraduate and postgraduate law students. Prior to joining academia, he worked as a policy professional, advising government and private clients on legislative drafting and regulatory structuring. His recently submitted doctoral thesis examines the meaning and constitutional significance of fraternity in the Preamble to the Constitution of India.

Hosted by Moumita Barman, Senior Research Associate at Centre for Development Policy and Practice (CDPP), this episode explores some prominent myths surrounding the Constitution of India. Prof. Mohammed unpacks how these misconceptions arise, explains constitutional principles in accessible terms, and reflects on the risks posed by misinformation—particularly when it is used to stigmatise or implicate specific communities.

# CDPP BLOGS

CDPP disseminated thought-provoking articles through the CDPP website. This month's blogs covered diverse perspectives under the theme, "Aviation Sector", "Gender Diversity and Inclusion in the Tech Industry" and "Women in Agriculture."

## **IndiGo's Turbulence and the Bigger Question, "Is India's Aviation Regulation Under Strain?"**



IndiGo's recent operational crisis reveals strain in India's aviation regulation, where stretched oversight by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and reactive policy responses risk long-term safety and compliance. The article highlights how temporary rule relaxations and weak continuous monitoring can narrow safety margins, especially around pilot fatigue management and oversight capacity. It argues for stronger, proactive regulatory frameworks to safeguard aviation safety rather than crisis-driven fixes.

## **Unpacking Household Decision Making Among Agricultural Households in Uttar Pradesh, India**



The article examines the decision-making power of household members in agricultural households using a mixed-methods diary approach. A total of 60 respondents from 30 Farmer Production Organization member households were surveyed through both qualitative and quantitative methods over a period of 12 months. The study highlights that women have started participating more actively in decision-making, and instances of joint decision-making are on the rise. However, the majority of decision-making power still remains with men, reflecting persistent gender disparities. Men and women's report of decision making fluctuates through the year.

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# CDPP BLOGS

## **Studying the Impact of Male Migration on Decision-Making by Women in Agriculture**



Male migration from rural areas has been a regular trend in India. It has had consequential effects on rural women's decision-making. This article aims to contribute to the literature on understanding the relationship between migration and agrarian gender in Maharashtra, particularly focusing on four villages in Wai Block. The study explores the dynamics behind the changes in decision-making by women in agriculture due to male migration. The study reveals that they have been able to exercise some agency and can spend money earned through wages. Women had exercised collective action by working in groups in agricultural fields.

## **India-Africa Partnerships As A Model For Decolonising SDG 3 Implementation Through a South-South Cooperation**



This article seeks to examine the foundational role of Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being) in shaping India-Africa health diplomacy, highlighting the importance of inclusive health policies in strengthening partnerships. Despite comprehensive academic and policy discussions on India-Africa health diplomacy, there is a limited research base that clearly links these efforts to the strategic objectives of SDG 3, particularly concerning gender inclusivity and mental health, which are key pillars of its focus. Health security has progressively become a cornerstone of international relations, particularly through the human security approach, which emphasizes the security of the individual.

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# ONLINE ARTICLES

CDPP disseminated thought-provoking articles for the Siasat Daily e-paper. This month's articles covered themes on Aadhaar privacy, prison reforms, etc.

## **Call for better regulations on Aadhaar governance and privacy**



India's Aadhaar programme, introduced as a voluntary identification system, has increasingly become mandatory through its linkage with welfare schemes and essential services, raising serious concerns about consent and exclusion. While framed as a tool for inclusion, the system's technological and procedural complexities often marginalise those it claims to empower, particularly the poor, elderly, and digitally excluded. The article highlights persistent risks around data privacy, surveillance, and repeated instances of data leaks, alongside weak accountability mechanisms. It argues that inclusion achieved through coercion undermines democratic principles and calls for stronger safeguards, transparent governance, and genuinely voluntary, rights-respecting approaches to digital identification.

## **Marginalised Stakeholders with Technological Barriers Across Sectors Should Be in Focus**



This article highlights the persistent gender and digital divides that limit women's participation in technology, education, and the economy. Despite constitutional and SDG commitments, women remain underrepresented in STEM and the tech workforce, facing structural barriers, social norms, and limited access to digital tools. Reports by UNESCO, Oxfam, and the World Bank show significant economic losses due to this exclusion. The author argues that equitable digital access, gender-sensitive policies, community-driven initiatives, and disaggregated data are essential to ensure inclusion, procedural fairness, and sustainable empowerment for marginalised groups.

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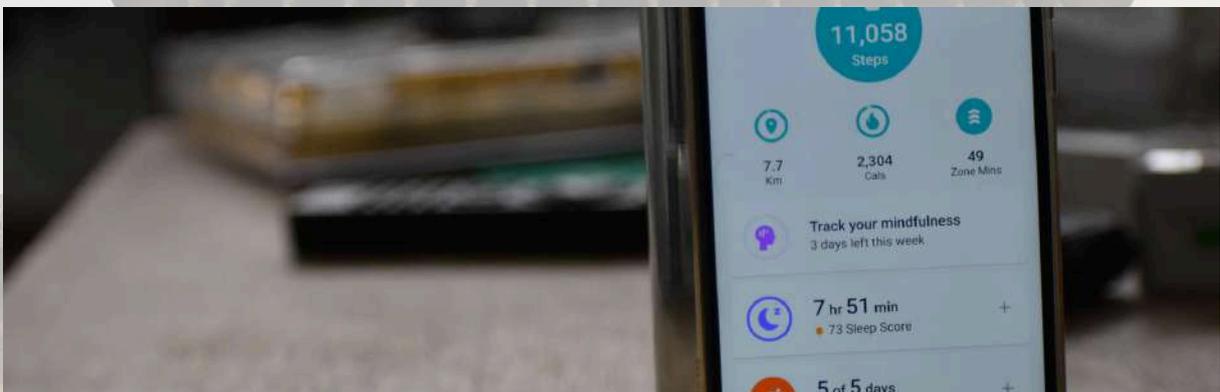
# ONLINE ARTICLES

## Hyderabad Hosts Ethical AI and Governance at DCS 2025



This article talks about the Digital Citizen Summit (DCS) 2025 held in Hyderabad on 14–15 November 2025, co-organised by the Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF), Centre for Development Policy and Practice (CDPP), the Telangana government and other partners. Under the theme, “People and Platforms: Let’s Talk Accountability,” the summit examined how innovation, regulation, citizen agency, digital justice, and platform power interact in shaping digital spaces.

## Undertrial disparities of caste and religion in PSI 2023 India



The Prison Statistics India 2023 reveals chronic prison overcrowding and a dominant undertrial population at 73.5%. Deep disparities emerge: while Hindus are under-represented among undertrials relative to their population share, Muslims, Sikhs, SCs, STs and OBCs are visibly over-represented, reflecting structural bias in India’s justice system. The data suggests that caste, tribe and religion significantly shape pre-trial detention outcomes, underlining urgent need for systemic reform.

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# EVENTS

## BAZM-E-SUKHAN

**KUCHH ISHQ KIYA**  
— FAIZ AHMED FAIZ —

THE BAZM-E-SUKHAN ANNIVERSARY  
January 14, 2026 (Wednesday), 5:30 p.m.  
at Lamakaan, Near GVK One, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad

**Mir Ali Hussain**  
Eminent Academic,  
Poet, Film Writer, &  
Intellectual

**Smita Bellur**  
Indian Classical  
Sufi Singer

**Jayesh Ranjan**  
Special Chief Secretary & CEO,  
Industry & Investment Cell,  
SPEED, Government of TS.

**Sreetha Reddy Deshmukh**  
Director, Toys Industries &  
Commerce Dept., Govt. of TS  
& Director - Industry Linkages,  
Promotion & Skilling,  
Osmania Foundation

**Osama Manzar**  
Founder-Director,  
Digital Empowerment Foundation

**Shobhana Krishnaswamy**  
Creative  
Lala E-Innovate

**Satya Prabhakar**  
Author, AI-SaaS Entrepreneur

**Key Highlights**

- Curated literary-musical presentation: "Kuchh Ishq Kiya: Faiz Ahmed Faiz"
- Visual Storytelling Session on "Traditional Wisdom amidst Digital Challenges: Stories of Physical Social Enterprises"
- Museum of Digital Society (MoDS) exhibition on "Fana-e-Haq & AI"
- Booklet Release:
  - Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary & CEO, Industry & Investment Cell, SPEED, Government of Telangana
  - Sreetha Reddy Deshmukh, Director, Toys Industries & Commerce Department, Government of Telangana, and Director - Industry Linkages, Promotion & Skilling, Osmania Foundation
- Satya Prabhakar on "Drift Poetry" AI
- Lala E-Innovate presentation by Shobhana Krishnaswamy

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### Bazm-e-Sukhan | 7th Anniversary Evening

The Centre for Development Policy and Practice, along with Digital Empowerment Foundation and A-CODE organised an evening where literature, culture, and digital pathways of continuity came together. An evening celebrating Literature, Culture, and Digital Pathways of Continuity was organised as Bazm-e-Sukhan marked seven years of dialogue, poetry, music, and ideas.

Date and time: Wednesday, 14 January 2026 | 5:30 p.m. onwards  
Venue: Lamakaan, Near GVK One, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad

Highlights included:

- \* Opening of the MoDS Exhibition: "Fana-e-Haq & AI"
- \* Special literary-musical presentation on Faiz Ahmed Faiz
- \* Reflections on 7 years of Bazm-e-Sukhan
- \* Visual storytelling, conversations & dinner

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**CDPP** Centre for Development Policy and Practice | **JAHANGIRABAD** INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY | **SAHAYATA TRUST** | **IMRC** INDIAN MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

## SEMINAR ON PHARMA AND HEALTHCARE

### EXPLORING THE INTERSECTION OF POLICY, REGULATION AND ACCESSIBILITY OF HEALTHCARE

**CALL FOR PAPERS 2026**

#### SUB THEMES

- ✓ Pharma Policy, Regulation, and Innovation: Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure and Systems through Affordable and Equitable Care
- ✓ Industry–Academia Collaboration in Pharmaceutical Research
- ✓ Global Mobility, Trade, and Technology in Health

## JIT Conference

The Centre for Development Policy and Practice (CDPP) in collaboration with Jahangirabad Institute of Technology (JIT) welcome abstract submissions from undergraduate (UG), w postgraduate (PG), and PhD scholars on topics related to “Pharmaceutical Industry and the Indian Healthcare system.”

We welcome contributions from scholars at all academic levels, encouraging them to share their perspectives and insights on the broader theme, while remaining open to related issues beyond its scope. Submission of extended abstracts (1,500 words) could address one or more of the following sub-themes:

1. Pharma Policy, Regulation, and Innovation: Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure and Systems through Affordable and Equitable Care
2. Industry–Academia Collaboration in Pharmaceutical Research
3. Global Mobility, Trade, and Technology in Health

The selected papers will be presented during the Annual Conference of JIT, 2027 and will also be published as part of “Special Edition of CDPP”.

To know more, visit [our website](#).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

The poster is for an event titled "JISKI ZUBAAN URDU KI TARAH" which is a celebration of Urdu poetry and Hindi cinema. It is organized by CDPP (Centre for Development Policy and Practice) in collaboration with DEF (Digital Empowerment Foundation) and A-CODE. The event is scheduled for February 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Lamakaan, near GVK One, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. The poster features two speakers: Mir Ali Hussain, an eminent academic and film writer, and Zaheer Baig, an eminent surgeon and gifted singer. The poster also includes logos for CDPP, DEF, and A-CODE.

**JISKI ZUBAAN  
URDU KI TARAH**  
— URDU POETRY & HINDI CINEMA —

February 11, 2026 (Wednesday), 6:30 p.m  
at *Lamakaan*, Near GVK One, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad

The Centre for Development Policy and Practice (CDPP), in collaboration with the Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF) and A-CODE, presents Bazm-e-Sukhan—Jiski Zubaan Urdu ki Tarah, a celebration of film lyrics and Urdu

**Mir Ali Hussain**  
Mir Ali Husain is an eminent academic, film writer, poet and intellectual whose passion for Urdu poetry is legendary. He has worked extensively on progressive writers movement.

**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

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## Jiski Zubaan Urdu Ki Tarah

The Centre for Development Policy and Practice presents Bazm-e-Sukhan, Jiski Zubaan Urdu Ki Tarah, an evening celebrating the enduring relationship between Urdu poetry and Hindi cinema, in collaboration with the Digital Empowerment Foundation and A-CODE. Featuring Mir Ali Hussain and Zaheer Baig, the programme reflects on lyricism, literature, and popular culture.

Date: February 11, 2026 (Wednesday)

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Lamakaan, near GVK One, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad

# UPCOMING WORKING PAPER

## **Understanding the Regulatory Landscape in India: A Comprehensive Look at Artificial Intelligence Governance in Healthcare Sector**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming healthcare, from diagnostics and treatment planning to patient monitoring and administrative efficiency. The global healthcare market is projected to grow at a 5% compound annual growth rate from 2025 to 2030, reaching nearly USD 30 trillion, with inpatient and outpatient care remaining the dominant segments. Yet, the sector faces significant challenges, including fragmented regulatory landscapes, limited talent and knowledge, uneven data access, technology maturity gaps, and varying healthcare player adoption. In India, AI adoption in healthcare is accelerating, however, the regulatory framework is still evolving, with multiple agencies issuing overlapping guidelines, resulting in fragmented oversight of AI tools in healthcare.

This working paper explores and compares regulatory approaches to AI in healthcare across India, the United States, China, and the European Union. Drawing from a literature review of academic, regulatory, and policy sources, the study maps landscapes, identifies gaps, and assesses implications for patient safety, innovation, and competitiveness. By examining these jurisdictions, the study highlights lessons from different regulatory philosophies and identifies strategies that could inform India's policy evolution.

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