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POLICY TO PRACTICE PODCAST

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.

Policy to Practice: Law & Society #9 with Prof. Prerna



In this episode of the Centre for Law, Economics and Society Podcast organised by CDPP, we sit down with Prerna, Assistant Professor of Law at NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad. They teach a course on Law and Poverty and engage with questions of caste, social inequality, and access to justice. Prerna's doctoral research draws on critical legal theory and lived experiences of caste, disability, and transness to examine the limits of anti-discrimination law.

This episode explores how caste shapes access to justice within the criminal legal system, particularly the ways in which individuals from different caste backgrounds are treated when accused of crimes. Through this conversation, the episode highlights the structural and social dynamics that continue to influence legal processes and outcomes.

This episode is hosted by Moumita Barman, Senior Research Associate at the Centre for Development Policy and Practice (CDPP).

Click on the title to listen to the podcast!

ONLINE ARTICLES

Periods Under Siege: How War in Gaza is Shaping Menstrual Health



This article talks about how infrastructure collapse in the Gaza Strip has triggered a menstrual health crisis, leaving women without sanitation or supplies, increasing infections, hormonal disruption, anaemia, and underscoring the urgent need for menstrual justice.

Regulatory complacency: How the West Asian conflict exposed India's lack of energy security.



Global conflicts over resource control have exposed India's vulnerability. Reliant on Middle Eastern LPG via the Strait of Hormuz, disruptions triggered shortages, panic buying, and highlighted risks despite expanded domestic access through welfare schemes.

Click on the title to read the article!

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.

[Climate Change Is a Women's Health Crisis We Are Still Ignoring](#)



This article highlights how climate change is often framed as an environmental or economic issue. This framing, however, conceals a critical truth. It is also a major public health crisis, and one that disproportionately harms women. As highlighted in the Women's Health in the Climate Crisis report by Energy Tracker Asia (2026), the intersection of climate change and gender inequality is structural, systemic, and urgent.

EVENTS

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AN ELSEWHERE: CHRONICLING HIMACHALI MUSLIMS BY R. UMAMAHESHWARI

R. Umamaheshwari is an independent writer, chronicler with a PhD in History and recipient of academic fellowships from India, England and France. She is also recipient of Indian media scholarships and fellowships. She has so far authored 3 books and several works in many spaces, both online and offline.

DATE March 9, 2026 **TIME** 11:30 AM

LOCATION Office#3, Serene Heights Building, #10-3-303 Humayun Nagar, Masab Tank, Hyderabad 500028, Telangana.



RSVP **JOIN US ON ZOOM**

An Elsewhere: Chronicling Himachali Muslims

The Centre for Development Policy and Practice organised a talk on An Elsewhere: Chronicling Himachali Muslims by R. Umamaheshwari, exploring histories, identities, and marginal narratives from the Himalayan region.

Date: March 9, 2026

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Venue: CDPP Office, Humayun Nagar, Hyderabad

EVENTS



Postcolonial Bollywood and Muslim Identity

March 5, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.

Book Discussion

Postcolonial Bollywood and Muslim Identity:

Production, Representation, and Reception examines how Hindi cinema has shaped, negotiated, and reframed Muslim identity in India from the post-independence period to the present. The book critically analyses cinematic narratives, industrial practices, and audience reception to reveal how nationalism, secularism, and majoritarian politics intersect within popular film culture. By situating Bollywood within broader postcolonial debates, the work offers a nuanced account of how Muslim identity has been constructed, marginalised, romanticised, and politicised on screen.



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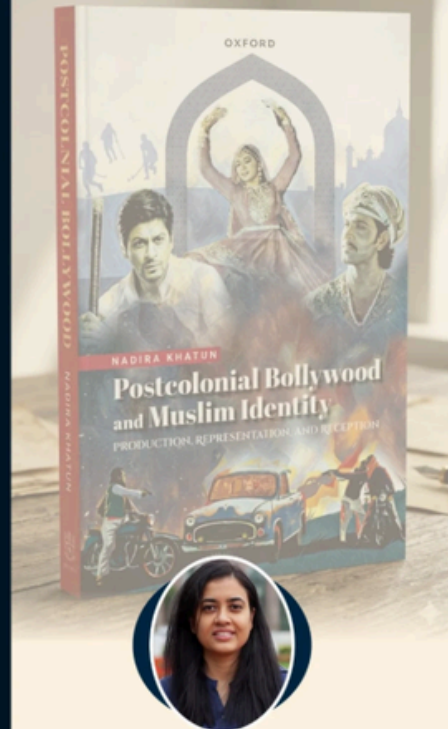


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Venue: CDPP Office

3rd Floor, Serene Heights Building, Humayun Nagar,
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Speaker: **Dr. Nadira Khatun**

Author and Associate Professor at XIM University Bhubaneswar. Her research focuses on media, nationalism, memory, and minority representation in South Asian cinema. She has published widely on Bollywood and identity politics, and her work bridges film studies, political theory, and postcolonial scholarship.

Postcolonial Bollywood and Muslim Identity

The Centre for Development Policy and Practice organised a book discussion on *Postcolonial Bollywood and Muslim Identity: Production, Representation, and Reception* by Dr. Nadira Khatun. The session examined how Hindi cinema had shaped and negotiated Muslim identity in post-independence India, engaging with questions of nationalism, secularism, and representation within popular culture.

Date: March 5, 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Venue: CDPP Office, 3rd Floor, Serene Heights Building, Humayun Nagar,
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EVENTS

MANAGEMENT WARRIORS IN INDIA
How the Digital and Technology Sector
Should Work for Inclusion

CDPP Centre for Development Policy and Practice

defindia.org

A Talk by Mr. Rajendra Prasad Boddapati

MARCH 16, 2026
06:00 PM

Welcome to the CDPP-DEF webinar series on inclusion and empowerment in the digital space.

Mr. Raju (Rajendra Prasad Boddapati) Prasad is an industry veteran and has spent a lifetime working in the IT, ITES and Hardware sectors

Diversity isn't a charity project. It's a competitive advantage when you are operating in a market, where roughly 50 percent of the talent pool is being systematically excluded by competitors. The pattern holds for other dimensions of diversity. Religious minorities, LGBTQ+ individuals, people with disabilities—in each case, you have access to talent that competitors are excluding through bias. That is a market inefficiency you can exploit for both moral and business reasons.

Mr. Raju takes us through his fascinating journey with some of the biggest tech firms today. He discusses the management style that has got entrenched and how that leads to rampant exclusion.



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Management Warriors in India

The Centre for Development Policy and Practice, in collaboration with the Digital Empowerment Foundation, organised a webinar as part of their series on inclusion and empowerment in the digital space.

The session, titled Management Warriors in India: How the Digital and Technology Sector Should Work for Inclusion, featured Raju Prasad, who drew on decades of experience across the IT, ITES, and hardware sectors. He reflected on management cultures within major technology firms and examined how these structures have contributed to systemic discrimination.

Day and Date: Monday, 16 March 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Venue: CDPP Office, Serene Heights, Humayun Nagar, Masab Tank, Hyderabad, Telangana 500006

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bazm-e-Sukhan, May 2026

Bazm-e-Sukhan is a celebration of Urdu poetry and literature, curated by CDPP in collaboration with the Digital Empowerment Foundation under its A-CODE initiative. Since 2018, it has brought together a vibrant community of writers, readers, and listeners to engage with Urdu literary traditions.

The sessions are currently held online every Tuesday at 10:00 PM IST on Zoom, welcoming participants from across geographies.

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Meeting ID: 835 2103 6627

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The in-person gatherings at Lamakaan, Hyderabad, held on the second Wednesday of each month—will resume in May 2026.

Menstruation Dialogue 2026

Goonj, in collaboration with The Centre for Development Policy and Practice (CDPP) and National Foundation for India (NFI), will be organising the Menstruation Dialogue 2026 in June 2026.

As part of this initiative, a Special Edition on Menstrual Health and Hygiene will also be released during the event.

This publication will bring together multidisciplinary perspectives, lived experiences, and policy–practice insights on menstrual health, positioning it as a critical issue of public health, gender justice, and inclusive development. It aims to amplify voices from both grassroots practitioners and academic communities, fostering dialogue around dignity, equity, and access in the context of menstruation.

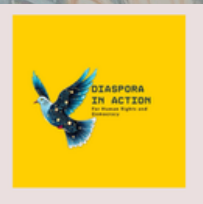
CURRENT WORKING PAPER



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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