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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.

Podcast 11: Featuring Mr. Pankaj Pachauri



The Centre for Development Policy and Practice featured Mr. Pankaj Pachauri in the latest episode of the Policy to Practice podcast series.

A veteran journalist and former communications advisor to the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Pachauri shared his insights on the evolving role of media in shaping public discourse and influencing policy decisions. He discussed the challenges of government communication, the importance of transparency and accountability, and the growing impact of digital media on journalism. Reflecting on his extensive experience, he highlighted how media narratives can shape policy priorities and public perception.

Hosted by Ablaz Mohammed Schemnad, this episode offers valuable perspectives on the intersection of media and policy-making in India.

Click on the title to listen to the podcast!

CDPP BLOG

CDPP disseminated thought-provoking articles. This month's blogs covered diverse perspectives under the theme, "Health Equity for Women and Gender Minorities."

Advancing Gender Equity Through Sexual Health Care: A Comprehensive Analysis



This article examines how reproductive and sexual health rights are essential for equitable health outcomes and personal empowerment. It highlights that access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare and sexual education is often limited by restrictive policies and insufficient resources, disproportionately affecting women's health. The article discusses barriers such as cultural and religious resistance, political inertia, and inadequate funding, which hinder the quality and accessibility of sexual education. It emphasizes the need for culturally sensitive, community-driven interventions that integrate traditional knowledge with modern healthcare. Strategies like empowering local health workers, engaging men in discussions, and incorporating reproductive health education are proposed to dismantle stigmas and promote gender equity. A balanced approach that respects cultural diversity while advocating for women's rights is deemed essential for improving health outcomes in these regions.

Click on the title to read the article!

ONLINE ARTICLES

CDPP disseminated thought-provoking articles for the Siasat e-paper. This month's articles covered themes like gender limitations in economic participation and highway toll policies in India.

Enrolment of Children in Pre-Primary Education is Improving; Telangana Achieves Near-Universal Enrolment



The Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2024 highlights significant improvements in pre-primary education enrolment across India, with Telangana achieving near-universal enrolment for 3-year-olds. Nationally, enrolment for this age group increased from 68.1% in 2018 to 77.4% in 2024. Among 5-year-olds, enrolment rose from 58.5% to 71.4% during the same period. Anganwadi centres remain the primary providers of pre-primary education, though private school enrolment for 5-year-olds increased from 30.8% in 2022 to 37.5% in 2024. Additionally, the proportion of underage children entering Class I decreased from 25.6% in 2018 to 16.7% in 2024.

India's Job Crisis: Will Budget 2025–26 Bring Relief?



There are persistent employment challenges in India, particularly within the informal sector. As of September 2024, youth unemployment stands at 10.2%, with graduates facing a 13% unemployment rate. The Union Budget 2025–26 introduces measures aimed at alleviating these issues, including the revamping of the PM SVANidhi scheme to provide financial assistance to street vendors and the inclusion of gig workers under the Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme. While these initiatives acknowledge the vulnerabilities of informal workers, concerns persist regarding their effective implementation and coverage.

Click on the titles to read the articles!

EVENTS

BAZM-E-SUKHAN
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**ZIKR E
SHORA E DECCAN**

12 February, 2025 (Wednesday) | 6:00 pm
at **Lamakaan**, Near GVK One, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad



Prof. Rahmat Yousuf Zai
Former HoD Dept. of Urdu, UoH
will speak about
Makhdoom Mohiuddin
and his poetry



Sunita Lulla
Guest Poetess



Dr. Oudesh Rani Bawa
Writer, Historian and Columnist
will speak about
Nazeer Dahqani &
Sarwar Danda's Poetry

Compere - Dr. Atiya Mujeeb Arefi

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

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Bazm-e-Sukhan

ZIKR E SHORA E DECCAN

The Centre for Development Policy and Practice, in collaboration with the Digital Empowerment Foundation & A-CODE, hosted another captivating edition of Bazm-e-Sukhan.

Celebrating the literary and cultural legacy of the Deccan, "Zikr E Shora E Deccan" took place on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at Lamakaan, Hyderabad, offering an enriching evening of poetic expression.

EVENTS

The poster is for an event titled "RETHINKING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR MUSLIMS IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA". It features the logos of USIPI (US-India Policy Institute) and CDPP (Centre for Development Policy & Practice). The text includes Article 15, Clause 5 and Article 16, Clause 4 of the Constitution of India. The authors listed are Hilal Ahmed, Mohd. Sanjeer Alam, and Nazima Parveen. The panel discussion includes Amitabh Kundu, Ghazala Wahab, Manoj Jha, Poonam Muttreja, and Yogendra Yadav. The event is held at Lecture Hall II (Basement) of the Annexe Building, India International Centre, 40 KK Birla Marg, Lodhi Gardens, New Delhi. The date is Wednesday, February 05, 2025, at 06:00 PM IST. Dinner follows.

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Article 15, Clause 5: Nothing in this article or in sub-clause (g) of clause (1) of article 19 shall prevent the State from making any special provision, by law, for the advancement of any socially and educationally backward classes of citizens or for the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes in so far as such special provisions relate to their admission to educational institutions including private educational institutions, whether aided or unaided by the State, other than the minority educational institutions referred to in clause (1) of article 30.

Article 16, Clause 4: Nothing in this article shall prevent the State from making any provision for the reservation of appointments or posts in favour of any backward class of citizens which, in the opinion of the State, is not adequately represented in the services under the State.

Constitution of India

**RETHINKING
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
FOR MUSLIMS IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA**

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- AMITABH KUNDU
- GHAZALA WAHAB
- MANOJ JHA
- POONAM MUTTREJA
- YOGENDRA YADAV

Welcome address by : **ATAULLA KHAN**, Trustee, USIPI
Followed by video screening & presentations by the authors

PANEL CHAIR : AMIR ULLAH KHAN, Member, TGPSC

Venue: **LECTURE HALL II (BASEMENT)**
Annexe Building, India International Centre, 40 KK Birla Marg,
Lodhi Gardens, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi-110003

Wednesday | February 05, 2025 | 06:00 PM IST | Dinner follows

Rethinking Affirmative Action

The Centre for Development Policy & Practice (CDPP), in collaboration with the US-India Policy Institute (USIPI), launched a report titled “Rethinking Affirmative Action for Muslims in Contemporary India.” The event included a video screening and presentations by the authors—Hilal Ahmed, Nazima Parveen, and Sanjeer Alam.

A panel discussion followed, featuring eminent speakers such as Prof. Amitabh Kundu, Manoj Jha, Poonam Muttreja, Yogendra Yadav, and Ghazala Wahab. The session was chaired by Amir Ullah Khan, Member of the Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC).

The cover is for a book titled "WOMEN IN THE WORK FORCE: OVERCOMING OBSTACLES & ADVANCING EQUITY SPECIAL EDITION". It features the CDPP logo. The bottom of the cover displays logos for the Presidency University, the Government of India, and the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

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**WOMEN IN THE WORK FORCE:
OVERCOMING
OBSTACLES & ADVANCING
EQUITY**

SPECIAL EDITION

PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA


MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT


Women in the Workforce: Overcoming Obstacles & Advancing Equity


Women in the Workforce: Overcoming Obstacles & Advancing Equity (Special Edition) was released on February 26, 2025 in Maulana Azad National Urdu University.


EVENTS

DISCUSSING THE UNION
BUDGET 2025-26
February 09, 2025 | Sunday | 5:00 pm
at *Lamakaan*, Near GVK One, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad


DR. RATHIN ROY
Distinguished Professor, Kautilya School of Public Policy
Dr. Rathin Roy is currently a distinguished Professor at the Kautilya School of Public Policy, GITAM. He was a former member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council.


In conversation with
ANANT MARINGANTI
Executive Director of HUL


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CDPP CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND PRACTICE  **HYDERABAD URBAN LAB**

Discussing the Union Budget 2025-26 with Dr Rathin Roy, in Conversation with Anant Maringanti

The Centre for Development Policy & Practice, in collaboration with Hyderabad Urban Lab (HUL), had an insightful discussion on the Union Budget 2025-26. This session featured Dr. Rathin Roy in conversation with Anant Maringanti, offering a critical analysis of the budget's implications on economic policy and governance.

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Virtual Roundtable Discussion on
"Rethinking Regulation"

'India's regulatory landscape is at a crossroads—striving to balance innovation and governance while ensuring economic stability. As India's economy evolves, do our regulatory frameworks still serve their intended purpose?'

Thursday | February 13, 2025 | 3:00 PM

Discussants


Mr. PANKAJ BATRA
Senior Advisor, IRADe


Ms. BINDU MADHAVI
*Director - Regulatory & Policy
India Energy Storage Alliance
Customized Energy Solutions*


Dr. SARATH DAVALA
Chair, Basic Income Earth Network

To join click on Zoom Meeting Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81151770662?pwd=PNUl8k2qxRlbXoafyTCtK0m2nqgnp.1>

Meeting ID : 811 5177 0662 | Passcode : 765150

Roundtable Discussion on "Rethinking Regulation"

The Centre for Development Policy and Practice, had an insightful discussion on "Rethinking Regulations." The discussion focused on whether regulatory frameworks serve their intended purpose of ensuring compliance, consumer protection, and economic growth, or create more complexity, gaps and loopholes.

CDPP CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND PRACTICE

"Digital Health, Partnerships and Way Forward"

To foster partnerships among organizations operating in the Digital Health space, aim of this discussion is to identify potential collaborators who can help expand our understanding and explore the vast potential of Digital Health. Our initiative focuses on assessing the way forward to effectively scale and sustain these efforts, by bridging existing gaps, we aim to influence public policy and drive meaningful change.

Date & Time: Feb 24, 2025 | 11:00 am India

Speakers:


MS. SANGITA PALOD,
*Senior Program Director,
Centre for Digital Transformation
Praram Foundation*


DR. ARITRA DAS,
*Core Team Member & Expert
Epidemiologist, RMLE Unit, Praram
Swasthya Management & Research Institute*


To join click on Zoom Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83969799496?pwd=Gpb0lANjPvc0lq9OrcMAFdZBbBN3DTm.1>

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Digital Health, Partnerships, and the Way Forward

This session brought together key stakeholders to identify potential partnerships, bridge existing gaps, and explore ways to scale and sustain digital health initiatives. By leveraging collective expertise, the discussion aimed to influence public policy and drive meaningful change in the sector.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The poster for the Annual Conference on Public Policy 2025 features a world map in the background. At the top, the CDPP logo (Centre for Development Policy and Practice) is displayed. The title 'ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC POLICY 2025' is prominently shown in purple. Below the title, the venue 'The Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad, Telangana' and the date 'Date & Time: 8am to 6:30pm | March 28, 2025' are listed. The theme 'Sharing, Development, People, and the Question of Redistribution' is written in a large, stylized font. A QR code for registration is provided, along with the text 'Register here:'. At the bottom, logos of partner organizations are shown: defindia.org, Presidency University, The Education Group London, GOONJ (www.goonj.org), Maulana Azad National Urdu University, and the Centre for Economic and Social Studies.

CDPP CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND PRACTICE

**ANNUAL
CONFERENCE ON
PUBLIC POLICY 2025**

Venue:
The Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS),
Hyderabad, Telangana

Date & Time: 8am to 6:30pm | March 28, 2025

***Sharing, Development, People,
and the Question of Redistribution***

Register here:

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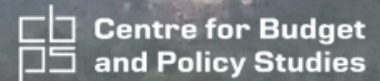
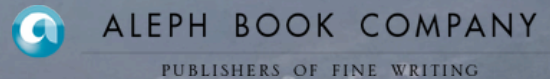
CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STUDIES

Annual Conference on Public Policy, March 2025

The Annual Conference on Public Policy 2025, organized by the Centre for Development Policy and Practice in collaboration with Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF), Goonj, The Education Group (TEG), Centre for Women Studies, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Presidency University, and the Centre for Economics and Social Studies, will be held on March 28, 2025 in Hyderabad.

Under the theme *Sharing, Development, People, and the Question of Redistribution*, the conference will critically examine economic, social, and structural inequalities. Discussions will focus on taxation, trade, governance, education, healthcare, legal aid, and digital access, with a particular emphasis on marginalised communities. Panels will explore key issues such as cooperative federalism, regulatory frameworks, global trade dynamics, climate change, and social justice. Experts from academia, policymaking, and civil society will contribute insights on bridging digital and economic divides, ensuring equitable access to public goods, and fostering inclusive development.

The conference aims to generate actionable policy recommendations that address India's long-term development challenges. Through interdisciplinary engagement, it seeks to promote equity, sustainability, and systemic change in public policy.



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