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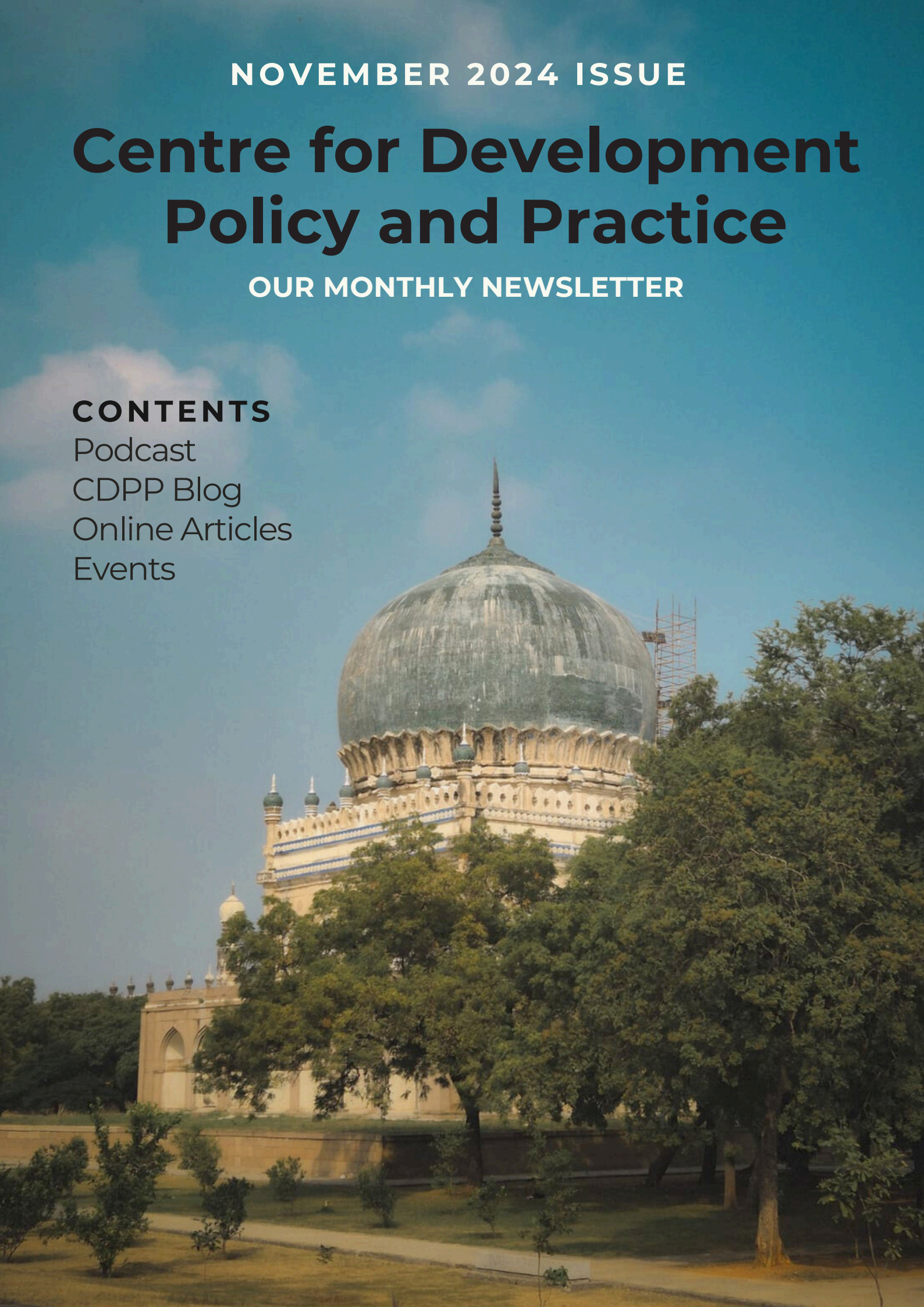
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POLICY TO PRACTICE PODCAST

The CDPP launched the "Policy to Practice" podcast featuring development sector experts. The 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.

Featuring Mr. Paranjoy Guha Thakurta



Catch us in conversation with Mr. Paranjoy Guha Thakurta hosted by Mr. Ablaz Mohammed Schemnad on Dharavi slum rehabilitation, crony capitalism, and autocracy.

Mr. Paranjoy Guha Thakurta describes his experience of producing the documentary film on Dharavi and the rehabilitation project, "Dharavi ka Dada Kon." The documentary describes the locality and the issues of the people residing there over the years. Their concerns and fears are well captured in this 42-minute long documentary film.

Watch the Documentary Film

[Click on the title to listen to the podcast!](#)

CDPP BLOG

CDPP disseminated thought-provoking articles via the CDPP blog. This month's blog covered diverse perspectives under the theme of **Access of Minorities to Urban Spaces**.

In the name of name (identity): Ghettoisation of Muslims in Indian cities— Inaccessible rental apartments



The issue of Muslims facing difficulties in finding rental apartments in Indian cities is deeply rooted in religious discrimination, class dynamics, and growing Hindutva politics. This leads to the ghettoisation of Muslim communities, forcing them to cluster in specific areas with poor infrastructure and basic amenities. Scholars like David Harvey and Abdou Maliq Simone highlight how urban inequality, exclusion, and precariousness are exacerbated by such segregation. The state's role in perpetuating such divisions, along with the absence of laws against religious discrimination in housing, further entrenches these issues, creating a cycle of marginalisation and alienation in urban spaces.

From fishnets to cityscapes: The Koli chronicles of Worli



The Koli fishing community in Mumbai, with deep historical ties to the city's coastline, faces marginalisation due to urbanisation and infrastructure projects like the Coastal Road and Bandra-Worli Sea Link. These developments threaten their traditional livelihoods by destroying fishing grounds and disrupting marine ecosystems.

Despite legal challenges and reduced income, the Kolis continue to fight for their rights to land and sea. Their struggle highlights the broader issue of cultural preservation amidst rapid urban growth, with the Kolis' marginalisation reflecting the sociopolitical challenges faced by indigenous communities in India's expanding cities.

[Click on the titles to read the articles!](#)

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Urban spaces, social identity, and inclusion: Policy pathways to address inequities



The article explores the dynamics of social inclusion and exclusion in urban settings, emphasising the need for equitable access to resources and the recognition of marginalized communities' contributions. It highlights the underrepresentation of minority ethnic groups in green spaces and examines the impact of rapid urbanisation on social segregation, economic exclusion, and access to

services. The article calls for targeted policy interventions to address systemic inequalities, promote social cohesion, and improve access to public services for marginalised communities. It advocates for a multifaceted approach, combining robust policies, equitable resource distribution, and promoting social inclusion to create a more inclusive urban environment.

Spatial segregation and systemic exclusion: The case of Jamia Nagar



Jamia Nagar, a Muslim-majority area in South Delhi, is both a refuge and a symbol of forced segregation. While it offers safety from communal violence, the area faces systemic exclusion, with limited access to resources, education, and employment opportunities. Residents navigate stigmatisation, poor infrastructure, and

discriminatory urban policies, leading to socioeconomic stagnation. Despite these challenges, the community exhibits resilience through local organisations offering essential services. This article explores the impact of ghettoisation on Jamia Nagar's residents and calls for inclusive urban policies to address the inequalities faced by marginalised neighbourhoods in India and beyond.

[Click on the titles to read the articles!](#)

ONLINE ARTICLES

CDPP disseminated thought-provoking articles via renowned platforms like Siasat. This month's articles covered themes like the food security and the Digital Citizen Summit, 2024.

In India food availability slid to alarming levels; Malnutrition among children is starkly bad



The 2024 Global Hunger Index reveals serious health issues in India, ranking 105th with 13.7% of the population undernourished and high child malnutrition rates. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's report links child malnutrition to climate change, predicting worsening conditions by 2050. At the same time, obesity is rising, with higher rates in urban areas. Climate change worsens food security, contributing to both malnutrition and obesity. These health challenges

threaten economic stability, with lost productivity and work hours due to poor nutrition and heat exposure. Urgent action is needed to address these issues for a healthier future.

Digital Citizen Summit 2024: Rethinking AI for a fairer future



The 6th edition of the Digital Citizen Summit (DCS) 2024 was held on November 15-16 at T-HUB, Hyderabad, co-organised by the Digital Empowerment Foundation, Centre for Development Policy and Practice, and the Government of Telangana. The event focused on "Algorithms, AI, and Accountability," bringing together scholars, academics, civil society, and government representatives to discuss AI's impact on various sectors like healthcare, education, and

governance. Key topics included AI regulation, digital exclusion, worker dignity, and ethical AI. The summit featured keynote sessions, panel discussions, technical sessions, and paper presentations, addressing AI's social, economic, and environmental challenges.

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EVENTS

Digital Citizen Summit 2024

The Centre for Development Policy & Practice (CDPP) and the Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF) hosted the sixth Digital Citizen Summit 2024. This annual event served as a platform for bringing together a diverse and dynamic gathering of scholars, academics, practitioners, civil society organisations, and government representatives who shared a profound interest in technology, digital citizenship, and social innovation. This year's summit focused on the critical theme of "Algorithms, AI & Accountability." The Digital Citizen Summit 2024 was held on November 15th and 16th, 2024, at T-Hub in Hyderabad, India. The first issue of the 10th volume of Journal of Development Policy and Practice (JDPP) was released at the event, which is an output from the DCS 2023.



Panel discussion on AI and public policy

CDPP hosted a panel discussion under the theme "AI and Public Policy" chaired by prof. Rajesh Chakrabarti and Dr. Aakansha Natani, Romita Ghosh and Gopika as discussants. The panel saw an engaging participation from various corners and the panellists addressed all the questions raised by the audience.



Academic panels hosted by CDPP

CDPP also curated two Academic Panels with a total of 15 paper presenters from around the world discussing their research on technology and society, human rights, platform economy, urban policy, privacy, among other significant topics. The panels were chaired by Prof. Abdul Shaban, Dr. Kaushiki Sanyal, Dr. Vishnu Pillai, and Dr. Aakansha Natani.

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Book discussion on Shikwa-e-Hind: The political future of Indian Muslims and the identity project: The unmaking of a democracy

On Tuesday, 19th November 2024, the CDPP office in Hyderabad hosted a book discussion with Dr. Mujibur Rahman, author of *Shikwa-e-Hind: The Political Future of Indian Muslims*, and Mr. Rahul Bhatia, author of *The Identity Project: The Unmaking of a Democracy*.

Dr. Rahman's book explores the political future of Indian Muslims, emphasising the importance of addressing systemic marginalisation. Mr. Bhatia's work critiques Aadhaar's connections to Hindutva ideologies. The discussion highlighted the intersections of political movements, identity, and democracy, underscoring the need for critical reflection to build a more inclusive and equitable future.

The discussion continued for the common public at Lamakaan in Banjara Hills in the evening with Prof. Kousar J. Azam as the chair of the panel discussion. Dr. Amir Ullah Khan, Prof. K.M. Ziauddin, and Prof. Asma Rasheed joined as discussants in the event. The event hosted a wide array of audience from various age groups, and professional backgrounds.

Lamakaan

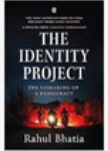
Book Discussion:

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**Shikwa-e-Hind: The Political Future of Indian Muslims
The Identity Project: The Unmaking of a Democracy**
at Lamakaan on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6:30 pm



Mr. Rahul Bhatia is an independent writer whose profiles of power brokers and investigations of technology adoption highlight themes of accountability and access in India.



Dr. Mujibur Rehman teaches at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. He is the author of the book, *Shikwa-e-Hind: The Political Future of Indian Muslims* (2024).



Prof. Kousar J. Azam, Former HOD of Political Science, OU, will chair the panel discussion.

Panelists



Dr. Amir Ullah Khan
Member of Telangana Public
Service Commission



Prof. K.M. Ziauddin
Associate Professor
of Sociology, MANUU



Prof Asma Rasheed
Associate Professor
at EFLU, Hyderabad

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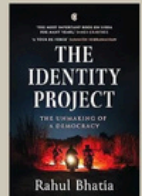
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**On Tuesday November 19, 2024, at 3 pm,
at CDPP Private Limited, Masab Tank, Hyderabad**

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CELEBRATING IQBAL'S POETRY

13 November, 2024 (Wednesday) | 06:00 pm
at **Lamakaan**, Near GVK One, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad

Nazm. shikwa jawab e shikwa
By Dr. Jaweed Kamaal & Lateef Uddin Lateef

Daniele Speziale 'Raahi Itaalvi'
Anjuman e Fannan
will recite some of his Urdu ghazals





PROF. ASHRAF RAFI
Former Head of Dept., Urdu, Osmania University
Lecture on :
Iqbal ke Taareekhi aur Tahzeebi Tasawwuraat

Mohammed Zaheer Uddin
Will explain selected couplets of Iqbal poetry

Presided over by Smt. Lakshmi Devi Raj

Coordinators
DR. GUL E RANA & DR. HUMAIRA SAYEED

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Celebrating Iqbal's Poetry


On Tuesday, 13th November 2024, the Centre for Development Policy and Practice, in collaboration with the Digital Empowerment Foundation, hosted a captivating edition of Bazm-e-Sukhan at Lamakaan, Hyderabad. The event celebrated the timeless poetry of Allama Iqbal with a series of enriching presentations. Prof. Ashraf Rafi delivered a lecture on "Iqbal ke Taareekhi aur Tahzeebi Tasawwuraat" (Iqbal's Historical and Cultural Visions). Mohammed Zaheer Uddin provided an insightful explanation of selected couplets from Iqbal's poetry and Nazm. The evening also featured a special performance of *Shikwa* and *Jawab-e-Shikwa* by Dr. Jaweed Kamaal and Lateef Uddin Lateef, along with a poetic recital by Daniele Speziale Raahi Itaalvi, who shared his own Urdu ghazals. The event was well-attended and celebrated Iqbal's literary legacy in a vibrant atmosphere.

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**AN INTERACTIVE SESSION
BASHIR BADR KE SAFEER**
BY RAVINDRA KUMAR CHOUDHARY
27 November, 2024 (Wednesday) | 04:00 pm
at **Lamakaan**, Near GVK One, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad



Dr. Ravindra Kumar Choudhary
Dr. Ravindra Kumar Choudhary, M.S.(Ortho.) is an orthopedic surgeon by profession based at Bangalore. A poet of Hindi, Urdu, English, Bengali and Punjabi, he writes under the TAKHALUS 'Ravi Maun'. He is an expert in transcreation of Urdu poetries/shayaris of renowned shayars & she'rs
In a period spanning about 47 years, he has transcreated & translated several thousands of Urdu poetries to English.

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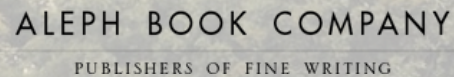
An Interactive Session: Bashir Badr Ke Safeer

On Wednesday, 27th November 2024, the Centre for Development Policy and Practice, in collaboration with the Digital Empowerment Foundation, hosted another captivating Bazm-e-Sukhan event at Lamakaan, Hyderabad. This interactive session, organised by Bazm-e-Sukhan & Dobarra, focused on the rare and exquisite art of Transcreation, where poetry transcends languages while preserving its original beauty and essence. The event, titled “Basheer Badr Ke Safeer,” was a must-attend for literary enthusiasts, poets, and writers, offering deep insights into the art of transcreation. The session provided a platform for engaging discussions and creative exchanges among participants.

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