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VISION STATEMENT

* VISION

To be a leader among the influential national and international think tanks engaged in the activities of undertaking public policy research and education for moulding public opinion.

* OBJECTIVES

1. The main objectives of the Centre for Policy Research are:
 - a. to promote and conduct research in matters pertaining to
 - b. developing substantive policy options;
 - c. building appropriate theoretical frameworks to guide policy;
 - d. forecasting future scenarios through rigorous policy analyses;
 - e. building a knowledge base in all the disciplines relevant to policy formulation;
2. to plan, promote and provide for education and training in policy planning and management areas, and to organise and facilitate Conferences, Seminars, Study Courses, Lectures and similar activities for the purpose;
3. to provide advisory services to Government, public bodies, private sector or any other institutions including international agencies on matters having a bearing on performance, optimum use of national resources for social and economic betterment;
4. to disseminate information on policy issues and know-how on policy making and related areas by undertaking and providing for the publication of journals, reports, pamphlets and other literature and research papers and books;
5. to engage the public sphere in policy debates; produce policy briefs to liaise with legislatures; and
6. to create a community of researchers.

* LIST OF ACTIVITIES/SUBJECTS PURSUED

- 1) Political Issues and Governance;
- 2) International Relations and Foreign Policy/Diplomacy;
- 3) Economic Policy Issues, National, Bilateral, Regional, and Global;
- 4) Security - Internal and External;
- 5) Public Services Delivery Policies;
- 6) Institutional Design;
- 7) Civil Society;
- 8) Regulation of Capitalism;
- 9) Population, Public Welfare Services, and Sustainable Development;
- 10) Constitutional and Legal Theory;
- 11) Institutional and Administrative Capacity Building for delivering Macro- Management of Reforms;
- 12) Dialogues with Strategic Partner Countries for Enhancing Engagement with Focus on South Asian and other Asian Countries;
- 13) Sectoral Policies for Infrastructural Development (Energy including Electric Power, Telecommunications, Roads, Ports, Airports etc.); and
- 14) Regional Development among States with Special Reference to Northeast India and Kashmir.

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President's Report

As President, I have come to relish this annual ritual of writing the foreword to CPR's annual report. This is my moment to bask in the glory of the awe-inspiring public service and high standards of scholarship set by my colleagues. I list here but a few highlights of CPR's work through this year. I hope this will give you a glimpse of the depth and range of our intellectual and policy engagements and tempt you to go through the contents and publications. In an increasingly chaotic and complex world, CPR scholars have valiantly sought to understand and interpret events through sober, evidence-based discourse. I am proud that through our work, we have stayed true to our fiercely independent spirit and commitment to democratic dialogue.

The reporting year 2020-21 will find its place in history. I am proud that at every crucial moment, from the national lockdown in March 2020 to the deadly second COVID-19 wave in April 2021, the farmer protests, the significant developments on India's borders and the geopolitical shifts in our neighborhood, to debates on net-zero targets and building a resilient climate-ready State, CPR scholars remained at the forefront, contributing actively to policy implementation, forging new partnerships with governments, civil society and academia and initiating new research to enrich the policy discourse and interpret this historical moment.

The health and economic consequences of the pandemic dominated much of CPR's policy work in this period. Within weeks of the first national lockdown being announced, CPR faculty reoriented their work to respond to COVID-19. Two notable engagements with state governments include appointments of CPR scholars to the COVID-19 Global Advisory Council of the Government of West Bengal and to the Government of Punjab Group of Experts, tasked with developing a post-COVID economic strategy for the state. In addition, CPR scholars were appointed as members of the *Lancet* COVID-19 Commission India Task Force and the *Lancet* Citizens' Commission on Reimagining India's Health System. Beyond state and national governments, our COVID-19 response involved active engagement at the grassroots. Accountability Initiative was instrumental in anchoring an alliance called PULSE (Platform to Understand, Learn, Share and Exchange), that includes over 100 members from government, civil society, academia and the donor community. The alliance focuses on ensuring that grassroots experience makes its way into the policy discourse. In addition, they launched a series called *Inside Districts*, documenting the trials and tribulations of frontline workers in responding to the pandemic. We also undertook several research projects, in partnership with government and academia, to build an evidence base on how to respond to COVID-19. Key research themes included internal migration, urban livelihoods, understanding transmission dynamics and the preparedness of the health system.

Beyond our COVID-19 response, the perils of work from home and tyranny of Zoom notwithstanding, 2020-21 remained a productive year for CPR. Our scholars continued the tradition of publishing path-breaking books, writing in the popular press and engaging in the everyday life of policymaking. We published two important books this year including, Shylashri Shankar's masterful book, *Turmeric Nation: A Passage Through India's Tastes* and *Beyond the Coal Rush Rush: A Turning Point for Global Energy and Climate Policy?*, co-authored by Manju Menon and Kanchi Kohli. Our national level policy contributions ranged from engagements with the Ministry of Jal Shakti, the Finance Commission, the NITI Aayog, the National Commission of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes, and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, amongst others. We also launched new research and welcomed new faculty in areas such as the rural economy, agriculture, state capacity and regulation, health financing, Dalit politics, election studies, national security and foreign policy.

In the last few years, we have broadened our approach to work more closely at the sub-national level. This year, we deepened our engagements by entering into long-term partnerships with the Government of Punjab and the Government of Odisha to work with the urban development departments on slum upgradation. We also signed two different Memoranda of Association with the Government of Meghalaya to support the planning and finance department and the State Capability Enhancement

Project. In addition, new partnerships have been initiated with governments in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka.

This has been an important year for climate action across the globe, particularly with the release of the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and preparations for the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference in November 2021. CPR, through its Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment (ICEE), as you doubtless know, is home to the country's leading voices on the issue. We have also played an important role on the global stage, shaping global and domestic debates on climate change. Continuing this tradition, Navroz Dubash is the lead author for the IPCC chapter on national and subnational policies and institutions to address climate change. In addition, ICEE remained at the forefront of key debates, including on climate institutions, net-zero targets, energy transitions and air pollution. This formidable team is truly at the cutting edge of one of the most pressing issues of our time.

In 2020-21, we welcomed several new colleagues to the CPR family but also suffered difficult losses. In June 2020, we lost Ved Marwah, a long-term associate with CPR and just as I signed off this year's annual report, we had the devastating news of the sudden passing away of Keshav Desiraju, our governing board member. Both men were amongst India's finest public servants, whose integrity and commitment were unparalleled. We learnt from them the value of public purpose and CPR remains committed to fulfilling their legacy by remaining true to the values and principles they stood for.

As always, I am grateful for the unflinching support we receive from our governing board under the leadership of Dr Meenakshi Gopinath, whose guidance and commitment to our scholarship has been a consistent source of strength. Our fabulous management team, led by Alaknanda Jain and Anup Roy, who have navigated the chaos of COVID-19 to ensure that our faculty have the space to do their best, even as we become more 21st-century in our day-to-day administration, and our communications team, led by Hemali Sodhi, who have ensured that we transitioned from the seminar room to the Zoom room with ease, while pushing us to reach out to newer audiences. Finally, to our funders, whose trust and support has enabled us to adapt to the new circumstances and new challenges that we confront today. I remain deeply grateful.

Yamini Aiyar
President and Chief Executive

Research Publications

The following research publications were brought out during the year 2018-19:

A) Major Books Published

- 1) Beyond the Coal Rush, by James Goodman, Linda Connor, Devleena Ghosh, Kanchi Kohli, Jonathan Paul Marshall, Manju Menon, Katja Mueller, Tom Morton, Rebecca Pearse, and Stuart Rosewarne, Cambridge University Press, 2020.
- 2) Turmeric Nation: A Passage Through India's Tastes, by Shylashri Shankar, Speaking Tiger, 2020.

B) Articles Published by CPR Faculty

About **428 articles** were also published by CPR Faculty Members in major national and international dailies and popular journals during the year.

DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS AND SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

(Organized by CPR)

During the year under review, the CPR organized several seminars and special discussion meetings in addition to weekly faculty meetings with distinguished experts as also some Workshops-cum-conferences. These are listed below.

Conferences/Seminars/Lectures (organised by the Institute)

1. Discussion on: Stakeholder Views on 'The Pandemic and Public Administration: a survey of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers', 25 March 2021.
2. Election Adda at CPR: How will Tamil Nadu vote in 2021?, 23 March 2021.
3. TREADTalks webinar on: Chamoli Flood: How can we build resilience?, 22 March 2021.
4. Unpacking the IEA's India Energy Outlook 2021: The sectoral transitions underpinning long-term scenarios, 18 March 2021.
5. Election Adda at CPR: How will Kerala vote in 2021?, 16 March 2021.
6. Election Adda at CPR: How will West Bengal vote in 2021?, 10 March 2021.
7. Webinar: 15th Finance Commission and the Future of Centre-State Fiscal Relations, 6 March 2021.
8. Election Adda at CPR: How will Assam vote in 2021?, 5 March 2021.
9. CPR-TCPD Discussion on Movement in Context: Agrarian Transformations in India, 2 March 2021.
10. Report Launch and Discussion - The Pandemic and Public Administration: a survey of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers, 27 February 2021.
11. CPR and IMF invite you to a discussion on 'Climate-friendly growth in a post-pandemic world', 11 February 2021.
12. Virtual Book Discussion - By Many a Happy Accident: Recollections of a Life by M Hamid Ansari, 10 February 2021.
13. Webinar - The 5-Institute Budget Seminar 2021: 'The COVID-19 Budget: Unpacking the Union Budget 2021-22', 8 February 2021.
14. Budget 2021: The Macroeconomic Battles Ahead, 20 January 2021.
15. 2nd PEG-CPR Roundtable on Managing a Fair Transition away from Coal in India, 20 January 2021.
16. बढ़ते कदम वेबिनार, 23 December 2020.
17. Discussion on 'Jugalbandi: The BJP Before Modi' by Vinay Sitapati, 17 December 2020.
18. Policy Lab on 'Redefining "Private" to Include Affordable Rental Housing Providers for the Poor: International & National Lessons', 16 December 2020.
19. Europe and India: Comparing Approaches to Global Economic Challenges, 15 December 2020.
20. Slum Upgrading in Asian Countries: Learning globally from local best practices, 11 December 2020.
21. Policy Lab Webinar: Urban Poor Communities and COVID-19 – Financing WASH for Urban Poor Communities, 9 December 2020.
22. Policy Lab Webinar: Urban Poor Communities and COVID-19 – Community Approaches to Managing WASH Services, 3 December 2020.
23. Increasing Financial Efficiency of Anemia Mukht Bharat: Lessons & Opportunities, 27 November 2020.
24. Policy Labs Webinar on 'Private Sector Investment in Rental Housing: Challenges & Opportunities', 25 November 2020.
25. Policy Lab Webinar: 'Urban Poor Communities and COVID-19 – Inclusive Policies and Practice for Improved Urban Resilience', 25 November 2020.
26. Discussion on 'Analysing the Bihar Election Result', 11 November 2020.

27. Policy Lab Webinar: 'Urban Poor Communities and COVID-19 – Response of Local Governments on New WASH Priorities in South Asia', 10 November 2020.
28. Virtual Panel Discussion on The Republic of Bihar, 30 October 2020.
29. Policy Lab 2: Government-led Rental Housing Model: Options and Challenges, 29 October 2020.
30. Talk on: Japan after Abe: Will His Legacy Endure?, 22 October 2020.
31. Discussion on: How Will Indian Americans Vote? Results From the 2020 Indian American Attitudes Survey, 21 October 2020.
32. TREADTalks webinar on 'Future Pathways for Federal Governance of India's Water Resources', 21 October 2020.
33. Discussion on 'Will 2020 herald a new political equation in Bihar?' 20 October 2020.
34. Talk on- Animosity at Bay: An Alternative History of the India–Pakistan Relationship, 1947–1952, 13 October 2020.
35. Panel Discussion on: The Crisis in Indian Political Thought, 8 October 2020.
36. The Future of Governance, 7 October 2020.
37. Third Annual 'Virtual' Roundtable on Residential Electricity Consumption, 22 September 2020.
38. Webinar: Afghanistan at Crossroads: Inter-Afghan Peace Talks, 21 September 2020.
39. Webinar on: A New Economic Imagination?, 16 September 2020.
40. Webinar on POLICY LAB 1: Policy & Legal Framework for Enabling Rental Housing, 16 September 2020.
41. Masterclass on Monitoring Faecal Sludge Management (FSM) Systems, 16 September 2020.
42. Delivering for Nutrition in India: Insights from Implementation Research, 15 September 2020.
43. Book Launch & Panel Discussion: 'Making Sense of Indian Democracy' by Yogendra Yadav, 3 September 2020.
44. TREADTalks webinar on 'International Law and its Responses to Challenges of Shared River Waters, 21 August 2020.
45. Webinar on 'India Tomorrow: Conversations with the Next Generation of Political Leaders' by Pradeep Chhibber and Harsh Shah', 20 August 2020.
46. Virtual Talk and Panel Discussion on 'Topping the Glass Half Full: Opportunities for Regional Trade in South Asia', 14 August 2020.
47. Virtual Session on Atmanirbharta in India's States: Stressed Government Finances and Long-term Implications, 12 August 2020.
48. TREADTalks webinar on 'A Fine Balancing Act: Gujarat's Interstate River Water Governance', 6 August 2020.
49. विशेष आयोजन: Covid-19 दौर में गैर सरकारी और नागरिक संस्थाओं की भूमिका, 31 July 2020.
50. CPR Webinar on 'Powering through the Pandemic: Will COVID-19 reset India's approach to the future of electricity?', 29 July 2020.
51. CORP webinar on: Informal Settlements and COVID-19: Water and Sanitation as a Frontline Response, 24 July 2020.
52. Webinar: Pursuing a clean air agenda in India during the COVID crisis, 17 July 2020.
53. Webinar on: India's economic engagement in Asia: how should it change after Ladakh?, 8 July 2020.
54. Webinar on Bridging the Gap Between Theory and Practice: Experiences from India, 4 July 2020.
55. Webinar: India's fiscal response to Covid-19, 21 May 2020.
56. Webinar on Rebuilding the Rural Economy, 20 May 2020.
57. CORP webinar on Impacts of COVID-19: Gender inequities in WASH, 6 May 2020.

Workshops/Training Programmes (conducted by the Institute)

1. CPR-CSH Workshop on 'Female Labour Migration in India: Smart Femininity, Familial Labour & Social Network', 30 March 2021.
2. Workshop on: Re-Form: Lessons for Urban Governance Futures from the Pandemic, 22 March 2021.

3. CPR-CSH Workshop - Cleaning it Up: The Effect of State Intervention on Informal Solid Waste Network in India, 23 February 2021.
4. CPR-CSH Workshop - Flies without borders: Lessons from Chennai for improving the organisation of municipal public health services in India, 19 January 2021.
5. CPR-CSH Workshop: Data, Disease and Delivery: How did cities use data to manage the pandemic and provide relief?, 29 December 2020.
6. CPR-CSH Workshop: 'Understanding the state from below: bureaucracy and informal settlement upgrading in greater Johannesburg', 24 November 2020.
7. CPR-CSH Digital Workshop on Peopling New Delhi: Conjugalities and Urban History in the City, 1950s-70s, 27 October 2020.
8. CPR-CSH Digital Workshop: How to challenge eviction orders from the highest court?, 29 September 2020.
9. CPR-CSH Workshop on Urbanism at Water's Edge: The Fluid Histories of Property in Calcutta, 25 August 2020.
10. CPR-CSH Digital Workshop on Household Earnings, Regional Disparities and Rural-Urban Linkages: Insights from PLFS 2018-19, 28 July 2020.
11. Digital Workshop: Homogenised Mindscapes, Heterogeneous Landscapes: Re-imagining COVID-19 mitigation efforts for Nairobi's urban poor, 30 June 2020.
12. Digital Workshop on Confining the margins, marginalising the confined: The Distress of Neglected Lockdown Victims in Indian Cities, 26 May 2020.
13. CPR-CSH Digital workshop: COVID-19 pandemic and social sciences: theorising, observing and simulating emerging diseases at urban scale, 28 April 2020.

CPR's Initiatives

1. Accountability Initiative

In 2020, the Accountability Initiative (AI) focused on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on India's welfare architecture.

Major Research Studies

To understand the impact of the pandemic on state finances, AI published a report titled, *Study of State Finances 2020-21*. The report delved into the revenue and expenditure performance of seventeen states prior to the pandemic and reflected on the potential consequences of the pandemic on state finances.

The thirteenth volume of the flagship *Budget Briefs* series was released in the run up to the Union Budget. The briefs contained analyses of trends in allocations, expenditures and outcomes of ten major Centrally Sponsored Schemes, covering health and nutrition, education and rural development.

A new report titled, *The State Education Finances: A Deep-Dive into School Education Finances in Eight States*, presented the trends in public expenditure on school education across eight Indian states from 2014-15 to 2017-18. Findings were shared with sector experts during a digital roundtable, under the larger conceptual umbrella of challenges of school education financing in the COVID-19 era. To better understand nutrition financial landscape for nutrition support, a paper entitled, *Public Finance Management (PFM) and Data Availability for Nutrition Financing in India*, was published in the *BMJ Global Health*. The paper, co-authored by Avani Kapur and Ritwik Shukla, seeks to determine whether the current PFM system in India allows for capturing required nutrition data.

Kapur also authored an analysis titled, *How to Design Nutrition Financing*, published in the *Seminar* magazine. The article explored ways in which the nutrition financing architecture can be made more decentralised, agile and equitable.

Other Notable Publications

A policy brief entitled, *Social Security for Informal Workers in India*, explored India's current labour market policies on the provisioning of social security to informal workers in the unorganised sector. The brief specifically focussed on the Code on Social Security, 2020.

Avani Kapur co-authored a study titled, *Did India's Ecological Fiscal Transfers Incentivize State Governments to Increase their Forestry Budgets?*, published in the *Journal of Environmental Research Communications*. The study gathered state-by-state data on forestry budgets to assess whether India's ecological fiscal transfers incentivised states to protect and restore forests as evidenced by increases to their forestry budgets.

Using AI's flagship methodology - Planning, Allocations and Expenditures, Institutions Studies in Accountability (PAISA) - for tracking urban local body finances, a report titled, *PAISA for Municipalities: A Study of Fund Flows and Public Expenditure in the Geographic Jurisdiction of Tumakuru City Municipal Corporation, Tumakuru District, Karnataka*, was published in early 2021. The study aimed to understand the nature and size of urban local bodies in the Smart City of Tumakuru, Karnataka. A report titled, *Mapping State Interventions Towards Women and Child Protection in Maharashtra*, was published by AI. The report examined interventions on violence against women (VAW) and violence against children (VAC) in the state. The study was commissioned by UNICEF Maharashtra as part of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UNICEF, UN Women and the Government of Maharashtra for tracking outlays to outcomes for women and children.

Outreach

The *Future of Governance* forum event was held from 7th-8th October 2020. The forum was an attempt to spark dialogue on the challenges and prospects of civil society-government collaboration in India. It featured over 27 speakers, many of whom are leaders in public policy, non-profit, philanthropy and politics. Co-hosted with Arthan, the forum saw more than 1,000 attendees.

AI deepened collaboration with the International Food Policy Research Institute's (IFPRI) project titled, Partnerships and Opportunities to Strengthen and Harmonize Actions for Nutrition in India (POSHAN). A co-published policy note titled, *Financing Nutrition in India: Considering the Cost Implications*, delved into the cost implications of the nutrition policy landscape in 2019-20. Findings were shared with the government, sector experts and scholars on multiple occasions. Additionally, AI co-hosted the third implementation research conference, *Delivering for Nutrition in India: Insights from Implementation Research*, with them. A special panel was curated by AI on systems strengthening of human resources, infrastructure and financing for the occasion.

A knowledge resource called *Ideation* was launched to offer leaders and policy shapers in the development space distilled insights from AI's work. In addition, commentary was published in several mainstream international, national and sub-national media throughout the year.

Learning and Development

AI's learning programs have gone virtual to suit the changed situation. The year saw the launch of two online courses. First, the *Understanding State Capabilities* course, which was previously offered offline, has been adapted to online learning needs. In this course, participants are equipped to understand the root causes of administrative failure on the ground. The course also takes participants on a journey through India's complex government system from the lens of decentralisation. In addition, an online version of the *Hum Aur Humaari Sarkaar* course was launched at the *Badhte Kadam* forum organised by AI in December 2020. The course aims to empower grassroots leaders to undertake critical analysis of how the government functions and delivers key public services. Launched as a knowledge resource in 2019, the Humaarisarkaar.in website has grown. A special feature called *Humse Sawaal Puchcho* was introduced in 2020, which invites questions from readers on government functioning. Responses to queries from Bihar and Rajasthan have led to on-ground impact.

An online session on *Understanding Public Policy Design and Evaluation* was conducted with probationers at the National Academy of Audits and Accounts, Shimla. Through different activities during the sessions, the training pushed participants to undertake a critical analysis of policy design and evaluation in India. AI conducted sessions on the *Modalities of Government Finance and Budgeting in the Social Sector* at the Chief Minister's Good Governance Associates (CMGGA) induction program as well as the District Development Fellowship (DDF) induction program. Both fellowships are run by the Ashoka University in collaboration with the Haryana and Punjab governments respectively.

The AI team trained students of the Indian School of Development Management for the fourth consecutive year, this time, virtually. A similar session was also held with LAMP Fellows. About 100 young people were trained on: basics of finance and budget in governance; analysis of fiscal systems within the government machinery; and gaps in implementation.

2. Initiative Climate, Energy and Environment

In 2020, the Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment (ICEE) engaged with legal and regulatory trends shaping climate, energy, environment and development outcomes in India while also contributing to global discussions on climate governance. ICEE engaged with several areas of research, including global climate governance, India's climate and energy future, the political economy of electricity, air quality regulation and governance, energy demand patterns in urban areas and Indian environmental law. Moreover, in a year dominated by COVID-19 and its effects, ICEE also closely examined the disruptive effects of the pandemic on India's environmental policies.

In February 2021, CPR launched a new blog created and edited by ICEE researchers. The blog, entitled *Environmentality* (<https://environmentality.cprindia.org/>), explores the politics of creating a just and sustainable future, with a focus on climate, energy and environmental governance in India and hosts original writing by researchers on these issues.

Global Climate Governance

Navroz K Dubash and Parth Bhatia participated in the Fourth Lead Author Meeting for the upcoming *Sixth Assessment Report* of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Dubash and Bhatia are Coordinating Lead Author and Chapter Scientist respectively for the chapter on national and sub-national policies and institutions to address climate change. In *Nature Climate Change*, Dubash reviewed new research quantifying the emissions impact of climate laws, and co-authored a journal article titled, *Climate laws help reduce emissions*, examining biases in prominent equity-based 'fair share' studies of global climate action. In a special issue of *Seminar*, Aditya Valiathan Pillai authored an article titled, *China and India in the Himalayan climate crisis*. The article explained why China and India needed to evolve a political relationship responsive to the shared threat of the Himalayan climate crisis.

A board of current and past editors at *Climate Policy* journal selected *Developments in national climate change mitigation legislation and strategy* – a 2013 article co-authored by Dubash, Markus Hagemann, Niklas Höhne and Prabhat Upadhyaya – to appear in the journal's list of top twenty papers over the past twenty years of its publication.

India's Climate and Energy Future

ICEE contributed to strategic thinking around climate action in India. 2020-21 was a landmark year for global climate politics, with major emitters such as China and the United States announcing new long-term climate pledges. In tandem with these announcements, a public debate unfolded about whether India should declare a net-zero target. In a two-part series in the *Hindustan Times*, Navroz K Dubash argued that net-zero would be a hollow pledge given India's diplomatic, developmental and climate interests and emphasised the need for sectoral transition plans, strong institutions for climate governance, and economy-wide targets based on near-term actions. Dubash, Lavanya Rajamani and Ambuj Sagar also wrote in the *Indian Express* about the importance of honoring the hard-won equity clauses embedded in the Paris Agreement and the need for credible and just climate targets in industrialised countries.

In an article titled, *New Imperatives for International and Domestic Climate Policy: Rethinking India's Approach*, published in the *IIC Quarterly* journal, Dubash and Rajamani examined the need for India to rethink its approach to international and domestic climate policy. Dubash was also frequently quoted

on India's role in the climate regime, the need to protect the country's developmental future and the importance of a smooth and equitable energy transition in mainstream outlets such as *The Guardian*, *Climate Home News*, *Bloomberg*, *Economic Times*, *Live Mint*, *The Wire* and *Reuters*.

Dubash and Radhika Khosla published new research on India's energy strategy. Their article titled, *Rethinking India's Energy Policy*, published in *Economic and Political Weekly* called for a shift away from supply-centric thinking towards policies that could address the country's multiple development objectives, including equitable energy access, environmental protection and energy security. To mark the release of a special report by the International Energy Agency (IEA), ICEE also co-hosted a panel discussion with the IEA on *Unpacking the IEA's India Energy Outlook 2021: The sectoral transitions underpinning long-term scenarios*.

Aditya Valiathan Pillai wrote comments about the fraught geopolitics of the regional electricity trade in South Asia, as well as India's plans for an ambitious new global renewable energy grid in the *Financial Express* and *The Hindu*. He also discussed whether regional electricity markets were essential to decarbonising India's energy system in *The Wire*.

The Political Economy of Electricity in India

In January 2021, ICEE co-hosted an agenda-setting roundtable on managing a fair transition away from coal with Prayas (Energy Group), which brought together a diverse and interdisciplinary community of energy scholars and practitioners.

ICEE submitted comments to the Ministry of Power on the draft Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2020, highlighting the urgent need to revisit India's electricity priorities, the laws governing the power sector and the country's approach to improving electricity distribution. ICEE also provided feedback to the Ministry of Power on the electricity reforms proposed in the Union Budget 2021.

Air Quality Regulation and Governance in India

Santosh Harish wrote in the *Hindustan Times* and *The Wire* about the need for financial investments in clean air grants and initiatives, focusing on the 15th Finance Commission's grants to municipal corporations and relevant allocations in the Union Budget 2021. He coordinated a collaborative note on the design of the grants to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) with researchers from several groups including the World Bank, World Resources Institute, Centre for Science and Environment and TERI, with support from Bloomberg Philanthropies.

Harish, Shibani Ghosh and Navroz K Dubash explained the significance of the government's ordinance to establish a Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) in an article in the *Hindustan Times*. Harish answered questions about the implications of the CAQM for air quality governance on *NDTV*, in the *Times of India*, *Hindustan Times*, the *Indian Express*, the *Economic Times*, and *The Wire*. ICEE was also invited to share their recommendations on air quality governance with the Delhi Government in 2021.

Energy Demand Patterns in Urban India

In an article titled, *The what, why, and how of changing cooling energy consumption in India's urban households*, published in the journal, *Environmental Research Letters*, Radhika Khosla, Anna Agarwal, Neelanjan Sircar and Deepaboli Chatterjee highlighted new research answering fundamental questions about energy-efficient cooling usage in India and discussed household-level social and economic trends

driving India's cooling transition. Key findings and analysis from the article were discussed in *Carbon Brief* and *IndiaSpend*, among other media outlets.

In an article titled, *Impact of temperature on electricity demand: Evidence from Delhi and Indian states*, published in *Energy Policy* journal, Santosh Harish, Nishmeet Singh and Rahul Tongia presented a first-of-its-kind analysis that analysed household-level changes in electricity demand in response to heat shocks in Delhi. Their research suggested that as temperatures rose, richer households steadily increased electricity consumption for cooling, while low-income consumers showed limited incremental response to temperature changes – with significant implications for heat and climate adaptation in India.

ICEE co-hosted the third annual roundtable on residential electricity consumption in India with Prayas (Energy Group) and the University of Oxford. In this virtual two-day event, experts presented their latest research on social and behavioral patterns related to space cooling in Indian households and shared insights on the effectiveness of policies aimed at managing rising cooling demand.

Indian Environmental Law

In response to the draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) notification in 2020, Shibani Ghosh submitted comments to the MoEF&CC outlining several ways in which the proposed draft was legally untenable and diluted the already-weak processes of environmental impact assessment, expert scrutiny and public consultation. In subsequent articles in the *Indian Express* and in *The India Forum*, Ghosh explained why the draft EIA Notification would wrongly condone violations and exacerbate the weaknesses of the environmental clearance system in the country. She also discussed mechanisms to strengthen environmental regulation in interviews with *NDTV*, *ETNOWLIVE*, *Business Standard* and *HuffPost*.

Ghosh published a chapter on *Climate Litigation in India* in *Comparative Climate Change Litigation: Beyond the Usual Suspects*, edited by Francesco Sindico and Makane Moïse Mbengue. Her review of the Indian legal and regulatory landscape reveals that the main environment and energy-related laws, policies and regulatory processes offer several hooks for climate litigation and that the jurisdiction of Indian courts is adequately broad to entertain climate claims.

3. Land Rights Initiative

This year, CPR's Land Rights Initiative (LRI) worked on important research outputs and focused on extensive policy engagements, stakeholder consultations, and the development of national and international research collaborations.

Constitutional Right to Property

Namita Wahi published a working paper on *Property and Sovereignty: Creating, Destroying and Resurrecting Property Rights in British India (1600-1800)*. This paper constitutes the first systematic legal attempt since the late nineteenth century to describe the changing configuration of property rights of *zamindars* (landlords) and *ryots* (peasants) relative to the English East India Company over a period of two hundred years from 1600 to 1800. Wahi lectured on *The History of Right to Property in Independent India* at a webinar organised by the Department of Political Science, Zakir Husain Delhi College, University of Delhi.

New Areas of Research

Deciphering Decisions through Data Analytics (DALTON): Kaustav DeBiswas and Namita Wahi presented preliminary findings from their pilot project on using machine learning to analyse legal texts in order to speed up legal analysis and to enable comprehensive, cross cutting studies on legal databases, at a PRRC webinar. Given the vast volume of unperused judicial data, in a hitherto unprecedented effort, this pilot project has developed an algorithm to capture data created by LRI researchers for LRI's report on land acquisition with a view to accurately replicate all or part of the work.

Conflict and Contestation in Plural Land Regimes: LRI launched a new research project in collaboration with the Centre on Law and Social Transformation (LawTransform), University of Bergen, along with researchers from six countries - South Africa, Ethiopia, India, Brazil, Guatemala and Colombia, at the *Bergen Exchanges*, 2020. The project aims to develop a theory of land rights claiming in plural legal regimes through a cross-regional investigation of conflicts over land affecting the land rights of vulnerable communities. Wahi spoke about plans for the Indian case study of the project at a webinar of the same name organised by LawTransform.

Land Rights of Scheduled Tribes in Scheduled Areas of India

Recommendations from LRI's report on *The Legal Regime and Political Economy of Land Rights of Scheduled Tribes in Scheduled Areas of India*, the National Seminar on *Understanding Landlessness and Displacement of, and Atrocities against Scheduled Tribes* co-organised by LRI and the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) in 2018, and the 2020 NCST report on *Tribal Land Alienation in India*, for which Namita Wahi served as an expert advisor, were incorporated as part of NCST's annual report, 2019-2020 under Article 338A (5) (e) of the Constitution. NCST's annual report was sent to the President of India in early 2021. Once approved by the President, the report will be tabled in Parliament after an action taken report is compiled by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Wahi participated in a consultative workshop on the *Draft Tribal Human Development Report* prepared by the Institute of Human Development. She also spoke about research on *Adivasi* land rights at the *Samvaad Tribal Conclave* organised by Tata Steel for the third year in a row. Aakansha Jain spoke at a webinar on *The Role of Adivasis in Environmental Regulation: Experiences from the field at Cockatoo: Green Chats* organised by Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi.

Mapping Indian Land Laws

The LRI team led by Namita Wahi and composed of research associates Aakansha Jain, Sanjana Sethi, Vrinda Bhardwaj and Kriti Sharma, presented a detailed analysis of over a thousand land laws for a geographically representative sample of eight states, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Punjab and Telangana, and all central laws at a Property Rights Research Consortium (PRRC) webinar. Ramesh Sharma (National Coordinator, Ekta Parishad) and Pranab Choudhury (Coordinator and Founder, NRMCC Centre for Land Governance) commented on the research findings. Wahi also lectured on the research findings at the Trivedi Centre for Political Data, Ashoka University.

Wahi and Kaustav DeBiswas presented a first look of the *Mapping Indian Land Laws* website, which is a unique and interactive web portal housing the most comprehensive repository of land laws in India, to the NITI Aayog.

Land Acquisition

Namita Wahi spoke at a seminar on *Land Acquisition: A Critical Analysis* organised by the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, highlighting research from the LRI report on *Land Acquisition in India: A Review of Supreme Court cases from 1950 to 2016*, for which she was the lead author.

Policy Engagements

Namita Wahi advised the NCST on various issues pertaining to human rights of Scheduled Tribes (ST), namely, land rights and protection against displacement, prevention of atrocities including sexual trafficking of minor ST girls and disproportionate numbers of ST convicts and undertrials relative to their percentage in the population.

Wahi advised the Ministry of Panchayati Raj on the *Svavitva* scheme that seeks to provide property records in rural areas for *abadi* land to enable landowners to use their land as a financial asset. Wahi advised the Ministry of Rural Development and the NITI Aayog on potential land reforms. Wahi worked as an expert advisor to the Online (Alternative) Dispute Resolution Committee at the NITI Aayog. Wahi engaged extensively with the World Bank office in New Delhi on the impact of modernisation of land records on vulnerable communities in the state of Kerala. She also participated in a meeting with the World Bank Washington DC office on researching land legislation and its links to affordable housing in India.

National Research Collaborations

- **Property Rights Research Consortium (PRRC):** LRI is part of a four institution research consortium supported by the Omidyar Network, which also includes the Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP), the National Institute for Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) and the National Council for Applied Economic Research's (NCAER) Land Policy Initiative.
 - Wahi has served on the Advisory Committee of NCAER's Land Policy Initiative since 2018. She advised the NCAER research team on the second phase of the *National Land Records and Services Index, 2020*. Wahi also participated as a discussant for a session on *Land as Collateral for Access to Credit in India* at NCAER's *India Land Forum 2020*.
 - Wahi was discussant for a PRRC webinar featuring an NIPFP paper by Leah Verghese on *Land Acquisition Litigation in the Subordinate Judiciary*. She was also a panelist for PRRC's webinar featuring a discussion of CSEP's paper on *When land comes in the way: India's connectivity infrastructure in Nepal* authored by Constantino Xavier and Riya Sinha. She served as a peer reviewer for this paper.
 - Wahi participated in a consultation on the Forest Rights Act, organised by Omidyar Network, along with other organisations and researchers, including FES, PRADAN, and Waatavaran.
- **Ashoka University:** Wahi is a member of the Institutional Review Board of Ashoka University.

International Research Collaborations

- **International Partnerships for Excellence in Research and Education (INTPART):** INTPART is a multi-country collaboration to facilitate scholarly exchange between the University of Bergen and institutions in India, Africa, North and South America. LRI is one of two collaborating institutions in India. As part of LRI's INTPART collaboration with LawTransform, Chr. Michelsen Institute and the University of Bergen, the following activities were undertaken:
 - Namita Wahi taught in the online PhD course on *Effects of Lawfare: Courts and Law as Battlegrounds for Social Change*. Vrinda Bhardwaj, current, and Shubham Jain and Jonathan Coutinho, former LRI researchers, attended the PhD course. They also participated in the *Bergen Exchanges*, a week-long scholarly exchange organised by Professors Siri Gloppen and Malcolm Langford, Co-Directors of LawTransform.

Bhardwaj and Jain respectively wrote research papers titled, *Epistolary Jurisdiction: Justice from behind bars of prisons and shelter homes*, and *Conceptualising Meritocratic Discrimination in Sports: On the Myth of Meritocracy and the Gentleman's Game*, in fulfilment of course requirements.

- Aakansha Jain attended the online PhD course on *Global Climate Governance Regime* as part of the Bergen Summer Research School organised by the University of Bergen. She wrote a paper on *Exploring the intersection of land litigation and climate litigation in India* in fulfilment of course requirements.
- Wahi spoke at an international webinar on *Academic Freedom and Democratic Backsliding in Comparative Perspective*, organised by LawTransform, University of Bergen, also featuring academics from Brazil, Hungary, Turkey and the US.
- **Stanford University:** Wahi developed a research collaboration with the Rule of Law program at Stanford Law School led by Professor Erik Jensen, pursuant to which she and Dinsha Mistree, Research Fellow and Lecturer in the program, will write collaborative research papers.
- **Uppsala University:** Wahi lectured on *International Law in the Context of India* at Uppsala University, Sweden.

Honours and Recognition

- LRI was one of the fifteen organisations shortlisted for the inaugural Shamnad Basheer Citizenship Prize, out of two hundred and fifty organisations, as part of the second edition of the Agami Prize that seeks to celebrate ideas transforming the fields of law and justice.
- Several research outputs by LRI including Namita Wahi's article titled, *Human Rights Accountability of the IMF and the World Bank: A Critique of Existing Mechanisms and a Theory of Horizontal Accountability*; working paper titled, *Property and Sovereignty: Creating, Destroying and Resurrecting Property Rights in British India (1600-1800)*; and report titled, *The Legal Regime and Political Economy of Land Rights of Scheduled Tribes In Scheduled Areas of India*; were recognised by the by *Social Science Research Network* in several categories.

4. Urbanisation

This year, the work on subaltern urbanisation was substantively advanced by the publication of a theoretical paper titled, *Subaltern Urbanisation: Indian Insights for Urban Theory* by Partha Mukhopadhyay, Marie-Hélène Zerah and Eric Denis in the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. The paper proposes a theoretical framework which draws on an empirical research collective using both large statistical and land-use data sets and detailed case studies in non-metropolitan Indian geographies.

A project on *Boundary Spanning and Intermediation for Urban Regeneration*, in collaboration with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and the Madras Institute of Development Studies, culminated this year. Mukta Naik co-edited a special issue in the *Urbanisation* journal, which examined state-society relations in urban regeneration processes, from the theoretical viewpoints of boundaries and assemblages.

Zerah authored a chapter titled, *The incomplete and paradoxical 'neoliberal' turn in Mumbai*, in *Handbook of Megacities and Megacity-Regions*, edited by Danielle Labbé and André Sorensen. The chapter focuses on the translation of international models with regard to urban services and real estate in Mumbai.

As part of its close engagement with the *Main Bhi Dilli* campaign, a civil society initiative to increase public participation in the process of preparing the Master Plan for Delhi 2041, CPR researchers continued to help prepare technical reports that were submitted to the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) as contributions to the plan. They also attended online consultations organised by the NIUA.

Land Planning and Housing

In June 2020, CPR launched the *India Housing Report* (<https://indiahousingreport.in/>), an online archive and periodic report that brings together the rich but disparate analytical work on housing in India. The website weaves together key debates on housing affordability, adequacy, technology, finance and tenure with ongoing urban transformations in India that impact livelihood, infrastructure, services, liveability and governance. This year, the website published several opinion pieces and data-driven blogs on a range of issues including rental discrimination, housing policy, homelessness, services and real estate.

In continuation of previous work on Delhi's informal settlements, Mukta Naik and Eesha Kunduri published an article titled, *The Role of Housing Finance Actors in Regenerating Delhi's Unauthorised Colonies: An Examination of State–Citizen–Market Boundaries* in the *Urbanisation* journal. The article investigates the role of finance and networks of credit in auto-construction, with a focus on the work of market actors in navigating market–citizen and market–state boundaries.

CPR continued to work on issues of homelessness, housing rights and informal settlements. Ashwin Parulkar wrote and spoke about his work on homelessness in Delhi at various forums. Asaf Ali Lone's writing drew attention to the issue of religion-based discrimination in rental housing markets. Marie-Hélène Zerah authored a paper titled, *The Street-Level Bureaucracy at the Intersection of Formal and Informal Water Provision*, published in the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Environmental Science*. The paper analyses the role of street-level bureaucrats in providing services to users.

Partha Mukhopadhyay and Mukta Naik served on the advisory and selection committees to design and execute a survey on migrant women workers, commissioned by the National Commission for Women in June 2020. Mukhopadhyay is a lead author of *Visioning Urbanisation*, commissioned by the NITI Aayog to formulate ideas for managing urbanisation in the future. Findings and recommendations from Ashwin Parulkar's report, *Crammed In Or Shut Out? Implications of Delhi's Homeless Shelter System's Floor Space Constraints*, were part of a presentation made by a Supreme Court appointed shelter monitoring committee to the Delhi Government which influenced their four-fold increase in allotment of winter-time shelters.

Mukta Naik spoke at the Garage Museum of Contemporary Art, Moscow's Online Festival on *Everybody is a migrant here: What COVID reveals about citizenship and belonging in Delhi* in June 2020. Partha Mukhopadhyay was a panelist at a webinar on *Making Cities Belong to Those Who Build Them: Towards a More Inclusive Urbanisation*, organised by the Baha'i Chair for Studies in Development, DAVV in July 2020. Naik was a panelist at UNDP's consultation on *Local Action for Global Commitments Inclusive, Resilient and Green COVID-19 Response and Recovery at the Local Level* in July 2020. She was also panelist at a webinar titled, *Towards New Social Welfare Architecture of Gurugram*, organised by the Management Development Institute, Gurugram.

Ashwin Parulkar was invited to join the editorial board the *International Journal of Homelessness (IJOH)*, a new journal founded by scholars at Western University (Canada) and Cardiff University (Wales, UK) in August 2020. Naik was a panelist for a webinar titled, *Resilience and Well-being through the Lens of the Pandemic* organised by University of North Carolina in August 2020. She also participated in a transnational web chat on *How do we fix the global housing crisis?* organised by The Correspondent. Naik presented her work on migration at a workshop titled, *Migration and the Pandemic Problematique*, organised by the Deshbandhu College, University of Delhi and Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group.

Naik was a facilitator at a workshop and a panelist on *Affordable Rental Housing for the Urban Poor: Demand, Supply and Management Dynamics* organised by the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), the Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS), the All India Institute of Local Self Governance (AIILSG) and the Foundation EMDA South Asia in September 2020. Parulkar presented on *Homelessness in Delhi: Vulnerabilities and Governance of Urban Destitution* at the RAND Corporation in November 2020. He also presented his work on homelessness in Delhi at a webinar titled, *Intersecting Vulnerabilities*, organised by the University of Birmingham, Clean Air Asia and the Population Council. Naik taught as part of the Professional Development Programme (PDP) on the theme of *Marginalised Communities and Resilience* at the School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal in November 2020.

A study titled *Land Title vis-à-vis Land Tenure for the Urban Poor in India: Are We Missing the Woods for the Trees?* was presented by Mukherjee along with her co-author in NCAER's *India Land Forum 2020: Data-driven Research and Evidence for Land Policy in India* in November 2020. Naik participated in an experts panel discussion on *Integrated Planning of Urban Villages in NCT Delhi* organised by the World Resources Institute in December 2020.

Oliver Telle spoke on *Mobile densities in space and time* at an international conference on *Being a citizen in the metropolis* organised by CEDEJ, Egypt. He also spoke at on human mobility and virus diffusion at a conference organised by ESOPP in Paris. Further, he spoke on *Mobility in the time of COVID: what impact on the spread of disease*, at an event organised by Maison Franco Japonaise. Pushpa Pathak taught a course on *Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Development Induced Displaced Persons* and offered lectures in a course on *Infrastructure Planning and Visioning Future* at the School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi from September to December 2020. Manish was a panelist in a discussion on *Kanoon Ke Haath*, as part of the *Do Din 2021 Conference* organised by the Hyderabad Urban Lab in December 2020. Parulkar, along with co-author Anhad Imaan, presented a paper titled, *All Is Not Well on the Yamuna Front: Understanding the Skills and Livelihood Aspirations of the Working Homeless Men of Yamuna Pushta, Delhi*, in a panel entitled, *Fair Work: Employment in the City*, at the Indian Institute for Human Settlements in January 2021. Mukhopadhyay chaired a panel at the *13th All India Conference Of China Studies* organised by the Institute of Chinese Studies and IIT Madras China Studies Centre in January 2021.

Naik was a participant in a closed door policy-oriented dialogue series on migrant workers within the theme of *Resilient & Inclusive Cities* organised by the Asian Century Foundation in January 2021. Naik taught a course on *Migrants, informal work and the city* to masters students at CEPT University, Ahmedabad in February 2021. She also Naik taught a graduate class on *Migration and urban services in India*, at the London School of Economics and Political Science in March 2021. Naik spoke at the *Sussex Development Lectures on COVID-19 and Development: Invisible, othered and exploited – circular migrants in India's cities*. She also presented at a panel on *From the Margins: Dialogue on Precarity and Social Protection of low-income migrants in India*, organised by the University of Edinburgh, University of Essex, University of Delhi and North East Network in February 2021.

5. Governance and Public Policy Initiative (GPPI)

The Governance and Public Policy Initiative (GPPI) focussed on activities in alignment with post-COVID-19 governance and health policy issues. As part of this, Ramesh Chandran, Director of the initiative, has been engaging constituency-wise with Indian parliamentarians.

GPPI has been in touch with several national and international level organisations and foundations including the TATA Trusts, Piramal Foundation, ITC Limited to work on areas of mutual interest.

GPPI also organised several roundtable discussions on healthcare for parliamentarians in partnership with international organisations such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, The Global Health Strategies and the UNICEF India Parliamentarians' Group for Children.

6. State Capacity Initiative

In 2020, the State Capacity Initiative at CPR initiated new research, deepened the public dialogue, built diverse partnerships and engaged in design support on some of the most important aspects of strengthening state capacity in India. The initiative is engaged in long-term, comparative and interdisciplinary research on India's frontline functionaries and their lived realities as public workers across states and sectors.

The initiative launched a major program of work on *Regulatory Design and Capacity*. Part of a partnership with Milan Vaishnav at Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP) and the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), this program focuses on building state capacity for the Indian economy and especially on making markets work for the poor. The joint program of work also focuses critical attention on the institutional arrangements that enable and support co-operative federalism in India. A workshop with leading academics, policymakers and public administrators was held to develop a new policy research agenda on this critical theme. This year, the initiative also deepened and extended its engagement with the Government of Meghalaya and in particular its State Capability Enhancement Project (SCEP) and the Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute (MATI). In March 2021, it collaborated on holding a workshop on state capability in Meghalaya with SCEP and MATI, focused on adaptive leadership and approaches and problem-solving capabilities at all levels of government.

Economy and State Capacity

In May 2020, the State Capacity Initiative hosted a webinar on *Rebuilding the Rural Economy* to discuss the implications of COVID-19 and the nationwide lockdown on the rural economy. The webinar examined the impact of large-scale reverse migration on the labour market, the role of the agriculture economy and rural safety nets including the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). Yamini Aiyar and Mekhala Krishnamurthy were panelists at a session at *India Global Week* in July 2020 on *State Capacity and the Indian Economy: The Way Forward*. They shed light on how the Indian state can rebuild its capacities, to negotiate the new challenges the economy will confront.

In July 2020, the initiative hosted a closed-door workshop with experts to discuss a new working paper by Shoumitro Chatterjee and Arvind Subramanian, *From Torrid to Tepid: India's Exports in the 21st Century*. The paper presents a series of facts about India's export performance in this century. In September 2020, the initiative hosted a webinar titled, *A New Economic Imagination?* featuring Ashok Kotwal, Bharat Ramaswami and Maitreesh Ghatak. The webinar shed light on what it will take to place India back on a sustainable, long term growth pathway.

Education, Health and State Capacity

The Research on Improving Systems of Education (RISE) program is undertaking a study on the political economy of elementary education reform across seven low-income countries (Nigeria, Vietnam, India, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Indonesia and Tanzania). Priyadarshini Singh is leading the India component of the study which will trace the evolution of key ideas and strategies for reforming elementary education from the 1990s to 2020. Tracing the path back to the years after the National Policy on Education, 1986, the project will focus on how learning achievements and outcomes were conceptualised and prioritised by reform leaders. Mekhala Krishnamurthy was an invited panelist on a DVARA-India Spend webinar on *PMJAY: Getting it to punch above its (fiscal) weight* in February 2021. She shed light on the capacity of the Indian state to deliver on PMJAY's promises and potential pathways for reform.

Agriculture

In December 2020, a major report co-authored by Mekhala Krishnamurthy, Shoumitro Chatterjee, Devesh Kapur and Marshall Bouton, *A Study of the Agricultural Markets of Bihar, Odisha and Punjab* was released. The study was based on extensive interdisciplinary field-based research by the team, anchored by the Centre for the Advanced Study of India at the University of Pennsylvania. Findings from the study were reported in the *Hindustan Times*, *ThePrint* and *Business Standard*, and Chatterjee and Krishnamurthy were featured in a detailed interview by *Bloomberg Quint*. The research was presented in numerous policy forums including the World Bank's India Agricultural Policy Advisory Group.

Krishnamurthy authored a chapter, *Mandi Acts and Market Lore: Regulatory Life in India's Agricultural Markets*, published in a new book titled, *Rethinking Markets in Modern India: Embedded Exchange and Contested Jurisdiction*, edited by Ajay Gandhi, Barbara Harriss-White, Douglas Haynes and Sebastian Schwecke, published by Cambridge University Press (2020). Drawing on long-term archival and ethnographic research in a mandi and market town in Madhya Pradesh, the chapter sketched out the regulatory biography of an agricultural market. Chatterjee and Krishnamurthy wrote on the first principles and political economy of agricultural market regulation as the concluding article in an *Ideas for India* symposium on the farm laws.

Yamini Aiyar and Krishnamurthy discussed the deep faultlines and new possibilities in the politics of representation, reform and Centre-state relations and cooperative federalism exposed by the farm laws and farmers' protests in mainstream media.

Two of CPR's podcasts were dedicated to unpacking the historical evolution and regional political economy of the farm laws and the protests. The first episode, on the history and diversity of the mandi system, featured Krishnamurthy. The second episode, on understanding the particular context and demands that animated the gathering farmers protests, featured Ajay Vir Jakhar of the Bharat Krishak Samaj and Krishnamurthy in conversation with Aiyar. Krishnamurthy also published analysis on the farm laws in the *Indian Express* and *ThePrint*. She participated in public discussions with leading experts at the India International Centre, Chennai International Centre, *ThePrint's Off the Cuff*, at the Kisan Sansad, Nation for Farmers, Journal of Peasant Study's Forum, on *Enquiry* with Shoma Chaudhury, on a number of television and media panels, and was quoted in the *BBC*, *Economist*, *Financial Times* and the *Time Magazine*. Knowledge and expert sessions were also held with Members of Parliament organised by PRS Legislative Research and for development partners.

In August 2020, Krishnamurthy was invited to give a special lecture at the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore's Centre for Public Policy as part of the *XV International Conference on Public Policy and Management*. The session was a conversation between Professor Barbara Harriss-White and Krishnamurthy on *Global Agro-Food Systems: Research, Policy and Implications for India* and was published in a set of special papers from the conference.

Krishnamurthy provided analysis on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on agriculture, including articles in *ThePrint* and *NDTV*, as well as a podcast conducted by Aiyar with Pravesh Sharma (former IAS officer) and Krishnamurthy on COVID-19 and India's food supply chain beginning early in the crisis in April 2020. Krishnamurthy was invited in December 2020 to moderate a session of The/Nudge Forum's *Agri Charcha* in partnership with the Ministry of Rural Development on understanding the needs of rural households.

7. The Jobs Initiative

As a part of a collaborative project led by the Jobs Initiative, entitled, *Ecosystems of Engagement: Digital Platforms and Women's Work in India and Sri Lanka*, researchers mapped the digital platform ecosystem in both countries to examine where and in what capacity women interact with the platform gig economy. The team conducted in-depth interviews with over twenty platform executives across

India and Sri Lanka to understand how platform business models, design and algorithmic decisions impact women's participation. This project brings together four partner organisations – CPR, Indian Institute of Human Settlements, World Resources Institute in India and LIRNEasia in Sri Lanka. Insights from the project will help build a shared understanding of the ecosystem across business, policy, and civil society; increase the inclusiveness of the ecosystem vis-à-vis women; and encourage platforms and policymakers to respond to critical needs in a more effective manner.

Sabina Dewan contributed a chapter titled, *Harnessing the Potential of ASEAN's Digital Transformation Through Regional Cooperation* in a publication released by the KDI School of Public Policy and Management and The Asia Foundation. The chapter examines how major digital trends across the ten member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) impact employment, labor markets and livelihood opportunities. Dewan co-wrote a report on *Policy options for regulating platform work*. The report aims to identify material challenges pertaining to conditions of work and labour relations that gig workers face in emerging and developing countries. Dewan was invited by the NITI Aayog to be a part of the Advisory Committee for the *Vision Document 2035* that elucidates a 15-year vision for India starting from 2020. She was invited to be a part of the committee writing the chapter on innovation for the document.

Public Engagements

Sabina Dewan was a panelist at the IWWAGE-The Asia Foundation webinar on *COVID-19 and the Indian Platform Economy. Is There Room for Women?* to discuss the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown on gig platforms; how the industry is reacting to the shock and; potential investments and policy interventions necessary to ensure that female gig workers, particularly low and middle rung service providers, are protected. Dewan moderated a webinar organised by the JustJobs Network (JJN) and International Development Research Centre (IDRC) titled, *Conversations with Women in the Gig Economy*. The webinar brought the voices of some women entrepreneurs that have leveraged platforms to build their livelihoods to the forefront.

Dewan was a panelist on The Global Deal webinar on *Social Dialogue and the Future of Work*, highlighting the importance of social dialogue to manage the future of work transitions, improve the quality of work and contribute to achieving full and productive employment and decent work for all. Dewan participated in a webinar titled, *Are labour regimes keeping up with the gig economy?* to shed light on employment, working conditions and labour and policy regimes for platform workers in Asia and Africa. Dewan participated in the webinar on *Rebuilding the World of Work: Visionary Voices on the Post-Pandemic Economy* as a part of the *Arthan Future of Work* conference, co-organised by JJN. She discussed the role of the private sector in rebuilding a fairer, more resilient economy.

8. Infrastructure and Ecologies

This research theme advances multidisciplinary and applied research on the political ecology of large infrastructures. It houses a cluster of new and ongoing projects, at the intersection of infrastructure development, natural resource management and legal governance frameworks at trans-national, national and state levels.

Urban Infrastructure Projects and Environmental Discourses

This participatory research, done in collaboration with several urban planning and ecology experts and activists, analyses the socio-ecological aspects of urban infrastructures and construction projects in Indian cities. This year, the research team engaged in public discussions and published a series of socio-legal commentaries on the central government's Central Vista project in New Delhi. Manju Menon participated in a panel discussion on the governance challenges of the Central Vista project organised by Roli Books.

Manju Menon and Kanchi Kohli authored an essay titled, *Nature conservation, Social Development and Freedom* for the *Landscape Journal*. The article examined social and economic development in context of present day realities.

Kanchi Kohli spoke at *The Quotidian Realm: Contextualising the current times* seminar by the CEPT University. This seminar aimed to explore the intrinsic nature of society as a reflection of its temporal context. It also aimed to understand the role of various social, technological and environmental developments in shaping its cultural expressions

Environmental Justice

Debayan Gupta, Sampada Nayak, Kush Tanvani and Vidya Viswanathan co-authored an exhaustive paper titled, *The Draft EIA Notification, 2020: Reduced Regulations and Increased Exemptions*, presenting a clause by clause comparison of the draft EIA Notification 2020 with the EIA Notification 2006 and the Zero Draft of 2019 respectively. Manju Menon and Kanchi Kohli participated in a discussion on *India Today* to discuss the issues with proposed draft EIA 2020 Notification. In an interview with *Hindustan Times*, they analysed what the draft Notification means for India's environment and the economy. They also wrote articles on the social impact of these regulatory changes in *The Times of India* and *The Wire*.

The researchers of the environmental justice program, a collaborative community-based action research initiative, monitor, collect and present data on the experience of seeking remedies to environmental harms in rural areas. This data is used to understand the challenges faced by project affected communities and regulatory institutions in environmental governance. In 2020, researchers collected and presented information through various media articles and presentations.

Vidya Viswanathan participated as a panelist and presented on *Remote Evidence Gathering Solutions in the Asia-Pacific Context* in the *Asia-Pacific Judicial Conference on Climate Change: Adjudication In The Time Of COVID-19*, organised by the Asian Development Bank, United Nations Environment Programme and Asian Judge Network on Environment.

Research and Policy Engagements

As part of a team of international scholars, Kanchi Kohli and Manju Menon co-authored a book, *Beyond the Coal Rush: A Turning Point for Global Energy and Climate Policy?*. Published by the Cambridge University Press, the book analyses how global climate discourses speak to national policy contexts in India, Germany and Australia.

Menon and Kohli discussed the implications of the Uttarakhand flash floods in February 2021 in *Hindustan Times* and participated in a television discussion organised by Gaon Connection TV on the same.

Menon participated in a panel discussion to initiate the second Government Law College National Moot Court Competition on wildlife protection. Kohli participated in the *HT Environment Conclave: Forest - wildlife and development*.

Funded Research Projects

1. Changing Party Politics in India 2021

The purpose of the project is to encourage rigorous dialogues amongst academicians, practitioners, journalists, politicians and students on understanding political change through recourse of party politics.

2. Convening for setting a policy agenda in the COVID-19 context

Creation of a platform/network that enables a deeper understanding of the policy response, implementation, and gaps identified by civil society organisations and research organisations. The aim is to be able to help set a policy agenda for strengthening health and social protection systems in India.

3. CPR Vision – Omidyar

Institutional robustness – Strengthen internal governance, particularly financial and project management capabilities. Expanded, flexible scale of operation with internal support – Enable Grantee to be responsive to changes in the policy environment. Retaining the institutional culture of innovation – Strengthen values and culture that respects creativity, academic freedom and the importance of flexibility as key to growth and innovation.

4. Ford capacity initiative grant

To Create and support a platform for informed dialogue among civil society academia and others on India's agricultural policy and related state capacity to sustain and increase farmer incomes.

5. Framing A Strategic Approach to India's Air Quality

Production of a strategy framing paper, outlining the contours of a better-integrated air quality community of researchers and practitioners Development of a shared agenda for research and action, and consistent public messaging around air quality by building a microsite Secondary research on air quality ecosystem and analysis of stakeholder interview data Development of policy briefs and communications materials.

6. Holding non-state actors accountable: Existing regulatory architecture, its functioning, and state regulatory capacity needs in India's school-level education system

The purpose of the work is to focus on the public sector perspective to analyze regulatory frameworks for non-state participation on paper and in practice, from the lens of state capacity, and the need for strengthening the public system to monitor education delivery in line with the larger goals of education. The analysis will focus on pre-primary, primary and secondary levels of education.

7. PluriLand: Theorizing Conflict and Contestation in Plural Land Rights Regimes

The PluriLand project aims to develop a theory of land rights claiming in plural legal regimes through crossregional investigation of conflicts over land affecting the land rights of vulnerable communities. Despite the protection of indigenous, traditional and/or communal land rights in many legal systems, such conflicts are rapidly escalating across the globe and are often highly transnational. Yet our knowledge about the mobilization and traction of protective land regimes remains fragmented, localized and weakly theorized. At a time when protective land rights guaranteeing access and tenure for vulnerable and marginalized groups are under increasing political pressure, the need for better theoretical tools and more systematic empirical knowledge is acute.

8. To undertake a Study to Assess the Social Protection Coverage and Portability Benefit Mechanisms for children Migrants in Inida

The objectives of this study are: a) To examine whether and how select centrally-sponsored social protection programmes reach and benefit the children affected by migraton; b) to examin evidence around inter and intra-state portability mechanisms for migrants (including children # both girls and boys); c) To identify and recommend ways in which the select social protection schemes can be strengthened and new schemes/ initiatives can be introduced to ensure children affect by migration are able to access basic services; d) To document experiences, good practices and innovative approaches, for future learning and advocacy purposes.

Faculty News

1. **During the year under review the President and Chief Executive, Yamini Aiyar was involved in the following research and allied activities.**

Journal Articles

1. “One nation,” BJP, and the future of Indian federalism, by Yamini Aiyar and Louise Tillin, *India Review*, 19 May 2020.
2. Understanding the decline of regional party power in the 2019 national election and beyond, by Yamini Aiyar and Neelanjan Sircar, *Contemporary South Asia*, 29 May 2020.
3. The Indian state and the broken social contract, by Yamini Aiyar, *Seminar*, 4 January 2021.

Briefs and Reports

1. Redesigning India’s Social Protection Financing Architecture to meet the Challenge of COVID-19, by Yamini Aiyar, Avani Kapur, Partha Mukhopadhyay, Manish, Mukta Naik, and Arkaja Singh, *Centre for Policy Research*, 21 April 2020.

Articles in Mainstream media.

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2. Navigating Centre-state fiscal ties, *Hindustan Times*, 18 February 2021, by Yamini Aiyar.
3. Budget 2021-22: A political economy perspective, *Ideas for India*, 15 February 2021, by Yamini Aiyar.
4. Decoding the budget and the economics of welfare, *Hindustan Times*, 1 February 2021, by Yamini Aiyar.
5. Budget 2021 mantra: Spend and empower states, *Hindustan Times*, 30 January 2021, by Yamini Aiyar.
6. 2020: The people vs the Indian State, *Hindustan Times*, 28 December 2020, by Yamini Aiyar.
7. On farm laws, how the Centre faltered, *Hindustan Times*, 2 December 2020, by Yamini Aiyar and Mekhala Krishnamurthy.
8. Creating an inclusive welfare architecture, *Hindustan Times*, 18 November 2020, by Yamini Aiyar.
9. What happened to Nitish’s governance?, *Hindustan Times*, 30 October 2020, by Yamini Aiyar.
10. Covid-19: Why do Indians not want to be tested and why are so few reporting symptoms?, *Scroll*, 25 October 2020, by Yamini Aiyar, Partha Mukhopadhyay, Neelanjan Sircar, and Jishnu Das.
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13. Where reforms and federalism clash, *Hindustan Times*, 6 October 2020, by Yamini Aiyar and Mekhala Krishnamurthy.
14. Reimagining India’s welfare toolkit, *Hindustan Times*, 24 August 2020, by Yamini Aiyar.
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16. NEP and the classroom consensus, *Hindustan Times*, 2 August 2020, by Yamini Aiyar.
17. Covid: The State-citizen trust deficit, *Hindustan Times*, 23 July 2020, by Yamini Aiyar.
18. A blueprint to protect labour rights without constraining capital, *Hindustan Times*, 6 July 2020, by Yamini Aiyar and Maitreesh Ghatak.
19. Build a new economic imagination, *Hindustan Times*, 15 June 2020, by Yamini Aiyar and Mekhala Krishnamurthy.

20. BJP's undiluted power at the Centre has weakened the bargaining position of regional parties, The Print, 31 May 2020, by Yamini Aiyar and Neelanjan Sircar.
21. Cash transfers: There is a way out, Hindustan Times, 25 May 2020, by Yamini Aiyar.
22. To restart, revise national strategy, Hindustan Times, 11 May 2020, by Yamini Aiyar
23. Interview: India needs an inter-state council of Modi and chief ministers to battle Covid-19, Scroll, 27 April 2020, by Yamini Aiyar.
24. Centre should use fiscal powers to ease state constraints, Business Standard, 25 April 2020, by Yamini Aiyar.
25. The State needs to step up, urgently, Hindustan Times, 16 April 2020, by Yamini Aiyar.
26. Covid-19: Centre and states must work together, Hindustan Times, 1 April 2020, by Yamini Aiyar and Mekhala Krishnamurthy.

2. During the year under review Honorary Research Professor, Bharat Karnad was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Articles in Mainstream media.

1. Pakistan Army Chief's Proffered Hand - Shake It!, The Citizen, 27 March 2021, by Bharat Karnad.
2. Is India Accepting China's 1959 Claim-Line As Formal Border?, Quint, 19 February 2021, by Bharat Karnad
3. Himalayan Diffidence, India Today, 19 February 2021, by Bharat Karnad,
4. Will Indo-US Ties Improve under Biden Administration, Times of India, 29 January 2021, by Shyam Saran and Bharat Karnad.
5. So Much For American Democracy!, The Citizen, 10 January 2021, by Bharat Karnad.
6. The Death of a Scientist(s), The Citizen. 14 December 2020, by Bharat Karnad.
7. 8 Rounds of Talks and Xi Has Not Budged, The Citizen, 16 November 2020, by Bharat Karnad.
8. Modi Sets His "Made In India" Plan Loose On The Indian Military, The national Interest, 4 October 2020, by Bharat Karnad.
9. Modi's military procurement missteps, East Asia Forum, 22 September 2020, by Bharat Karnad.
10. India-China Relations And Ladakh: Between Simmer And Boil, Bloomberg Quint, 10 September 2020, by Bharat Karnad.
11. How To Get 'Atmanirbhar' In Defence Production, Bloomberg Quint, 24 August 2020, by Bharat Karnad.
12. Genuine Indigenisation Starting In Arms Procurement; Two Heroes Deserve A Salute For It, Swarajya, 10 August 2020, By Bharat Karnad.
13. Better off with a Mod Quad, India Today, 1 August 2020, by Bharat Karnad.
14. A Cowering Response To China's Provocations May Lose India More Territory, Bloomberg Quint, 28 May 2020, by Bharat Karnad.

3. During the year under review Professor, Navroz K Dubash was involved in the following research and allied activities.

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Working Paper

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3. Net-zero emission targets are a hollow pledge, Hindustan Times, 22 March 2021, by Navroz K Dubash.
4. Give young environmentalists a voice, Hindustan Times, 22 February 2021, by Navroz K Dubash
5. Should India consider a 'net-zero' climate pledge on reducing greenhouse gasses?
6. Scroll, 17 February 2021, by Navroz K Dubash
7. CAQM: Stronger body, but some gaps remain, Hindustan Times, 30 October 2020, by Navroz K Dubash, Santosh Harish, and Shibani Ghosh
8. Imagining a different, better future, Hindustan Times, 19 August 2020, by Navroz K Dubash.

4. During the year under review Professor, Brahma Chellaney was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Articles in mainstream media

1. Biden follows Trump's footsteps in the Indo-Pacific, The Hill, 25 March 2021, by Brahma Chellaney
2. China's Himalayan salami tactics, Japan Times, 21 March 2021, By Brahma Chellaney
3. The Quad: Hype vs Reality, India Today, 21 March 2021, By Brahma Chellaney
4. China's escalating water war: On top of other asymmetric tactics, Brahmaputra mega-project is a new threat India faces, Times of India, 16 March 2021, By Brahma Chellaney
5. China's Himalayan Salami Tactics, Project Syndicate, 9 March 2021, By Brahma Chellaney
6. Don't Isolate Myanmar, Project Syndicate, 5 February 2021, By Brahma Chellaney
7. Free vaccines and India's humanitarian diplomacy, The Japan Times, 27 January 2021, By Brahma Chellaney
8. Will Biden Seize the Opportunity for an Alliance With India?, World Politics Review, 27 January 2021, By Brahma Chellaney
9. Where Biden Should Be More Like Trump, Project Syndicate, 26 January 2021, By Brahma Chellaney
10. A New Uncertainty, Open Magazine, 22 January 2021, By Brahma Chellaney
11. As Joe Biden becomes president, will the United States' Indo-Pacific policy flip again?, The Globe and Mail, 19 January 2021, By Brahma Chellaney
12. Wake-up call on Tibet: America's Tibet law should spur New Delhi to reclaim lost leverage on China, Times of India, 13 January 2021, By Brahma Chellaney
13. Xi Jinping's Strategic Overreach, Project Syndicate, 12 January 2021, By Brahma Chellaney
14. The Red Dragon's strategic overreach, Mint, 31 December 2020, By Brahma Chellaney
15. Hydro-hegemony: Will China turn off Asia's tap?, Japan Times, 27 December 2020, By Brahma Chellaney
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17. Biden lacks strategic clarity on China, Japan Times, 10 December 2020, By Brahma Chellaney
18. Banking on Biden, Open Magazine, 4 December 2020, By Brahma Chellaney

19. The Message of Islamist Beheadings, Project Syndicate, 25 November 2020, By Brahma Chellaney
20. Writing is on the wall for US Indo-Pacific strategy, Nikkei Asia, 17 November 2020, By Brahma Chellaney
21. Biden Can Make an Ally of India, Foreign Affairs, 10 November 2020, By Brahma Chellaney
22. Why do so many Asian nations want to be in China's debt?, Nikkei Asia, 26 October 2020
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25. Tokyo must thwart Beijing's Senkaku strategy, The Japan Times, 30 September 2020, By Brahma Chellaney
26. On China, India is making a mistake, Hindustan Times, 18 September 2020, By Brahma Chellaney
27. The Taliban loves China's money, but can it forget its Muslim gulags?, Nikkei Asian Review, 11 September 2020, By Brahma Chellaney
28. China's expansionist agenda takes shape on the Indian border, The Globe and Mail, 2 September 2020, By Brahma Chellaney
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33. Japan must curb Chinese aggression surrounding the Senkaku Islands, Nikkei Asian Review, 12 August 2020, By Brahma Chellaney
34. China's Five-Finger Punch, Project Syndicate, 21 July 2020, By Brahma Chellaney
35. China Is Its Own Worst Enemy, Project Syndicate, 22 May 2020, By Brahma Chellaney
36. China must come clean on Covid-19, Hindustan Times, 5 May 2020, By Brahma Chellaney
37. The Chinese Health Organization?, Project Syndicate, 22 April 2020, By Brahma Chellaney
38. The Threat from the Tablighi Jamaat, Open Magazine, 10 April 2020, By Brahma Chellaney
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40. The perils of political and religious extremism, Hindustan Times, 6 April 2020, By Brahma Chellaney
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5. During the year under review Visiting Professor, Lavanya Rajamani was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Articles in mainstream media

1. Proceed with caution: What to consider before India takes 'net-zero' pledge, The Indian Express, 27 March 2021, by Ambuj D Sagar, Lavanya Rajamani, and Navroz K Dubash
2. Countries should make climate pledges that are credible and fair, The Indian Express, 12 December 2020, by Lavanya Rajamani.

6. During the year under review Senior Fellow, Shyam Saran was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Journal Articles:

1. Irresistible forces and immovable objects: a debate on contemporary climate politics, by Shyam Saran, Climate Policy, 5 December 2010.

Briefs and Reports:

1. India as the Engine of Recovery for South Asia: a Multi-Sectoral Plan for India's Covid-19 Diplomacy in the Region, by Shyam Saran, Gautam Mukhopadhyaya, Nimmi Kurian, and Sandeep Bhardwaj, Centre for Policy Research, 19 August 2020.

Articles in mainstream media

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2. For India, Quad is just one option. US-China meet at Anchorage shows that, ThePrint, 24 March 2021, By Shyam Saran
3. Nepal's uneasy balancing act, Business Standard, 22 March 2021, By Shyam Saran
4. Echo chamber of governance, Tribune India, 10 March 2021, By Shyam Saran
5. Modi govt is on a self-defeating path by blocking public opinion, The Print, 10 March 2021, By Shyam Saran
6. Signposts from China, Business Standard, 8 March 2021, By Shyam Saran
7. Adaptation, not mitigation, should inform India's climate strategy, The Indian Express, 6 March 2021, By Shyam Saran
8. China changes tack, Tribune India, 24 February 2021, By Shyam Saran
9. As Biden shapes a new US policy, China changes tack on ties with India, The Print, 24 February 2021, By Shyam Saran
10. वैश्विक वित्त को चीन की तलाश, Business Standard, 17 February 2021, By Shyam Saran
11. Has China bitten off more than it can chew?, Hindustan Times, 10 February 2021, By Shyam Saran
12. The guessing game begins, Tribune India, 10 February 2021, By Shyam Saran
13. China's pursuit of global finance, Business Standard, 4 February 2021, By Shyam Saran
14. Will Indo-US Ties Improve under Biden Administration, Times of India, 29 January 2021, By Shyam Saran and Bharat Karnad
15. It is India's journey that will decide the future of democracy, not US, The Print, 26 January 2021, By Shyam Saran
16. Polarisation of societies, Tribune India, 26 January 2021, by Shyam Saran
17. Trump's New Year Gift to China, India Today, 17 January 2021, By Shyam Saran
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21. China's New Year resolutions, Business Standard, 5 January 2021, By Shyam Saran
22. The climate crisis needs a vaccine too, Hindustan Times, 1 January 2021, By Shyam Saran
23. Unfolding crisis in Nepal, The Tribune, 30 December 2020, By Shyam Saran
24. For India, despite a rising China, this is a favourable geopolitical moment which it must seize, The Indian Express, 23 December 2020, By Shyam Saran
25. Labels undermine diversity, The Tribune, 16 December 2020, By Shyam Saran
26. If Modi really sees India as a democracy, then he must stop the labelling exercise, The Print, 16 December 2020, By Shyam Saran
27. China's past in the present, Business Standard, 10 December 2020, By Shyam Saran
28. National security, religion present new challenges to India's environment, Business Standard, 9 December 2020, By Shyam Saran

30. Tightrope walk in the Gulf, The Tribune, 2 December 2020, By Shyam Saran
31. Kerry: Climate change evangelist or USA's pragmatic deal maker?, Mint, 29 November 2020, By Shyam Saran
32. The Covid-19 pandemic and the shift in domestic politics, Hindustan Times, 25 November 2020, By Shyam Saran
33. With darkness brought by the pandemic, chasing light in the mountains, The Indian Express, 22 November 2020, By Shyam Saran
34. Act East policy at stake, The Tribune, 18 November 2020, By Shyam Saran
35. India's embrace of the Quad, Business Standard, 10 November 2020, By Shyam Saran
36. Joe Biden victory unlikely to heal deep political wounds afflicting US, Business Standard, 8 November 2020, By Shyam Saran
37. China's grand dream, Tribune India, 4 November 2020, By Shyam Saran
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39. Get serious about security, The Tribune, 22 October 2020, By Shyam Saran
40. An economic Iron Curtain, Business Standard, 21 October 2020, By Shyam Saran
41. The message in the Peace Nobel — multilateralism, The Hindu, 16 October 2020, By Shyam Saran
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43. China looked at India under British rule as a teacher — of what not to be, The Print, 12 October 2020, By Shyam Saran
44. Another step forward by Quad, Tribune India, 7 October 2020, By Shyam Saran
45. The rhythms of Chinese history, Business Standard, 6 October 2020, By Shyam Saran
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50. India waving SFF and Tibet cards won't scare China. Can't pull levers you don't have, The Print, 14 September 2020, By Shyam Saran
51. जापान में नेतृत्व परिवर्तन और भारत-जापान रिश्ते, Business Standard Hindi, 10 September 2020, By Shyam Saran
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55. China's strategy of economic self-reliance, under label of 'dual circulation', has been sharpened by pandemic, The Indian Express, 31 August 2020, By Shyam Saran
56. What Biden may mean for India, The Tribune, 25 August 2020, By Shyam Saran
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66. The underestimated PM Narasimha Rao, The Tribune, 2 July 2020, By Shyam Saran
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71. As the LAC heats up, reading China's playbook, Hindustan Times, 2 June 2020, By Shyam Saran
72. China's aggression against India, Hong Kong, US comes from sense of siege on pandemic origin, The Print, 1 June 2020, By Shyam Saran
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81. Let's reimagine democracy, The Tribune, 21 April 2020, By Shyam Saran
82. Beijing's response to Covid underlines that the world needs more democracy, not less, Indian Express, 20 April 2020, By Shyam Saran
83. Reuse, recycle, renew, The Tribune, 8 April 2020, By Shyam Saran
84. India needs a new social compact, Business Standard, 8 April 2020, By Shyam Saran

7. During the year under review Senior Fellow, Shylashri Shankar was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Books:

1. Turmeric Nation: A Passage Through India's Tastes, by Shylashri Shankar, Speaking Tiger, 2020.

Articles in mainstream media

1. The Spice Route, Open Magazine, 19 February 2021, by Shylashri Shankar
2. Best of 2020 Books: Crime Fiction: The Body In the Attic, Open Magazine, 25 January 2021, By Shylashri Shankar
3. The Indian Masala Magic, Open Magazine, 22 January 2021, By Shylashri Shankar
4. Defining Indian Cuisine, Open Magazine, 11 December 2020, By Shylashri Shankar
5. The Dark Old World, Open Magazine, 30 October 2020, By Shylashri Shankar
6. In Search of Gallic Taste, Open Magazine, 16 October 2020, By Shylashri Shankar
7. The changing palate, Deccan Herald, 27 September 2020, By Shylashri Shankar
8. Killer Instinct, Open Magazine, 25 September 2020, By Shylashri Shankar
9. Lost World of Indian Cookbooks, Live History India, 20 September 2020, By Shylashri Shankar
10. Why Indians of all faiths commemorate the dead with food, Scroll, 18 September 2020, By Shylashri Shankar
11. A majority of Hindus are non-vegetarian, as they have always been, Live Mint, 4 September 2020, By Shylashri Shankar
12. Hands in the Mud, Open Magazine, 4 September 2020, By Shylashri Shankar

13. Garden Variety Crimes, Open, 12 June 2020, By Shylashri Shankar
14. Illness As Allegory, Open Magazine, 3 April 2020, By Shylashri Shankar

8. During the year under review Senior Fellow, Kiran Bhatti was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Journal Articles:

1. Sliding from majoritarianism toward fascism: Educating India under the Modi regime, by Kiran Bhatti and Nandini Sundar, Sage journals, 23 December 2020.
2. The National Education Policy on School Education, by Kiran Bhatti, The India Forum, 11 September 2020.

Articles in mainstream media

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2. Budget 2021 May Not Be Able to Fully Heal the Damage to Education Sector, but it Can Try, The Wire, 28 January 2021, by Kiran Bhatti
3. The National Education Policy Has a Grand Vision but Can't See Its Own Feet, The Wire, 10 August 2020, by Kiran Bhatti.
5. The World Bank's STARS project needs an overhaul, The Hindu, 30 June 2020, by Kiran Bhatti and Martin Haus

9. During the year under review Senior Visiting Fellow, Philippe Cullet was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Book Chapters:

1. P. Cullet, 'Foreword - Climate Change: Exploring Multidisciplinary Contours', in Chiradeep Basak, *In Pursuit of Climate Resilience* (Guwahati: National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, 2020), p. vii-ix.

Web based Publications.

1. Philippe Cullet, Learning from Coronavirus to Tackle Climate Change: The imperative of Solidarity and Equity, *SOAS Blog* (11 May 2020).

Presentations at Conferences/Seminars:

1. Lecture: The Paris Agreement, COP26 and Beyond: Global and Local Climate Change-related Challenges', International University for Humanities and Development, Ashgabat, 22 May 2020.
2. Open lecture: From Water Scarcity to Water as a Commons: Towards Realising the Right to Water and River Rights, Symbiosis Law School Hyderabad, 26 May 2020
3. Panellist: Sanitation & Cleanliness in Post COVID-19: Socio-Legal Perspective, Webinar, Sustainability of Sustainable Development in Post-COVID Scenario, 5 June 2020, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University
4. Panellist: SOLPO Round Table discussion, India's water future: Need for a paradigm shift in legal & policy framework, 9 October 2020, Society for Legal and Policy Research (SOLPO Research), New Delhi

5. Virtual SOAS Festival of Ideas: Decolonising Knowledge Climate Change and Global Voices Panel (20 October 2020) – Panellist [Climate change as a social and environmental crisis]
6. University of Bayreuth, Kleines Seminar: Climate Justice in the Global South (5 October 2020) - Panellist
7. University of Geneva, Workshop ‘Human Rights and the Climate Change Crisis: Ethical Implications and the Human Rights to Development and a Healthy Environment’ (26-27 November 2020) – Panellist.

10. During the year under review Senior Fellow, Shubhagato Dasgupta was involved in the following research and allied activities.

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14. During the year under review Fellow, Namita Wahi was involved in the following research and allied activities.

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1. Book Workshop on "Elevating Water Rights to Human Rights", [Namita Wahi, Evelyn Villareal, Ana Cortes, Lara Cortes], Judicial Recognition and Enforcement of the Right to Water: A Comparative Analysis of Brazil, Costa Rica, and India, 24 September 2020, Centre on Law and Social Transformation.
2. University of Bergen, Book Workshop on "Elevating Water Rights to Human Rights". [Arkaja Singh] The Right to Water in Indian Cities: Negotiation, Tactics and Law 24 September 2020, Centre on Law and Social Transformation, University of Bergen.
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4. PhD Course, Bergen Exchanges 2020 [Vrinda Bhardwaj], Epistolary Jurisdiction: Justice Behind Bars of Prisons and Shelter Homes, 2 November 2020 Bergen, Norway Centre on Law and Social Transformation, University of Bergen.
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Presentations at Conferences/Seminars

1. "Samvaad 2020", Tribal Conclave (Talk), Forest and Land Rights of Adivasis in India, 17 November 2020, Youtube Live, Tata Steel Foundation.
2. India Land Forum 2020 (Panel Discussant), Land as Collateral for Access to Credit in India, 26 November 2020, NCAER.

Presentations at Round Tables and Other Events

1. PRRC Webinar (Discussant) Land Acquisition Litigation in the Subordinate Judiciary 4 May 2020, Zoom, PRRC webinar featuring a discussion of NIPFP's paper.
2. Webinar (Panelist), Land Acquisition: A Critical Analysis, 10 June 2020 Zoom, Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana.
3. Webinar (Lecture), One Thousand Land Laws: Mapping the Maze of Land Regulation in India, 26 June 2020, Trivedi Centre for Political Data, Ashoka University.
4. Webinar (Lecture), The Role of Adivasis in Environmental Regulation: Experiences from the field, 21 August 2020, Cockatoo Green Chats, organised by Harithkram: Environment Society, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, Delhi University.
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6. Consultation (Presentation), Forest Rights Act, 9 September 2020, Omidyar Network.
7. Workshop, Draft Tribal Human Development Report, 9 October 2020, Institute of Human Development.
8. Webinar (Discussant), When land comes in the way: India's connectivity infrastructure in Nepal, 6 November 2020, PRRC's webinar featuring a discussion of CSEP's paper.
9. Online lecture International Law in the Context of India, 7 December 2020, Uppsala University, Sweden.
10. Webinar (Presentation) Accessing Justice: Deciphering Decisions through Data Analytics ("DALTON") 21 December 2020, PRRC Webinar featuring presentation of LRI's research from its DALTON Project.
11. Webinar (Panelist), Threats to academic freedom and democratic backsliding, 28 January 2021, Centre on Law and Social Transformation, University of Bergen.

15. During the year under review Senior Fellow, D Shyam Babu was involved in the following research and allied activities.

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17. During the year under review Senior Fellow, Mekhala Krishnamurthy was involved in the following research and allied activities.

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19. During the year under review Senior Visiting Fellow, Gilles Verniers was involved in the following research and allied activities.

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2. The BJP's 2019 election campaign: not business as usual, by Christophe Jaffrelot and Gilles Verniers, Contemporary South Asia, 18 May 2020.
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20. During the year under review Visiting Fellow, Olivier Telle was involved in the following research and allied activities.

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21. During the year under review Senior Visiting Fellow, Michael Walton was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Journal Articles:

1. Big potential, big risks? Indian capitalism, economic reform and populism in the BJP era, by Rohit Chandra and Michael Walton, India Review, 19 May 2020

22. During the year under review Fellow, Ashwini K Swain was involved in the following research and allied activities.

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2. The Election in Karnataka: Caste, Class, and Regional Complexity, by Pranav Kuttaiah and Neelanjan Sircar, 14 May 2018.

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3. What the battle of Nandigram says about Bengal's politics, Hindustan Times, 31 March 2021, by Neelanjan Sircar
4. Modi's centralisation of welfare delivery has a cost that BJP's state leaders are paying, The Print, 11 March 2021, by Neelanjan Sircar
5. Why the battle of Bengal matters, Hindustan Times, 4 March 2021, by Neelanjan Sircar
6. The political economy driving farm protests, Hindustan Times, 19 January 2021, by Neelanjan Sircar
7. From Hisar, notes on a new, changing India, Hindustan Times, 12 December 2020, by Neelanjan Sircar
8. Modi and the politics of welfare, Hindustan Times, 12 November 2020, by Neelanjan Sircar
9. Bihar Assembly Election 2020: With superior poll strike rate, BJP may call the shots in NDA, Hindustan Times, 11 November 2020, by Neelanjan Sircar

10. 'Bankable' Nitish's poll appeal now under cloud, Hindustan Times, 9 November 2020, by Neelanjan Sircar
11. Covid-19: Why do Indians not want to be tested and why are so few reporting symptoms?, Scroll, 25 October 2020, by Yamini Aiyar, Partha Mukhopadhyay, Neelanjan Sircar, and Jishnu Das
12. Covid-19: Why do Indians not want to be tested and why are so few reporting symptoms?, Scroll, 25 October 2020, by Yamini Aiyar, Partha Mukhopadhyay, Neelanjan Sircar, and Jishnu Das.
13. BJP's undiluted power at the Centre has weakened the bargaining position of regional parties, The Print, 31 May 2020, by Yamini Aiyar and Neelanjan Sircar
14. A blueprint for a testing strategy, Hindustan Times, 22 April 2020, by Jishnu Das, Neelanjan Sircar, and Partha Mukhopadhyay

24. During the year under review Fellow, Arkaja Singh was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Briefs and Reports:

1. Redesigning India's Social Protection Financing Architecture to meet the Challenge of COVID-19, by Yamini Aiyar, Avani Kapur, Partha Mukhopadhyay, Manish, Mukta Naik, and Arkaja Singh, Centre for Policy Research, 21 April 2020.

Working Paper:

1. Hunger, COVID-19 and The Indian Administrative State, by Arkaja Singh, 8 October 2020

Articles in mainstream media

1. IAS must learn to take risks. India's Covid relief response shows why, The Print, 20 October 2020.
2. Flaws of India's welfare system are visible in our fight against Covid-19, The Print, 8 May 2020.

25. During the year under review Senior Fellow, Sushant Singh was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Journal Article:

1. Guns Fall Silent on the LoC, by Sushant Singh, The India Forum, 26 February 2021.
2. Reading the Local Elections in Kashmir, by Sushant Singh, The India Forum, 31 December 2020

Articles in mainstream media

3. To Get to the Negotiating Table, India and Pakistan Had Help, 4 March 2021, by Sushant Singh
4. Looking ahead after the Ladakh walk back, The Hindu, 17 February 2021, by Sushant Singh
5. India Can't Say It Wants U.S. Help Against China, Foreign Policy, 25 January 2021, by Sushant Singh
6. Why China Is Winning Against India, Foreign Policy, 1 January 2021, by Sushant Singh
7. Line of Narrative Control, The Caravan, 1 December 2020, by Sushant Singh.
8. The right lessons from Pulwama and Balakot, The Hindu, 18 November 2020, by Sushant Singh.

26. During the year under review Senior Visiting Fellow, Deepak Sanan was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Briefs and Reports:

1. The Pandemic and Public Administration: A survey of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) Officers, by Mekhala Krishnamurthy, Deepak Sanan, Karnamadakala Rahul Sharma, and Aditya Unnikrishnan, Centre For Policy Research, 4 February 2021

Working Paper:

1. Evaluating Recent Proposals to Reform the Power Sector in India, by Deepak Sanan and Sanjay Mitra, Centre For Policy Research, 18 November 2020.

Articles in mainstream media

1. NGOs get thumbs-up from IAS officers, private sector faces distrust: Survey, Mint, 16 March 2021.

27. During the year under review Senior Visiting Fellow, Gautam Mukhopadhaya was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Articles in mainstream media

1. Reimagining cities, The Indian Express, 12 October 2020,
2. Can Enhanced State Borrowing Be the Catalyst for Overdue Municipal Revenue Reforms?, The Wire, 25 June 2020.
3. In India's big Covid battle, urban local bodies are frontline warriors but have no money, The Print, 19 May 2020.

28. During the year under review Senior Visiting Fellow, Pushpa Pathak was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Briefs and Reports:

1. India as the Engine of Recovery for South Asia: a Multi-Sectoral Plan for India's Covid-19 Diplomacy in the Region, by Shyam Saran, Gautam Mukhopadhaya, Nimmi Kurian, and Sandeep Bhardwaj, Centre For Policy Research, 19 August 2020.

Articles in mainstream media

1. India's Myanmar Tightrope, India Today, 13 February 2021, by Gautam Mukhopadhaya
2. India must take the lead in South Asia, Hindustan Times, 25 August 2020, by Gautam Mukhopadhaya and Nimmi Kurian.

29. During the year under review Senior Fellow, Manju Menon was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Books:

1. Beyond the Coal Rush, by James Goodman, Linda Connor, Devleena Ghosh, Kanchi Kohli, Jonathan Paul Marshall, Manju Menon, Katja Mueller, Tom Morton, Rebecca Pearse, and Stuart Rosewarne, Cambridge University Press, 2020.

Articles in mainstream media

3. Large hydro projects risk Himalayan communities, Hindustan Times, 19 February 2021, by Manju Menon and Kanchi Kohli
4. Interview: SC's Central Vista Verdict Equates Development With Development Projects, The Wire, 15 January 2021, by Manju Menon and Kanchi Kohli

5. Why the Draft EIA's Plan to Ease the Approval Process for Projects Is a Bad Idea, The Wire, 25 August 2020, by Manju Menon, Kanchi Kohli, and Vidya Viswanathan
6. EIA regulations: Don't ignore the people it will affect the most, Times of India, 16 August 2020, by Kanchi Kohli and Manju Menon
7. Monsoon rains slow efforts to contain Oil India fire in Assam, Upstream, 2 July 2020, by Amanda Battersby, Nishant Ugal, and Manju Menon
8. EIA Legitimised Environmental Destruction. Now, Govt 'Renovates' it for the Worst., Science, The Wire, 24 June 2020, by Manju Menon and Kanchi Kohli
9. India's U-Turn on 'Clean' Energy Is a Bad Move, The Wire, 16 June 2020, by Kanchi Kohli and Manju Menon
10. Why the Economic Crisis Shouldn't Become an Opportunity for More GDP Talk, The Wire, 22 May 2020, by Manju Menon and Kanchi Kohli
11. Why the Economic Crisis Shouldn't Become an Opportunity for More GDP Talk, The Wire, 22 May 2020, by Manju Menon and Kanchi Kohli.
12. Why and how India needs to prepare for urban flooding, The News Minute, 20 May 2020, by Manju Menon and Kanchi Kohli.
13. 'Lax environmental norms during recession could lead to industries bypassing environmental safeguards', Hindustan Times, 8 May 2020, by Manju Menon and Kanchi Kohli.
14. 'Lax environmental norms during recession could lead to industries bypassing environmental safeguards', Hindustan Times, 8 May 2020, by Manju Menon and Kanchi Kohli
15. The criminality of fly ash management, Gaon Connection, 15 April 2020, by Manju Menon, Debayan Gupta, and Kanchi Kohli
16. During a Lockdown, Why Is the Mining Industry Considered 'Essential'?, The Wire, 2 April 2020, by Manju Menon and Kanchi Kohli.

30. During the year under review Senior Visiting Fellow, Sanjay Kathuria was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Journal Articles:

1. India's North East Can Become the Connector, by Sanjay Kathuria, Rising Asia Journal, 25 January 2021.

Articles in mainstream media

17. Cementing Bangladesh-India ties through border haats, Hindustan Times, 25 March 2021, by Sanjay Kathuria and Nikita Singla
18. Enhancing women's employment is key to economic recovery, Hindustan Times, 19 January 2021, by Sanjay Kathuria
19. India and Pakistan should take steps to formalise their informal trade, The Indian Express, 23 December 2020, by Sanjay Kathuria
20. How to make Saarc useful during the pandemic, The Business Standard, 18 September 2020, by Sanjay Kathuria
21. Why building economic bridges in the neighbourhood matters, Indian Express, 10 July 2020, by Sanjay Kathuria.

31. During the year under review Senior Visiting Fellow, Devesh Kapur was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Articles in mainstream media

1. The Absent Voices of Development Economics, Project Syndicate, 31 March 2021.
2. The solution to the farm impasse lies in federalism, Hindustan Times, 21 February 2021.
3. Why Indian Americans are not becoming Republicans any time soon, The Washington Post, 15 October 2020.
4. Because of Kamala Harris, more Indian Americans are likely to vote in US polls, survey shows, The Print, 14 October 2020.

32. During the year under review Fellow, Santosh Harish was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Journal Article:

1. Impact of temperature on electricity demand: Evidence from Delhi and Indian states, by Santosh Harish, Nishmeet Singh, and Rahul Tongia, Energy Policy, 1 May 2020

Briefs and Reports:

1. Pursuing a Clean Air Agenda in India During the COVID Crisis, by Santosh Harish and Shibani Ghosh, 6 July 2020.

Articles in mainstream media

22. What Does the 2021 Union Budget Do To Improve Air Quality?, The Wire, February 2021, by Santosh Harish
23. What Ella Kissi-Debrah's Death Reminds Us About India's Air Pollution Crisis, The wire, 28 December 2020, by Santosh Harish and Bhargav Krishna
24. Confronting everyday sources of pollution across the country, Hindustan Times, 10 December 2020, by Santosh Harish
25. CAQM: Stronger body, but some gaps remain, Hindustan Times, 30 October 2020, by Navroz K Dubash, Santosh Harish, and Shibani Ghosh
26. Smog Towers Have No Scientific Basis as a Policy Measure, The Wire, Science, 10 August 2020, by Santosh Harish
27. Why the Delhi Smog Tower Project Is Deeply Problematic Even as a Pilot, The Wire, Science, 7 August 2020, by Santosh Harish
28. कोविड संकट के दौरान एक स्वच्छ वायु एजेंडे को पूरा करना: अवसर और चुनौतियां, Dainik Bhaskar, 30 July 2020, by Santosh Harish and Shibani Ghosh
29. The interplay between the pandemic and pollution, Hindustan Times, 16 July 2020, by Santosh Harish and Shibani Ghosh
30. The interplay between the pandemic and pollution, Hindustan Times, 16 July 2020, by Santosh Harish and Shibani Ghosh
31. Post Covid-19, India needs increased focus on air quality, Hindustan Times, 24 April 2020, by Avani Kapur and Santosh Harish
32. Post Covid-19, India needs increased focus on air quality, Hindustan Times, 22 April 2020, by Avani Kapur and Santosh Harish

33. During the year under review Senior Visiting Fellow, Véronique Dupont was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Book Chapter:

1. Living on the margins of the legal city in the southern periphery of Chennai: a case of cumulative marginalities, DUPONT Véronique and R. Dhanalakshmi, Living in the margins in mainland China, Hong Kong and India, Wing-Chung Ho, and Florence Padovani, Routledge, 2020.

Presentations at Conferences/Seminars:

1. COVID-19 Responses of Local Communities – exploring issues of trust in the context of risk and fear COVID-19 responses of displaced slum dwellers in Delhi, Véronique DUPONT, M.M. Shankare GOWDA, On-line conference, Université de Paris & Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 1-2 December 2020.
2. Aux confins de la mondialisation, Le terrain en distanciel : Continuer d'enquêter en temps de COVID auprès des habitants d'un bidonville démolé à Delhi, Véronique DUPONT, M.M. Shankare GOWDA, Paris- On-line conference, Global Research Institute of Paris, Université de Paris 26 November 2020.

3. Festival of Ideas : Nouvelles normalités, Round-table : « Faut-il fuir les grandes villes ?, Quitter les grandes villes : mythe ou réalités ? ... du côté de l'Inde , Véronique Dupont, M.M. Shankare GOWDA, Paris - on-line event, Alliance Sorbonne Paris Cité, 21 November 2020.

34. During the year under review Fellow, Anna Agarwal was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Journal article:

1. The what, why, and how of changing cooling energy consumption in India's urban households, by Radhika Khosla, Anna Agarwal, Neelanjan Sircar, and Deepaboli Chatterji.

35. During the year under review Visiting Fellow, Rohit Chandra was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Journal article:

1. The political economy of coal in India – Evidence from expert interviews, by Lorenzo Montrone, Nils Ohlendorf, and Rohit Chandra, Energy for Sustainable Development, 24 March 2021.
2. Seminar Issue 734: Untangling Business-State Relations in India, by Rohit Chandra and Rahul Verma, Seminar Magazine, 1 October 2020.
3. The future of coal in a carbon-constrained climate, by Michael Jakob, Jan Christoph Steckel, Frank Jotzo, Benjamin K. Sovacool, Laura Cornelsen, Ottmar Edenhofer, Chris Holden, Andreas Löschel, Ted Nace, Nick Robins, Jens Suedekum, Johannes Urpelainen, and Rohit Chandra, Nature Climate Change, 27 July 2020.
4. Big potential, big risks? Indian capitalism, economic reform and populism in the BJP era, by Rohit Chandra and Michael Walton, India Review, 19 May 2020.

Articles in mainstream media

1. The Abandoned, Open Magazine, 26 February 2021,
2. Cheering a lap-win in an unfinished race, Financial Express, 1 December 2020
3. CFOs to bankers to SME owners, what India's business class says about Modi govt, The Print, 1 October 2020
4. There is a crisis in the coal industry, Hindustan Times, 7 June 2020
5. We need legislative and institutional reforms to avoid a repeat of panic in debt mutual funds, Economic Times, 29 April 2020

36. During the year under review Senior Visiting Fellow, Rajshree Chandra was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Articles in mainstream media

1. Defamation: The Weapon of Choice to Stifle Pursuit of Justice and Free Speech, The Wire, 11 March 2021, by Rajshree Chandra
2. Has India Descended Into a Constitutional Theocracy?, The Wire, 17 December 2020, by Rajshree Chandra
3. Free speech is a basic right that empowers marginalised lives, The Indian Express, 4 November 2020, by Rajshree Chandra

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION & DISSEMINATION SERVICES

During the year 2020-21, 07 books were added to the library of the Centre. The acquisition mainly related to books of subjects such as Policy Sciences, Economic Policy, Urbanisation, Political Science, Futurology, Social Indicators, Foreign Policy, Defence and other fields of relevance to Research Programmes of the Centre.

The CPR library has a collection of a total of 10942 books after weeding a few old books. The library subscribed to 40 journals and received gratis 60 periodicals. These cover major policy fields of concern to scholars at CPR. In addition to these, 18 daily newspapers are being received in the library. [13 newspapers received as hardcopy and remaining 5 newspapers received as digital version only]

The library continued to be a member of the Developing Library Network (DELNET), New Delhi. One Samsung SCX 4521F multifunctional fax machine and e-mail service are being used extensively for communication and information retrieval purposes. One HP Elite 8300 is being used by CPR faculty/researchers.

With the help of CANON IR ADV 4545 Digital Plain Paper Copier with Reverse Automatic Document Feeder, Duplexing for Automatic Back to Back copying, Set making, Sorting, Rotate sorting, 25%- 400% Zoom with A-3 Size Network Laser Printer and Scanner, and 250 GB Hard Disc + 2 GB RAM for document server, better and efficient reprographic facilities were provided to researchers and other staff of the Centre.

For other material and publications, the CPR library depends upon the services of 20 libraries of various academic and other research institutions in Delhi which have been generous enough to lend their books and journals for the Centre's use on the principle of reciprocity.

Computer Unit's Activity

During the year under report, following activities were undertaken by the Computer Centre.

1. Services and Apps hosted at cprindia.org domain on Google Suite were configured and maintained as per user's requirement.
 2. Sonicwall Firewall, the CPR's unified threat management system was configured to safeguard Centre's local area network. Policies were realigned for distribution of bandwidth among various user groups.
 3. Hardware & software procured;
 - a. Audio/Video System comprising of an Android TV, eight Tannoy ceiling mount speakers, two tower connect & Floor boxes were purchased & installed in the Conference hall.
 - b. Two network switches were purchased and installed at newly added work area at fourth floor to meet internet and other network requirements of the users occupying that area.
 - c. Eight Access Points were purchased and installed at different floors for providing better Wi-fi services at the Centre.
 - d. Thirty laptops including two macbooks, three desktop PC's, seven laser jet printers, three monitors, six cameras, five external hard disks, nine UPS were purchased, configured and installed as per requirements of the users.
 - e. Licenses of MS Office 2019 for Mac (01 no.), MS windows 10 pro OEM pack (09 nos), Adobe master collection for creative cloud team (02 nos.), Upgrade of ArcGis Desktop standard with special analyst extension for desktop were purchased and installed.
 4. Administrative services for development and maintenance of Websites for following projects were provided.
 - cprindia.org (CPR)
 - Accountability Initiative
 - Accountability Initiative's Hum Aur Hamari Sarkar
 - Trans boundary Rivers, Ecologies, and Development Studies (TREADS)
 - SciFi Team (scifi.cprindia.org)
 - Urban Team (Housing in India)
 - Urban Team (Tacit Knowledge Urban Research Network – TURN website)
 - Land Right Initiative
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1. Zoom Services for Video conferencing were purchased and implemented.
 2. Maintenance and Configuration of Centre's Local Area and Wi-Fi Network, Hardware and software were carried out as per requirement. IT support services were provided to all users of the Centre by attending their hardware & software issues. Support services related to seminars and conferences held at the Centre during the year were also provided.

GRANTS

The CPR received the following grants from the ICSSR during the financial year 2019-20 (in lakhs):

1.	Recurring grant OH (36)	Rs. 67.00 Lakh
2.	Recurring grant OH (31)	Rs. 10.00 Lakh
	Total	Rs. 77.00 Lakh

The CPR gross corpus fund now stands at Rs. 1013.82 lakh. CPR's gross receipts (including specific project receipts) during the year was Rs. 2839.39 lakh. ICSSR recurring grant is 2.71% of CPR's gross receipts during the year.

A number of agencies and Government departments as named below continued their support to the Centre during the year:

List of Major Grantors

1. Indian Council Of Social Science Research, New Delhi
2. Bill Melinda Gates Foundation, USA
3. William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, USA
4. Mac Arthur Foundation, USA
5. Namati Inc, USA
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15. World Bank
16. Nxtra Data Ltd.

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CPR has been approved u/s 35(1)(iii) of the Income Tax Act 1961 w.e.f. April 1, 2005 which entitles the Donor under the present Income Tax Laws a weighted deduction @ 125% of the amount of donation. CPR has also been approved u/s 80G(5) (vi) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 for the period from April 1, 2011 onwards which entitles the donor 50% tax deduction of the net qualifying amount.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH

OPINION

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH (the Society)**, which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021 and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the financial statements, read with other notes given thereto, give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India:

- a) In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Society as at 31st March 2021; and
- b) in the case of the Income and Expenditure Account, of the deficit for the year ended on that date;

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position and financial performance of the Society in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practices in India. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding of the assets of the organization and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal financial control relevant to the Society's preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on whether the company has in place an adequate internal financial controls system over financial reporting and the operating effectiveness of such controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting principles used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by the Society's Governing Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Other Matters

- a) We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- b) In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Society so far as appears from our examination of the books of accounts.
- c) The Balance Sheet, and the Income and Expenditure Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of account

For V. Sankar Aiyar & Co.
Chartered Accountants
(Firm Regn. No.: 109208W)

Place: NEW DELHI
Dated:

M.S. BALACHANDRAN
Partner (M. No: 024282)

UDIN: 21024282AAAA_____

CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH					
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2021					
					<i>Amount in Rs.</i>
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	Sch	As on 31.03.2021		As on 31.03.2020	
CORPUS FUND (SPECIFIC)	1		3,79,59,000		3,79,59,000
CORPUS FUND (GENERAL)	1		6,27,23,405		6,27,23,405
CAPITAL FUND (ASSETS)	2		1,59,24,087		1,53,05,131
CAPITAL RESERVE	3		11,130		11,130
ENDOWMENT FUND	4		7,00,000		7,00,000
RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES	5		62,57,401		62,57,401
UNSPENT BALANCES IN SPECIFIED PURPOSES/ PROJECTS	6		35,91,82,491		37,42,02,147
PROVISIONS	7		1,50,00,000		1,50,00,000
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			4,23,23,101		4,33,81,917
LIABILITY (ADVANCE INCOME) AGAINST BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- STRENGTHENING THE CAPABILITY OF THE STATE IN INDIA- CAPACITY SUPPORT FUND	12.12		8,12,70,000		8,12,70,000
CURRENT LIABILITIES	11		26,55,828		35,79,862
TOTAL			62,40,06,443		64,03,89,993
PROPERTY & ASSETS					
FIXED ASSETS	8				
Gross Block		5,13,52,581		4,66,59,735	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		3,54,28,494	1,59,24,087	3,13,54,604	1,53,05,131
INVESTMENTS	9		56,24,10,752		55,52,36,662
(including Corpus Fund Investments)					
CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS AND ADVANCES:	10				
Cash and Bank Balances	10(a)	2,63,67,449		4,55,84,510	
Advances recoverable/ adjustable	10(b)	1,93,04,155	4,56,71,604	2,42,63,690	6,98,48,200
TOTAL			62,40,06,443		64,03,89,993
Accounting policies and notes on accounts	12				
				For and on behalf of	
				CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH	
<u>AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE.</u>					
FOR V. SANKAR AIYAR & CO.					
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS					
(Firm's Registration No. 109208W)					
				(YAMINI MRINALIKA AIYAR)	
					PRESIDENT
(M.S.BALACHANDRAN)					
PARTNER (M.No. 024282)					
PLACE: NEW DELHI				(POOJA GUPTA)	
DATED:				CHIEF ACCOUNTS OFFICER	

CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH					
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2021					
					<i>Amount in Rs.</i>
INCOME			2020-21		2019-20
Grant-in-Aid from ICSSR			77,00,000		1,38,37,000
Donation Received			60,000		5,00,000
Interest on Investments:					
Endowment and Corpus Interest		51,18,300		57,10,806	
Dividend Income on Corpus		1,28,374		47,256	
Interest on Income Tax Refunds		2,83,446		2,52,469	
Other Interest Income		32,07,799	87,37,919	38,69,840	98,80,371
Transfer from Domestic Grants			6,94,794		13,15,005
Transfer from Foreign Grants			2,58,75,522		3,01,77,946
Completed Projects - Balances written back (Net)			1,027		2,50,484
Miscellaneous Income			1,37,060		1,49,473
Proceeds on Sale of Assets			12,344		31,500
Royalty			61,462		1,729
TOTAL			4,32,80,128		5,61,43,508
EXPENDITURE			2020-21		2019-20
<u>SALARIES, WAGES & BENEFITS TO STAFF</u>					
Salaries and wages		2,52,57,658		2,69,86,577	
Contribution to Provident Fund		16,63,960		19,21,499	
Contribution to Gratuity Fund (LIC)		20,00,000		10,00,000	
Contribution to / payment of Leave Encashment Benefits		20,10,268		10,09,773	
Medical Insurance & Other Staff Benefits		3,00,796	3,12,32,682	3,18,197	3,12,36,046
Security and Allied Services			42,32,119		33,82,780
Travel and conveyance			3,09,443		2,76,797
Rates and taxes			56,100		6,42,315
Printing, stationery, office supplies			1,65,256		6,95,453
Communication expenses			6,71,262		1,32,340
Electricity and water			5,32,950		5,87,870
Office maintenance and repairs (Including Major Renovation in Previous Year)		12,93,816		1,80,14,035	
Less: Met from Provision for Repairs & Maintenance		-		1,29,18,644	
Less: Met from Reserve for Contingencies		-	12,93,816	39,42,599	11,52,792
Hospitality and Staff Welfare			2,79,940		1,40,352
Insurance			91,091		68,569
Library books, newspapers and periodicals			4,14,642		4,27,512
Audit and other fee			4,54,050		4,50,000
Miscellaneous expenses			34,861		24,617
Membership and Subscriptions			84,764		11,500
Bank charges and Interest			7,155		9,080
Conference and Programmes			1,97,013		8,52,896
Advertisement			4,130		11,000
Vehicle maintenance			1,03,784		1,42,762
IT Support			7,36,885		43,813
Legal and professional			19,75,259		15,79,932
Depreciation		40,93,554		35,94,390	
Less: Met from Capital Fund		40,93,554	-	35,94,390	-
Total C.O.			4,28,77,202		4,18,68,426

	EXPENDITURE			2020-21	2019-20
	Total B.F.			4,28,77,202	4,18,68,426
	Provisions/ Appropriations:				
	Transfer to Capital Fund - Amount for addition to assets			14,61,742	11,95,685
	Transfer to Provision Against Expected liability in future years for :-				
	- 7th CPC Arrears		-	40,00,000	
	- HR & Communication Infrastructure Fund		-	30,00,000	
	- Building Maintenance & Infrastructure Fund		-	20,00,000	
	- Leave Encashment Liability (refer Schedule 12(5))		-	20,00,000	1,10,00,000
				4,43,38,944	5,40,64,111
	Surplus for the year after appropriations			(10,58,816)	20,79,397
	Surplus brought forward			4,33,81,917	4,13,02,520
	Accumulated surplus carried to Balance sheet			4,23,23,101	4,33,81,917
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CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH					
SCHEDULES TO STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2021					
					<i>Amount in Rs.</i>
PARTICULARS		As on 31.03.2021		As on 31.03.2020	
CORPUS FUNDS					Schedule - 1
<u>CORPUS FUNDS (SPECIFIC)</u>					
As per last Balance Sheet					
- The Ford Foundation- Foreign Currency Corpus		30,58,000		30,58,000	
- The Ford Foundation Perpetuity Chair -PP RAG Unit		1,30,01,250		1,30,01,250	
- The Ford Foundation Track-2 Dialogue		84,49,750		84,49,750	
- GOI, Minister of External Affairs Track-2 Dialogue		9,50,000		9,50,000	
- National Commission on Population - PPRAG		1,25,00,000	3,79,59,000	1,25,00,000	3,79,59,000
<u>CORPUS FUNDS (GENERAL)</u>					
As per last Balance Sheet			6,27,23,405		6,27,23,405
Total			10,06,82,405		10,06,82,405
CAPITAL FUND (ASSETS)					Schedule - 2
As per last Balance Sheet			1,53,05,131		97,48,421
Add: Assets purchased out of Specific purpose/ Project Fund			32,70,322		36,10,338
Add: Transfer from Income and Expenditure			14,61,742		11,95,685
Add: Transfer from Capital Reserve			-		43,96,895
Less: Depreciation met from Capital Fund			40,93,554		35,94,390
Less: WDV of assets written off/ discarded/ sold			19,554		51,818
Total			1,59,24,087		1,53,05,131
CAPITAL RESERVE					Schedule - 3
As per last Balance Sheet		11,130		44,08,025	
Less: Utilised during the year for Capital Expenditure		-	11,130	43,96,895	11,130
Total			11,130		11,130
ENDOWMENT FUND					Schedule - 4
As per last Balance Sheet			7,00,000		7,00,000
Total			7,00,000		7,00,000
RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES					Schedule - 5
As per last Balance Sheet		62,57,401		1,02,00,000	
Less: Utilised during the year for Major Repairs & Maintenance		-	62,57,401	39,42,599	62,57,401
Total			62,57,401		62,57,401

CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH					
SCHEDULES TO STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2021					
					Amount in Rs.
PARTICULARS		As on 31.03.2021		As on 31.03.2020	
PROVISIONS					Schedule - 7
<u>Provision for Repairs and Maintenance</u>					
As per last Balance Sheet		-		1,29,18,644	
Less: Utilised during the year		-	-	1,29,18,644	-
<u>Provision for 7th CPC Arrears</u>					
As per last Balance Sheet		80,00,000		40,00,000	
Less: Transfer from Income & Expenditure Account		-		40,00,000	
Less: Utilised for Payment		-	80,00,000	-	80,00,000
<u>Provision for HR & Communication Infrastructure Fund</u>					
As per last Balance Sheet		30,00,000		-	
Transfer from Income & Expenditure Account		-		30,00,000	
Less: Utilised during the year		-	30,00,000	-	30,00,000
<u>Provision for Building Maintenance & Infrastructure Fund</u>					
As per last Balance Sheet		20,00,000		-	
Transfer from Income & Expenditure Account		-		20,00,000	
Less: Utilised during the year		-	20,00,000	-	20,00,000
<u>Provision for Leave Encashment Liability</u>					
As per last Balance Sheet		20,00,000		-	
Transfer from Income & Expenditure Account		-		20,00,000	
Less: Utilised during the year		-	20,00,000	-	20,00,000
Total			1,50,00,000		1,50,00,000

CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH					
SCHEDULES TO STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2021					
					Amount in Rs.
PARTICULARS		As on 31.03.2021		As on 31.03.2020	
INVESTMENTS (At cost)					Schedule - 9
(including Corpus Fund Investments)					
GOI 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds			2,07,20,000		2,07,20,000
Fixed Deposits with Banks			33,58,28,040		29,18,74,268
Fixed Deposits with ICICI Home Finance Ltd.			21,75,000		-
Fixed Deposits with HDFC Ltd.			7,03,19,323		7,01,84,005
Fixed Deposits with PNB Housing Finance Ltd.			4,54,34,499		6,40,74,499
Fixed Deposits with LIC Housing Finance Ltd.			8,38,37,000		8,42,87,000
Fixed Deposits with HUDCO			15,00,000		2,15,00,000
Units of Mutual Fund					
- UTI Regular Saving Fund- Regular Flexi Dividend Plan (72,969 Units) (PY:72,969 Units)		20,45,217		20,45,217	
- UTI Regular Saving Fund (Segregated-17022020)- Regular Flexi Dividend Plan (72,969 Units) (PY: 72,969 Units) (#)		51,673		51,673	
- GBOE- Canara Robeco Equity Hybrid Fund-Regular Growth (50,000 Units) (PY: 50,000 Units)		5,00,000	25,96,890	5,00,000	25,96,890
Total			56,24,10,752		55,52,36,662
# During the previous year, additional 72,969 Units has been allotted on account of Segregation of Fund by UTI.					
Market Value of Mutual Funds			1,32,49,940		95,13,434
a) CASH AND BANK BALANCES					Schedule - 10
In Bank Accounts with:					
Canara Bank - C/A NO-0157201000348 - FC		77,61,091		2,45,68,606	
SBI - Saving A/C NO-40074102929 - Foreign Currency Designated Bank Account		-		-	
Canara Bank - C/A NO-0157201004775		3,39,150		64,98,790	
Canara Bank - Saving A/C NO-015710131459		1,82,03,229		1,40,34,393	
Canara Bank - C/A 0157201005222		8,275		4,58,335	
Canara Bank - C/A 0157201005827 (NKC)		55,704		11,010	
Cash in hand - FC		-		560	
Cash in hand - Non-FC		-	2,63,67,449	12,816	4,55,84,510
Sub-total			2,63,67,449		4,55,84,510
b) ADVANCES RECOVERABLE/ ADJUSTABLE					
(Unsecured - considered good and recoverable)					
Advances Recoverable in Cash or Kind			13,11,479		8,60,551
Security Deposits			1,18,745		1,44,745
Tax Deducted at Source			36,29,120		49,94,342
Onwards Grant awaiting settlement			-		1,21,73,508
Debit balances in Specified Grants/ Projects			1,42,44,811		60,90,544
(excess spent in anticipation of Grant) (Refer Schedule - 3)					
Sub-total			1,93,04,155		2,42,63,690
Total			4,56,71,604		6,98,48,200
CURRENT LIABILITIES					Schedule - 11
Outstanding Liabilities			26,55,828		27,66,601
Retention Money Payable to Contractor			-		8,13,261
Interunit Balance			-		-
Total			26,55,828		35,79,862

	CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH					
						Schedule - 12
	Significant Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts					
1	BASIS OF ACCOUNTING					
	The financial statements have been prepared under historical cost convention and on a going concern basis. For recognition of Income and Expenses, the Centre follows cash basis of accounting. However, in the case of specified projects the amount incurred by the project staff/ consultants is accounted through individual imprest account, as to exhibit correct utilisation of project funds.					
	The primary objects and activities of the Society are in the field of Research and education. The Society has not carried on any activity this year in the nature of commercial, industrial and business and consequently the Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India are not mandatory. However, the Standards are followed to the extent relevant and practical.					
2	FIXED ASSETS					
	Fixed Assets are recorded at cost less depreciation. Fixed Assets purchased out of specific grants, an equal amount is transferred to capital fund. Fixed assets acquired out of non-projects fund (i.e., own funds), an equivalent amount is transferred from current year income and expenditure account. Depreciation though debited to Income and Expenditure Account, is met out of Capital Fund. Capital Fund shows the amount funds (own or projects) utilised for acquisition of assets, net of depreciation to date.					
3	DEPRECIATION					
	Depreciation is charged on written down value method. In respect of additions, depreciation is charged for the full year. It is ignored on the deletion of assets.					
4	INVESTMENTS: Investments are valued at cost.					
5	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
	The Centre makes regular contributions to duly constituted fund in respect of Provident , Gratuity and Leave Encashment. The Centre has taken up policies under the Group Gratuity and Leave Encashment Schemes of LIC for meeting the liability. The Centre makes adhoc contributions to the funds and the same is accounted for, as and when paid. The accruing liability for future payment is not ascertained.					
	The Fund balance with the LIC as on 31.03.2021, (including interest credit on funded balances) for Gratuity Fund and Leave Encashment Policy are Rs. 166.77 lakhs and Rs. 90.38 lakhs respectively against the liability of Rs. 131.66 lakhs and Rs. 98.51 lakhs for Gratuity and Leave Encashment respectively. Society has reserves/ provision of Rs. 20.00 lakhs for shortfall of assets over liability.					
6	FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS					
	Foreign currency transactions are generally recorded at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of transaction.					
7	Income Tax:					
	(i) CPR is registered u/s 12 A (a) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 bearing registration No. DLI (C) (I – 682) dt. 15.04.1976.					
	(ii) The Permanent Account No. (PAN) allotted under the Act is AAATC0180H .					
	(iii) CPR is regular in filing the income tax returns, the last one filed being for the Assessment year 2020-21 (relating to FY 2019-20). There are no demands in respect of income tax.					
	(iv) CPR is also approved u/s 80G of the Act covering the period A.Y. 2012-13 and onwards vide letter of the Office of Director of Income Tax (Exemption) dt. 15.09.2011.					
8	CPR is registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 bearing Registration No. 231650007 and is regular in filing the annual return, the last one filed being for the financial year 2019-20. The Registration has been renewed by the Ministry of Home Affairs for a period of five years, i.e., till 30th November, 2021, under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 and Rules made thereunder. The Society has filed application with Ministry of Home Affairs for renewal of FC Registration.					
9	The Planning Commission [as a nodal agency for providing services to the National Knowledge Commission (NKC)] had issued an order dt. 3.10.2005, which provided for CPR to act as a secretariat of NKC. The Order further stated that CPR shall maintain a separate account of the expenses of the Secretariat, to be met out of the grant in aid to NKC and would furnish an audited statement of accounts to the Planning Commission. Accordingly, the balance and the corresponding investment thereon are reflected separately.					

10	Claims against the society, not acknowledged as debts:- Subsequent to 31st March, 2016, counter-claim towards damages alleging deficiencies in examination conducting service, which the Society has not accepted - Rs. 19.32 crores.				
11	Estimated amount of outstanding Capital Contracts - Nil.				
12	During the year ended 31st March 2019, the Society had received a sum of Rs. 12,19,05,000 from Bill Melinda Gates Foundation for the Project "Strengthening the Capability of State in India - Capacity Support Fund". The Grant has been obtained for a period of fifteen years split into three blocks of five years. In accordance with the accounting practice followed by the Society, grant receipt relating to first block of five years amounting to Rs.4,06,35,000 has been considered as receipt in specified purposes funds and taken as income of the year 2018-19 for the purposes of section 11 and unspent money accumulated under section 11(2). The Balance moneys are reflected as a liability item as Advance Income, to be treated as income of the respective block of five years.				
13	The Office of the Director General of Audit, Central Revenues, New Delhi. carried out inspection of the accounts of CPR for the period 2004-2005 to 2006-2007. In their observations they have expressed their view that as per the terms and conditions stipulated in the sanction letters for grant issued by the ICSSR, the CPR has received excess grant of Rs. 110.75 lakhs during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07, which is refundable. CPR has not accepted the conclusion reached by the government audit. Their report is under examination.				
	<u>SIGNATURES TO SCHEDULES 1 TO 13</u>				
					For and on behalf of
					CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH
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**CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH
BALANCE OF CONTRIBUTION FOR SPECIFIED PURPOSES/PROJECTS AS ON 31.03.2021**

Schedule -6
(AMOUNT IN RS)

S.No.	NAME OF SPONSOR AND PROJECT	Opening Balance (01.04.2020)		Inter-Project Transfer	Receipts during the year	Interest/ Dividend	Transfer to Income and Exp A/c	Disbursements during the year	Completed projects balances written off/ back (NET)	Closing Balance (31.03.2021)	
		DR.	CR.							DR.	CR.
	FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION GRANTS										
1	ACCESS HEALTH INTERNATIONAL	-	-	-	22,24,650	-	3,16,507	31,65,066	-	12,56,923	-
2	ASIA FOUNDATION - NETWORK IN TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS	-	3,72,573	-	3,41,533	-	49,820	6,64,286	-	-	-
3	AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION	-	14,24,792	-	-	-	-1,03,716	15,24,563	-	-	3,945
4	BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- STRENGTHENING AWARENESS OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES ON MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH AND DIGITAL FINANCIAL INCLUSIONS IN INDIA (GPPI)	-	6,67,798	-	-	-	58,973	5,89,730	-	-	19,095
5	BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- SCI FI-II	-	30,20,118	2,16,99,444	-	2,830	15,32,433	1,02,16,138	-	-	1,29,73,821
6	BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- STRENGTHENING THE CAPABILITY OF THE STATE IN INDIA- CAPACITY SUPPORT FUND (refer note 10.12)	-	3,57,82,925	-	-	16,17,113	12,89,799	85,99,147	-	-	2,75,11,092
7	BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- STRENGTHENING THE CAPABILITY OF THE STATE IN INDIA- CAPACITY SUPPORT FUND (refer note 10.12)	-	4,13,88,087	-	-	1,22,26,822	32,42,747	2,16,18,316	-	-	2,87,53,846
8	BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- STRENGTHENING THE CAPABILITY OF THE STATE IN INDIA	-	9,04,75,242	-	-	82,01,718	16,87,062	1,12,47,081	-	-	8,57,42,817
9	BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT NO. OPP1038511 - NIRMAL STUDY	-	2,16,99,444	-2,16,99,444	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- TRACKING NUTRITION EXPENDITURE	-	2,32,57,585	-	-	12,45,955	19,00,083	1,26,67,222	-	-	99,36,235
11	BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION	-	1,43,546	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,43,546
12	BROWN UNIVERSITY- DIGITAL URBAN OBSERVATORY	-	7,03,859	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,03,859
13	CEBRAP BRAZIL - POLICY PROCESS IN INDIA-RIGHT TO INFORMATION/SOCIAL AUDIT AND PARTICIPATORY IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT	-	1,82,532	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,82,532
14	CENTRE FOR ETHICS IN ACTIONS	-	1,37,876	-	25,97,352	30,418	23,138	1,32,217	-	-	26,10,291
15	CHILDREN INVESTMENT FUND FOUNDATION- UK - MATRIX OF CHANGE (PILOT) - CPR ACCOUNTABILITY STUDY	-	3,50,006	-	-	-	45,525	3,03,500	981	-	-
16	CHILDREN INVESTMENT FUND FOUNDATION- UK -PPT - CIEE	-	74,02,278	-	1,42,56,331	5,39,486	10,55,773	70,38,884	-	-	1,41,03,438
17	CMI-PURLANDS	-	-	-	32,84,697	-	-	56,639	-	-	32,28,058
18	CMI- WATER RIGHTS	-	8,37,632	-	8,66,287	-	-	4,09,000	-	-	12,94,919
19	CENTER DE SCIENCES HUMAINES - SUBURBIN ON SUBALTERN URBANIZATION IN INDIA	-	1,80,241	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,80,241
20	GOTTENBURG UNIVERSITY- ENVIRONMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT - INITIATIVE SECRETARIAT (EFD)	-	7,63,050	-	-	-	7,965	53,100	-	-	7,01,985
21	RISE- DFID	-	71,887	-	39,53,949	51,119	17,954	1,19,693	-	-	39,39,308
22	FCDO(DFID) SCI FI GRANT	-	-	-	1,13,11,757	-	23,14,634	1,35,05,118	-	45,07,995	-
23	FCDO(DFID) STATE CAPACITY	-	-	-	20,48,424	-	-	18,70,000	-	-	1,78,424
24	THE FORD FOUNDATION - PUBLIC POLICY ANNUAL CONFERENCE	-	4,715	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,715
25	THE FORD FOUNDATION (INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION) - KOLKATTA EXPERIENCE	-	1,69,316	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,69,316
26	THE FORD FOUNDATION- FOREIGN CURRENCY CORPUS INCOME (FCCI)	-	29,57,429	-	-	1,80,875	-	-	-	-	31,38,304
27	FORD FOUNDATION - PERPETUITY CHAIR-SAARC	-	1,91,82,171	-	-	31,01,139	-	60,20,023	-	-	1,62,63,287
28	THE FORD FOUNDATION CORPUS INCOME FOR TRACK II DIALOGUES	-	18,45,446	-	-	16,00,400	-	-	-	-	34,45,846
29	THE FORD FOUNDATION - STUDY URBAN RESEARCH NETWORK IN INDIA TO SURFACE THE TACTIC KNOWLEDGE ON URBAN INFORMALITY	-	2,13,90,625	-	-	-	10,42,813	2,02,08,289	-	-	1,39,523
30	GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY	4,98,420	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,98,420	-
31	GIZ SMART CITY	-	71,22,042	-	80,04,553	-	6,52,896	65,28,955	-	-	81,65,397
32	GPAC	-	-	-	32,08,765	2,20,653	-	32,09,578	-813	-	-
33	INTERNATIONAL FOOD POLICY WASHINGTON DC - PARTNERSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN AND HARMONIZE ACTION NUTRITION IN INDIA	5,82,567	-	-	21,99,009	-	2,06,029	14,10,413	-	-	-
34	INNOVATION FOR POVERTY ACTION- GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAM TO ACCESS THE AVAILABILITY AND DELIVERY HEALTH SERVICES IN INDIA AND INDONESIA	-	43,79,076	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,79,076

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35	INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FRANCE (IRD)- INDIAN RURAL BOUNDARIES AND BASIC SERVICES ETC.	-	5,75,281	-	-	-	28,222	2,82,216	-	-	2,64,843
36	JUST JOBS NETWORK INC.	-	-	-	15,10,574	-	-	1,320	-	-	15,09,254
37	KOREA FOUNDATION- THE NEW GREAT GAME IN EAST ASIA	-	19,63,843	-	-	-	34,137	3,41,369	-	-	15,88,337
38	LIRNESIA- SRI LANKA	-	-	-	35,94,595	-	2,84,563	18,97,089	-	-	14,12,943
39	JOHN D.AND CATHERINE T. 'MAC ARTHUR FOUNDATION- EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK & DELIVERY MECHANISM THAT GUIDE ROBUST IMPLEMENTATION OF CLIMATE POLICIES IN INDIA	-	59,28,769	-	-	1,32,794	9,33,941	62,26,275	-	10,98,653	-
40	NAWATI- ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	-	24,04,699	-	2,70,05,745	42,356	37,35,379	2,48,94,580	-	-	8,22,841
41	OAK FOUNDATION- UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT -CLIMATE INITIATIVE - II	-	67,19,104	-	-	93,699	10,51,204	70,08,024	-	12,46,425	-
42	OMIDYAR NETWORK FUND -GPPI 2019-20	-	50,69,455	5,00,864	-	-	5,44,872	50,22,386	-	-	3,061
43	OMIDYAR NETWORK FUND -LAND RIGHTS	-	30,87,539	-	1,09,96,625	8,866	11,93,321	79,55,465	-	-	49,44,244
44	OMIDYAR CPR DEVELOPMENT	-	-	-	91,03,125	-	-	2,689	-	-	91,00,436
45	OMIDYAR NETWORK FUND -GENERAL SUPPORT	-	15,22,671	-	-	96,807	3,38,979	6,23,098	-	-	6,57,401
46	OMIDYAR NETWORK FUND -WORKSHOP OF GPPI	-	15,63,439	-5,00,864	-	-	62,881	9,99,694	-	-	-
47	OMIDYAR NETWORK FUND -WORKSHOP	-	16,30,863	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,30,863
48	OMIDYAR NETWORK SCI FI	-	-	-	1,84,83,250	2,45,525	4,16,812	27,78,747	-	-	1,55,33,216
49	SEPHIS-NIETHERLANDS	-	9,15,302	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,15,302
50	BROWN UNIVERSITY- REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES	64,267	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,267	-
51	RC-21 - STUDY OF SOCIOLOGY ON URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT	-	2,22,042	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,22,042
52	RLS- ROSA LUXEMBERG	-	6,69,439	-	32,81,708	-	-	33,05,322	-	-	6,45,825
53	STITCHING SED FUND	-	-	-	38,95,238	1,079	2,14,735	12,17,324	-	-	24,64,258
54	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA- SAN TA CRUZ	59,149	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,149	-
55	URBAN STUDIES FOUNDATION	-	69,743	-	15,77,632	-	1,41,768	7,08,833	-	-	7,96,774
56	WFH CI	-	-	-	1,14,94,500	1,32,727	5,99,944	39,99,246	-	-	70,28,037
57	WILLIAM & FLORA HEWLETT FOUNDATION- ACCOUNTABILITY INITIATIVE- NEW INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT	-	1,46,47,094	-	2,21,11,500	11,67,478	9,54,329	63,62,193	-	-	3,06,09,550
58	UNIVERSITY OF SHEFIELD UK	-	-	-	1,21,358	-	-	2,96,426	-	1,75,068	-
59	STANFORD UNIVERSITY LAND RIGHTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,281	-	1,281	-
60	AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION-2020	-	-	-	94,050	-	-	-	-	-	94,050
61	GENERAL PURPOSE FUND	-	4,78,674	-	-	-	-	29,773	-168	-	4,49,069
SUB TOTAL		12,04,403	33,33,80,238	-	16,75,67,207	3,09,39,859	2,58,75,522	20,51,10,308	-	89,08,181	30,86,05,252
DOMESTIC GRANTS											
1	ACCEL LAND RIGHTS	-	-	-	10,00,000	-	-	-	-	-	10,00,000
2	AZIM JI PREMJI UNIVERSITY	-	-	-	10,00,000	-	1,82,154	18,19,027	-	10,01,181	-
3	BHOPAL SCHOLL S S	-	65,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,000
4	BROWN UNIVERSITY-BIARI	13,797	-	-	-	-	-	2,152	-	15,949	-
5	FCDO(D/FID) ACC. SCI FI	-	-	-	21,95,233	-	-	20,37,188	-	-	1,58,045
6	GIZ PROJECT -2	-	11,12,854	-	-	-	-	10,47,619	-	-	65,235
7	HDFC LTD- STATE OF HOUSING IN INDIA	-	47,87,711	-	-	-	3,50,695	29,22,458	-	-	15,14,558
8	HUMAN SETTLEMENT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (HSMI) - HOMELESSNESS	15,645	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,645	-
9	HUM AUR HAMARI SARKAR	-	3,17,655	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,17,655
10	IBRD - STRENGTHENING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN INDIA (1512645)	-	2,57,994	-	10,31,976	-	-	-	-	-	12,89,970
11	INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH+PPP MATERNAL CARE	-	19,940	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,940
12	INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH-CENTRE HEALTH POLICIES	-	9,523	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,523
13	RESEARCH WITH EMPHASIS ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH MATTERS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62,938
14	ICSSR-DOMINANT CASTE DEMAND	-	62,938	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,989
15	ICSSR-SECULARISM & SOCIAL CAPITAL AMONG THE MARGINALISED	-	17,989	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,52,182
16	ICSSR- AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY	-	5,52,182	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	ICSSR- UNDERSTANDING METROPOLITAN HOMELESSNESS A CASE STUDY OF DELHI	18,59,556	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,59,556	-

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17	ICSSR- LAND RIGHTS DEVELOPMENT AND THE CONSTITUTION:MAPPING LAND LEGISLATION IN INDIA	4,26,047	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,26,047	-
18	ICSSR ORIENTATION PROGRAMME- FOR RESEARCH SCHOLARS AND FACULTY MEMBERS BELONGINGS TO SC ST AND OTHER MARGINALISED GROUPS UNDER SC COMPONENT	-	19,51,906	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,51,906
19	IPE GLOBAL - SUPPORT ENERGY TRANSFORMATION IN INDIA CAPABILITIES	-	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60,000
20	INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION UCHICAGO - UNDERSTANDING STATE CAPABILITIES	-	1,96,859	-	1,08,250	-	-	-	-	-	3,05,109
21	ISDM - DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT FOUNDATION	-	2,09,864	-	80,000	-	-	-	-	-	2,89,864
22	JAMNALAL BAJAJ FOUNDATION- GOVERNANCE IN PUBLIC POLICY INITIATIVE	-	12,64,770	-	-	85,940	1,10,712	11,07,116	-	-	1,32,882
23	INSTITUTE FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND SEARCH- (IFMR)- CHENNAI - CONDUCT A QUALITATIVE STUDY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CHUNAUTI THE INITIATIVE OF GOVERNMENT OF NCT DELHI	3,62,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,62,000	-
24	MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS- BCM 10TH DIALOGUE 18-19 FEB 12 AND BCM 11TH DIALOGUE 23-24 FEB 2013	-	1,12,699	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,12,699
25	MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA-CORPUS INCOME FOR TRACK II DIALOGUES	-	8,907	-	-	4,16,131	-	-	-	-	4,25,038
26	MEGHALAYA GOVT	33,291	-	-	63,13,500	-	-	29,80,142	-	-	33,00,067
27	MINISTRY OF FINANCE-GOVERNMENT OF INDIA-CORPUS INCOME	-	8,335	-	-	3,77,698	3,77,698	30	-	-	8,305
28	MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY	-	5,50,000	-	2,61,008	-	-	8,10,008	1,000	-	-
29	MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES	-	4,33,745	-	46,37,000	-	-	47,64,424	-	-	3,06,321
30	NATIONAL COMMISSION ON POPULATION (NCP) - CORPUS INCOME	-	2,15,01,547	-	-	27,26,670	-	-	-	-	2,42,28,217
31	NTTI AAYOG - METAMORPHOSE TECH TALK SERIES	-	1,98,414	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,98,414
32	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF URBAN AFFAIRS	-	4,72,348	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,72,348
33	OXFAM INDIA FSNR	-	3,96,612	-	10,37,288	-	-	6,00,000	-	-	8,33,900
34	TATA TRUST CI	-	-	-	20,00,000	-	51,233	12,80,820	-	-	6,67,947
35	TATA TRUST	4,94,499	-	-	5,00,000	-	-	5,501	-	-	-
36	TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES-URBAN RELATED (TISS)	1,43,473	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,43,473	-
37	UNDERSTANDING STATE CAPABILITIES	-	-	-	4,78,754	-	-	9,051	-	-	4,69,703
38	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO	-	5,99,109	-	3,54,458	-	-	6,063	-	-	9,47,504
39	UNDP - ROBUST LEARNING & INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS	-	6,79,456	-	-	-	-	6,79,456	-	-	-
40	UNICEF - ACCOUNTABILITY INITIATIVE UNDER THE PROGRAMME MAHARASHTRA	15,169	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,169	-
41	UNICEF ACCOUNTABILITY	-	-	-	16,22,777	-	-	23,88,994	-	7,66,217	-
42	UNICEF COVID 19 SCI FI	-	-	-	23,93,500	-	-	23,80,468	-	-	13,032
43	UNICEF - DHENKANAL PILOT PROJECT FOR SOLID LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT(SLWM)	-	15,82,420	-	43,28,364	-	-	32,59,518	-	-	26,51,266
44	UNICEF - SUPPORTING PREPARATION OF THE ODISHA RURAL SANITATION POLICY	10,92,317	-	-	10,23,000	-	-	24,774	-	94,091	-
45	UNICEF URBAN	-	-	-	8,06,206	-	-	14,43,508	-	6,37,302	-
46	WORLD BANK - WATER FEDERALISM - 71885513	4,30,347	-	-	30,60,448	-	-	5,52,977	-	-	20,77,124
47	WORLD BANK - STATE CAPACITY-7189529	-	10,615	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,615
48	WORLD BANK - DISTRIBUTIONAL ANALYSIS OF FISCAL POLICY ON HEALTH AND EDUCATION (GRANT NO. 7185776)	-	33,901	-	-	-	-	33,093	-	-	808
49	WORLD BANK - DM PROJECT - MAPPING STATE CAPACITY (1497758)	-	6,07,075	-	-	-	-	5,48,985	-	-	58,090
50	WORLD BANK -URBAN & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (1507521)	-	2,20,027	-	-	-	-	2,20,000	27	-	-
51	WORLD BANK - STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FOR TAMILNADU HOUSING & HABITAT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (7194634)	-	2,28,799	-	20,59,193	-	-	3,72,900	-	-	19,15,092
52	WORLD BANK - INPUTS TO POVERTY & SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (7194690)	-	2,28,073	-	20,52,653	-	-	5,26,085	-	-	17,54,641
53	WORLD BANK -INDIA FEDERAL SET UP- EVOLUTION OF PLANNING IN INDIA (1500288)	-	3,40,100	-	-	-	-	3,36,750	-	-	3,350

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54	WORLD VISION INDIA - UNDERSTANDING & NAVIGATING PUBLIC POLICY	-	99,644	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99,644
55	NATIONAL ACADEMY OF AUDIT & ACCOUNTS	-	-	-	10,170	-	-	-	-	-	10,170
56	THE WORLD BANK CT NO. 7197279	-	-	-	5,70,000	-	-	-	-	-	5,70,000
57	NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE COMMISSION (Refer Note (a) below)	-	16,22,898	-	-	7,250	-	-	-	-	16,30,148
	SUB TOTAL	48,86,141	4,08,21,909	-	3,89,23,778	36,13,689	10,72,492	3,21,59,107	1,027	53,36,630	5,05,77,239
	GRAND TOTAL	60,90,544	37,42,02,147	-	20,64,90,985	3,45,53,548	2,69,48,014	23,72,69,415	1,027	1,42,44,811	35,91,82,491

⊕ TRANSFERRED TO INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Note:

(a) The Balance of National Knowledge Commission represented by:

Particulars	As on 31-03-2020	As on 31-03-2021
Fixed Deposit with Canara Bank	15,56,545	15,56,545
Canara Bank - C/A 0157201005827 (NKC)	11,010	55,704
TDS Recoverable	55,343	17,899
Total	16,22,898	16,30,148

CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH										
SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS AS ON 31.03.2021										
									(Amount in Rs)	SCHEDULE-8
PARTICULARS	RATE OF DEP	COST			DEPRECIATION			WRITTEN DOWN VALUE		
		As on 01.04.2020	Additions	Deletions	As on 31.03.2021	Upto 01.04.2020	Additions	Deletions	Upto 31.03.2021	As on 31.03.2021
LEASEHOLD LAND		85,221	-	-	85,221	-	-	-	-	85,221
BUILDING	5%	96,43,471	-	-	96,43,471	70,85,719	1,27,888	-	72,13,607	24,29,864
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	15%	75,17,911	29,482	-	75,47,393	34,38,239	6,16,373	-	40,54,612	34,92,781
OFFICE EQUIPMENTS	15%	82,16,582	17,77,752	29,218	99,65,116	51,79,845	7,19,806	13,435	58,86,216	40,78,900
ELECTRIC INSTALLATIONS	15%	7,200	-	-	7,200	2,778	663	-	3,441	3,759
VEHICLES	20%	7,64,469	-	-	7,64,469	6,03,213	32,251	-	6,35,464	1,29,005
AIR COOLING SYSTEM	15%	23,78,086	-	-	23,78,086	3,56,713	3,03,206	-	6,59,919	17,18,167
OFFICE MACHINERY	40%	1,41,84,702	29,24,830	10,000	1,70,99,532	1,17,46,074	21,43,875	6,229	1,38,83,720	32,15,812
LIFT	15%	18,05,413	-	-	18,05,413	10,96,232	1,06,378	-	12,02,610	6,02,803
FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENTS	15%	15,10,369	-	-	15,10,369	14,14,289	14,412	-	14,28,701	81,668
INTANGIBLE ASSETS	25%	5,46,311	-	-	5,46,311	4,31,502	28,702	-	4,60,204	86,107
TOTAL		4,66,59,735	47,32,064	39,218	5,13,52,581	3,13,54,604	40,93,554	19,664	3,54,28,494	1,59,24,087
PREVIOUS YEAR		3,77,75,560	1,35,99,813	47,15,638	4,66,59,735	2,80,27,139	35,94,390	2,66,925	3,13,54,604	1,53,05,131
										97,48,421

