Annual Report 2021-2022

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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

It is a privilege to present the Centre for Policy Research’s (CPR) annual report for 2021-22. This year has seen significant disruptions both in India as well as globally. From the Russia-Ukraine war to the climate crisis, from the continued socio-economic ramifications of the pandemic to debates on federalism and India’s polity, I am proud that scholars at CPR remained at the forefront, enriching the public discourse and interpreting the impact of these developments.

Like every year, we kept the tradition of publishing scholarly, field-defining books alive. We published four important books including *Development of Environmental Laws in India* by Manju Menon and Kanchi Kohli; *Broke to Breakthrough: The Rise of India’s Largest Private Dairy Company* by Harish Damodaran; *Colossus: The Anatomy of Delhi* by Neelanjan Sircar and Sanjoy Chakravorty; and *Competing Nationalisms: The Sacred and Political Life of Jagat Narain Lal* by Rajshree Chandra. Our scholarly contributions were complemented by as many as 565 articles and opinion pieces in the mainstream press and non-academic journals, as CPR scholars valiantly sought to infuse evidence and nuance in an increasingly polarised public sphere.

Even as we continued to produce field-defining scholarship, CPR has remained actively engaged in the everyday life of policymaking in the country, offering technical expertise to resolve complex policy challenges. Our national level policy contributions ranged from engagements with the Ministry of Jal Shakti, the Ministry of Rural Development, the NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, amongst others. We also continued to deepen our engagements at the sub-national level through direct ground-level partnerships. The Accountability Initiative for instance, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Andhra Pradesh on strengthening fiscal processes, expenditure optimisation and revenue augmentation. The initiative continued to work with the Government of Meghalaya to support the finance and planning departments. CPR’s State Capacity Initiative also worked with governments of Meghalaya and Andhra Pradesh to strengthen public sector capabilities and enhance state capacity. The Scaling City Institutions for India (SCI-FI) Initiative continues to work closely with the governments of Punjab and Odisha, providing technical support in key areas of land planning, housing and sanitation.

With the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Glasgow and the release of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group III report, this has been an important time for climate action. Home to the leading voices on this issue in the country, CPR’s Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment played a pivotal role on the global stage, shaping debates on climate change. Navroz K Dubash was Coordinating Lead Author for Chapter 13 of the IPCC report (*National and sub-national policies and institutions*) and co-author of the *Summary for Policymakers*; Lavanya Rajamani was Coordinating Lead Author for Chapter 14 (*International Cooperation*) and co-author of the *Summary for Policymakers*; and Parth Bhatia was Contributing Author and Chapter Scientist for Chapter 13. This formidable team has remained at the forefront of debates on climate governance, net-zero, energy transitions and air pollution.

None of this would have been possible without our talented scholars who have stayed true to our fiercely independent spirit and commitment to democratic dialogue. I feel proud to have the privilege of leading this wonderful community of scholars, committed to rigorous and evidence-based research.

I am as always, grateful to the CPR governing board, under the leadership of Dr Meenakshi Gopinath, who have held us to the highest standards of integrity and whose guidance and commitment to our scholarship has been a source of constant encouragement. Our finance and administration team led by Anup Roy, who ensure that scholars can stay focused on research, unfettered by the daily demands of administration and paperwork. Our communications team led by Hemali Sodhi, who push us to reach new audiences towards greater public engagement. Finally, I would like to thank all of you, our friends, collaborators and funders. This report offers but a glimpse into the variety, scale and rigour of work that we do at CPR, all of which has been made possible because of you. Thank you for your continued engagement and unflinching support. We remain deeply grateful.

With warmest thanks,

Yamini Aiyar
President and Chief Executive
Centre for Policy Research
The following research publications were brought out during the year 2021-22:

**A) Major Books Published**

1) Broke to Breakthrough: The Rise of India’s Largest Private Dairy Company, Harish Damodaran, August 2021, Penguin RandomHouse India

**B) Articles Published by CPR Faculty**

About *565 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.

1. National

a) Book discussion on: The Light of Asia: The Poem that Defined the Buddha by Jairam Ramesh, June 15, 2021 via Zoom.
b) CPR-TCPD Dialogues: Living Together, Separately, July 12, 2021 via Zoom
c) Discussion on: India’s New Welfarism?: Sub-national Regimes and State Capacity, July 14, 2021 via Zoom.
g) Webinar on: Housing finance access for those with unclear titles: Has the needle shifted?, July 30, 2021 via Zoom.
h) Book Discussion on: Makers of Modern Dalit History by Sudarshan Ramabadrana and Guru Prakash Paswan, August 5, 2021 via Zoom.
j) Discussion on: Designing a Climate Law for India: Principles and Form, September 13, 2021 via Zoom.
k) Event on: Why you should ‘Know your Regulator’?, September 15, 2021 via Zoom.

n) 4th Annual ‘Virtual’ Roundtable on Residential Electricity Consumption, September 29, 2021 via Zoom.
o) Virtual Book Discussion on: Identity Economy: Nation and Nationalism in Post-liberalisation India by Ravinder Kaur, September 30, 2021 via Zoom.
q) CPR-TCPD Discussion: The Politics of Crime in Uttar Pradesh, October 20, 2021 via Zoom.
r) Virtual Panel Discussion on ‘Open Government in Education: The Experience of Social Audits in India, October 20, 2021 via Zoom.
s) Talk on: ‘Know Your Regulator’: Ms Rita Teaotia, Chairperson of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), October 21, 2021 via Zoom.
u) Panel Discussion on The Role of Ideas in Shaping 21st-century India, November 2, 2021 via Zoom.
v) CPR-TCPD discussion: Transforming Uttar Pradesh’s Economy, November 11, 2021 via Zoom.
x) Discussion on: Unpacking the outcomes of the Glasgow COP, November 17, 2021 via Zoom.
y) Talk on: ‘Know Your Regulator’: Mr Navreet Singh Kang, Chairperson of the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA), Punjab, November 25, 2021 via Zoom.
z) Discussion on: Unpacking political narratives around air pollution in India, November 29, 2021 via Zoom.

aa) Roundtable on Strengthening India’s National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), December 7, 2021 via Zoom.
bb) Virtual panel discussion on: Sustaining Global Value Chains, December 7, 2021 via Zoom.
dd) Launch of the Mapping Indian Land Laws Website, followed by a panel discussion, December 15, 2021 via Zoom.

ee) Addressing Housing Vulnerabilities through Rental Housing at 8th Asia-Pacific Housing Forum, December 15, 2021 via Zoom.


hh) CPR-TCPD discussion: Political Consultants and Datafication of India’s Election Campaigns, December 22, 2021 via Zoom.


kk) ‘Know Your Regulator’: Supratim Bandyopadhyay, Chairperson, Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority, January 21, 2022 via Zoom.

ll) Webinar on Fostering robust local data ecosystems for sustainable sanitation service delivery in cities of South Asia, January 27, 2022 via Zoom.

mm) The 16th 5-Institute Budget Seminar 2022: Unpacking the Union Budget 2022-23, February 7, 2022 via Zoom.

nn) सी.पी.आर. इलेक्शन अडा: उत्तर प्रदेश चुनाव में बनते विगड़ते समीकरण, February 24, 2022 via Zoom.

oo) Book Launch and Discussion on: Cultivating Democracy: Politics and Citizenship in Agrarian India by Mukulika Banerjee, March 9, 2022, Location: Seminar Room I to III, First Floor, Kamala Devi Complex, India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi.

pp) Decoding the Assembly Elections 2022 Results, March 11, 2022 via Zoom.

qq) unpacking the Uttar Pradesh Verdict, March 14, 2022 via Zoom.

rr) Making Governance in India Simpler to Understand, March 15, 2022 via Zoom.

ss) India and the World: lecture by Peter Varghese, March 16, 2022 via Zoom.

tt) Teacher Shortage in India’s Government Elementary Schools: Myth or Reality?, March 24, 2022 via Zoom.


vv) ‘Unsafe’ bodies, hostile city: Governing the houseless in India during Covid-19 induced lockdown, March 29, 2022 via Zoom.

2. Workshops/Training Programmes (conducted by the Institute)

a) CPR-CSH Workshop on: Rent, Regulation and the Career of an Urban Village, July 27, 2021 via Zoom.

b) CPR-CSH Workshop on: Outcaste Bombay and the translation of Marxism, August 31, 2021 via Zoom.

c) CPR-CSH Digital Workshop on: Set Adrift: Informal labour and contestations in Mumbai, September 28, 2021 via Zoom.

d) CPR-CSH Workshop on: Urban Planning Conundrum or Its Epitaph?, October 26, 2021 via Zoom.

e) CPR-CSH workshop on: Off-frame, a geography of contemporary art spaces and workers in Mumbai, November 30, 2021 via Zoom.


g) Webinar on Fostering robust local data ecosystems for sustainable sanitation service delivery in cities of South Asia, January 27, 2022 via Zoom.


i) CPR-CSH Digital Workshop: Changing cooling energy demand patterns in urban households in India, February 22, 2022 via Zoom.
CPR’s Initiatives

1. Accountability Initiative

The 14th volume of Accountability Initiative’s flagship publication — the Budget Briefs — was published this year. These contained the status and progress of ten major Centrally Sponsored Schemes and prominently featured the pandemic’s impact on financing for social welfare programmes and the Union government’s mitigation measures.

Mridusmita Bordoloi, Mohammad Hamza Farooqui and Avani Kapur authored a brief titled, Union Government Financing for Child Protection through Child Protection Services (CPS) Scheme. The brief studied the status of implementation of the CPS scheme prior to the pandemic with a focus on the possible impact of COVID-19 on child protection and welfare.

Kapur contributed to a brief on Union Budget 2022-23: A Journey Towards Economic Recovery? prepared by UNICEF India. The brief provided an overview of budget priorities and allocations for children in India. Additionaly, Dyuti Saunik, Kapur, Gabrielle Kruks-Wisner and Jessica Mayberry authored a journal article titled, State–Society Synergy at COVID-19’s Invisible Front Lines, published in the Economic and Political Weekly. The paper was a methodical inquiry into the potential “synergy” between local government officials and societal actors during the pandemic. It included the experiences of government frontline workers from Accountability Initiative’s Inside Districts series, and separate interviews of citizen journalists conducted by Video Volunteers.

Ritwik Shukla and Avani Kapur of CPR’s Accountability Initiative authored a journal article titled, Methods and Lessons From Costing a Large mHealth Intervention at Scale in India, published in Frontiers in Public Health. The article presented a detailed protocol on determining the costs of a large national mHealth intervention in India and captured lessons for policymakers on how to ensure financial planning for scaling such interventions. They also authored a journal article titled, Public Finance Management and Data Availability for Nutrition Financing in India, published in BMJ Global Health. The paper sought to determine whether the current Public Finance Management system in India allowed for capturing required nutrition data.

Avi Saini, Shukla, William Joe and Kapur authored a journal article titled, Improving Nutrition Budgeting in Health Sector Plans: Evidence from India’s Anaemia Control Strategy, published in Wiley. It presented a new method developed by the authors to track nutrition budgets within health sector plans.

Kiran Bhatty along Avani Kapur and Mridusmita Bordoloi of CPR’s Accountability Initiative contributed to the annual Global Education Monitoring Report (GEM) by UNESCO on the role of the non-state in school education.

Policy Engagements

- CPR’s Accountability Initiative signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. As part of this, the initiative will study the ministry’s existing management information systems and conduct data analysis on local-level data collected by the ministry to bolster data-led development of rural areas.

- The Accountability Initiative signed another MoU with the Government of Andhra Pradesh on strengthening fiscal processes, expenditure optimisation and revenue augmentation.

- In addition, the initiative continued to work with the Government of Meghalaya as part of a three-year MoU to support the finance and planning departments. This year, the initiative undertook surveys on Sustainable Development Goals, gender and child budgeting and financial management.
 Officials at the Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute (MATI) were trained by Mridusmita Bordoloi and Neeha Jacob on Management and Analysis of Administrative Data. Avani Kapur and Rajika Seth conducted a session titled, Accounting for Accountability or Accountability for Accounting as part of this training.

Bordoloi led another session on Fund-flows to North-Eastern States through Central Schemes as part of a policy workshop organised by PRS Legislative Research for Members of the Legislative Assembly from the north-eastern states of India.

**Select Public Engagements**

- CPR’s Accountability Initiative and MicroSave Consulting brought together a panel for a discussion titled, Decoding India’s Public Finance Management System: Challenges, Best Practices & Way Forward. The discussion focused on ensuring the efficiency of spending in the face of strained resources through strengthening fund flow and data management practices.

- The Accountability Initiative launched Mapping Governance, an interactive, visual and dynamic learning tool that gives a holistic view of how social sector programmes in India are governed from the Union government down to the last mile. An eminent panel comprising leaders in the development space and government discussed the challenges of governance, what kind of information is needed in order to create better strategies for government engagement and how a tool like this can support the work of development practitioners.

- Three separate roundtable discussions comprising government officials, leaders from civil society organisations and academics were hosted to understand how Mapping Governance can aid different stakeholders in understanding and engaging with bureaucratic structures.

- Avani Kapur was selected to the Editorial Board of the Journal of Development Policy and Practice, Sage Publications. She also joined as a member of the National Council of Ethics, Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WICCI).

- Avantika Shrivastava was selected as a participant of the Swedish Institute Leader Lab 2022, a programme for civil society leaders in South Asia, the Middle East and North Africa region who are working for a more just, peaceful and inclusive society.

- Sidharth Santhosh completed the Young Curator’s Fellowship at the World Innovation Summit for Education 2021 in Qatar, where they curated and hosted parts of the summit that represented youth perspectives on pressing global challenges.

- Avani Kapur was a panelist in a discussion on Community Health Workers hosted by Oxford Policy Management and Women in Global Health India.

**Partnerships and Collaborations**

- Accountability Initiative organised a version of the Understanding State Capabilities course for the International Innovation Corps (IIC) Fellows, University of Chicago. A separate session was held for Mantra4Change. The initiative was also invited to teach the course at the Indian School of Development Management for the fifth consecutive year.

- In another avatar of the Understanding State Capabilities course two capsules on decentralisation and understanding the Indian bureaucracy were taught to students of FLAME University.
Accountability Initiative piloted a learning course meant for Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) with Ajeevika Bureau, Rajasthan, and the Centre for Catalysing Change, Bihar. The course aims to strengthen the knowledge of PRI members on local governance systems.

Accountability Initiative’s learning course meant for students and community-based leaders – *Hum Aur Humaari Sarkaar* – was taken by students of three state-based universities. These were: the Udaipur School of Social Work; Department of Sociology, University of Rajasthan; and Magadh University in Bihar.

The Platform to Understand, Learn, Share and Exchange (PULSE) for Development is a community of practice anchored by the Accountability Initiative at CPR. The initiative organised semi-formal discussions on a range of welfare-oriented challenges, and brought together government officials and civil society organisations to learn from each other and exchange best practices.

2. *India Infrastructures and Ecologies Program*

Kanchi Kohli and Manju Menon of CPR’s India Infrastructures and Ecologies Program co-authored the book titled, *Development of Environment Laws in India*, published by Cambridge University Press. The book highlighted the dynamic nature of environmental law-making in India between the judiciary, the executive and the parliament.

Menon and Kohli co-authored a paper titled, *The Judicial Fix for Forest Loss: The Godavarman Case and the Financialization of India’s Forests*, in the peer-reviewed *Journal of South Asian Development*. The paper analysed judicial decisions of the Supreme Court from 1996 to 2006 that transformed the political ecology of forests in India. They published another paper titled, *Narratives of Natural Resource Corruption and Environmental Regulatory Reforms in India*, in the *Journal of South Asian Development*. The paper analysed the shifting discourses on the purposes, objectives, and forms of India’s environment regulations within India’s political and economic context.

Mahabaleshwar Hedge along with research faculty at the University of Winnipeg co-authored a paper titled, *Environmental clearance conditions in impact assessment in India: moving beyond greenwash*, published in the journal *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal*. The paper examined the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and its effectiveness in addressing the impacts of a national highway project along the Karnataka coast.

**Policy Engagements**

- The Environment Justice Program at CPR submitted detailed comments on the Draft Fly Ash Notification 2021 put out for public comments by the Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change. The comments emphasised the need to reassess the approach, design and content of the fly ash related regulations. The submission drew from the policy brief titled, *Fly Ash Management in India: A Critique of existing and proposed framework*, published by Vidya Viswanathan, Debayan Gupta, Bipasha Paul, Kanchi Kohli, and Manju Menon.

**Select Public Engagements**

- Manju Menon engaged with residents, civil society organisations and state institutions to understand and analyse the history of land use regulations and claims of land ownership of Khori Gaon, an informal settlement on the Delhi-Haryana border. Menon along with urban and legal researchers authored a series of articles to detangle the land and forest related issues involved in this case. She was also a panelist on a webinar hosted by the National Alliance of People’s Movements on these evictions and its impact on the Right to Life of the people of Khori Gaon.

- Kanchi Kohli analysed and presented ongoing research and analyses related to laws and policies on forest and biodiversity conservation, legal amendments to these laws and their implications for Adivasi and other forest dependent communities, ecologies and development projects. These presentations were made through public lectures and talks at civil society and academic forums, through media publications and interviews.
CPR researchers participated in international panels on legal empowerment and grassroots environmental justice. Kohli spoke at Future Labs: COP26 - Looking at the Law: A window of opportunity and Vidya Viswanathan shared the Environmental Justice Program’s learnings in the panel on Experience of grassroots environmental justice around the world at the 7th Annual UMD Environmental Justice and Health Disparities Symposium organised by the School of Public Health, University of Maryland.

3. Initiative on Cities, Economy and Society

Marie-Hélène Zérah of CPR’s Initiative on Cities, Economy and Society published a chapter titled Dharuhera and theoretical imaginations from an overlooked town in the book, Theorising from the Overlooked City: Generating a research agenda & network on small/secondary cities edited by Susana Neve Alves and Hanna A. Ruszczyk. The chapter suggested an examination of processes at the micro-scale as a potential methodologic tactic to study overlooked cities and bottom-up urbanisation.


A special issue of The Economic and Political Weekly’s Review of Urban Affairs on the topic Pandemic and the City was co-edited by Partha Mukhopadhyay along with Karen Coelho, Vinay Gidwani and Anant Maringanti. Their lead editorial highlighted the paradigms of social reproduction that aided the marginalised during the pandemic and addressed the regimes of exception practised by the state. The issue also contained a paper by Gaurav Mittal titled, COVID-19 and the State of Exception Urban Mobility under the Epidemic State. The paper examined the legal and governance processes that result in the precarity experienced by transport operators and users during the pandemic.

Mukta Naik along with Swastik Harish and Shweta Tambe, co-authored a report title, Workers’ housing needs and the Affordable Rental Housing Complexes scheme. Based on primary research conducted in collaboration with the Working People’s Coalition, the report analysed the Government of India’s policy on affordable rental housing from the perspective of unorganised workers. Naik, Kanhu Charan Pradhan, Manish, Shamindra Nath Roy, Sharonee Dasgupta, Asaf Ali Lone, Sunil Kumar Singh and Harshita Sinha published a report titled, Assessing the portability of social protection and services for children affected by migration: A study across five Indian states. The report captured the findings of a five-state study that examined states’ responses towards migrants, especially children and women, and examined avenues for inclusion and portability of social protection.

Scholars of CPR’s Initiative on Cities, Economy and Society released a set of five policy briefs that focused on state-level initiatives for the social protection of migrant women and children. These briefs covered the states of Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Maharashtra, Chattisgarh and Gujarat.

Additionally, this year, the India Housing Report website, which was launched in mid 2020, gained momentum in its efforts to collate meaningful commentary and data on housing issues in the context of urban India. The website featured curated commentary, data-driven pieces and publications on issues like rental housing, housing finance, property rights.

Policy Engagements

- Mukta Naik delivered a lecture on India's internal migration landscape and policy to bureaucrats enrolled in the post-graduate program on Public Policy and Management supported by the Department of Personnel and Training, Management Development Institute, Gurugram.
Naik participated in an Open House Discussion of the North India chapter of the Institute of Town Planners to formulate suggestions for the Draft Master Plan of Delhi 2041. She was a part of a delegation that met with the Director, Department of Women and Child Development, Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi to discuss aspects of the Draft Master Plan of Delhi 2041 and develop suggestions to improve the same.

Partha Mukhopadhyay moderated a consultation on Fiscal Empowerment of City Governments organised by the National Institute of Urban Affairs and Praja Foundation and attended by the Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Mukhopadhyay, Naik along with Arkaja Singh of CPR’s State Capacity Initiative presented at the Policy Dialogue for ‘Beyond PMAY-U’ organised by Ministry for Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) to solicit feedback on the scheme’s implementation and garner ideas for next steps.

Select Public Engagements

Mukta Naik and Kanhu Charan Pradhan of CPR’s Initiative on Cities, Economy and Society participated in a consultation workshop organised by the United National Development Fund (UNDP) to garner feedback as it prepares its next Country Program Document.

Naik made a presentation to UNICEF India’s Country Management Team on How to build a stronger response for migrant women and children ‘on the move’. The session was held to raise awareness on issues of internal migration across programmes, departments and state units of UNICEF India and to build consensus for future work on the migration of children and women.

Naik presented a paper titled, From shock to planned mobilities: How India's internal migrants leveraged mobilities to survive the pandemic at the 12th International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS 12) organised by the International Institute for Asian Studies.

Pushpa Pathak taught masters-level courses on Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Development Induced Displaced Persons and Visioning Future Regions at the Department of Regional Planning at the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi from August to December 2021.

CPR collaborated with UNICEF India and NITI Aayog to organise a two-part webinar on Delivering services to circular migrants in urban India: Spotlight on women and children. Speakers at the event represented multilateral organisations, government, academic institutions and civil society groups.

The longstanding monthly CPR- Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH) Urban Workshop series continued online this year, featuring speakers studying the ‘urban’ from across disciplines.

4. Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment

The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released its Working Group III report, Mitigation of Climate Change in 2022. Three researchers from CPR’s Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment (ICEE) were among 278 IPCC authors from 65 countries: Navroz K Dubash was Coordinating Lead Author for Chapter 13 (National and sub-national policies and institutions) and co-author of the Summary for Policymakers; Lavanya Rajamani was Coordinating Lead Author for Chapter 14 (International Cooperation) and co-author of the Summary for Policymakers; and Parth Bhatia was Contributing Author and Chapter Scientist for Chapter 13.

According to the report, while emissions in the last decade were the highest in human history, both development and emission reductions efforts can be realised by shifting development pathways. Dubash also collaborated with international climate, development, and energy modeling scholars and published articles in leading journals, including Nature Climate Change, Climatic Change, and Climate Policy.

In a publication titled, Compensatory climate governance in Indian federalism, Aditya Valiathan Pillai and Dubash presented a synthetic account of the constant forces shaping climate governance in India’s federal
architecture. They along with Parth Bhatia laid out a new approach to Indian climate governance in a policy brief titled, *Building a Climate-Ready Indian State: Institutions and Governance for Transformative Low-Carbon Development*. Pillai, Dubash and Bhatia also co-authored a policy brief titled, *Unlocking Climate Action in Indian Federalism*. The brief shed light on how the roles and capacities of the Centre and states can be reimagined in the age of the climate crisis.

CPR is developing a new area of research work around climate legislation, and what it could look like in the Indian context. Anirudh Sridhar and Dubash organised a two-part webinar series with public policy scholars and legal experts to discuss the foundational principles, features, and forms of climate laws. The discussion was informed by two CPR draft discussion notes on the subject.

Bhargav Krishna of CPR’s Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment (ICEE) co-authored an article titled, *The Bad Science Choking India* in *The India Forum* alongwith experts from AIIMS Delhi, IIT Delhi and others. The article argued that there is a fundamental need to embed science in air quality policymaking in India.

ICEE’s Santosh Harish authored an article in *Economic and Political Weekly* titled, *Air Quality Management in India at the Crossroads*. The article called for a “regulation-plus” approach to air pollution in India and highlighted gaps in institutional capacity that threaten progress. Harish also authored a paper titled, *Renewing India’s Air Quality Management Strategy in the Shadow of COVID-19*. The paper provided an overview of the current state of knowledge and the governance framework on air quality management in India. In another article titled, *Multi-criteria decision approaches for prioritizing air-quality-management policies*, Harish outlined a multi-criteria framework for air quality management in India and discussed opportunities to apply this in the country’s National Clean Air Program.

Shibani Ghosh, Sharon Mathew and Harish co-authored a policy brief titled, *The CAQM Act 2021: An Overview*. The brief provided an overview of the new CAQM Act 2021, its strengths and limitations, and the path ahead for enabling airshed level governance in the rest of the country.


**Policy Engagements**

- Navroz K Dubash was a member of the UNEP GAP report’s advisory committee, participated in an independent global stocktake of climate action organised by Climate Works, and was involved in multiple Track 2 dialogues between India and the US, European Union and China.

- As part of a public consultation process, CPR researchers submitted comments to guide the working of the recently constituted Commission for Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (CAQM). Shibani Ghosh spoke at a webinar organised by the Clean Air Collective to help the advocacy community understand the CAQM Act. CPR was also invited to government consultations on the CAQM and the National Clean Air Program.

- Bhargav Krishna spoke on air quality governance in an orientation programme for thirty new environmental engineers of the Delhi Pollution Control Committee and twenty two Green Delhi Fellows assisting the Delhi Environment Department.

- Navroz K Dubash was invited to a strategic consultation on the National Hydrogen Mission. He along with Ashwini K Swain, Parth Bhatia, Sarada Das, and Abhinav Sharma submitted comments on the Draft National Electricity Policy. Swain also submitted comments on the budget proposal for electricity reforms.

**Select Public Engagements**

- Navroz K Dubash informed the global discussion on the findings of the IPCC Working Group III report by speaking at various events including those hosted by South Africa's Presidential Climate Commission, the National University of Singapore, Teachers Against the Climate Crisis in India and CPR. Dubash also wrote opinion pieces, and participated in podcasts and interviews with *Carbon Brief, Climate Home*.
News, The Third Pole, Hindustan Times, Times of India, Indian Express, NDTV, and several Hindi media outlets.

- Dubash presented research from the Varieties of Climate Governance project at a COP 26 side-event in Glasgow titled, From pledges to action: governance for the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement. The event was co-hosted by CPR, the London School of Economics and the Inter-Parliamentary Union on November 10, 2021.

- Lavanya Rajamani and Dubash were speakers at a CPR-hosted discussion titled, Unpacking the outcomes of the Glasgow COP in November 2021.

- Dubash and Parth Bhatia hosted a panel discussion with IPCC Coordinating Lead Authors, including IPCC Vice-Chair Youba Sokona, Keywan Riahi, and Joyashree Roy on April 6, 2022 titled, Unpacking the IPCC WGIII report on Mitigation of Climate Change: A Conversation with IPCC Authors.

- CPR’s Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment (ICEE) organised a three-part webinar series on the political narrative on air quality management, strengthening the ongoing review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, and strategically implementing regulatory reforms. The discussions were informed by the team’s recent writing on the issues

- The ICEE team at CPR organised the India Energy Transition Dialogues – an eight-part webinar series covering different aspects of India’s transition to renewable energy. Each webinar featured the work of a different research organisation, including Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, Prayas (Energy Group), Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, Vasudha Foundation, the Center for Study of Science, Technology and Policy, LBNL and the World Resources Institute – India.

- CPR, in collaboration with Prayas (Energy Group) and WRI-India, has started a multi-year, trans-sectoral initiative to assess energy transition preparedness and progress in Indian states – Energy Transition Preparedness Initiative (ETPI), a state-level framework to assess plans, actions, and governance processes towards an energy transition. ETPI aims to build evidence around critical governance aspects of the transition as a necessary complement to the techno-economic discourse

Partnerships and Collaborations

- Navroz K Dubash and Aditya Pillai completed a CPR-led comparative project on climate institutions in collaboration with nine leading political scientists around the world, culminating in a synthesis article in the Science. The eight country cases were published in a special issue of the Environmental Politics, along with an introduction by Dubash and an India-focused article co-authored by Pillai and Dubash. This work was discussed at a side-event at COP 26 hosted by CPR, LSE and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, as well as in presentations at Harvard University, Princeton University, and the British High Commission. Insights from the India paper also informed two CPR policy briefs and several opinion articles recommending major reforms to India's climate institutions at the national and sub-national levels.

- Anirudh Sridhar and Navroz K Dubash, along with experts from LSE and Climate Legal, South Africa co-authored and submitted a joint report to the UNFCCC on key climate governance functions and aspects of climate law.

5. Land Rights Initiative

Land Rights Initiative (LRI) launched a first of its kind database of land laws in India, landlawsofindia.org as part of a project titled, Mapping Indian Land Laws (MILL). This website is an interactive, exploratory, online archive of land laws in India and includes officially authenticated copies of all originally enacted central and state laws for a geographically representative sample of eight states, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, and Punjab. Led by Namita Wahi, the MILL research team consisted of Akansha Jain, Ankit Bhatia, Soumya Jha, Sanjana Sethi, Vrinda Bhardwaj, Trisha Pande, Kuldeep Lakwal and Kriti Sharma. The website was designed by Kaustuv DeBiswas. The website was launched through a panel discussion featuring
comments from Yamini Aiyar, President and Chief Executive, CPR; Siri Gloppen, Director, Centre on Law &amp; Social Transformation, and Professor of Politics, University of Bergen; KP Krishnan, IEPF Chair Professor, NCAER; Shilpa Kumar, Partner, Omidyar Network India; Ramesh Sharma, National Coordinator, Ekta Parishad; and Rashmi Katyayan, Land Rights Advocate, High Court of Jharkhand.

Namita Wahi authored a working paper titled, The Evolution of the Right to Property in India before the Drafting of the Constitution. The paper traced the intellectual currents and political and social movements that framed the contours of the contentious debates surrounding the adoption of the fundamental right to property and restrictions on this right during the late 19th century and the first half of the 20th century. She authored another working paper on The Constituent Assembly Debates on Property: Unravelling the Property Paradox. It outlined key debates on the inclusion, content and judicial enforcement of the right to property within the Constituent Assembly. Wahi authored a paper titled, The Evolution of the Right to Water in India, in the journal Water. In the paper, she reviewed the constitutional and legal framework underlying the right to water in India and undertook a comprehensive analysis of water laws and judicial decisions that have enforced this right. She also describes specific articulation of the right by two marginalised groups, namely Dalits and Adivasis.

Trisha Pande and Vrinda Bhardwaj co-authored a policy brief on Land Rights and The Digital Revolution in India: Potential and Pitfalls. The brief explored the intersection of land rights and technology by analysing four government schemes, namely, Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP), Survey of Villages Abadi and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA), AgriStack, and JAGA Mission (Odisha). Pande and Bhardwaj also co-authored a blog post on The Digitisation of Agriculture in India: How AgriStack Infringes Informational Privacy.

Several of Wahi’s papers including The Evolution of the Right to Property in India before the Drafting of the Constitution, The Constituent Assembly Debates on Property: Unravelling the Property Paradox and The Evolution of the Right to Water in India were recognised by the Social Science Research Network in several categories.

Policy Engagements

- Namita Wahi participated in a post-budget video conference titled, No Citizen Left Behind, organised by the Prime Minister’s Office as part of the India@75 celebrations. At the Conference, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a series of schemes to bring rural India on par with urban India by March 2024. In the breakout session on Easing Land Governance through end-to-end Digitization, organised by the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development, Wahi commented on the launch of the Unique Land Parcel Identification Number and the National Generic Document Registration System.
- Wahi and Kaustav DeBiswas, advised the NITI Aayog on the Supreme Court’s e-courts project.
- Wahi advised parties on the legal requirements of adverse possession under the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation in the ongoing legal case pertaining to the constitutional validity of the Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019, and the National Register for Citizens. Wahi advised the Delhi Government with respect to the constitutional invalidity of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Act, 2021 with respect to principles.

Select Public Engagements
• CPR’s Land Rights Initiative (LRI) co-organised the Fifth India Land and Development Conference, which is India’s largest platform for researchers, government officials, and civil society groups working on land laws. At the conference, LRI hosted a panel on Land and the Digital Revolution in India: Problem or Panacea? The panel featured presentations by Anindita Mukherjee of the SCI-FI Initiative, Trisha Pande, and Vrinda Bhardwaj of LRI and was moderated by Namita Wahi.

• Wahi was a guest speaker at The Quint’s Land of A Billion podcast on the importance of disseminating and decoding land rights in India. She was also featured in The Takshashila Institution’s podcast, All Things Policy, to discuss the Mapping Indian Land Laws project.

• Wahi lectured on The Right to Property in India and The Administration of Land Acquisition in India at the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research, Hyderabad, National Law University, Jodhpur, the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, and the University of Wisconsin Madison.

• Wahi participated in a National Consultation for Universal Periodic Review organised by the United Nations’ Working Group on Human Rights in India.

• Wahi participated in two consultations, the first on Women’s Inheritance Rights Under the Amendment to Hindu Succession Act 1956, and the second on Laws Governing Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace, organised by the World Bank, and the Samâña Centre for Gender, Policy and Law.

• Wahi spoke at a webinar on Farmers’ and Land Rights organised by EU-India People’s Summit.

• Wahi spoke about The Evolution of the Right to Water in India at a webinar organised by CMI and LawTransform on Elevating Water Rights to Human Rights: World Water Day. The webinar was moderated by Singh.

Partnerships and Collaborations

• Land Rights Initiative (LRI) is part of a four-institution research consortium, Property Rights Research Consortium (PRRC), 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 NCAER Land Records and Services Index (NLRSI) and Prindex India study being done jointly by NCAER and the Overseas Development Institute. Wahi has also peer reviewed several papers by researchers working in these institutions and served as a discussant on panel discussions involving several other papers.

• LRI is also part of International Partnerships for Excellence in Research and Education (INTPART), a multi-country collaboration to facilitate scholarly exchange between the University of Bergen and institutions in India, Africa, North and South America. As part of this, Wahi lectured on Land Rights in plural legal context at the PhD course on Effects of Lawfare: Courts and Law as battlegrounds for social change organised by the University of Bergen in collaboration with LawTransform for the 2021 Bergen Exchanges. Isha Khurana of the SCI-FI Initiative, Kuldeep Lakwal, and Kriti Sharma of LRI attended the PhD Course. Isha Khurana submitted a paper titled, Legal Personhood for Mentally Disabled in India and Kuldeep Lakwal submitted a paper titled, The Law on Containing the Spread of Epidemic Diseases in India and the Response of the Government – The Need for an Overhaul? in fulfillment of their requirements for the course.
6. Scaling City Institutions for India (SCI-FI) Initiative

Shubhagato Dasgupta of CPR’s Scaling City Institutions for India (SCI-FI) Initiative along with SR Ramanujam and Yogesh Upadhyaya authored a series of policy briefs titled, Private Sector Participation in Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM). The series summarised characteristics and the gamut of private participation in the collection, conveyance and treatment part of the FSSM sector. Dasgupta, Anindita Mukherjee, Arushi Gupta, Kshitij Jaiswal and Prashant Arya authored a report titled, Small to Beautiful: Doing FSSM Business in India. The report laid down a tool for urban local bodies to evaluate their ‘Doing Business’ score for small scale FSSM businesses engaged in the collection, conveyance, and treatment of faecal sludge. Mukherjee, Dasgupta, Jaiswal and Gupta authored a report titled, Pump Up: Towards Achieving Financial and Environmental Sustainability Among Privately Operated Desludging Businesses in India. The report aimed to enable the market of desludging services to work better and more efficiently by optimally regularising the informal sector.

Further, Dasgupta, Mukherjee, Neha Agarwal and Hrudanand Mohanty authored a report titled, Towards District-wide Safely Managed Sanitation: Template for District-level Faecal Sludge Management (FSM) Planning. The report laid down a template for conducting district-wide and cluster-based rural sanitation planning. Dasgupta and Agarwal also authored a chapter in InTech Open’s Environmental Magazine titled, Managing Non-Sewered Sanitation for Achieving Sustainable Development Goal 6 in India. The chapter reviewed approaches to the governance of on-site sanitation systems.

Aastha Jain and Amaresh Belagal authored a report titled, Sanitation Situational Assessment Report: Angul. The report evaluated the existing sanitation situation in the rural areas of Angul district to understand the prevailing gaps towards achieving safely-managed sanitation.

Shubhagato Dasgupta, Aparna Das, Anindita Mukherjee and Baisakhi Sarkar Dhar of CPR’s Scaling City Institution for India (SCI-FI) Initiative co-authored a report titled, Homes: Beneficiary-Led Individual House Construction - An Analysis from Odisha, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The report discussed the findings from the implementation of the BLC vertical of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) in these states and also outlined recommendations for strengthening various provisions of the scheme. The initiative also launched a report titled, Policy Lab Series on Affordable Rental Housing: Summary of Discussions at the 8th Asia Pacific Housing Forum in December 2021. The report discussed different aspects of affordable rental housing with case studies. Further, Anindita Mukherjee, Pooja Gupta, Aastha Jain and Deepti Raj authored a report titled, Connect – The new entertainment paradigm for the urban poor. The report dwelled on how over-the-top (OTT) is an emerging media among the urban poor population across cities and has the potential to be used as a tool for implementing strategies of behaviour change communication.

Policy Engagements

- In September 2021, a Letter of Understanding (LoU) was signed between the departments of Housing and Urban Development (H&UD), Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water (PR&DW), UNICEF and CPR. The initiative aims at strengthening the efforts of H&UD and PR&DW to ensure district-wide faecal sludge and septage management through urban-rural convergence in seven districts of Odisha.

- CPR’s Scaling City Institution for India (SCI-FI) Initiative launched a series of knowledge products as part of its partnership with the Government of Odisha. These products addressed subjects like slum-free planning, the urban wage employment initiative and developing new habitats in the state.

- In October 2021, the Punjab Municipal Infrastructure Development Company won the SDG Innovation Action Awards 2021 in the government category for the Chief Minister’s slum development programme, BASERA. The SCI-FI Initiative is the knowledge partner for this programme. In November 2021, the Dhenkanal Municipality received the award for Best Faecal Sludge and Septage Management Model at the ISC-FICCI Sanitation Awards 2021. The SCI-FI Initiative in partnership with UNICEF has been supporting this model in Odisha. Further, in December 2021, Odisha’s JAGA Mission won the Asia-Pacific Housing Forum Innovation Award. The SCI-FI Initiative is the knowledge partner for the Mission.
The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has invited the SCI-FI Initiative to co-develop the technical standards for packaged household-level and community-level wastewater treatment systems that are capable of producing discharge-quality effluent.

CPR’s Scaling City Institution for India (SCI-FI) Initiative, through its Land, Planning and Housing vertical continued to provide implementation and policy support to the Government of Punjab and Government of Odisha in implementing their land titling initiatives namely, BASERA and JAGA Mission, respectively. The initiative supported the development of new liveable habitats and the upgradation of slums in Odisha. Additionally, it supported in piloting the diversion of forest land for providing basic civic and social infrastructure to slum dwellers and in the framing of the regulatory framework to grant land and property rights to slum dwellers in municipal corporation areas.

The SCI-FI Initiative supported the Government of Odisha to draft the guidelines titled, Mukhya Mantri Karma Tatpara Abhiyan (MUKTA). The MUKTA scheme aims to alleviate the problem of unemployment, inequality and poverty in urban areas of the state and build community resilience through an integrated urban public works programme.

Select Public Engagements

The Scaling City Institution for India (SCI-FI) Initiative at CPR held two webinars as part of its South Asia Dialogue Series on SDG 6 by 2030. Addressing the topics of Municipal Financing for Sanitation in Small Towns and Fostering Robust Local Data Ecosystems for Sustainable Sanitation Service Delivery in Cities of South Asia, these webinars brought together partners from governments, non-profits and developmental agencies.

The SCI-FI Initiative organised a talk on Drink from Tap Mission in Puri: Implications for Future Urban Water Projects. G Mathi Vathanan, Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department (HUDD), Government of Odisha delivered the talk.

CPR’s SCI-FI Initiative, in partnership with the British High Commission in India and the Housing and Urban Development Department (H&UDD), Government of Odisha organised a national workshop on Learnings from Odisha’s Efforts of Building Resilient Cities. The workshop disseminated learnings from Odisha’s efforts and deliberated on the interventions undertaken by the national and other state governments towards building resilient cities.

The SCI-FI Initiative organised a three-day international symposium on Reimagining Inclusive Cities in the Covid-19 era. The symposium brought together policymakers, practitioners, researchers and civil society members to deliberate on urban housing strategies and land policies while keeping the urban poor at the forefront.

The SCI-FI Initiative co-hosted a session at the 8th Asia-Pacific Housing Forum under the track, Innovative Housing Solutions and Technologies. Shubhagato Dasgupta and Anindita Mukherjee spoke at a session on Addressing housing vulnerabilities through rental housing.

7. State Capacity Initiative

This year, CPR’s State Capacity Initiative continued to deepen its research focus on the people of the Indian state, spanning the higher civil services, state civil servants, field administrators, and frontline functionaries. Karnamadakala Rahul Sharma, Aditya Unnikrishnan, Sonakshi Sharma, Archana Sivasubramanian and Akila Ranganathan published a working paper series on Debates on Administrative Reform in India. The first set of papers focused on five critical themes given their relevance to the current reform discourse: 1. Examinations and Recruitment; 2. Training and Capacity Building; 3. Performance Management; 4. Expertise; and 5. Transfers.

Mekhala Krishnamurthy and Karnamadakala Rahul Sharma co-authored a chapter on Valuing Evaluation: Building Capacities for Evaluative Thinking and Learning in Indian States for a compendium of essays brought out by the Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog on M&E @ 70: Strengthening India’s Evidence Systems for Accelerated Reforms and Inclusive Growth. The chapter discussed the values and norms that underpin current approaches to evaluation within government programs and shed light on how these can be shifted towards evaluative thinking and learning.
As part of the State Capacity Initiative’s work on regulatory design and capacity, Archana Sivasubramanian authored a working paper titled, *Regulating Algorithms in India: Key Findings and Recommendations*. The paper decoded the nature of India’s digital economy, consolidated scholarly examinations on algorithmic harms, and examined the suitability of India’s competition landscape to regulate its digital economy.

Contributing to an understanding of the relationship between taxation, philanthropy and state capacity, Priyadarshini Singh co-authored a chapter in the *Routledge Handbook of Philanthropy and Taxation* titled, *Analysing the role of tax incentives for donations to non-profit organisations in India*. The chapter is based on a study of tax incentives for philanthropy across twelve countries including India. Priyadarshini Singh also published an article with *Nations and Nationalism* journal titled, *India and its nationhood: Grassroots Nationhood as Conceptual Frames*. In this article, she examined the meanings of the idea of nation to ordinary Indians and argued that nationhood is best conceptualised as a set of inter-related conceptual frames, of territory, community and political leadership, which are defined by both cultural and civic attributes.

Yamini Aiyar along with Gokulnath Govindan of CPR’s State Capacity Initiative, Vincy Davis and Taanya Kapoor co-authored a publication titled, *Rewriting the Grammar of the Education System: Delhi’s Education Reform (A Tale of Creative Resistance and Creative Disruption)*, published by the Research on Improving Systems of Education (RISE) Programme. The publication illuminated the multifaceted challenges of introducing change and transition in low-capacity settings and documented the process of implementing an education reform in Delhi.

In an effort to reframe the debates on the economy, CPR launched a new series, beginning with a focus on understanding the structure and dynamics of the rural economy. This year, CPR scholars offered new insights into different aspects of the rural economy and their critical interlinkages through a series of ten notes aimed at contributing to building a new imagination for economic recovery and growth in a post-COVID India. Yamini Aiyar, Harish Damodaran and Samridhi Agarwal presented analysis integrating a wide range of data sources on agricultural resilience and disruption during the pandemic, food security and the public distribution system, rural wages and employment, farming income, changing production and consumption dynamics, food inflation, diverse crop complexes, and India’s livestock economy.

Shoumitro Chatterjee and Mekhala Krishnamurthy of CPR’s State Capacity Initiative co-authored an article titled, *Farm Laws Versus Field Realities: Understanding India’s Agricultural Markets* published in the *Sikh Research Journal*. The paper evaluated the actual state of agricultural markets and existing agricultural market regulation in India and discussed the need for several kinds of public investment and attention to the broader economic context within which agricultural marketing reforms occur.

Krishnamurthy along with Barbara Harriss-White published an article titled, *Agro-Food Systems and Public Policy for Food and Agricultural Markets: A Discussion*, in the *Economic and Political Weekly*. The article discussed how agricultural markets are integrated in food systems and the contradictory principles at work in policies for their regulation. She also authored an essay for Seminar’s annual issue for 2021 titled, *Indian Agriculture and its Contradictions*. In this essay, she analysed the deep structural conditions and relationships that give rise to the predicaments that agriculture in India confronts today and the dilemmas that must be addressed going forward.

**Policy Engagements**

- In July 2021, CPR’s State Capacity Initiative entered signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Meghalaya’s State Capacity Enhancement Project as a knowledge partner on adaptive leadership and systemic change.

- In October 2021, the Government of Meghalaya in partnership with CPR launched the Meghalaya State Capability Forum, a new initiative for building state capability through bringing together senior state leadership, public officials, thought leaders, practitioners and civil society groups to engage in dialogue on the most important challenges and opportunities facing the state. The first event was attended by the Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Hon. Shri Conrad Sangma and state ministers and featured Lant Pritchett on the key role of organisational purpose in building state capability.

- The State Capacity Initiative was invited to work in close partnership with the Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute (MATI) to run two major courses as part of a new training program for the 2021 batch.
of the Meghalaya Civil Service (MCS). Both courses, which were run in August and November 2021, respectively *Essential Knowledge for Field Administrators* and *Values and Skills for the 21st Century Civil Servant* provided new perspectives and approaches to administrative training and brought some of the best global and national resource persons and materials to MATI, Shillong. The course design, pedagogy, and delivery were anchored by Mekhala Krishnamurthy, Deepak Sanan and Karnamadakala Rahul Sharma.

- In November 2021, CPR in partnership with eGov Foundation signed an MoU with the Government of Andhra Pradesh’s Grama-Ward Sachivalayam (GSWS) Department. The partnership aims to strengthen public sector capabilities in the architectural design of administrative data systems and in administrative data analysis to address critical inclusion and exclusion errors and improve delivery of high quality, inclusive and transparent public services in the state.

- Priyadarshini Singh of CPR’s State Capacity Initiative and Yamini Aiyar co-authored a note on strengthening administrative architecture for school education for the Chhattisgarh Government.

**Select Public Engagements**

- CPR’s State Capacity Initiative organised a new series titled, *Know Your Regulator* in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) and the Forum of Indian Regulators (FOIR). This series consisted of conversations with chairpersons, current and former, of Indian statutory regulatory authorities, covering organisational design, purpose and sector challenges of regulation. The series was launched with an inaugural conversation with the chairperson of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), in his capacity as chairperson FOIR. Subsequent conversations included chairpersons of the Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) Punjab, the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), the Pension Funds Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) and the Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority (MWRRA).

- The initiative also organised a discussion on Ravinder Kaur’s book titled a *Brand New Nation*. The discussion shed light on the concepts of nation and nationalism in post-liberalisation India.

- Mekhala Krishnamurthy was nominated to Apolitical’s 100 Most Influential Academics in Government for her work on social policy and state capacity. The list highlighted work that has influenced the policymaking process by providing insights into policy problems, contributing innovative ideas and solutions, or adding relevant and informative data. For this, it invited public servants to nominate the academics who are the most influential to the work of government.

- Priyadarshini Singh was featured on the *All Indians Matter* podcast where she discussed tax incentives for philanthropic giving.

- Arkaja Singh of CPR’s State Capacity Initiative spoke to citizens groups and activists in Dehradun on *Waste Management in the Pandemic Era* organised by the Nature Science Institute. She was also invited to participate in a *Socio-Legal Water and Sanitation Dialogue* jointly organised by the South Asia Sanitation Labour Network, RRI India and the National Law School of India University, Bangalore.

- Arkaja Singh made a presentation at the annual conference of the National Law School of India Review in which she spoke about the prospects and challenges of formulating healthcare as a socio-economic right.

- Mekhala Krishnamurthy was invited to give a talk in the *Mapping Sustainable Agriculture* series on *Agricultural Market Diversity and Integration: Implications for Policy*.

- Harish Damodaran and Krishnamurthy were panelists at a public webinar on *Indian Agriculture After the Revolt* hosted by the Center for Contemporary South Asia, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University.

- Krishnamurthy was the Session Chair/Rapporteur for the thematic session on *Agricultural Reforms and Farmers’ Protests* at the 81st Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics held at Sri Maa Vaishno Devi University, Katra, Jammu and Kashmir.
● Krishnamurthy was invited to *The Conversation Series* at the Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University to reflect on *The Framing of Farming: An Interdisciplinary Exploration into Agriculture, Farmers, Markets and Reforms*.

8. The Jobs Initiative

The Jobs Initiative at CPR, in partnership with the Sustainable Development Policy Institute in Pakistan and the Centre for Poverty Analysis in Sri Lanka, started a new project titled, *Small Businesses, Big Impacts: Covid, Small and Micro Enterprises and Fair Recovery*. The project examines the impact of and deepening inequalities as a result of the COVID-19 and subsequent lockdowns on small and micro enterprises and the workers attached to them. The team will interview over sixty small and micro enterprises and conduct focus group discussions with forty workers in India as a part of the primary research for the project. Another project anchored by the initiative titled, *Ecosystems of Engagement: Digital Platforms and Women’s Work in India and Sri Lanka* continued its participation in the Women, Work, and the Gig Economy (WWGE) consortium coordinated by the JustJobs Network (JJN), as part of the Future of Work in the Global South (FoWiGS) initiative. This initiative studies how digital platforms can enhance women’s economic empowerment and build gender-inclusive labour markets in South and Southeast Asia.

Policy Engagements

● Sabina Dewan participated in various engagements with the NITI Aayog, Ministry of Labour, VV Giri Labour Institute and other government, employer and workers’ organisations to provide inputs on social security, emerging new forms of work and the future of work, issues related to employment and labour for crafting Vision India@2047, Government of India’s vision plan for the 100th year of Independence.

Select Public Engagements

● Dewan spoke on *Building Education and Skills in a Time of Demographic Change* at a discussion organised by the JustJobs Network. She also moderated a session on *Defining Informality in a Continuously Changing Labour Market: Future of Work in the Global South* organised by the JustJobs Network in partnership with the Center for the Implementation of Public Policies Promoting Equity and Growth (CIPPEC), Argentina. Partha Mukhopadhyay was a panellist in this discussion.

9. The Politics Initiative

An edited volume by Sudha Pai, D Shyam Babu and Rahul Verma of CPR’s Politics Initiative titled, *Dalits in the New Millennium* was finalised during the year. The publication is currently under production with *Cambridge University Press*, New Delhi.

Verma along with Asim Ali published a paper in the *Economic and Political Weekly* titled, *The Central Force Behind India’s Fourth Party System*. They argued that a long-term political realignment was perhaps made inevitable by the ideological shift along with the structural makeup of Indian society. Ankita Barthwal and Ali published a paper titled, *Bypassing the Patronage Trap: Evidence from Delhi Assembly Election 2020*. In this paper, they showed how programmatic policies of welfare by the Aam Aadmi Party can help parties avoid
targeted patronage networks. Additionally, The Politics Initiative published two working papers this year. The papers presented an analysis of parliamentary debates and questions and state-level parties in India respectively.

Neelanjan Sircar authored an article titled, Corporate-controlled capitalism in India, published in Seminar. The piece chronicled the extraordinary level of economic centralisation and corporate consolidation taking place in India.

The Politics Initiative at CPR in collaboration with YouGov and Mint conducted the sixth and seventh rounds of the CPR-Mint-YouGov Millennial Survey in 20-21.

The initiative is expanding its research activities. It will conduct a survey with experts of state politics to develop a deeper understanding of the role and function of political parties in the Indian context. Scholars are also analysing election-related panchayat laws across states in India and the role and responsibilities of panchayat secretaries, to shed light on the various facets of panchayat elections. Further, the initiative along with C-Voter, is working on a three-country survey in India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh to mark the 75th year of the partition.

Select Public Engagements

- The Politics Initiative at CPR organised a panel discussion on Elections amidst a Pandemic: Decoding Verdict of Assembly Polls 2021. Scholars at the event presented a data driven analysis of the verdict in five states – Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

- Two panel discussion on Decoding the Assembly Elections 2022 Results were organised to analyse the results of elections in Punjab, Uttrakhand, Goa, Manipur and Uttar Pradesh.

- The Politics Initiative organised discussions on the following books this year- Makers of Modern Dalit History by Sudarshan Ramabadran and Guru Prakash Paswan; Republic of Hindutva by Badri Narayan; and What Millennials Want: Decoding the World’s Largest Generation by Vivan Marwaha.

- A panel discussion titled, Political Consultants and Datafication of India’s Election Campaigns was organised. The panel consisted of Amogh Dhar Sharma, Shivam Shankar Singh, Ruchi Gupta and Neelanjan Sircar.

- A discussion on The Politics of Crime in Uttar Pradesh with Anurabh Saikia, Beatrice Jauregui, Laurent Gayer and Gilles Verniers was also held by the initiative.

10. TREADS: Transboundary Rivers, Ecologies and Development Studies


Chokkakula, Singh and Avani Kapur of CPR’s Accountability Initiative published a paper titled, Water and federalism: Working with states for water security. The paper explored the range of policy, institutional, legal and financial instruments for improved water governance through water federalism in the country.

Policy Engagements

- In December 2021, the Transboundary Rivers, Ecologies and Development Studies (TREADS) program at CPR signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India to collaborate in research and knowledge production activities
towards the larger agenda of rejuvenating India’s rivers. The collaboration includes carrying out research to inform policy thinking and institutional transformation for enduring outcomes of the Namami Gange Programme and its long-term impact.


- The TREADS program in collaboration with the Central Water Commission updated India’s track record of interstate cooperation and produced a compilation of 192 interstate river water agreements. The program has also developed a pilot knowledge portal to track interstate river water conflicts and cooperation in India. The visually-interactive pilot mapping of conflicts of cooperation is available at [https://treads.cprindia.org/ccmap](https://treads.cprindia.org/ccmap)

- Chokkakula was a member of the Scientific Committee for *India Water Week* organised by National Water Development Agency, Government of India.

**Select Public Engagements**

- Srinivas Chokkakula served as a member of the Steering Committee of The Nature Conservancy’s project on India’s freshwater ecosystems. Chokkakula also delivered the keynote address for the national webinar on *Water Management Laws: Life, Livelihood and Environment* organised by Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University, Visakhapatnam.

- Chokkakula has been selected as the inaugural Fulbright-Nehru Vising Chair in Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA.
Funded Research Projects

1. **Scaling City Institutions for India Sanitation-II-The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)**

   To strengthen the evidence-base for sustainable and scalable service delivery models while encouraging private-sector-participation in FSM, the CPR, with support from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, undertook ‘Private sector participation towards Faecal Sludge Management (FSM)’ study across four cities in India. This study identified mechanisms for different PPP models for varying city sizes, optimal risk allocation and explored possibilities to forge partnerships between market, government and communities.

2. **Sustainable Urban Development- Smart Cities-GIZ**

   The primary aim of the project promoted by the grant was to undertake research and generate knowledge to mainstream the integration of land, planning and housing in the Indian context and further the debate on the same through national and international workshops and knowledge exchange.

3. **Building State Capacities for Land, Planning and Slum Upgrading for Resilient Cities in Odisha-Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)**

   The “Building State Capacities for land, planning and slum upgrading for resilient cities in Odisha” under HUDD-FCDO-CPR partnership was prepared just in time and added important value to HUDD, GoO, by focusing on achieving a healthy city and upgrading the slums to become resilient to health emergencies like Covid-19, in the future. The HUDD-FCDO-CPR partnership aimed at building local capacities and putting in place policies and protocols to upgrade slums and resilient infrastructures in such urban poor neighbourhoods. This partnership has steered various State programs and interventions enabling significant momentum in Odisha's journey towards slum-free and slum-proof cities.

4. **Impact of COVID-19 on low-income households in Odisha- University of Melbourne**

   The University of Melbourne has provided a research grant to the Scaling City Institutions for India (SCI-FI) Initiative at CPR to undertake a study to explore the role of Self-Help Groups in promoting community resilience in Odisha during the pandemic.

5. **Report on State of Housing in India**

   The flagship report on the State of Housing in India, to be launched in late 2022, will be a culmination of a number of activities, which will be executed by CPR’s in-house research team as well as researchers, consultants and experts. Currently, suppliers of housing, policymakers and consumers are depending on disparate sources of information to make their decisions. Existing reports focus on specific income segments, geographies and opportunities for intervention, and tend to be oriented towards either markets or the development sector. This report will look at housing more comprehensively, and provide updates on key trends. A dedicated website for this initiative acts as a repository for intermediate outputs. Together, the online repository and report bring together the rich but disparate analytical work on housing in India, and explore new directions to study its complexities, intersections and novelties. They seek to catalyse a debate on current issues related to housing (affordability, adequacy, technology, finance, tenure) and linkages with key issues of urban transformations in India (livelihood, infrastructure, services, liveability, governance).


   The 2020 migrant crisis in the wake of the COVID-19 national lockdown highlighted the urgent need to incorporate migrants in existing social protection mechanisms, which fail to recognize circular and seasonal mobility patterns. During the lockdown, the lack of adequate portability mechanisms meant that migrants were unable to access social protection and welfare services, including emergency relief measures, at destination locations. In this context, the study focused particularly on social protection measures to address the vulnerabilities of children and women, whose role in migration has been under-represented in the policy discourse. A summary of key findings and recommendations has already been presented through a policy report, five policy briefs focusing on the specificities of migration issues in each state studied under this project and a public seminar highlighting delivery of services to circular migrants in India with a spotlight on women and children.
7. Land Titling Road Blocks: Case Study of Ranchi, Jharkhand

The objective of this study is to facilitate land tenure upgrades and housing improvements for the urban poor in the slum communities of Ranchi. Re-orientation of the Rajiv Awas Yojana towards Beneficiary Led Construction has provided the opportunity to engage with the programme and access funds that could be used by people to build their own houses. The study identifies and unpacks the policy challenges with regards to property titles for households occupying informal settlements, with the aim of making policy suggestions to facilitate land tenure upgrades and housing improvements for the urban poor through the experience of the Ranchi case study. To evolve a comparative view on this issue, it focuses on contextual and localised factors that influence outcomes on land titling across states and pose barriers to replication.

8. MoJS Research Chair on Water Sector Conflicts and Governance

The MoJS Research Chair has been established by the Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS), Government of India at CPR to support sustained research efforts on transboundary water sharing focusing on interstate water conflicts and cooperation. The scope of the Research Chair extends to the broader areas of water policy and governance.

9. Changing Party Politics in India 2021-Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung

In partnership with RLS in 2020, we focused on understanding emerging changes in Indian politics through the lens of political representation of different groups in the body politic –from caste groups such as Dalits to religious minorities like Muslims and even to student groups.

The underlying thread that connected these was the question of contemporary political transformations and the place of group identity and identity politics in this regard. In the year 2021, we tried to specifically locate the site of this transformation within political parties.

The rise of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as the focal point of the new party system is marked by several changes in the structure of political competition. The immediacy of opposition decline is felt nowhere as profoundly as in the case of its chief competition, the Congress party.

Multiple reasons such as poor organisational strength, ineffective leadership and uninspiring messaging are often cited in trying to explain this decline. We undertook two in-depth research projects in 2021 - understanding the trajectory of the Congress party since 1989 and a series of workshops on state-level political parties in India. The research on Congress party is now being fine-tuned as a book manuscript in 2022. Similarly, the discussions in the workshop on state-level parties resulted in an approach paper that became the basis of a new research project to understand the rise and decline of political parties in India.

10. Study with Planning Department and Meghalaya Basin Development Authority

The Accountability Initiative has an MoU with the Government of Meghalaya since January 2020 to work with the Planning and Finance Department on critical issues with respect to state finances. Work undertaken include providing visibility to the state’s fiscal health through analysis of budgets and expenditures, assist in the development of covid cash flow statements and debt sustainability, and assistance in creating gender-responsive budgeting, amongst others. In 2022, the MoU is being extended to understand the areas where the state is falling behind with respect to key Sustainable Development Goals and the reasons thereof.
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


b) Of bureaucracy, the public and ‘vishwas’ politics, By Yamini Aiyar, Seminar, 3 January 2022

Policy Briefs and Reports


b) India’s Path to Power: Strategy in a World Adrift, By Yamini Aiyar, Sunil Khilnani, Prakash Menon, Shivshankar Menon, Nitin Pai, Srinath Raghavan, Ajit Ranade and Shyam Saran, Centre for Policy Research & The Takshashila Institution, 2 October 2021.

Working Papers


Articles in Mainstream media

a) As Covid’s second wave surges in India, history repeats itself, By Yamini Aiyar, Hindustan Times, 9 April 2021

b) The second wave and the India State, By Yamini Aiyar, Hindustan Times, 9 May 2021.


d) GST: End of the Road for Cooperative Federalism?, By Yamini Aiyar, Quint, 2 June 2021.

e) Reforms and Indian Capitalism, By Yamini Aiyar, Hindustan Times, 29 June 2021.

f) Fresh stirrings on federalism as a new politics, By Yamini Aiyar and Rahul Verma, 7 July 2021.

g) To reopen schools, India must go local, By Yamini Aiyar, Hindustan Times, 28 July 2021.

h) In India, a diminished economic future, By Yamini Aiyar, Hindustan Times, 13 August 2021.


j) Reshaping the State-citizen relationship, By Yamini Aiyar, Hindustan Times, 2 September 2021.

k) Bringing the states back in, By Yamini Aiyar, Hindustan Times, 29 September 2021.

l) India’s path to power: Strategy in a world adrift, By Yamini Aiyar, Shyam Saran and Srinath Raghavan, Hindustan Times, 2 October 2021.

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o) Don’t let domestic politics come in the way of neighbourhood ties, By Yamini Aiyar, The Times of India, 30 October 2021.

p) We are failing our children, By Yamini Aiyar, Hindustan Times, 19 November 2021.

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r) Education is the Key to Battling India's Poverty Challenge, by Yamini Aiyar, Outlook, 27 December 2021.

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t) Inadequate spending on health and welfare schemes is a cause for concern, By Yamini Aiyar Hindustan Times, 7 February 2022.

u) Federalism and Bureaucracy the Original Design vs a Culture of Centralisation, By Yamini Aiyar, CASI, 14 February 2022.

v) Budget and politics in pandemic times, By Yamini Aiyar, Ideas for India, 16 February 2022.

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x) Renegotiating India's Federal compact, By Yamini Aiyar, Outlook, 18 February 2022.

y) How India's centralised Bureaucracy undermines its federalism, By Yamini Aiyar, Scroll, 18 February 2022.

z) The female voter has shifted the art of electorate politics, By Yamini Aiyar, Hindustan Times, 10 March 2022.


bb) Countries around the world are slashing education budgets. Children will suffer more, By Yamini Aiyar, CNN Business, 21 March 2022.

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2. **During the year under review** Honorary Professor, K.P. Krishnan was involved in the following research and allied activities.

**Articles in mainstream media**


b) One nation one software, By K.P. Krishnan, Business Standard, 21 March 2022.

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

**Articles in mainstream media**


d) ‘India can resist pressure but cannot influence countries, By Bharat Karnad, The Indian Express, 11 May 2021.

e) Jaishankar’s Efforts to Save India’s Image Abroad, By Bharat Karnad, The Citizen, 18 May 2021.

f) A Post-AUKUS World and India’s Options, By Bharat Karnad, The Quint, 27 September 2021.

g) When Modi meets Putin, he should move India away from the cycle of ‘appeasement by arms buy’, By Bharat Karnad, The Print, 4 December 2021.

h) Russian forces’ actions in Ukraine show a dilemma like Indian Army’s in 1948 Hyderabad ops, By Bharat Karnad, The Print, 5 March 2022.

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

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c) Varieties of climate governance: the emergence and functioning of climate institutions, By Navroz K Dubash, Environmental Politics, 1 October 2021.

d) Climate change research and the search for solutions: rethinking interdisciplinarity, By Navroz K Dubash, E. Lisa F. Schipper and Yacob Mulugetta, Climate Change, 18 October 2021.
e) National climate institutions complement targets and policies, By Navroz K Dubash, Aditya Valiathan Pillai, Christian Flachsland, Kathryn Harrison, Kathryn Hochstetler, Matthew Lockwood, Robert Macneil, Matto Mildenberger, Matthew Paterson, Fei Teng, and Emily Tyler, Science, 5 November 2021.

f) Special Issue on ‘Varieties of Climate Governance’ in Environmental Politics (all articles), By Navroz K Dubash, Environmental Politics, 8 November 2021.

**Policy Briefs and Reports**


b) Unlocking Climate Action in Indian Federalism, By Aditya Valiathan Pillai, Navroz K Dubash, Parth Bhatia, Centre for Policy Research, 28 July 2021.


**Working papers**

a) Submission to the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM), By Shibani Ghosh, Bhargav Krishna, Navroz K Dubash, Sharon Mathew and Arunesh Karkun, Centre for Policy Research, 6 January 2022.

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c) States are the beating heart of climate action, By Parth Bhatia, Navroz K Dubash, Aditya Valiathan Pillai, 3 August 2021.

d) Understanding India’s climate pledges, By Navroz K Dubash, Hindustan Times, 3 November 2021.


f) Reimagining Indian federalism in the climate crisis, By Aditya Valiathan Pillai, Navroz K Dubash and Parth Bhatia, Ideas for India, 7 February 2022.

g) जलवायु संकट में भारत की संघीय प्रणाली की पुनर्कल्पना, By Aditya Valiathan Pillai, Navroz K Dubash and Parth Bhatia, Ideas for India, 15 March 2022.

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

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a) US sanctions often advance China’s interests, By Brahma Chellaney, Nikkei Asia, 5 April 2021.

b) Global Terror and the Taliban’s Return, By Brahma Chellaney, Project Syndicate, 7 April 2021.

c) US fails to understand that it no longer calls the shots in Asia, By Brahma Chellaney, Nikkei Asia, 21 April 2021.

d) The Lurid Orientation of Western Media, By Brahma Chellaney, Project Syndicate, 4 May 2021.


f) Why is China making a permanent enemy of India?, By Brahma Chellaney, Nikkei Asia, 12 May 2021.

g) China rubs its hands amid international divide over Myanmar, By Brahma Chellaney, Nikkei Asia, 1 June 2021.

h) Did China avoid blame for causing the pandemic, By Brahma Chellaney, The Japan Times, 2 June 2021.

i) One Hundred Years of Devastation, By Brahma Chellaney, Project Syndicate, 17 June 2021.

j) China’s hostility ensures the rise of a more antagonistic India, By Brahma Chellaney, Nikkei Asia, 7 July 2021.

k) Biden’s Afghanistan fiasco is a disaster for Asia, By Brahma Chellaney, Nikkei Asia, 13 July 2021.
l) China moves swiftly to exploit the void in Afghanistan, By Brahma Chellaney, Nikkei Asia, 27 July 2021.
m) Xi opens a Pandora’s box with antagonism of India, By Brahma Chellaney, The Japan Times, 2 August 2021.
o) Can Japan really trust America?, By Brahma Chellaney, Nikkei Asia, 10 August 2021.
q) Pax Americana Died in Kabul, By Brahma Chellaney, Project Syndicate, 17 August 2021.
r) Biden has only himself to blame for the Taliban’s victory, By Brahma Chellaney, The Japan Times, 17 August 2021.
s) Biden surrenders Afghanistan to terrorists, By Brahma Chellaney, The Hill, 18 August 2021.
t) Biden’s Afghan blunder, By Brahma Chellaney, Project Syndicate, 30 August 2021.
u) Has Biden’s Afghanistan debacle sown the seed of another 9/11?, By Brahma Chellaney, The Hill, 2 September 2021.
v) Helping the Taliban but not Myanmar detrimental to Western Interests, By Brahma Chellaney, Nikkei Asia, 23 September 2021.
x) Biden shifts to a more conciliatory approach toward China, By Brahma Chellaney, The Japan Times, 5 October 2021.
y) Saving Taiwan, By Brahma Chellaney, Project Syndicate, 11 October 2021.

6. During the year under review Visiting Professor Lavanya Rajamani was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Articles in mainstream media
a) Developing Countries need to chart their own course to net zero emissions, By Lavanya Rajamani and Navroz K Dubash, The Conversation, 5 May 2021.

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

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b) Searing of the nation’s soul, By Shyam Saran, Tribune India, 5 May 2021.
c) Tiananmen’s long legacy, By Shyam Saran, Business Standard, 10 May 2021.
e) ‘Our time has come’: Alyssa Ayres’s chronicle of India’s rise to global prominence, By Shyam Saran, The Print, 16 May 2021.
f) Resetting global image, By Shyam Saran, Tribune India, 19 May 2021.
g) India needs to be more India, not China. ‘Dictator envy’ won’t lead us out of crisis, By Shyam Saran, The Print, 19 May 2021.
i) India must engage with Nepal- without intervening, By Shyam Saran, Indian Express, 29 May 2021.
j) Covid fight: 4 faultlines India must address, By Shyam Saran, Rediff, 31 May 2021.
k) Modi-Mamata battle over Bengal chief secy is another proof civil services needs reforms, By Shyam Saran, 2 June 2021.
l) Caught in the middle, By Shyam Saran, Tribune, 2 June 2021.
m) An international order with Chinese traits, By Shyam Saran, Business Standard, 8 June 2021.
p) At G7, Biden achieved western consensus- more against Russia than China, By Shyam Saran, The Print, 16 June 2021.
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t) What explains the insecurity behind Xi Jinping’s remarks during Chinese Communist Party centenary celebrations?, By Shyam Saran, The Indian Express, 8 July 2021.
u) Where does India fit in the Chinese world order?, By Shyam Saran, Rediff, 14 July 2021.
x) Misreading Afghan Situation, By Shyam Saran, Tribune India, 28 July 2021.
y) If India can’t contribute to Taliban’s defeat, it must prevent their victory, By Shyam Saran, The Print, 28 July 2021.
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nn) Four geopolitical developments and a window of opportunity for India, By Shyam Saran, The Indian Express, 30 September 2021.
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rrr) India losing naval edge, By Shyam Saran, The Tribune, 23 March 2022.

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

Book Chapters


Articles on mainstream media
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b) Know your neighbour, By Shylashri Shankar, Open Magazine, 7 May 2021.
c) First Person Servings, By Shylashri Shankar, Open Magazine, 28 January 2022.

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

**Book Chapters**


**Journal Articles**

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**Articles in mainstream media**

b) Making urban planning work for smaller cities, By Arushi Gupta, Abhinav Kumar, Anindita Mukherjee, Shubhagato Dasgupta, IDR, 10 December 2021.
c) Securing Property Rights for Slum Dwellers: The Successes from Odisha, By Shubhagato Dasgupta, The Quint, 7 January 2022.

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

**Articles in mainstream media**


**Working Papers**

a) The Evolution of the Right to Property in India before the Drafting of the Constitution, By Namita Wahi, Centre for Policy Research, 16 August 2021.

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

**Articles in mainstream media**

b) ‘Don’t go to India for the first time’: A protégé remembers Stephen P. Cohen, By D Shyam Babu, India Abroad, 6 May 2021.

12. During the year under review Senior Fellow, Partha Mukhopadhyay was involved in the following research and allied activities.

**Book Chapters**


**Journal Articles**

Working papers


Policy Briefs and Reports


Articles in mainstream media

a) To beat the second wave, understand it, By Partha Mukhopadhyay, Hindustan Times, 18 April 2021.
b) Stop posturing; Start vaccinating, By Partha Mukhopadhyay, Hindustan Times, 11 May 2021.
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h) Why authorities must allow people of Delhi more time to respond to the master plan for 2041, By Partha Mukhopadhyay, The Indian Express, 23 July 2021.
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j) Regional Planning beyond Contiguity, By Partha Mukhopadhyay, Egov, 11 February 2022.

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

Journal Articles

c) Indian agriculture and its contradictions, By Mekhala Krishnamurthy, Seminar, 3 January 2022.

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c) Bringing the states back in, By Mekhala Krishnamurthy, Yamini Aiyar, Hindustan Times, 29 September 2021.
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e) The farm laws: Why this is not a 1991 movement?, By Mekhala Krishnamurthy, Yamini Aiyar, Hindustan Times, 30 November 2021.
14. During the year under review Senior Fellow, Neelanjan Sircar was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Books

Journal Articles
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Articles in mainstream media
a) In Assam, the election is all about the arithmetic, By Neelanjan Sircar, Hindustan Times, 5 April 2021.
b) In Bengal- the X-factor- women and welfare, By Neelanjan Sircar, Hindustan Times, 30 April 2021.
c) ‘Bankable’ Nitish’s poll appeal now under cloud, By Neelanjan Sircar, Hindustan Times, 2 May 2021.
d) The Bengal model to counter the BJP, By Neelanjan Sircar, Hindustan Times, 2 May 2021.
e) How Bengal bucked the saffron surge, By Neelanjan Sircar, Mint, 5 May 2021.
f) Modi’s aura of invincibility is starting to crumble, By Neelanjan Sircar, World Politics Review, 5 August 2021.
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j) UP polls: Understanding shifts in caste, religious identities, By Neelanjan Sircar and Bhanu Joshi, Hindustan Times, 14 February 2022.
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n) Polls analysis: Several uncertainties remain in battle for UP, By Neelanjan Sircar, Bhanu Joshi, Hindustan Times, 8 March 2022.
o) A fundamental shift in electoral behaviour, By Neelanjan Sircar, Bhanu Joshi, Ashish Ranjan, Hindustan Times, 10 March 2022.
p) Need to look at poll data without bias, By Neelanjan Sircar, The Indian Express, 20 March 2022.

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Books

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

Book Chapters

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Journal Articles


Articles in mainstream media

b) Why Afghanistan is not a lost cause, By Gautam Mukhopadhaya, Mint, 14 September 2021.

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

Books


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a) How Rajshree Chandra came to write her freedom-fighter grandfather Jagat Narain Lal’s Biography, By Rajshree Chandra, Scroll, 26 October 2021.

18. During the year under review Senior Visiting Fellow, Jishnu Das was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Policy Briefs and Reports


Articles in mainstream media

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

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21. During the year under review Senior Visiting Fellow Kiran Bhatty was involved in the following research and allied activities.

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Articles in mainstream media

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

Journal Articles


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

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b) Indian states taking ownership of land records digitisation, up to govt to expand it now: Study, By Deepak Sanan, The Print, 16 April 2021.

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

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a) Indian Middle Class: Reforms produced a large middle class, But it hasn’t played an emancipatory role, By Devesh Kapur, Times of India, 22 July 2021.

25. During the year under review Fellow, Avani Kapur was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Journal Articles


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b) Rental Housing in India is so broken, tenants and landlords are even teaming up in Delhi, By Mukta Naik, The Print, 6 August 2021.
c) India’s home rental programme for migrant workers needs more nuance and ambition, By Mukta Naik, Money Control, 16 August 2021.
d) Reading Delhi through its Metro rail system, By Mukta Naik, Money Control, 5 March 2022.

28. **During the year under review Fellow, Srinivas Chokkakula was involved in the following research and allied activities.**

**Book Chapters**


**Working Papers**


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

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30. **During the year under review Fellow, Rahul Verma was involved in the following research and allied activities.**

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b) The blood-stained election story of Bengal, in four charts, By Rahul Verma and Ankita Barthwal, Live Mint, 13 April 2021.
d) The five lessons from five assembly polls, By Rahul Verma, Hindustan Times, 2 May 2021.
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h) Fresh stirrings on federalism as a new politics, By Yamini Aiyar and Rahul Verma, The Hindu, 7 July 2021.
i) BJP support base intact despite 2nd wave shock, By Rahul Verma and Ankita Barthwal, Mint, 17 August 2021.
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k) The centrality of OBCs in Indian politics, By Rahul Verma, Hindustan Times, 28 August 2021.


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s) Goodbye stability! The cracks are back in Punjab politics, By Rahul Verma, The Times of India, 19 February 2022.

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31. During the year under review Fellow, Shibani Ghosh was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Book Chapters

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

Journal Articles

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

**Policy Briefs and Reports**


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

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a) Making the State Accountable, By Rohit Chandra, The India Forum, 4 March 2022.

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

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36. **During the year under review Visiting Fellow, Shoumitro Chatterjee was involved in the following research and allied activities.**

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1. Parth Bhatia, Associate Fellow

Policy Briefs and Reports
b) Unlocking Climate Action in Indian Federalism, By Aditya Vaiathi Pillai, Navroz K Dubash, Parth Bhatia, Centre for Policy Research, 28 July 2021.
d) Comments on Budget Proposal for Electricity Reforms, By Navroz K Dubash, Parth Bhatia, Abhinav Sharma, Sarada Prasanna Das, Ashwini K Swain, Centre for Policy Research, 4 August 2021

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2. Mridusmita Bordoloi, Associate Fellow

Policy Briefs and Reports

Articles in mainstream media
a) Budget 2022 Increases Education Spending, Samagra Shiksha Scheme Key for School Reopenings, By Mridusmita Bordoloi, Sidharth Santhosh, India Spend, 2 February 2022.

3. Anju Dwivedi, Associate Fellow

Policy Briefs and Reports

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b) Not Coercion, Confidence Building Measures Needed to Bring Children Back to School, By Anju Dwivedi, News 18, 8 February 2022.
4. Anindita Mukherjee, Associate Fellow

Journal Articles

a) Importance of Including Revenue Administration in Implementing Inclusive Housing Programmes, By Anindita Mukherjee and Aparna Das (Giz), HUDCO-HSMI Publication, 1 April 2022.

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5. Aditya Valiathan Pillai, Associate Fellow

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b) National Climate institutions complement targets and policies, By Navroz K Dubash, Aditya Valiathan Pillai, Christian Flachsland, Kathryn Harrison, Kathryn Hochstetler, Matthew Lockwood, Robert Macneil, Matto Mildenberger, Matthew Paterson, Fei Teng, and Emily Tyler, Science, 5 November 2021.

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g) Karnataka’s crumbling coastline shows climate battles are political, By Aditya Valiathan Pillai, Scroll, 30 March 2022.

6. Karnamadakala Rahul Sharma, Associate Fellow

Working Papers


7. Antarin Chakrabarty, Associate Fellow

Articles in mainstream media

a) Building Resilience to climate change through Slum Upgrading- the case of Jaga mission in Odisha, India, By Antarin Chakrabarty, IIED, 7 February 2022.

8. Sarada Prasanna Das, Associate Fellow

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9. Kanhu Charan Pradhan, Associate Fellow

Policy Briefs and Reports

b) Improving social protection probability for migration affected children- Odisha, By Kanhu Charan Pradhan, Manish, Centre for Policy Research, 16 February 2022.

10. Shamindra Nath Roy, Associate Fellow

Journal Articles

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11. Anirudh Sridhar, Associate Fellow

Working Papers


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12. Angshuman Choudhury, Associate Fellow

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13. Kanchi Kohli, Senior Researcher

Books

a) Development of Environmental Laws in India, By Kanchi Kohli, Manju Menon, July 2021.

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e) Biodiversity Act: Balancing Investments and Sustainability, By Kanchi Kohli and Shalini Bhutani, Hindustan Times, 10 February 2022.

14. Ritwik Shukla, Senior Research Associate

Journal Articles

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b) Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0, By Avani Kapur, Ritwik Shukla, Centre for Policy Research, 28 January 2022.

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15. Neeha Susan Jacob, Senior Research Associate

Policy Briefs and Reports

16. Neha Agarwal, Senior Research Associate

Book Chapters

Articles in mainstream media
17. Manish, Senior Research Associate

Policy Briefs and Reports


c) Improving social protection portability for Migration-affected children – Odisha, By Kanhu Charan Pradhan, Manish, Centre for Policy Research, 16 February 2022.


18. Sharad Pandey, Senior Research Associate

Policy Briefs and Reports


19. Baisakhi Sarkar Dhar, Senior Research Associate

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20. Aditya Unnikrishnan, Senior Research Associate

Working Papers


21. Vaibhav Parik, Research Associate

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22. Sharon Mathew, Research Associate

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23. Nishant Ranjan, Research Associate

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24. Amaresh, Research Associate

Policy Briefs and Reports

25. Sonakshi Sharma, Research Associate

Working Papers

26. Sunil Kumar Singh, Research Associate

Policy Briefs and Reports

27. Shamik Vatsa, Research Associate
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28. Sidharth Santosh, Research Associate

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29. Samridhi Agarwal, Research Associate

Articles in mainstream media

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30. Mandakini Chandra, Research Associate

Working Papers

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b) Hot and Flooded: What the IPCC Report forecasts for India’s Development Future, By Sharon Mathew, Arunesh Karkun, Mandakini Chandra, The Wire, 4 September 2021.

31. Gokulnath Govindan, Research Associate

Working Papers


32. Jenny Susan John, Research Associate

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33. Arunesh Karkun, Research Associate

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Articles in mainstream media

34. Ria Kasliwal, Research Associate

Policy Briefs and Reports

35. Asaf Ali Lone, Research Associate

Policy Briefs and Reports
c) Improving social protection portability for Migration-affected children – Gujarat, By Asaf Ali Lone, Manish and Harshita Sinha, 16 February 2022.

36. Abhinav Kumar, Research Associate

Policy Briefs and Reports

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The CPR library has a collection of a total of 10950 books after weeding a few old books. The library subscribed to 28 journals and received gratis 40 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. [11 newspapers received as hardcopy and remaining 7 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 multifunction 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. Mailing services and other apps hosted on Google workspace were configured and maintained as per Centre’s requirement. Mailing data migration from other domains to the CPR domain was carried out as per requirement.
2. Security policies to protect Centre’s network and various other policies on Fortinet firewall were created/configured and realigned for distribution of bandwidth among various user groups. Users were created in Zone Director for providing secured wireless internet access to the users as per requirement.
3. Hardware & software procured;
   a. Twenty laptops, two laserjet printers, six monitors, one desktop, one display panel and one UPS were purchased, configured and installed as per requirements of the users.
   b. Licenses of MS Office 365 (05 no.), Adobe master collection for creative cloud team (02 nos.), were purchased and installed.
   c. Tally on cloud, GMass, Endnote, Urkund/Original, Thinkific, Infogram, subscriptions were purchased/renewed and access provided to the users.
4. Administrative services for development and maintenance of Websites for following projects were provided.
   a. cprindia.org (CPR)
   b. Accountability Initiative
   c. Accountability Initiative’s Hum Aur Hamari Sarkar
   d. Indo Pacific circle website
   e. Accountability Initiative’s Visual Learning tool Development
   f. Sci-fi Team (scifi.cprindia.org)
   g. Urban Team (Housing in India)
5. Zoom Services for Video conferencing were purchased/renewed and upgraded as and when they are released.

7. 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 to their hardware & software issues. Support services related to seminars/conferences/virtual meetings were also provided.
GRANTS

The CPR received the following grants from the ICSSR during the financial year 2021-22 (in lakhs):

1. Recurring grant OH (36) Rs. 32.00 Lakh
2. Recurring grant OH (31) Rs. 08.50 Lakh

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Total: Rs.40.50 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. 1925.86 lakh. ICSSR recurring grant is 2.10% 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. MacArthur Foundation, USA
5. Namati Inc, USA
6. Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
7. Children Investment Fund Foundation, USA
8. Lirnesia, Sri Lanka
9. US Department of State Federal Assistance Award
10. Oak Foundation, UK
11. Ministry Of Water Resources, Delhi
12. UNICEF
13. Government Of Meghalaya
14. Government Of Andhra Pradesh
15. World Bank
16. Rohini Nilekani

CPR received a corpus of Rs.50 lakh from the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India in the year 1994-95. And interest of Rs. 3.05 Lakh was earned during the year 2021-22 on the investment of the said corpus, of which a sum of Rs. 3.05 Lakh has been utilized during the year towards maintenance and development of the Centre leaving a balance of Rs.0.07 Lakh at the end of the year (including previous balances).

TAX EXEMPTION FOR DONATIONS TO CPR

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 and provisional approval was obtained further which is valid from FY 2021-22 till FY 2023-24. 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 and CPR further obtained provisional registration under clause (i) of first proviso to sub-section (5) of section 80G valid from FY 2021-22 till FY 2025-26.
CPR FACULTY AND STAFF
(As on 31st March 2022)

President and Chief Executive
1. Yamini Aiyar

Professors
2. Brahma Chellaney
   Professor, PhD
3. Navroz Dubash
   Professor, PhD
4. Nimmi Kurian
   Professor, PhD

Professor Emeritus
5. Charan Wadhva (Ph.D)
6. Bharat Karnad

Honorary Research/Visiting Professors
7. Subhash C Kashyap
8. B N Saxena
9. Sanjib Baruah
10. Sanjoy Hazarika
11. G Parthasarathy
12. R Rangachari

Senior Fellows
13. Partha Mukhopadhyay
14. Shylashri Shankar
15. Shubhagato Dasgupta
16. Shyam Saran
17. Shyam Babu
18. Manju Menon
19. Harish Damodaran
20. Mekhala Krishnamurthy
21. Namita Wahi
22. Sushant Kumar Singh
23. Neelanjan Sircar

Senior Visiting Fellows
24. Philippe Cullet
25. Jishnu Das
26. Rani Mullen
27. Marie- Helene Zerah
28. E Somanathan
29. Gilles Verniers
30. Gautam Mukhopadhyaya
31. Veronique Dupont
32. Rajshree Chandra
33. Sabina Dewan
34. Deepak Sanan
35. Michael Walton
36. Pushpa Pathak
37. Lant Pritchett
38. Pradeep Chhibber
39. Rathin Roy
40. Devesh Kapur
41. Kiran Bhattty
42. Sanjay Kathuria
43. Suman Bery

Fellows
44. Avani Kapur
45. Srinivas Chokkakula
46. Arkaja Singh
47. Shibani Ghosh
48. Anna Agarwal (upto 31 October 2021)
49. Mukta Naik
50. Ashwini Swain
51. Priyadarshini Singh
52. Rahul Verma
53. Aman Srivastava
54. Bhargav Krishna
55. Santosh Maddur Harish

Visiting Fellow
56. Radhika Khosla
57. Ananth Padmanabhan
58. Olivier Telle
59. Anna Agarwal
60. Anirudh Krishna
61. Kaustuv Biswas
62. Rohit Chandra
63. Shahana Chattaraj
64. Shoumitro Chatterjee
65. T R Raghunandan
66. Kaustuv Kanti De Biswas

Associate Fellow
67. Aditya Valiathan Pillai
68. Anindita Mukherjee
69. Anirudh Sridhar
70. Anju Dwivedi
71. Antarin Chakrabarty
72. Hrudananda Mohanty
73. Kanhu Charan Pradhan
74. Karnamadakala Rahul Sharma
75. Mridusmita Bordoloi
76. Parth Bhatia
77. Rajika Seth
78. Sarada Prasanna Das
79. Shamindra Nath Roy

Senior Researchers
80. Kanchi Kohli
   (Legal Research Director, Namati)

Senior Research Associates
81. Bharti Singh
82. Abhinav Kumar
83. Abhinav Sharma
84. Aditya Unnikrishnan
85. Angshuman Choudhury
86. Archana Sivasubramanian
87. Baisakhi Sarkar Dhar
88. Gaurav Mittal
89. Isha Khurana
90. Kamakshi Amar
91. Manish
92. Neeha Susan Jacob
93. Prerna Seth
94. Rishi Kishore
95. Ritwik Shukla
96. Sanaya Sinha
97. Sharad Pandey
98. Tania Devaiyah M
99. Tripti Singh
100. Udit Ranjan

Research Associates

101. Asaf Ali Lone
102. Arushi Gupta
103. Neha Agarwal
104. Meghna Paul
105. Mohd. Talha Rashid
106. Sunil Kumar Singh
107. Nikhila S
108. Aakansha Jain
109. Nancy D Cruz
110. Prakriti Prajapati
111. Gokulnath Govindan
112. Tanvi Tomar
113. Kshitij Jaiswal
114. Aastha Jain
115. Sanjana Malhotra
116. Debashreee Dasgupta
117. Sonakshi Sharma
118. Asim Ali
119. Ankita Barthwal
120. Jatin Rajani
121. Mohd. Hamza Farooqui
122. Amaresh
123. Annam Jitendra Sri Vishnu Kanth
124. Anupriya Singh
125. Aparna Dwivedi
126. Arunesh Karkun
127. B V Balarami Reddy
128. Catherine Ranji Ayallore
129. Debayan Gupta
130. Deewanshi Rawat
131. Jenny Susan John
132. Karishma Koshal
133. Kuldeep Lakwal
134. Kush Tanvani
135. Madhur Sharma
136. Mandakini Akella Chandra
137. Nishant Ranjan
138. Niyati Singh
139. Nona Uppal
140. Nrusingh Charan Dhal
141. Pankaj Kumar Gope
142. Pratyush Kumar Mohapatra
143. Ragini Rao Munjuluri
144. Rajas Pandey
145. Rakshita Goyal
146. Ram Kumar Dan
147. Ria Kasliwal
148. Ritu Kochar
149. Sampada Nayak
150. Samridhi Agarwal
151. Shaivi Kulshrestha
152. Sharon Mathew
153. Shaurya Gupta
154. Shubhangi Karia
155. Sidharth Santosh
156. Sparsh Agarwal
157. Sumeet Kumar Behera
158. Swagat Kumar Padhi
159. Trisha Pande
160. Vernica Gupta
161. Vidisha Mehta
162. Vrinda Bhardwaj
163. Shantanu Kulshreshth

Research Assistants
164. Abdul Najah
165. Anwesha Mallick
166. Gurkirat Singh Juneja
167. Gurmat Singh Brar
168. Ilika Trivedi
169. Palak Wahi
170. Vaibhav Parik

Program Staff
171. Vidya Vishwanathan, Director-India Program
172. Bharat Bhai Hari Bhai Dodiya, Enviro-Legal Coordinator
173. Aamna Ahmad, Learning and Development Associate
174. Anil Bajranj Babar, Sr PAISA Associate
175. Dinesh Kumar, Sr PAISA Associate
176. Bharat Patel, Lead Researcher Gujarat
177. Hasmukh Vallabhbaai Dhumadiya
178. Indresh Sharma, Sr PAISA Officer
179. Jayendrasinh Baneshan Ker
180. Kaushal Pathak
181. Poonam, Sr PAISA Associate
182. Prakash Chhotubhai Patel, Field Researcher
183. Premchand Kumar, Sr PAISA Associate
184. Rakesh Swami, PAISA Associate
185. Ram Ratan Jat, Sr PAISA Associate
186. Seema Muskan, Sr PAISA Associate
187. Swapna Bhimrao Ramteke, Sr PAISA Associate
188. Tajuddin Khan, Sr PAISA Associate
189. Uday Shankar Kumar, Sr PAISA Associate
190. Vinod Verma, Sr PAISA Associate
191. Vijay Kumar Khimabhai Rathod, Senior Field Researcher
192. Vinod Gananpati Patgar, Senior Field Researcher
193. Aprajita Verma, Program Officer
194. Ahalya Sa, Field Researcher
195. Amit Kumar Sahu, Field Researcher
196. Santosh rao Dora
197. Chinmay Kumar Samal
198. Chitta Ranjan Hembram
199. Jagannath Mohanta
200. Mahabaleshwar Ramachandra Hegde
201. Maruti Ashok Gouda
202. Sunil Kumar Mishra
203. Sushant Anand
204. Tulasi Birua

Administration, Accounts, IT, Communications & Other Services
205. Alaknanda Jain, Finance Officer (Head of Finance and Administration)
206. Anup Roy, Chief Operating Officer
207. Ritu Gupta, Accounts Officer
208. Arun Gopinath, Admin Assistant
209. Rohan, Admin Assistant
210. Rupendra, Administrative Officer
211. Ajay Nayyar, Senior System Analyst
212. Hemali Sodhi, Head of Communications
213. Dhruv Bhasin, Dissemination & Communication Content Officer
214. Grazeldiz Eamon Lyngdoh, Communications Associate
215. Prakriti Singh, Communications Associate
216. Tessa Tanushka Dsouza, Communications Associate
217. Seema Sharma, Administrative Executive
218. Prateek Gupta, Communications Associate
219. Praveen D Souza, Communications Administrative Asst.
220. Pooja Gupta, Chief Accounts Officer
221. Pooja Gupta, Communications Officer
222. Ramesh Kumar, Accounts Assistant
223. Y.G.S. Chauhan, Assistant Librarian
224. Sunil Kumar, Associate to President
225. Pramod Kumar Malik, Associate to President
226. Sonia Bhutani Gulati, Public Relations Associate
227. Shourya Dubey, Design Associate
228. Vinod Kumar, Deputy Supervisor
229. Satnam Kaur, Finance and Admn. Manager
230. Ajit Kumar Misra, Senior Accountant
231. Sunny Kumar Vashishthh, Administrative Assistant
232. Ravi Raunaq Robin, Assistant Administrative Officer
233. Pankaj Kumar Mishra, Network Assistant
234. Avantika Srivastava, Senior Communications Officer
235. Indu Pal, Administrative Associate
Other Supporting Staff

236. Poona Ram
237. Ranjeet Singh
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 2022 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 2022; 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: 16-09-2022

UDIN: 22024282ASQFBO6066
## CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2022**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Funds and Liabilities</th>
<th>Sch</th>
<th>As on 31st March, 2022</th>
<th>As on 31st March, 2021</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Corpus Fund (Specific)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>37,959,000</td>
<td>37,959,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Corpus Fund (General)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>63,423,405</td>
<td>63,423,405</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capital Fund (Assets)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>15,058,743</td>
<td>15,924,087</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capital Reserve</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>11,130</td>
<td>11,130</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reserve for Contingencies</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>6,257,401</td>
<td>6,257,401</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unspent Balances in Specified Purposes/ Projects</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>247,965,223</td>
<td>359,182,491</td>
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<tr>
<td>Provisions</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>15,000,000</td>
<td>15,000,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Income and Expenditure Account Liability (Advance Income) Against Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation- Strengthening the Capability of the State in India-</td>
<td>11.12</td>
<td>81,270,000</td>
<td>81,270,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Current Liabilities</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>2,786,796</td>
<td>2,655,828</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>507,119,888</td>
<td>624,006,443</td>
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### PROPERTY & ASSETS

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<th>Fixed Assets</th>
<th>7</th>
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<td>Gross Block</td>
<td>54,213,468</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less: Accumulated Depreciation</td>
<td>39,154,725</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| Investments (including Corpus Fund Investments) | 8 | 451,513,053 | 562,410,752 |

| Current Assets, Loans and Advances | 9 | 507,119,888 | 624,006,443 |
| Cash and Bank Balances | 9(a) | 11,210,078 | 26,367,449 |
| Advances recoverable/adjustable | 9(b) | 29,338,014 | 19,304,155 | 45,671,604 |
| **Total** | | 507,119,888 | 624,006,443 |

#### Accounting policies and notes on accounts

**As per our report of even date,**

**For and on behalf of CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH**

**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**

**DATED:**

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**CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2022**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Income</th>
<th>2021-22</th>
<th>2020-2021</th>
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<tr>
<td>Grant-in-Aid from ICSSR</td>
<td>4,050,000</td>
<td>7,700,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Donation Received</td>
<td>1,000,000</td>
<td>60,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest on Investments:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Endowment and Corpus Interest</td>
<td>3,429,790</td>
<td>5,118,300</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dividend Income on Corpus</td>
<td>112,243</td>
<td>128,374</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest on Income Tax Refunds</td>
<td>143,024</td>
<td>283,446</td>
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65
Other Interest Income | 4,444,166 | 8,129,223 | 3,207,799 | 8,737,919 |
Gain on Redemption of UTI Mutual Funds | | 181,301 | | |
Transfer from Domestic Grants towards Overhead | 2,311,083 | | 694,794 | |
Transfer from Foreign Grants towards Overhead | 31,107,543 | | 25,875,522 | |
Completed Projects - Balances written back (Net) | | | 1,027 | |
Miscellaneous Income | 156,213 | | 137,060 | |
Proceeds on Sale of Assets | 4,414 | | 12,344 | |
Royalty | 6,003 | | 61,462 | |

**TOTAL** | 46,945,780 | | 43,280,128 | |

**EXPENDITURE**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>2021-22</th>
<th>2020-2021</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Salaries, Wages &amp; Benefits to staff</td>
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<tr>
<td>Salaries and wages</td>
<td>27,809,686</td>
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<tr>
<td>Contribution to Provident Fund</td>
<td>2,028,881</td>
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<tr>
<td>Contribution to Gratuity Fund (LIC)</td>
<td>1,011,348</td>
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<tr>
<td>Contribution to Leave Encashment Benefits Fund (LIC)</td>
<td>1,000,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Medical Insurance</td>
<td>180,243</td>
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<td>Other Staff Benefits</td>
<td>376,317</td>
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<tr>
<td>Security and Allied Services</td>
<td>3,671,849</td>
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<td>Travel and conveyance</td>
<td>143,656</td>
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<tr>
<td>Completed Projects - Balances written off (Net)</td>
<td>514,418</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rates and taxes</td>
<td>27,735</td>
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<tr>
<td>Printing, stationery, office supplies</td>
<td>156,515</td>
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<td>Communication expenses</td>
<td>716,020</td>
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<tr>
<td>Electricity and water</td>
<td>537,013</td>
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<td>Office maintenance and repairs</td>
<td>4,833,568</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hospitality and Staff Welfare</td>
<td>287,344</td>
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<tr>
<td>Insurance</td>
<td>65,363</td>
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<td>Library books, newspapers and periodicals</td>
<td>400,042</td>
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<tr>
<td>Audit and other fee</td>
<td>529,726</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous expenses</td>
<td>14,586</td>
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<td>Membership and Subscriptions</td>
<td>103,054</td>
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<td>Bank charges</td>
<td>23,295</td>
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<td>Conference and Programmes</td>
<td>123,908</td>
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<td>Advertisement</td>
<td>27,686</td>
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<td>Vehicle maintenance</td>
<td>220,000</td>
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<td>IT Support</td>
<td>1,094,806</td>
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<td>Legal and professional</td>
<td>4,472,380</td>
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<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>3,815,850</td>
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<td>Less: Met from Capital Fund</td>
<td>3,815,850</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total C.O.</td>
<td>50,369,439</td>
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**EXPENDITURE**

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<th>2021-22</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total B.F.</td>
<td>50,369,439</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Provisions/ Appropriations:</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Transfer to Capital Fund - Amount for addition to assets</td>
<td>1,256,767</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transfer to CPR Employees Welfare Fund</td>
<td>254,485</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>51,880,691</td>
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<tr>
<td>Surplus for the year after appropriations</td>
<td>(4,934,911)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Surplus brought forward</td>
<td>42,323,101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accumulated surplus carried to Balance sheet</td>
<td>37,388,190</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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For and on behalf of
## CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH

### Schedules to Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March, 2022

**Amount in ₹**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PARTICULARS</th>
<th>As on 31st March, 2022</th>
<th>As on 31st March, 2021</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>CORPUS FUNDS</strong></td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>CORPUS FUNDS (SPECIFIC)</strong></td>
<td>Schedule - 1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>As per last Balance Sheet</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- The Ford Foundation- Foreign Currency Corpus</td>
<td>3,058,000</td>
<td>3,058,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>- The Ford Foundation Perpetuity Chair - PP RAG Unit</td>
<td>13,001,250</td>
<td>13,001,250</td>
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<tr>
<td>- The Ford Foundation Track-2 Dialogue</td>
<td>8,449,750</td>
<td>8,449,750</td>
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<tr>
<td>- GOI, Minister of External Affairs Track-2 Dialogue</td>
<td>950,000</td>
<td>950,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>- National Commission on Population - PPRAG</td>
<td>12,500,000</td>
<td>37,959,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>CORPUS FUNDS (GENERAL)</strong></td>
<td>As per last Balance Sheet</td>
<td>63,423,405</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>101,382,405</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>CAPITAL FUND (ASSETS)</strong></td>
<td>Schedule - 2</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>As per last Balance Sheet</td>
<td></td>
<td>15,924,087</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add: Assets purchased out of Specific purpose/ Project Fund</td>
<td>1,698,120</td>
<td>3,270,322</td>
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<tr>
<td>Add: Transfer from Income and Expenditure</td>
<td>1,256,767</td>
<td>1,461,742</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less: Depreciation met from Capital Fund</td>
<td>3,815,850</td>
<td>4,093,554</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less: WDV of assets written off/</td>
<td>4,381</td>
<td>19,554</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td>15,058,743</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>CAPITAL RESERVE</strong></td>
<td>Schedule - 3</td>
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<td>As per last Balance Sheet</td>
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<td>11,130</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td>11,130</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES</strong></td>
<td>Schedule - 4</td>
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<td>As per last Balance Sheet</td>
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<td>6,257,401</td>
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<tr>
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### CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH

Schedules to Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March, 2021

**Amount in ₹**

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As per last Balance Sheet 8,000,000 8,000,000
Provision for HR & Communication Infrastructure Fund
As per last Balance Sheet 3,000,000 3,000,000
Provision for Building Maintenance & Infrastructure Fund
As per last Balance Sheet 2,000,000 2,000,000
Provision for Leave Encashment Liability
As per last Balance Sheet 2,000,000 2,000,000
Total 15,000,000 15,000,000

PARTICULARS  As on 31st March, 2022  As on 31st March, 2021

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b) ADVANCES RECOVERABLE/ ADJUSTABLE

(Excluding Good and recoverable)

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CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH

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 31st March 2022, (including interest credit on funded balances) for Gratuity Fund and Leave Encashment Policy are ₹ 168.89 lakhs and ₹ 83.67 lakhs respectively against the liability of ₹ 131.16 lakhs and ₹ 103.40 lakhs for Gratuity and Leave Encashment respectively. Society has reserves/provision of ₹ 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. 15th April, 1976. The Registration has been renewed by the Commissioner of Income Tax for a period of five years, i.e. AY 2022-23 to AY 2026-27, vide Provisional Approval No. AAATC0180HE20214 dated 28th May 2021, under the Income Tax Act, 1961 and Rules made thereunder.

(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 2021–22 (relating to FY 2020–21). There are no demands in respect of income tax.

(iv) CPR is 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. 15th September, 2011. The Registration has been renewed by the Commissioner of Income Tax for a period of five years, i.e. AY 2022-23 to AY 2026-27, vide Provisional Approval No. AAATC0180H20214 dated 28th May 2021, under the Income Tax Act, 1961 and Rules made thereunder.

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 2020-21. The Registration has been renewed by the Ministry of Home Affairs for a period of five years, i.e., till 31st October, 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.
The Planning Commission [as a nodal agency for providing services to the National Knowledge Commission (NKC)] had issued an order dt. 3rd October, 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.

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 - ₹ 19.32 Crores.

Estimated amount of outstanding Capital Contracts - Nil.

During the year ended 31st March 2019, the Society had received a sum of ₹ 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 ₹ 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.

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 ₹ 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.
<p>| S.No. | NAME OF SPONSOR AND PROJECT | Opening Balance (1st April) | Inter-Project Transfer | Receipts during the year | Interest/ Dividend | Transfer to Income and Exp A/c | Disbursements during the year | Grant Refunded | Completed projects balances written off/ back (NET) | Losing Balance (31st March, 2022) |
|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------||----------------------------------|
|       | FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION GRANTS |                             |                        |                         |                  |                               |                                |                |                                                                |                                  |
| 1     | ACCESS HEALTH INTERNATIONAL  | 1,256,923                   | -                      | -                       | 1,503,000        | -                             | 2,261                          | -              |                                                                 | -                                |
| 2     | AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMISSION   | -                           | 3,945                  | -                       | -                | -                             | 4,534                          | (589)         |                                                                | -                                |
| 3     | BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- STRENGTHENING | - | 19,095 | - | - | - | 18,530 | - | 565 | - | 4,534,598 |
| 4     | BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- SCI -FI | - | 12,973,821 | - | 538,232 | 1,170,972 | 7,806,483 | - | - | - |
| 5     | BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- SCI FI-II | - | 27,511,092 | - | 313,911 | 1,706,359 | 11,375,726 | - | - | - |
| 6     | BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- STRENGTHENING | - | 28,753,846 | - | 7,567,120 | 3,174,874 | 21,165,828 | - | - | - |
| 7     | BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- STRENGTHENING | - | 85,742,817 | - | 3,582,850 | 3,832,179 | 25,547,857 | - | - | - |
| 8     | BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- TRACKING | - | - | 137,502 | 1,335,214 | 8,901,426 | - | - | - | 17,487 |
| 9     | BRITISH HIGH COMISSION       | -                           | 143,546                | -                       | -                | -                             | 143,546                        | -              |                                                                | -                                |
| 10    | BROWN UNIVERSITY- DIGITAL URBAN OBSERVATORY | - | - | - | - | - | 605,613 | - | - | - |
| 11    | CESEBRA BRAZIL - POLICY PROCESS IN INDIA /RIGHT | - | 182,522 | - | - | - | 182,522 | - | - | - |
| 12    | CENTRE FOR ETHICS IN ACTIONS | -                           | -                      | 9,554                   | 390,228          | 2,229,827                     | -                              | (255)         |                                                                | -                                |
| 13    | HANS SEIDEL STIFTUNG        | -                           | -                      | -                       | -                | -                             | -                              | -              |                                                                | -                                |
| 14    | CHILDREN INVESTMENT FUND FOUNDATION- UK -PPT | - | 14,103,438 | - | 454,142 | 1,493,944 | 9,960,507 | - | - | 3,103,109 |
| 15    | CMI-PURLANDS                | -                           | 3,288,058              | -                       | -                | -                             | 530,251                        | -              |                                                                | -                                |
| 16    | CMI WATER RIGHTS           | -                           | 1,298,919              | -                       | -                | -                             | 1,295,184                      | (265)         |                                                                | -                                |
| 17    | CENTER DE SCIENCES HUMAINES - SUBURBIN ON | - | 180,241 | - | - | - | 180,241 | - | - | - |
| 18    | GOETHE UNIVERSITY- ENVIRONMENT FOR | - | - | - | - | - | 1,901,701,985 | (1,901) | - | - |
| 19    | RISE- DIFID                | -                           | -                      | 11,833                  | -                | -                             | -                              | -              |                                                                | -                                |
| 20    | FCDO/DFID SCI FI GRANT     | 4,507,995                   | -                      | -                       | -                | -                             | -                              | -              |                                                                | -                                |
| 21    | FCDO/DFID STATE CAPACITY   | -                           | 178,242                | -                       | 823,288          | 15,380,929                    | 8,980,703                      | -              |                                                                | -                                |
| 22    | FCDO/DFID URBAN            | -                           | -                      | -                       | -                | -                             | -                              | -              |                                                                | -                                |
| 23    | THE FORD FOUNDATION - PUBLIC POLICY ANNUAL | - | - | - | - | - | 4,715 | - | - | - |
| 24    | THE FORD FOUNDATION INSTITUTE OF | - | - | - | - | - | 169,316 | - | - | - |
| 25    | THE FORD FOUNDATION- FOREIGN CURRENCY | - | 3,136,304 | - | 923,343 | - | - | - | - | 4,061,647 |
| 26    | FORD FOUNDATION - PERPETUITY CHAIR-SAREC | - | - | - | - | - | 2,716,231 | - | - | 9,510,879 |
| 27    | THE FORD FOUNDATION CORPUS INCOME FOR TRACK II DIALOGUES | - | 3,445,846 | - | - | - | 2,115,407 | - | - | 5,561,253 |
| 28    | THE FORD FOUNDATION - STUDY URBAN RESEARCH | - | 139,523 | - | - | - | 136,633 | - | - | - |
| 29    | GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY      | 498,420                     | -                      | -                       | -                | -                             | -                              | -              |                                                                | (498,420)                          |
| 30    | GIZ SMART CITY            | -                           | 8,165,397              | -                       | 132,164          | 1,189,675                     | 11,896,749                     | -              |                                                                | -                                |
| 31    | GRADE                     | -                           | -                      | 741,500                 | -                | 100,268                       | -                              | -              |                                                                | -                                |
| 32    | GRADE SV                  | -                           | -                      | 662,350                 | -                | 117,000                       | -                              | -              |                                                                | -                                |
| 33    | INNOVATION FOR POVERTY ACTION- GLOBAL HEALTH | - | 4,379,076 | - | - | 9,632 | - | - | 4,369,444 |
| 34    | INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FRANCE | - | 264,843 | - | - | 8,352 | - | - | 172,970 |
| 35    | INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT | - | 1,661,600 | - | 62,388 | 63,873 | - | - | 975,399 |
| 36    | JUST JOBS NETWORK INC.     | -                           | 1,509,254              | -                       | 92,086           | 767,300                       | -                              | -              |                                                                | -                                |
| 37    | KOREA FOUNDATION - THE NEW GREAT GAME IN EAST | - | 1,586,317 | - | - | - | 2,275,1,988,338 (2,776) | - | - | - |
| 38    | LIRNE- SRI LANKA           | -                           | 1,412,943              | -                       | 5,103,803        | 489,127                       | 3,260,848                      | -              |                                                                | -                                |
| 39    | JOHN D AND CATHERINE T MACARTHUR | 1,086,663 | - | 18,427,071 | 1,481,222 | 9,873,909 | - | - | 2,187,367 |
| 40    | NAMATI- ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE | - | 822,941 | - | 32,583,008 | 97,505 | 4,282,307 | 28,549,239 | - | - | 619,804 |
| 41    | OAK FOUNDATION- UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT | - | 1,246,425 | - | 9,490,000 | 30,891 | 1,077,951 | 7,186,338 | - | - | 10,177 |</p>
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**Notes:**
- The table above lists various organizations and their corresponding funding sources and amounts.
- The amounts are in Indian Rupees (INR), with the last recorded amount being 112,699.
- This table is part of a larger document, possibly from a financial report or grant distribution list.
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Note: The Balance of National Knowledge Commission represented by:

- **Particulars**
- **Fixed Deposit with Canara Bank**
- **Canara Bank - C/A 0157201005827 (NKC)**
- **TDS Recoverable**

Sub Total: **3,536,630**

GRAND TOTAL: **14,244,811**
## SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS AS ON 31st March, 2022

### CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH

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