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VISION STATEMENT

About CPR

The Centre for Policy Research (CPR) been one of India's leading public policy think tanks since 1973. CPR is a non-profit, non-partisan, independent institution dedicated to conducting research that contributes to high quality scholarship, better policies, and a more robust public discourse about the issues that impact life in India.

Key Objectives:

1. To establish and to carry on the administration and management of CPR;
2. To plan, promote and provide for education and training in policy planning and management areas and to undertake, organize and facilitate conferences seminars, study courses, training programmes, lectures and similar other activities for the purpose;
3. To promote and conduct research in matters pertaining to:
 - a. the improvement of policy making and management and building appropriate theoretical framework;
 - b. the education, training and development of personnel involved in policy areas;
 - c. the maximum augmentation and effective development of national resources including analytical and perspective studies of various sectors of the economy with a view to promoting national development;
4. To assist any institution in matters such as designing measurement tests for employee selection, appraisal programmes, conducting morale and productivity studies, streamlining organizational structure and to review, from time to time, the impact of educational, training and research activities and offer suggestions for filling the gaps in the operating systems;
5. To promote and undertake faculty development programmes to assure an adequate supply of competent researchers;
6. To maintain liaisons with professional institutions and educational bodies for the purposes of promoting research in policy sciences;
7. To provide consultancy services under its auspices or through its faculty to public bodies or any other institutions on matters having a bearing on performance, optimum use of organizational resources, or any other matter conducive to economic betterment;
8. To disseminate information on know-how on policymaking and related areas by undertaking and providing for the publication of journals, reports, pamphlets and other literature and research papers and books in furtherance of the objects;
9. To establish and maintain libraries and information services;
10. To establish and maintain regional centres in India to promote the objectives of CPR;
11. To award diplomas, certificates and other distinctions and to confer degrees subject to approval by Parliament on candidates and prescribe standards of proficiency for the award of such diplomas, certificates, degrees subject to approval by Parliament, and other distinctions;
12. To confer honorary awards and other distinctions;
13. To institute and award fellowships, scholarship, prizes and medals in accordance with the rules;
14. To maintain close contact with other institutions having similar or related objectives, either wholly or partially, by way of payment or receipt of subscription, enrolment as a member thereof, fiscal or other sorts of mutual assistance, amalgamation, merger, collaboration, cooperation, and in any other way as CPR may deem necessary;
15. To establish and maintain a fund with the contributions of any official or non-official institutions and agencies and with all other moneys acquired by CPR in any other way;
16. To utilize a part or whole of the fund towards capital and recurring expenditure of CPR, to make appropriate investments or to deal with the fund in any other way CPR may find it necessary;
17. To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money by issue bonds; securities or in such manner as CPR shall deem fit;
18. To draw, accept, make, endorse, discount, execute, sign, issue or otherwise deal with cheques, hundies, drafts, certificates, receipts, government securities, promissory notes, bills of exchange or other instruments and securities whether negotiable or transferable or not;
19. To create administrative, technical, ministerial and other posts under CPR and to make appointments thereto in accordance with the rules of CPR;
20. To establish and maintain provident and other benefits funds for the benefit of the employees of the CPR;
21. To make Rules and Bye-laws for the conduct of affairs of CPR and to add, amend, vary or rescind them from time to time;
22. To constitute such committee or committees as CPR may deem fit for the disposal of any of its business or on such matters as CPR may like to be advised; and
23. To do all such lawful things as CPR may deem fit for attainment of all or any of the objects.

List of Activities/Subjects Pursued

- Accountability Initiative
- India Infrastructures and Ecology Program
- Initiative on Cities, Economy and Society
- Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment
- Land Rights Initiative
- Scaling City Institutions for India Initiative (SCI-FI)
- State Capacity Initiative
- The Jobs Initiative
- The Politics Initiative
- Transboundary Rivers, Ecology and Development Studies (TREADS)

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President's Report

The Centre for Policy Research (CPR) is entering its fiftieth year in November 2023. As President, it is my privilege to write the forward to the annual report ahead of this important moment. This is a year for CPR to look back and celebrate its contributions to the service of Indian policymaking and its tradition of maintaining a robust and evidence-based conversation between the government, policymakers and wider citizenry.

But even as we reflect on and commemorate the past, there looms a sombre uncertainty over our institutional future. These are difficult times for institution building and maintaining the culture of academic and intellectual freedom in India. Through the past year, CPR has faced enormous, repeated challenges that have tested our institutional mettle.

In September 2022, the Income Tax authorities undertook a tax survey at the CPR premises. This was followed by a suspension of our license to receive Foreign Funding (FCRA), a decision by the Indian Council of Social Science Research to temporarily withhold our grant and the withdrawal of our tax exemption status. Each of these actions has left the institution in a precarious financial position. I would like to reiterate that CPR is in complete compliance with the law. The institution is routinely scrutinised and audited by government authorities including the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. In response to these action, we have sought redressal through the Delhi High Court. Our work and institutional purpose is to advance our constitutional goals and protect our constitutional guarantees. CPR is absolutely confident that the matter will be resolved speedily, in fairness and in the spirit of our constitutional values.

But even as we seek swift resolution to these institutional challenges, we have, as you will see in this report, steadfastly remained productive and resolutely devoted to our vision of making meaningful contributions to policymaking in India—a contribution that is perhaps even more urgent against the backdrop of the tumultuous global environment, the polycrisis it has brought with it and the crucial socioeconomic and political transitions underway in India.

We have remained strong and true to CPR's institutional spirit of producing high-quality, rigorous, policy-relevant research, entirely because of the unwavering support we have received from you, our friends and partners. And so, allow me to begin our fiftieth anniversary celebrations with a tribute to all of you. Thank you for helping CPR stay committed to the cause of inclusive, sustainable, evidence-based policy in India and above all, to the spirit of independent and democratic debate and dialogue.

As always, in this reporting year (2022–23) too, we remained prolific. Our scholars produced 3 books, 34 journal articles, 16 working papers, 42 policy briefs, and over 500 opinion pieces in the mainstream media through the year. We also organised and participated in 63 national and international events and held the CPR Dialogues 2022 featuring 18 panels. Importantly, we celebrated landmark anniversaries for two of CPR's largest and oldest research initiatives, the Accountability Initiative and the Scaling Cities for India Initiative.

The Accountability Initiative, whose research has been at the forefront of innovating to deepen citizen engagement in governance through the lens of social policy and public finance management celebrated its fifteenth anniversary. The Accountability Initiative is widely credited for experimenting with large scale government expenditure tracking surveys (PAISA surveys) that track the flow of funds and expenditures at the last mile, highlighting critical implementation gaps along the way. It is also well-known for the budget briefs that have established themselves as the primary resource to understand the budget, expenditure and outcome data on India's flagship national welfare schemes as well as its cutting-edge research on elementary education reforms.

The Scaling Cities for India Initiative (SCI-FI) celebrated its tenth anniversary. SCI-FI, over its decade-long research practice, has made a significant mark in areas critical to India's urban transition from urban sanitation (particularly faecal sludge management) and urban housing. They received a fitting anniversary gift when they were awarded for the "Best Non-Profit Engagement Model in Sanitation: Rural and Urban" at the 6th edition of the ISC-FICCI Sanitation Awards at the India Sanitation Conference in December 2022. The award recognized SCI-FI's work on faecal sludge management in Dhenkanal, Odisha. The initiative has been working with the Odisha government since 2014, offering technical expertise to the state and local-level administration to achieve safely managed sanitation.

Awards and celebrations apart, CPR scholars also opened new areas of research and policy engagement, critical to the contemporary policy environment. Notable amongst these was the Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment's foray into the arena of heat mapping in response to the growing regularity of heat waves in India. The initiative produced an important report titled *How is India Adapting to Heatwaves? An Assessment of Heat Action Plans with Insights for Transformative Climate Action*. The report conducted a first-of-its-kind critical

review of 37 heat action plans across 18 states in India and suggested improvements to enhance their effectiveness in addressing the impacts of extreme heat.

Additionally, CPR entered a partnership with the French National Institute of Sustainable Development (IRD) and the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), India, to study and evaluate Indian Smart Cities. CPR also initiated a new research partnership with the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, through its Transboundary Rivers, Ecologies & Development Studies (TREADS) initiative. Under this project, CPR will undertake three key research studies: planning for the management of urban waterbodies; interstate cooperation for river rejuvenation; and best practice lessons from European experiences for the Namami Gange Programme.

Over the years, CPR has worked very closely with state governments, and in 2022–23, these partnerships only deepened. From Odisha to Meghalaya, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, CPR expanded its footprint at the state government level, working closely with states on issues as wide ranging as urban governance, health, social protection, data analysis and human resource management. But perhaps the most important contribution CPR has made at the state level is to push state governments to innovate with building capacity and strengthening their training systems for state administrative cadres, which are critical but, unfortunately, deeply ignored in our debates on state capacity and civil service reform. We worked closely with the governments of Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Meghalaya to implement innovative training pedagogies for new batches of state civil service officers. In Meghalaya, we took this a step further to initiate a longitudinal study of freshly recruited state cadre officers. This study will be a significant contribution to the emerging literature in India on administrative reforms.

These are but a few highlights of CPR's work, and I hope they will give you a glimpse of the depth and range of our intellectual and policy engagements and encourage you to further explore publications in this report. As we begin our fiftieth-year celebrations, we will be sharing with you archives of our research and policy experience. I also hope this will give you a deeper understanding of the contributions CPR has made over the decades but also of the evolution of policymaking and its successes and challenges in contemporary India.

None of our work would have been possible without the steadfast support of the CPR governing board under the leadership of Dr Meenakshi Gopinath. Their guidance and unflinching commitment to excellence, scholarly rigour and independence has been this institution's moral compass and for this, we remain deeply grateful. Our fabulous finance and administration team led by Anup Roy and Alaknanda Jain has been the backbone of the organization. We also owe deep gratitude to our communications team led by Hemali Sodhi who have not only put together this wonderful annual report but also helped CPR remain true to its purpose by being active and engaged in the public sphere.

This has been a bittersweet year for CPR in many ways but perhaps the most difficult moment was a consequence of our financial challenges that required us to bid goodbye to several colleagues, especially young research associates and budding scholars, who have been the life and soul of CPR over the years. Their spirit, energy and passion for public service are what has kept the institution and its scholars energized and pushed us to break new ground. The walls of the building feel quiet without them, but their contributions to public life and policy debates has only strengthened the institution's resolve to soldier on, to persevere for a bright future.

Once again, thank you for your continued engagement and encouragement. It is what empowers all of us at CPR.

Yamini Aiyar
President and Chief Executive
Centre for Policy Research

Research Publications

The following research publications were brought out during the year 2022–23.

A) Major Books Published

- 1) Saran, Shyam. *How China Sees India and the World*. New Delhi: Juggernaut Books, 2022.
- 2) Chokkakula, Srinivas (ed). *India's Water Federalism: New Perspectives for Public Policy*. New Delhi: the Asian Confluence and Hanns Siedel Foundation, 2022.
- 3) Kathuria, Sanjay (ed). *The Age of Ferment: Developments in Asian-European Trade Relations*. Tokyo: KAS Japan, 2022.

B) Articles Published by CPR Faculty

Around **540 articles** were also published by CPR faculty members and researchers 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 and workshops-cum-conferences. These are listed below.

1. National

- Unpacking IPCC WGIII report on Migration of Climate Change: A Conversation with IPCC Authors on 6 April 2022
- Framing Delhi through Its Metro System on 6 April 2022
- Public Administration and the People of the State: A Conversation on Renewing and Reforming India's Public Administration with Mr Amitabh Kant and Mr Govind Mohan on 21 April 2022
- How the Content of Demands Shapes Government Responsiveness: Theory and Evidence from Mumbai on 26 April 2022
- Talk on Measuring Poverty in India on 10 May 2022
- CPR-CSH workshop How the Content of Demands Shapes Government Responsiveness: Theory and Evidence from Mumbai on 26 April 2022
- Book discussion on *How China Sees India and the World* on 30 May 2022
- Examining Energy Transitions in Urbanizing Localities of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh on 31 May 2022
- Panel discussion on Addressing India's Most Salient Challenges on 6 June 2022
- *Know Your Regulator* with Mr Debasish Panda, Chairperson, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India on 22 June 2022
- Will Platformization Improve Women's Labour Force Participation? on 24 June 2022
- CPR-CSH: Testing the Waters: Young Women's Work and Mobile Aspirations in India's Small Cities on 28 June 2022
- Misinformation and Polarization in Indian Election Campaigns on 7 July 2022
- *Know Your Regulator* with Mr Preman Dinaraj, Chairperson, Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission on 7 July 2022
- Book discussion on *Colossus: The Anatomy of Delhi* on 19 July 2022
- CPR-CSH workshop: Educational Practices and the Urban Orders at the Margins of the State on 26 July 2022
- *Know Your Regulator* with Mr Sutirtha Bhattacharya, Chairperson, West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission on 29 July 2022
- Indian Democracy Today on 29 August 2022
- Spotlight South Asia: Book discussion on *India's Pakistan Conundrum: Managing a Complex Relationship* on 30 August 2022
- CPR-CSH workshop: The Right to Be Counted: The Urban Poor and the Politics of Resettlement in Delhi on 30 August 2022
- Book Discussion on: *India's Pakistan Conundrum: Managing a Complex Relationship* on 30 August 2022
- Unpacking the Electricity Bill 2022 on 23 September 2022
- CPR CSH workshop: Informal Work and Urban Exclusion on 27 September 2022
- Lawless Order? Regulations, Illegalism and Security Guardmanship in Delhi on 18 October 2022
- The State of India's Pollution Control Boards: A Series of Papers on 19 October 2022
- The Climate Futures Project: Bridging Climate Policy and Models on 1 November 2022
- 1st Asia-Pacific Housing Conference (AHC) 2022: Making Housing Affordable, Inclusive, and Resilient on 8 and 9 November 2022
- Book discussion on *After Tiananmen: The Rise of China* on 10 November 2022
- Public Policy Certification Programme for Faculty and PhD-holders belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Marginalised Groups from 14–18 November 2022
- Unpacking the outcomes of the Sharm El-Sheikh COP 27 on 23 November 2022
- CPR-CSH workshop: The City without the City? Anatomy of Urban Voids in Delhi Metropolitan Region on 29 November 2022
- Can PLFS 2020–21 Help Us Understand Internal Migration Patterns in India? on 2 December 2022
- Re-Examining Vertical Integration in the Japanese Automobile Industry: A Product Complexity Perspective on

9 December 2022

- Analysing the Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi Municipal Elections on 10 December 2022
- A World of Insecurity: Democratic Disenchantment in Rich and Poor Countries on 15 December 2022
- The Making and Unmaking of Environmental Law in India on 19 December 2022
- ‘... without a past, without history, free...’: The Commercial, (G)local and the Fringed Indian City-lit, 1980–1990 on 20 December 2022
- Randomized Regulation: The Impact of Minimum Quality Standards on Health Markets on 20 December 2022
- India’s Political Parties: A Report Based on a Comprehensive Profile of Parties and a Survey of Experts on State Politics on 22 December 2022
- Analog Past and Digital Futures: Reflections on India’s Smart Cities Mission on 17 January 2023
- Is Populism Still Defeating Democracy? on 18 January 2023
- Electoral Inclusion for Internal Migrants on 25 January 2023
- Ambiguities Around the Policy Language of Affordable Housing in India on 31 January 2023
- The 17th 5-Institute Budget Seminar 2023: Unpacking the Union Budget 2023–24 on 6 February 2023
- Discussion: A Framework for Intermediary Classification on 7 February 2023
- Talk: Gambling on Development: Why Some Countries Win and Others Lose on 10 February 2023
- Fieldwork and Sexuality Research in India: Identity and Political Economy in a Shared Frame on 15 February 2023
- Talk: Nehru’s India: A History in Seven Myths on 17 February 2023
- Ethical Reflections on Contemporary India on 24 February 2023
- CPR-CSH workshop: Germs, Particles and the Climate: Reflections on Urban Atmospheres on 28 February 2023
- CPR-CSH workshop: Qasbah to Municipality: Contesting Social Hierarchy at Local Boards in the United Provinces (1916–1946) on 28 March 2023
- Analysing the 2023 Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura Assembly Election Results on 4 March 2023
- *Know Your Regulator* Finale and the Release of an e-Handbook with Ideas for Regulatory Reform on 31 March 2023
- Panel discussion: Two Years after Galwan: The State of China-India Ties on 15 June 2022

2. International

- Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav – India and the World: Lecture by Nabil Fahmy on 13 April 2022
- Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav – India and the World: Lecture by Ibrahim Gambari on 19 May 2022
- Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav – India and the World: Lecture by Dr Mohamed ElBaradei on 14 June 2022
- International conference on Sustainable Built Environment organized by the Scaling City Institutions for India Initiative at CPR in partnership with RICS School of Built Environment, Amity University, Noida on 23 February 2023
- Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav – India and the World: A Lecture Series by Distinguished Speakers with a Long, Deep Engagement with India on 19 December 2022
- The Myanmar Coup: Popular Resistance and Regional Responses on 31 August 2022
- The Australia-India Relationship: Bilateral Prospects in the Context of the Geopolitics and Economic Outlook of the Indo-Pacific on 4 August 2022
- Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav – India and the World: Lecture by Tshering Tobgay on 14 August 2022

3. CPR Dialogues 2022–23

- ‘The Welfare State in the Digital Age: Planning for Stronger Public Fund Flows’ by Saurabh Garg, Shrayana Bhattacharya and Avani Kapur on 30 September 2022
- ‘Clearing the Air?: Addressing India’s Air Quality Crisis’ by C.K. Mishra, Ajay Vir Jakhar, Shibani Ghosh and Jayashree Nandi on 30 September 2022
- ‘A New Policy Imagination for the Rural Economy’ by Harish Damodaran, Sudhir Sitapati, Amit Basole and Mekhala Krishnamurthy on 30 September 2022

- ‘Digital Ecosystems and Female Labour Force Participation’ by Ayesha Zainudeen, Sabina Dewan, Himanshu Wardhan, Devesh Taneja and Mukta Naik on 30 September 2022
- ‘Casting a Shadow: India and the Neighbourhood’ by Shivshankar Menon and Sushant Singh on 30 September 2022
- ‘One Thousand Land Laws: Land, Democracy and the Rule of Law’ by Ravi Rebbapragada, Shipra Deo, Chakshu Roy, Kumar Sambhav and Namita Wahi on 30 September 2022
- ‘The Future of DISCOMs in a Green Electricity World’ by Raj Pratap Singh, Ann Josey, Anish De and Ashwini K Swain on 30 September 2022
- ‘How Indians Eiew India and the World: A Discussion Based on Findings from the CPR-C-Voter Survey’ by Shrayana Bhattacharya, Yashwant Deshmukh, Pallavi Raghavan, Gerry Shih and Rahul Verma on 30 September 2022
- ‘Know Your Health Regulators’ by Rajesh Bhushan, Balram Bhargav, VG Somani, Aruna Vanikar and KP Krishnan on 30 September 2022
- ‘Cities of Delhi: An Overview of CPR’s Multidisciplinary Enquiry into Delhi’ on 30 September 2022
- ‘War and Inflation: The world economy in the grip of Polycrisis’ by Adam Tooze, Suman Bery and Yamini Aiyar on 30 September 2022
- ‘Unpacking State Capability for Social Policy, Planning and the Economy: Lessons from India and the World’ by Sampath Kumar, Michal Rutkowski, Parameswaran Iyer and Yamini Aiyer on 1 October 2022
- ‘Governance from the Bottom-up: Panchayats and Fiscal Federalism’ by Hon’ble Buggana Rajendranath Reddy and Yamini Aiyar on 1 October 2022
- ‘India in an Altered Geopolitical Landscape: How Foreign Policy is Leveraging a Challenging External Environment for the Transformation of India’ by Shyam Saran and Sushant Singh on 1 October 2022
- ‘A Conversation with Adam Tooze and Pratap Bhanu Mehta’ by Adam Tooze and Pratap Bhanu Mehta on 1 October 2022
- ‘India’s G20 Moment: Shaping the Global Energy Transition and Climate Action’ by Amitabh Kant, Kelly Sims Gallagher and Navroz K Dubash on 1 October 2022
- ‘Internal Migration and Evolving Policy Frameworks for Governance’ by Hon’ble Manoj Jha, I.A. Kundan, Amrita Datta, Rajiv Khandelwal and Mukta Naik on 1 October 2022
- ‘Building a Fit for Purpose Fiscal Architecture for India’ by Hon’ble Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Rathin Roy and Yamini Aiyar on 1 October 2022

CPR's Initiatives

1. Accountability Initiative

The year 2023 marked the Accountability Initiative's milestone fifteenth anniversary. The initiative works on strengthening transparency and accountability in governance through evidence-based research on state capabilities and factors affecting efficient public services delivery in India. With a vision to enable responsive governance, the initiative works on increasing citizen engagement in policymaking and implementation.

Key Research Output

- The Accountability Initiative's flagship annual Budget Brief series was published for the fifteenth time, and this volume highlighted the trends in fund allocations, releases, expenditures, outputs and outcomes of 12 key centrally sponsored schemes covering education, maternal and newborn health, health systems strengthening, water, nutrition, rural livelihoods and urban development. To mark the research group's anniversary year, they curated a compendium of trends in welfare programmes titled *The Evolution of India's Welfare System from 2008–2023: A Lookback*.
- Kiran Bhatta, Mridusmita Bordoloi, Avani Kapur, Mohammad Hamza and Anupriya Singh wrote a background paper titled *Regulation of Non-State Actors in School Education in India*. Commissioned by UNESCO's Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report, the paper provides background research for the GEM 2022 Regional Report on non-state actors in education in South Asia.
- Avani Kapur and Mridusmita Bordoloi authored a journal article titled "Understanding Policy Focus on Child Protection" published by the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR). The article assesses the extent to which Mission Vatsalaya's new guidelines can help move towards a holistic understanding of child protection and address the shortcomings of its predecessor, the Child Protection Services Scheme.
- Avani Kapur authored a journal article titled "The Mission Creep Problem in Panchayat Finances". Published in *Seminar*, it takes a critical look at the real-status devolution of funds and functions to Panchayati Raj institutions using the case of the period post the 14th Finance Commission which significantly increased resources for local governments.
- Sidharth Santhosh, Ritwik Shukla and Avani Kapur authored an issue brief titled "A Comprehensive Overview of Departmental Convergence Under MGNREGS". The brief is an extensive policy content analysis of 37 publicly available policy documents, including circulars, guidelines and presentations, published by various national ministries. It unpacks how convergence is understood under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).
- Researchers from the Accountability Initiative and the International Food Policy Research Institute collaborated on a costing study published as a policy note, "Financing Nutrition in India: Cost Implications of the Nutrition Policy Landscape 2022–23". This note unpacks the costs involved in fully financing a set of core direct nutrition interventions (DNIs) at scale in FY 2022–23.
- Ritwik Shukla and Avani Kapur 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 presents a detailed protocol on determining the costs of a large national mHealth job aid and behavioural change communication tool known as Integrated Child Development Services–Common Application Software (ICDS-CAS) in India. It presents lessons for policymakers on how to ensure financial planning to scale mHealth interventions.
- Rajika Seth, Sidharth Santhosh, Avani Kapur, Neeha Susan Jacob and Pritika Malhotra authored a policy note entitled "Making It Work: Institutionalising Social Audits in Meghalaya in India". The study understood how social audits have been institutionalized in Meghalaya and identified core areas that the the state social audit unit (that conducts the social audits) and the state government (that is audited) can strengthen to ensure that efficient audits are conducted.
- Tanya Rana, Ritwik Shukla, Avani Kapur authored a policy note titled "Where Do the Victims of Gender

Based Violence Go: A Needs Analysis for Women’s Safety Schemes in India”. The study looked at the status and finances of two women’s safety schemes run by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) covering a wide range of reported crimes including domestic violence, kidnapping and abduction, sexual harassment, trafficking, acid attacks, cybercrimes, and dowry harassment and deaths.

- Avani Kapur and Sidharth Santhosh authored a paper on the challenges encountered by street-level bureaucrats during digital transitions in the delivery of social welfare schemes in five Indian states. The authors presented their initial findings at the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad’s (IIM-A) India Public Policy Network (IPPN) Annual Conference 2022 in December 2022.
- In keeping with their public engagement every year, experts from the Accountability Initiative wrote for a variety of established media houses. In addition, the Accountability Initiative held a workshop for journalists in English and Hindi to understand and use the Union Budget in their stories.

Select Policy Engagements

- The research group conducted data checks, validation and analysis on two national-level surveys (Ease of Living and Mission Antodaya). This was part of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Rural Development.
- A new MoU was signed between the Accountability Initiative and the government of Meghalaya to study the status of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the state. This is in addition to a previous MoU under which the research group assisted the state departments of Finance and Planning t developing Meghalaya’s first Gender and Youth Budgets.
- As part of an MoU with the Chief Minister of Rajasthan’s Economic Transformation Advisory Council (CMRETAC), the research group mapped data generation, use and processes across the state departments of education, health and family welfare and Panchayati Raj. The study on data use by the government also recommended methods to manage data flows and the ways to use them for effective decision-making.
- The research group also supported the government of Andhra Pradesh by evaluating some of its welfare programmes.
- Avani Kapur was selected as part of the task force for a working group to revamp the Mission Antodaya questionnaire by the Ministry of Rural Development.
- Avani Kapur was part of the expert consultation for “Finalisation of Municipal Grievance Redressal Knowledge Standard for Digital Governance” conducted by the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA).
- Avani Kapur made a presentation at the Cross-Zonal Programme on Gender Budgeting held by UN Women and the Gender Budgeting Division, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India.

Select Public Engagements

- A special panel titled ‘The Welfare State in the Digital Age: Planning for Stronger Public Fund Flows’ was curated as part of this year’s CPR Dialogues. The discussion aimed to further the debate on the new opportunities and barriers in moving towards a more holistic public finance management system which strengthens the implementation of social welfare programmes through the policy cycle, from formulation, execution to evaluation.
- An open roundtable discussion on the regulation of non-state actors in India’s school education was organized against the backdrop of the release of a paper titled *Regulation of Non-State Actors in School Education in India*, which contributed to the 2022 Global Education Monitoring (GEM) South Asia report on non-state actors in education. The roundtable saw eminent personalities who have worked extensively on regulation offer their views.
- Avani Kapur was also a panellist at the national launch of the 2022 GEM South Asia Report on non-state actors in education on a panel titled “Expert Roundtable Discussion: Exploring Dimensions of Non-state Engagement in India”.
- In collaboration with the World Bank, the Accountability Initiative organized a presentation titled ‘Improving Effective Coverage in Health: Do Financial Incentives Work?’. As part of the presentation, Damien de Walque and Eeshani Kandpal reviewed evidence of the impact of performance-based financing on health service delivery over a period of 15 years in nearly 40 countries with specific emphasis on the

quality of service delivery.

- Avani Kapur was a speaker in a workshop involving members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) titled Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Fiscal Transfers organized by PRS Legislative Research.
- Avani Kapur was a faculty member for a course titled ‘Understanding PHN: Towards Policy and Action’ conducted by the Public Health Foundation of India on nutrition policy and action in India.
- Avani Kapur was the chair of the ‘Public Finance and Governance Panel: 25th Anniversary Conference on Institutions and Public Policy’. She was also a panellist in a session titled ‘Role of Independent Institutions in Public Discourse and Delivery’ organized by the Centre for Budget and Policy Studies (CBPS). Tanya Rana also presented her work in the gender and public spaces panel organized on the same occasion.

Partnerships and Collaborations

- In collaboration with the Piramal Foundation, Project Samanvay was built to enhance the capacity of members of Panchayati Raj institutions from the tribal district of Barwani (Pati Block) in Madhya Pradesh. As part of the learning programmes delivered by the research group, the Panchayati Raj institution members explored the complexities of the administrative and financial structures that they operate in in depth.
- Each year, the research group conducts learning courses for development practitioners. Seventy grassroots development professionals were trained in Madhya Pradesh and Bihar as part of the flagship Hum Aur Humaari Sarkaar programme. In addition, in keeping with demand, two additional modules on social protection and e-governance were added to the course. In addition, course alumni and practitioners at-large continued to access the Hum Aur Humaari Sarkaar website (<https://humaarisarkaar.in/>). The website’s three most popular sections are: Prashasan ke Sitaare (Star Performers from the Public Administration); Seekhne ke Sansadhan (Learning Resources) and Saathiyon ke Vichaar (Alumni Speak).
- For the fifth year in a row, staff from the Accountability Initiative trained students of the Indian School of Development Management (ISDM) through the flagship Understanding State Capabilities’ course. Sixty-five students pursuing the postgraduate programme in development management were part of these in-person sessions. Trainings were also given to a cohort of the EduMentum^x programme co-orchestrated by Shikshalokam and Mantra4Change and participants of the University of Chicago’s International Innovation Corps Fellowship were also given training. Participants from social impact organizations such as Sambodhi Research, Sanjhi Sikhiya Foundation, Nudge and the Health Systems Transformation Platform also enrolled for the course in the last financial year.

Other Key Highlights

- In 2020, the PULSE (Platform to Understand, Learn, Share and Exchange) for Development was launched to bring together development practitioners working to mitigate the adverse impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. In 2022, a conscious decision was made to connect practitioners working on the India’s longstanding development challenges in the attainment of the SDGs.
- One of PULSE for Development’s most significant achievements is the development of tracks, or mini communities of practice, dedicated to a specific policy issue. In 2022, as part of the Transform NEEV Collective, a track on child protection and well-being in Maharashtra was initiated, which will bring together public officials, civil society organization (CSO) partners and researchers with in-depth knowledge of child protection and the causes and consequences of their vulnerability in the state to develop of appropriate recommendations. In addition, the Accountability Initiative will be studying allied services and funding of child welfare services, which will be published as a report. It will also develop organograms of government structures under the flagship Mapping Governance learning tool.
- To mark the Union Budget of 2023, the Accountability Initiative released “The Budget Game”, an interactive, online game that puts the player in the driver’s seat while making fund allocations to various government schemes to achieve development goals with limited fiscal resources. This serves as an excellent introduction on how funding decisions are made by the union government and their consequences.
- Launched immediately after the spread of the pandemic’s in March 2020, *Inside Districts*, an interview series, documented the lived experiences of frontline government workers, other public officials and citizens accessing government schemes in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan. In 2022, as the impact of the pandemic waned, the series continued to document the longer-term development challenges that arose as a result of the pandemic.

- The education section of the Mapping Governance learning tool was launched during the CPR Dialogues in 2022. Mapping Governance is an interactive, visual and dynamic tool that provides a holistic view of how social sector programmes in India are governed and delivered from the union level down to the last mile. Maps for the education sector have been designed Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, with other maps in the nutrition sector.
- To mark 75 years of India's independence, the Accountability Initiative started the *State Speak* interview series featuring insights from Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers from various districts and other public officials who have a deep understanding on how the country is being governed along with the related challenges and best practices. The interviews provide valuable insights into policy implementation and the decision-making keeping in mind the needs of local communities.
- The Accountability Initiative also conducted a session on public policy, public administration, policy design and implementation, and public finance as part of the Public Policy Certification Programme for Faculty and PhD-holders belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Marginalised Groups.

2. India Infrastructures and Ecologies Program

This program seeks to advance multidisciplinary and applied research in the political ecology of large infrastructure projects. The initiative conducts research at the intersections of infrastructure development, natural resource management and legal governance frameworks at transnational, national and state levels.

Key Research Output

Kanchi Kohli and Manju Menon coauthored an essay titled ‘Environment Regulation’, which was published in *Understanding Post-COVID-19 Governance Challenges in India: A Compendium of Essays*, a report brought out by the Azim Premji University. The essay reviews recent changes in environmental standards meant to aid economic recovery in mid- and post-pandemic India.

Select Public Engagements

- Manju Menon was a speaker at the Anthropocene Lecture series 2022 organized by the Jawaharlal Nehru University in May 2022. Her talk was titled ‘Khori Gaon and the Unsettled Interpretations of Forests in Haryana’.
- Manju Menon was a panellist in a webinar on environment, climate and tribes organized by the Socrates Foundation for Collective Wisdom and the Odisha Environment Congress in December 2022.
- Kanchi Kohli was part of panel titled ‘Towards a People-Centric Energy Transition’ at the Girish Sant Memorial Annual Event organized by Prayas Energy Group in Pune in February 2023.
- Manju Menon and Kanchi Kohli spoke at a training programme on National Training of Trainers (ToT) Workshop (Marine Fisheries) on the Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines organized by International Collective in Support of Fish Workers in October 2022.
- Manju Menon and Kanchi Kohli were panellists at the roundtable on cities and climate action organized by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in March 2023.

Partnerships and Collaborations

Podcasts

Manju Menon and Kanchi Kohli did a series of podcasts with *The Hindu* unpacking the proposed and final changes to environment and forest governance frameworks:

- Kanchi Kohli, ‘Environment Performance Index 2022: Can it Trigger Positive Changes in Environmental Decision-making?’, 28 June 2022 in *In Focus Podcast* produced by *The Hindu*.
- Kanchi Kohli, ‘Do the New Forest Conservation Rules Favour Private Developers?’, 25 July 2022, in *In Focus Podcast* produced by *The Hindu*.
- Manju Menon, ‘What Are the Changes Being Proposed to Environmental Protection Laws?’, 13 July 2022, in *In Focus Podcast* produced by *The Hindu*.
- Kanchi Kohli, ‘Decoding the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework’, 4 January 2023 in *In Focus Podcast* produced by *The Hindu*.
- Kanchi Kohli, ‘Decoding the UN High Seas Treaty’, 15 March 2023, in the *In Focus Podcast* produced by *The Hindu*.

3. Initiative on Cities, Economy, and Society

The Initiative on Cities, Economy and Society (ICES) engages with the process of urban transition in India, tracking its evolution in spatial, economic and social terms. In particular, the initiative focuses on how urbanization is managed and how it affects people's engagement with the state.

Key Research Output

- Mukta Naik coauthored an article titled “Shock Mobilities during Moments of Acute Uncertainty” in the *Geopolitics* journal on 25 July 2022.
- Mukta Naik published an article titled “Testing the Waters: Young Women’s Work and Mobile Aspirations in India’s Small Cities” in the journal *Social Change* on 13 June 2022.
- Mukta Naik coauthored an article titled “COVID-19 and India's Ongoing Migration Fiasco Some Lessons for Policy and Research” in the *Economic and Political Weekly* on 16 April 2022.
- Mukta Naik authored a chapter titled “Subjectivities and Collective Lives in Gurgaon’s Urban Villages” in the book *Neighbourhoods and Neighbourliness in Urban South Asia* (Routledge India, 2022).
- Pushpa Pathak and Marie-Hélène Zérah co-authored a chapter titled “Indian Smart Cities: The Challenges Ahead” in *ASEAN and India: The Way Forward*, edited by Tommy Koh, Hernaikh Singh, Moe Thuzar (World Scientific, Singapore) and published in 2022.
- Khaliq Parkar, Marie-Hélène Zérah and Gaurav Mittal coauthored a paper titled “Platformisation, Infrastructuring, and Datafication: Regional Variations in the Digitalisation of Indian Cities” in the *Economic and Political Weekly* in April 2023. The paper focuses on institutional rescaling through special purpose vehicles while also looking at the historical institutional trajectories of state-led urban and e-governance reforms shaping paths of cities towards digital futures. The article develops a heuristic framework of platformization–infrastructuring–datafication to read digitalization in Indian smart cities in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Karnataka and Punjab. The paper argues that the previously unnoticed legacy of e-governance and other state digitalization practices through the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and NEGP have significantly shaped the trajectories of smart cities.
- Marie-Hélène Zérah and Sarada Das co-authored an article titled “Solar Rooftop Systems and the Urban Transition: Shall the Twain Ever Meet? Interrogations from Rewari, India” in the *Journal of Urban Technology* on 24 February 2023. The paper talks about the public policies being framed by applying a rigid territorial grid opposing urban and rural, using a multi-pronged qualitative methodology in a corridor made up of villages and small towns.
- Véronique Dupont in collaboration with Shankare Gowda authored a chapter titled “COVID-19 Responses of Displaced Slum Dwellers in Delhi. Who to Trust and to Rely on in Times of Sanitary and Economic Crisis?” in *COVID-19 Responses of Local Communities Around the World: Exploring Trust in the Context of Risk and Fear*, edited by K.E. Kuah, G. Guilheux and F. Lim (Routledge, 2022). In the context of the 2020–21 COVID-19 pandemic and its resultant lockdowns, Dupont and Gowda conducted two series of in-depth interviews to assess the multidimensional impact of the sanitary and economic crisis on displaced slum families and to examine the responses of local communities, with a focus on the condition of families in transit camps.
- Partha Mukhopadhyay and Neelanjan Sircar published an article titled “Proximity and Precarity in Urban Governance” in *Seminar* on 6 March 2023, focusing on two key axes of difference with respect to rural governance—proximity and precarity—to understand the incapacitation of urban governance to make a difference in the lives of citizens.
- Asaf Ali Lone published an essay titled “*Housing and Spatial Segregation: Snippets from Aurangabad*” in the *India Housing Report* on 8 June 2022. This essay discusses how the experiences of housing emanate not just from aspects of affordability, economic activity and city planning, but that they also link back to how social, cultural and political events and processes have unfolded over time. This article is based on fieldwork done in Aurangabad and traces the historical evolution of housing and spatial segregation in the city.
- Manish published a policy brief titled “Evictions and Due Process in Delhi” in the *Indian Housing Report*. In the absence of an enforceable, substantive right to housing, communities living in slums and other informal settlements have mobilized over the years, using both courts and political advocacy to protect themselves from

eviction. This has resulted in a series of judgments, policies and some legislation, relying on constitutional provisions and India's commitments under international law, extending at least some procedural safeguards (and limited substantive rights) to these communities. This brief documents these processes and provisions in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

- Manish published an article titled "Evaluating India's New Anti-Conversion Laws" in the *Comparative Constitutional Law and Administrative Law Journal* on 23 May 2022. Analysing a cross-section of these laws from different states, this article argues that these newer provisions are unconstitutional for three reasons: they are in excess of the restrictions permitted in Stainislaus, they violate Article 25 of the Constitution, and are not saved by the exception in public order.
- Aman Srivastava, Mandakini Chandra and Partha Mukhopadhyay published a policy brief titled "Realising India's Emissions Intensity Pledge: Data Needs and Short-Term Actions" supported by the British High Commission, New Delhi under the UK-India Economic Policy Program in 2022.
- Partha Mukhopadhyay published a policy brief titled "Asset Monetisation: Matching Monetisation Models to Revenue Streams" supported by the British High Commission, New Delhi, under the UK-India Economic Policy Program on 15 June 2022.
- Gaurav Mittal presented a paper titled "Variegated Pathways Towards Smart Urbanism: Urban Data Regimes Under the Smart Cities Mission in India" at the Beyond Smart Cities Today: Power, Justice, and Resistance conference at Malmö University, Malmö, Sweden. This presentation discussed the ongoing digitalizing of Indian cities due to the Smart Cities Mission, arguing that there is an emergence of exclusive variegation in Indian smart cities and that these initiatives in Indian cities depend heavily upon historical pathways and the role of state governments in urban governance.

Select Policy Engagements

- A discussion titled 'Roundtable on State-Led Initiatives on Internal Migration' was organized in collaboration with UNICEF and IMAKE on 9 December 2022 in New Delhi. Here, representatives from six states presented good practices on the inclusion of internal migrants, especially women and children.
- Mukta Naik participated in the national consultation on labour migration governance in India on 28 and 29 July 2022 organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in New Delhi.
- Mukta Naik has been part of the advisory groups of research projects and a member of the Advisory Board of the Jharkhand Migration Survey being implemented by the Policy and Development Advisory Group (PDAG) since October 2022.
- Asaf Ali Lone participated two iterations of the National Pre-Session for Universal Periodic Review (UPR) IV, taking place on 15–16 September 2022 and 3–4 March 2022), which were organized by the Secretariat of the Working Group on Human Rights in India and the UN (WGHR) at India International Centre in New Delhi.
- Mukta Naik participated in a consultation organized by the World Bank titled "Enhancing Women's Access to Paid Work in India" on 5 December 2022 in New Delhi.
- Gaurav Mittal, Khaliq Parkar, Marie-Hélène Zérah and Barathi Nakkeeran organized a two-day international conference titled, "Analog Pasts and Digital Futures: Reflections on India's Smart Cities Mission" in New Delhi, which included a panel discussion involving smart city policy experts and Mr Kunal Kumar, the Joint Secretary and Mission Director, Smart Cities Mission, Government of India on 19 January 2023. The discussions that emerged from the conference and policy panel shed light on smart governance issues, new infrastructures, the potential of smart cities to offer solutions to long-standing urban problems and digital democracy futures.

Select public engagements

- Members of the research team participated in a two-day workshop conducted by the Women, Work, and the Gig economy (WWGE) consortium on 23 and 24 June 2022 in New Delhi, where they presented findings from the project Ecosystems of Engagement: Digital Platform and Women's Work in Sri Lanka and India.
- Members of the CPR team participated in a two-day workshop of the Women, Work, and the Gig economy (WWGE) consortium, researchers presented findings via a panel discussion at Internet Researchers Conference in May 2022.
- Mukta Naik presented a paper titled *Youth Employment, Aspirations and Mobilities in Smaller Cities: Learnings from two Indian Cases* at a panel titled International Migration to Small and Mid-Sized Cities on 23 March 2023 at the Annual Conference of the American Geographers Association (AAG) Conference in Denver, United States.

- Mukta Naik presented a paper titled *Governing Migrants in Disempowered Cities: A View from India* at the Cities and Human Mobility Research Collaborative Vienna Research Symposium held from 1–2 March 2023. This symposium was organized by the Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility at The New School and the Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna.
- Mukta Naik was a panellist for a discussion titled “Where Are the Women in Climate Action?” at the collaborative conference ‘Integrating Gender and Climate Change Conversations’ on 24 February 2023 at the India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi. The ‘Discussions on Engendering the Discourse’ event was organized as part of the IIC Diamond Jubilee in collaboration with Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace (WISCOMP), an initiative of the Foundation for Universal Responsibility and the Kubernein Initiative.
- Mukta Naik delivered an expert talk titled “Housing Paradigms: Study of Demography, Migration, the Social Aspects of Migration, Gentrification, Ghettoization, Housing & Slums and Its Effect on Urbanisation and Architecture” on 9 February 2023 at the KMEA College of Architecture, Ernakulam.
- Mukta Naik was a panellist at the “First Roundtable on Evidence for Children in India” on 30 and 31 January 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Delhi, at a session titled “Building an Evidence Agenda - Children Aged 7 to 10 years”.
- Mukta Naik presented a paper titled “Tracing Internal Migration Governance in India Through a ‘Mainstreaming’ Lens” on 30 December 2022 at the 2nd Annual International Conference on “Internal Migrants in the Cities: Entangled Lives” organized by the International Institute of Migration and Development (IIMAD) and Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH).
- Kanhu Pradhan Singh taught a course titled “Demographic Transition and Migration” in Institutional Training for HAS and Allied Services at Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, on 17 August 2022.
- Shamindra Nath Roy taught a course on GIS as an adjunct faculty at the Dr B.R. Ambedkar University in New Delhi for the MA in Urban Studies programme and a course titled Mapping and Visualization-II for the BA in Sustainable Urbanism programme (November 2022 to April 2023).
- Shamindra Nath Roy was a resource person for the Winter School on the course Reading Cities through Neighbourhoods. He taught two sessions on mapping neighbourhoods from 15–20 February 2023).
- Shamindra Nath Roy was part of a discussion titled “Can PLFS 2020-21 Help Us Understand Internal Migration Patterns in India?”, organized by CPR and the Initiative on Migration Action and Knowledge Engagement (I-MAKE) on 2nd December 2022.
- Shamindra Nath Roy served as an expert for the WRI Research Cafe report titled Vulnerability Assessment Framework for Indian Cities published 1 September 2022.
- Shamindra Nath Roy participated as a resource person on urban thinkers lab on the topic “Contemplating Urban Precarity in Post-COVID Cities”. This was organized by the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) on 13 May 2022.
- Asaf Ali Lone made a presentation on his paper titled “Repartitioning Identities and Urban Spaces: (Un)Bordering Muslim Identity in India” in the *Citizenship and Migration in South Asia: Looking Beyond Partition*, Beyond Partition Working Group Annual Conference, Royal Holloway in Egham on 10 June 2022.
- Kanhu Pradhan Singh presented a paper titled “Internal Migration in India – Drivers and Policy Responses” organized by the J-PAL South Asia Conference in Delhi on 15 June 2022.
- Asaf Ali Lone participated in a roundtable panel titled “Rethinking Law and Democracy Education: Student-Led Learning” at the Bergen Exchanges on Law & Social Transformation organized by the University of Bergen and Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway, on 26 August 2022.
- Marie-Hélène Zérah wrote a book review of *La Ville Néolibérale* by Gilles Pinson which was published in the journal *Revue Française de Sociologie* in 2022.
- Mukta Naik wrote a book review of *Urban Housing, Livelihoods and Environmental Challenges in Emerging Economies* by Rajesh Bhattacharya and Annapurna Shaw, and this was published in the *Environment and Urbanization Asia* journal.
- Asaf Ali Lone participated in the Winter School/workshop on land governance and development (5–10 December 2022), which was jointly organized by the Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, and NRMCI India Centre for Land Governance (an Intellectcap Subsidiary), Bhubaneswar, at the Azim Premji University, Bengaluru.
- Asaf Ali Lone participated in a virtual summer institute (1–4 August 2022) titled “Methodologies for Just Urban Futures: Using Geospatial Tools to Address Police Violence” organized by the Clark University, USA.
- Asaf Ali Lone chaired a four paper-panel titled ‘Borderlands and Exile’ in the online workshop “Social and Political Responses to the Missing and Dead: Conflict, Migration and Beyond”, which was co-convened by the Australian National University and University of York from 5–8 December 2022.

- Mukta Naik was a panellist in a tech talk titled “Cities Adaptation to Climate Change”, which was organized online on 10 November 2022 by Freie Universität in Berlin.
- Mukta Naik was a panellist at a roundtable on Urban India’s Affordable Housing Challenge on 29 September 2022 organized by the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) and the Ford Foundation.
- Mukta Naik was a panellist at the National Meeting of Informal Sector Workers held on 4–5 November 2022 organized by the IGSSS.
- Mukta Naik coordinated a three-part *Coffee Chat* series on internal migration at Pulse for Development on 26 May, 24 June and 27 July 2022.
- Shamindra Nath Roy was a mentor for the online certificate course offered by Prayaas–Centre for New Economic Studies (CNES) on electoral analysis and party politics in India (25–26 March and 1–2 April 2023). He taught two sessions on political data, visualization and mapping.
- Asaf Ali Lone presented a paper titled ““Tracing the ‘Missing Men’: The Trail of Disappearances and Gendered Histories of Conflict in Kashmir” at an online workshop titled “Social and Political Responses to the Missing and Dead: Conflict, Migration and Beyond”, co-convened by the Australian National University and University of York from 5–8 December 2022.

Partnerships and Collaborations

- The CPR-AFD-NIUA partnership for the Smart Cities Project is being implemented by the French National Institute of Sustainable Development (IRD) in collaboration with CPR and the NIUA. It is supported by the French Development Agency (AFD)
- Women, Work, and the Gig Economy (WWGE) consortium funded by IDRC and anchored by the Just Jobs Network joins a growing research stream that seeks to make sense of women’s work in a labour market experiencing rapid technological transformations. The “Ecosystems of Engagement” project, which involves CPR, LIRNEasia, the Indian Institute of Human Settlements and the World Resources Institute, takes a multi-stakeholder, multi-sectoral approach. The project collects insights from platform companies and women partners and brings these into conversation with policy experts, academicians and practitioners in the areas of labour, employment, gender and digital governance.
- A CPR Dialogues session titled “Digital Ecosystems and Female Labour Force Participation” was held on 30 September 2022. The panel addressed questions related to how platform jobs change the gendered norms of work that exist offline to increase women’s labour force participation. It also looked at the impact of digital ecosystems on the quality of jobs and whether the benefits outweigh the costs.
- Joint research on urbanization, citizenship and services in India is part of the long-term collaboration between CPR and the IRD.
- ICES is part of the Cities and Human Mobilities Collaborative—anchored at the Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility, Vienna—a global network that deepens research on how cities can respond to migrant needs and influence migration policy. Mukta Naik represented CPR in these meetings and dialogues
- Mukta Naik has served on the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for the Cities for You(th) initiative coordinated by Safetipin since May 2022.
- The Initiative for Migration Action and Knowledge Engagement (IMAKE) was launched as part of CPR Dialogues in a session titled “Internal Migration and Evolving Policy Frameworks for Governance” on 1 October 2022. IMAKE is a centre on migration aiming to reduce vulnerability and enhance the agency of India’s 450+ million migrant population by mainstreaming their concerns into the policy and development ecosystem. Besides CPR, India Migration Now and LEAD at Krea University have come together to work on IMAKE.

Other key highlights

- Véronique Dupont, in collaboration with Shankare Gowda, pursued her research on subaltern urbanism, with a follow-up study of the slum redevelopment project of Kathputli Colony in Delhi, the first project of that kind launched by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) under a public-private partnership. It affected around 18,000 people, most of whom were resettled in a transit camp between 2014 and 2017 and are still awaiting their final in-situ rehabilitation.
- Marie-Hélène Zérah, Gaurav Mittal, Khaliq Parkar, Kanchan Gandhi and Barathi Nakkeeran conducted qualitative fieldwork in Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab in 2022 and 2023 to investigate the ground-level

realities of the Indian government's Smart Cities Mission. This involved interactions with state- and city-level bureaucrats, politicians, civil society persons, and private technology companies in the smart cities of Mangaluru, Bengaluru, Satna, Bhopal, Chandigarh and Amritsar. The study identified a variety of urban governance changes brought about by the Mission, including the ongoing digitalization of municipal services and the shifts in state-society relations. Importantly, the research recognized the complexity of the Smart Cities Mission, arguing that, while it hasn't resulted in a complete overhaul, it has resulted in positive changes in city administration and governance. Through the introduction of new actors, such as special purpose vehicles and digital vendors and consultants, the Mission has disrupted existing power relationships between and within the bureaucratic, political and civil society realms. Finally, the study also found that these transformations vary across states and cities, indicating a critical need for situated analyses of Indian smart cities, especially for tier II and tier III cities.

4. Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment

The Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment (ICEE) aims to stimulate an informed debate on the laws, policies and institutions shaping climate, energy and environmental governance in India. ICEE's research focuses on an improved understanding of climate, development and environmental challenges—and pathways to improved outcomes—in three key areas: climate policy and institutions, the political economy of energy transition in India, and air quality governance.

Key Research Output

- Shibani Ghosh, Arunesh Karkun, Sharon Mathew, Prannv Dhawan and Bhargav Krishna co-authored a series of working papers titled *The State of India's Pollution Control Boards* examining the institutional structure and capacity of pollution control boards of ten states and union territories (UTs) in the Indo-Gangetic Plain: Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal. The findings reveal significant shortcomings, such as high vacancy rates and inadequate representation of individuals with expertise in air quality management among other issues. The papers also highlight the need to reform India's environmental regulatory institutions to improve air quality and reduce its pervasive impact on our health.
- Aditya Valiathan Pillai and Tamanna Dalal co-authored a report titled *How is India Adapting to Heatwaves? An Assessment of Heat Action Plans with Insights for Transformative Climate Action*. The report conducts a first-of-its-kind critical review of 37 heat action plans across 18 states in India and suggests improvements to enhance their effectiveness in addressing the impacts of extreme heat. It represents a new area of focus for CPR and the Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment (ICEE) centred on climate adaptation and how states can prepare for adverse climate impact. The findings received extensive media coverage, featuring prominently in major international, national, regional and vernacular publications.
- Parth Bhatia and Karnamadakala Rahul Sharma co-authored a book chapter titled "How Just and Democratic Is India's Solar Energy Transition?: An Analysis of State Solar Policies in India" in *Climate Justice in India* (Cambridge University Press, 2022). The chapter contains an assessment of state policies to understand whether and how they are incorporating energy justice goals.
- Aman Srivastava and Navroz K. Dubash collaborated with IIT Delhi to develop the Climate Futures Project, which presents a common framework to assess, compare and interpret the results of energy emissions modelling studies in India. Using this framework, they assessed the findings of three recent modelling studies and their implications for climate policymaking.
- Anirudh Sridhar and Navroz K. Dubash co-authored a policy brief in collaboration with the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the London School of Economics (UK) and Climate Legal (South Africa) titled "Climate Governance Functions: Towards Context-Specific Climate Laws". The brief addresses the role and potential of domestic climate law in responding to climate change with a view to establish a set of approaches that can reconcile existing views and adapt them to various governance needs.

Select Policy Engagements

- ICEE, along with IIT Delhi, was the overall anchor institution and technical knowledge partner for the Long-term Low Emissions and Development Strategy (LT-LEDS), India's first submission of a long-term climate strategy.
- ICEE researchers provided inputs to the Government of Madhya Pradesh in the drafting of the state's action plan on climate change.
- As part of a public consultation process, ICEE submitted comments to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on why the proposed amendments to the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981 need to be reconsidered.
- Navroz K. Dubash spoke at the G20 development working group event "Infusing New LiFE into Green Development".

- Suravee Nayak was part of a G20 working group meeting titled “Principles and Guidelines for Just and Inclusive Energy Transition”.
- Aditya Valiathan Pillai presented findings from the CPR report *How is India Adapting to Heatwaves? An Assessment of Heat Action Plans with Insights for Transformative Climate Action* at the National Disaster Management Authority’s annual preparatory meeting on heatwaves.
- Aditya Valiathan Pillai also conducted training on the topic “India’s people, economy and government in a more destructive climate” for scientists and technologists working in the government sector at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie on 13 March 2023.
- Navroz K. Dubash spoke at a technical dialogue-focused exchange on international cooperation on holistic and integrated approaches held at COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh. The focused exchange was part of the first global stocktaking process under the Paris Agreement. After COP27, Dubash held a session with members of Parliament to discuss the outcomes of the summit.

Select Public Engagements

- At the CPR Dialogues 2022, the ICEE put together panel discussions on India’s G-20 presidency and its role in shaping the global energy transition, the challenges involved in cleaning up India’s air, focus areas for future air pollution policymaking and the possible pathways to making DISCOMs economically viable in the context of a green transition.
- The ICEE organized a panel discussion on the key decisions made at COP27 along with understanding what they mean for the future of climate diplomacy and policy. The panel consisted of Richa Sharma, Additional Secretary at the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of India; Sunita Narain, Director General of the Centre for Science and Environment; and Harjeet Singh, Head of Global Political Strategy at the Climate Action Network International.
- The ICEE organised a panel discussion on the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2022, and the possible implications of the proposed changes to electricity laws with energy sector practitioners, experts and civil society representatives in attendance.
- At COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh, ICEE researchers organized an side event titled “Designing Governance Systems to Enable Effective Implementation of the Paris Agreement” in collaboration with the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the London School of Economics (UK) and Climate Legal (South Africa).
- ICEE researchers also participated in several discussions at COP27. Navroz K. Dubash was a speaker at a session by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) titled “Delivering a Sustainable Future: Feasibility and Policy”. Aman Srivastava spoke at a discussion “What Role for Carbon Prices as Energy Market Turbulence Continues?” organized by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).
- Bhargav Krishna was part of a panel discussion titled “Unpacking the Complexities of the Air Pollution Problem” at the annual convening of the Clean Air Collective on 16–17 March 2023 in Bengaluru.

Partnerships and Collaborations

- Anirudh Sridhar and Navroz K. Dubash led a collaborative project with the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the London School of Economics and Climate Legal (South Africa) on the climate governance functions required to enable low-carbon, climate-resilient transitions to net zero.
- Aman Srivastava and Navroz K. Dubash collaborated with IIT Delhi to develop The Climate Futures Project, which introduces a common framework to assess, compare and interpret the results of energy-emissions modelling studies in India. Using this framework, they assessed the findings of three recent modelling studies and their implications for climate policymaking. They also organised a discussion with sector experts on how modelling exercises can better serve the policy community in the future.
- CPR, in collaboration with Prayas Energy Group and WRI-India, is building a multi-year, trans-sectoral

initiative to assess energy transition preparedness and progress in Indian states. Known as the Energy Transition Preparedness Initiative (ETPI), this is 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.

5. Land Rights Initiative

The Land Rights Initiative (LRI) aims to build systematic knowledge on land rights issues in the country. The initiative's research focuses on the constitutional right to property, land acquisition, land rights in the scheduled areas and mapping land legislation in India.

Key Research Output

- On 30 September 2022, at the CPR Dialogues, Namita Wahi, Lead, LRI launched the mobile version of the Mapping Indian Land Laws website (www.landlawsofindia.org), India's first ever interactive, exploratory archive of central and state land laws.
- Mugdha Mohapatra authored a working paper on *Land Rights for Urban Slum Dwellers: A Review of the Odisha Land Rights to Slum Dwellers Act, 2017, and the Jaga Mission*, which was published on 28 October 2022.
- Arkaja Singh co-edited a special issue of the journal *Water* titled *Water and Sanitation as Human Rights: Have They Strengthened Marginalized Peoples' Claim for Access?* with Bruce Wilson and Dan Brinks in September 2022. Arkaja Singh also co-authored an article titled "The Decentred Construction of Global Rights: Lessons from the Human Rights to Water and Sanitation" Dan Brinks and Bruce Wilson for the special issue.
- Two other CPR papers, one by Namita Wahi titled "The Evolution of the Right to Water in India" and Arkaja Singh's titled "The Right to Water, Law and Municipal Practice: Case Studies from India" were also featured in this special issue.
- On 20 June 2022, Arkaja Singh and Namita Wahi participated in a moderated discussion with the authors of the special issue *Water and Sanitation as Human Rights: Have They Strengthened Marginalized Peoples' Claim for Access?* convened by Jackie Dugard.
- On 24 August 2022, Arkaja Singh spoke at a panel titled "The Human Right to Water v. the Rights of Water?" at the Bergen Exchanges, in Bergen, with Bruce Wilson, John McNeish, Catalina Vallejo and Evelyn Villareal.

Select Policy Engagements

- In January 2023, Namita Wahi presented the Mapping Indian Land Laws website to researchers at the North Eastern Social Science Research Centre, scholars, lawyers and government officials in Guwahati, Assam.

Bilateral Dialogues

- **Germany:** On 25 February 2022, Namita Wahi was invited to an informal interaction of Indian civil society leaders with His Excellency Olaf Scholz, the German Chancellor, on his visit to India. The interaction focused on areas of common engagement and historical ties between Germany and India and highlighted areas of common engagement between the two countries in the future.
- **Australia:** Namita Wahi represented India as part of the Tenth Australia India Youth Dialogue held from 30 May to 4 June 2022 in Sydney (Macquarie University and Sydney University) and Melbourne (Deakin University and Monash University). Held annually, the Dialogue brings together thirty outstanding young leaders from the fields of academia, arts, business, journalism, policy, politics, films and sports to create enduring relationships between India and Australia and to collaborate on initiatives that build sustainable outcomes for both countries. The theme of the Dialogue was "Build Back Better" with four subthemes. The first subtheme on "Build Back Stronger" focused on greater cohesion between the foreign policies of Australia and India as part of the Quad. The remaining subthemes focused on technological innovation ("Build Back Smarter"), greater equity in both countries ("Build Back Fairer") and sustainability initiatives for preventing the adverse effects.

- **Lectures/Teaching**

1. On 30 June 2022, Namita Wahi gave a lecture at the Australia India Institute on policy research in India seen from the lens of CPR and the LRI.
2. On 21 June 2022, Namita Wahi gave a lecture at the Melbourne School of Design titled "The Legal Regime and Political Economy of Land Rights of Indigenous Communities in India".

3. On 10 August 2022, Wahi gave a talk titled “One Thousand Land Laws: Mapping Indian Land Laws” at the Chr. Michelsen Institute in Bergen.
4. On 19 August 2022 Wahi lectured on “Contesting Land Rights” at the Bergen Exchanges PhD course.
5. On 18 November 2022, Wahi gave a lecture titled “Forest Laws and Policies and the Legal Regime and Political Economy of Land Rights of Scheduled Tribes in Scheduled Areas of India” to tribal leaders at the Tata Steel Tribal Conclave, organized annually in Jamshedpur
6. On 7 December 2022, Wahi gave a lecture titled “Legal Landscapes of Land in India” at the Land and Governance Winter School, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru.
7. On 28 January 2023, Wahi gave the inaugural lecture at Manthan 8.0 organized by the Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow. The lecture was titled “Creating a Career in Research and Policy”.
8. On 23 March 2023, Wahi gave a talk on “The Potential of Plural Land Regimes and Indigenous Imagination in Mitigating Climate Effects” as part of the RDV Seminar Series in Bergen, Norway.

International Collaborations

Australia

For the month of June 2022, Namita Wahi was a Visiting Fellow in the Laureate Programme in Comparative Constitutional Law at Melbourne Law School supported by the Kathleen Fitzpatrick endowment. Led by Professor Adrienne Stone, this programme brings together outstanding female scholars working in the area of constitutional law from across the world.

International Partnerships for Excellence in Research and Education (INTPART): INTPART is a multi-country collaboration that facilitates scholarly exchanges between the University of Bergen and institutions in India, Africa and North and South America. The LRI is one of two collaborating institutions in India, and as a part of this collaboration, the following activities were undertaken.

- For the months of July and August 2022, Namita Wahi was visiting at the Centre on Law and Social Transformation in Bergen, where she is a Global Fellow. She worked with the research team on a project called Conflict and Contestation in Plural Land Regimes. She also participated in the Bergen Exchanges on ‘Effects of Lawfare: Courts and Law as Battlegrounds for Social Change’ organized by the University of Bergen in collaboration with Law Transform as part of the 2022 Bergen Exchanges. The PhD course featured four tracks including a general track and specialized tracks on Democracy and Autocratization, Gender and Sexuality and Natural Resources and Climate Change.
- From 20–21 August 2022,, Wahi participated in an intensive workshop for INTPART projects called Autocratisation Dynamics and Child Rights in Norway.
- Mugdha Mohapatra (Research Associate, LRI), Asaf Ali Lone, (Research Associate, Urban Initiative) and Debarshee Dasgupta (Research Associate, TREADS), attended the PhD course. Asaf submitted a paper titled *Repartitioning Identities and Urban Spaces: (Un)Bordering Muslim Identity in India* and Mugdha submitted her paper titled *Encroachers on Forest Land: An Analysis of Judicial Attitudes towards the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006* in fulfilment of their requirements for the course.

European Union: In 2023, CPR became part of a seventeen-institution consortium awarded the prestigious EU Horizon Grant ‘HR Just, States’ Practices of Human Rights Justifications: A study in Civil Society Engagement and Human Rights Through the Lens of Gender and Intersectionality.’ amita Wahi is the principal investigator for this project from CPR, which also has participants from Stockholm, Bern, Lappland, Academia Sinica, Gothenburg, Amsterdam, Rome, Trento, Haifa, Prague, Taiwan and Maastricht.

Namita Wahi participated in the workshop conducted to launch this project organized in Gothenburg, Sweden from 13–15 March 2023.

Conferences and Workshops

• **Law and Society Conference**

1. From 11–12 July 2022, Namita Wahi participated in an intensive workshop for the project Conflict and Contestation in Plural Land Regimes in Lisbon, Portugal.
2. On 15 July 2022, Wahi participated in two panels titled “Pluri Land: Theorizing Conflict and Contestation in Plural Land Regimes” at the Law and Society Association Conference, Lisbon, chaired by Rachel

Sieder, with Siri Gloppen and Tatiana Alfonso as discussants. Wahi presented her paper *Plural Land Regimes and Development in Scheduled or Adivasi Areas of India*.

3. On 17 July 2022, Wahi participated in a workshop called Global Collaboration Project Inaugural Topical Laboratory: Autocratic Legalism in Brazil, India, South Africa, and beyond.

● **Bergen Exchanges**

1. On 22 August 2022, Wahi spoke at the opening roundtable of the Bergen Exchanges 2022 titled “Autocratic Legalism in Comparative Perspective” organized by the Centre on Law and Social Transformation, a joint initiative of the Chr. Michelsen Institute and the University of Bergen.

2. On 25 August 2022, Wahi spoke at a panel titled “Plural Governance: When do Indigenous Rights Prevail?”.

3. On 25 August 2022, Wahi moderated a panel called “Contesting Indigenous Rights against Climate Change Policies” and Mugdha Mohapatra spoke on the panel.

4. On 26 August 2022, Asaf Ali Lone participated in a roundtable discussion on academic freedom and inclusivity in higher education.

5. On 27–28 August 2022, Wahi participated in an intensive workshop for the project Conflict and Contestation in Plural Land Regimes organized in Solstrand, Norway.

Conferences/Panels organised by LRI

CPR Dialogues

- On 30 September 2022, Namita Wahi organized a panel titled “One Thousand Land Laws: Land, Democracy and the Rule of Law” at the CPR Dialogues 2022, where she announced the launch of the mobile version of the Mapping Indian Land Laws website. She also moderated a dialogue between Ravi Rebbapragada from Samata, Shipra Deo from Landesa, Chakshu Roy from PRS Legislative Research and Kumar Sambhav from the Land Conflict Watch.

Sixth India Land and Development Conference

LRI co-organized the Sixth India Land and Development Conference (ILDC) at the Azim Premji University in Bengaluru.

- On 8 December 2022, Namita Wahi spoke at a panel titled “The Dignity of Individuals in the Backdrop of Land”.
- On 8 December 2022, LRI organized a panel on “One Thousand Land Laws: Launching the *Know Your Land Laws* series”. Wahi moderated a discussion on the importance of understanding plural land regimes collected by the Mapping Indian Land Laws website by a broader public.
- On 10 December 2022, Wahi participated in a panel discussion titled “International Frameworks on Land Rights: Discussion on Significance and Space”, in which the discussants reflected on plural land regimes in the comparative context of countries from Asia and Africa.

Property Rights Research Consortium

- On 13 September 2022, Mugdha Mohapatra presented her paper *Land Rights of Urban Slum Dwellers in Odisha* as part of the CPR LRI Speaker Series and Property Rights Research Consortium. Arkaja Singh, Pranab Choudhury, NRMCC, and Anirudh Burman, Associate Research Director and Fellow, Carnegie India, were discussants at the panel.

Miscellaneous Panel Discussions

- On 12 October 2022, Namita Wahi spoke at the “Report Release and Discussion Meeting on Legal Assessment for a Just Transition of Coal Power Plants in India” event organized by iForest.
- On 14 October 2022, Wahi spoke at the release of the report *Approaches and Strategies Toward the Land Question: Reflections on Ekta Parishad’s Struggles* organized by Ekta Parishad.
- On 10 December 2022, Wahi spoke at the webinar “Environment, Tribal Food Security and Livelihoods” organized by the 13th Odisha Environment Congress and Socrates Foundation for Collective Wisdom.
- On 12 December 2022, Wahi spoke at a panel titled “Legal Canvas of Land Conflict” at the Holding Ground conference organized by the Land Conflict Watch.

6. Scaling City Institutions for India (SCI-FI) Initiative

2023 is a landmark year as the SCI-FI initiative completed ten years.

Over the past year, the Scaling City Institutions for India (SCI-FI) initiative continued to research, innovate, experiment, learn and inform faecal sludge management (FSM), city-wide inclusive sanitation (CWIS) and affordable and slum upgradation policies and programmes at the state and national level, keeping the poor and marginalised at the centre. The SCI-FI programme is committed to driving ahead their research agenda to reflect emerging themes and apply theory to practice. Through research, the programme focused on building the capacities of stakeholders, including the three tiers of government, to develop better-informed policies and programmes enabling improved governance and service delivery, especially to the poor and marginalized.

The initiative significantly scaled up its outreach and dissemination efforts in 2022–23, focusing on building communities of research and practice by collaborating with key development partners and civil society institutions. The key highlights of SCI-FI's work during 2022-23 are elucidated below.

Key Research Output

- Shubhagato Dasgupta, Anju Dwivedi and Bharti from SCI-FI with Kaustuv Kanti Badhopadhyay, Sumona DasGupta authored the book *Social Innovations in Urban Sanitation: Meeting Unmet Needs* (Routledge India 2023). This open-source Routledge publication is based on research on CSOs that have played a pivotal role in promoting contextual and sustainable innovative models to improve urban sanitation in India for decades. These innovations range from mobilizing citizens, particularly from low-income communities, to generating awareness and demand services from the service providers, building community-managed systems for ensuring the sustainability of created assets, providing low-cost infrastructure solutions, organizing informal sanitation workers to demand dignity and justice, generating critical knowledge and promoting collaboration and partnerships with various stakeholders including governments and private institutions to serve the unserved communities.
- Anindita Mukherjee, Tripti Singh, Aastha Jain and Baisakhi Sarkar Dhar authored a research report titled *Endured: Redress Inequities to Build Back Better* to assess the impact of COVID-19 on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), health, nutrition and social security schemes in Odisha. They also developed an *Emergency Response Plan (ERP): An Approach for Mancheswar Dhirkuti Sahi and Science Park Basti, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha* which aims to provide a rationale and roadmap for preparation of emergency response plans for urban poor neighbourhoods.
- Anju Dwivedi, Tripti Singh and Abhinav Kumar with Sudeshna Satpathy and Pradeep Mohanty authored the research report *Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in Urban WASH: Linking Urban Poor to WASH Services in Odisha*. This report is based on participatory research undertaken in Dhenkanal in Odisha to understand the challenges most marginalized groups face in accessing WASH services in poor urban settlements and explore the role of the fourth tier of governance in ensuring inclusive, equitable and sustainable access to WASH services for the urban poor, especially the marginalized groups in unserved and underserved urban poor settlements during the pandemic.
- Anju Dwivedi, Abhinav Kumar, and Shubhagato Dasgupta authored a report titled *Understanding Enablers and Barriers to Social Protection of Sanitation Workers*. The report is based on primary research with sanitation workers in Dhenkanal, Odisha, to identify the enablers and barriers to availing social protection benefits (in the form of healthcare, insurance, pensions and allowances) for sanitation workers.
- Anju Dwivedi, Ranjita Mohanty and Bharti authored the *Compendium on Community Participation in Urban WASH*. This report is based on primary and secondary research. The role of CSOs in enabling access of urban poor to services, demanding accountability from the government institutions and empowering communities has been well recognized, and this compendium is a collection of community-driven sanitation initiatives steered by CSOs in urban water and sanitation.
- Shaivi Kulshrestha, Abhinav Kumar, Isha Khurana, Anindita Mukherjee and Shubhagato authored a policy brief titled “Muddling Through: Water Quality Monitoring Data Systems”. This brief unpacks how river and groundwater pollution is monitored in India, especially in terms of understanding the effect of sanitation on river and groundwater health.
- Anindita Mukherjee, Shubhagato Dasgupta, Abhinav Kumar, Aastha Jain and Isha Khurana authored a research report *The Missing Link: Understanding Rental Housing for Urban Poor*. This study contributes to

the emerging discourse on rental housing for the urban poor while highlighting the emerging policy direction from the analysis.

- Shubhagato Dasgupta, Anindita Mukherjee and Baisakhi Sarkar Dhar authored a research report titled *An Approach to Affordable Housing Strategy in Bhubaneswar, Odisha* to devise a strategy to achieve affordable housing for the Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) under Odisha's Policy for 'Housing for All in Urban Areas,' 2015, outlining the risks, challenges and mechanisms to mitigate the same.
- Shubhagato Dasgupta, Anindita Mukherjee, Abhinav Kumar and Shaurya Gupta authored a research report titled *Addressing Product Diversification in Public Housing Supply/Importance of Product Diversification in Public Housing Supply*. This study argues for diversifying public sector housing to cater to households with diverse income and housing needs.
- Shubhagato Dasgupta and Neha Agarwal authored an article "Experimenting with Urban–Rural Partnerships for Sustainable Sanitation in India: Learning from Practice" in the *Land* journal. This paper reviews one of the first experiments with the approach for producing sanitation services in the Dhenkanal district of Odisha. This article was also featured in the special issue of *Land* called *Urban–Rural–Partnerships: Sustainable and Resilient*, which is a compilation of select cases on urban-rural convergence.
- Shubhagato Dasgupta, Anju Dwivedi and Shaivi Kulshrestha contributed a case study on the urban-rural convergence of Dhenkanal on faecal sludge management in the third edition of the *Compendium of Inspiring Practices on Urban-Rural Linkages* of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).
- Shubhagato Dasgupta, Anindita Mukherjee and Baisakhi Sarkar Dhar authored an opinion piece "Transforming Slums via Upgradation and Delisting: Odisha's Approach" in the *Daily Guardian*. In this opinion piece, the authors discuss the model for slum upgradation adopted by the government of Odisha and its potential to be scaled up to other states within the country.
- Anju Dwivedi and Tripti Singh wrote an opinion piece for the "World Environment Day Special – Engendering Climate Change Action" on the NDTV website. The authors posited that the growing issue of climate change is increasing risks for gender-based inequality and threatens to widen gender-based disparities.
- Anju Dwivedi, Abhinav Kumar and Andrew Desouza wrote an article titled "Women Are Pioneering Inclusive Water and Sanitation in Urban Poor Settlements" on the *India Water Portal*. This article highlights the role of women in self-help groups and the Slum Dwellers Association in Odisha in providing basic services including water and sanitation in urban poor settlements.
- Shubhagato Dasgupta, Isha Khurana, Shaivi Kulshrestha and Punita Nook Naidu undertook an analysis of the typology of regulatory arrangement required to underpin effective, inclusive and sustainable urban sanitation services. For this, a thorough examination of the prevailing regulatory arrangements for urban sanitation in six Asian countries was conducted to showcase the unique regulatory typology covering both direct and indirect influencing components.

Select Policy Engagements

- The SCI-FI continued providing policy and implementation support to the government of Odisha in scaling up urban rural convergence (URC) across various districts in the state. A unique model was developed using SCI-FI's support in URC, where Swachh Bharat Mission rural funds were leveraged by the Housing and Urban Development Department in Odisha to upgrade urban infrastructure like faecal sludge treatment plants (FSTPs) to provide services of transportation and treatment of faecal sludge from rural areas, which has gained national traction.
- The SCI-FI led the process of drafting the Odisha Inclusive Urban Sanitation Policy with other Odisha partners for the Housing and Urban Development Department, government of Odisha.
- SCI-FI representatives facilitated the attendance of Odisha government officials at the 7th International Faecal Sludge Management Conference held from 19–23 February 2023 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. The theme of the event was 'Acting for the Sustainable Management of Resources and Access to water and Sanitation for All'. It focused on innovative and practical solutions that can be scaled up, including three tracks: applied research, case studies, and industry and exhibition.
- The SCI-FI is part of the Rural WASH Partners forum which has been constituted by the Ministry of Jal Shakti to support water and sanitation programmes. The SCI-FI is a member of this forum to support the scaling up of URC at the national level.

- Through its land, planning and housing vertical, The SCI-FI continued to provide implementation and policy support to the governments of Punjab and Odisha for their land titling initiatives, such as the BASERA programme and the JAGA Mission respectively. With specific reference to Odisha, SCI-FI continued provided support in diversifying forest land to provide basic civic and social infrastructure to slum dwellers and in the articulation of the amendment to the Odisha Municipal Corporation Act, 2003, to enable the grant of land/property rights to slum dwellers in municipal corporation areas.
- The SCI-FI is in the drafting committee to support Patna Municipal Corporation and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in drafting the Sustainable and Inclusive Policy for Informal Settlements (slums) in Bihar.
- Anju Dwivedi is a member of the Steering Committee of Inclusive Sanitation constituted by the NIUA to support the government of Uttarakhand.
- Anindita Mukherjee has been elected as one part of the steering committee of the National Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (NFSSM) Alliance, which was established in 2016 by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) to support safe sanitation at the national, state and city levels. The Alliance is governed by the steering committee, which consists of elected representatives from the BMGF, Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Centre for Water and Sanitation, CEPT University among many others, who provide expert guidance to the Alliance in achieving its vision of safely managed inclusive sanitation.

Select Public Engagements

- In September 2022, Anindita Mukherjee presented a case study with the principal secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department (H&UDD), government of Odisha, on “Learnings from Odisha's Efforts on Going beyond Sanitation: Building Water Secure and Inclusive Cities” at the International Water Association (IWA) World Water Congress and Exhibition in Denmark. At the same event, Anju Dwivedi presented a case study in a workshop titled “The Collaborative Approach to Resilient and Inclusive City Sanitation: Best Practices for a Multi-Stakeholder Ecosystem”.
- At the 7th International Faecal Sludge Management Conference held from 19–23 February 2023 in Abidjan, Anindita Mukherjee presented a paper on *Private Sector Participation (PSP) in Faecal Sludge Management in India*, and Shubhagato Dasgupta presented a paper on *Slum Upgrading—A crucial Building Block for City-wide Inclusive Sanitation*. The SCI-FI organized a side event titled “Strengthening local Data Ecosystems by Integrating City-Wide Inclusive Sanitation in South Asia” at the same conference. Anindita Mukherjee also delivered the keynote address at a session on “Collaborative Action for Inclusive Sanitation in India”. She presented at a session on “South Asia Perspectives on Strengthening Sanitation Service Delivery” hosted by Dasra and the NFSSM Alliance.
- Mukherjee delivered a lecture titled “Slums and Civic Amenities: 18th Round of Phase III, Mid-Career Training Programme” at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration in Mussoorie in December 2022.
- Antarin Chakrabarty was invited as a speaker at *Le Mille Feuille – Maps, Open-Source Computing and the Re-Conquest of Everyday Life: Dialogue on Participatory Mapping Methods*, organized by City Sabha in Delhi in December 2022.
- Antarin Chakrabarty delivered a talk titled “The City and the Power-User – How to Use Computing Effectively to Tackle Complex Urban Problems: Habitat Practice Colloquium” at the School of Human Settlements, XIM University, Bhubaneswar, in December 2022.
- Anju Dwivedi was a speaker at “Time for Change: Gender Equality and Inclusion in Water and Sanitation Sector Workplaces”, a webinar organized by IWA, UTS (Institute for Sustainable Futures) and Water for Women in December 2022.
- Anindita Mukherjee Baisakhi Sarkar Dhar presented their research on “Policy Inputs for Affordable Housing and Inclusive Urban Development: India” at the Land and Development Conference 2022, organized by the Centre for Land Governance in December 2022.
- In September 2022, Dhar made a presentation titled “Understanding Odisha Jaga Mission and Community Participation in Slum Development” at the National Consultation on Community-Led Management of Bastis in Delhi, organized by Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) and supported by Indo-Global Social Service Society (IGSSS).

Awards and Recognition

- In December 2022, the SCI-FI won an award, the Best Non-profit Engagement Model in Sanitation: Rural and Urban, at the 6th edition of the ISC-FICCI Sanitation Awards and India Sanitation Conclave. SCI-FI was recognized and appreciated for its unique urban-rural convergence model in faecal sludge management in Dhenkanal, Odisha. The initiative has been working in the state since 2014, offering technical expertise to the state and local-level administration to achieve safely managed sanitation.
- Odisha won the UN-HABITAT's World Habitat Awards 2023 for the Jaga Mission, a 5T initiative in the state. The SCI-FI has played a major role in supporting the Jaga Mission as a knowledge partner since 2020.

Partnerships and Collaboration

- The SCI-FI supported the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in organizing the first Asia-Pacific Housing Conference (AHC), Making Housing Affordable, Inclusive and Resilient, from 8–9 November 2022. This two-day online knowledge-sharing event aimed to consolidate and promote solutions for making housing affordable, inclusive and resilient in Asia and the Pacific. It featured high-level technical sessions that brought out the synergistic interplay of three critical factors to achieving affordable, inclusive, and resilient housing: (1) access to affordable and well-located land, (2) inclusive and effective city planning, and (3) availability of affordable and sustainable housing finance.
- The SCI-FI collaborated with Water Links, an international non-profit organization, to develop a road map for regulatory reform for urban sanitation. The team provided support to Water Links in examining the current regulatory and governance framework for the WASH sector in Odisha and contributed their expertise to initiate the necessary interventions to the regulatory reform process in the state.
- The SCI-FI collaborated with new research partners like the Sanitation Learning Hub at the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, UK, to undertake research on gender equality and social inclusion in urban WASH. The MEDS Small Grant fund at the BMGF enabled the SCI-FI to carry out research on social protection for sanitation workers.
- The SCI-FI secured a grant from the BMGF to support sanitation work through the Evidence-based Research to Promote Inclusive and Sustainable Sanitation project.
- The SCI-FI, in partnership with the RICS School of Built Environment, Amity University, Noida co-hosted the International Conference on Sustainable Built Environment from 23–24 February 2023 at Amity University, Noida.

7. State Capacity Initiative

The State Capacity Initiative is an interdisciplinary research and practice program focused on addressing the challenges of the 21st-century Indian state. It focuses on the changing roles of the Indian state; institutional design, implementation and administrative capacity; the challenges of regulatory and fiscal capacity; and the changing relations between society, politics and state capacity in India.

Key Research Output

- The State Capacity Initiative continued its engagement with India’s regulatory agencies into a second year. There were five events featuring conversations with chairpersons of regulatory agencies, including the regulators from state and central agencies for water resources, electricity, pensions and insurance, each of which was accompanied by a briefing note and a post-event summary. The CPR Dialogues 2022 featured a special event on health sector regulation, which featured the participation of the union health secretary and some agencies responsible for healthcare and drugs regulation. The *Know Your Regulator* series was brought to a close in March 2023 with a finale event the launch of a briefing book titled *Know Your Regulator: Reforming Regulatory Governance in India*.
- Arkaja Singh authored a working paper titled *India’s Regulatory Shift: An Examination of Five Agencies of the Post Liberalization Era* which was published on 2 February 2023.
- Yamini Aiyar, president of CPR, Milan Vaishnav, of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and the State Capacity Initiative’s Director and Senior Fellow Mekhala Krishnamurthy edited and released a working paper series titled *Cooperative Federalism—From Theory to Practice* as a part of the CPR-Carnegie collaborative research programme on cooperative federalism in India. The papers released within the year were:
 1. *Statutory Regulatory Authorities and the Federal System in India* authored by K.P. Krishnan, Amrita Pillai and Karan Gulati, February 2023.
 2. *Resetting the Fiscal Architecture: Lessons for India* authored by Kandarp Patel and Anoop Singh, February 2023.
 3. *Towards an Inter-State Migration Council* authored by Chinmay Tumbe, February 2023.
 4. *Institutions of Political Mediation: The Office of the Governor* authored by Chakshu Roy and M. R. Madhavan, February 2023.
 5. *The Adjudication of Federal Disputes* authored by Raeesa Vakil, February 2023.
 6. *Parallel Streams: Political Federalism and Economic Integration in India* authored by Niranjana Rajadhyaksha and Prakhar Misra, March 2023.
- Rashmi Sharma authored two working papers which were published on 23 March 2023: *Frontline Functionaries in India: The Absent Policy and Organisation Through Neglect: Understanding Field Administration in India*.
- Gokulnath Govindan wrote a working paper titled *Frontline Workers and the COVID-19 Pandemic*, which was published on 20 July 2022.
- Mekhala Krishnamurthy with Rachel Brulé, Simon Chauchard and Alyssa Heinze, wrote an article titled “The Problem” for *Seminar* magazine’s issue on the theme of “She Rules: The Political Representation of Women in India”, which was published on 8 April 2022. In the same issue, Sonakshi Sharma of State Capacity Initiative contributed the essay “From a *Gungi Gudiya* to An Autocrat”.
- Mekhala Krishnamurthy wrote an article titled “The Riddle of Rationalisation” for *Seminar* which was published on 2 January 2023.
- Arkaja Singh was invited to speak at a convention of sanitation workers and activists organized by the Dalit Adivasi Shakti Adhikar Manch (DASAM) and the National Alliance of People’s movements on 21 May 2022 at the Constitution Club of India, where she discussed the practical limitations of the current manual scavenging legal framework and its implementation in Delhi and called for a legal audit of Delhi’s sewer management contracts.

Policy Engagements and Partnerships

- The State Capacity Initiative, anchored by CPR Senior Visiting Fellow, Deepak Sanan, organized a training course for the new batch of Himachal Pradesh civil service officers held at the Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA) in 10 August to 9 September 2022.
- In a key sectoral contribution, the State Capacity Initiative facilitated technical resource support for developing Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) to the government of Meghalaya as part of its ongoing partnership on building state capacity. Emerging from a participatory process and deep consultations with functionaries at all levels of the health system, new guidelines in a publication titled *Understanding Comprehensive Primary Health Care: The Meghalaya Way* were launched by the Department of Health in December 2022. Meghalaya is the first state to release its own state-specific CPHC guidelines, which set the framework and way forward for transformative, comprehensive healthcare delivery and coverage for every citizen in the state.
- In 2022, the State Capacity Initiative and the Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute (MATI), government of Meghalaya launched the Longitudinal Study of the Meghalaya Civil Services (MCS), a novel initiative by the state government that aims to research and document the career trajectories of MCS officers from their induction into the services until retirement. This ambitious study, the first of its kind in India and unique globally, will generate valuable insights on Indian public administration, specifically on administrative reform, design principles for the civil services, the trade-offs inherent to the work performed by state civil service officers, and norms and values in the bureaucracy. Further, this study can offer practical insights for ongoing administrative reform measures in Meghalaya such as systems for assessing and enhancing the competencies of state civil services officers. The first rounds of research have been completed and are yielding rich insights.
- In 2022–23, CPR undertook a major evaluation study for the government of Andhra Pradesh of key direct benefit transfer schemes and a new, evolving architecture of decentralized implementation at the field level.
- In October 2022, the State Capacity Initiative was appointed as a research support secretariat for the government of Tamil Nadu's Human Resources Reforms Committee and was expected to make detailed recommendations to the state government within an initial period of six months.

Select Public Engagements

- Multiple conversations were hosted as a part of the *Know Your Regulator* (KYR) series. These discussions delved the nature and purpose of regulation, agency design and its sector-specific dynamics and challenges, as well as some centre-state and federal issues around regulation, especially in the case of electricity and water resources. The series was collaboratively organized by Arkaja Singh, KP Krishnan, Mekhala Krishnamurthy and Amrita Pillai at CPR, along with Dr Praveen Kumar, Director of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) and Abha Yadav, Associate Professor and Director, Forum of Indian Regulators Centre, IICA. Other CPR colleagues such as Srinivas Chokakulla and Ashwini Swain joined the programmes on water and electricity respectively. Other distinguished guests included Dr MS Sahoo (Distinguished Professor, National Law University, Delhi), Dr Devesh Kapur (Senior Visiting Fellow, CPR and Professor, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University). The KYR events hosted within the last year were:
 1. A conversation with Mr. K.P. Bakshi, Former Chairperson, Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority (MWRRA)
 2. A conversation with Mr. Debashish Panda, Chairperson, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
 3. A conversation with Mr. Preman Dinaraj, Chairperson, Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission (KSERC)
 4. A conversation with Mr Sutiirtha Bhattacharya, Chairperson, West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission
 5. A special edition panel titled “Know Your Health Regulators” moderated by KP Krishnan during the CPR Dialogues 2022
 6. KYR series finale with Dr. MS Sahoo and Dr. Devesh Kapur.
- Arkaja Singh was invited to speak on regulatory governance at Delhi University's School of Public Policy and Governance's Public Policy Research, Pedagogy and Practice conference on 15 March 2023. She delivered a lecture titled “Public Policy and State Capacity: From Provision to Regulation?”.

8. Politics Initiative

The Politics Initiative provides high quality research to understand the rapid changes in India's political economy landscape. It studies the changing competitive political party system; political and legislative institutions; ideological worldview and preferences of political actors; electoral behavior; and incentive structures and choices that shape policy decisions.

Key Research Output

- The Politics Initiative launched a report mapping the manifestos of India's major political parties titled *Promises that Matter to Indian Democracy: A study of Election Manifestos Since 1952*. The report tries to understand if election manifestos in India are powerful symbols of the ideas, vision and programmes offered by a party to citizens or are they merely symbolic? The results of this ambitious exercise mapping party manifestos since 1952 offer a wealth of data and a ringside view of how India's politics, economy and society have changed since its first elections.
- The Politics Initiative and CVoter Foundation spearheaded a unique survey-based research project where citizens of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh were asked for their opinions on a series of questions dealing with the political, economic, social and religious issues of the Partition, past, present and future. The Politics Initiative launched the India report of the partition survey in September 2022.
- A study of democracy is incomplete without a study of one of its most fundamental components—political parties. The Politics Initiative published a report *India's Political Parties*. The first part of the report analyses how and when parties in India are formed, what factors impact their survival and what causes their eventual decline and exit. The second part of the report analyses the data gathered by approaching experts on Indian politics in various states through an online survey to evaluate political parties on specific parameters: ideologically, in their support bases and in their mobilization strategies and organizational capabilities.
- Rahul Verma, Fellow, Politics Initiative, curated the March 2023 issue of *Seminar* on the theme “Local Governance: Evaluating 30 years of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments.” India's grand experiment with local governance began with the 73rd and 74th constitutional amendments in 1992. Since then, many changes have taken place, including the opening up of the economy, increases in social mobility, changes in the party system, rapid advancement in technology, etc. Verma authored the introductory section of the issues titled “The Problem”. The issue included contributions from CPR staff and faculty including Nishant Ranjan, Avani Kapur, Shyam Babu, Partha Mukhopadhyay and Neelanjan Sircar. The issue also featured a conversation between CPR's Yamini Aiyar and LSE's Mukulika Banerjee.
- As independent India turns 75, its citizens are more aspirational than ever before. They hope for, and actively seek, a prosperous future—and are becoming confident about it. But on the way lies a confusing melting pot of political, social and economic beliefs that they must contend with to lead India into the future. What form of welfare will get the work done? Which policies will work better? Who is the right leader? How should a democracy itself be? The Politics Initiative explored such questions for their biennial CPR-Mint-YouGov Survey. The results of the survey were released as multiple articles in the *Mint*.
- The first Duke University's Democratic Accountability and Linkages Project (DALP) expert survey was conducted in 2009, rendering the value of a similar survey in 2022 particularly high. The Politics Initiative at CPR spearheaded the India component of DALP II. The survey data will allow students of parties to understand changes that have taken place in the conduct, organization and strategies of political parties in India. Like the first DALP survey, the data collected through the DALP II survey will be made public to the scientific community and enable scholars to pursue many valuable avenues of innovative research.

Select Public Engagements

The Politics Initiative disseminated its work to the larger academic community as well as the general audience through discussions, seminars and writings. Some of the major events that the research group hosted in the last year include the following:

- Two panel discussions on decoding various 2022 assembly elections results were organized to analyse the results of elections in Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa, Manipur and Uttar Pradesh.
- A joint workshop organized by CSH, CSDS and CPR, three leading research organizations based in New Delhi, titled “Contemporary Democracy in India” on 29 August 2022. This joint seminar brought together a set of scholars to explore evolving definitions of democracy beyond elections. More than a dozen scholars presented their papers at the CPR conference hall to interrogate alternative spaces and understandings of democratic expression in modern India.
- A data-driven analysis of the election results of Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura was organized in a panel discussion titled “Analysing the 2023 Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura Assembly Election Results”, after which the panel reflected on the verdicts. The analysis focused on the continuities and changes in voting patterns in these states.
- A panel titled “Electoral Inclusion for Internal Migrants”. The Election Commission of India seeks to enable remote voting to address the political exclusion of migrant workers owing to their inability to vote. The panel, organized on National Voters Day, discussed the effects of this move could have on Indian politics.
- The Initiative organized several book discussions such as those on Pranab Bardhan’s *A World of Insecurity* and Rajeev Bhargava’s *Ethical Reflections on Contemporary India*.

9. Transboundary Rivers, Ecologies and Development Studies (TREADS)

The TREADS initiative is a cluster of research projects pursuing research on transboundary river water governance issues. The initiative also engages with research themes of federalism and politics of infrastructure development such as dams, roads and smart cities.

Key Research Output

- Srinivas Chokkakula edited a book titled *India's Water Federalism: New Perspectives for Public Policy*, published as an open access print version by the Asian Confluence and Hanns Siedel Foundation. The volume is a first, exploring dimensions of water federalism in India beyond interstate river water disputes, with contributions from a wide-ranging spectrum of scholars, practitioners and civil society actors. He also contributed the introductory chapter, "India's Water Federalism: The reconfigured topologies" to this volume. The chapter delineates the contours of water federalism in India with the emerging federal water governance challenges towards long-term water security.
- Rakshita Goyal, Arkaja Singh and Srinivas Chokkakula contributed a chapter titled "Water Federalism: Encased in Environmental Lawmaking" to this book, showing how India's federal water governance is encased in environmental lawmaking and lacks distinct responses to federal water governance challenges.
- Prakriti Prajapati and Srinivas Chokkakula contributed a chapter, "Federalizing Waters: How Are the Stakes Changing between the Centre and the States" to this book. The chapter presents evidence about shifting stakes between the centre and the states to highlight the shrinking leverage of the centre to work with states towards progressive pathways of water governance.
- Srinivas Chokkakula authored an article titled "Interstate Rivers Integrating India" for the Water Digest magazine. The article showcases the pilot Transboundary Rivers, Ecologies and Development Studies (TREADS) knowledge portal focusing on India's interstate conflict and cooperation incidences mapping and elaborates plans for scaling it up as a portal.

Policy Engagements

- Srinivas Chokkakula was involved in two key engagements with the Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India:
 - a. The Supreme Court and Interstate River Water Disputes: The findings of this research, which led to the monograph "The Bar and the Binding", were presented to the Minister and the senior officers of the ministry. Among other things, the research engages with the Supreme Court's unprecedented decisions around the Cauvery River water dispute and its implications for the effectiveness of the Interstate River Water Disputes Amendment Bill, 2019, under Parliament's consideration.
 - b. Dams and Society: As a follow-up to the views he shared as member of Drafting Committee on the Draft National Water Policy, 2020, Srinivas Chokkakula was invited to present his views to the ministry. This eventually led to a series of interactions, and a proposal for a research programme on the intersection of dams and society was presented and submitted. The proposed programme aims at addressing the skewed knowledge production and shaping public discourse about the paradigm of storage structures for India's long-term water security.
- In April 2022, Srinivas Chokkakula served as a resource person for the Mandatory Cadre Training Programme at the level of Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) for Central Water Engineering Services officers of Central Water Commission (CWC) organized at IIM Ahmedabad.
- In September 2022, Srinivas Chokkakula was invited as an expert on a consultation of the National Security Council Secretariat on India's National Water Security.

Select Public Engagements

- Srinivas Chokkakula was invited to be a member of the Governing Council of the New Delhi Centre of World Water Council.
- Srinivas Chokkakula, in collaboration with Eve Vogel, organized a panel titled "Leveraging Political Geography Theory for Federal Water Governance" at the Political Geography Special Group's Pre-Conference at the

American Association of Geographers' Annual Meeting on 22 March 2023. He also received the Richard Morrill Public Engagement Travel Award for attending the conference.

- Srinivas Chokkakula spent a semester at the University of Massachusetts (UMass), Amherst, USA, as the Inaugural Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Chair in Public Policy 2022–23 in the Fall of 2022. He taught a graduate seminar course, *Water Wars?*, besides pursuing research interests on a comparison of federal river water governance in the USA and India. During this time, in addition to giving talks and participating in panel discussions on the UMass campus, he gave invited talks at the University of Notre Dame, Georgia State University and Penn State University. His research involved interactions with academics and practitioners in the space of interstate river water governance including the Susquehanna River Compact Commission.
- Debarshee Dasgupta, as the Young South Asian Fellow of Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) participated in a webinar on “Responsive Urban Local Governance in South Asia” and presented a paper, “Urban Flooding: Rhetoric and Praxis in India” on 3 April 2023. The webinar, organized by HSF, had panellists from the World Bank, Global Resilience Partnership, and the Third Pole among others.

Awards and Recognition

- The interstate conflict and cooperation mapping undertaken in the pilot version of the TREADS knowledge portal received extensive attention and was listed as a valuable resource on the Oregon State University-managed Transboundary Water Disputes Database (TFDD).
- Debarshee Dasgupta, Research Associate, TREADS was selected as a Fellow of the Young South Asian Fellow Network of Hanns Seidel Foundation. He attended an exchange programme in Germany from 24 September 2022 to 2 October 2022. He was part of a cohort of 18 young leaders from different South Asian countries.

Partnerships and Collaborations

- By the terms of the MoU signed between the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India and TREADS at CPR, the NMCG sanctioned three research projects engaging with: (a) Reimagining the Master Plan instrument for protecting and managing urban waterbodies; (b) Interstate cooperation for river rejuvenation; (c) Learnings from European experiences for the Namami Gange Programme.

Funded Research Projects

1. Accountability Initiative

- Transform Neev Collective Building Blocks: Making Child Well-being Core to Public Services through Policy Research and Reformatory Practices
- Research and analysis support to aid policy formulation and address policy-related issues through various interventions and activities
- Using data for better Policy Formulation and evidence-based decision making

2. The Politics Initiative

- Democratic Accountability and Citizen-Politician Linkage Project (DALP)

3. Scaling City Institution for India (SCI-FI)

- Understanding Enablers and Barriers for Social Protection Coverage
- Evidence-based Research to Promote Inclusive and Sustainable Sanitation
- Inputs to Poverty and Social Impact Assessment (PSIA) consultancy for the Tamil Nadu Housing Sector Strengthening Program
- Promoting Voices of Urban Poor Communities for Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in WASH in Odisha, India
- Asia Housing Conference - SC 119075 REG

4. State Capacity Initiative (SCI)

- Retrospective study/ survey on Ammavodi, YSR Cheyutha and Naadu-Nedu as well as the Grama-Ward Sachivalayam (GSWS) Architecture and Needs Assessment of Urban Population & Youth.
- Research Secretariat for the Tamil Nadu Human Resources Reforms Committee

5. Initiative on Cities, Economy, and Society

- Writing Urban India
- Future of Special Purpose Vehicles post the Smart Cities Mission
- City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain (CITIIS)

6. TREADS

- Master Plan for River-Centric Urban Planning: Limits, Potential and Opportunities
- Interstate Cooperation for Namami Gange: Policy and Institutional Challenges and Opportunities
- How Relevant Are European River Rejuvenation Experiences for the NGP and Indian Rivers

Faculty News

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

Book chapter

“Building the Foundations for Growth and Resilience: Understanding the Contours of India’s Learning Crisis” in *A New Reform Paradigm* edited by Radhicka Kapoor. New Delhi: Rupa Publications, 2022.

Working Papers

Cooperative Federalism—From Theory to Practice a working paper series as a part of the CPR-Carnegie collaborative research programme on cooperative federalism in India, coedited with Milan Vaishnav of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the State Capacity Initiative’s Lead and Senior Fellow Mekhala Krishnamurthy.

Journal Articles

- a) “Citizens vs Labharthi? Interrogating the Welfare State” by Yamini Aiyar, *Seminar*, 2 January 2023.
- b) “Local Governance: Evaluating 30 years of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments – In Conversation” by Yamini Aiyar and Mukulika Banerjee, *Seminar*, 6 March 2023.

Articles in the Mainstream Media

- a) “Decoding the BJP’s Model of Welfarism” by Yamini Aiyar, *Hindustan Times*, 14 April 2022.
- b) “Reviving the Spirit of Centre-State Alliance” by Yamini Aiyar, *Hindustan Times*, 8 May 2022.
- c) “The Rural Economy Needs a New Deal” by Yamini Aiyar, *Hindustan Times*, 31 May 2022.
- d) “Understanding the Agnipath Protests” by Yamini Aiyar, *Hindustan Times*, 20 June 2022.
- e) “What Sri Lanka Tells Us about the Democratic Project” by Yamini Aiyar, *Hindustan Times*, 21 July 2022.
- f) “The Case of the Powerful-Poweless Sarkari Office” by Yamini Aiyar, *Deccan Herald*, 25 July 2022.
- g) “Freebie, Subsidy, Compensation: Let’s Reset the Terms of Debate” by Yamini Aiyar, *Indian Express*, 9 August 2022.
- h) “A Substantive Welfare State Remains an Illusion” by Yamini Aiyar, *Mint*, 16 August 2022.
- i) “From Rights to Duties-the Deliberate Remaking of the Citizen” by Yamini Aiyar, *Deccan Herald*, 22 August 2022.
- j) “India’s Key Role in 21st Century Non-Alignment” by Yamini Aiyar and Angshuman Choudhury, *Hindustan Times*, 25 August 2022.
- k) “Corruption and the Limits of Our Imagination of State-Building” by Yamini Aiyar, *Deccan Herald*, 15 October 2022.
- l) “Reframing Policymaking to Tackle Rural Inflation” by Yamini Aiyar, *Hindustan Times*, 3 November 2022.
- m) “EWS Quota: A New Politics of Leader’s Patronage, Voter’s Loyalty” by Yamini Aiyar, *Deccan Herald*, 14 November 2022.
- n) “India’s Agrarian Sector Needs a Budget Boost” by Yamini Aiyar and Mekhala Krishnamurthy, *Hindustan Times*, 2 December 2022.
- o) “Government By ‘Consultant’ Can Hollow Out the State” by Yamini Aiyar, *Deccan Herald*, 12 December 2022.
- p) “Welfare Initiatives for the People” by Yamini Aiyar, *India Today*, 27 December 2022.
- q) “Celebrate Civic-Political Action for Its Own Sake” by Yamini Aiyar, *Hindustan Times*, 31 December 2022.
- r) “Welfare Spending Cut Could Pose Significant Livelihood Challenges” by Yamini Aiyar, *Hindustan Times*, 2 February 2023.
- s) “Union Budget and the Unresolved Tension in National Policymaking” by Yamini Aiyar, *Deccan Herald*, 6 March 2023.

- t) “The Structural Constraints That Hinder Reform in India” by Yamini Aiyar, *Hindustan Times*, 10 March

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

Working Paper

- a) *Statutory Regulatory Authorities and the Federal System in India* by K.P. Krishnan, Amrita Pillai, Karan Gulati, 1 February 2023.

Articles in the Mainstream Media

- b) “The Provincialization of All India Services” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 21 April 2022.
c) “The Missing Middle of Indian Entrepreneurship” by K.P. Krishnan, *Mint*, 16 May 2022.
d) “Central Banks and the Rule of Law” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 19 May 2022.
e) “The Complex World of Regulators” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 20 June 2022.
f) “Fresh Urgency on Pensions Reforms” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 18 July 2022.
g) “Pension Sudhara Par Tatkal Kadam Uthane ki Darker” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 26 July 2022.
h) “Azadi of the Financial Sector” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 15 August 2022.
i) “Azadi ke Agle Padav ki Pratiksha Mein Vittiya Kshetra” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 23 August 2022.
j) “Dematerialisation: A Digital Revolution in Indian Finance” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 20 September 2022.
k) “Vittiya Jagat Mein Digital Kranti ka Udaharan Demat” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 27 September 2022.
l) “Regulation of Wellness vs Wealth Offers a Contrasting Picture” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 18 October 2022.
m) “Do Aham Kshetro ke Niyaman ki Virodhabhasi Tasveer” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 27 October 2022.
n) “The Regulatory Puzzle of MIIs” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 29 November 2022.
o) “Niyamkiya Paheli Bante Ja Rahe Hain” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 6 December 2022.
p) “Inflation and Agency Accountability” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 27 December 2022.
q) “Mudrasfiti aur Agency ki Javabdehi” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 29 December 2022.
r) “Guru of Globalization” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 31 January 2023.
s) “Vaisivhikaarn ka Guru Banker Rah Dikhavein Bharat” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 8 February 2023.
t) “In Defence of Financial Globalization” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 28 February 2023.
u) “The Dichotomy of Global Trade and Financial Globalization”, K.P. Krishnan, 3 March 2023.
v) “Bank Runs and Resolutions” by K.P. Krishnan, *Business Standard*, 29 March 2023.

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

Articles in the Mainstream Media

- a) “Modi Govt @8- Two Vexing Defence Problems That Narendra Modi Government Has Dealt With” by Bharat Karnad, *Money Control*, 25 May 2022.
b) “Salpdash Proposal Cannot Right-Size the Army” by Bharat Karnad, *Citizen*, 10 June 2022.
c) “Agnipath: Seminal Reset Now, but More Problems Later” by Bharat Karnad, *BQ Prime*, 16 June 2022.
d) “Russia Supplies Iaf: Its First Strategic Bomber” by Bharat Karnad, *Citizen*, 10 August 2022.
e) Rafale and Self Reliance? by Bharat Karnad, *Citizen*, 14 December 2022.

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

Policy Briefs and Reports

- a) “Climate Governance Functions: Towards Context-Specific Climate Laws” by Navroz K. Dubash, Anirudh Sridhar, Alina Averchenkova, Catherine Higham, Olivia Rumble and Andrew Gilder, the Grantham Research Institute at LSE and Climate Legal, 14 October 2022.

Journal Article

- a) “Climate Faultlines: India’s Lessons from the Glasgow COP26 Climate Negotiations” by Navroz K. Dubash, *India Forum*, 11 May 2022.

Articles in the Mainstream Media

- a) “Climate Crisis: No Universal Solutions” by Navroz K. Dubash, *Hindustan Times*, 5 April 2022.
b) “Policy Packages Could Transform India’s Approach to the Climate Crisis” by Navroz K. Dubash and Parth Bhatia, *ET Energy World*, 29 April 2022.
c) “India at the Bottom in EPI 2022 but Environment Survey Confuses and Stifles Honest Discussion on Climate Change” by Navroz K. Dubash, *Indian Express*, 13 June 2022.
d) “India Needs to Build a ‘Climate-Ready’ State” by Navroz K. Dubash, *The Hindu*, 15 August 2022.
e) “Choosing a Climate Action Path Wisely” by Navroz K. Dubash, *Hindustan Times*, 5 September 2022.
f) “Two Pivotal Pillars that Will Dominate COP27” by Navroz K. Dubash, *Hindustan Times*, 1 November 2022.
g) “How Could Indian Law Tackle Climate Governance?” by Navroz K. Dubash and Anirudh Sridhar, *Ideas for India*, 4 November 2022.
h) “Three Small Steps Can Solidify Modi’s Mission LiFE Urban Planning to Behavioral Change” by Annanya Mahajan, Arunesh Karkun, Navroz K. Dubash, *Print*, 4 November 2022.
i) “As Global Warming Proceeds How Can India Introduce Climate Governance for Law?” by Anirudh Sridhar and Navroz K. Dubash, *Scroll*, 9 November 2022.
j) “Climate Priorities: Tackling Climate Governance in India” by Anirudh Sridhar and Navroz K. Dubash, International Growth Centre, 15 November 2022.
k) “Look beyond COP for Climate Action” by Navroz K. Dubash, *Hindustan Times*, 23 November 2022.
l) “Weather the Change” by Navroz K. Dubash, *Economic Times*, 2 January 2023.
m) “India’s Just Energy Transition Is More than a Coal Story” by Ashwini K. Swain and Navroz K. Dubash, *The Hindu*, 6 February 2023.
n) “India Can Play a Key Role in Climate Co-operation” by Navroz K. Dubash, *Hindustan Times*, 13 February 2023.
o) “The Long-Term Strategy Is Designed around the Big Transitions India Is Going to Face” by Navroz K. Dubash, 21 March 2023.
p) “A Climate Change Survival Act to Guide On” by Navroz K. Dubash and Parth Bhatia, *The Hindu*, 24 March 2023.

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

Articles in the Mainstream Media

- a) “The Quad at a Crossroads” by Brahma Chellaney, *Project Syndicate*, 26 April 2022.
b) “The Clash of Asia’s titans” by Brahma Chellaney, *Project Syndicate*, 19 May 2022.
c) “Biden’s Empty Taiwan Rhetoric Reveals Quad’s Core Weakness” by Brahma Chellaney, *Nikkei Asia*, 25 May 2022.
d) “Why Is Biden Appeasing China?” by Brahma Chellaney, *Hill*, 6 June 2022.
e) “India Should Invite Myanmar’s Foreign Minister to ASEAN Meet” by Brahma Chellaney, *Nikkei Asia*, 6 June 2022.
f) “India’s Frontline Battle against Autocracy More Important than Ever” by Brahma Chellaney, *Nikkei Asia*, 18 June 2022.

- g) “Hydropower Is a Bad Bargain” by Brahma Chellaney, *Project Syndicate*, 29 June 2022.
- h) “Have Sanctions Against Russia Boomeranged?” by Brahma Chellaney, *Hill*, 5 July 2022.
- i) “The Fall of the House of Rajapaksa” by Brahma Chellaney, *Project Syndicate*, 13 July 2022.
- j) “Will Taiwan Be the Next Ukraine on Biden’s Watch?” by Brahma Chellaney, 2 August 2022.
- k) “How the West Is Losing Ukraine?” by Brahma Chellaney, *Open*, 10 August 2022.
- l) “The Afghan Abyss” by Brahma Chellaney, *Project Syndicate*, 16 August 2022.
- m) “No Justification for Engaging with Taliban” by Brahma Chellaney, *Bangkok Post*, 19 August 2022.
- n) “China’s Cost-Free Gulag for Muslims” by Brahma Chellaney, *Miami Herald*, 6 September 2022.
- o) “The Quad Is at Risk of Losing Its Strategic Focus” by Brahma Chellaney, *Nikkei Asia*, 12 September 2022.
- p) “Biden’s Dangerous Embrace of Pakistan” by Brahma Chellaney, *Project Syndicate*, 16 September 2022.
- q) “China’s Expansionism Creeps along as West Distracted by Ukraine” by Brahma Chellaney, *Nikkei Asia*, 8 October 2022.
- r) “The US-India Partnership Is Too Important to Lose” by Brahma Chellaney, *Indian Defence News*, 12 October 2022.
- s) “A Spotlight on Chinese Debt Bondage” by Brahma Chellaney, *Project Syndicate*, 23 November 2022.
- t) “Kenya Revelations Shine a Light on China’s Predatory Practices” by Brahma Chellaney, *ASPI Strategist*, 24 November 2022.
- u) “Xi Jinping Is Taking Advantage of Biden’s Soft Touch” by Brahma Chellaney, *Nikkei Asia*, 25 November 2022.
- v) “China’s Watershed Moment” by Brahma Chellaney, *Hill*, 6 December 2022.
- w) “Europe’s Russia Sanctions Are a Shot to the Foot” by Brahma Chellaney, *Project Syndicate*, 16 December 2022.
- x) “What Brahma Chellaney Says on India-China Relations, Clash and Tension” by Brahma Chellaney, *Post English*, 19 December 2022.
- y) “Modi’s Silence on China’s Land Grabs Will Not Be India’s Last Word” by Brahma Chellaney, *Nikkei Asia*, 20 December 2022.
- z) “Are Europe’s Sanctions on Russian Energy Doing It More Harm than Good?” by Brahma Chellaney, *ASPI Strategist*, 20 December 2022.
- aa) “Europe’s Russia sanctions” by Brahma Chellaney, *Independent*, 21 December 2022.
- ab) “Will 2023 Be a Better Year for International Peace and Public Health?” by Brahma Chellaney, *Hill*, 3 January 2023.
- ac) “The Limits of Japan’s Military Awakening” by Brahma Chellaney, *Project Syndicate*, 13 January 2023.
- ad) “Mightier Japan to Make Asia Safer” by Brahma Chellaney, *Taipei Times*, 19 January 2023.
- ae) “Could the ‘Chinese Century’ belong to India?” by Brahma Chellaney, *Stagecraft and Statecraft*, 30 January 2023.
- af) “South Asia’s Looming Water War” by Brahma Chellaney, *Project Syndicate*, 17 February 2023.
- ag) “Russian War Sanctions Show Why Us Must Rethink Its Strategies” by Brahma Chellaney, *Nikkei Asia*, 18 February 2023.
- ah) “Japan and India Must Draw Closer to Check Chinese Expansionism” by Brahma Chellaney, *Nikkei Asia*, 20 March 2023.
- ai) “America’s Interest in Ending the Ukraine Crisis” by Brahma Chellaney, *Project Syndicate*, 24 March 2023.
- aj) “Limbo of Warfare: US’s Interest in Ending the Ukraine Crisis” by Brahma Chellaney, *DT Next*, 25 March 2023.

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

Book

- a) *How China Sees India and the World* by Shyam Saran, Juggernaut Books, 2022.

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- a) Ayushman Bharat by Avani Kapur, Rahul Das and Madhur Sharma, Centre for Policy Research, 2 February 2023.
- b) Smart Cities Mission by Avani Kapur, Rahul Das and Madhur Sharma, Centre for Policy Research, 2 February 2023.
- c) Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman by Avani Kapur, Sharad Pandey and Madhur Sharma, Centre for

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37. Manish

Journal Articles

- a) Evaluating India's new anti-conversion laws by Manish, *Comparative Constitutional Law*, 23 May 2022.

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- a) "Evictions and Due Process in Delhi" by Manish, *India Housing Report*, 2 May 2022

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- a) Ayushman Bharat by Madhur Sharma, Rahul Das, Avani Kapur, 2 February 2023.
- b) Smart Cities Mission by Anwesha Mallick, Rahul Das, Avani Kapur, 2 February 2023.

39. Samridhi Agarwal

Articles in the Mainstream Media

- a) PDS has had a spectacular run that may not last by Samridhi Agarwal and Harish Damodaran, *Indian Express*, 27 April 2022.

40. Sonakshi Sharma

Journal Articles

- a) From a gungi gudiya to an autocrat by Sonakshi Sharma, Seminar, 8 April 2022.

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- a) Debates on administrative reform in India by Archana Sivasubramanian, Sonakshi Sharma, Aditya, Unnikrishnan, Karnamadakala Rahul Sharma and Akila Ranganathan, 6 March 2022.

41. Suravee Nayak

Journal Article

- a) Coal extraction, dispossession and the 'Classes of labour' by Suravee Nayak, *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 8 December 2022.

42. Tanya Rana

Policy Briefs and reports

- a) "Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana and Janani Suraksha Yojana" by Avani Kapur, Tanya Rana, Jenny Susan Jacob, 2 February 2023.
- b) At a glance: Rajasthan Financial Profile 2023-24 by Sharad Pandey, Avani Kapur and Tanya Rana, 22 March 2023.
- c) Financing Nutrition in India: Cost Implications of the Nutrition Policy landscape by Avani Kapur, Ritwik Shukla, Tanya Rana, Purnima Menon And Suman Chakrabarti, 22 March 2023.
- d) Where do the victims of gender-based violence go: A Needs analysis for women's safety schemes in India by Tanya Rana, Ritwik Shukla and Avani Kapur, 22 March 2023.
- e) Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 by Avani Kapur, Tanya Rana and Ritwik Shukla, Centre for Policy Research, 2 February 2023.

Articles in the Mainstream Media

- a) Has budget 2023-24 been successful in balancing gender priorities? by Tanya Rana and Neeha Susan Jacob, *Ideas for India*, 7 March 2023.

Library, Information and Dissemination Services

During the year 2022–23, 27 books were added to the library at CPR. The acquisition mainly related to books on subjects such as policy sciences, economic policy, urbanization, political science, futurology, social indicators, foreign policy, defense and other fields of relevance to research programmers of the Centre.

The CPR library has a collection of a total of 10,977 books after weeding out a few old books. The library subscribed to 22 journals and received 40 periodicals gratis. These cover major policy fields of concern to scholars at CPR. In addition to these, 18 daily newspapers are received in the library, of which 11 newspapers are received in print and 7 newspapers as digital versions only.

The library continued to be a member of the Developing Library Network (DELNET), New Delhi. It also has one Samsung SCX 4521F multifunctional printer and one HP Elite 8300 printer for the use faculty/researchers. Using a 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 the 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.

The Computer Unit's Activities

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

1. Mailing services and other apps hosted on Google Workspace were configured and maintained as per the Centre's requirement.
2. Security policies to protect the 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 to provide secured wireless internet access to users as per their requirements.
3. The following hardware and software were procured:
 - a. Seventeen laptops, one laser jet printer, four monitors, one desktop, three external hard drives, one iPad and one UPS were purchased, configured and installed as per requirements of the users.
 - b. Licenses of MS Office 365 (five), Adobe Master Collection for creative cloud team (two), were purchased and installed.
 - c. Subscriptions for Tally, GMass, Urkund/Ouriginal and CMIE database were purchased/renewed and access provided to users.
 - d. HCM Empower User Licenses (Sales Force; 100) were renewed.
4. Administrative services for development and maintenance of websites for the following projects were provided.
 1. cprindia.org (CPR)
 2. Accountability Initiative
 3. Accountability Initiative's Hum Aur Hamari Sarkar
 4. Pulse for Development (pulse4development.com)
 5. SCI-FI Initiative (scifi.cprindia.org)
 6. Urban Team - Housing in India (indiahousingreport.in)
5. Zoom Services for video conferencing were purchased/renewed and upgraded as and when they are released.
6. The maintenance and configuration of Centre's local area and Wi-Fi networks, hardware and software were carried out as per the requirements. IT support services were provided to all users of the Centre by attending to their hardware and software issues. Support services related to seminars/conferences/virtual meetings were also provided.

Grants

CPR received the following grants from ICSSR during the financial year 2022-23 (in lakhs):

1.	Recurring grant OH (36)	Rs. 35.00 lakh
2.	Recurring grant OH (31)	Rs. 44.00 lakh
-	Total:	Rs.79.00 lakh

The CPR gross corpus fund now stands at Rs. 1013.82 lakh. CPR's gross receipts (including specific project receipts) during the year was Rs. 3047.97 lakh. The ICSSR recurring grant is 2.59% 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. Mac Arthur Foundation, USA
4. Namati Inc, USA
5. Foreign Common Wealth Development Office
6. Lirnesia, Sri Lanka
7. U.S. Department of State Federal Assistance Award
8. Oak Foundation, U.K.
9. NMCG Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Jal Shakti
10. UNICEF
11. Government of Meghalaya
12. Government of Andhra Pradesh
13. Government of Rajasthan
14. World Bank
15. ADB Asia Housing Conference
16. Rohini Nelakani
17. Nextra Data Ltd

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. 0.11 lakh was earned during the year 2022–23 on the investment of the said corpus, of which a sum of Rs. 0.11 lakh has been utilized during the year towards the 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 of 31st March 2023)

President and Chief Executive

1. Yamini Aiyar

Professors

1. Navroz Dubash, Professor, Ph.D
2. Nimmi Kurian, Professor, Ph.D
3. Easwaran Jayaraman Narassimhan, Associate Professor

Professor Emeritus

1. Charan Wadhwa, Ph.D
2. Bharat Karnad
3. Brahma Chellaney

Honorary Research/Visiting Professors

1. Subhash C Kashyap
2. B N Saxena
3. Sanjib Baruah
4. Sanjoy Hazarika
5. G Parthasarathy
6. R Rangachari
7. K P Krishnan

Honorary Senior Fellows

1. Shyam Saran
2. Pratap Bhanu Mehta

Senior Fellows

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2. Shylashri Shankar
3. Shubhagato Dasgupta
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5. Manju Menon
6. Mekhala Krishnamurthy
7. Namita Wahi
8. Sushant Kumar Singh
9. Neelanjan Sircar
10. Avani Kapur

Senior Visiting Fellows

1. Philippe Cullet
2. Jishnu Das
3. Rani Mullen
4. Marie-Helene Zerah
5. E Somanathan
6. Gilles Verniers
7. Gautam Mukhopadhaya
8. Veronique Dupont
9. Rajshree Chandra
10. Sabina Dewan
11. Deepak Sanan
12. Pushpa Pathak
13. Lant Pritchett
14. Pradeep Chibber
15. Rathin Roy
16. Devesh Kapur
17. Sanjay Kathuria
18. Suman Bery

19. Michael Walton

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2. Shibani Ghosh
3. Mukta Naik
4. Ashwini Swain
5. Priyadarshini Singh
6. Rahul Verma
7. Aman Srivastava
8. Bhargav Krishna
9. Karnamadakala Rahul Sharma
10. Srinivas Chokkakula

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1. Radhika Khosla
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6. Kaustuv Biswas
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10. T R Raghunandan

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10. Parth Bhatia
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12. Sarada Prasanna Das
13. Shamindra Nath Roy
14. Sujeet Kumar
15. Suravee Nayak
16. Angshuman Choudhury

Senior Researchers

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3. Abinaya Sekar
4. Annanya Mahajan
5. Archana Sivasubramanian
6. Baisakhi Sarkar Dhar
7. Gaurav Mittal
8. Isha Khurana
9. Kamakshi Amar
10. Kumar Dron Srivastav
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13. Prerna Seth
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16. Sharad Pandey
17. Tripti Singh

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12. Jenny Susan Jacob
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14. Madhur Sharma
15. Mandakini Akella Chandra
16. Manojna Polisetty
17. Mugdha Mohapatra
18. Neha Agarwal
19. Nishant Ranjan
20. Nrusingh Charan Dhal
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22. Prannv Dhawan
23. Pratyush Kumar Mohapatra
24. Rahul Das
25. Ram Kumar Dan
26. Ria Kasliwal
27. Ritu Kochar
28. Sampada Nayak
29. Samridhi Agarwal
30. Satyam Shukla
31. Shaivi Kulshreshtha
32. Shamik Vatsa
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34. Shaurya Gupta
35. Shreya Abhirama Shekhar
36. Shubhangi Karia
37. Sidharth Santosh
38. Sonakshi Sharma
39. Srishti Jain
40. Subia Ahmad
41. Sumeet Kumar Behera
42. Sunil Kumar Singh
43. Swagat Kumar Padhi
44. Tanya Rana
45. Vernica Gupta

Research Assistants

1. Anwesha Mallick
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3. Gurmat Singh Brar
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Programme Staff

1. Vidya Vishwanathan, Director-India Program
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5. Dinesh Kumar, Sr PAISA Associate
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21. Aprajita Verma, Program Officer
22. Ahalya Sa, Field Researcher
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26. Chinmay Kumar Samal, Field Researcher
27. Jagannath Mohanta, Field Researcher
28. Mahabaleshwar Ramachandra Hegde, Research Head
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Administration, Accounts, IT, Communications and Other Services

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10. Arvind Yadav, Office Assistant
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12. Priyanka Sabarwal, Digital Strategy Consultant
13. Dhruv Bhasin, Dissemination & Communication Content Officer
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15. Seema Sharma, Administrative Executive
16. Prateek Gupta, Communications Associate
17. Pooja Gupta, Chief Accounts Officer
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20. Samyak Sharma, Communications Associate
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22. Sunil Kumar, Associate to President
23. Pramod Kumar Malik, Associate to President
24. Shourya Dubey, Design Associate
25. Sonali Verma, Senior Communications Associate
26. Sonia Gulati, PR Associate
27. Vinod Kumar, Deputy Supervisor
28. Satnam Kaur, Finance and Admn. Manager
29. Ajit Kumar Misra, Senior Accountant
30. Sunny Kumar Vashishth, Administrative Assistant
31. Ravi Raunaq Robin, Assistant Administrative Officer
32. Pankaj Kumar Mishra, Network Assistant
33. Vinay Garg, Head of Finance

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2. Ranjeet Singh, Messenger



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Independent Auditors' Report

TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH

1. Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH** ("Society"), which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2023 and the statement of Income and Expenditure Account for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including 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:

- i) in the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Society as at 31st March 2023; and
- ii) in the case of the Income and Expenditure Account, of the deficit for the year ended on that date.

2. Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) issued by ICAI. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Society in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements under the Act, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethic. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

3. Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to the ongoing legal matters relating to show cause notice for cancellation of the Society's registrations under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 and Rules made thereunder and cancellation of Society's Registration under section 12A of the Income Tax Act, 1961, which are being contested by the Society in the Courts and that the Society is hopeful of positive verdict and hence the accounts have been prepared, as in the previous years, considering the benefit of exemption under section 11 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and also as a going concern basis. (Refer Note No. 7 of Schedule 11 of the Financial Statements)

Our opinion is not modified in respect of the above matters.

4. Responsibilities of management 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 accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the accounting standards issued by ICAI, to the extent relevant and practical. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records for safeguarding of the assets of the Society and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate implementation and maintenance of 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 statement that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Society or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Management is responsible for overseeing the Society's financial reporting process.

5. Auditors' responsibility for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatement can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Society's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Society to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

6. Other matters

We report that:

- a) We have sought and obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose 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 those books; and
- c) The Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of accounts;

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

Place: New Delhi
Dated:

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

UDIN: 23024282BGVKMJ1734

CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH				
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2023				
				<i>Amount in ₹</i>
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	Sch	As on 31st March, 2023		As on 31st March, 2022
CORPUS FUND (SPECIFIC)	1		3,79,59,000	3,79,59,000
CORPUS FUND (GENERAL)	1		6,34,23,405	6,34,23,405
CAPITAL FUND (ASSETS)	2		1,75,21,072	1,50,58,743
CAPITAL RESERVE	3		11,130	11,130
RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES	4		62,57,401	62,57,401
UNSPENT BALANCES IN SPECIFIED PURPOSES/ PROJECTS	5		24,26,42,223	24,79,65,223
PROVISIONS	6		80,00,000	1,50,00,000
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			2,80,83,842	3,73,88,190
LIABILITY (ADVANCE INCOME) AGAINST BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- STRENGTHENING THE CAPABILITY OF THE STATE IN INDIA- CAPACITY SUPPORT FUND	11.11		8,12,70,000	8,12,70,000
CURRENT LIABILITIES	10		40,61,775	27,86,796
TOTAL			48,92,29,848	50,71,19,888
PROPERTY & ASSETS				
FIXED ASSETS	7			
Gross Block		6,04,04,108		5,42,13,468
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		4,28,83,036	1,75,21,072	3,91,54,725
INVESTMENTS (including Corpus Fund Investments)	8		35,42,00,975	45,15,13,053
CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS AND ADVANCES:	9			
Cash and Bank Balances	9(a)	8,22,13,573		1,12,10,078
Advances recoverable/ adjustable	9(b)	3,52,94,228	11,75,07,801	2,93,38,014
TOTAL			48,92,29,848	50,71,19,888
Accounting policies and notes on accounts	11			
				For and on behalf of
				CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH
<i>AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE.</i>				
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: 18-September-2023				

CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH				
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2023				
				<i>Amount in ₹</i>
INCOME			2022-23	2021-22
Grant-in-Aid from ICSSR			79,00,000	40,50,000
Donation Received			35,00,000	10,00,000
Interest on Investments:				
- Endowment and Corpus Interest	49,68,740			34,29,790
- Dividend Income on Corpus	1,15,573			1,12,243
- Interest on Income Tax Refunds	-			1,43,024
- Other Investments	31,25,612		82,09,925	44,44,166
Gain on Redemption of UTI Mutual Funds			7,09,992	1,81,301
Gain on Redemption of Canara Robeco Mutual Funds	1,10,27,385			-
Less: Transfer to General Purpose Fund - Surplus on Redemption of Corpus Investments	1,10,27,385		-	-
Transfer from Domestic Grants towards Overhead			20,63,596	23,11,083
Transfer from Foreign Grants towards Overhead #			2,57,18,424	3,11,07,543
Completed Projects - Balances written back (Net)			1,564	-
Miscellaneous Income			61,314	1,56,213
Proceeds on Sale of Assets			55,157	4,414
Royalty			-	6,003
Provision for HR & Communication Infrastructure Fund Written Back			10,50,000	-
TOTAL			4,92,69,972	4,69,45,780
<p># Includes Overhead of ₹ 41,93,840 transferred from FCRA projects for the period 1st January, 2023 to 31st March, 2023. However, funds have not been physically transferred from FC bank account to domestic bank account.</p>				
EXPENDITURE			2022-23	2021-22
Salaries, Wages & Benefits to staff (see foot note below)				
Salaries and wages	2,66,79,781			2,78,09,686
Contribution to Provident Fund	17,31,737			20,28,881
Contribution to Gratuity Fund (LIC)	10,00,000			10,11,348
Contribution to Leave Encashment Benefits Fund (LIC)	32,92,009			10,00,000
Less: Met from Provision for Leave Encashment Liability	(20,00,000)			-
Medical Insurance	2,50,365			1,80,243
Other Staff Benefits	1,77,278		3,11,31,170	3,76,317
Security and Allied Services			37,04,190	36,71,849
Travel and conveyance			2,34,056	1,43,656
Completed Projects - Balances written off (Net)			-	5,14,418
Rates and taxes			10,737	27,735
Printing, stationery, office supplies			2,55,581	1,56,515
Communication expenses	28,34,016			7,16,020
Less: Met from Provision for HR & Communication Infrastructure Fund	19,50,000		8,84,016	-
Electricity and water			8,50,573	5,37,013
Office maintenance and repairs	99,97,242			48,33,568
Less: Met from Provision for Building Maintenance & Infrastructure Fund	20,00,000		79,97,242	-
Hospitality and Staff Welfare			6,14,660	2,87,344
Insurance			1,00,784	65,363
Library books, newspapers and periodicals			5,69,235	4,00,042
Audit and other fee to Auditors			6,23,340	5,29,726
Miscellaneous expenses			12,917	14,586
Membership and Subscriptions			1,02,412	1,03,054
Bank charges			1,37,961	23,295
Conference and Programmes			3,11,995	1,23,908
Advertisement			42,516	27,686
Vehicle maintenance			2,40,000	2,20,000
IT Support			15,55,233	10,94,806
Legal and professional			52,30,683	44,72,380
Depreciation	39,32,818			38,15,850
Less: Met from Capital Fund	39,32,818		-	38,15,850
Total C.O.			5,46,09,301	5,03,69,439
<p>Note: This was partly met out of ICSSR Grant (OH 36) of ₹ 44,00,000/- received during the year.</p>				

					Amount in ₹
EXPENDITURE			2022-23	2021-22	
Total B.F.			5,46,09,301		5,03,69,439
Provisions/ Appropriations:					
Transfer to Capital Fund - Amount for addition to assets		39,65,019		12,56,767	
Transfer to CPR Employees Welfare Fund		-	39,65,019	2,54,485	15,11,252
			5,85,74,320		5,18,80,691
Surplus for the year after appropriations			(93,04,348)		(49,34,911)
Surplus brought forward			3,73,88,190		4,23,23,101
Accumulated surplus carried to Balance sheet			2,80,83,842		3,73,88,190
					For and on behalf of
					CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH
<u>AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE.</u>					
FOR V. SANKAR AIYAR & CO.					
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS					
(Firm's Registration No. 109208W)					
					(YAMINI MRINALIKA AIYAR)
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PLACE: NEW DELHI					
DATED: 18-September-2023					

CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH					
SCHEDULES TO STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2023					
					Amount in ₹
PARTICULARS	As on 31st March, 2023		As on 31st March, 2022		
CORPUS FUNDS					Schedule - 1
<u>CORPUS FUNDS (SPECIFIC)</u>					
As per last Balance Sheet					
- The Ford Foundation- Foreign Currency Corpus	30,58,000		30,58,000		
- The Ford Foundation Perpetuity Chair -PP RAG Unit	1,30,01,250		1,30,01,250		
- The Ford Foundation Track-2 Dialogue	84,49,750		84,49,750		
- GOI, Minister of External Affairs Track-2 Dialogue	9,50,000		9,50,000		
- National Commission on Population - PPRAG	1,25,00,000	3,79,59,000	1,25,00,000	3,79,59,000	
<u>CORPUS FUNDS (GENERAL)</u>					
As per last Balance Sheet		6,34,23,405		6,34,23,405	
Total		10,13,82,405		10,13,82,405	
CAPITAL FUND (ASSETS)					Schedule - 2
As per last Balance Sheet		1,50,58,743		1,59,24,087	
Add: Assets purchased out of Specific purpose/ Project Fund		24,99,993		16,98,120	
Add: Transfer from Income and Expenditure		39,65,019		12,56,767	
Less: Depreciation met from Capital Fund		39,32,818		38,15,850	
Less: WDV of assets written off/ discarded/ sold		69,865		4,381	
Total		1,75,21,072		1,50,58,743	
CAPITAL RESERVE					Schedule - 3
As per last Balance Sheet		11,130		11,130	
Total		11,130		11,130	
RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES					Schedule - 4
As per last Balance Sheet		62,57,401		62,57,401	
Total		62,57,401		62,57,401	

CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH				
SCHEDULES TO STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2021				
				<i>Amount in ₹</i>
PARTICULARS	As on 31st March, 2023		As on 31st March, 2022	
PROVISIONS				Schedule - 6
<u>Provision for 7th CPC Arrears</u>				
As per last Balance Sheet		80,00,000		80,00,000
<u>Provision for HR & Communication Infrastructure Fund</u>				
As per last Balance Sheet	30,00,000		30,00,000	
Less: Utilised during the year against Major Repairs	19,50,000		-	
Less: Balance written back	10,50,000	-	-	30,00,000
<u>Provision for Building Maintenance & Infrastructure Fund</u>				
As per last Balance Sheet	20,00,000		20,00,000	
Less: Utilised during the year for Major Repairs	20,00,000	-	-	20,00,000
<u>Provision for Leave Encashment Liability</u>				
As per last Balance Sheet	20,00,000		20,00,000	
Less: Utilised during the year for payment of leave liability	20,00,000	-	-	20,00,000
Total		80,00,000		1,50,00,000

				Amount in ₹	
PARTICULARS		As on 31st March, 2023		As on 31st March, 2022	
INVESTMENTS (At cost)				Schedule - 8	
(including Corpus Fund Investments)					
GOI 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds		5,00,000		2,07,20,000	
Fixed Deposits with Banks		21,70,28,529		29,16,25,891	
Fixed Deposits with ICICI Home Finance Ltd.		21,75,000		21,75,000	
Fixed Deposits with HDFC Ltd.		9,75,15,446		9,40,75,446	
Fixed Deposits with PNB Housing Finance Ltd.		-		54,34,499	
Fixed Deposits with LIC Housing Finance Ltd.		3,69,82,000		3,49,37,000	
Units of Mutual Fund					
- UTI Regular Saving Fund- Regular Flexi Dividend Plan (Nil, PY:72,969 Units)		-		20,45,217	
- GBOE- Canara Robeco Equity Hybrid Fund- Regular Growth (Nil, PY: 50,000 Units)		-		5,00,000	
Total		35,42,00,975		45,15,13,053	
Market Value of Mutual Funds		-		1,47,72,661	
<p>Note: Consequent to the suspension of FCRA Registration as referred in note no. 11(7)(vi), investments and fixed deposits aggregating to ₹ 22,31,90,168/- created out of FCRA funds are under freeze by the Order of the FCRA authorities. Realisation/encashment of such Investments/ Fixed Deposits and respective interest credits are allowed into the FCRA utilisation bank account only.</p>					
a) CASH AND BANK BALANCES				Schedule - 9	
In Bank Accounts with:					
SBI - Saving A/C NO-40074102929 - FC Designated Bank Account (See footnote below)		1,63,37,893		3,05,123	
Canara Bank - C/A NO-0157201000348 - FC Utilisation Account (See footnote below)		3,42,15,143		40,21,800	
Canara Bank - C/A NO-0157201004775		51,17,861		1,04,084	
Canara Bank - Saving A/C NO-015710131459		2,64,79,777		64,41,390	
Canara Bank - Current A/C NO- 157201005222(MOF)		-		2,82,007	
Canara Bank - Saving A/C NO- 110086846187(MOF)		7,290		-	
Canara Bank - Current A/C No. 157201005827 (NKC)		-		55,674	
Canara Bank - Saving A/C No. 110088128333 (NKC)		55,609		-	
Cash in hand - FC		-		-	
Cash in hand - Non-FC		-		8,22,13,573	
Sub-total		8,22,13,573		1,12,10,078	
<p>Note: Consequent to the suspension of FCRA Registration as referred in note no. 11(7)(vi), the FCRA bank accounts have been frozen by the Order of the FCRA authorities. Credits in the form of realisation/encashment of Investment/ Fixed Deposits created out of FCRA Funds and respective interest credits are allowed into the FCRA utilisation bank account only.</p>					
b) ADVANCES RECOVERABLE/ ADJUSTABLE					
(Unsecured - considered good and recoverable)					
Advances Recoverable in Cash or Kind		12,45,820		6,45,865	
Security Deposits		1,63,245		1,30,745	
Tax Deducted at Source		74,09,825		50,76,187	
Debit balances in Specified Grants/ Projects (excess spent in anticipation of Grant) (Refer Schedule - 5)		2,64,75,338		2,34,85,217	
Sub-total		3,52,94,228		2,93,38,014	
Total		11,75,07,801		4,05,48,092	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				Schedule - 10	
Outstanding Liabilities		34,52,805		22,77,826	
Excess Grant Refundable to ICSSR		1,00,000		-	
CPR Employees Welfare Fund					
- Employees Contribution		2,54,485		2,54,485	
- CPR Contribution		2,54,485		5,08,970	
Interunit Balance		-		-	
Total		40,61,775		27,86,796	

CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH					
					Schedule - 11
Significant Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts					
					Amount in ₹
1	BASIS OF ACCOUNTING				
<p>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.</p>					
<p>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.</p>					
2	FIXED ASSETS				
<p>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.</p>					
3	DEPRECIATION				
<p>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.</p>					
4	INVESTMENTS: Investments are valued at cost.				
5	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
<p>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.</p>					
<p>The Fund balance with the LIC as on 31st March 2023, (including interest credit on funded balances) for Gratuity Fund and Leave Encashment Policy are ₹ 151.02 lakhs and ₹ 91.21 lakhs respectively against the liability of ₹ 105.68 lakhs and ₹ 86.79 lakhs for Gratuity and Leave Encashment respectively.</p>					
6	FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS				
<p>Foreign currency transactions are generally recorded at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of transaction.</p>					
7	Income Tax and FCRA:				
<p>(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.</p>					
<p>(ii) The Permanent Account No. (PAN) allotted under the Act is AAATC0180H.</p>					
<p>(iii) CPR is regular in filing the income tax returns, the last one filed being for the Assessment year 2022–23 (relating to FY 2021–22).</p>					
<p>(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. AAATC0180HF20214 dated 28th May 2021, under the Income Tax Act, 1961 and Rules made thereunder.</p>					
<p>(v) The Income Tax Department had conducted a survey operation (on 7th and 8th September, 2022) at the premises of the Society under section 133A of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Subsequent to the Survey, the Department had also sent several notices seeking information from the Society on various matters. The Society had replied to all the notices adequately on time. Thereafter, on 22-12-2022 the Income Tax Department issued a Show Cause Notice ("SCN") for cancellation of the Registration under section 12A of the Income Tax Act, 1961. The Society responded to all the issues raised in the SCN issued by the department. However, the Department on 30-06-2023 issued an order cancelling the tax exemption status of the Society. The Society has filed a writ petition before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi against the order of the Department for cancellation of 12A registration. The Hon'ble High Court has granted an interim stay vide its order dated 25-08-2023 for the period upto next hearing date i.e., 30-11-2023, during which Society would be required to furnish the details of contributions received and utilized, duly audited.</p> <p>In addition to the SCN, as referred above, the Department has also sent a notice (dated 28-03-2023 and 29-03-2023) under section 148A(b) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, For the AY 2016-17, alleging income of ₹ 23,18,79,176/- escaping from assessment. The Society has filed a writ petition before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and the Hon'ble Court vide its order dated 24-05-2023, has stayed the operation of the notice for the period upto next hearing date i.e. 22-11-2023.</p>					

(vi)	<p>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 2021-22. 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 (MHA) for renewal of FC Registration.</p> <p>The Society was subjected to special audit by the FCRA Department under section 20 and 23 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010, for the period covering FY 2015-16 to 2017-18 in February 2021. The MHA had also sent a standard questionnaire which was duly replied to the MHA by the Society on 31st January, 2023. In the mean-time, MHA had, by its Order dated 27th February, 2023, suspended Registration Certificate of the Society for a period of 180 days. Hence, the Society's operation under the FCRA have come to a standstill, consequent to the freeze put on the FCRA bank accounts and funds by the MHA. The Society has filed an application with the MHA under section 13(a)(2)(b) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 read with Rule 14(a) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011 seeking the permission to utilize the 25% of its FCRA funds for the declared aims and objectives for which the grants were received. The Society also, vide letter dated 23rd March, 2023, sought clarification on grounds and reasons under which its Registration Certificate under FCRA has been suspended. Subsequently, the Ministry had issued Show Cause Notice (SCN) dated 01-08-2023, detailing the alleged violations by the Society of the FCRA-2010, as to why the Association's certificate of FCRA Registration should not be cancelled under section 14 of the FCRA Act, 2010. The Society has duly responded to this show cause notice and has filed a writ petition before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi to release FCRA funds under Rule 14(a) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011. The Hon'ble High Court has directed the MHA to decide on application before 05-09-2023 and the next hearing was listed on 05-09-2023 which was further adjourned to 27th November, 2023. Meantime, MHA vide its order dated 12th September, 2023 permitted the society to utilize upto ₹ 1,79,10,236/- with direction to maintain and submit monthly account of expenses. Further, the MHA has also extended the suspension of Society's FCRA Registration for a further period of 180 days from the date of this order i.e., 12-09-2023 or until further orders whichever is earlier.</p>
(vii)	<p>We are informed that the Society is contending that the objects and activities of the Society are charitable in nature and there are no violation of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) At, 2010 or the Income Tax Act, 1961 and confident of a ultimate favourable verdict from the Courts, the accounts for the Society have been prepared, as in the previous years, considering the benefit of exemption under section 11 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and also as a going concern. Accordingly, the Society is in the process of filing its return of income.</p>
8	<p>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.</p>
9	<p>Claims against the society, not acknowledged as debts:-</p> <p>As on 31st March 2023: Nil</p> <p>As on 31st March 2022: ₹ 19.32 Crores.</p> <p>Subsequent to 31st March, 2016, counter-claim towards damages alleging deficiencies in examination conducting service, which the Society has not accepted. The case was rejected by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and allowed in favour of the CPR vide their judgement dated 9th February, 2023.</p>
10	<p>Estimated amount of outstanding Capital Contracts - Nil.</p>
11	<p>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.</p>
12	<p>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> <p>In addition to above, Transaction Audit was done by the Office of the Director General of Audit for FY 2015-16 to 2020-21 during 3rd March, 2022 to 16th March, 2022. The Department has shared the inspection report on 22nd March, 2022 and asked reply within one month of the date of issue of report. CPR submitted point wise reply on 17th June, 2022 to the Office of Director General of Audit. The Department has shared its final report on 8th August, 2022 with remarks on each point.</p>
<u>SIGNATURES TO SCHEDULES 1 TO 11</u>	
FOR V. SANKAR AIYAR & CO.	For and on behalf of
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS	CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH
(Firm's Registration No. 109208W)	
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PARTNER (M.No. 024282)	PRESIDENT
PLACE: NEW DELHI	
DATED: 18-September-2023	

BALANCE OF CONTRIBUTION FOR SPECIFIED PURPOSES/PROJECTS AS ON 31st March, 2023

S.No.	NAME OF SPONSOR AND PROJECT	Opening Balance (1st April, 2022)		Transfer from Income and Exp	Inter-Project Transfer	Receipts during the year	Interest/ Dividend	Transfer to Income and Exp A/c	Disbursements during the year	Grant Refunded	Completed projects	Closing Balance (31st March, 2023)	
		DR.	CR.									DR.	CR.
	FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION GRANTS												
1	ACCESS HEALTH INTERNATIONAL	-	2,43,816	-	-	-	-	2,00,232	-	-	-	-	2,43,816
2	BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- SCI FI	-	45,34,598	-	-	-	1,19,079	19,81,324	13,34,880	-	-	-	29,99,486
3	BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- SCI FI-II	-	1,47,42,918	-	-	-	22,316	17,01,874	1,32,08,823	-	-	-	3,28,150
4	BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- SCI FI-III	-	-	-	-	4,53,42,529	-	1,13,45,828	1,13,45,828	-	-	-	3,23,17,143
5	BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- SOCIAL PROTECTION	-	-	-	-	11,85,750	-	1,48,045	9,86,972	-	-	-	50,733
6	BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- STRENGTHENING THE CAPABILITY OF THE STATE IN INDIA- CAPACITY SUPPORT FUND (refer note 11.12)	-	1,19,80,264	-	-	-	60,16,262	14,00,756	93,38,373	-	-	-	72,57,397
7	BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- STRENGTHENING THE CAPABILITY OF THE STATE IN INDIA	-	5,99,45,631	-	-	2,56,34,407	21,55,268	39,44,816	2,62,98,771	-	-	-	5,74,91,719
8	BILL MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION- TRACKING NUTRITION EXPENDITURE	-	17,497	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,497
9	BROWN UNIVERSITY- DIGITAL URBAN OBSERVATORY	-	98,246	-	-	-	-	-	1,14,028	-	-	-	15,782
10	HANNS SEIDEL STIFTUNG	1,27,500	-	-	-	10,21,861	-	20,30,870	20,30,870	-	-	-	11,36,509
11	INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES	-	-	-	-	14,24,505	-	-	8,42,027	-	-	-	5,82,478
12	CHILDREN INVESTMENT FUND FOUNDATION- UK RPT - CIEE	-	31,03,109	-	-	-	-	4,04,806	26,98,706	-	-	-	403
13	CMI-PURLANDS	-	26,97,807	-	-	-	-	-	26,40,446	-	-	-	57,361
14	CENTER DE SCIENCES HUMAINES - SUBURBIN ON SUBALTERN URBANIZATION IN INDIA	-	1,80,241	-	-	-	-	-	1,61,483	-	-	-	18,758
15	RISE- DFID	-	39,51,141	-	-	-	-	30,702	2,04,682	-	-	-	37,15,757
16	DUKE UNIVERSITY	-	-	-	-	5,90,336	-	-	3,071	-	-	-	5,87,265
17	FOREIGN COMMONWEALTH & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (DFID) SCI FI GRANT	-	6,34,791	-	-	-	-	17,300	1,00,000	-	-	-	5,17,491
18	FOREIGN COMMONWEALTH & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (DFID) STATE CAPACITY	20,37,883	-	-	-	39,05,009	-	8,90,792	51,49,089	-	-	-	-
19	FOREIGN COMMONWEALTH & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (DFID) URBAN	56,59,725	-	-	-	91,89,985	-	6,04,656	34,95,126	-	-	-	5,69,822
20	THE FORD FOUNDATION- FOREIGN CURRENCY CORPUS INCOME (FCCI)	-	40,61,647	-	-	-	-	-	41,598	-	-	-	42,46,915
21	FORD FOUNDATION- PERPETUITY CHAIR-SAARC	-	95,10,879	-	-	-	-	14,40,029	69,58,657	-	-	-	39,92,255
22	FORD FOUNDATION STATE CAPACITY	-	-	-	-	51,95,996	-	-	32,82,619	-	-	-	19,13,377
23	THE FORD FOUNDATION CORPUS INCOME FOR TRACK II DIALOGUES	-	5,61,253	-	-	-	-	-	10,26,123	-	-	-	65,87,276
24	GIZ SMART CITY	-	47,89,863	-	-	-	-	-	4,90,365	-	-	-	47,88,663
25	GROUP FOR THE ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENT	-	6,37,232	-	-	-	-	-	6,24,083	-	-	-	1,46,967
26	GROUP FOR THE ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENT- SV	-	5,90,350	-	-	74,150	-	-	6,24,083	-	-	-	41,747
27	GROUP FOR THE ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENT- URBAN INNOVATION FOR POVERTY ACTION- GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAM TO ACCESS THE AVAILABILITY AND DELIVERY HEALTH SERVICES IN INDIA AND INDONESIA	-	-	-	-	15,58,080	-	-	1,27,943	-	-	-	14,30,137
28	INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FRANCE (IRD)- INDIAN RURAL BOUNDARIES AND BASIC SERVICES ETC	-	43,69,444	-	-	-	-	-	6,45,426	-	-	-	37,24,018
29	INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FRANCE (IRD)- INDIAN RURAL BOUNDARIES AND BASIC SERVICES ETC	-	1,72,970	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,72,970
30	INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FRANCE (IRD)	-	9,75,339	-	-	16,80,946	-	2,10,946	21,09,450	-	-	-	3,35,889
31	JUST JOBS NETWORK INC.	-	6,49,788	-	-	-	-	69,816	5,81,800	-	-	-	1,828
32	LIRNESSIA- SRI LANKA	-	27,86,771	-	-	22,67,298	-	1,90,618	62,87,495	-	-	-	14,44,044
33	JOHN D AND CATHERINE T. MAC ARTHUR FOUNDATION- EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK & DELIVERY MECHANISM THAT GUIDE ROBUST IMPLEMENTATION OF CLIMATE POLICIES IN INDIA	-	21,87,387	-	-	1,58,66,826	-	11,23,033	74,86,893	-	-	-	94,44,287
34	NAMATI- ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	-	6,69,804	-	-	2,63,54,837	-	34,92,567	2,32,83,727	-	-	-	2,48,347
35	OAK FOUNDATION- UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT- CLIMATE INITIATIVE - II	-	10,177	-	-	76,65,000	-	13,96,024	93,06,818	-	-	-	30,27,665
36	OMIDYAR NETWORK FUND- LAND RIGHTS	-	2,83,661	-	-	-	-	36,920	2,46,135	-	-	-	606
37	OMIDYAR CPR DEVELOPMENT	-	48,54,678	-	-	-	-	7,17,212	44,82,578	-	-	-	3,45,112
38	OMIDYAR NETWORK FUND- GENERAL SUPPORT	-	6,57,401	-	-	-	-	91,539	6,10,259	-	-	-	44,397
39	OMIDYAR NETWORK FUND- WORKSHOP	-	16,30,863	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,30,863
40	OMIDYAR NETWORK SCI FI	-	80,05,185	-	-	-	-	11,14,858	74,32,391	-	-	-	5,42,064
41	SEPHUS-NETHERLANDS	-	7,94,232	-	-	-	-	-	7,94,232	-	-	-	7,94,232
42	STITCHING SED FUND	-	2,84,140	-	-	9,00,191	-	1,51,145	9,22,740	-	-	-	1,10,446
43	STITCHING SED FUND PHASE II	-	32,24,792	-	-	-	-	3,05,135	39,73,240	-	-	-	7,33,892
44	UBS OPTIMUS FOUNDATION UK	-	44,96,829	-	-	44,96,829	-	30,51,352	30,51,352	-	-	-	11,40,342
45	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	-	2,65,349	-	-	25,41,216	-	7,49,950	2,49,950	-	-	-	20,56,615
46	UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE	-	2,51,176	-	-	-	-	-	4,68,894	-	-	-	23,433
47	U S DEPARTMENT OF STATE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE AWARD (AMERICAN EMBASSY, NEW DELHI)	-	39,52,075	-	-	99,41,750	-	8,65,390	86,53,903	-	-	-	43,74,532
48	WATERLINKS	-	-	-	-	10,68,822	-	-	2,182	-	-	-	10,66,640
49	WILLIAM & FLORA HEWLETT FOUNDATION-CIEE	-	90,78,172	-	-	-	-	12,05,234	80,34,889	-	-	-	3,472
50	WILLIAM & FLORA HEWLETT FOUNDATION- ACCOUNTABILITY INITIATIVE, NEW INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT	-	1,76,05,052	-	-	-	-	22,84,319	1,52,28,795	-	-	-	12,03,614
51	STANFORD UNIVERSITY LAND RIGHTS	-	-	-	-	1,23,79,270	-	10,93,303	11,87,325	-	-	-	66,481
52	WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE	-	40,530	-	-	31,59,363	-	36,512	72,84,728	-	-	-	40,42,268
53	URBAN STUDIES FOUNDATION-WUI	-	94,050	-	-	-	-	8,550	1,82,550	-	-	-	29,40,292
54	AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION-2020	-	-	-	-	20,00,000	-	-	10,53,668	-	-	-	9,48,132
55	CR GENERAL EUROPE FUND	-	12,65,611	-	-	-	-	-	19,629	-	-	-	29,97,360
56	CR GENERAL EUROPE FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,10,27,385
57	GEN PURPOSE FUND - SUPRISON ON REDEMPTION OF CORPUS INVESTMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	SUB TOTAL	1,26,13,971	18,77,99,924	1,10,27,385	-	18,56,86,107	1,40,48,876	2,57,18,424	20,48,49,517	-	-	1,71,51,086	17,25,26,466

S.No.	NAME OF SPONSOR AND PROJECT	Opening Balance (1st April, 2022) DR. CR.	Transfer from Income and Exp	Inter-Project Transfer	Receipts during the year	Interest/ Dividend	Transfer to Income and Exp A/c	Disbursements during the year	Grant Refunded	Completed projects	Closing Balance (31st March, 2023) DR. CR.
1	DOMESTIC GRANTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	ACCEL LAND RIGHTS (H)	25,00,000	-	-	-	-	-	8,07,950	-	-	16,92,050
3	ADB ASIA HOUSING CONFERENCE (C)	-	-	-	15,52,053	-	-	2,83,200	-	-	12,68,853
4	Asian Development Bank	-	-	-	5,79,128	-	-	2,778	-	-	5,76,350
5	Andhra Pradesh Centre for Financial Systems & Services	-	-	-	73,59,000	-	-	63,75,281	-	-	9,83,719
6	SHRI RAM FINANCE - CPR DIALOGUES	-	-	-	20,00,000	-	-	20,00,000	-	-	-
7	BHOPAL SCHOOL S S	31,960	-	-	-	-	-	31,960	-	-	-
8	FOREIGN COMMONWEALTH & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE(DFID) - SCI FI	30,22,456	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,22,456
9	GIZ PROJECT - 2	41,169	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,169
10	GOVT OF ANDHRA PRADESH (C)	2,29,568	-	-	14,50,908	-	-	1,03,447	-	-	11,17,029
11	GOVT OF RAJASTHAN (H)	-	-	-	4,91,523	-	-	2,09,548	-	-	2,81,975
12	GUJARAT MAHILA HOUSING SEVA TRUST	1,12,077	-	-	-	-	-	86,221	-	-	25,856
13	HUKUMAT E RAJASTHAN HOUSING IN INDIA	3,27,080	-	-	-	-	-	45	-	-	3,27,035
14	IBRD - STRENGTHENING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN INDIA (1512645)	3,17,833	-	-	1,52,642	-	-	1,06,494	-	-	2,63,981
15	IBRD - STRENGTHENING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN INDIA (1512645)	2,61,944	-	-	-	-	-	2,46,775	-	-	15,169
16	ICSSR-DOMINANT CASTE DEMAND	62,938	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62,938
17	ICSSR-SECULARISM & SOCIAL CAPITAL AMONG THE MARGINALISED	17,989	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,989
18	ICSSR- AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY	5,52,182	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,52,182
19	ICSSR- UNDERSTANDING METROPOLITAN HOMELESSNESS A CASE STUDY OF DELHI	18,59,556	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,59,556	-	-
20	ICSSR- LAND RIGHTS DEVELOPMENT AND THE CONSTITUTION: MAPPING LAND LEGISLATION IN INDIA	4,26,047	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,26,047
21	ICSSR ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES FOR RESEARCH SCHOLARS AND FACULTY MEMBERS BELONGING TO SC ST AND OTHER MARGINALISED	19,51,906	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,51,906
22	ICSSR- RURAL SUPPLY ENERGY TRANSFORMATION IN INDIA	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60,000
23	INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION UCHICAGO - UNDERSTANDING STATE CAPABILITIES	3,05,109	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,05,109
24	ISDM - DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT FOUNDATION	2,89,864	-	-	-	-	-	2,89,864	-	-	-
25	MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS- BCM 10TH DIALOGUE 18-19 FEB 12 AND BCM 11TH DIALOGUE 23-24 FEB 2013	1,12,699	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,12,699
26	MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA-CORPUS INCOME FOR TRACK II DIALOGUES	4,25,038	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,25,038
27	MEGHALAYA GOVT (G)	44,86,000	-	-	-	-	-	28,89,870	-	-	15,96,130
28	MEGHALAYA GOVT (G)	41,96,905	-	-	41,96,905	-	4,33,481	-	-	-	37,63,424
29	MOEFCC	5,50,000	-	-	10,00,000	-	-	15,48,660	-	1,340	3,51,340
30	MINISTRY OF FINANCE-GOVERNMENT OF INDIA-CORPUS INCOME	7,507	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,507
31	MINISTRY OF FINANCE-GOVERNMENT OF INDIA-CORPUS INCOME	5,15,185	-	-	11,206	-	11,187	-	-	-	5,03,999
32	MINISTRY OF COMMERCIAL RESOURCES	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,36	-	-	2,36
33	MISSION ON POPULATION (MOP) - CORPUS INCOME	2,77,03,835	-	-	-	-	-	3,53,850	-	-	2,73,50,000
34	NEXTAR DATA LTD	1,98,414	-	-	69,19,000	-	-	43,36,275	-	-	25,82,725
35	NILU AAXOG - METAMORPHOSE TECH TALK SERIES	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,000	-	-	45,000
36	NILU CTTIS (C)	-	-	-	4,72,500	-	-	-	-	-	4,72,500
37	NMCG ICNG (H)	-	-	-	22,50,000	-	1,95,246	19,69,403	-	-	1,30,351
38	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF URBAN AFFAIRS	4,01,106	-	-	70,00,000	-	3,99,014	26,60,094	-	-	39,40,892
39	OXFAM INDIA FSNR	8,33,900	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,33,900
40	PIRAMAL SHARDI BUDGET TRACKING (H)	30,50,253	-	-	21,30,056	-	2,06,388	13,75,919	-	-	16,74,337
41	PIRAMAL SHARDI BUDGET COMMON (H)	-	-	-	43,94,122	-	3,36,296	22,41,975	-	-	21,52,147
42	PIRAMAL SHARDI ACTIVATING PANCHAYATS (H)	-	-	-	29,078	-	3,75,508	25,03,388	-	-	28,78,896
43	ROPHI NULKARI (G)	53,95,866	-	-	1,82,50,000	-	-	1,72,70,187	-	-	63,75,679
44	THE ICD BANK GROUP (H)	-	-	-	28,93,000	-	-	1,39,894	-	-	27,53,106
45	UNDERSTANDING STATE CAPABILITIES	8,20,890	-	-	7,20,398	-	-	5,17,824	-	-	3,03,066
46	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO	9,47,504	-	-	-	-	-	9,47,280	-	224	9,47,224
47	UNICEF - ACCOUNTABILITY INITIATIVE UNDER THE PROGRAMME MAHARASHTRA	6,01,297	-	-	30,39,547	-	-	36,40,844	-	-	-
48	UNICEF - DHENKANAL PILOT PROJECT FOR SOLID LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT(SLWM)	94,091	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	94,091
49	UNICEF - SUPPORTING PREPARATION OF THE ODISHA RURAL SANITATION POLICY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50	UNICEF - TSU	29,814	-	-	24,75,876	-	-	20,73,851	4,31,839	-	4,02,025
51	UNICEF URBAN	4,99,691	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,99,691
52	UNICEF URBAN DAME	8,25,980	-	-	2,84,772	-	1,04,730	10,99,072	-	-	96,450
53	UNICEF URBAN DAME	17,69,837	-	-	10,87,958	-	-	12,22,028	-	-	14,13,023
54	WORLD BANK - STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FOR TAMILNADU HOUSING & HABITAT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (Z194634)	19,15,092	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,15,092
55	WORLD BANK- INPUTS TO POVERTY & SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (Z194690)	14,95,410	-	-	-	-	-	5,81,634	-	-	9,13,776
56	WORLD VISION INDIA - UNDERSTANDING & NAVIGATING PUBLIC POLICY	99,644	-	-	6,90,713	-	-	1,30,152	-	-	30,508
57	WVR CPR DIALOGUE 2022 (C)	-	-	-	8,53,877	-	-	2,70,475	-	-	5,83,402
58	WORLD BANK PSIA (C)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
59	NATIONAL ACADEMY OF AUDIT & ACCOUNTANTS	10,170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,170
60	THE WORLD BANK CI NO. 7197279	1,16,736	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,16,736
61	NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE COMMISSION (Refer Note (a) below)	17,69,837	-	-	-	-	-	206	-	-	17,70,043
SUB TOTAL		1,08,71,246			7,27,45,620		10,04,659	5,94,38,140	7,42,339	1,564	93,24,252
GRAND TOTAL		2,34,85,217			25,84,29,727		2,77,93,207	26,42,86,657	7,42,339	1,564	24,26,43,223

TRANSFERRED TO INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
 Note: (a) The Balance of National Knowledge Commission represented by:

Particulars	As on 31st March, 2023	As on 31st March, 2022
Fixed Deposit with Omara Bank	18,28,307	16,94,480
Canara Bank - CIA 0157201005827 (NKC)	55,609	55,674
TDS Recoverable	24,347	19,683
Total	19,08,263	17,69,837

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SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS AS ON 31st March, 2023

PARTICULARS	RATE OF DEP	COST				DEPRECIATION				WRITTEN DOWN VALUE		(Amount in ₹) SCHEDULE-7
		As on 1st April, 2022	Additions	Deletions	As on 31st March, 2023	As on 1st April, 2022	Additions	Deletions	As on 31st March, 2023	As on 1st April, 2023	As on 31st March, 2022	
		LEASEHOLD LAND		85,221	-	-	85,221	-	-	-	85,221	
BUILDING	5%	96,43,471	-	-	96,43,471	-	1,15,419	-	74,50,519	21,92,952	24,29,864	
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	15%	83,72,163	-	44,922	83,27,241	44,922	8,915	5,45,086	52,38,416	30,88,825	34,92,781	
OFFICE EQUIPMENTS	15%	1,04,05,191	34,12,013	79,050	1,37,38,154	79,050	67,806	10,86,285	75,82,541	61,55,613	40,78,900	
ELECTRIC INSTALLATIONS	15%	7,200	21,84,329	-	21,91,529	-	-	3,28,129	3,32,134	18,59,395	3,759	
VEHICLES	20%	7,64,469	-	-	7,64,469	-	-	20,641	6,81,906	82,563	1,29,005	
AIR COOLING SYSTEM	15%	23,78,086	-	-	23,78,086	-	-	2,19,066	11,36,710	12,41,376	17,18,167	
OFFICE MACHINERY	40%	1,86,95,574	8,68,670	1,50,400	1,94,13,844	1,50,400	1,27,786	15,14,776	1,71,41,681	22,72,163	32,15,812	
LIFT	15%	18,05,413	-	-	18,05,413	-	-	76,858	13,69,889	4,35,524	6,02,803	
FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENTS	15%	15,10,369	-	-	15,10,369	-	-	10,413	14,51,364	59,005	81,668	
INTANGIBLE ASSETS	25%	5,46,311	-	-	5,46,311	-	-	16,145	4,97,876	48,435	86,107	
TOTAL		5,42,13,468	64,65,012	2,74,372	6,04,04,108	2,74,372	2,04,507	39,32,818	4,28,83,036	1,75,21,072	1,59,24,087	
PREVIOUS YEAR		5,13,52,581	29,54,887	94,000	5,42,13,468	94,000	89,619	38,15,850	3,91,54,725	1,50,58,743	1,59,24,087	

