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**GIDR Panchastariya Jungle Model developed following Natural Farming Practices; Inaugurated by Hon'ble, Governor of Gujrat Acharya Shri Devvrat Ji on 24.02.2024.**



## About GIDR

The **Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR)**, established in 1970, is a premier social science research institute recognised by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and supported by both the ICSSR and the Government of Gujarat.

The major areas of current research at the institute are: (i) Natural Resource Management, Agriculture and Climate Change, (ii) Industry, Infrastructure, Trade and Finance, (iii) Employment, Migration and Urbanization, (iv) Poverty and Human Development and (v) Regional Development, Institutions and Governance. Efforts are on to enhance the activity profile of the institute to include teaching and guiding research scholars and imparting training in selected areas of specialization.

The Institute retains deep interest in and continues to engage in empirical and field-based research, spread across many Indian states, and, at times, other countries. The faculty members at the GIDR have been engaged in undertaking in-depth enquiries into various aspects of policy design and interventions on the ground. They contribute to the development discourse through understanding and critiquing processes, strategies and institutions.

The relatively small but dynamic faculty, hailing from diverse social science disciplines such as economics, sociology, political science and demography, actively participate in national and international academic and policy spaces and publish extensively, besides contributing to the GIDR Working Paper Series and Occasional Paper Series.

The GIDR actively collaborates with research institutes and development organizations, both within and outside India. It encourages scholars, both the upcoming and the established, including international, to associate with the Institute on visiting assignments.



## PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS

It gives me immense pleasure to present the achievements of our esteemed institute over the past year. The faculty and research team at GIDR have demonstrated commendable dedication and expertise by completing six institutional research projects and four consulting assignments. Additionally, three projects are currently in progress, while two new research projects were initiated during the reporting period.



Our faculty's scholarly contributions have been impressive, with the publication of three books and nineteen articles in esteemed journals and edited volumes. This reflects our commitment to advancing knowledge in development research and related fields.

In our quest to foster academic collaboration, GIDR has signed Memorandums of Understanding with prominent national and international institutions, including INTI International University & Colleges, Malaysia; Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Ahmedabad; Gujarat Natural Farming Science University, Halol; Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar; Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Atmiya University, Rajkot and Dr. Skill University, Gandhinagar.

This year, GIDR organized (in collaborations) one international conference, two national conferences, one regional conference, and six lectures by eminent economists, authors, and academicians as part of the GIDR Lecture Series. These events provided valuable platforms for exchanging ideas and knowledge, significantly enriching our academic environment.

GIDR celebrated various national events such as Independence Day, Teacher's Day, Shramdan Divas on Gandhi Jayanti, and Republic Day, fostering a sense of community and national pride. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all faculty members, and staff for their exceptional efforts and dedication.

Kirit Parikh  
New Delhi

## FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear Colleagues, Partners and Stakeholders, I am delighted to share the significant achievements and strides we have made at the Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR) this past year. Our institute has done valuable partnerships by signing Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with prestigious institutions such as INTI International University & Colleges, Malaysia, EDII Ahmedabad, GNFSU Halol, GNLU Gandhinagar, Nirma University, and Atmiya University, with many more in the pipeline. These collaborations will strengthen our research capabilities and foster impactful initiatives. In our commitment to academic excellence, GIDR organized two National Conferences, one Regional Conference, and six lectures by distinguished economists and academicians under the GIDR Lecture Series. These events have been crucial in promoting intellectual growth and the exchange of ideas on key socio-economic issues. Our research endeavors this year included impactful studies such as the Evaluation of the Training Programme of Gujarat Matikam Kalakari and Rural Technology Institute (GMKRTI), and interdisciplinary inquiries into financialisation, cash transfer programs, and the socio-economic status of Pasmada Muslims in India, among others. These projects reflect our institute's dedication to addressing critical socio-economic challenges. GIDR's consulting assignments this year included projects with UNICEF, CMDR Dharwad, and the Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi. I was also entrusted with a consultancy from UNEP to develop a climate change assessment methodology for Gujarat and projects related to the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and the PM SVANidhi scheme. These achievements and engagements reinforce our institute's mission to contribute to sustainable development through rigorous research and meaningful collaborations. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all our stakeholders, governing body members, and partners for their unwavering support and commitment. Let us continue to work together to drive positive change and make meaningful contributions to society.



Nisha Pandey

Ahmedabad

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR**

The faculty and the research team of the Institute have completed 06 institutional research projects and 04 consulting assignment, 03 projects are in progress while 02 new research projects were initiated during the reporting period.

The faculty publication included 03 Books, 13 articles in journals and edited volumes.

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## *A Year of Dynamic Progress: Research, Publications, and Projects*



*The faculty and research teams at the Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR) have demonstrated remarkable productivity and dedication, successfully completing 06 institutional research projects and 04 consulting assignments during the reporting period. This marks a significant achievement in advancing key areas of development research. In*



*addition to these completed projects, 03 more are currently in progress, ensuring a steady pipeline of impactful research. Furthering their commitment to innovation, the team has initiated 02 new research projects, addressing pressing socio-economic and development challenges.*

*On the academic front, the institute has made significant strides in publications. The faculty contributed 03 well-received books and 13 scholarly articles, published in renowned journals and edited volumes. These contributions not only enhance GIDR's reputation as a thought leader in development research but also provide valuable insights into policy, social issues, and economic development.*

### ***Strengthening Collaborations: National and International Partnerships***

*GIDR has actively pursued collaborations with both national and international academic institutions, signing several key Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to strengthen research, training, and knowledge exchange. These partnerships include INTI International University & Colleges (Malaysia), the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII, Ahmedabad), Gujarat Natural Farming Science University (GNFSU, Halol), Gujarat National Law University (GNLU, Gandhinagar), and Nirma University (Ahmedabad).*

*These collaborations are expected to pave the way for joint research, cross-border academic exchanges, and collective efforts in addressing global issues like sustainable development, public policy, and innovative business models. The partnerships emphasize GIDR's commitment to creating a global network of knowledge and impact.*

### ***Thought Leadership: Conferences, Lectures, and National Celebrations***

*GIDR's contribution to knowledge dissemination has been amplified through its organization of impactful events. During the year, GIDR successfully hosted 02 National Conferences, 01 Regional Conference, and 06 lectures delivered by renowned economists, authors, and academicians. These events have provided platforms for discussions on critical issues, fostering intellectual exchanges and providing fresh perspectives on contemporary economic, social, and environmental challenges.*

*In addition to academic conferences, GIDR has actively participated in the celebration of national events, fostering a sense of unity and national pride within the institution. The Institute celebrated Independence Day, Teacher's Day, Gandhi Jayanti (Shramdan Divas), and Republic Day. These celebrations strengthen the institute's cultural and civic values, enriching the academic environment for students, faculty, and staff.*

### ***Leadership in Action: Faculty Achievements and Global Recognition***

*Under the leadership of Professor and Director Dr. Nisha Pandey, GIDR continues to gain international recognition. Dr. Pandey has been appointed as a Research Fellow at INTI International University & Colleges (Malaysia) from December 2023 to December 2025, further establishing GIDR's presence in the global academic arena. Dr. Pandey also participated in high-profile international engagements, including her invitation to the Asian Institute for Impact Measurement and Management and the National Central University's School of Management and Business Administration in Taiwan, sponsored by the National Science and Technology Council.*

*GIDR's faculty members have also achieved significant recognition. Dr. Itishree Pattnaik received an Honourable Mention in the prestigious 2023 Bina Agarwal Prize for Young Scholars, awarded by the International Society of Ecological Economics (ISEE) in Boston, USA. Furthermore, Dr. Jharna Pathak was honoured with the Dr. Asghar Ali Engineer Best Published Paper Award for the academic year 2022-23, cementing GIDR's standing as a hub of academic excellence.*

### ***Sustainability and Social Impact: A Vision for the Future***

*True to its mission of promoting sustainability, GIDR has been actively involved in environmental and socially impactful initiatives. The institute celebrated World Environment Day on June 5, 2024, by organizing a campus-wide tree-planting event, emphasizing its commitment to environmental conservation. The 10th International Yoga Day was also celebrated on June 21, 2024, showcasing GIDR's holistic approach to well-being and development.*

*GIDR has also demonstrated its leadership in sustainable agriculture by hosting the National Conference on "Natural Farming: Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities,*

*Achieving Food Security, and Promoting Inclusive Growth for Sustainable Agriculture” on February 24-25, 2024. This conference highlighted the importance of natural farming in addressing food security and promoting sustainable agricultural practices, aligning with GIDR’s vision of inclusive growth and ecological balance.*

### ***Inspiring Knowledge Exchange: Academic Contributions and Future Endeavors***

*As part of its lecture series, GIDR invited prominent figures from diverse fields to deliver insightful talks. Notable lectures included those by Dr. Prashant K. Sarawat from the University of Utah, USA, on "Recent Trends in Electronic Recycling and its Implication on Economy, Society, and Environment," and Mr. Sriram Balasubramanian, a renowned economist and author, who spoke on "The Relevance of Kautilya's Arthashastra in Today's Times."*

*These events, along with collaborations like the Cultural Economy Conclave 2023 where GIDR served as a knowledge partner, demonstrate the institute’s commitment to facilitating cross-disciplinary dialogue and thought leadership. The upcoming MoU with Atmiya University, Rajkot, signed in May 2024, further reinforces this vision of advancing social sciences and public policy research.*

### ***Looking Ahead: International Engagement and Innovation***

*GIDR has expanded its global footprint with significant involvement in international conferences, including the SDG Impact Week 2023 in Taiwan, where Dr. Nisha Pandey shared her expertise on sustainability leadership and impact management. Her participation in discussions on building partnerships for greater collective outcomes underscores GIDR’s commitment to addressing global sustainability challenges.*

*Dr. Pandey’s new publication, "Social Entrepreneurship: Leading a Path for Prosperity and Sustainability," was presented to the Honorable Governor of Gujarat, further cementing GIDR’s role in fostering social innovation and entrepreneurship.*



## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES: THEMATIC GROUPS

### 1. Natural Resource Management, Agriculture and Climate Change

Research under this thematic area concerns the broad realm of environment and development, enquiring into the multi-pattern inter-relations and outcomes across different agro-ecological systems, especially the drylands. Studies have focused mainly on aspects relating to economic viability, equity, environmental impact assessments and institutional mechanisms, including exploring inter-relationships between the community, government and civil society. Studies on growth and constraints facing the farm sector, both at a regional and national level, have been undertaken. Implications of climate change risks in Asia and the adaptation and mitigation strategies at the local levels have begun to be studied. Many of these, based on careful empirical enquiries at the micro level, have contributed to the ongoing debates on sustainable environment and institutions.

#### 1.1 Women in Collective Organic Farming and Empowerment

Sponsor : Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi  
Researchers : Itishree Pattnaik  
Status : Completed

The central aim of this study is to analyse how participation of women in organic and sustainable farming can empower them. The study aims at examining the two-way links - how participation in organic and sustainable farming can empower women, also is the other way possible: how does the participation of women successfully achieve the multiple goals of organic and sustainable farming? Two states are selected for the purpose of the study: Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh because they both are listed among the top nine leading Indian states those are having an organic farming policy (National Certified Organic 2011). Considering the diverse cropping pattern and agro-ecological setup, the two states would provide a better picture of status of organic and sustainable agriculture. Women farming groups, either in the form of farmer producer organizations (FPOs) or group farming will be interviewed in two states. Qualitative research method is being used for the study. In the initial months, after conducting a detailed review of literature the questions for interview

and FGDs have been finalized. State level NGOs, those who are promoting group farming, have been contacted in both the states. Few initial meetings have been conducted with women farmers in Gujarat.

## **1.2 Agricultural Land Ownership and Women Empowerment in Western Indian State**

Sponsor : Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi  
Researcher : Itishree Pattnaik  
Status : Completed

The study aims at examining the link between women land ownership rights with women empowerment and poverty reduction. The purport is to investigate the relationship between women land ownership with choice of agricultural practices (measured in terms of cropping choice, investment in soil, irrigation, etc.), intra-household bargaining power (decision making related to farm, household and human capital development) and livelihood (choice of livelihood farm or non-farm). All these indicators together will impact on poverty reduction of the household and women's empowerment. Analyzing agricultural productivity per se is difficult in the Indian context but an assessment can be made over the involvement of women in various knowledge gaining activities, extension services, investment of land, which are some of the indicators that might contribute towards increasing agricultural productivity. The study is being conducted using structured questionnaire in 20 districts of five districts of Gujarat. Two blocks per district have been selected, based on their agricultural performance. Two villages from each block have been selected based on the share of women workers. A maximum of 400 women farmers will be interviewed including a minimum 20 or maximum 10% of the total land-owning households in every sample village.

## 2 Industry, Infrastructure, Trade and Finance

Towards diversifying the sectoral canvas of research at the Institute, under this broad theme, studies have been undertaken on the response of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to the changing policies in the reforms era, industrial clusters and regional industrialization. Issues involving intellectual property regimes, especially for pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and but cotton have been addressed. The current research portfolio also involves a series of studies focusing on various dimensions of trade and development with special reference to India.

### 2.1 Transforming Farm-Non-Farm Linkages for Sustainable Local Livelihoods: Competitive Agro-Clustering as a Policy Option

Sponsor : Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi  
Researchers : Keshab Das and Itishree Pattnaik  
Status : Ongoing

The persistence of the agrarian crisis mainly in the arid and semi-arid regions has been an intensely debated theme in academic, policy and civil society engagements as this has resulted in large scale distress-driven migration, farmer suicides and shrinking of the local economies. While enhancing yields, making irrigation water available for crops, provision of timely credit and ensuring a certain minimum price for the farm produce have remained dominant policy concerns inadequate attention has been paid to two crucial issues, namely, promoting sustainable agriculture and creating opportunities for broad-basing shared value through agro-clustering. Within this broad perspective, the proposed study aims at preparing a comprehensive policy-oriented strategy to rescale the rural space by linking farm and non-farm sectors towards enhancing the synergy between and prospects for sustainable local resources and competitive local economies. Focusing on two important non-cereals, namely, pulses and oilseeds in the semi-arid regions of Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh this study will examine factors facilitating or impeding institutional innovations in production-processing-marketing strategies. These include the symbiotic role played by a proactive local state in bringing in cluster-specific 'real services', business/enterprise associations in ensuring collective forward-looking actions and the private sector (farmer producer organizations, in particular) in building up competitiveness by reaching out to a larger market network. These two states are among the top producers of pulses and oilseeds and hold massive potential not only to be leaders in processing enterprises but set examples for other states to reorganize backward and forward linkages to benefit from

agro-clustering of the local economies. The study will be based on intensive primary surveys in the two states from where 16 villages from four districts (two per state) shall be chosen based on the extent of area under pulses and oilseeds. Based on detailed field



surveys and interactions with a range of relevant stakeholders, the study intends to come up with institutional innovations as would be translated through pragmatic policy involving farmers, entrepreneurs and business service providers. The pathways suggested by the study will aim at developing agro-clusters by engaging multiple stakeholders as village level institutions, private sector, small farmers and non-farm workers in regional and national value chains. Both supply and demand side factors will be explored towards strengthening backward and forward linkages.

## **2.2 MSME Clusters in Pandemic Times: Fostering Linkages, Markets and Inclusive Innovation**

Sponsor	:	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi
Researchers	:	Keshab Das
Status	:	Completed

As the economy is gradually recovering from the enormous and unpredictable Covid-19 pandemic, the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) including those in clusters hold an immense potential to create opportunities for jobs and income at the local and regional levels. This is the sector that needs careful policy attention through institutional innovations to accommodate the concerns of the vast number of informal enterprises including in rural areas. An inclusive and innovative approach to foster the backward and forward linkages would help revive production, distribution and trade through energising supply chains, ensuring job creation by utilising local resources. While supply-side interventions including credit availability have remained crucial for clusters to upgrade inadequate attention has been paid to the role of demand-side factors that help access wider markets and infuse an element of competitiveness in firm clusters. This would involve gaining insights into both territorial and non-territorial upgrading of technology, support infrastructure and creating demand for cluster products. The contribution of MSME clusters to local economic regeneration the role of fostering both backward and forward

linkages engaging local stakeholders would be assessed. An important concern is to develop strategies for clusters in non-metro (rural areas and small and medium towns) regions whereby 'seamless' flow of materials and services could be ensured to facilitate rise of competitive local MSMEs. Revitalizing clusters to enhance production, market access and concomitant services would be an important aspect to study in this proposed research. The other aspect would be to understand the nature and extent of private sector (including the industry associations) participation in rendering the clusters competitive. This study, based on primary surveys and secondary data, would explore: i. Supply-side provisions focusing on upgrading technology and business-centric infrastructure; ii. Approaches to connect wider markets including exports; and iii. Promoting demand-side strategies to boost business.

### **3            Employment, Migration and Urbanization**

Studies under this theme relate to population, demographic changes, labour, employment, livelihoods and migration. The Institute has made significant contribution in these areas, especially during the 1980s and the 1990s. The informalisation process in the labour and production systems has formed an important theme of research, engaging in collection of social statistics, influencing policies for better labour conditions and social security reforms. Urban services and aspects of urban economy and governance have been an important emerging area of research at the Institute.

### **3.1 Evaluation Study of Training Programme 2022-23 of Gujarat Matikam Kalakari & Rural Technology Institute (GMK&RTI)**

Sponsor : Gujarat Matikam Kalakari and Rural Technology Institute (GMK&RTI), Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar

Researchers : Rudra Narayan Mishra & Nisha Pandey

Status : Initiated & Ongoing

The study investigates the outcome of training programme for artisans in the state. The artisans belonged to various trades of traditional artisans including pottery, leather work, patch work, bharkam, bandhni, mirror work, jewelry making etc. Out of 8000 plus artisans trained between 2021-23, 7% were randomly selected for the detailed survey which comes to 660. The sample covers beneficiaries of GMK&RTI, GRIMCO, GHHDC and iNDEXT-C of Government of Gujarat. The sample beneficiaries cover all major regions of Gujarat. Most of the beneficiaries who received training in the given craft were trained near to their place of residence. They received the stipends and other mandatory allowances, course completion certificates and received the tool kit and raw materials, essential for the training. The major finding of the survey is the training was found to be beneficial to the beneficiaries, it helps them to get artisan card, artisans were trained to be creative and innovative, artisans were getting exposure to various markets and majority of beneficiaries are women. The study suggests developing post training pathways to enable artisans to start their own enterprise, get access to credit and market using ICT platforms and help artisans to participate in fairs/exhibitions everywhere with their crafts. There is also needed to develop the clusters for some of the crafts which are in decline. Overall, the initiatives by the agencies were well received by the beneficiaries.

## **4 Poverty and Human Development**

Research concerns under this theme include access, achievements and financing in the spheres of education and health sectors. Enquiries, often field based, have dealt with issues in literacy programmes, adult education, health programmes and training health workers. Research on health and family welfare has contributed to developing a framework towards a target-free approach in family planning. Studies on poverty relate to conceptual and measurement aspects, quality of life, livelihood options and social infrastructure, mainly in rural India. However, increasingly, research under this theme has been dealing with urban poverty as also rural-urban linkages. Research projects address design, delivery and other policy issues in financial inclusion, microfinance, rural livelihood strategies, social security and health of women workers and their families.



#### **4.1 Financialisation and Its Impact on Domestic Economies: An Interdisciplinary Enquiry in the Context of Select Indian States**

Sponsor : Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi  
Researchers : Tara Nair, Isabelle Guerin, Jayashree Ambewadikar and Rudra Narayan Mishra  
Status : Completed

This study unravels the concrete interactions between the daily transactions of individuals and the various financial actors and to renew the conceptualization of financialisation using interdisciplinary research and analytical design informed by the perspectives of social-economics. Separate studies were undertaken as part of the project in Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, and Maharashtra. Methodologically, the study has used multiple approaches like in-depth case studies, diaries, and structured surveys. The research in all locations proved that finance has become the moving force of people's lives. The communities indeed have come to 'live by the dictum of finance'. The phenomenon is more visible in urban locations where life is hectic, and households are constantly negotiating growing needs and limited resources as we found in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. The rural communities are at varying stages of incorporation into the world of finance. In Maharashtra as also in the coastal region of Odisha rural households have become more adept at dealing with the modern devices of finance. In the tribal districts of Gujarat, informal ties still dominate the social and financial lives though new types of financial agents and instruments have begun to emerge.

#### **4.2 Cash Transfer Programme and Well-being among Widows and Single Women in Gujarat**

Sponsor : Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi  
Researchers : Jharna Pathak, Itishree Pattnaik, Amrita Ghatak  
Status : Completed

This study investigates the attitudes and stereotypes toward widows and single women in Gujarat, examining their impact on health, employment, and overall well-being. The research addresses several questions: a) How do cash transfer schemes for widows and single women differ across major states in terms of coverage, implementation, priorities, and modalities? b) What are the prevailing stereotypes about widows and single women, and how are these stereotypes interconnected? c) What effect does the cash transfer program have on the overall well-being of widows and single women, particularly in alleviating mental health challenges? d) To what extent does the cash transfer program enhance the capabilities of widows and single women, especially regarding health and employment outcomes? In addition to answering these questions, this study recommended extending widow pensions and providing comprehensive social security. It also suggested integrating these efforts with government health and nutrition programmes, offering vocational skills training to young widows, and providing mental health counselling for those in distress.

### **4.3 Air-Pollution Related Non-Communicable Diseases during Covid-19 Pandemic in India: A Study in Two Cities**

Sponsor : Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi  
(Major Research Project)

Researchers : Amrita Ghatak & Tulika Tripathi

Status : Ongoing

The health system in India has focused mainly on the combat against COVID-19 pandemic during the period from 2020 to 2021. Although the severity reduced the contagion continued to impact a vast section of population even after 2021. With inadequate health infrastructure combined with the reduction in income and instances of job losses owing to the pandemic induced economic crisis, the utilization of healthcare services for NCDs is expected to be jeopardized. The Covid-19 pandemic proved to be not only a health crisis but also a socio-economic crisis that reinstated vulnerabilities stemming from various channels such as reduction in wages, incomes, migration status, and so on. Given this backdrop, this study tries to address how the air pollution related NCDs are linked to the well-being of city dwellers in India during the on-going Covid-19 pandemic. It also addresses the question of synergies among psychosocial and environmental stressors in the context of air pollution in cities during Covid-19 pandemic. Following the mixed method of research, the study includes two metropolitan cities, viz. New Delhi/NCR and Kolkata Metropolitan Area (KMA).

The analysis based on data from secondary sources highlight the pattern of NCDs and linked it with the air quality in the major Indian cities. The findings have been presented in the AAERE annual conference in Vietnam in 2022. The field works have been initiated in both the urban agglomerations of New Delhi and Kolkata. Several meetings with the officials of health department and ESI hospitals have been conducted. While labor department particularly through ESI in Kolkata is found to be proactive in dealing with patients with NCDs during the pandemic time, it is the system of healthcare facilities at the ward level having an effective role in addressing the need for NCD care during the same period in Delhi. The primary survey will be initiated soon.

#### **4.4 Socio-Economic and Political Status of Pasmanda Muslims in India : Studying Gujarat and Karnataka from a Comparative Perspective**

Sponsor : Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi  
Researcher : Dr. Madhusudan Bandi  
Status : Initiated & Ongoing

"Pasmandas" are the most backward, marginalized, and oppressed members of the Muslim community. They constitute 85 percent of their community of 14.2 % of the total population of India. The status of Pasmandas indicates the fact that the Muslim community is neither a monolith society nor is bereft of discrimination.

The study's objective is to understand the social status of Pasmanda Muslims in the context of the prevalence of casteism among Muslims and to investigate the barriers they face within the fold of their religion. Besides, the study is aimed to draw policy recommendations in consonance with the objective of the Prime Minister's new 15-point programme that ensures various government schemes are reached to the underprivileged or marginalized classes including those among the minority communities.

The proposed study will be conducted in the two states of Gujarat and Karnataka. The respective states are home to 9.67 percent and 12.92 percent of the Muslim population

according to the 2011 Census of India. The empirical information would be collected from one district each from five different political regions in the respective states. A sample of 1,500 households (750 in each state) will be visited to gather quantitative and qualitative information to test the empirical relevance of hypotheses influencing their socio-economic and political lives.

## 5 Regional Development, Institutions and Governance

With a notable early record of research on local level (block and village) planning, recent studies have continued with enquiries into regional underdevelopment and whether and how institutions at various levels influence certain development outcomes. A specific focus has been tribal area development initiatives, mainly relating to enhancing livelihood options and human resource development. Recent analyses have looked into several of the new initiatives in terms of rights-based approach and deepening/widening of democracy.

### 5.1 Institutional Changes for Rural Innovation: The Civic Space and the State in India, the 1980s through 2010s

Sponsor : Ford Foundation, New Delhi

Researchers : Keshab Das (with Rajeswari S. Raina, SNU, New Delhi NCR; D. Raghunandan, CTD, New Delhi; Dhruv Raina, JNU, New Delhi; S. Chatterjee, New Delhi; and Lavanya Suresh, BITS-Pilani,(Hyderabad)

Status : Completed

This study would explore how the state and actors in the civic space did change social relationships and community or local capacities and were also transformed themselves in the process. It poses questions about the dialectical and mutually reinforcing relationship, between these actors. Several debates, ideas and work plans that originated in the civic space were taken up by the state. These were not just technologies to be transferred to the rural poor. The technologies and accompanying organization of production with novel roles of different field actors, generated through participatory processes, were significant departures from the earlier top-down efforts by S&T institutions, enabling greater success and sustainability. Further, there were programmes, social processes/relationships and capacities among small farmers and micro enterprises, meso level markets or exchange mechanisms, rural banks and SHGs, and several gendered work spaces that the state was made to acknowledge, and work with. These questions demand reflection and learning for the prevalent phase in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, where climate crises and sustainable development demand proactive CSO leadership and engagement between the state and CSOs in facilitating technological and institutional innovations.



## **5.2 An Analysis of Premises, Potential and Prospects of The Aspirational District Programme**

Sponsor : Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India

Researchers : Dr. Nisha Pandey

Status : Completed

The purpose of this study is to identify best practices in the design and implementation of “Aspirational Districts Programme,” to address the gap between urban ; rural divide, provide sustainable infrastructure to the rural areas, and to lessen the mitigation of rural population to urban areas in search of livelihood. Based on the Government’s motto of ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas,’ which mirrors the principle of ‘Leaving No One Behind’ to achieve the ‘Agenda 2030’, the objective of this programme is to expedite the transformation of 115 most backward districts across 28 states. The study is based on best performance of various indicator adopted for the making village a model ADP village and that model can be replicated in other AD villages. This research also tried to find out mid course correction in the existing programme based on field work, FGD, experts’ recommendations and make necessary policy frameworks.

## 6 Consultancy Assignments

### 6.1 Preparing a Paper on Financing the Agro-ecological Transformation of Agri-food Systems

Sponsor	:	Global Development Network, New Delhi
Researcher	:	Tara Nair
Status	:	Completed

The past couple of decades have witnessed an increasing clamour to redesign the global financial system to make it responsive to the transition to sustainability. It has been argued that unless financial investments are made at scale sustainable food system transformation would remain a distant dream. This study focuses on the prevalent problems and potential prospects of financing sustainable agriculture through an overall agro-ecological transformation of agri-food systems in the specific context of India.

The study addresses agri-food systems going beyond sub-components like the production (sustainable agriculture) or consumption (zero wastage) of food, and the now common tweaking of existing policies and policy instruments like a subsidy or pricing mechanism that many national food systems seem to be adept at. The study also recognizes the extraordinary influence of the world of finance on development policy making and the preoccupation of financial system players with financial risk minimization, prediction and control over repayment capacities and high rates of return. It hence asks if the innovations in services and products in the emerging realm of sustainable finance address the complexity of social and ecological systems involved in agroecological transformations and how mainstream finance accommodates the ‘deep qualitative changes in the practice of finance’ that social or sustainable finance engenders.

## **6.2 Preparing a Report on Deep-Drive Exercise to Understand the Correlates of Malnutrition in Jharkhand**

Sponsor : UNICEF, Ranchi, Jharkhand  
Researcher : Dr. Rudra Narayan Mishra  
Status : Initiated & Completed

UNICEF, Ranchi undertook the deep-dive exercise to understand the problem of high prevalence of malnutrition in parts of Jharkhand state. The task was to find out intervention worthy factors at individual level (child/mother), household level and in the community of selected villages of West-Singhbhum district of the state. The district is one of the epicenters of the malnutrition in the state and the country. The deep dive exercise was carried out in three village aanganwadi centers and one urban anaganwadi centre of the district where the incidence of malnutrition is highest within the given district. The villages were Karia-Sindri, Kakuita, Simibiya-Ichakuti and the urban centre was at ward no 14, Chakradharpur. The exercise involved extensive interview with service providers, community and visit to two malnourished children each in their households where interview with the mother/caregiver was carried out in four of these aanganwadi centers. The major findings are at service provider level the aanganwadi workers were not able to reach to the mothers and children beneficiaries living far from the centre. The HCM provided in the centre is not menu driven but based on availability of ration and finance with the aanganwadi worker. There are issues with the training of the service delivery staff in the area, delay in release of necessary grants to run the kitchen and also issues with information update in Poshan tracker. It is also noticed that the households though are aware of benefits of THR/HCM for young mother and children, are not able to implement the knowledge into the action. Often the THR is consumed by the entire household thus depriving the beneficiary mother or the child. There is lack of balanced diet due to absence of green vegetables/fruits and pulses in diets of the households due to the high price of these items and household are mostly from poor economic status. Subsistence agriculture and distress migration apart from manual labour work in open mines nearby are major economic activities. It is also observed that men in the household are not involved in childcare activities, even the households own two wheelers the pre-schoolchildren were not taken to Anganwadi for HCM and preliminary education. Women, often young mothers, has to support more than one young child and also earn livelihood as agricultural/casual labour to support family which prevent them to provide necessary care for children or to

take care of her own health and nutrition needs. Often the Anganwadi centres lack provision of drinking water supply or toilet facilities even if they are running from own building. The community also lacks interest in the issue as the panchayat officials are unaware of high prevalence malnutrition in the area. Several policy suggestions were suggested from the field work to improve the service delivery in the area as well as creating awareness about the malnutrition.

### **6.3 National Workshop on Voices of Farmer Champions as Advocacy Tool for Alternative Crops to Tobacco: Sharing Best Practices among Fellow Farmers, Media and Decision Makers at Gujarat Institute of Development Research**

Sponsor	:	Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad
Researcher	:	Rudra Narayan Mishra and Nisha Pandey
Status	:	Initiated & Completed

The workshop was a follow-up of the study “Best Practices in Alternative Crops to Tobacco identifying Farmer Champions in Diversification across India” carried out by CMDR in seven tobacco growing states viz. Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Telangana and West Bengal during 2020-21. GIDR has undertaken the study in state of Gujarat. In that study five farmers were selected for an in-depth study to understand the compulsion for tobacco farming and how the farmers can get out of the same and grow alternative crops. Of these five farmers two farmers were identified who have left tobacco completely for alternative crops like vegetables/flowers etc. for a considerable time period. These two Farmer Champions were requested to be the “Voices” for advocating for tobacco control and train at least 20 other farmers from their respective districts to try alternate crops, through demonstration and narration of their own experiences in the workshop. Apart from the two farmer champions, experts from the field of medicine/oncology, legal experts, media personnel and civil society voices were invited to the workshop to motivate the participants to move away from tobacco cultivation themselves and motivate others to do the same. The workshop went for two days and in the end a joint statement of all the farmers and experts were drafted and submitted to concerned public authorities to clamp down on tobacco cultivation, use and promotion. The event got good media coverage in both English and local newspapers.

**6.4 Consultant to an UNICEF project titled, The supporting Midline assessment of Poshan Sudha Yojana – Hot Cooked Meal Scheme for Pregnant and Breastfeeding Mothers and Children (Mukhyamantri Matrucshakti Yojna) in Gujarat.**

Sponsor	:	Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi
Researcher	:	Rudra Narayan Mishra
Status	:	Initiated & Completed

Maternal malnutrition is a global public health challenge, especially in countries like India. Adequate nutrition before, during, and after pregnancy is crucial for maternal and child health. However, many women, particularly in India, suffer from underweight, anaemia, and poor dietary intake. Gujarat, as highlighted in the NFHS-5, faces high rates of these critical health indicators, surpassing national averages. To tackle this, the Government of Gujarat and UNICEF launched the Poshan Sudha Yojana (PSY) One full meal to Pregnant and lactating women, to improve maternal and child nutrition. PSY aims to enhance weight gain during pregnancy, improve nutrition, promote supplementation, optimal feeding practices, diet diversity, and encourage institutional delivery and breastfeeding. It targets pregnant and lactating mothers, especially in tribal districts. The assessment of the Poshan Sudha Yojana (PSY) scheme focuses on stakeholder engagement, nutritional practices, and service utilization. It includes a KAP assessment to gauge understanding of the PSY scheme, benefits and Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) practices. Dietary analysis to assess food habits, and nutritional evaluation, analysing factors such as frequency, quantity, and diversity of food consumption. Nutritional assessment aims to understand anthropometric indicators and biochemical parameters, identifying individuals vulnerable to under- or over-nutrition. Anaemia and gestational weight gain assessments were also conducted. The study was conducted by a team of clinical experts, state officials and academicians from selected organisations under the aegis of IEG in selected anganwadis of thirteen districts in the state and the final report is being drafted by IEG and UNICEF. My roles were to validate the findings based on available secondary evidence.



## **FACULTY INVOLVED IN PROJECTS WITH OTHER INSTITUTES.**

### **1. Adoption of Clean Cooking Fuel and Socio-economic Wellbeing of Rural Households: A State level Study on the Impacts of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in India.**

Collaborative Institute: Amrita School of Business, Kollam, Kerala

Sponsor : Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi

Researcher : P. K. Vishwanathan, Dr. Madhusudan Bandi, Dr. Bibhu Mohanty  
& Dr. Amrendra Das

Status : Completed

The Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) has emerged as a pivotal initiative in India's efforts of transition towards clean cooking fuels. The broader study objective of this project has been to investigate the level of adoption of Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) for cooking under the Ujjwala Yojana among rural households/ communities belonging to diverse socio-economic settings. From the macro policy implications of the PMUY, the study was aimed to look into the attainment of the critical Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as related to energy security, reduction of poverty and hunger, gender equality, etc.

The evaluation of PMUY was undertaken using household surveys and key informant interviews. The household surveys covered a sample of over 1512 households across eight states, viz., Kerala, Gujarat, Odisha, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu. GIDR research team was responsible for the field study in Gujarat.

The findings of this study underscore the importance of PMUY in promoting clean cooking practices, even while there is a need for sustained efforts to address challenges related to sustainability, monitoring, and equitable adoption across states. From a policy perspective, a recommendation emerges from the study suggesting that continued investment in renewable energy alternatives and targeted policy interventions are essential to ensure the long-term success and effectiveness of PMUY in achieving the envisioned objectives of the scheme.

## **2. Mainstreaming and Empowering Women in Plantations: An Empirical Study in Tea and Coffee Plantations of Southern India**

Collaborative Institute: Indian Institute of Plantation Management (IIPMB), Bangalore

Sponsor : Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi (Research Programme)

Researchers : Sarbani Mukherjee, Amrita Ghatak & Durba Biswas

Status : Ongoing

This study is hosted by and at the Indian Institute of Plantation Management.

Although, the labor-intensive plantation industry has opened avenues for income and employment generation for women, studies indicate that experience of women in plantations is quite abysmal with wage disparities and discriminatory social security benefits. This study seeks to examine the nature of engagement of women in tea and coffee plantations of Southern India and identify determinants of participation. A mixed method will be used for the study including both quantitative and qualitative techniques of analysis. It will make use of data available from secondary sources as well as through a primary survey in selected tea and coffee plantation areas of Karnataka (Kodagu), Kerala (Munnar) and Tamil Nadu (Nilgiris) following multistage stratified sampling technique. Considering and comparing the role of women in tea and coffee plantations would enable capturing the diverse context and background for deriving broader implications regarding nature of women's engagement in plantation. More so, there is a dearth of literature on participation of women in tea and coffee plantations in India, where the work is extremely labour intensive and the quality and quantity of produce depend largely on the workforce, especially women. Hence, the study would examine the challenges faced by women in their working, living and social conditions, especially in the COVID-19 pandemic era. Keeping in view mainstreaming of women in tea and coffee sectors by means of enhancing their capabilities, empowerment and inclusion, an appropriate framework would be proposed as part of the study. A report is submitted to the ICSSR.

## Memorandum of Understanding

GIDR signs the MoU with various national and international academic institutes like INTI International University & Colleges, Malaysia, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad, Gujarat Natural Farming Science University (GNFSU), Halol (Panchmahal), Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar, Nirma University (NU), Ahmedabad 6. Atmiya University (AU) Ahmedabad, Dr. Skill University (DSU).



## Events at GIDR

### Celebration of 77<sup>th</sup> Independence Day on August 15, 2023



Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), Ahmedabad an Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi affiliated premier research institute supported by Government of Gujarat celebrated India's 77<sup>th</sup> Independence Day at the Institute. Professor Nisha Pandey, Director GIDR presided over the function and unruffled the Tricolor along with Mr. S.B. Bava, Principal, District Institute of Education and Training and Dr. Dinesh Tiwari, DIET, Ahmedabad City. Professor Pandey reflected upon India's achievement since independence. She highlighted India's achievement under

leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in poverty alleviation, education, health, physical infrastructure, digital technology, empowerment of women and weaker sections and improving quality of life of the common people to achieve the goal of *Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas*. She also highlighted the contribution of GIDR in nation building through policy- oriented research in social sector. GIDR over the years have developed a niche for itself through evidence-based studies to support policy making, evaluation and impact analysis for various programmes of state and central government. Her address concluded with the need for sustainable development and better harmony between economic progress and nature. Mr. Bava and Dr. Tiwari spoke on development of education and skill through innovative training and teaching methods at present under the able political leadership at the country and state level. They also highlighted the need for fruitful collaborations across academic institutions to contribute for better policy making, teaching and training. Dr. Madhusudan Bandi (Assistant Professor, GIDR) gave vote of thanks. Dr. Rudra Narayan Mishra (Assistant Professor, GIDR) and Ms. Chaitsi Raval (administrative officer, GIDR) coordinated the event. For the first time GIDR celebrated the Independence Day on the occasion contrary to earlier practice of celebrating the day before couple of days prior.



### Celebration of Teacher's Day on September 05, 2023



“Education is the manifestation of perfection already in man.” – Swami Vivekanand. GIDR celebrated the Teacher's Day for the first time in its history. Director Professor Nisha Pandey presided over the gathering of all staffs and greeted all of them on the occasion in her office. Each of the faculty members are also greeted by other staff members with *Bouquets*. Professor Pandey in her address emphasised the role of teaching and teachers for the progress of the society and growth of the country. Respect towards the teaching profession and teachers are hallmark of any civilization. Teachers led the society and economy to newer heights through their search for knowledge. She expressed her happiness that the institute is a good place for the profession and the faculty members in the past and present have contributed significantly to their field. She emphasised that how it's imperative that in an academic organisation teaching faculties need to be supported by all the staff members in their effort to advance in their various field of expertise. In return the faculty members should provide necessary guidance and leadership to the organisation to improve delivery of various services; academic and otherwise.

### **Celebration of SHRAMDAN DIVAS on Gandhi Jayanti – 2023 (Ek Tarikh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath)**



On the 154th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the GIDR proudly celebrated Shramdaan Divas. This event was organized to honor the principles of cleanliness and selfless service advocated by the Father of the Nation. All members of GIDR actively participated in this initiative, contributing one hour of their time to clean the GIDR campus.

All members of GIDR gathered with cleaning equipment and materials. The campus was divided into different zones, each assigned to a specific group to ensure thorough cleaning activities like Trimming of plants and removal of weeds, Collection and disposal of fallen leaves and litter, Cleaning of garden pathways and benches. The participation in Shramdaan Divas was overwhelming, with every member of the GIDR community contributing enthusiastically. The collaborative effort not only resulted in a cleaner campus but also fostered a sense of unity and shared responsibility.

The active participation and dedication of all members made the initiative impactful and memorable. The celebration not only honored Mahatma Gandhi's legacy but also reinforced GIDR's commitment to creating a cleaner and healthier environment for all.

## Celebration of 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day on January 26, 2024



Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad celebrated 75th Republic Day with great fervor at its campus. Prof. (Dr.) Nisha Pandey, Director GIDR presided over the celebration. Prof. (Dr.) Niti Mehta, Director, Sardar Patel Institute for Social and Economic Research (SPICER), Ahmedabad, Shri Jilubhai Dhandhal, President, Red Cross Society, Gandhinagar, Dr. Pradip Gaglani, vice-president, Red Cross Society, Gandhinagar, Shri L.G. Herama, former PS to Principal Secretary (GoG), Shri N.L. Mandir, Technical Adviser on Natural Farming, Dr. Bipin M. Vaghela, Assistant Professor, Sociology, Umiya Arts and Science College, Sola, Ahmedabad, Ms. Radiance Cumming (Sierra Leone, Africa) spoke to the gathering on the importance of the day. The speakers pointed out national days like this is an opportunity for the countrymen to reflect upon their role as citizens of this country. The positive mind-set of all citizens can take the country forwards and we can achieve the goal of Vikasit-Bharat. Ms. Heather Cumming (Zambia, Africa) selected progressive farmers practicing Natural Farming from Gujarat and staff members of the institute participated in the event. She shared of her experience about staying in Gujarat and India for months now and how the experience can help her country back. After flag hosting, playing of the national anthem was followed and all attendees were served refreshments. Dr. Rudra Narayan Mishra and Dr. Madhusudan Bandi, faculties at the institute conducted the programme and gave vote of thanks respectively.



## **Discussion / Lecture Series**

**Title: Celebration the Life and Work of Prof. John Wood**

**Date: April 15, 2023**

**Resource Person: Dr. Jharna Pathak (GIDR)**

A special lecture was organized to honour and celebrate the remarkable life and enduring legacy of Prof. John Wood. Prof. Ghanshyam Shah delivered an insightful talk titled "Remembering Prof. John Wood: Who and How Special for Gujarat." Prof. Shah emphasized the significance of Prof. Wood's contributions to Gujarat and India, particularly in Indian politics and natural resource management. Prof. Wood was remembered for his deep affection for India, which led him to head the Centre for India and South Asian Research at UBC for many years and serve multiple terms as Director of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute in New Delhi.

Following the lecture, both in-person and online attendees reflected on Prof. Wood's extraordinary contributions, highlighting the profound impact he had on their lives through his research, teachings, and mentorship. Scholars recalled his unwavering commitment to excellence in research and teaching. His dedication as a mentor inspired many to pursue their passions and achieve their full potential. His ability to combine rigorous scholarship with genuine care for his students and colleagues created a nurturing and intellectually stimulating environment. Nearly 75 scholars attended the lecture, both online and offline. The program was conducted by Dr. Jharna Pathak.

**Title: Indian Model of Economic Development for Emerging India / Stick to Cultural Roots to Achieve Higher Economic Growth for India**

**Date: August 25, 2023**

**Resource Person: Dr. P. Kanagasabapathi, Professor, Author & Writer**



Dr. P. Kanagasabapathi eminent professor, institution builder and authority on India-centric research from the native perspective delivered a lecture on ‘Indian Model of Economic Development for Emerging India’ at Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), Ahmedabad on 25.08.2023. He stressed on the fact that key to India’s development lies in sticking to its roots which is rich in its unique entrepreneurship culture. He highlighted the similarities between Gujarat and Tamil Nadu in field of technological innovation at grassroots level, financing trade and entrepreneurial activity through household and community level efforts. India has time tested institution of family and social ties to fund entrepreneurial quest cutting across communities and ethnicities. He cited examples of entrepreneurial success of Nadar community in Tamil Nadu and farming community from Saurashtra in development of industrial clusters in Western Tamil Nadu and South Gujarat respectively. He pointed out that Indian women are the backbone of saving and financing business ventures as mothers, sister and wives, though their contribution to the economy is yet to get recognitions from mainstream economic and business intelligentsia. He advised preservation of Indian family and value system which will work as catalyst with modern financial instruments to mobilise resources for future start-ups with support from initiatives like Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PPMY), Atmanirbahar Bharat, Viswakarma Shrama Samman Yojana (VSSY) and Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) to achieve higher economic growth and employment generation. Professor Nishra Pandey, Director, GIDR presided over the event. The event was held in hybrid mode and was attended by scholars from GIDR, SPISER-Ahmedabad, IDS-Jaipur, ANSISS-Patna, Institute for Economic Growth (IEG), New Delhi, Vidyashilp University, Bengaluru and Bharathiar University, Coimbatore among others.



**Title: Food Policy and Parastatals in India : Status and Challenges**

**Date : September 26, 2023**

**Resource Person: Prof. Shrikant S. Kalamkar, Director & Professor (AERC)**



Prof. (Dr.) Shrikant S. Kalamkar, Professor and Director at AERC delivered a lecture titled 'Food Policy and Parastatals in India: Status and Challenges', at Lakdawala hall in GIDR on September 26, 2024. According to him Food production and agricultural development have been core areas of concern for policymakers in India since Independence. The agricultural pricing policy is the most important in food production and agricultural development in Indian context affecting output and productivity of the sector. Since independence, the government play a significant role in agricultural sector of the country as our demand for various food items exceeds the supply. The objectives of the state intervention are twofold; support to farmers through minimum price for the selected food items and maintaining buffer stocks to mitigate emergencies. Further, with not-so-open borders in the case of globally traded commodities, there had always not been consistency towards government's policy on international trade in many of the primary commodities and more specifically in the agricultural commodities leading to artificial (policy-created) price fluctuation. However, despite of these interventions, the plight of the farmers still continues to be not so encouraging and farming has become a non-profitable business or enterprise in India. Price support for farmers has been an important instrument of

agricultural development and food policy since the mid-1960s and the main challenge of the policy has always been to reconcile the conflicting price interests of farmers and consumers. Government interventions in purchase of selected agricultural commodities have attained importance in recent years. The quantity of these commodities purchased by these agencies depended on the objective and target is often fixed for purchase to fulfil the defined objective, especially procurement of food grains such as cereals, coarse grains, pulses and oilseeds. However, public procurement is largely limited to a few food grains such as paddy (rice), wheat, and, to a limited extent, pulses. Also, the procurement of these crops is largely concentrated in a few states. Therefore, there is a need to widen the market for various agricultural commodities produced in the country through dynamic and pragmatic policy interventions in domestic as well as global market. Dr. Jharna Pathak welcomed the speaker and Director, GIDR, Prof. Nisha Pandey gave inaugural speech for the event. Dr. Madhusudan Bandi gave vote of Thanks, and the event was coordinated by Dr. Rudra Narayan Mishra. The event was hosted on hybrid mode and nearly 50 participants including faculty members and research scholars from the reputed institutions attended the event.

**Title: A Perspective on Relevance of Kautilya's Arthashastra in Today's Times**

**Date: October 20, 2023**

**Resource Person: Mr. Sriram Balasubramaniam, Renowned Economist and Author**



Mr. Sriram Balasubramaniam, Renowned Economist and Author delivered a lecture titled 'A Perspective on Relevance

of Kautilya's Arthashastra in Today's Times', at Lakdawala hall in GIDR on October 20, 2023. The speaker begins with the historical economic might of India which was reckoned worldwide till 18<sup>th</sup> century, beginning of the colonial rule.

What are the possible reasons being the economic might and

period of prosperity for two millennia? The answer might lie in a framework of social and economic thought that lies buried in our ancient heritage, according to the speaker, of which Kautilya's Arthashastra is a major example. Kautilyanomics for Modern Times seeks to do three things—first, to provide a structure and a context for Kautilya's economic thoughts; second, to examine his work's relevance today; and third, to do it in a way that a lay reader

can follow and grasp easily. According to him Kautilya's thought is mainly articulated through the prism of dharmic capitalism and its components—some examples include his views on global economic outlook, state-market dynamics, and sustainable growth through observance of environmental, societal and familial responsibilities. Fathoming India's rich economic and philosophical heritage and making use of it, Balasubramanian argues, would prove to be a great asset in India's/the country's/the nation's ascent again. Prof. Nisha Pandey gave inaugural speech for the event. Dr. Madhusudan Bandi gave vote of Thanks and the event was coordinated by Dr. Rudra Narayan Mishra.

**Title: Recent Trend in Electronic Recycling and its Implication on Economy, Society and Environment**

**Date: December 7, 2023**

**Resource Person: Dr. Prashant Sarswat, Research Associate Professor (USA)**



Dr. Prashant K Sarswat, Associate Professor, Department of Metallurgical Engineering, The University of Utah, USA having specialisation in Materials Electrochemistry, Separation Technology, Additive Manufacturing, Recycling, Sensing Technology, REE and Critical Metals Separation Technology delivered a lecture on 'Recent Trend in Electronic Recycling and its Implication on Economy, Society and Environment.' A Graduate

from Indian Institute of Technology, Dhanbad in B.Tech, Mining and Mineral Engineering, he pursued his M.S. and doctoral work in Metallurgical Engineering from The University of Utah, Saltlake City, USA and so far he has published over 100 scholarly articles in field of Metallurgical Engineering, waste recycling and its implication for environmental issues. He has jointly innovated a method to create LEDs from food and beverage waste. LEDs are widely used for a variety of applications and have been a popular, more efficient alternative to fluorescent and incandescent bulbs for the past few decades. His discovery has led the sustainable use of food and beverage waste which otherwise would have no other use to be used in production of LEDs which are being manufactured from toxic elements at present. The discovery was published by more than 80 agencies/web-sources/radio channel/print media. Another innovation by him of rapidly synthesized CZTS nanocrystals was highly

acclaimed by the world scientific and engineering news community. He used an old domestic microwave oven to synthesize CZTS nanocrystals in short duration of 18 minutes. These nanocrystals have immense potential to be used for fabrication of solar cells and other sensing devices. This research has been widespread through more than 75 news websites and media channels including discovery news and scienceDaily. The author share the gist of his research in this lecture and emphasises the need for bringing closer the physical science, engineering and social science together in pursuit of sustainable development goals and addressing issues related to environmental protection. In his lecture he cautioned the audience that without enough intervention to address the recycling of electronical waste a major disaster is waiting to happen which could be manifested in various forms including threat to ecology and health and well-being of humans alike. Dr. Jharna Pathak welcomed the speaker and Director, GIDR, Prof. Nisha Pandey gave the inaugural speech for the event. Dr. Madhusudan Bandi gave a vote of Thanks, and the event was coordinated by Dr. Rudra Narayan Mishra. The event was hosted on hybrid mode and nearly 40 participants attended the event.

**Title: Safe Sphere Addressing Workplace**

**Harassment Date: March 26, 2024**

**Resource Person: Dr. Jharna Pathak**



A lecture titled "Safe Sphere: Addressing Workplace Harassment" was conducted as part of the sensitization program on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act, 2013. Aimed at raising awareness and providing strategies for creating a safer work environment, the session focused on identifying various forms of workplace sexual harassment, understanding its impact on employees, and discussing effective prevention and response measures. The speaker, Dr. Pathak shared insights on legal frameworks, organizational policies, and support systems available to survivors of violence. The lecture emphasised promoting a culture of respect and inclusivity, empowering employees to speak up, and ensuring harassment-free workplaces.

Participants gained a deeper understanding of their roles in promoting a safe and supportive work environment. Nearly 40 scholars attended the lecture, both online and offline. The program was conducted by Dr. Jharna Pathak.



## NATIONAL SEMINAR / CONFERENCE

**National Workshop on “Making of an S&T-Enabled Rural India: State-Civil Society Shared Engagements, 1980-2010” on May 27-28, 2023 at Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru.**

Sponsored by : Ford Foundation, New Delhi  
Organized by : Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad & Shiva Nadar Institute of Eminence, Delhi NCR  
Faculty Name (convenor/coordinator??) : Prof. Keshab Das (GIDR)

**National Workshop on “Voices of Farmer Champions as Advocacy Tool for Alternative Crops to Tobacco: Sharing Best Practices among Fellow Farmers, Media and Decision Makers” on July 25-26, 2023, at Gujarat Institute of Development Research**

Sponsored by : Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad  
Organized by : Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad & Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad  
Conveners : Dr. Rudra Narayan Mishra and Prof. (Dr.) Nayantara S. Nayak (CMDR, Dharwad)





The workshop was a follow-up of the study “Best Practices in Alternative Crops to Tobacco identifying Farmer Champions in Diversification across India” carried out by CMDR in seven tobacco growing states viz. Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Telangana and West Bengal during 2020-21. GIDR has undertaken the study in state of Gujarat. In that study five farmers were selected for an in-depth study to understand the compulsion for tobacco farming and how the farmers can get out of the same and grow alternative crops. Of these five farmers two farmers were identified who have left tobacco completely for alternative crops like vegetables/flowers etc. for a considerable time period. These two Farmer Champions were requested to be the “Voices” for advocating for tobacco control and train at least 20 other farmers from their respective districts to try alternate crops, through demonstration and narration of their own experiences in the workshop. Apart from the two farmer champions experts from field of medicine/oncology, legal experts, media personnel and civil society voices were invited to the workshop to motivate the participants to move away from tobacco cultivation themselves and motivate others to do the same. The workshop went for two days and in the end a joint statement of all the farmers and experts were drafted and submitted to concerned public authorities to clamp down on tobacco cultivation, use and promotion. The event got good media coverage in both English and local newspapers.



*(National Workshop on “Voices of Farmer Champions as Advocacy Tool for Alternative Crops to Tobacco: Sharing Best Practices among Fellow Farmers)*

**Workshop titled, Introduction to Social Science Research for the students of Department of Sociology, Umiya Collage, Ahmedabad on January 25, 2024, at Gujarat Institute of Development Research**

Organized by : Gujarat Institute of Development Research,  
Resource Persons : Nisha Pandey & Rudra Narayan Mishra

*(Introduction to Social Science Research” for the students of Department of Sociology, Umiya*



*Collage, Ahmedabad on January 25, 2024)*

About twenty-five women undergraduate students of Sociology department of Umiya Arts and Science College, Sola, Ahmedabad, under Dr. Bipin M. Vaghela, Assistant Professor visited GIDR on January 25, 2024. The students were given introduction of various schools of thought in social sciences and the methodology of several types of research by Prof. (Dr.) Nisha Pandey, Director, GIDR. She asked women students to take advantage of various government programmes aimed at welfare of girl students in Gujarat and elsewhere in the country. Passion and dedication for achieving one's own dreams will be the key to success for women scholars today. The young scholars shared their various experiences about how they could look at various phenomenon and experiences around them and developed research ideas. They were curious about what are the opportunities one can expect pursuing higher education and research as career. The students were given brief overview about various research techniques, quantitative/qualitative by Dr. Mishra. The one and half hour session was quite interactive and live with exchange of various ideas about goals of social sciences today. The students and Dr. Vaghela were incredibly happy after the interaction. The session concluded with a high tea for the visitors and staff members of GIDR.

**National Conference on “Reimagining Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhati; Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities, Achieving Food Security, and Promoting Inclusive Growth for Sustainable Agriculture” on February 24-25, 2024, at Gujarat Institute of Development Research. Ahmedabad.**

Sponsored by : Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi,  
National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD),  
Ahmedabad, Gujarat Natural Farming Sciences University (GNFSU),  
Halol, and Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar

Organised by : Gujarat Institute of Development Research. Ahmedabad & Gujarat  
Natural Farming Science University, Halol (Panchmahal)

Patrons : Prof. (Dr.) Nisha Pandey, Director, GIDR & Dr. C.K. Timbadia, Hon.  
VC, GNFSU

Convenors : Dr. Rudra Narayan Mishra, GIDR and Dr. G.N. Thorat, I/C Director of  
Education, GNFSU and



Shri Acharya Devvrat, Honorable Governor of Gujarat inaugurated the two days national conference on Natural Farming titled **“Reimagining Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhati; Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities, Achieving Food Security, and Promoting Inclusive Growth for Sustainable Agriculture”** at the institute campus. More than 200 delegates from academia, policy makers, industry, civil society organisations and farmers practicing natural farming for considerable time participated in the event. In total five plenaries and 12 parallel technical sessions where more than 30 original filed based



research work on natural farming and other sustainable farming practices were presented. In total 15 poster were presented of which 11 were from farmers practicing natural farming. In total nine states of the country were resented in this national level event. The event culminated with a set of recommendations towards promotion of natural farming in the country. The proceedings of the conference have been published with an ISBN number (978-81-955331-9-0), GNFSU publication number 32024:160 and in total 176 pages. The proceedings have messages from Honorable Governor of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendra Patel, Honorable Chief Minister, Gujarat and Shri Raghavji Patel Minister, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Shri A.K. Rakesh, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture, Farmer's Welfare and Cooperation Department, Government of Gujarat. Professor Dhanjaya Singh, Member-Secretary, ICSSR, Professor Kirit Parikh, President, GIDR and other dignitaries. Delegates from Gujarat Natural Farming Sciences University, Halol, Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Ahmedabad, Agro Economic Research Centre, Anand, Nirma University, EDII, Gandhinagar, IRMA, Anand, Sardar Patel University, Anand, BL Munjal University, Gurugram, IIT- Mumbai, Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad, Madras Institute for Development Studies, Chennai, BHU, Varanasi, Gujarat University, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, SPJIMR, Mumbai, MICA, Ahmedabad and Anand Agricultural University, Anand are some of the leading institutions and universities which attended this event.



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GIDR is in process of publishing the selected papers in an edited volume from an international publisher. During the occasion honorable governor also inaugurated the Natural Farming model plot using Panchastariya Jungle Model in GIDR campus. The plot consists of 300 trees planted following the principles of natural farming; Bijamrit, Jivamrit, Ghanajivamrit and other Panchagabya materials sourced from GNFSU, Halol, SGVP, Chharodi and Sola Bhagwat Vidyapith, Sola.

**International Conference on “Gender and Climate Change: Issues, Policy Implications and the way forward” on March 5-6, 2024, at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru**

Sponsored by	: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru
Organized by	: CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru & Gujarat Institute of Development Research. Ahmedabad
Patron	: Dr. Fr. Joseph C. C. Vice-Chancellor , Christ University, Bengaluru and Prof. (Dr). Nisha Pandey, Director, GIDR
Conveners	: Dr. Itishree Pattnaik, Dr. Tarun Arora, and Rudra Narayan Mishra



The conference aims at highlighting gender dynamics in climate-security policymaking in India and other developing countries. Scholarly contributions were invited based on original research, providing insightful analyses of both primary and secondary empirical data at both macro and micro levels that link varied implications of climate change on marginalized communities, especially women. There were major eight themes: Climate change and impact on Agriculture; Women, agriculture and food security in the context of climate change; Climate related migration and gendered impact; Climate crisis and gender



gap in access to education and employment; Women, gender equality and health in the context of climate change; Women, gender equality and technology in adaptation responses to climate change; Climate adaptation in agriculture and role of gender; Climate change adaptation policy and gender.

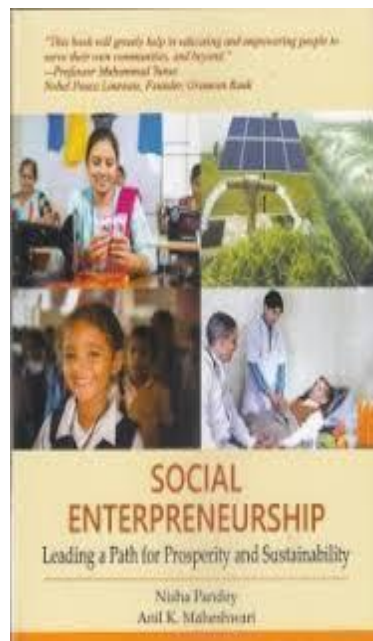
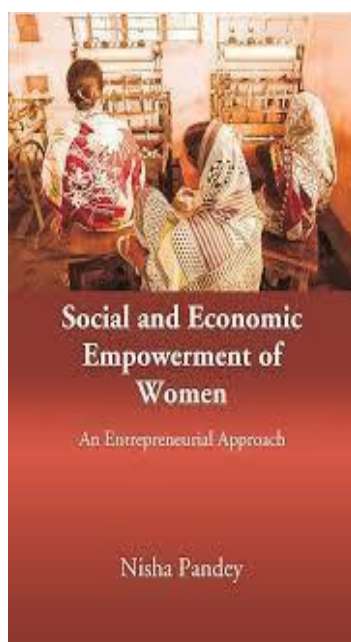
## RESEARCH OUTPUT

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Pattnaik Itishree, “Feminization of Hunger in Climate Change: Linking Rural Women’s Health and Wellbeing in India”, Climate and Development, Taylor & Francis Group, ISSN: 1756-5537

Bandi, Madhusudan ““Samras in Gram Panchayats of Gujarat: Undermining Democracy by Means of Consensus?”, Journal of Rural Development (2023,) P.No. 258-263, ISSN No. – 09703357

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Ghatak, Amrita, ““Status of Domestic Workers in India: A Tale of Two Cities”, Indian Journal of Labour Economics, Vol. 65, Issue. 3, ISSN: 0971-7927 (print), 0019-5308 (online)

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### **Other Publication**

Pandey, Nisha, “Building Start-up Ecosystem through Social Enterprise Business Model: A Study Reference to Women Empowerment by Social Enterprises, (pp.579-591), Digital Economy Post COVID-19 Era, ISBN: **978-981-99-0196-8***Published*: Softcover ISBN: 978-981-99-0199-9 Due: 03 December 2023. eBook ISBN: 978-981-99-0197-5

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### **Articles in Newspapers**

#### **Madhusudan Bandi**

“A tribe in the Western Ghats in need of a lifeline” P.No. 8, *The Hindu* (2024: March 12)  
Karnataka’s Inexplicable Politics: Caste is still key. Blame it on voters” P.No. 8, *Deccan Herald* (2023: April 21)

Reading through the political developments in Maharashtra: An alternative viewpoint, *The Print* (2023: July 13)



## ***PROJECT REPORT***

### **Nisha Pandey**

- The Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) employs various policies and governance mechanisms to improve socio-economic conditions in underdeveloped regions. It aligns with national initiatives like Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Digital India, and Skill India to ensure coherence in development efforts. Emphasizing decentralized governance, it empowers local administrations to tailor projects to community needs, fostering participatory decision-making.  
The ADP is driven by data-informed decisions, using real-time monitoring for evidence-based planning. Performance is regularly tracked through accountability mechanisms, while multi-stakeholder collaboration enhances resource sharing. Additionally, the program focuses on capacity building and allows policy flexibility to adapt interventions to local contexts.

### **Keshab Das**

- A Report of “Institutional Changes for Rural Innovation: The Civic Space and the State in India, the 1980s through 2010s”, submitted to Ford Foundation (ICRI-FF), New Delhi.
- A Report of “MSME Clusters in Pandemic Times: Fostering Linkages, Markets and Inclusive Innovation”, submitted to the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.

### **Jharna Pathak, Itishree Pattnaik & Amrita Ghatak**

- A Report of “Cash Transfer Programme and Well-being among Windows and Singe Women in Gujarat”, submitted to the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.

### **Itishree Pattnaik,**

- A Report of “Women in Collective Organic Farming and Empowerment”, submitted to the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.
- A Report of “Agricultural Land Ownership and Women Empowerment in Western Indian States”, submitted to the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.

## **PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS AND TEACHING**

**Nisha Pandey**

- i. Represented GIDR and discussed 'Social inclusion' in which social farming is a facilitator of social re-integration and social justice in a new model of community welfare. Hon Governor of Gujarat is working to do good for society, economy and environment by designing a sustainable system of Natural farming. The program was organized at Raj bhavan, Gandhi Nagar, Ahmadabad.
- ii. Took a Session on Philosophy and Methodology of Knowledge creation and Thematic and methodological analysis of research" at coursework for PhD Scholars of the 2023 batch organized by Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar on November 20-26, 2023. Participated as Key Speaker on the theme "Social Innovation and Technopreneurship" in 27th annual edition of the Nirma International Conference on Management (NICOM 2024) on Business In Uncertain Times: Strategies And Capabilities To Manage Disruption And Growth" organized by Nirma University On January 6, 2024.
- iii. Participated as Expert and talk on "PM Fasal Bima Yojna: Impact, Awareness, and Challenges" at Institute of Infrastructure Technology Research and Management (IITRAM), Ahmedabad on March 14, 2024.
- iv. Invited as a Speaker by Gujarat University at "Global dialogue on Cultural Diplomacy, Heritage, Peace, Tribe, Economy, and Tourism Cultural Economy Conclave #CEC2" on December 8-10-2023.
- v. Participated as Panelist in seminar on 'Progress of SDGs in Developing countries' at Gujarat Vidhyapeth on 11th Jan 2024,
- vi. Chairperson in the Technical Session of "Growth Trajectory in Gujarat: The role of Public Policy Intervention" at Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, 29-30, January 2024.
- vii. Resource person for Perspective of Arthshaastra on Governance, PhD students enrolled at SNDT Women's University for the Academic Year 2023-2024.
- viii. Resource Person at International Conference on Indian Knowledge System at Vivekananda Global University in Jaipur.

- ix. Participated as Keynote speaker in the two days conference on Bhartiya Gyan Parampara “Arthniti, Samajniti and Rajniti” on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024
- x. Impact Assessment of Sustainable and Social Entrepreneurship session at the EIS Conference hosted by BML Munjal University

### **Jharna Pathak**

- i. Presented paper titled “Suicides: What Statistics do not Report?”, at National Conference on Judicial, Legal and Police Reforms 2024 organised by National Federation of Societies for Fast Justice New Delhi, Society for Fast Justice Palanpur and Lok Niketan, Palanpur on February ---, 2024.
- ii. Presented paper titled “Violence against Women: Myths and Facts”, at Gujarat Human Rights National Conference-24, organised by Girish Patel Foundation, January 26-28, 2024
- iii. Delivered lecture on “Safesphere: Addressing Workplace Harassment” at Seminar as a part of Internal Committee organized by Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad on March 26, 2024
- iv. Invited to deliver lecture on “Safesphere: From Inside the Internal Committee, at Seminar as a part of Gender Sensitisation Workshop organized by Silver Oak University, Ahmedabad on March 16, 2024
- v. Invited to deliver a lecture on International Women’s Day: History, Status and its Relevance”, at Seminar to Celebrate International Women’s Day organized by Reserve Bank of India, Ahmedabad on March 07, 2024
- vi. Invited to deliver a lecture on “Women Safety and Wellbeing: Context and Relevance”, at Seminar on Gender and Work: Where are we? Organized by Accountant General Audit, Ahmedabad on February 5, 2024.

- vii. Invited to deliver lecture on “Empirical Research Methods” at Orientation Programme for PHD students organized by Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar on January 22, 2024.
- viii. Invited as a panelist in the workshop “Skill India Mission (PMKVY) Training in Gujarat: Insights and Path Ahead” organized by LJ University, Ahmedabad February 26, 2024.
- ix. Served as a jury for the “S R Bhandari AMA Best Speaker Award 2023” at Ahmedabad Management Association, Ahmedabad, October 12, 2023.
- x. Invited to deliver a lecture on “Towards Mainstreaming Gender: Some Insights” at Violence at Workplace – Zero Tolerance and Its Impact on Productivity organised by IIBX, Gandhinagar on August 11, 2023.
- xi. Panel member for viva-voce examination of PhD Students, January 23-24, 2024, Gandhinagar National Law University
- xii. Invited as an examiner for evaluation of literature review assignment, December 21, 2023, Gandhinagar National Law University.
- xiii. Reviewer of a book chapter, Oxford University Press, New Delhi
- xiv. Co-Coordinated Human Rights Conference '24, January 26-28, 2024.
- xv. Invited as an expert to deliver a lecture on Violence at Workspace at GCS Medical College Hospital and Research, November 12, 2023

### **Rudra Narayan Mishra**

- i. Presented a research paper titled, Indian Handicraft Sector: A Swot Analysis” at Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi Sponsored *International Seminar on Alternative Paradigm for Sustainable Rural Transformation* organized by Gujarat Vidyapith and held at Vidyapith during January 11-13, 2024.

- ii. Presented a research paper titled "Can the Indian Textile Sector Help India to Achieve its Dream of US\$5 Trillion Economy" at National Seminar on *India's Ambition to Attain US \$ 5 Trillion Economy Target; Sectoral Challenges and Possibilities* organized by Institute for Development Studies, (IDS), Jaipur during March 15-16, 2024
- iii. Presented a research paper (jointly with Dr. Nisha Pandey) titled "Future of Sustainable Farming Practices in the Backdrop of Prevailing Policy Contexts; A SWOT Analysis" at *National Conference on Natural Farming, Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities, Achieving Food Security and Promoting Inclusive Growth for Sustainable Agriculture* organised by Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), Ahmedabad during February 25-26, 2024.
- iv. Presented a research paper titled, "Health Expenditure, Service Utilisation and Health Outcomes in Gujarat, Do Regional Disparities and Socio-Economic Inequalities Matter?" at *National Seminar on Growth Trajectory of Gujarat: Public Policy Intervention* organised by Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research (SPICER), Ahmedabad on 29th and 30th January, 2024. The event was supported by ICSSR, New Delhi and ICSSR Western Regional Centre, Mumbai.
- v. Presented (jointly) a research paper titled 'Livelihood and Status of Tobacco Processing Workers: Insights from Selected States in India', at the *11th Annual Conference of Indian Health Economics and Policy Association (IHEPA)* organized by Flame University, Pune during January 17-19, 2024.
- vi. Presented (Jointly) "Does Economic Development Brings Social Inclusion across Socioreligious Groups in the Labour Market: A Study of Bihar, India" organised by Chanakya National Law University (CLNU), Patna and Centre for Development Policy and Practice (CDDP), Hyderabad during November 6-7, 2023 at CLNU, Patna
- vii. Make a presentation titled 'Findings from the study of Alternative Crops to Tobacco for Farmers in Tobacco Growing Regions of Gujarat', in Regional Workshop for State of Gujarat titled "Voices of Farmer Champions as Advocacy Tool for Alternative Crops to Tobacco: Sharing Best Practices among Fellow Farmers, Media, and Decision Makers" organised by *Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR)*, Ahmedabad on 25<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 with support from Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Research (CMDR), Dharwad.



- viii. Chaired a poster presentation session of young scholars (undergraduate students), at International Conference on Gender and climate change: Issues, Policy Implications and the way forward Organized by CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore & Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), Ahmedabad at CHRIST University (Hosur road campus) during March 6-7, 2024
- ix. Discussant for a session of young scholars (post graduate students)”, at International Conference on Gender and climate change: Issues, Policy Implications and the way forward Organized by CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore & Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), Ahmedabad at CHRIST University (Hosur road campus) during March 6-7, 2024.
- x. Chaired a session titled *Rural industries and technology*, at Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi Sponsored International Seminar on Alternative Paradigm for Sustainable Rural Transformation
- xi. organised by Gujarat Vidyapith and held at Vidyapith during January 11-13, 2024.
- xii. Delivered an invited lecture titled ‘Environment and Health Linkage; A Statistical Approach in Indian Context, as Part of College’s lecture series at
- xiii. P. C. Jabin Science College of Karnataka Lingayat Education (KLE) Society, Vidyanagar, Hubballi, Karnataka, jointly organised by the college and Institute for Inclusive Growth and Development (IIGD), Dharwad on 22.11.2023.
- xiv. Delivered an invited lecture titled ‘Natural Farming to Achieve Sustainable Goals: Prospects and Challenges in Indian Context’ as Part of College’s lecture series at Shri Sharana Nooliya Chandayya Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Smaraka A.K.K. Education Society’s Arts and Commerce College, Gangadhar Nagar, Hubballi, Karnataka jointly organised by the college and Institute for Socio-Economic Development (ISED), Dharwad on 22.11.2023.
- xv. Delivered two lectures of one and half hour each to doctoral scholars and young faculty members ‘Quantitative Techniques in Social Science; Using SPSS’ in two weeks Research Methodology Workshop organised by Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Research, Dharwad at its institute on 21.11.2023.
- xvi. Invited as resource person and spoke on ways to curb tobacco use in Gujarat through fiscal measures at State Level Round Table Discussion with Economists on Tobacco Taxation Issues’, organised jointly by Voice India, New Delhi and Rajkot Saher Jilla Grahak Suraksha Mandal, Rajkot on 29.07.2023 at Government Circuit House, Sahibaug, Ahmedabad.

## **Itishree Pattnaik**

- i. Presented a paper titled “Unveiling the Unseen Labor: Challenges To Calculate Women’s Participation In ‘Preparatory’ Activities” at 64th Labour Conference organized by Indian Association of Labour Economics, held at University of Hyderabad, March 29-31, 2024
- ii. Acted as the expert on the Consultation program Women in the Agricultural Sector: Agricultural Transformation and Improved Economic Outcomes for Women, organised by the World Bank Group on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.
- iii. Acted as a Discussant for the Technical Session “Women, Agriculture and Livelihood in the Context of Climate Change” in the International Conference on Gender and climate change: Issues, Policy Implications and the way forward, organized by CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, in collaboration with Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad, hosted by CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore on March 6-7, 2024.
- iv. Presented a paper titled “Women Empowerment and Natural farming” at National conference: Natural Farming: Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities, Achieving Food Security and Promoting Inclusive Growth for Sustainable Agriculture on 24 -25 February 2024 organised by Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad and Gujarat Natural Farming Science University, Halol, Panchmahal. Invited as a Guest Speaker and presented a paper on the title “Gendered Nature of Climate Change: Impact on Food Security, Health and Wellbeing of Women in Rural India” in the National seminar: the Economics of Climate Change and Environment: Present and Future, Department of Economics, Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women, during 5<sup>th</sup>, February, 2024.
- v. Presented a paper titled “Women Empowerment through Collective Natural Farming” at 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Social Science Institutions (IASSI) organized by Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad, India during 2-4 November 2023.
- vi. Presented a paper titled “Women’s Rights to Own Agricultural Land and Empowerment” at National seminar: Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement Panel 4: Issues Related to Unequal Access to Civil Rights, Citizenship including Caste and Gender Discrimination and Social Status organized by Association of Academics for Social Justice (AASJ) Held at Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) during – August 23 – 25.2023. Invited as an Eminent Speaker by Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Institute of Technology Patna to deliver two lectures on Field Research and Interview Process for the “Research Methodology Course (RMC)” during 22nd -31st August 2023.

**i. Amrita Ghatak**

- ii. Presented a paper titled “Health infrastructure and Management of COVID-19 Pandemic in India: Evidence from Selected Cities”, at Golden Jubilee International Conference on Covid-19 and Cities: Is it merely a short-term crisis or has it changed our cities forever? organised by Centre for Research on Urban Affairs, ISEC, Bengaluru, from 17th to 18th November 2022
- iii. Presented a paper titled “GIG Workers during the time of COVID-19 Pandemic: Policy Perspectives”, at XVII International Conference on Public Policy and Management, organised by IIM Bangalore from 22nd to 24th August 2022.
- iv. Presented a paper titled “Economic Implications of Air Pollution Related Non-Communicable Diseases on Urban Households in India”, 11th Congress of the Asian Association of Environmental and Resource Economics (AAERE) on “A pathway towards Carbon Neutrality in Asia” from August 19 to 20, 2022 at Ho- Chi-Minh City, Vietnam, Asian Association of Environmental and Resource Economics and University of Economics Ho-Chi-Minh City, Ho-Chi-Minh City, Vietnam.
- v. Presented a paper titled “Gig workers and labour process during COVID-19 pandemic in India: A case of Ahmedabad city”, at 63rd Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics, presented a paper titled, Indian Society of Labour Economics and Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar from March 1 to 3, 2023
- vi. Presented a paper titled “Making research policy and practice relevant”, at Third OCMAD 2022 organised by IRMA from December 18 to 20, 2022 at IRMA
- vii. Presented a paper titled “Health and economic well-being of non-farm sector workers in rural India”, at National Virtual Conference on Revving Up the Rural Non-Farm Economy: Potential and Strategies organised by GIDR, Ahmedabad from 14th to 15th October 2022.
- viii. Presented a paper titled “Status of Gig Workers in India: A Case of Ahmedabad City during COVID-19 Pandemic”, at ICSSR sponsored Two Days ISEC Golden Jubilee National Conference on Transformations Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Exploring the Possibilities of a Better Tomorrow organised by ISEC at ISEC, Bengaluru from July 26 to 27, 2022.
- ix. Presented a paper titled “Safety at Workplace, Health and Working Conditions of Blue-Collar Workers in the Manufacturing Sector in Ahmedabad”, National Seminar on

Changing Characteristics of the Indian Labour Market: Issues and Challenges in the backdrop of COVID-19 Pandemic organised by Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research (SPIESR), Thaltej, Ahmedabad, from 7th to 8th July 2022.

- x. Presented a paper titled “Domestic workers in times of Covid-19 pandemic in India: The employers’ perspectives and the matter of legal protection”, at 62nd Labour Economics Conference organised by Indian Society of Labour Economics at IIT Roorkee from April 11 to 13, 2022.
- xi. Presented at Paper titled “Green Jobs and Women”, at the ‘International Conference on Gender and Climate Change: Issues, Policy Implications and the Way Forward’, organized jointly by CHRIST (Deemed to be University) and Gujarat Institute of Development Research at the CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore from March 6-7, 2024.
- xii. Invited as Chairperson and Discussant for Students’ Presentations in the ‘International Conference on Gender and Climate Change: Issues, Policy Implications and the Way Forward,’ organized jointly by CHRIST (Deemed to be University) and Gujarat Institute of Development Research at the CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore from March 6-7, 2024.
- xiii. Presented a paper titled “Linking Pension and Health Related Capabilities Among the Widows: A Case of Gujarat”, at the ‘Global Conclave 2024: Advancing Human Development in Global South’ organized jointly by RIS, IHD and NITI Ayog in New Delhi at IIC from 11th to 13th January, 2024.

## **REPRESENTATION IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES, FELLOWSHIPS AND RECOGNITION**

**Nisha Pandey**

### *Reviewer*

Journal of Innovation and Entrepreneurship  
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Amity University, Noida  
BIMTECH, Noida  
SMVD University, Jammu,

### Membership

Member of PRME Working Group on the Sustainability Mindset  
Member of PRME India Chapter  
NABAT Accredited on SIA  
Life member of the Indian Economic Association  
Member of the South Asian Network of Environment Economics  
Member Academy of Management

### **Jharna Pathak**

Member, Indian Association for Women's Studies.

Secretary, India Branch, Women International League for Peace and Freedom

Secretary, Ahmedabad Women's Action Group, and Trustee, Parthey Trust.

At GIDR: Staff Representative, Governing Body; Member, Purchase Committee; and Co-Coordinator, Library Committee.



## **Rudra Narayan Mishra**

Life Member, Indian Association of Social Science and Health (IASSH).

Life Member, Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE).

Life Member, Indian Association of Social Science Institutions (IASSI).

Life Member, Indian Social Science Academy, Allahabad (ISSA)

Life Member, Indian Health Economics and Policy Associations (IHEPA).

Life Member, Association of Gerontology India

Peer Reviewer/ Referee: *Science Indicators Research, Journal of Agricultural Economics And Development, International Journal of Public Health and Epidemiology Research, The Indian Journal and Vikalpa; Journal of Decision Makers.*

### ***Research Guidance***

Appointed as guide for 7 Officer Trainees of Indian Administrative Services (IAS-Batch 2021) for their dissertation work (July 2022 to March 2024) To Guide Officer Trainees of IAS Professional Course Phase- 1 for their dissertation work at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie.

## **Itishree Pattnaik**

Life Member, Indian Society of Labour Economics.

Member, Indian Association of Women Studies.

Peer Reviewer/ Referee: *Development and Change, Gender Technology and Development, SN Business and Economics, Journal of Economic and Administrative Sciences, Environment, Development and Sustainability, Journal of Development and Agricultural Economics, Cogent Social Sciences and Gates Open Research.*

**Madhusudan Bandi**

At GIDR: Coordinator, Faculty Seminar Series; Member, Library Committee and Infrastructure/ Maintenance and Repair Committee.

**Amrita Ghatak**

Life Member, Indian Society for Ecological Economics. Life member of Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE).

Annual Member of Asian Association of Environmental and Resource Economics (AAERE) during 2022-23.

Member of Human Development and Capability Approach Association (HD-CA).

Jury for the DOCMAD programme (for Ph.D. students) at IRMA in the year 2022 & 2023.

Member of Curriculum Committee (Board of Studies) Manipal University (Manipal Academy of Higher Education), Bangalore in 2023

## RESEARCH SUPPORT SERVICES

### Library

GIDR library is one of the leading professional research and reference libraries in the city with an enormous collection of books, journals, government documents and publications of other social science institutions. The library is also open to research scholars from outside for reference work.

Besides books on various social science subjects, the library has a rich collection of statistical publications including a complete collection of the reports of India's National Sample Survey Organization. In addition, it has Population and Economic Census, Agricultural Statistics, Industrial Statistics, National Accounts Statistics, Statistical Abstracts, Budget Documents and other government reports. A fairly comprehensive collection of statistics on Gujarat state is also available, some of which date back to 1960s. As on March 31, 2024, the library had a collection of 3792 bound volumes and 22717 books selectively chosen for reading and reference which include reference materials, reports, books and micro materials. The subjects covered include Urban Development, industry, employment and labour studies, ecology and environment, forestry, health and social welfare, women studies, population studies, social sector, infrastructure, finance, banking, land and agriculture studies, water and natural resources, economics, economic development and planning. The library has a good collection of micro materials which include working papers, occasional papers, and research reports from national and international organizations of repute. About 38 printed national and international periodicals are subscribed and 8 journals received on exchange and as gift. A total number of 17 publications were added to the collection during 2023-24. The publications include 2 books purchased and 28 books and reports received as gift. It also subscribes 06 daily newspapers.

All the library functions are fully automated using the user-friendly library management software Koha and CDS/ISIS. Bibliographic details of library holdings are accessible through OPAC from the library computers. Apart from its own holdings, OPAC facility also provides access to articles from selected Indian and foreign journals.

## **Computer Centre**

The Institute has a state-of-the-art Computer Centre with 58 numbers of client computers hooked through a Local Area Network using Windows 2012 R2 Domain Server and Seqrite 7.4 End Point Antivirus Security. A last-mile Radio Frequency (RF) connectivity with 35 Mbps (1:1) bandwidth providing continuous internet access facility has been in place. We have a set of high-speed Dual Side Laser Jet Network Printers for production of quality outputs to support our system. It is also equipped with an Uninterrupted Power Supply Unit of 10 Kilovolt-amp (KVA) with battery backup for all computer systems. The center has the capacity to handle large-scale field survey based on data and data from sources like Census, National Sample Surveys, and National Account Statistics, etc. The computer center has been renovated entirely with modern equipment creating facility for training programmes and seating arrangements for about 20 users.

## Expenditure and Sources of Funding

Particulars	Year	
	2023-24	2022-23
Sources of Income		
1) ICSSR Grant	114.71	136.00
2) Govt. of Gujarat	19.00	19.00
3) Project Fund Received During the Year	15.27	24.45
4) Project Fund Recognised as Income	25.79	60.51
5) Other (including interest on FD/Bonds)	12.85	16.22
Total (Income) (1+2+4+5)	187.62	256.18
Expenditure		
Core Expenditure	174.30	236.60
Project Expenditure	26.13	60.51
Total (Expenditure)	200.43	297.11



## Annexure 1: Institutional Research Projects and Consulting Assignment

### Completed Projects

Title	Sponsor(s)	Researcher(s)
Woman in Collective Organic Farming and Empowerment	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	Itishree Pattnaik
Agriculture Land Ownership and Women Empowerment in Western Indian State	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	Itishree Pattnaik
MSME Clusters in Pandemic Times : Fostering Linkages, Markets and Inclusive Innovation	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	Keshab Das
Financialisation and Its Impact on Domestic Economics : An Interdisciplinary Enquiry in the Context of Select Indian States	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	Tara Nair, Isabelle Guerin, Jayashree Ambewadikar and Rudra Narayan Mishra
Cash Transfer Programme and Well-being among Widows and Single Women in Gujarat	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	Jharna Pathak Itishree Pattnaik Amrita Ghatak
Institutional Changes for Rural Innovation : The Civic Space and the State in India, the 1980s through 2010s	Ford Foundation, New Delhi	Keshab Das (with Rajeshwari S. Raina, SNU, New Delhi NCR; D. Raghunandan, CTD, New Delhi : Dhruv Raina, JNU, New Delhi; S.Chatterjee, New Delhi; and Lavanya Suresh, BITS-Pilani, Hyderabad
An Analysis of Premises, Potential and Prospects of The Aspirational District Programme	Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India	Nisha Pandey
Adoption of Clean Cooking Fuel and Socio-economic Wellbeing of Rural Household : A State level Study on the Impacts of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUV) in India	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	P.K.Vishwanathan, Madhusudan Bandi, Bibhu Mohanty, Amrendra Das
Preparing a Paper on Financing the Agro-ecological Transformation of Agri-food System	Global Development Network, New Delhi	Tara Nair

### Initiated & Completed

Title	Sponsor(s)	Researcher(s)
To organize National Workshop on Voice of Farmer Champions as Advocacy Tool for Alternative Corps to Tobacco: Sharing Best Practices among Fellow Farmers, Media and Decision Markers at Gujarat institute of Development Research	Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research Dharwad	Rudra Narayan Mishra and Nisha Pandey

## Initiated & Ongoing

Title	Sponsor(s)	Researcher(s)
<b>Socio-Economic and Political Status of Pasmada Muslims in India : Studying Gujarat and Karnataka from a Comparative Perspective</b>	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	<b>Madhusudan Bandi</b>
Evaluation Study of Training Programme of Gujarat Matikam Kalakari & Rural Technology Institute (GMK&RTI)	Gujarat Matikam Kalakari and Rural Technology Institute	Rudra Narayan Mishra & Nisha Pandey
To Write a report on a finding from Deep-Drive Exercise on Malnutrition in Jharkhand	UNICEF, Ranchi, Jharkhand	Rudra Narayan Mishra
To be a Consultant in UNICEF Project on “The supporting Midline assessment of Poshan Sudha Yojna – Hot Cooked Meal Scheme for Pregnant and Breastfeeding Mothers and Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojna in Gujarat	Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi	Rudra Narayan Mishra

## Ongoing

Title	Sponsor(s)	Consultant (Faculty)
Transforming Farm-Non-Farm Linkages for Sustainable Local Livelihoods: Competitive Agro-Clustering as a Policy Option	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	Keshab Das and Itishree Pattnaik
Mainstreaming and Empowering Women in Plantations : An Empirical Study in Tea and Coffee Plantations of Southern India	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	Sarbani Mukharjee, Amrita Ghatak & Durba Biwas
Air-Pollution Related Non-Communicable Diseases during Covid-19 Pandemic in India : A Study in Two Cities	Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	Amrita Ghatak & Tulika Tripathi

## **Annexure 2: Governing Body of the Institute and Other Committees**

### **Members of the Governing Body**

Dr. Kirit Parikh (President)	Former Member, Planning Commission, New Delhi
Mr. Sunil Parekh (Vice President)	Advisor, Zyduz Cadila Healthcare, Ahmedabad
Dr. Leela Visaria	Honorary Professor, GIDR, Ahmedabad
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Dr. Tushaar Shah	Principal Scientist, IWMI, Colombo
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Dr. Amita Singh	Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
Prof. Dhananjay Singh	Member Secretary, ICSSR, New Delhi
Dr. Madhukar Padvi	ICSSR Nominee (Vice Chancellor, Birsa Munda Tribal University)
Shri Mukesh Kumar (IAS)	Principal Secretary, Department of Education, Government of Gujarat, (Higher & Technical Education) Gandhinagar
Financial Advisor	Department of Education, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar
Representative	IDBI, Ahmedabad
Dr. Jharna Pathak	Staff Representative and Assistant Professor, GIDR, Ahmedabad
Prof. Nisha Pandey (Secretary)	Director and Professor, GIDR, Ahmedabad

### **Members of the Sub-Committees Appointed by the Governing Body**

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Prof. Leela Visaria  
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### Annexure 3: Members of the Institute

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Herdillia Chemicals Limited, Mumbai	Aarti Industries Limited, Mumbai

\* Deceased

#### Annexure 4: Staff Members as on April 1, 2023

Name	Designation	Qualifications
<b>Faculty</b>		
Prof. Nisha Pandey	Director & Professor (Joined on 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2023)	Ph.D (Harcourt Butler Technological Institute, Kanpur)
Dr. Jharna Pathak	Assistant Professor	Ph.D. (Gujarat University)
Dr. Rudra Narayan Mishra	Assistant Professor	Ph.D. (Jawaharlal Nehru University)
Dr. Itishree Pattnaik	Assistant Professor	Ph.D. (University of Hyderabad)
Dr. Madhusudan Bandi	Assistant Professor	Ph.D. (B R Ambedkar Open University)
Dr. Amrita Ghatak	Assistant Professor	Ph.D. (University of Mysore)
Prof. Leela Visaria	Honorary Professor	Ph.D. (Princeton University)
<b>Academic Support Staff</b>		
Mr. Ganibhai Memon	Statistical Assistant	B.R.S., D.R.D. (IGNOU)
Mr. Bharat Adhyaru	Data Entry Operator	B.Com.
Ms. Arti Oza	Data Analyst	B.Sc.
	Library Staff	
Ms. Minal Sheth	Assistant Librarian	B.Com., M.Lib.
<b>Administrative Staff</b>		
Ms. Chaitsi Thaker	Administrative Officer	M.Com.
Mr. Kunal M. Rajpriya	Accounts Clerk	B.Com
Ms. Kinjal Raval	Accounts Clerk	M. Com
Mr. Shivsingh Rathod	Peon-cum-Driver	