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Preface

The Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies (NCDS) was established at Bhubaneswar by the Indian Council of Social Sciences Research (ICSSR) in collaboration with the Government of Odisha in the year 1987. Like the other ICSSR-sponsored institutes, it took up the task of socio-economic research, serving as the only policy think tank of its kind in the state of Odisha.

From its inception, NCDS has been providing space for an interdisciplinary research by bringing together scholars from Economics, Social Anthropology, and Sociology among others. NCDS has also been admitting scholars for Ph.D. through the ICSSR Institutional Doctoral Fellowships, as also those holding fellowships from the University Grants Commission. These scholars could register themselves in different departments of the Utkal University, with the faculty members from NCDS as Research Guides. To facilitate interdisciplinary research among the research scholars, Utkal University has, in April 2016, approved the request of NCDS and accorded on it the status of a Nodal Center for offering Ph.D. in Development Studies.

In January 2016, NCDS had facilitated a consultation meeting on "Comprehensive Revival of Millets: Securing Nutrition & Surviving Droughts in Southern Odisha" under the chairmanship of Mr R Balakrishnan (Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary, Planning and Convergence Department, Government of Odisha and Chairman, NCDS). This had not only brought together Government functionaries, members of civil society, and academia but also with subsequent consultations on this and on "Integrated farming", resulted in the Government of Odisha coming up with two special programmes in the Budget for the year 2016-17. The guidelines of the two programmes envisage a convergence within the government departments, as also between government, civil society and academia. This is going to be a milestone in public policy engagement of NCDS.

The Nabakrushna Choudhury Memorial Lecture on "Challenges in Financing Small and Marginal Farmers in India with Special reference to Eastern India" was delivered by Dr Harsh Bhanwala, Chairman, National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD). There was a panel discussion on Universal Health Coverage Day. NCDS, in collaboration with the Department of Higher Education, Government of Odisha, had organised a workshop to deliberate on the proposed Odia Open University. A training programme on "Enhancing Employability of Youth through Skill Development" was organised in collaboration with VV Giri National Labour Institute. There was an ICSSR-sponsored Research Methodology programme for research scholars organised by NCDS. Besides these, as many as fifteen lectures were delivered by scholars from other Institutions/Universities, including one each from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing University, China and Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan. The details of these and other activities are available in the Annual Report for 2015-16.

It is said that success has many mentors. NCDS is on the verge of a take off to a higher level. It seeks your help and cooperation in this endeavour.

Thank you.

Srijit Mishra
Director

Board of Governors*
Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies (NCDS)

1.	Mr R. Balakrishnan, IAS (from 19.12.2015)* Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary (DC-cum-ACS) Planning and Convergence Department, Government of Odisha	Chairman
2.	Mr R Balakrishnan, IAS Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar	Member
3.	Mr GVV Sarma, IAS (from 24.11.2015)* Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar	Member
4.	Professor Ashok Das Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University, Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar	Member
5.	Professor Siba Prasad Adhikary Vice Chancellor, Fakir Mohan University Vyasa Vihar (North Campus), Nuapadhi, Balasore	Member
6.	Professor Arun Kumar Patnaik Professor of Political Science, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad	Member
7.	Professor Manoj Kumar Panda Director, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi	Member
8.	Professor Jayant Kumar Mohapatra Ex- Vice Chancellor, Berhampur University A-4, Jasnal Complex, Giri Road, Berhampur	Member
9.	Professor Pareshnath Sahu., Retd. Formerly with Sambalpur University EC-1/2, Executive Colony, Budha Raja, Sambalpur	Member
10.	Dr Upendra Choudhury (from 04.04.2016)* Member Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi	Member
11.	Professor R.M.Mallik (from 14.12.2015) Former Professor of Economics, NCDS Amrutayan, 783 E, Jaydev Tower Campus, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar	Member
12.	Dr. Rajkishore Meher Professor of Industrial Sociology, NCDS, Bhubaneswar	Member
13.	Dr. Rashmi Mishra Reader in Sociology, NCDS, Bhubaneswar	Member
14.	Dr. Shibalal Meher Reader in Industrial Economics, NCDS, Bhubaneswar	Member
15.	Professor Srijit Mishra (from 11.09.2015)* Director, NCDS, Bhubaneswar	Member- Secretary

* The current Board of Governors (BOG) of NCDS was constituted on 28.05.2015 by the Government of Odisha. At that time Mr U.N. Behera, IAS, the then DC-cum-ACS was the Chairman; Mr Gagan Dhal was Member, as Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department; Dr Govind Saun was Member as Member Secretary, ICSSR; and Mr Mukunda Kisan, OAS, was Member-Secretary as Director (I/C), NCDS.

List of Staff Members

Faculty

Prof. Srijit Mishra	Director (from 11.09.2015)
Dr. Rajkishore Meher	Professor of Industrial Sociology (from 19.06.2015; was Reader in Industrial Sociology up to 18.06.2015)
Dr. Shibalal Meher	Reader in Industrial Economics (from 19.06.2015; was Sr. Lecturer in Industrial Economics up to 18.06.2015)
Dr. (Mrs) Rashmi Mishra	Reader in Sociology (from 19.06.2015; was Sr. Lecturer in Sociology up to 18.06.2015)
Dr. Nilakantha Panigrahi	Research Associate in Social Anthropology (on lien from 21.09.2013)

Research Supporting Staff

Dr. Chitta Ranjan Das	Research Investigator
Dr. Ramesh Prasad Mohanty	Anthropological/Sociological Investigator
Mr. Biswabas Patra	Field Investigator

Library Staff

Mrs. Soumya Shree Parida	Librarian (Contractual)
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Computer Staff

Mrs. Sujata Manjari Pani	Asst. Programmer
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Administrative Staff

Mr. Mukunda Kisan, OAS (SAG)	Director I/C (up to 11.9.15)
Prof. Srijit Mishra	Director (from 11.09.15)
Mrs. S. Jani, OFS	Secretary
Mr. S. Rath	Administrative Officer
Mr. Debabrata Sahoo	P.A. to Director

Administrative Staff (continued)

Mr. P.K. Mishra	Senior Assistant
Mr. Nirmal Kumar Mishra	Junior Steno to Secretary
Mr. Prakash Kumar Mohanty	Junior Accountant
Mrs. Ch. A.P.Panda	Typist-Cum-Diarist (Office Assistant)
Mr. P.K. Mallia	Computer Literate Typist
Mrs. Kasturi Mishra	Receptionist (Contractual)

Subordinate Staff

Mr. Prakash Kumar Maharana	Driver
Mr. Gangadhar. Nayak	Driver
Mr. B.N. Rath	Pump Operator-Cum-Electrician
Mr. A.C. Malla	Messenger
Mr. B.B. Nahak	Sweeper
Mrs. M. Pradhan	Sweeper
Mr. B. Digal	Gardner
Mr. A.C. Sahoo	Messenger
Mr. S.B. Sahoo	Messenger
Mr. H.D. Sahoo	Cook-Cum-Attendant (Contractual)
Mr. B.K. Biswal	Attendant (Contractual)

Overview

The Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies (NCDS), established in March 1987, is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. Since its inception, it has been jointly funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and the Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha. Focusing on socio-economic research, this institute is the only one of its kind that serves as a policy think tank in the state of Odisha.

NCDS is managed by a Board of Governors (BOG) constituted by the Government of Odisha. The members of the BOG comprise of eminent academicians, Government administrators and nominees of the Government of Odisha and the ICSSR. The objectives, major activities and thrust areas of research are indicated below.

Objectives

- To undertake and promote research in social sciences and socio-economic problems of India in general and the state of Odisha in particular;
- To provide academic and professional assistance to the departments and agencies of the Government of India and Government of Odisha;
- To provide advisory and consultancy services to the International Bodies, Government of India, Government of Odisha, other educational institutions and organisations, business, trade and industry;
- To collaborate with Universities, particularly those established in Odisha as also with other academic institutions and organisations in India or abroad for promotion of research and higher learning.

Major Activities

- Conducting research studies in the field of social science on various aspects of development;
- Providing consultation and professional assistance to the government and other public institutions in formulation of plans and programmes of socio-economic development;
- Conducting seminars, workshops, conferences, training, evaluation and monitoring programmes;
- Conducting Ph.D. programmes and supervising scholars for their doctoral degree in social sciences, particularly in Development Studies.

Some Research Initiatives

The research studies of NCDS are based on various themes of national and regional importance in the area of socio-economic development. Some of the studies have been sponsored by various state and national bodies or international agencies like Department for International Development (DfID), Finance Commission, Ford Foundation, Indo-Dutch Programme for Alternatives in Development (IDPAD), International Labour Organisation (ILO), National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Overseas Development Institute (ODI), Panchayatiraj Department, Planning Commission (Government of India), Planning and Convergence Department (Government of Odisha), Water Resources Department (Government of Odisha), World Bank, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and Shastri Indo Canadian Institute (SHARP).

Besides, NCDS organises lectures, training programmes, workshops, seminars and conferences for discussion of research findings and exchange of ideas and information among academia, policy makers and others. NCDS has also provided consultancy and assistance to public institutions, particularly State and Central Governments. It has also undertaken monitoring and evaluation studies of various government programmes which helps the concerned bodies in the formulation and implementation of their programmes.

The thrust areas of research studies conducted by NCDS are as follows:

- Development, Displacement and Rehabilitation
- Labour Studies including Child Labour
- Macroeconomic Reforms and the Local Economy
- Natural Resource Management and Analysis
- Poverty studies and analysis
- Sectoral Development Analysis (Agriculture, Industry, Traditional crafts, Informal, and Social Sector among others)
- Social Exclusion and Gender Studies
- State Finances, and Centre-State Financial Relation
- Studies on Disaster Management
- Tribal Development Studies

Infrastructural Facilities

NCDS is located in the institutional area of Bhubaneswar, on a quite campus; it is nestled between the regional offices of Survey of India and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and is close to the offices of the Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD) and the Council for Higher Secondary Education (CHSE). On campus, it houses the main administrative building, the library building and the hostel-cum-guest house.

Administrative Building

NCDS is reasonably well equipped with all necessary infrastructure and services for undertaking development related applied and theoretical research in social sciences. It has a common computer pool with 12 computers for use of the research scholars and project staffs. The Centre's computer facilities consist of 26 Nos. Of PCs, 3 Laptops, 12 Laser Printers, two colour laser printers, two multi functionaries, five dot matrix printers and one Xerox work Centre. It has two photo copiers, one laser colour printer, and two scanner-fax-printers. The faculty, supporting research staff and the research scholars are provided with unlimited access to Internet facility and personal computers through LAN system. Software package for statistical applications like SPSS have been installed to facilitate research.

Library

The Centre's Library has acquired around 15000 books in social sciences. The Library also subscribes to 113 social science journals (including 20 foreign journals). It is equipped with computers and photo copy machine. E-library is in the process. The institute updates the available books in e-granthalaya software taken from National Informatics Centre. The library is receiving institutional publications from a number of institutions including different publications of government of India and Government of Odisha. The library is a now a part of ICSSR/NASSDOC initiative to subscribe to JSTOR. It helps scholars to access more than 1000 number of journals with back volumes.

Hostel-cum-Guest House

The Hostel-cum-Guest House is a two storied separate building constructed in the year 1998 with the fund provided by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and Government of Odisha. It is well equipped with two furnished air-conditioned guest rooms, a Conference Hall, a dining hall and eight rooms for the Ph.D. Scholars. Besides there are two dormitories with seven beds each. At present all the eight rooms and one dormitory have been provided to the Ph.D. Scholars.

Publications

- C.R. Das, Social Forestry in Odisha: An Extraordinary International Aided Initiative towards Revival and Restoration of Forests, *International Journal of Research and Development- A Management Review*. Vol.4 No.2, pp-28-49, June, 2015.
- C.R. Das, An Insight into the Dynamics of Self Help Groups and Bank Linkage Programme, in S.N.Tripathy (ed) *Dynamics of Self Help Groups, Micro-Finance and Financial Inclusion*, Abhijeet Publications, New Delhi, December, 2015.
- Shibalal Meher, Status and Trend of Financial Inclusion in India: An Inter State Analysis, *Orissa Economic Journal*, Vol.47, No.1, 2015.
- Sarthak Gaurav and Srijit Mishra, Land Ownership and Tenancy in Odisha, in Pulin B. Nayak, Santosh C. Panda and Prasanta K. Pattanaik (eds) *The Economy of Odisha: A Profile*, Oxford University Press, 2016.
- Rashmi Mishra, Role, Stress, Communication and Empowerment, Astrol International Private Ltd., New Delhi, 2016
- Rashmi Mishra, Women Entrepreneurship in India: A Study on their Profile, Motivation, Challenges and Opportunities, *International Journal of Management and Social Science Research Review*, Vol.1, No.17, November, 2015.
- Rashmi Mishra, National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level: A Study of Odisha, *Journal of Indian Institute of Public Administration*, Regional Branch, Odisha, Vol.XVVIII, 2016
- Srijit Mishra, Decomposing Poverty Change: Deciphering Change in Total Population and Beyond, *Review of Income and Wealth*, Vol.61, No.4, pp.799-811, December 2015.
- R.P.Mohanty, Development of the Bonda Highlanders : Basic Useful Ethnographic Knowledge Base for the Development Administrators', in L.K.Mahapatra & BMeera Swain (eds) *Knowledge for Action: A Treatise in Anthropology*, Ashis Publishing House, New Delhi, 2016.
- R. P. Mohanty, Beliefs and Practices Associated with Preparation and Consumption of Intoxicating Beverages and Their Utility among a Primitive Tribal Community of Eastern India: The Case of Hill Bonda of Odisha, in L.K.Mahapatra & Meera Swain(eds) *Knowledge for Action : A Treatise in Anthropology*, Ashis Publishing House, New Delhi, 2016.
- Larry Summers on behalf of 267 signatories (including Srijit Mishra), Economists' Declaration on Universal Health Coverage, *The Lancet*, 386 2012-13, 2015.

Research Projects

Completed

- Prof. Srijit Mishra: Inclusiveness in Human Development in India, sponsored by Global Development Network, Draft submitted 2016
- Prof. R.K. Meher & Dr. C.R. Dash: Third Quarterly Monitoring Report of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) in Odisha (Boudh, Dhenkanal, Khordha, Nayagarh and Puri Districts), sponsored by Govt. of India, MHRD, New Delhi.
- Prof. R.K. Meher & Dr. C.R. Dash: Fourth Quarterly Monitoring Report of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) in Odisha (Ganjam, Gajapati, Kondhamal and Rayagada Districts), sponsored by Govt. of India, MHRD, New Delhi.
- Dr. S. Meher & Mr. B. Patra: Regular Monitoring of Rural Development Programmes 2015-16 (phase I) for the districts of East Singhbhum, Khunti and Saraikela Kharasawan of Jharkhand State, funded by Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India. (Separate reports have been prepared for each district).
- Dr. S. Meher & Mr. B. Patra: Regular Monitoring of Rural Development Programmes 2015-16 (phase II) for the districts of Malda, Murshidabad and Dakshin Dinajpur of West Bengal, funded by Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India. (Separate reports have been prepared for each district)
- Dr. S. Meher: Social Impact Assessment of Water Pipeline Corridor of Ultra Mega Power Project (UMPP) in Jharsuguda district of Odisha, sponsored by Social Impact Assessment (SIA) Unit of NCDS.

On-Going

- Prof. Srijit Mishra, Dr. HSK Nathan and Dr. L Hari: Analysing Poverty Change in India: Decomposition, Inclusiveness and Multidimensional Nutritional Deprivation, sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi.
- Prof. R.K. Meher: State Market Economy and the Eco-system People of India in a Globalized World: The Case of Mineral based Industrialization in Odisha under LPG, Development Model (Draft report writing work in progress), funded by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi.
- Dr. (Mrs.) R. Mishra: Evaluation Study on Integrated Low Cost Sanitation Scheme (ILCSS) in Odisha, sponsored by Planning and Convergence Department, Government of Odisha.

Proposals Submitted to External Agencies for Funding

- Prof. Srijit Mishra: Comprehensive Revival of Millets in Adivasi Areas of Southern Odisha, submitted to Department of Agriculture and Farmers Empowerment, Government of Odisha.
- Dr. (Mrs.) R. Mishra: A Comparative Study of Higher Education in Odisha and Gujarat: Issues relating to Governance, Access, Equity and Quality, submitted to ICSSR, New Delhi.
- Dr. (Mrs.) R. Mishra: A proposal on Child Rights and Child Education in Odisha, submitted to National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), New Delhi.

Seminars/Workshops

Nabakrushna Choudhury Memorial Lecturer

- 17.02.2015 Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, Chairman, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has delivered the Nabakrushna Choudhury Memorial Lecture on “Challenges in Financing Small and Marginal Farmers in India with Special Reference to Eastern India”.



Discussion/Consultation

- 12.12.2015 Panel Discussion on “Universal Health Coverage.” The Panellists for this were Dr. Prabir Chatterjee, Director, State Health Resource Centre, Chhattisgarh, Dr. PKB Patnaik, Joint Director, Non Communicable Diseases, Government of Odisha and Mr. Jaganath Chatterjee, Health Activist. This was moderated by Prof. Srijit Mishra.
- 27.1.2016. Consultation Meeting on “Comprehensive Revival of Millets: Securing Nutrition & Surviving Droughts in Southern Odisha”. This was chaired by Mr. R. Balakrishnan, Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary, Planning and Convergence Department, Government of Odisha and Chairman, NCDS.
- 29.3.2016 Discussion on “Revival of Millets Programme of Government of Odisha.” Representatives of Civil Society attended the meeting. This was moderated by Prof. Radhamohan and Prof Srijit Mishra

Workshops / Training Programme

- 28.12.2015 to 01.01.2016 Training Programme on “Enhancing Employability of Youth Through Skill Development”, sponsored by VV Giri National Labour Institute, Noida.

- 29.01.2016 Workshop in collaboration with Higher Education Department, Government. of Odisha to determine the aims, objectives and modalities of functioning of the proposed Odia Open University
- 13-19.03.2016 NCDS organized a Research Methodology workshop for Research Scholars, sponsored by ICSSR

Seminars/Lecturers/Talks

- 23.09.2015 Dr. Michitaro Oka, Meiji University, Japan delivered a Lecture on “Kayami Arrangement in Gujarat Villages”.
- 03.10.2015 Prof. Arun Kumar Patnaik, Professor of Political Science, University of Hyderabad delivered a Lecture on “Dialogue, Sacrifice and Reconciliation: A Case Study of Kandhamal Violence in Odisha”
- 03.11.2015 Dr. Wu Xiadong, Institute of Ethnic Literature, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing delivered a Lecture on “The Comparative Study of Ancient Chinese & Indian Universal Views and the Myths of the Sun and the Moon”.
- 07.11.2015 Dr. Unmesh Patnaik, Asst. Professor, TISS, Mumbai delivered a Seminar on “Effect of Developmental Interventions on Adoptive Capacity of Households to deal with Natural Disasters’ on 7.11.2015.
- 20.11.2015 Prof. Arun Kumar Patnaik, Professor of Political Science, University of Hyderabad delivered a Seminar on “Ambedkar’s Defense of Democracy’ on 20.11.2015.
- xx.xx.2015 Dr. Hippu Salk Kristle Nathan, Asst. Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore delivered a Seminar on “Energy Access & Energy Poverty: Some Concepts and Insights on Measurements”.
- 21.12.2015 Prof. Mala Ramanathan, Sree Chitra Tirumal Institute for Medical Science & Technology, Trivandrum delivered a Seminar on “Research Ethics for Social Scientists Working in Human Subjects”.
- 26.12.2015 Prof. S.N. Choudhury, Professor of Rajiv Gandhi Chair, Barkatullah University, Bhopal delivered a Lecture on “Tribal Movement in India”.
- 28.12.2015 Prof. Udaya Shankar Mishra, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum delivered a Seminar on “Welfare Comparison with Multi Dimensional Well Being Indicators”.
- 02.02.2016 Dr. Chandra Sekhar Bahinipati, Assistant Professor, Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad delivered a Seminar on “Should Resource Efficient Technologies be subsidized in Water Scarce Region? A Study of Micro-Irrigation in Gujarat, Western India”.
- 09.02.2016 Prof. Madhusudan Ghosh, Department of Economics & Politics, Visva Bharati University, Shantiniketan delivered a Lecture on “Food Security in India”.
- 15.02.2016 Dr. Pradeep Nayak, Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.delivered a Lecture on “Towards Guaranteeing Land Titling (Secure Property Rights) in India: An Exploration”.
- 20.02.2016 Dr. Satyananda Sahoo, Director, Development Research Group, Department of Economic & Policy Research, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai delivered a Lecture on “Formulation of Monetary Policy and Monetary Fiscal Interface” .
- 27.02.2016 Prof. Rajvir Sharma, Maharaja Aggressive Institute of Management Studies, New Delhi delivered a Talk on “How should a Scholar Evaluate Oneself”.
- 22.03.2016 Dr. Itishree Padhi, Former Post Doctoral Fellow, NCDS delivered a Seminar on “Role-Conflict and Domestic Violence: A Comparative Study between Two Dalit (Bauri) Communities of Odisha”.

Papers/Presentations in Outside Academic Forums

- Sitaram Behera, UGC-JRF, presented a paper “Impact of Globalisation on Craft Artisans of Odisha and the state of living of Bell-Metal Workers in Odisha” at the 41st All India Sociological Conference, 27-29 December, 2015, KIIT, Bhubaneswar.
- Doleswar Bhoi, ICSSR Doctoral Fellow presented a paper “Implementation of Right to Education Act in Odisha: Some Issues” at the National Seminar on “Implementation of Educational Policies and Programmes in India”, held in M.P. Institute of Social Science Research (An ICSSR Institute), Ujjain-456010
- C.R. Das presented a paper “Strategy for Women Development- Issues and Concerns in India (with Special reference to Odisha)”, in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar On "Women Empowerment: Dimensions & Problems”, organised by Science College (Autonomous) Hinjilicut, Ganjam on 12 January, 2016.
- Smita Malik, ICSSR Doctoral Fellow presented a paper “From Sustainable Subsistence to Livelihood Insecurity: A Sociological Study of Impact of Climate Change on Tribal Livelihood”, in ICSSR Sponsored two day National Seminar on ‘Reconstructing Development and its Discontents in India: Problems, Paradoxes and Possibilities”, 14-15 November, 2015, Dept. of Sociology, Ravenshaw University.
- Smita Malik, ICSSR Doctoral Fellow presented a paper “Impact of Climate Change on Tribal Livelihood: A Study”, at the 41st All India Sociological Conference, 27-29 December, 2015, KIIT, Bhubaneswar.
- Sunil Kumar Mallik, UGC-JRF, presented a paper “The Participation of Elected Women Representatives in the Functioning of PRIs : A Comparative Study of Coastal and Non-Coastal Districts of Odisha” at the 41st All India Sociological Conference, 27-29 December, 2015, KIIT, Bhubaneswar.
- Shibalal Meher presented a paper “The Dynamic Causal Relationship between Electricity Consumption and Economic Growth: Empirical Evidence from Odisha”, in the Indian Econometric Conference, organized by Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode, 4-6 January, 2016.
- Shibalal Meher’s paper “Convergence or Divergence of Income? An Interregional Analysis in India during Post Reform Period”, is accepted for presentation in the Odisha Economics Conference, organized by Gandhi Institute of Engineering and Technology, Gunupur, Rayagada district, 13-14 February 2016.
- R.K. Meher presented a paper “Mineral-based Industrial Development and the Growing Displacement and Marginalisation Problems of Ecosystem People in Post reform India-The Case of Odisha”, in the Plenary held at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, 27-29, December, 2015.
- Rashmi Mishra presented a paper “Learning Achievement in Primary Education: A Study on Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Students in Odisha”, in All India Sociological Conference at Bhubaneswar, 27-29, December, 2015.
- Rashmi Mishra presented a paper “Higher Education Leadership Forum under U.S.-India Twentyfour Century Knowledge Initiative”, held on 11-12 Jan. 2016, Mumbai.
- Srijit Mishra, presented a keynote paper “Nature, Extent, Causes and Issues in Agricultural Distress”, in the Founder’s Day Seminar of NABARD on 12.07. 2015.
- Srijit Mishra, presented a paper “Farmers’ Suicide in India, 1995-2012: Measurement and Interpretation”, in the Annual Meeting of Allied Social Sciences Association, San Francisco, USA, on 04.01.2016.

- B.P. Mohapatra, ICSSR Doctoral Fellow presented a paper “Tribal Livelihood: Its Sustainability in the Present Context of Development Paradigm” in ICSSR Sponsored two day National Seminar on ‘Reconstructing Development and its Discontents in India: Problems, Paradoxes and Possibilities’, 14-15 November, 2015, Dept. of Sociology, Ravenshaw University.
- B.P. Mohapatra, ICSSR Doctoral Fellow presented a paper “Tribal and their Livelihood: A Micro Level Study in Koraput, Odisha” in ICSSR Sponsored two day National Seminar on ‘Affirmative Action and Social Inclusion of Marginalised: Condrams and Opportunities in India’, 17-18 December, 2015, MPISSR, Ujjain, MP
- B.P. Mohapatra, ICSSR Doctoral Fellow presented a paper “Pre and Post Livelihood Condition of Project Affected Peoples by Uppar Kolab Dam Project in Koraput District of Odisha: A Study of Project Affected Village.” in 41st All India Sociological Conference, 27-29 December, 2015, KIIT, Bhubaneswar.
- B.P. Mohapatra, ICSSR Doctoral Fellow presented a paper “Exploring Tribal Livelihood in Globalised Era:A Case Study in Koraput, Odisha” in two days National Seminar on “Marginalisation and Development: Issues and Concerns”, 2-3 March, 2016, Dept. of Anthropology & MSW Programme, Sambalpur University.
- B.P. Mohapatra, ICSSR Doctoral Fellow presented a paper “Livelihood Status among Marginalised Community: A Study on Parajapondi Village of Koraput District, Odisha” UGC-CPE Sponsored National seminar on “Current Issues in Rural Livelihood”, 5th March, 2016, Bankura Christian College, Bankura, West Bengal.
- Sasmita Ojha, ICSSR Doctoral Fellow presented a paper “Maternal Health Care of Tribal women-Need of the Hour” in ICSSR Sponsored two day National Seminar on ‘Reconstructing Development and its Discontents in India: Problems, Paradoxes and Possibilities’, 14-15 November, 2015, Dept. of Sociology, Ravenshaw University.

State SIA Unit

The Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Government of Odisha, has set up the State SIA (Social Impact Assessment) Unit at NCDS in the current year for conducting Social Impact Assessment studies as per the provisions under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013.

After the formation of the unit, Prof. R. K. Meher, Professor of Industrial Sociology has been entrusted to work as the Coordinator of this unit. Application were invited applications from different agencies to take up SIA studies and based on an evaluation has empanelled 19 of them. In 2015-16, 14 studies have been assigned to different agencies, as indicated below.

Studies given to Empanelled Agencies (up to March 2016)

Sl. No.	Study details	Agency
1.	Land Acquisition for MGR Corridor of UMPP Sundargarh.	Arkitechno
2.	Land Acquisition for Water Pipeline Corridor of UMPP in Sambalpur District.	RAC
3.	Land Acquisition for Water Pipeline Corridor of UMPP in Jharsuguda District.	NCDS
4.	Land Acquisition for Water Pipeline Corridor of UMPP in Sundargarh District.	IRDMS
5.	Land Acquisition for Khurdha Road- Bolangir New BG Rail Link Project in Nayagarh District.	Kartabya
6.	Land Acquisition for Vijaywada-Ranchi Corridor Road in Deogarh and Angul Districts.	ERA Consultancy
7.	Land Acquisition for widening of two-lane road to four lane road from Bankibahal to Kanika railway siding in Sundergarh district.	DCOR Consulting
8.	Land Acquisition for Construction of Sambalpur-Talcher Doubling Railway Line.	ARDCOS
9.	Land Acquisition for construction of Talcher-Bimalagarh New B.G.Rail Link Project under Angul district.	CTRAN
10.	Land Acquisition for Clean Coal Corridor of Basundhara Washery.	ANM Pvt Ltd
11.	Land Acquisition for construction of Talcher- Sambalpur Doubling Rail Link Project in Angul District.	RICOR
12.	Land Acquisition for construction of Sambalpur-Titlagarh Doubling Railway Link Project in Bolangir District.	COATS
13.	Land Acquisition for Construction of Bansapani-Daitari-Tomka-Jakhapura Doubling Railway Project.	AMS
14.	Land Acquisition for construction of Sambalpur-Titlagarh Doubling Railway Link Project in Bargarh District.	ISED

Centre for Census Studies and Application

Eastern India's first and only census data workstation (named as, Centre for Census Studies and Application) was opened at the Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies (NCDS), Bhubaneswar on 31st May 2014, which will now enable students and researchers from Odisha and its neighbouring regions to analyze the extensive census data and derive their own conclusions.

The Centre for Census Studies and Application at the Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies is a collaborative effort by the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India and the Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies. While the census organization does publish important summary indicators and tables from the data collected, the massive data at the unit level have huge potential for in-depth analysis of social-economic-demographic conditions of India's population. In order to allow the use of this valuable data, it was proposed by the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner to permit access to researchers to the micro-data at designated centres in a manner that would not reveal the identities of individuals on whom the information is collected. The fifth such centre has been established at the NCDS with a grant from the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner.

The centre is located on the first floor of the NCDS administrative building. This has one server and four terminals for use of researchers. Appropriate software for analysis has also been provided. The 1991, 2001 and 2011 census data have been loaded on the computers. A Steering Committee consisting of members of the NCDS faculty and officers from the Office of the Director, Census Operations, Odisha oversees the functioning of the centre. Dr. Shibalal Meher is now acting as its Coordinator.

Mr. J. K. Bhandia (former Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra and former Registrar General, Government of India) and other officials from UNFPA, Bhubaneswar and Directorate of Census Operations, Odisha, Bhubaneswar have jointly visited the work station on 15.07.2016 and held a meeting with the Director. It was decided in the meeting that the officials of Directorate of Census Operations and NCDS will meet at regular intervals to make the work station more vibrant. With the financial support from UNFPA, more studies relating to Population and Demography will be taken up.

AISHE State Unit

Higher education is of vital importance for the country, as it is a powerful tool to build knowledge-based society of the 21st Century. India possesses a highly developed higher education system which offers facility of education and training in almost all aspects of human creative and intellectual endeavours: arts and humanities; natural, mathematical and social sciences, engineering; medicine; dentistry; agriculture; education; law; commerce and management; music and performing arts; national and foreign languages; culture; communications etc.

Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD),GoI initiated an All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) in the year 2011 under a new plan Scheme Higher Education Statistics and Public Information System (HESPIS) across the States to build a robust database and to assess the correct picture of Higher Education in the country.

The main objectives of the survey are to (i) identify and capture all the institutions of higher learning in the country (ii) collect the data from all the higher education institutions on various aspects of higher education. The survey is an ambitious step towards gathering relevant statistics that could guide governments in States and Centres in devising future policies. The AISHE 2015-16 was launched by Hon'ble Minister HRD at New Delhi on 21.12.2015. The Minister suggested that State Universities in conjunction with regulatory bodies like AICTE should strive to update curriculum which may include industry participation, use of ICT enabled education, collaboration with international organisations to make education more dynamic and increase employability. The Minister congratulated the efforts of AISHE State Unit, Odisha along with Gujarat and Karnataka and suggested the other States to replicate the best practices undertaken by these States. The Survey highlighted the overall enrolment in higher education has increased from 27.5 million in 2010-2011 to 33.3 million in 2014-15. During the period the Gross Enrolment Ratio which is the ratio of enrolment of higher education to population in the eligible age group (18-23) years increased from 19.4% to 23.6 %. In the State of Odisha the GER increased from 16.1% to 17.5%.

The survey covered all the Institutions in Odisha as well as the country engaged in imparting the higher education. In Odisha, there has been a significant growth in Higher Education system with 25 Universities/Institution of National Importance, 1076 Colleges and 259 Stand Alone Institutions (DTET, SCERT, Nursing , Institutes under Ministries and PGDM Institutes) imparting knowledge in the State. Data are being collected on several parameters such as teachers, student enrolment, programmes, examination results, education finance, infrastructure etc. Indicators of educational development such as Institution Density, Gross Enrolment Ratio, Pupil Teacher Ratio, Gender Parity Index etc. are calculated from the data collected through AISHE. The report gives a comprehensive picture on the status of Higher Education in the State, useful for policy making and to accomplish a higher growth in Higher Education in the State with greater access, equity and quality. Dr. Rashmi Mishra is acting as the State Nodal officer.



Dr. Rashmi Mishra, State Nodal Officer Delivering a

Speech on AISHE at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

Summer Internship Programme-2016

The Government of Odisha is rolling out a programme on revival of millets in seven districts of southern Odisha. The culmination of this has been a collaborative endeavour by the government, civil society and academia.



To take this forward, NCDS has planned a background study with student volunteers. The primary objective of this is an outreach activity that will initiate students to get a first-hand experience of working with the civil society and academia. This could be the relevance to public policy. Another important objective is to integrate this with the millet programme, so that we have a background understanding of the ground reality before the programme is rolled out by the government.

This internship programme was carried out jointly by NCDS and Watershed Support Services and Activities Network (WASSAN), Hyderabad in two phases covering 11 blocks of seven districts, namely; Korkunda block of Malkangiri district; Baipariguda, Nandapur, Kundra and Semiliguda blocks of Koraput district; Gunupur block of Rayagada district; Phiringia and Kotagarh blocks of Kandhamal district; and Lanjigarh, Rayagada & Komna blocks of Kalahandi, Gajapati and Nuapada districts respectively. Interested NGOs working in these blocks provided necessary help to the interns. A total number of 33 scholars from different institutions of both inside and outside the state have successfully participated in this programme. The notable institutions from where scholars have come are IRMA, Anand; Central University, Hyderabad; Central University, Koraput; Utkal University and Fakir Mohan University. Mr. Biswabab Patra co-ordinated this programme. Dr Ramesh Prasad Mohanty and Dr CR Das of NCDS and Mr Dinesh Balam of WASSAN also helped in this endeavour.

Post-Doctoral and Doctoral Scholars of NCDS

General Fellowship/ICSSR Post-Doctoral Fellowship

Sl. No.	Name	Subject	Topic	Supervisor
1.	Dr.Chinmayee Satapathy (Thesis Submitted on 20.10.15)	Anthro- pology	Implication of Development on Human Rights of Tribal Women in Odisha: A Case Study of Mayurbhanj District	Dr. P.K. Acharya
2.	Dr. Itishree Padhi (Thesis Submitted on 24.12.14)	Anthro- pology	Role Conflict and Domestic Violence on Women: Comparative Data on Bauri (A Dalit Community) from Two Villages of Odisha	Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera
3.	Dr. Sujit Kumar Chhatia(On-going)	History	Dialectics of Development: A Case Study of Tribals of Mayurbhanj (20 th Century)	Dr. Kalpana Das

UGC/RGNF Doctoral Fellows

Sl. No.	Name	Subject	Topic	Supervisor
1.	Mr. Jitendra Kumar Sahoo	Sociology	Development Challenges in Naxal-affected Areas – A Case Study of Odisha	Dr. R.K.Meher
2.	Mr. Sibashankar. Bibhar	Sociology	Distress Migration of Western Odisha: A Case Study	Dr. R.K.Meher
3.	Mr. Lalit Soreng	Sociology	Impact of Industrialization on Inter-Tribe Relationship: A Case Study of Sundergarh District	Dr. R.K.Meher
4.	Mr. Deepak Nayak	Sociology	State of Development of Primary Education and Implementation Status of Right to Education Act in Odisha – A Case Study of Kandhamal District	Dr. R.K.Meher
5.	Mr. Debashis Majhi	Economics	Tribal Livelihood Issues	Dr. S.Meher

ICSSR Doctoral Fellowships: PhD Degrees awarded/Thesis submitted

Sl. No.	Name	Subject	Topic	Supervisor
1.	Ms. Pragyanismita Sahoo (Awarded on 18.02.16)	Economics	Growth and Determinants of Public Expenditure in Orissa : A Time Series Analysis	Dr. S.Meher
2.	Ms. Pragnya Paramita Jena (Awarded on 29.06.15)	Economics	Role of SHG in Mitigating the Economic Impact of Natural Disaster	Dr. S.Meher
3.	Ms. Mili Das (Awarded on 13.11.15)	Economics	Municipal Finance and Governance : A Case Study of Selected Urban Local Bodies in Orissa	Dr. S.Meher
4.	Ms. Archana Kanungo (Awarded on 31.05.16)	Sociology	Re-discovering of Strategic Position of Life Insurance Companies in India: A Sociological Study.	Dr.R. K. Meher
5.	Ms. Reenati Mishra (Viva-voce on 11.08.16)	Economics	Rural Credit Market : A Pre & Post Reform study in Balasore District of Orissa	Prof. K.C. Samal

Doctoral Work in Progress

Sl. No.	Name	Subject	Topic	Supervisor
1.	Ms. Sarita Prusty	Economics	Flood Impact and Management in Orissa: An Analytical Study of 2008 flood in Kendrapara District	Dr. (Mrs) M. Swain
2.	Ms. P. Sujata	Economics	Economics of Marine Fishing in Odisha: A Study in Jagatsinghpur and Puri Districts	Dr. S. Meher
3.	Mrs. Anita Samal	Economics	An Economic Analysis of Household Solid Waste Management in Bhubaneswar City.	Dr. M.Swain & Dr. S.Meher
4.	Mr. G.C. Hansada	Anthropology	In Quest for the Identity within the Great Tradition : A Study on the Santal Tribal Religion in the District of Mayurbhanj, Odisha	Dr. N.Panigrahi
5.	Mrs. Sasmita Bharati	Economics	Impact of Ultimate Change on Agrarian Economy of Orissa : A Case Study of Cuttack District	Dr. M.Swain & Dr. S.Meher
6.	Ms. Satabadi Pradhan	Economics	Working of Community Forest Management: A Case Study of Deogarh District	Prof. R.K.Panda
7.	Mr.Manoranjan Behura	Economics	Water Pricing in Farmer Managed Lift Irrigation Projects in Odisha	Dr. S.Meher
8.	Ms. Simashree Subhadarsini	Economics	Economic Valuation of Environmental Amenities of Nandankanan Zoo Through the Method of Travel Cost & Willingness to Pay	Prof. R.K.Panda
9.	Mrs. Lucy Mishra	Sociology	Changing Social Status of Primitive Nomadic Tribal Birhor Women: A Study in Development Perspective in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha	Dr.(Mrs) R. Mishra
10.	Ms. Jangyaseni Pradhan	Economics	Nature and Growth of Industries in Odisha	Dr. S.Meher
11.	Mrs. Dipika Mishra	Economics	Health Care Delivery in the Urban Slums of Odisha – A Cost Benefit Analysis	Prof. R.K.Panda

2014-15 (ICSSR Doctoral Fellows)

1.	Ms. Smita Malik	Sociology	Climate Change : Its Impact on Tribal Health, Culture and Livelihood (A Study with Special Reference to Koraput District of Odisha)	Dr. R.K.Meher
2.	Ms. Sasmita Ojha	Sociology	Tribal Health Culture and Reproductive Health Status of Tribal Women in Odisha	Dr. R.K.Meher
3.	Ms. Sucharita Mishra	Sociology	Domestic Violence Against Middle Class Working Women in Odisha – A Sociological Study	Dr.(Mrs) R. Mishra
4.	Mr. Bishnuprasad Mohapatra	Sociology	Tribal and their Sustainable Livelihood Practices : A Sociological Study in Koraput, Odisha	Dr. R.K.Meher
5.	Mr. Subhrajit Rath	Economics	Corporate Social Responsibility : A Tool for Inclusive Growth in India	Dr. S.Meher
6.	Mrs. Subhasmita Rana	Economics	Education Expenditure and Economic Growth : Some Evidence from India	Dr. S.Meher

2015-16 (Joined in February 2016 and Course Work started in April 2016)

1. Ms. Rashmi Rekha Samal
2. Ms. Jyotirmayee Rout
3. Ms. Diptimayee Jena
4. Shri Doleswar Bhoi (Up to 12.07. 16)
5. Shri Rajanikanta Jena
6. Shri Laxmi Narayan Nayak

2016-17 (Joined in July 2016 and Course Work started in July 2016)

1. Sunita Sundari Rout
2. Kirti Sundar Sahu
3. Janmejaya Mishra
4. Sibabrata Choudhury
5. Ashish Ku. Behera
6. Bijaya Kumar Nayak
7. Sunita Dwibedi
8. Gayatri Padhy
9. Subrat Ku. Nayak

Some Photographic Moments



(NCDS Family in a Picnic at Ramchandi)



(Scholars with Dr. Wu Xiadong of Beijing University, China)



(Ganesh Puja Celebration at NCDS)



(Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, Chairman, NABARD delivering NKC Memorial Lecture)



(NCDS Family at Ramchandi Beach, Puri)



(Republic Day Celebration, 2016)



(Prof. Srijit Mishra, Director Interacting with School Children)



(Prof. Srijit Mishra, Director Leading from the Front in Swaccha Bharat Abhiyan)



(Swaccha Bharat Abhiyan by NCDS Family)



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