

KERALA DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY IN 2019-2021

Approach and Activity Report



KERALA DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (KDS-DELHI) AS A SOCIAL ENTERPRISE FOR EDUCATION, ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY RESEARCH

KDS was set up in 2002 to share human development experience of Kerala with other States and to carry out activities to facilitate the inclusive growth of all Indian States. KDS Delhi has carried out several activities to facilitate the development of various Indian States during 2002-2020. Its various forms of interventions included technical support to government institutions, action research, research studies, seminars and workshops. The core competence of Kerala Development Society is in the area of policy studies, socio-economic research, promotion of micro small and medium enterprises and business promotion.

KDS IN THE POST COVID 19 PERIOD

Kerala Development Society has been working with various Ministries of the Central Government, various State Governments, district administrations and international organizations since 2002. In addition to strong professional experience in undertaking policy review and analysis, KDS has a long experience and exposure in working with diverse stakeholders in international development including multilaterals, private sector and development organizations. KDS has a vast experience in organizing conferences brainstorming sessions/ roundtable/ workshops in Delhi and different parts of India. In the post COVID- 19 period, it is planned to focus on the three areas: (1) higher educational services, (2) MSME Centre and (3) policy studies



FOCUSED AREA:1

HIGHER EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Our mission is to create an inclusive environment for children, students and youth from all strata of society to access opportunities in higher education institutions in India and abroad, and get regular updates on schemes and facilities provided by ministries, government institutions and other institutions for higher education. The scope of our interventions has a broader objective and aim to aid knowledge creation and dissemination.

Network of Teachers, Researchers, Educational Specialists: The network of teachers, researchers and educational specialists to provide various services in the area of higher education is the component of this programme. We have already created a network of experienced and senior professionals, researchers and development specialists from across the globe that can help in providing these services. We will continue to strengthen this network that covers a wide range of subjects, streams, sub streams and courses.

Education Web Portal: Education web portal will be created . This website will be a repository of reliable and authentic information for a large number of educational institutions and courses. We aim to provide contact information and opportunities for linkages with various higher educational institutions. Further, the portal will provide information related to course structure, faculty, admission process, fee structure and opportunities for financing of education. In addition to information of traditional programs we will also provide detailed information on online courses and study material. The information provided by the portal will empower students to make informed decision through easy access to detailed information on career choices, professional courses, competitive exams, colleges, admission criteria, eligibility, fees, placement statistics, rankings, reviews, and scholarships. We intend to act as a Centre providing comprehensive help for students preparing for competitive exams by providing expert advice, tips and strategies, personalized alerts and notifications on examinations and recruitments. This portal will provide students and researchers access to guidance from academicians, alumni, exam toppers and industry professionals to encourage research and knowledge creation. Further, we will conduct interactive sessions, workshops, seminars and conferences by luminaries in various

fields. These sessions enlighten the students to think out of the box and encourage research by helping them showcase their work and receive constructive feedback.

We will provide guidance from academicians, alumni, exam toppers and industry professionals to help students make the right decision in selecting streams and courses. It is planned to provide information in respect of courses, colleges, universities, availability of seats, eligibility, admission process, cut-off, fees and placements in universities in India and abroad. We will provide information on various facilities of scholarship and other sources of financing of higher education.

FOCUSED AREA: 2

MSME CENTRE /MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE CENTRE

MSME Studies: KDS in partnership with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), a Principal Financial Institution for Promotion, Financing and Development of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) sector as well as for co-ordination of functions of various institutions engaged in similar activities has just completed an assessment/feasibility study on Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme in India. Through this project we will continue to conduct MSME studies, disseminate information about business opportunities, Government policies and schemes and provide support services.

Business Support Services: KDS- Delhi organizes Business Network Meetings in different parts of India and provides various types of business support services to MSMEs. KDS has vast knowledge of MSMEs ecosystem/ policies/ practice. KDS has ability to work with diverse stakeholders in international development including multilaterals, private sector, think tanks and development organizations. Kerala Development Society will continue as a Centre for promoting MSMEs the development of Indian States. The Centre has a team of business promotion specialists, academics, promoters and business partners.

Malayalee Business Network (MBN): KDS has created a network of Malayalee business people in NCR of Delhi. It is planned to expand the network covering various parts of India. It will continue to promote business and employment creation through innovative techniques. Participants get business contacts, business orders and business partnerships.

FOCUSED AREA: 3

POLICY STUDIES

KDS has ability to undertake research on a national basis and it has proven professional experience in undertaking policy review and analysis. KDS has carried out many policy studies for various Ministries of Government of India and other government institutions. Kerala Development Society has carried out several research projects and organized training programmes covering various Indian States in the field. A list of select policy studies are given in the next section. It is significant to mention a few studies are being used by Government of India and State governments for policy changes. For example, Ministry of Panchayat has sent our study, “Economic Development and Income Generation through Panchayats in Rural Areas” to various States for considering our recommendation in achieving economic development and employment generation through Panchayats. (Report is available at [www.panchayat.gov.in › Part+I+of+the+ED+Report.pdf](http://www.panchayat.gov.in/Part-I+of+the+ED+Report.pdf)). National Human Rights Commission, Government of India has been working on recommendations of our Study on “Social Security and Health Rights of Migrant Workers in India” in the context of violations of right to social protection and health of interstate migrant workers during COVID-19 lockdown. SIDBI has initiated action in introducing Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme in India based on KDS Feasibility study on Community Guarantee/Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme. Several steps are already taken for the welfare transgender community in India in line with recommendations of NHRC sponsored study, “Human Rights of Transgender as a Third Gender” (The report is available at www.nhrc.nic.in/research_completed.htm)

SECTOR: 4

KDS has completed several policy studies. Some of them are listed below.

Research Studies & Nodal Ministries of Government of India/ States	Study Brief
<p>An Assessment Study on Community Guarantee/ Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme (MCGS)</p> <p>Funded by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)</p>	<p>Carried out the assessment/feasibility study on mutual credit guarantee scheme in India, considering the peculiar situation of its MSME sector and prepared a roadmap for introducing a pilot project in India. Six Major Components of MCGS Model in India. Mutual Guarantee Institution, Mutual Guarantees Associations, Banks, National Level Authority (SIDBI and Board of Directors), Guarantee Fund (National Fund with state components), Counter Guarantee and Risk Management. It is pertinent to note that the three institutional players in MCGS at State level are MGI, MGAs and Banks.</p>
<p>Economic Development and Income Generation through Panchayats in Rural Areas.</p> <p>Funded by Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India</p>	<p>Made recommendations for strengthened role of Panchayats in economic development in equitable manner in their areas within existing frameworks and available resources under various funds, different central and state sponsored schemes.</p>
<p>A Study on Social Security and Health Rights of Migrant Workers in India.</p> <p>Funded by National Human Rights Commission, Government of India</p>	<p>Made recommendations on social security and health rights of migrant workers in India in the context of violations of right to social protection and health of interstate migrant workers during COVID-19 Lockdown</p>
<p>Feasibility Study on Community Guarantee/Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme,</p> <p>Funded by SIDBI, Government of India.</p>	<p>Assessed the viability of Community Guarantee and Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme(MCGS) in India, considering the peculiar situation of its MSME sector and prepared a roadmap for introducing a pilot project in India.</p>
<p>Finances of Private Higher Educational Institutions.</p> <p>Funded by NIEPA, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India</p>	<p>Analysed multiple sources of finance of private higher education institutions. Made recommendations for introducing suitable changes in fee structure for ensuring access, equity and equality in the private higher education sector.</p>
<p>Documentation of the Governance Arrangements in Non Part IX Areas of North Eastern States</p> <p>Funded by Ministry of Panchayati Raj,</p>	<p>KDS has examined how far Autonomous District Councils(ADCs) and other administrative structures in NE States have been performing obligations towards local governance. Made analysis of the local governance system in each</p>

Government of India	State and its comparison with the Part – IX areas in that State, wherever applicable.
Human Rights of Transgender as a Third Gender Funded by National Human Rights Commission, Government of India	Made recommendations to protect and promote their human rights – civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights. The report is available at www.nhrc.nic.in/research_completed.htm
Education of Children of Migrant workers and Right to Education Act, 2009 Funded by NIEPA, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India	Critically evaluated the role and functions of various stakeholders in addressing education needs of children of migrant workers and formulate an action plan to provide quality education to children of in-migrant workers in Indian states
Inter- Regional Migration from Eastern States of Kerala: A Socio Economic Analysis Funded by Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India	Studied of various aspects of the complex issues of domestic migrant labourers in Kerala. Examined the socio-economic characteristics of interstate migrants and the supply chain of migrants. Identified the factors influencing their decision to migrate to Kerala. Suggested measures for enhancing the welfare of interstate migrants in Kerala
To Assess the Actual Status of Devolution to the PRIs Funded by Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India	Assessed the status of the actual devolution of funds, functions and functionaries to Panchayats in the States of Assam and West Bengal. The study reflected the assessment of both the de-facto and de-jure status of the devolution.
Scio-Economic and Health Problems of Theyyam Dancers belonging to SCs of Kerala Funded by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of Kerala	Examined socio- economic problems of Theyyam Dancers belonging to Scheduled Castes of Kerala Analysed health problems of Theyyam Dancers belong to Scheduled Castes of Kerala
Impact Assessment of Training of Panchayati Raj Functionaries Funded by Haryana Institute of Rural Development, Government of Haryana	Assessed the impact of the training programmes conducted by the Haryana Institute of Rural Development on the capacity building of the elected representatives of PRIs in select districts of Haryana . Made recommendations for improving various training programmes of HIRD.
Local Innovation and Production System in Indigenous Medicine: The Case of Ayurveda in Kerala, India	Studied the local production networks, innovation capabilities and social innovation process and Indigenous medicine sector of

<p>Funded by International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Canada and Fundacao Universitaria Jose Bonifacio, Brasil</p>	<p>Kerala through an analysis of fifty firms in Thrissur and an Ayurvedic cluster. The potential of Local Innovation and Production System in Indigenous Medicine (LIPS-IM) is highlighted by addressing varied infirmities like weak institutional architecture, like low level of interactive learning along with low investment in R&D and scarcity in raw material supply.</p>
<p>Strengthening of Local authorities in the implementation of Right to Education Act: Bihar, Kerala and UP in a Comparative Perspective</p> <p>Funded by NIEPA, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India</p>	<p>Evolved a methodology for evaluating the role and functions of Local Government Institutions in the implementation of Right to Education Act 2009. Carried out a comparative assessment of the role, functions and responsibilities of Local Government Institutions in the implementation of Right to Education Act 2009 in Bihar, Kerala and Uttar Pradesh. Suggested measures for the effective functioning of Local Government Institutions in the implementation of Right to Education Act 2009.</p>
<p>Effectiveness of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in Health Care System in the State of Kerala</p> <p>Funded by Planning Commission, Government of India.</p>	<p>Assessed the effectiveness of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Health Care System in the State of Kerala with a special reference to impact of duality and role of bureaucracy. Studied the structure of Public Health Institutions and devolution of functions, funds and functionaries to PRIs in health care system in the State of Kerala.</p>
<p>Impact of Global Financial Crisis on Employment Income and Poverty in Kerala</p> <p>Funded by South Asia Network of Economic research Institute (SANEI) Bangladesh</p>	<p>Assessed the impact of global financial crisis on employment, income and poverty in Kerala and to understand the effect of economic stimulus measures of government of Kerala as well as government of India</p>
<p>Development of an Appropriate Methodology and Framework for Creating a Database of Self Help Groups</p> <p>Funded by Ministry of Statistics and Programme implementation, Government of India.</p>	<p>Studied on structure and functions of SHGs in Kerala and West Bengal and developed a methodology for setting an SHG database in other parts of India</p>
<p>Socio- Economic Analysis of Student Loans for Higher Education</p> <p>Funded by NIEPA, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of</p>	<p>Examined the operational issues of higher education loan, such as, trends in repayment, arrears, defaults of payment and formulated an action plan to popularize the education loan scheme for the inclusive growth of higher</p>

India	education in India
<p>Performance, Impact and Replicability of Kudumbashree Project: A Poverty Eradication programme in Kerala</p> <p>Funded by Planning commission, Government of India.</p>	<p>Analyzed the impact of <i>Kudumbashree</i> as a poverty eradication programme through effective co-operation and partnership with local governments. Suggested measures to improve effectiveness and impact of <i>Kudumbashree</i> on poverty in view of changing national and global socio-economic scenario. Drawn lessons from <i>Kudumbashree</i>, for the consideration of other Indian states.. The detailed report is available at http://planningcommission.gov.in/reports/sereport/ser/ser_kudu.pdf</p>