



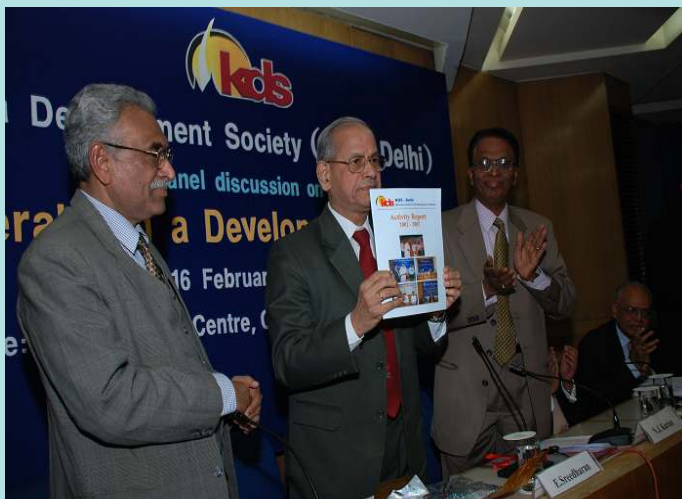
KDS - Delhi

(Regd. Name : Kerala Development Society)

KDS-Delhi is a socio-economic research institute and a resource centre for the development of States. A group of social development professionals from multi-disciplinary background formed this organization in 2002 as a registered society under Society Registration Act XXI of 1860. KDS-Delhi shares human development experiences of Kerala with other States and carries out activities to facilitate the inclusive growth of all Indian States. It has been carrying out several activities which facilitate the development of various Indian states. Its various forms of intervention include action research, research studies, seminars and workshops. KDS is emerging as an international centre for research and promotion of Self Help Groups (SHGs) and local government Institutions (Panchayati Raj Institutions and Municipalities). The organization is being managed by a group of well-experienced development professionals.

Tenth Anniversary Celebrations of KDS

KDS completes 10 years of its operations on 6 September 2012. KDS will launch its 10th anniversary celebration on that day. It is planned to initiate new programmes and events during the anniversary year. A detailed report of 10 years' activity will be published. It may be noted that its 5 year activity report was published in 2008.



(A snapshot from five year activity report releasing function on 16th February 2008 in New Delhi. The report was released jointly by Dr. E. Sreedharan, then MD, Delhi Metro Railway Corporation, Professor T.K. Oommen, reputed sociologist and Dr. N.J. Kurian, President KDS)

Development of an Appropriate Methodology and Framework for Creating a Database of Self-Help Groups

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India has entrusted KDS the task of developing an appropriate methodology and framework for



setting up a database on SHGs in India. SHGs carry out multiple activities in different social and economic sectors. Many state governments and government agencies have been utilizing SHGs for the implementation of several rural and urban development programmes. SHGs have tremendous potential in the planning and execution of development programmes, especially at the grassroots level. Though SHGs have become a powerful social capital in India there is a huge data gap in respect of them in various states. Different evaluation studies show that SHGs, by and large, carry out multiple activities in different sectors such as health and education. Despite these studies, most states do not have proper information about SHGs and there is a huge data gap in respect of SHGs. The present project is an attempt to conduct a study on structure and functions of SHGs in Kerala and West Bengal, two states located in two different regions, having relatively strong SHG networks. The main objective of the project is to develop an appropriate methodology and framework for setting up a database on SHGs in India by studying Kerala and West Bengal. Dr. N.J.Kurian is the Director and Dr. Jacob John is the Coordinator of this research project.

Preparation of District Plans under Twelfth Five Year plan in Assam

KDS-Delhi has been assigned by the state Government of Assam and Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India as Technical Support Institutions (TSI) for preparation of district plans for two districts in the State of Assam. These districts are Bongaigaon and Kokrajhar. In Assam and West Bengal, KDS has started providing technical support in the preparation of Integrated Perspective Plans and Annual Plans at various levels such as the Village, Gram Panchayat (GP), Intermediate Panchayat (IP), Zilla Panchayat (ZP) and other Local Bodies (LBs) including the Municipalities.

KDS jointly with district authorities has started conducting workshops at the block level for the Village Level Resource Groups constituted by the PRIs comprising elected representatives, persons from civil society, academics institutions, CBOs and others who can contribute to needs assessment and planning for the area.

These workshops equip the Village Level Resource Groups with the methodologies for village planning. KDS provides the basic formats for collection of data for planning at different levels and also orient the planning teams to these formats. It also helps the planning teams in the analysis of the information collected using various formats and possible convergence among the ongoing programmes and schemes.

Kokrajhar District, Assam: KDS had signed MOU on 05 December 2011 with Principal Secretary of Bodo Land Territorial Area Districts (BTC) for the preparation of district plan of Kokrajhar District. Kokrajhar is one of the Bodo Land Territorial Area Districts.

Bongaigaon District, Assam: KDS had signed MOU on 19 October 2011 with CEO Zilla Parishad, Bongaigaon for the preparation of district plan of Bongaigaon District.

Technical Support Institution for preparation of District plans in West Bengal

KDS-Delhi has been assigned by the state Government of West Bengal and Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India as Technical Support Institution for preparation of district plans under Twelfth Five Year plan for three districts in the state of West Bengal. It has started providing technical support to the planning units in the districts of Bankura, Jalpaiguri and Uttar Dinajpur.

Uttar Dinajpur District, West Bengal: KDS signed MOU with District Magistrate, Uttar Dinajpur District on 30 November 2011 for the preparation of District plan of Uttar Dinajpur District.

Jalpaiguri District, West Bengal: KDS signed MOU with District Magistrate, Jalpaiguri District on 07 December 2011 for the preparation of District plan of Jalpaiguri District.



Md. Ghulam Ali Ansari, IAS, District Magistrate, Mr. Amit Dutta . ADM, Dr. Jacob John, Director KDS Delhi, Signing of MOU for the preparation of District Plan Bankura Dist.



Women SHG leaders interact with KDS District Plan teams at Bishnupur, Bankura, The meeting organised by Friends of Poor and Society Abandoned (FPSA), Bishnupur.

Bankura District, West Bengal: KDS signed MOU with Assistant District Magistrate, Bankura District on 05 January 2012 for the preparation of District plan of Bankura District.

Kerala on a Development Path ? A panel discussion



KDS, Delhi had organized a panel discussion “Kerala on a Development Path?” in New Delhi. The need for a corruption free society was emphasized by all the speakers and participants . Various concrete suggestions for the development of states like Kerala were made in the programme.

Study on Local Government and Right to Education Act

KDS has initiated a research study on “Strengthening of Local Authorities in the Implementation of Right to Education Act: Bihar, Kerala and UP in a Comparative Perspective”.

The objectives of the study are as follows:

- Evolve a methodology for evaluating the role and functions of local government in the implementation of Right to Education Act 2009.
- Using the newly developed methodology, carry out a comparative assessment of the role, functions and responsibilities of local government in Bihar, Kerala and Uttar Pradesh.
- Assess the preparation, capacity enhancement and framework needed for local governments to play their role effectively in Bihar, Kerala and Uttar Pradesh.
- Suggest measures to improve school environment, infrastructure, teacher’s commitment, parents’ involvement and the delivery of other educational services with the support of local government.

Loan for Higher Education and Inclusive Growth: India in a Comparative Perspective

Cambridge Scholars Press, UK is in the process of publishing a book entitled as Loan for Higher Education and Inclusive Growth: India in a Comparative Perspective. This forthcoming book draws heavily from KDS study on Higher Education Loan in India . KDS had carried out this study with the support of NUEPA/Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The growth of access of higher education to college-age population in India remains quite low. The gross enrolment ratio in higher education has grown from 10 percent in 2000 to 13 percent in 2008 in India while China registered a growth of 23 percent in 2008 against 8 percent in 2000. It is a matter of serious concern that the number of individuals joining educational institutions as a percent of college-age population has not gone up significantly in India. The academic cost of providing greater access to higher education with emphasis on quality is quite mind-boggling in several developing countries like India. There is a need to raise more resources to meet the different components of costs of



higher education such as academic costs, academic support cost and student welfare costs. There is an emerging need for raising resources from non-government sources to fund the higher education. Education loan within an appropriate framework of inclusiveness is a significant non-government source of finance.

The book deals with different models of education loan systems prevailing in various countries. There is a good review of international experiences in the area of education loan. It discusses Indian system of education loan with special reference to its significance as a tool for financing higher education of all sections of students in India. Based on field studies conducted in four Indian states the book explains that higher education in India has not been inclusive of poorer sections of society and in particular people from the rural areas. It covers an elaborate discussion on the operation of education loans given by banks in four Indian states. The book examines various issues of education loan and formulates an action plan to popularize it as a tool for financing higher education in India. Academic readership of the book will include practitioners in the field of education, banking and finance and development economics. Dr.Jacob John is the author of this forthcoming book.



Legal Literacy Programme : Network of SHG Paralegal Workers in Bihar and Rajasthan

SHG Paralegal Training Programme in Nalanda and Muzaffarpur



KDS has been training women leaders of Self Help Groups (SHGs) on legal rights, fundamental rights, socio-economic rights, civil & political rights, etc. Under the UNDP- Department of Justice, Government of India supported project on “Access to Justice for Marginalised People” KDS has been creating legal awareness directly amongst members of marginalized communities to enable them to seek justice and enhancing capacities of civil society and community based organizations to assist marginalized communities to access justice.

Ten Training Programmes by women SHG Trainers (TSHGT) were organised for 200 women SHG leaders in the district of Muzaffarpur during August- September 2011. These



SHGs were promoted by Centre Direct, Muzaffarpur. These trainings were provided by women SHG trainers. Dr. Jacob John, Director KDS and Mr. P.K.Sharma Director Centre Direct, co-ordinated these training programmes.



Ten Training Programme by SHG Trainers (TSHGT) were organised for 200 women SHG leaders in the district of Nalanda. These SHGs are promoted by ,Jana Jagran Sansthan, Nalanda. These trainings were provided by women SHG trainers. Dr. Jacob John, Director KDS and Mr. Nawal Kishore Singh, Treasurer, Jana Jagran Sansthan coordinated these training programmes.

Child Rights and You (CRY)



Monitoring and Evaluation Project on the implementation of Right to Education Act in 15 Indian States

KDS has been engaged by CRY as a resource agency for data management resources and reporting under a two year project on monitoring and evaluation on the implementation of Right to Education Act in 15 Indian States. This national study has a sample size of 900 schools in the span of five rounds of data collection. These states include Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

Internship programme for Students from Economically and Socially Backward Classes

A total of 6 students have worked with KDS under internship programmes during 2010-2011. These students were from St.Stephen's College and Hindu College of University of Delhi, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kaladi-Kerala, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi and Maduari Kamaraj University, Tamil Nadu. The selected students were given rigorous training in social and economic sectors with a specific focus on research studies and action research for a period of two months. As a part of the training, they were involved in the execution of its ongoing research and action research projects.

Capacity Building of NGOs and SHG Networkers on Legal literacy

KDS has implemented a capacity building programme of SHG promoters in the area of legal literacy in Bihar and Rajasthan. Four promoters of SHGs –two each in Bihar and Rajasthan - are covered under this programme. These SHG promoters are Indira Ghandi Mahila Bal Vikas Shikshan Sansthan, Karauli, Samuhik Vikas Sansthan, Tonk, Centre Direct, Muzzafarpur and Jan Jagran Sansthan,Bihar Sharif, Nalanda. KDS has given orientation and guidance to the employees and functionaries of these four SHG promoters in organizing legal literacy programme and planning and executing various activities which provide access to justice for marginalized communities.

Network of Resource Persons-Development Sector

Resource persons offering services for development sector may kindly register their profiles in the web- enabled database at www.nrlg.org. This web-enabled database is set up and managed by KDS. Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India, sponsored this project. The objectives of the database are to facilitate various government and non-government agencies in availing the services and to build up a network and social capital in the development sector.

Donation to Charitable Activities

KDS has been carrying out various charitable activities for the welfare of women and weaker sections of society, These activities are funded mainly through individual and institutional donations. Donation to KDS is exempted from Income Tax under section 80G (5) (vi) of the Income Tax act 1961. Donation may be sent to KDS office in Delhi by draft/cheque in favour of “Kerala Development Society”

Mission—KDS

As a national organization, KDS strives to be recognized as a progressive and proactive body promoting international human development standard.

Vision—KDS

KDS envisions a future where each and every individual or group is able to get the benefit of social and economic growth and participate in the development process. Moreover, all the Indian states should register fast growth rate and achieve regional balance.

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