

a One-Day Seminar on

The Current Status of Social Sciences in India and the Way Forward

Friday, 22 March 2024

Utsava Hall, Hotel Turyaa

No.144/7, Rajiv Gandhi Salai (OMR)
Kottivakkam, Chennai 600 041

Concept Note

The Madras Institute of Development Studies, as part of its golden jubilee celebrations, is organising a one-day seminar on *The Current Status of Social Sciences in India and the Way Forward* on Friday, 22nd March 2024 in Chennai. The aim of this seminar is to bring together the directors of the ICSSR institutions in South India—Centre for Development Studies [CDS], Trivandrum; Institute for Social and Economic Change [ISEC], Bengaluru; Centre for Economic and Social Studies [CESS], Hyderabad; Institute of Public Enterprises [IPE], Hyderabad; Council of Social Development [CSD], Hyderabad; Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research [CMDR], Dharwad; and Madras Institute of Development Studies [MIDS], Chennai—along with the Honorary Director, ICSSR Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad, to reflect on the past, deliberate on the present and plan for future endeavours. The seminar will comprise a Panel Discussion and a Brainstorming Session.

The Panel Discussion will deliberate on the following:

1. The regional thematic focus of the institutions and the relevance of regional findings to national concerns;
2. Main communication strategies to relay research findings to policymakers and other stakeholders;
3. Need for social science research to respond to changing national and global scenarios (e.g. post-Covid development thinking, changing geopolitical dynamics, etc.);
4. Strengthening of PhD programmes (finding a balance between economics and non-economics social sciences) and adapting to ICSSR's policy changes;
5. Diversification of funding for research and strengthening of foreign collaborations;
6. Promoting collaboration between ICSSR institutions.

The Brainstorming Session

Attended mainly by the Directors of the participating institutes, the brainstorming session will focus on funding, collaborative research, and reviving the Development Convention among the Southern ICSSR institutions, in addition to elaborating upon some of the issues addressed in the Panel Discussion.

Programme

9.30–10.30 am

Inauguration

Welcome Address

Prof. L. Venkatachalam

Officiating Director, MIDS

Presidential Address

Shri. N. Gopalaswami

Chairperson, MIDS

10.30 am–1.15 pm

Panel Discussion

Chair and Moderator

Prof. Suresh Babu

IIT Madras, Chennai

Panelists

Prof. B. Sudhakar Reddy

ICSSR Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad

Prof. D. Rajasekhar

ISEC, Bangalore

Prof. C. Veeramani

CDS, Trivandrum

Prof. S. Sreenivasa Murthy

IPE, Hyderabad

Prof. E. Revathi

CESS, Hyderabad

Prof. Sujith Kumar Mishra

CSD, Hyderabad

Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli

CMDR, Karnataka

11.15–11.30 am

Tea break

1.15–2.00 pm

Lunch Break

2.00–3.30 pm

Brainstorming on the Future Activities

Panelists: The Directors of all the Southern ICSSR institutes

3.30–3.35 pm

Vote of Thanks

3.35 pm

High Tea

Note: Registrations are for the Panel discussion only. Research scholars, graduate students, teaching faculty may apply. Brainstorming session will be a closed event for directors and the faculty only.

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