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# Centre for Development Policy and Practice

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# POLICY TO PRACTICE PODCAST: LAW & SOCIETY SERIES

The CDPP launched the "Policy to Practice" podcast featuring development sector experts. The podcast aims to enlighten a diverse audience on global issues, fostering conversations with experts to simplify complex concepts related to social, cultural, economic, and technological development.

## #1 Featuring Professor Faizan Mustafa



The Centre for Development Policy and Practice launched the Law and Society Series under our Policy to Practice podcast this December.

In the first episode (Part 1 and 2), Prof. Faizan Mustafa, an eminent legal scholar, spoke about India's criminal justice system and its impact on vulnerable communities, including the economically disadvantaged, SCs, STs, and religious minorities. He examined issues like colonial-era laws, systemic inequalities, wealth disparity in bail, procedural delays, and the overrepresentation of minorities on death row. Prof. Mustafa also explored global justice models and the evolution of sedition laws, offering actionable reforms for a fairer system.

Hosted by Moumita Barman, Research Associate at CDPP, this episode is a must-listen for anyone interested in legal and social justice.

[\*\*Click on the title to listen to the podcast!\*\*](#)

# CDPP BLOG

CDPP disseminated thought-provoking articles via the CDPP Blog. This month's blog covered diverse perspectives under the theme, "The Future of Digital Governance: Policy, Technology and Society."

## The Need for The Triangular Approach—Dark Patterns



India's 2023 guidelines on preventing dark patterns, defined as deceptive design practices that mislead users and undermine autonomy, mark a critical step in consumer protection. Such patterns, including misleading ads and hidden fees, erode trust, harm vulnerable users, and pose legal risks. Globally, the EU's GDPR and U.S. laws like the *California Consumer Privacy Act* have led regulatory efforts. India's e-commerce growth, coupled with rising fraud, underscores the need for robust consumer safeguards. Effective regulation requires balancing consumer protection, business compliance, and innovation. Advocating principle-based rules over overlapping guidelines can support small businesses while fostering a fair digital marketplace.

## India's Digital Transformation: Government Services in 2040 and Beyond

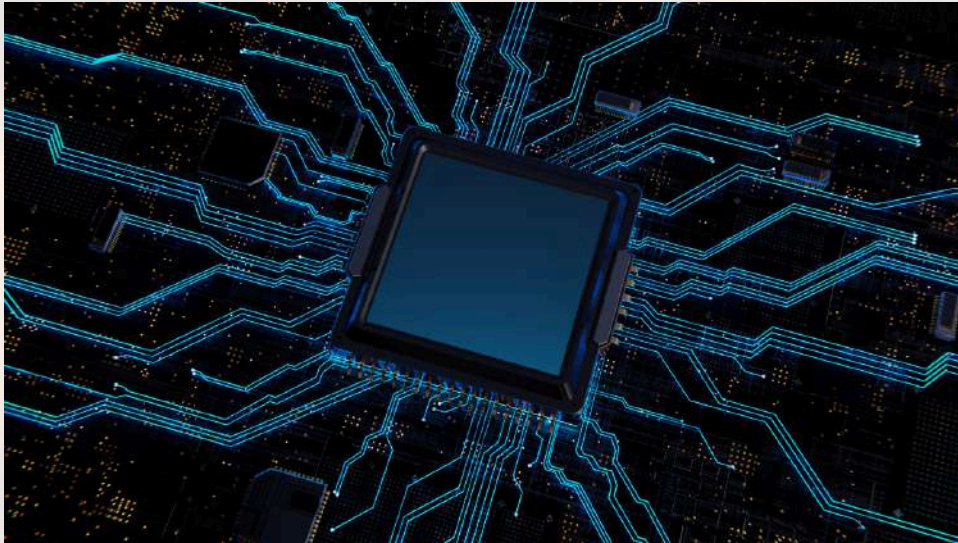


The gendered dimensions of migration from Northeast India to mainland India have yet to receive sufficient focus despite the growing body of research on this topic. This essay explores the particular difficulties encountered by female immigrants from the Northeast, emphasizing their encounters with urban job markets, social integration, and welfare assistance accessibility. Identifying the shortcomings in current techniques, it aims to recommend policy solutions targeted at addressing the unique requirements of women migrants from the Northeast through a deep analysis of available data and legislation.

[Click on the titles to read the articles!](#)

# CDPP BLOG

## AI Unveiled: Balancing Promise and Reality



Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a transformative force promising to revolutionise industries and daily life but faces significant challenges. Bias, opacity, and lack of accountability in AI systems undermine trust, while its ethical detachment raises concerns in critical areas like healthcare and law. Additionally, the environmental costs of training AI models, including high carbon emissions and water usage, pose sustainability challenges. Although strides in innovation continue, over-reliance on AI risks ignoring its limitations, such as its inability to reason ethically or cognitively like humans. A balanced approach is needed, blending innovation with scrutiny to ensure responsible and inclusive AI development.

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# ONLINE ARTICLES

CDPP disseminated thought-provoking articles via renowned platforms like Siasat. This month's articles covered themes like the AI, gig economy, healthcare, and climate change.

## AI Drives Transformation in India's Gig Economy: Is Any Legal Framework Ready?



India's gig economy, driven by AI, is transforming rapidly, offering operational efficiency, personalised upskilling, and enhanced worker flexibility. By 2029–30, the gig workforce is expected to reach 23.5 million, contributing significantly to economic growth. However, challenges like algorithmic transparency, data privacy, and worker rights persist. While the Code on Social Security, 2020, recognises gig workers and proposes social protections, gaps remain in addressing income instability and algorithmic surveillance. State initiatives like Rajasthan's welfare board show promise, but India lacks comprehensive AI-specific regulation. Efforts like Telangana's AI-Powered Strategy aim to bridge gaps, but urgent reforms are needed for inclusive growth.


## India's Rural Healthcare is at Critical Juncture; Climate Change Threatens to Worsen Vulnerabilities



Extreme weather events (EWEs), intensified by climate change, severely impact rural India's healthcare and livelihoods. Rural communities, reliant on climate-sensitive resources, face worsened health challenges, including malnutrition, mental health issues, and vector-borne diseases, compounded by poor infrastructure and socioeconomic inequities. Under-resourced primary care providers struggle during crises, while marginalised groups like women and indigenous communities bear disproportionate burdens. Strengthening rural healthcare demands community-driven interventions, robust infrastructure, climate awareness in medical education, and inclusive policies to build resilience and bridge health disparities. Immediate action is vital to secure equitable and adaptive rural healthcare systems.

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# EVENTS



## EK SHAAM

### WATAN KE NAAM

**Patriotic, Freedom & Partition Poetry**  
On Wednesday 11 December, 2024 From 06:00pm  
at **Lamakaan**, near GVK One, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad



TITLE	PRESENTERS
Prem Dhawan - Aye Mere Pyare Watan	Shabeena Farshori
Ahmed Faraz - Jo Haath Main Ne Badhaya Tha	Dr. Javed Kamal
Ali Sardar Jafri - Dosti Ka Hath	Qamar Iqbal
Jagan Nath Azad - Azadi Ke Baad	Subhat Ul Marjan
Faiz Ahmed Faiz - Subh E Azaadi	Lateef Uddin Lateef
Makhdoom Mohiuddin - Chand Taaron Ka Bann	Syed Wajid Mohiuddin
Sahir Ludhianvi - Aye Shareef Insano	Mohammed Afroz
Sajid Ali Sajid - Pyar Ka Paigham	Nabeela Farshori
Kanwal Prashad - Nazr E Yaraan E Watan	Zaid Khan
Anand Narayan Mulla - Saughaat	Mohammed Salman
Munnawwar Rana - Muhajirnama	Syed Javed Mohiuddin

**Compere - Dr Atiya Mujeeb Arefi**

Preside Over By

**PROF. ASHRAF RAFI** *Former head department of urdu, OU*

**SMT LAKSHMI DEVI RAJ** *Promoter Of Art & Culture*



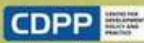
Coordinators

**Dr. Gul-E-Rana**

**Dr. Humaira Sayeed**

*Dinner at Lamakaan follows*

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## Bazm-e-Sukhan

### EK SHAAM WATAN KE NAAM

The Centre for Development Policy and Practice, in collaboration with the Digital Empowerment Foundation, hosted another captivating edition of Bazm-e-Sukhan.

The event, "Ek Sham Watan Ke Naam" (Patriotic, Freedom & Partition Poetry), took place on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at Lamakaan, Hyderabad, offering an enriching evening of poetic expression.

# EVENTS

**GOVT. DEGREE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, HUSSAINI ALAM, HYDERABAD – 500002 (TG)**  
Affiliated to Osmania University & Accredited with B Grade by NAAC

**Department of Political Science** شاعر سیاسیات  
Organizes  
**First Annual Dr. Omar Khalidi Memorial Lecture 2024**  
**“Dr. Omar Khalidi’s Contribution Towards Rights of Deprived Communities”**  
”ڈاکٹر عمر خالدی کا محروم طبقات کے حقوق کے لیے تعاون“

By  
**Dr. Syed Inam ur Rahman (Ghayur)**  
Eminent Journalist, Social Activist & Political Analyst

**Chief Guest**  
**Dr. Amir Ullah Khan**  
Honorable Member, TG/PSG, Education & Development Economic

**Distinguished Guest**  
**Prof. M.A.Sami Siddiqui**  
Director, C/DU/MT, MANUS, Hyderabad

**Dr. Mohammed Safiullah**  
Honorary Managing Trustee  
The Deccan Heritage Trust, Hyderabad

**Organizing Committee**  
**Coordinator**  
(Dr). Farhana Sultana  
Faculty

**Convener**  
Dr. Mohammed Ghouse  
Asst. Professor & HOD

**Chairperson**  
Prof. Ch. Appiyya Chinamma  
Principal

**SIGNING CEREMONY**  
**Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**  
(For Research, Publication and Scholastic Support)  
Between  
**Department of Political Science**  
Govt. Degree College for Women,  
Hussaini Alam, Hyderabad-500002 (TG)  
&  
**Centre for Development Policy  
and Practice (CDPP)**  
(A Reputed & Independent Research Organisation)  
Hyderabad (TG)  
**ALL ARE INVITED**

Date: On Thursday 12th December 2024  
Venue: New Seminar Hall  
Time: 11:30 Noon to 01:30 PM

Logistic Support: Ms. Syeda Zohra Jabeen, Ms. Mubeen Sultana RSVP: Dr. Shaik Haji Husain (+91 8919967033)

## MoU Signing and Inaugural Dr. Omar Khalidi Memorial Lecture

### In collaboration with the Political Science Department of the Government Degree College for Women, Hussaini Alam, Hyderabad

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the CDPP and the Political Science Department of the Government Degree College for Women, Hussaini Alam, Hyderabad, on December 12, 2024. This partnership aims to foster collaboration in research, publications, and academic support. The occasion also marked the inaugural Dr. Omar Khalidi Memorial Lecture, dedicated to exploring “Dr. Omar Khalidi’s Contribution to the Rights of Deprived Communities.”



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**CELEBRATING**  
**6**  
**ANNIVERSARY**

**BAZM SPECIAL SESSION**

08 January, 2025 (Wednesday) | 05:30 pm  
at *Lamakaan*, Near GVK One, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad

This special celebration brings together some of the stalwarts of the Bazm-e-Sukhan

The agenda will feature select recitals of the best of Urdu poetry by  
**SATYA PRABHAKAR | ELAHE HIPTOOLA | SHOBHANA T |**  
**RK SINGH | ATIYA MJEEB AREFI | GULE-E-RANA |**  
**HUMAIRA SAYEED**

**PROF. ASHRAF RAFI & SMT. LAKSHMI DEVI RAJ**  
Will Presided Over the Event

**Dr. Gule-E-Rana**  
**Dr. Humaira Sayeed**  
Coordinators

The evening will also feature a release of Satya Prabhakar's 2025 fourth edition of the much acclaimed and successful *Alfaz Ki Mehfil*.

*Dinner at lamakaan follows*

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## Bazm-e-Sukhan

### SPECIAL SESSION

Join CDPP in celebrating the 6th anniversary of Bazm-e-Sukhan on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Lamakaan, near GVK One, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. The evening will feature beautiful Urdu poetry recitals by Satya Prabhakar, Elahe Hiptoola, Shobhana T., R.K. Singh, Atiya Mjeb Arefi, Gule-E-Rana, and Humaira Sayeed. Prof. Ashraf Rafi and Smt. Lakshmi Devi Raj will preside over the event.

The celebration includes the release of the 2025 fourth edition of *Alfaz Ki Mehfil* by Satya Prabhakar and will end with a dinner at Lamakaan. Coordinated by Dr. Gule-E-Rana and Dr. Humaira Sayeed, the event is supported by CDPP and the Digital Empowerment Foundation. Don't miss this evening of poetry and culture!

# UPCOMING WORKING PAPER



## Understanding the Regulatory Landscape of Emerging and Infrastructure Sectors

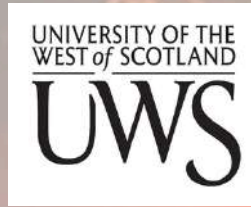
With rapid advancements in the Gig Economy, Artificial Intelligence, Power, and Transportation sectors, an understanding of their regulatory frameworks is essential. This working paper provides a global overview of the laws, policies, regulatory bodies, and timelines shaping these critical sectors, focusing on high-income economies with advanced and updated regulatory practices.

The paper outlines how nations address key sectoral needs such as worker protections in the gig economy, ethical AI development, sustainable energy solutions, and modernised transportation systems. It highlights the importance of aligning regulatory practices with public interest while fostering innovation and growth.

This study serves as a foundational resource for identifying the regulatory approaches adopted globally, laying the groundwork for understanding where regulation or deregulation might be necessary to optimise public welfare in India.

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