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# CDPP BLOG

CDPP disseminated thought-provoking articles via the CDPP Blog. This month's blog covered diverse perspectives under the theme, "Health Equity for Women and Gender Minorities."

## Cultural Practices and Their Impact on Healthcare



This article explores the impact of cultural traditions on women's health in Africa and South Asia, highlighting both supportive and harmful practices. While collectivist traditions foster community care, patriarchal norms perpetuate gender discrimination and restrict healthcare access. The article emphasises the need for culturally sensitive, community-driven interventions that integrate traditional knowledge with modern healthcare. Strategies such as empowering local health workers, engaging men, and incorporating reproductive health education can help dismantle stigmas. A balanced approach that respects cultural diversity while promoting gender equity is essential for improving health outcomes for women in these regions.

## Resilient Livelihoods: Exploring the Intersection of Climate Change and Access to Healthcare Facilities for Women in Sundarbans



Climate change plays a significant role in impacting the lives of marginalised communities that are dependent on natural resources. Gender plays a key role in building resilience. The Sundarbans, an ecologically vulnerable region located at the mouth of the Bay of Bengal, faces severe climate challenges. Its residents, largely reliant on agriculture and fishing, suffer from rising sea temperatures that harm women's reproductive health. Despite this, women are compelled to engage in fishing for survival. This article explores the hypothesis that climate change in sensitive regions like the Sundarbans has intensified in the past decade, disproportionately affecting women and exacerbating gendered vulnerabilities.

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# ONLINE ARTICLES

CDPP disseminated thought-provoking articles via renowned platforms such as the Siasat e-paper. This month's articles covered themes like gender limitations in economic participation and highway toll policies in India.

## **Shedding Light on Gendered Barriers in India's Night-time Economy**



The night-time economy (NTE) in India presents immense potential for urban growth, cultural vibrancy, and economic progress. However, gender exclusions rooted in cultural, social, and institutional barriers restrict women participation, both as workers and consumers. Poor infrastructure, inadequate public transport, unsafe streets and patriarchal norms limit women's access to night-time activities. Cities like Bengaluru and Mumbai show promise but still face safety concerns, while Delhi and Hyderabad remain significantly unsafe for women at night. Drawing inspiration from global models like London's Night Czar and Stockholm's gender-sensitive planning, India must prioritise safety, inclusivity, and infrastructural reforms to foster a gender-equal NTE.

## **Focus on National Highway Tolls: Unveiling Trends and Policies**



India's has a 1.4 million kms road network with National Highways (NHs) accounting for 2% of it yet handling 40% of the traffic. This underscores their significance in connectivity and commerce. Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models and toll systems, managed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), have driven rapid infrastructure growth, with NH projects covering 43,856 kms under development at Rs. 9,60,103 crores. However, issues like toll irregularities, high costs, and socioeconomic burdens persist. The available data highlights disparities in investment and toll revenue across states, with states like Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh successfully achieving efficiency. Policy reforms emphasise technology, transparency, and equitable tolling to ensure sustainable infrastructure development.

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# 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

CDPP celebrated 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 featured beautiful Urdu poetry recitals by Satya Prabhakar, Elahe Hiptoola, Shobhana T., R. K. Singh, Atiya Mujeeb Arefi, Gule-E-Rana, and Humaira Sayeed. Prof. Ashraf Rafi and Smt. Lakshmi Devi Raj presided over the event.

The celebration included the release of the 2025 fourth edition of "Alfaz Ki Mehfil" by Satya Prabhakar and concluded with a dinner at Lamakaan. Coordinated by Dr. Gule-E-Rana and Dr. Humaira Sayeed, the event was supported by CDPP and the Digital Empowerment Foundation. It was an unforgettable evening of poetry and culture.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**USIPI** **CDDP**

Article 15, Clause 5: Nothing in this article or in sub-clause (g) of clause (1) of article 19 shall prevent the State from making any special provision, by law, for the advancement of any socially and educationally backward classes of citizens or for the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes in so far as such special provisions relate to their admission to educational institutions including private educational institutions, whether aided or unaided by the State, other than the minority educational institutions referred to in clause (1) of article 30.

Article 16, Clause 4: Nothing in this article shall prevent the State from making any provision for the reservation of appointments or posts in favour of any backward class of citizens which, in the opinion of the State, is not adequately represented in the services under the State.

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## RETHINKING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR MUSLIMS IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA

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- GHAZALA WAHAB
- MANOJ JHA
- POONAM MUTTREJA
- YOGENDRA YADAV

Welcome address by : **ATAULLA KHAN**, Trustee, USIPI  
Followed by video screening & presentations by the authors

**PANEL CHAIR : AMIR ULLAH KHAN**, Member, TGPSC

Venue: **LECTURE HALL II (BASEMENT)**  
Annexe Building, India International Centre, 40 KK Birla Marg,  
Lodhi Gardens, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi-110003

**Wednesday | February 05, 2025 | 06:00 PM IST** **Dinner follows**

## Report Launch: Rethinking Affirmative Action for Muslims in Contemporary India

The Centre for Development Policy & Practice (CDDP), in collaboration with the US-India Policy Institute (USIPI), is organising a report launch titled “Rethinking Affirmative Action for Muslims in Contemporary India.” The event will include a video screening and presentations by the report's authors—Hilal Ahmed, Nazima Parveen, and Sanjeer Alam.

A panel discussion will follow, featuring eminent speakers such as Prof. Amitabh Kundu, Manoj Jha, Poonam Muttreja, Yogendra Yadav, and Ghazala Wahab. The session will be chaired by Amir Ullah Khan, Member of the Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC), and will begin with a welcome address by Ataullah Khan, Trustee of USIPI.

The event is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 6:00 PM at Lecture Hall II (Basement), Annexe Building, India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Discussing the Union Budget 2025-26**

The Centre for Development Policy and Practice (CDPP) invites you to a discussion on the Union Budget 2025–26 on February 9, 2025 (Sunday) at 5:00 PM at Lamakaan, Near GVK One, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. This event will provide an in-depth analysis of the budget's impact on India's economic trajectory, fiscal policies, and key sectoral allocations.

The discussion will be led by Dr. Rathin Roy, a distinguished economist and Professor at the Kautilya School of Public Policy, GITAM. Dr. Roy has previously served as the Director and CEO of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) and as the Director of IPC-IG, UNDP, Brazil. He has held key advisory roles, including Economic Advisor to the Thirteenth Finance Commission of India and Public Resource Management Advisor at UNDP. With his vast experience in public finance and macroeconomic policy, Dr. Roy will offer valuable insights into the Union Budget and its implications for India's development.

This session will be particularly relevant for policymakers, researchers, students, and professionals interested in economic policy. We look forward to your participation in this engaging discussion.

# 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.



# CDPP Annual Report 2024



## **CDPP Annual Report 2024**

The CDPP Annual Report provides a comprehensive overview of the organisation's initiatives over the past year. It highlights key research projects and policy interventions aimed at addressing developmental issues in India, with a particular focus on marginalised communities. Additionally, it highlights upcoming research themes and publications for the year 2025.

The Report underscores CDPP's commitment to bridging the gap between policy and practice, while emphasising the organisation's role in fostering impactful research in India.

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