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Indian Institute of Dalit Studies  
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## **Message from Chairman**

Is an institution and its work relevant to the aims and objectives it set for itself? Does the human resource of the institution feel motivated and creative in ensuring a constant supply of positive energy within the institution? Is there creativity and innovation in the working of the institution, overarching the rigidity and ignorance? Is the creation of knowledge rooted to the experience, struggle and concerns of the community which strives to live a life of dignity? These are the questions that require to be repeatedly raised, given the constant changing context and the external situation in which the institution operates.



Looking back at the history of Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS) and its output, I am happy to note that the Institute has always been on a learning curve, engaged in the struggle of discovering its relevance through venturing into new thematic areas of research. It is evident that IIDS represents diversity as a core value within its human resources as well as in areas of research.

I am happy to put forward the current annual report of IIDS.

**Martin Macwan**



## **From the Desk of Director**

It gives me great pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS) for the year 2010-11. The year has been full of challenges and opportunities.



As a recognition of our vision to undertake dedicated research on the development concerns of those who are excluded and discriminated in the Indian society on the basis of their caste, ethnicity, religion, physical disabilities, colour and gender. Since its inception in 2003 and the initial focus on addressing the development issues of Scheduled Castes (Dalits), IIDS has been striving to gradually diversify its research into new themes and cover new groups such as Scheduled Tribes, religious minorities, persons with disabilities, and women belonging to these groups as their experiences of exclusion and discrimination are different from Dalits. Accordingly, we reorganised our research into five thematic areas during the year and took focused measures to strengthen the activities under these areas. At the outset, we prepared status reports for Scheduled Tribes, Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims for better understanding of their participation in social, economic and political spheres of development and overall well-being.

As part of this endeavour, IIDS completed six research studies in 2010-11 under the International NGO's Partnership Agreement Programme (IPAP), supported by Christian Aid, UK; launched "Dalit Asmita", a quarterly journal in Hindi aiming to promote literary work on Dalits and their struggle for identity,

emancipation and development; published five Working Papers and one book. Besides, as part of our dissemination and outreach activities, we organised four workshops and two national seminars and series of lectures, actively engaging with academia, policy makers, civil society organisations and research scholars.

No work or engagement on social exclusion is complete without the gender lens being applied. Although the fate of the Women's Reservation Bill continues to hang in uncertainty, yet the participation of women in institutions of democracy is fast gaining strength. IIDS did an analysis of Dalit women rights and citizenship in India, particularly with reference to institutions of politics and governance.

IIDS has made steady efforts to engage itself in policy oriented research with the objective of providing evidence based feedback to policy making in the country. As the process of formulating the 12th Five Year Plan was underway, IIDS continued to gather evidence and build perspectives on the gaps in the implementation of various national flagship schemes in relation to marginalised communities. It undertook a large field based study sponsored by UNICEF to understand the issues of inclusion in flagship schemes of Government of India relating to livelihood promotion, education, nutrition and health. These studies would provide a strong basis for intensifying the inclusionary development programmes in the 12th Five Year Plan and later plans.

With the objective of promoting scientific research and informed debate on issues of social inclusion and development on a wider scale, IIDS has committed to publish the "Journal of Social Inclusion Studies". Planning for the journal is underway and an Editorial Advisory Board comprising eminent scholars, policy

makers and social activists both from India and overseas has been constituted.

The year has been marked with the award of IDRC Think Tank Initiative grant to IIDS. This has made possible strengthening of human resource and organisational base of the Institute. We are committed to provide modern infrastructure and better service conditions to our employees. We have expanded our Research Advisory Committee to bring in multidisciplinary perspectives in research. We have also developed a vibrant community of researchers who are committed to jointly undertake research with IIDS to address the multidimensional issues of exclusion and discrimination; and to promote informed policy debates on the issues of inclusion and development.

Since IIDS undertakes research on unconventional and unexplored areas, it faces the challenge of developing appropriate research methodology due to lack of available literature, information and data on marginalised groups. Therefore, the key challenge before IIDS is to build an information base through field-based studies and fill up the gaps in the official data used for making the development policy for the marginalised groups.

Our partnership with UNICEF and Christian Aid, UK further intensified in the year with more research subjects being covered in IIDS research programmes. The IDRC Think Tank Grant to IIDS has provided a solid base for intensifying as well as diversifying our research programmes. The Research Councils of UK has recognised IIDS as a “Centre with Potential Excellence”.

I would like to congratulate all the staff members, Board Members, Managing Trustee, Finance and Administrative Committee and Research Advisory Committee of IIDS for the achievement made by the



Institute in 2010-11. We look forward to continuing our positive engagement with institutions of policy making and governance, academics, donor agencies, and also with civil society organisations in our mission to develop an inclusive society.

**Prof. Rajendra Prasad Mamgain**

Director, IIDS

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## Highlights of 2010-11

### Research and Publications

- › Completed ten research projects.
- › Published one book and six working papers based on completed research work.

### Research Journals

- › Published the second issue of *Dalit Asmita*, a quarterly journal in Hindi.
- › First issue of *Journal of Social Inclusion Studies*, a biannual journal in English, will be launched in 2012.
- › Editorial Advisory Board of the Journal is formed which consists of eminent scholars, policy makers and social activists.

### New Research Studies

- › A major field based research programme on “Social Inclusion in Multiple Spheres – A Study of Reproductive Child Health (RCH), Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) and Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC)”. The study is supported by UNICEF, New Delhi.
- › “Strengthening Social Protection for Informal Workers”, jointly with Overseas Development Institute (ODI), UK; with the support of European Union.
- › Three new studies under the IIDS-IPAP Research Programme, supported by Christian Aid, UK.
- › “Dalit Women in Indian Politics: Making Impact through Parliament”, supported by IDRC, Canada.
- › “Social Exclusion and Poverty Linkages: A Study of General and Discrimination related Factors Governing Access to Government Schemes in Poorest Areas”, supported by DFID, UK.

### **IDRC Think Tank Initiative Grant**

IIDS received Think Tank Initiative Grant initially for a period of four years for strengthening its organizational development, research and outreach. This grant has helped IIDS in recruiting new researchers, training of human resources, strengthening IT infrastructure, developing library and other infrastructure and expanding its research into new thematic areas.

### **Dissemination and Outreach**

- › Organised three workshops and two seminars.
- › Organised three book release functions, one Ambedkar Memorial Lecture and eight in-house lectures by distinguished academicians.

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS) was established in 2003 as a not-for-profit autonomous institution to undertake educational research and promote informed debate on the issues of social exclusion, discrimination, their consequences, and inclusive policies. It is one of the first research organisations in India to focus specifically on the development concerns of marginalised and socially excluded groups who suffer from exclusion on account of their group identity or social origin like caste, ethnicity, gender, religion, colour, disability, regional identity and other forms of social identities. These groups include former untouchables or Dalits, tribes, religious minorities like Muslims and Christians, women (particularly belonging to excluded groups), denotified, nomadic and semi-nomadic tribes and others.

### **Vision**

Indian society is characterised by processes of social exclusion and discrimination in varying degrees, which involves denial of equal rights and entitlements to a number of excluded groups, resulting in high deprivation and poverty among these groups. IIDS recognises this aspect and envisions an 'inclusive society' with equal rights and entitlements to the excluded and discriminated groups. To this end, it strives to develop a 'body of knowledge' to understand the issues of poverty, human deprivation and human rights that are induced by exclusion. It also endeavours to suggest evidence based policies for a socially, economically and politically inclusive society with equal rights and entitlements to excluded and discriminated groups.

### **Objectives**

- › To undertake interdisciplinary theoretical and empirical and application-based research on exclusion and discrimination faced by Dalits, tribes, religious minorities and women belonging to excluded groups and other similar groups in social, economic, cultural and political spheres;
- › To undertake theoretical and empirical research on the consequences of exclusion in multiple spheres on the denial of rights and entitlements, particularly focusing on economic growth and development, inter-group social inequalities, poverty, deprivation and marginalisation;

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- › To study the dynamics of institutions of social exclusion and the processes causing change;
- › To provide evidence based policies to government, civil society organisations and donor agencies for developing, formulating, and evaluating policies and provisions for marginalised social groups to overcome the consequences of social exclusion;
- › To study the collective actions of marginalised groups, for example, political activism, NGO movements, literary and art movements, and discriminated women's movements;
- › To provide knowledge support to civil society organisations engaged at local, regional, national and international levels in 'advocacy works' for the empowerment of discriminated and excluded communities;
- › To develop an extensive database on social groups in India and serve as a resource centre for academicians, researchers, activists and others;
- › To strengthen networking with like-minded institutions, both in India and abroad, for greater sharing of information and ideas through collaborations and partnerships; and
- › To organise seminars, workshops, roundtable discussions and lectures of academic and policy interests with contemporary relevance.

### **Areas of Research**

The issue of social exclusion along with its consequence on poverty, economic and social development and the remedies to overcome it is an area which has generally found lesser space in the mainstream social science discourse. At the same time, there has been a growing demand among the social groups for group-specific policies. Lack of understanding on these issues has constrained the capacity of government and civil society organisations to develop appropriate policies. The primary focus of IIDS, therefore, is on developing a scientific knowledge base on the issues of social exclusion, marginalisation and discrimination through intensive research. As the research agenda of the Institute is multidisciplinary in nature, it undertakes research on thematic areas like social exclusion and discrimination, human rights and deprivation, human development, poverty, policies for inclusive development and other development concerns of various marginalized groups like Dalits, tribals, religious minorities, women (particularly belonging to excluded groups), persons with disabilities, denotified and nomadic tribes and others.

## **Research Units**

IIDS has six research units formed on the basis of thematic areas and social groups.

- i. Social Exclusion and Discrimination Studies** –focuses on the nature, dimensions and consequences of various forms of social exclusion. More specifically, the focus of the unit is primarily on (a) understanding the nature of social exclusion in social, economic, political and cultural spheres of society, associated with the institutions of caste, ethnicity, religion, gender, colour, disability, regional identity, and age; (b) understanding the consequences of social exclusion on human development and well-being, human rights, human dignity, etc; and (c) developing evidence based policies for developing a socially, economically and politically inclusive society which is free from any form of exclusion and discrimination.
- ii. Gender and Social Exclusion Studies**—focuses on discrimination, social exclusion and deprivation among women from socially excluded groups like Dalits, scheduled tribes, backward classes and religious minorities. The need to address gender issues with the social exclusion lence was exclusively felt as women particularly from the socially excluded communities are more vulnerable, and the issues at hand are too large to encapsulate it under an umbrella term.
- iii. Tribal Studies** – focuses on understanding the development paradigm of tribal communities in the context of their vulnerability, discrimination, deprivation, poverty, human rights, and endangered livelihoods associated with development, apart from the study of institutions that govern tribal development.
- iv. Religious Minority Studies** –focuses on the issues of vulnerability, discrimination and deprivation among religious minorities and further examines the programmes for their development, empowerment and inclusion in governance and society
- v. Policy Studies** –undertakes evaluation of policies and programmes of government and other donor agencies relating to livelihoods, poverty, social protection, economic empowerment, human development and human rights. It also provides policy inputs to



policy makers on the issues of removing caste based discrimination, social exclusion and promoting development programmes for socially excluded groups towards attaining inclusive growth.

- vi. Dalit Literature and Arts**– focuses on publishing literature on Dalit leaders who have contributed towards social movements or established educational institutions for Dalit children, etc., either at national or regional level. It also focuses on reviving the various art forms among the Dalits so as to bring back the social status of Dalit artists. These research output are published in Hindi and other regional languages.
- vii. Dissemination and Outreach**– focuses on wider dissemination of IIDS research output and provides a forum for debates and discussions on issues relating to exclusion, discrimination and promoting inclusive society. The unit delivers relevant and accurate information to funding agencies, policy makers, academicians and human rights activists working on the issues of social exclusion and discrimination. The unit coordinates a network of academicians, researchers and activists all over the world to provide a plethora of information on socially excluded groups.

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Working as Director and Professor of Economics since April 2010. Prior to this he was working as Senior Fellow in Institute for Human Development. He has a doctoral degree in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University with an experience of over 21 years in the areas of labour, employment, migration, livelihoods, skill training, social exclusion, discrimination and programme evaluation. He specializes in undertaking large field based research in his areas of interest. He has six books to his credit and has published more than 40 research papers in various journals. He is also the Managing Editor of the Indian Journal of Labour Economics since the last 15 years. He has been a consultant to various state governments, ILO and ACDI/VOCA.

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**Nidhi Sadana Sabharwal**

Ph.D in Geography, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi



In-charge of Gender and Social Exclusion Studies Unit. She is currently doing her research on 'Dalit women Impact in the Indian Parliament', 'Impact of Health Insurance on Economic Opportunities of Informal workers (men and women) from the socially excluded groups such as Dalis, Tribals and Muslims', 'Social Exclusion and Poverty Linkages' and 'Policies and Best Practices for Non-Discriminatory Access for the Excluded Groups in Education, Health Services and Nutrition'. She has published extensively on caste and economic discrimination, gender-based issues and child labour, malnutrition and hunger. She has extensive experience in data collection and analysis and in advocacy/influencing policy actions. Nidhi has published several articles on socio-economic issues in rural India, many focusing on the vulnerable sections of society and has actively worked on key issues affecting the poor and vulnerable in India, through organisations based in India and the UK.

**Suraj P. Badtiya**

Ph.D in Hindi from Delhi University, Delhi



Working as a Fellow and Hindi Editor under Dalit Arts & Literature Programme of IIDS. The unit is involved in compilation of Dalit Literature and translation of Indian Dalit literature into Hindi language. He has two books, 30 articles and eight Research

Papers to his credit. His areas of research interest are Hindi Dalit writings and literature and also documentation and advocacy for Dalit human rights.

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Ph.D in Public Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Coordinated the India chapter of University of Birmingham sponsored research programme on 'Religions and Development' (RaD). He also coordinated the International NGO Partnership Agreement Programme (IPAP) supported by Christian Aid, U.K. His areas of research include health, labour relations, socio-religious minorities, social exclusion and discrimination. His publications include papers/articles related to health, labour relations and social exclusion, in national and international journals and books. (*Discontinued*)



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In-charge of Tribal Studies Unit. Martin Kamodang has worked on Religions and Development (RaD) Programme of Birmingham University as a Research Associate-cum-Administrator. At present, he is coordinating the IPAP Programme supported by Christian Aid, UK. He is also involved in the UNICEF funded study on 'Inclusiveness in Total Sanitation Campaign'. His area of research interest includes Dalit issues of exclusion, discrimination, atrocities and reservation; Tribal studies (education and exclusion) and Religion.



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M. Phil Hindi, Kurukshetra University, Haryana

Working under Dalit Arts and Literature Units. He was engaged in a research project on the life of Sankar B. Chavhan, a prominent activist of denotified and nomadic tribes of Maharashtra. His area of research interest is Dalit Literature and Dalit poetry.



### **L. David Lal**

M. Phil in Political Science, Delhi University, Delhi

Involved in three studies under the broad research project - “Mapping Caste-Based Atrocities in India” under IPAP research programme and “Dalit Women in Indian Politics: Making impact through Parliament?” under IDRC research programme. His research areas include Dalits and Political Consciousness, Caste Based Atrocities, Political Representation, Dalit conversion movements in post-independent India and Dalit Christians.



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### **III. RESEARCH PROGRAMMES & PROJECTS**

#### ***Completed Research Projects in 2010-11***

IIDS completed ten research projects in 2010-11. Of these, six projects were completed under the International NGOs Partnership Agreement Programme (IPAP) titled “*Social Exclusion and the Dalits: Programme for Research, Knowledge, Empowerment, Training and Advocacy*”. The programme is supported by Christian Aid, UK. The other completed research projects were funded by IDRC, Canada, Justice and Peace, Netherlands and International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), USA. The summaries of the research studies are presented below:

- i. Programme on Dalit Women Rights and Citizenship in India.** Completed by *Gender and Social Exclusion Studies Unit*, with support from IDRC. (Researchers: Nidhi Sadana Sabharwal, with input from Wandana Sonalkar, Anupama Rao, Vimal Thorat, Vani Booroah, Narender Kumar and Parimala.)

This study focused on the problem of ‘Dalit women’ in India. This was done through a comprehensive review of the current theoretical and empirical literature related to feminist discourse on gender and patriarchy and Dalit women in particular. The study examined (a) feminist discourse as developed in social science literature and capture its main elements, (b) Indian feminist discourse and its understanding about the problems of Dalit women, (c) various forms of deprivation that Dalit women suffer in the light of the rights of the citizenship, (d) the perspectives of Dalit women writers as well as of other writers on the problems of Dalit women (e) the economic and social situation of Dalit women based on official data as well as empirical studies, and (f) the agenda for further primary studies on various dimensions of problems of Dalit women..

- ii. Mapping Caste-based Atrocities in India with a focus on Dalit Women.** Completed by *Social Exclusion and Discrimination Studies Unit* under the IPAP programme, with support from Christian Aid, UK. (Researchers: G.C. Pal and L. David Lal)

This study focused on specific issues that could not be addressed in earlier report on caste atrocities. for a holistic understanding of caste-based atrocities in India. The specific issues covered in this report were (i) strengthening the literature on caste atrocities from an interdisciplinary perspective; (ii) examining the patterns and trends of atrocities against Dalits with special focus on regional variations at state and district levels; (iii) analyzing recent media reports and fact findings on atrocities against Dalits to understand the pattern of caste atrocities in recent years; iv) analyzing the nature and patterns of atrocities especially against Dalit women and the role of various non-governmental organisations and women organisations in addressing the issues; (v) studying the role and functions of local administrative mechanisms and national level organisations such as NHRC, SC/ST Commission, NCW, etc, with regard to atrocities against Dalits (vi) understanding the emerging issues based on collation of views of various stakeholders on various aspects of atrocities against Dalits. .

**iii. Dalit Christians in India: Discrimination and Inter-group Disparities in Human Development.** Completed by *Religious Minority Studies Unit* under the IPAP programme, with support from Christian Aid, UK. (Researcher: Sobin George)

The study explored whether caste has been a defining marker of social and economic relationship under Christianity and concluded that even after conversion, characteristics of caste such as endogamy, residential segregation, restricted social interaction, hierarchies, caste-based occupation and graded ritual purity or pollution were reproduced in one way or the other among the converted Christians. Persistence of local traditions, largely Hindu traditions among Christians also points to the fact that conversions had not significantly changed the existing structures of caste system. As a result, the identity of converted Dalits more or less remained the same in the larger society as well. In most of the cases, converted Dalits were still tied up with their caste and traditional occupations as agriculture workers in the lands of upper castes. This reinforces the local power relations, which in a way propagates the existing caste practices. As a result Dalit Christians often become subject to discrimination, slavery, bondage, atrocities and economic exploitation, yet the legal safeguards against untouchability,

discrimination and atrocities are not extended to them since they do not fall in the official category of Scheduled Castes.

- iv. **Dalit Muslims in India: Discrimination and Inter-group Disparities in Human Development.** Completed by *Religious Minority Studies Unit* under the IPAP programme, with support from Christian Aid, UK. (Researcher: Aftab Alam and Martin Kamodang)

The study examined the practice of caste system among the Muslims in India, drawing on evidence from the social science literature on the forms of discrimination and social exclusion that Dalit Muslims face. It included various modes of subordination in places like mosques, burial grounds and restrictions on marriages, besides occupational segregation and economic exploitation. The study also examined the Dalit Muslim politics and its assertion for granting Scheduled Caste status to them. Apart from presenting the socio-economic conditions of Dalit Muslims, it also looked into the development profile of Dalit Muslims by examining their education status, occupation patterns, employment and unemployment and poverty situation to establish the inter-group as well as inter-religious disparities in human development. The study showed that incidence of poverty was highest among Dalits in all occupational categories in rural India. In urban India, Dalit Muslims were more poor than other groups, except OBCs, in the category of casual workers. Similarly, the share of 'poor and illiterates' was the highest among Dalit Muslims in rural India. In urban India, the share of 'poor and illiterate' was the highest among OBC Muslims followed by 'others' and Dalit Muslims. The study concluded that Dalit Muslims like other Dalit groups suffer from a development deficits, which justifies group-specific policy interventions for their upward mobility.

- v. **In the Footsteps of Ambedkar: Mobility, Identity and Dalit Initiatives for Change.** Completed by *Social Exclusion and Discrimination Studies Unit* under the IPAP programme, with support from Christian Aid, UK. (Researcher: Surinder S. Jodhka)

The study examined the articulation and imagination of Dalit identity by the middle class urban activists working in and around the city of Delhi. The study revealed that a majority of Dalit activists of Delhi were men in the age group of 31-50 years. Most of them hailed from

the northern states of India, especially from Uttar Pradesh. A large number of them identified themselves as Chamars or Jatavs, followed by Valmikis and related castes. Although caste falls under the tenets of Hinduism, only a small proportion of them (13.6 per cent) chose to identify themselves as Hindus. Most of them identified themselves either as Buddhists (48 per cent) or atheist (31 per cent). The proportion of Christians was also not insignificant (7.4 per cent). Many of the respondents were from second or third generation of mobile Dalit families and were well educated and not involved in their traditional caste occupation. Nearly 95 per cent of them placed themselves in the broad category of 'middle classes'. The study also found that the identity of 'Dalit' was not universally accepted as a category of self-description and no one liked to be called a Harijan. The study also spawned an extremely rich description of discrimination and social exclusion the Dalit activists faced in the recent past. The pressing agenda for them was social transformation of the caste order.

- vi. Tribals in India: A Status Report.** Completed by *Tribal Studies Unit* under the IPAP programme, with support from Christian Aid, UK. (Researchers: R.P. Mamgain, Firdaus F. Rizivi and G.C. Pal)

The study presented an overall socio-economic status of Scheduled Tribes in India within the framework of exclusion, discrimination, and deprivation, based on available secondary data and literature. The study was engaged with the issues of tribal demography, access to basic civic amenities, health status, ownership of agricultural and forest land, occupational patterns, employment conditions, incidence of poverty, literacy and education, displacement due to development projects, atrocities etc. The study found that despite various development initiatives aimed at improving the overall conditions of tribal communities, they continue being marginalised and live under chronic economic distress, largely owing to poor planning and implementation of development programmes and political apathy. This report serves as a comprehensive analytical tool for understanding the changing dynamics of contemporary tribal society for academicians, policymakers, human rights activists and other stakeholders on tribal development issues.

- vii. Dalit/Tribal Biographies: Sankar Bhivasan Chavhan: The Travel of Struggle and Movement of Nomadic Tribes in Maharashtra** (Both in Hindi and Marathi). Conducted by *Dalit Literature and Arts Studies Unit* under the IPAP programme, with support from Christian Aid, UK. (Researchers: Dalip Katheria in Hindi and Ashok Pawar in Marathi).

This study was based on extensive field research looked into the life of one of the prominent tribal activists, Sankar Bhivasan Chavhan (1935-2000) from Beldar nomadic tribe in Maharashtra. The prejudice against nomadic tribes as 'criminals' led Sankar Bhivasan Chavhan to contemplate on the issues raised by Dr. Ambedkar and initiated work against this social bias. Challenged by his involvement in such issues, he was ultimately ostracised from the community by the Panchayat. This study would help in understanding Sankar Bhivasan Chavhan's struggle for social justice and his contribution to empowerment of nomadic tribes.

- viii. Dalits and Land Rights in India: A Case Study of Land Grab in Orissa and Andhra Pradesh.** Completed by *Social Exclusion and Discrimination Studies Unit* with support from Justice and Peace, Netherlands, (Researchers: Motilal Mahamallik and Martin Kamodang)

This study tried to capture the types of impunity involved in the process of land grabbing from Dalits in Orissa and Andhra Pradesh. The study dealt with two important issues: a framework for the analysis of land grabbing within the human rights parameter and institutional responsibility in the process of land grabbing. It included introduction to the cases of land grabbing, nature and process of land grabbing and ethnographic analysis of land grabbing in the states. The analysis was based on primary data collection from different stakeholders. A structured schedule was used to capture the process of land grabbing for the selected 60 cases, and documents such as rent receipt, revenue receipt, application letters, FIR, land pattas, etc, relating to each case from both officials and non-official sources were collected. The documents provided the details on possession of land holding, perpetrators information, and other details.

- ix. Socio-economic Background of MLA's from 16 Major States of India.** Conducted by *Social Exclusion and Discrimination Studies Unit* with support from International Food

Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington DC, USA.  
(Researchers: Sukhdeo Thorat and Firdaus F. Rizvi)

This study was part of the research programme on “Political Factors, Government Spending and Agriculture Growth and Poverty Linkages” sponsored by IFPRI, USA. The project compiled data on the socio-economic background of Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs) from 16 states of India. The data collected included religion and caste backgrounds of MLAs, their constituencies, political party from which they contested election, education, profession and age at the time of election from 1951 to 2004. The states covered under the study are Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The study analysed how social factors like caste, culture and ethnicity of these MLAs determine exclusion and persistence of poverty among the marginalised sections of the society.

- x. **Social Structure and Educational and Employment Achievements: A Study of Disparities across Different Social Groups in India (1983 to 2004-05).** (Researchers: Veronica Pala and Amaresh Dubey)

This study analysed the disparities across social groups in terms of employment and educational achievement. It is based on the NSSO quinquennial survey data on employment and unemployment for five reference periods during 1983-2004-05. In specific terms, this study examined disparities in (i) labour force participation across social groups; (ii) employment and unemployment situation across social groups; (iii) extent of underemployment across social groups; (iv) occupational structure and (v) wage rates across regions and gender for various social groups. The study revealed poor quality of employment along with high incidence of unemployment and lower educational level as a persistent disparity in case of SC and STs as compared to ‘other’ groups. This has resulted in overall low earnings and high incidence of poverty among SCs and STs. The findings of the study, thus, bring forth major policy implications for improving the employment and educational opportunities for these groups.

### ***Ongoing Programmes & Projects***

There are three on-going research programmes, which comprise several research projects.

1. Research projects under the Programme on ***Social Exclusion and the Dalits: Programme for Research, Knowledge, Empowerment, Training and Advocacy***, supported by the IPAP Programme of Christian Aid, UK
  - i. **Mapping Caste-Based Atrocities in India with Special Reference to Uttar Pradesh.** Conducted by *Social Exclusion and Discrimination Studies Unit*. (Researchers: G.C. Pal and L. David Lal)

This study, as a follow up to earlier studies on “Mapping Caste Atrocities in India”, attempts to examine the pattern of caste based atrocities in India in the year 2011 and the wide range of critical issues on caste-based atrocities in Uttar Pradesh to strengthen the understanding of the complex problem of caste atrocities in specific context. The scenario of atrocities against Scheduled Castes in India points to widespread violation of human rights. The socio-political context of the incidence of caste-based atrocities in the state of Uttar Pradesh has raised many questions on the is she of governance and state machineries dealing with atrocities. According to official data, Uttar Pradesh leads in terms of magnitude, pattern and disposal of caste-based atrocities. The specific objectives of the study are to: (i) examine the overall pattern of caste atrocities in India in the year 2011; (ii) examine the pattern and trend of caste-based atrocities in Uttar Pradesh; (iii) examine the diversity in caste-based atrocities in the state in terms of areas, gender, forms of crimes etc.; (iv) understand the responses of state administrative and judiciary mechanisms dealing with atrocities; (v) understand the role of civil society organisations in the state with regard to caste atrocities; (vi) document state-specific measures in curbing the caste-based atrocities; and (vii) suggest policy directions on caste-based atrocities. The study will draw from micro-level data available from fact finding reports, media reports, institutional documents and experiential accounts of the non-governmental organisations working on atrocities in the state, victims of atrocities and other stakeholders.

- ii. **Local Governance in Tribal Areas: A Comparative Study of PESA Implementation.** Conducted by *Tribal Studies Unit*. (Researchers: Martin Kamodang, C. R. Bijoy and Mithika D' Cruz)

The main objective of the study is to draw a comparison of local self-governance in those Fifth Scheduled Areas where Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act is implemented and also those areas where it is not implemented and also show how traditional leaders are settling disputes, managing land alienation and land acquisition, water bodies, minor forest produce and regulating village market, mining leases and licenses for the welfare of tribal households in both the contexts. It will also examine how tribal households are granted rights over both private and common land, minor forest produce and water bodies and analyze their access to it in both the areas. This study also strives to understand what is offered to the tribal people through 'devolution' in PESA Act and how such provisions are implemented at the village level. Other questions the study will address are: What are the mechanisms developed by them to manage natural resources? How have Panchayats and Gram Sabhas been able to protect and conserve their customs and traditions? Despite the act being operational for more than a decade, there is lack of information on the status of its implementation. Though there have been several movements and voices against the non-implementation of PESA, their experiences as well as that of the government agencies have not been documented nor have they been subjected to systematic research. Therefore this research study proposes to fill the data gaps for policy recommendation and also to be used as a tool for advocacy.

- iii. **Evaluation of Affirmative Action Policy in Private Sector.** Conducted by *Social Exclusion and Discrimination Unit*. (Researchers: Firdaus F Rizvi and Sukhadeo Thorat)

Although several private sector companies are signatories to affirmative action policy, the result of such measures in promotion of employment for SC/ST is yet to become visible. SCs/STs still remain under-represented in terms of their share in the private sector employment. Moreover, the achievements and failures of the affirmative action are not well documented for informed policy advocacy. Therefore, this study proposes to critically evaluate the



working of the affirmative action policy, adopted by leading private sector companies since 2007 and further analyses how it has impacted on the quality of the life of the socially marginalized groups (SC and ST). The specific objectives of the study are: (1) to provide an overview of the affirmative action provisions adopted by major chambers of the industries in the country (2), to examine the implementation of affirmative action policy by those member organisations/industries that offer affirmative action, (3) to evaluate the impact and consequences of affirmative action policy on SCs and STs, and (4) suggest policy for effective implementation of affirmative action policy for these groups in private sector.

**2. Research studies under the programme, *Social Inclusion in Multiple Spheres (2009–2011)*, supported by UNICEF.**

Under this programme there were four studies based on a large field survey in three states of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka, as follows

**i. Study of the Dynamics and Processes of Exclusion and Discrimination in Maternal and Child Health Services among Dalits and Minorities.** Conducted by *Social Exclusion and Discrimination Studies Unit*. (Researchers: R.P. Mamgain and Sanghmitra S. Acharya)

The study is an analytical exercise to understand the levels, process and dynamics of exclusion experienced by Dalits and Minorities (Muslims) with focus on the Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (MNCH) services, one of the major health programmes for women and children in India. Though there is macro level data available on accessibility of health services across social groups, such data do not bring out the levels, dynamics and processes of inequities or reveal the nature and forms of exclusion experienced by these groups. Besides understanding exclusion of Dalits and minorities from health services in specific and comparative contexts, the study will also help comprehend the levels and processes by which Dalits and minorities are excluded from the MNCH programme and provide policy suggestions for their inclusion.

**ii. Inclusion in Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)** (Conducted by *Social Exclusion and Discrimination Studies Unit*. (Researchers: G.C. Pal and R.P. Mamgain)

The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) is a major national welfare programme to protect the basic rights to pre-school education, healthcare and nutrition of children below the age of six years. The programme is implemented through vast network of Anganwadi Centres (AWC), with particular focus on the underprivileged groups like SC/ST and Muslims. This study focuses on the role of AWCs in the protection of rights of children within the framework of service delivery mechanism and also the implementation process of the ICDS programme with specific focus on the issue of discriminatory practices in the implementation of the programme for the children below six years. The study proposes to address the following issues: How far AWCs are able to protect and promote the 'positive freedoms' of children below six years? Do all the children irrespective of caste, religion, class, etc. have access to services provided by AWCs? Are the children of all social groups treated fairly in the process of implementation of the programme? To what extent Dalits and Muslims have 'a meaningful participation' in the implementation of programme? What problems AWCs face in the implementation of the programme and also the problems in addressing the needs of children? What are the best practices of inclusion in the implementation of the programme? The study, thus, focuses on availability, access, participation and treatment with regard to children of Dalits and other socially disadvantaged sections, in the process of implementation of nutrition, health and education services under the ICDS scheme.

**iii. Inclusion in Total Sanitation Campaign.** Conducted by *Social Exclusion and Discrimination Studies Unit*. (Researchers: R.P. Mamgain, P.M. Kulkarni and Soumya Kapur)

Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) was launched in 1999 by the Department of Drinking Water Supply, under the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. Data shows that lack of sanitation facilities have led to loss of lives among children and adults, particularly in rural areas. Most of these victims belong to SC/ST and Muslim communities, who live in poor health and hygiene conditions. This research study focuses on the extent to which TSC is community-led and community-driven and also how inclusive is the programme for the marginalised communities, especially Dalits, Adivasis Muslims. This study aims to address the access and

participation of these communities, identifies gaps in the service delivery, and assesses the role of TSC in strengthening social inclusion of these communities. It also strives to understand an accurate, current and ground level view of how, where and to what extent discrimination and exclusion operates in the TSC programme.

- iv. Policy and Best Practices of Inclusion in Health, Education, Water and Sanitation.** Conducted by *Gender and Social Exclusion Studies Unit*. (Researchers: Sukhadeo Thorat and Nidhi Sadana Sabharwal)

This study maps out the best practices being followed in the implementation of food security, nutrition, health, education and sanitation with an objective to develop inclusive policies that can safeguard these groups from susceptibility to exclusion, discrimination and poverty.

***Summaries of Independent On-going Projects***

- 1. Political Factors, Government Spending and Agricultural Growth and Poverty Linkages, Phase II** (Conducted by *Social Exclusion and Discrimination Studies Unit* with support from International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington DC, USA. (Researchers: Sukhadeo Thorat and Firdaus F. Rizvi)

The long term trend over a 50-year period (from 1951-52 to 1990-2000) reveals three distinct phases, namely early 1950s-1970s during which poverty fluctuated without any clear trends. Secondly, 1970-1990s where a steady reduction in poverty occurred and lastly the 1990s during which the poverty tended to decline faster. It is in this context, the study focuses on the extent to which political factors and government policies have an impact on agricultural growth and poverty reduction during a period of five decades since Independence.

- 2. Dalit Women in Indian Politics: Making Impact through Parliament.** Conducted by *Gender and Social Exclusion Studies Unit* with support from International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada. (Researchers: Nidhi Sadana Sabharwal and L. David Lal)

This proposal builds on the previous IDRC supported research support project on Dalit women rights and citizenship in India which presented selected evidence on the nature and forms of caste-based discrimination suffered by Dalit women in access to sources of livelihood, social needs and political participation. The proposed research project focuses on political participation and representation of Dalit women in India by understanding the level of participation, representation, and role in national government including cabinet, parliament and ministries.

4. **Study on Social Exclusion and Poverty Linkages: A Study on General and Discriminated related Factors Determining Access to Government Schemes for Employment, Agriculture Land, Forest, Health and Food.** Conducted by *Gender and Social Exclusion Studies Unit* with support from DFID, UK. (Researchers: Sukhadeo Thorat, Nidhi Sadana Sabharwal, Karimullaha and Dilip Diwakar)

This study proposes to identify different forms and nature of discrimination in the Schemes/Acts targeted under flagship schemes i.e. MNREGS, Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (FRA), Revenue Land, Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), ICDS and Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDM) in PACS focal states. Further, this study will analyse whether the provisions of the Acts/Schemes are sufficient and sensitive to ensure non-discriminatory access to all social groups. This study will be carried out in selected districts of the seven PACS targeted states. It will examine discrimination in terms of caste, ethnicity, religion, gender and disability. The study will provide an in-depth knowledge and understanding on different aspects of discrimination and illustrate how government Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) can play an effective role in addressing these issues.

5. **Social Inclusion and Social Protection of Workers in the Informal Economy and of Vulnerable Groups:** A Study in four Countries Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India and Nepal in partnership with ODI, UK. Conducted by *Gender and Social Exclusion Studies Unit* with support from European Union (EU). (Researchers: Nidhi Sadana Sabharwal, Ajaya Kumar Naik and Kaniyha Singh)

The study focuses on generating a solid evidence base on the extent to which social protection is (or isn't) effectively reducing poverty among groups of the poorest – specifically informal workers but also other vulnerable groups. It will effectively use this evidence to influence national social protection policy and programming in the four countries. It will draw relevant policy and implementation lessons for regional and international audiences on how social protection can support progress towards poverty reduction and social inclusion for informal workers and vulnerable groups in rural and urban areas across stable, fragile and post-conflict countries. In India, the study will assess the effectiveness of the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) on the access and utilisation of health services by the informal workers, specifically from SC/ST groups. The study will also probe to what extent the RSBY programme has succeeded in minimising the extent and form of social discrimination.

### **Research Proposals Submitted**

#### ***Nidhi Sadana Sabharwal***

1. Social Inclusion and Social Protection of Workers in the Informal Economy and of Vulnerable Groups at Community Level: A Study in four Countries Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India and Nepal in partnership with ODI, UK, August, 2010, Submitted to European Commission.
2. IIDS Vision, Objectives, Work Plan and Budget for IDRC Think Tank Grant, July 2010 (with Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat and Dr. R.P. Mamgain). Submitted to IDRC
3. Dalit Women Political Participation in the Parliament, October 2010. Submitted to IDRC
4. Atrocities against Scheduled Castes: A Study on Uttar Pradesh. for Rastriya Mahila Vikas Pariyojna, 2011
5. PACS Proposal for the Study on Discrimination, March 2011, submitted to DFID with Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat

#### ***G.C. Pal***

1. Inclusion in Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS). Submitted to UNICEF in April 2010

2. Mapping Caste-based Atrocities with a focus on Dalit Women. Submitted to Christian Aid, UK
2. Prevalence of Untouchability Practices in Contemporary India: A Study of Identified Atrocity Prone Areas. Submitted to Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi.
3. Situational Assessment of Persons with Disabilities in relation to Water and Sanitation in Jharkhand. Submitted to Water Aid, New Delhi.

***Firdaus F. Rizvi***

1. An Online Course on How to Build a Policy Influence Plan. January 2010. Submitted to GDN.
2. Marginalization of the Fisher Communities in SEZs: A Study of Fisher Community in Mundra Port and Special Economic Zone Limited. March 2010.

***Martin Kamodang***

1. Inclusion in Total Sanitation Campaign. Submitted to UNICEF in April 2010.
2. A study of Local governance in Tribal Areas: A Comparative Study of Governance System with and without PESA Implementation. Submitted to Christian Aid in March 2011.
3. Evaluation of Affirmative Action Policy in Private Sector. Submitted to Christian Aid in March 2011.
4. The Plight of Adivasis Domestic Workers: A Case Study of Delhi. Submitted to Christian Aid in March 2011.

## IV. PUBLICATIONS

IIDS regularly publishes its research output in the form of books, working papers, research articles in journals/books. This year, the Institute published one book, five working papers and six articles. The research faculty of IIDS is currently working on finalising six books and seven working papers. Details of the publications are given below:

### Book

1. *Dalit Alochna ke Tewar*, edited by Vimal Thorat and Suraj Badtiya, IIDS and Anamika Publications, New Delhi

### Forthcoming Books

1. *Caste, Discrimination and Inequality, Essays in Economics and Society*, Sukhadeo Thorat, Oxford University Press
2. *Reader in Dalit Studies*, Sukhadeo Thorat and John Webster
3. *Dalit Art and Imagery*, Gary Michael Tartakov (ed.), Oxford University Press
4. *A Volume on Comparative Literature*, (Hindi) Vimal Thorat and Suraj Bartiya (eds.)
5. *Dalit NGOs in India: Approaches and Strategies*, Nidhi Sadana Sabharwal, Sukhadeo Thorat and Martin Macwan
6. *Baba Mangoo Ram aur Aadi Dharam Mandal Andolan* (Hindi), by Suraj Badtiya

### Working Papers

1. *Caste and Social Exclusion: Issues Related to Concept, Indicators and Measurement*, Sukhadeo Thorat and Nidhi Sadana Sabharwal, IIDS- UNICEF, Vol. II, No. 1, 2010.
2. *Engaging with Caste: Academic Discourses, Identity Politics and Sate Policy*, Surinder S Jodhka, IIDS-UNICEF, Vol. II, No. 2, 2010.

3. *Hostel Schemes for Dalit Students: How Inclusive and Incentive Oriented for Higher Education?* Sobin George and Deeba Naseem, Vol IV, No. 7, 2010.
4. *Exclusion of and Discrimination against the Indigenous Communities: Case Study of the Philippines*, Erlinda Montollo-Burton and Chona R. Echavez, Vol. V, No. 1, 2011.
5. *Addressing Group Inequalities: Social Inclusion Policies in the Great Transformation of Emerging Economies*, Arjan de Haan and Sukhadeo Thorat, Vol. V, No. 2, 2011.
6. *Religious Communities in India: A Development Profile*, Amit Thorat, IIDS-RaD, Vol 02, No. 1, 2011.

#### **Forthcoming Working Papers**

1. *Gendered Risks, Poverty and Vulnerability in India: Case Study of the Indian National Rural Employment Gurantee Act (Madhya Pradesh)*, Rebecca Holmes, Nidhi Sadana Sabhawarwal and Saswatee Rath.
2. *Housing Situations of Social Groups and Poor Households in Selected Districts of Maharashtra and Orissa with Focus on IAY*, Firdaus F. Rizvi.
3. *Labour Market Discrimination in India: Issues in Theory, Methodological Developments and Empirical Evidence*, S. Madheswaran.
4. *Impact of Preferential Policies on Ethnic Minority Groups in China*, Li Xing, Kaiyu, Nuliman Yumiyi and Fengwei Liu.
5. *Caste Atrocities and Social Justice: Critical Issues and Policy Implications*, G.C. Pal and L. David Lal.
6. *Atrocities against Dalits: Observations from Selected Cases*, G.C. Pal, N. Sukumar and L. David Lal.
7. *Religions and Development Synthesis Paper: India*, Surinder S. Jodhka.
8. *In the Footsteps of Ambedkar: Mobility, Identity and Dalit Initiatives for Change*, Surinder S. Jodhka and Tanvi Sirari.



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### IIDS Journals

*Journal of Social Inclusion Studies* is a peer-reviewed inter-disciplinary academic journal that promotes informed debate and contributes to current knowledge and understanding on the nature, forms and consequences of social exclusion and discrimination faced by marginalised groups and the affirmative policies for the development of these groups. The first issue of the journal will come out next year.

*Dalit Asmita*, a quarterly Hindi journal, aims to promote literary work on Dalits and their struggle for identity, emancipation and development. It features short stories, poems and articles published in regional languages and provides academic platform for discussions on Dalit empowerment. Two issues of the journal have already been published this year.

## V. DISSEMINATION AND OUTREACH

IIDS faculty presented research papers in various seminars and conferences during the year 2010-11. The faculty also actively participated in various academic events. The details are as follows:

### **Papers presented by IIDS Researchers in Seminars/Conferences/ Training Programmes**

#### ***Rajendra P. Mamgain***

1. “Tackling High Level Skill Shortages in India”, Policy paper prepared for the *Meeting of G20 Experts on Skills to Meet Global Challenges*, ILO, Geneva, 2010.
2. “Education and Skill Training among Youth by Their Social Groups: Issues and Policy Options”, Seminar on *Employment and Unemployment in India: Dimensions, Challenges and Policy Perspectives*, Institute for Human Development, Eastern Regional Centre, Ranchi, July, 2010.
3. Lead presentations as Member, International Advisory Committee of IRMA-IHD *Project on Informal Employment, Poverty and Growth in India and China*, in Ranchi and Beijing.
4. Keynote address on “From Wage Employment Programmes to Right to Work: Issues and Priorities”, *National Conference on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Guarantee Act: Myths and Realities*, Kumaon University, Almora Campus, December, 2010
5. “Education, Employment and Poverty among SC and ST Households in Rural India”, Paper presented in a *National Symposium on Social Attributes of Exclusion & Poverty in Rural India: Issues for Identification and Inclusive Policy*, Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, January 12-13, 2011.

**G.C. Pal**

1. “Marginality within the Disability: Challenges of Promoting Inclusive Education”, *Annual Conference on Globalization, Educational Change and Reform: Comparative Perspectives*, organized by Comparative Education Society of India, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, November 15-17, 2010.
2. “Violation of Civil Rights and Pattern of Atrocities in Haryana: Issues of Promoting Social Security and Social Justice in Haryana”, *National Seminar on Social Justice and Social Empowerment*, Haryana Institute of Rural Development, Nilokheri (Karnal), Haryana, November 26-27, 2010.
3. “Understanding Environment: A Study of the Urban Poor Children”, *International Conference on Science, Technology and Mathematics Education (ICSTME)*, Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, Mumbai, January 5-9, 2011.
4. “Situating Disability in Poverty Discourse: Looking Beyond Individual Health”, *National Symposium on “Social Attributes of Exclusion & Poverty in Rural India: Issues for Identification and Inclusive Policy”*, Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, January 12-13, 2011.
5. “Mapping Caste-based Atrocities against Dalits: Some Reflections”, *Consultation Meeting with Civil Society Organizations*, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi, January 15, 2011.
6. “Status of Persons with Disabilities across Social Groups”, *Workshop on Diversity in Disability: Challenges and Prospects*, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi, February 22, 2011.
7. “Psychological Dimensions of Caste Conflicts and Their Linkages to Poverty”, *International Workshop on Non-Monetary Dimensions of Poverty*, Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA), Gujarat, March 3, 2011.
8. “Disability and Discourse of Social Exclusion: Looking Beyond Structural Approach”, *International Seminar on Social Exclusion: Meanings and Perspective*, Centre for Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Hyderabad, March 23-25, 2011.

**Nidhi Sadana Sabharwal**

1. “Gendered Poverty and Vulnerability in Rural India: The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act in Madhya Pradesh”, *Social Advisers’ Network*, organised by UNICEF, 2010.
2. “Child Malnutrition in India: Reasons for Variation across Social Groups”, *Seminar on Nutritional Status of Children in India: Trends and Strategies*, organised by the University of Warwick, Institute for Human Development and University of Allahabad, New Delhi, October 18-19, 2010.
3. “Social Protection Policy: Issues related to Concepts”, *Seminar on Social Protection and Human Development in the Era of Post Financial Crisis*, organised by Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), CASS Institute of Economics, ZEF (University of Bonn) and GTZ, Beijing, China, October, 2010.
4. “Persistence Poverty in Lagging Regions of India- Patterns and Causes”, *Convening Meeting* organised by the Agriculture Policy and Statistics Division of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle, USA, November, 2010.
5. “Magnitude and Causes of Persistent Poverty in States Affected by Extremism”, Seminar organised by *Annual Conference of Indian Economic Association*, December, 2010.
6. “Socio-Economic Status of Dalit Women in India”, *Seminar on Minority Issues and Social Exclusion in South, South-East and East Asia: Challenges and State & Civil Society Responses, Positive Practices, Learning’s & Future Tasks*, National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR), New Delhi Working Group on Human Rights (WGHR), New Delhi, December 18, 2010.
7. “Gendered Risks and Vulnerabilities in Rural India”, *Seminar on Social Attributes of Exclusion and Poverty in Rural India: Issues for Identification and Inclusive Policy*, Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, January 12-13, 2011.
8. “Health and Nutrition Status of Dalit Women”, *Conference on Issues and Challenges for Development of Scheduled Caste Women and Children*, Department of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India, January 18-19, 2011.

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9. “Dalit Women and Political Space: Status and Issues related to Their Participation”, *Seminar on Voices for Equity: Minority and Majority in South Asia*, Ryukoku University, Kyoto, Japan, January 22-23, 2011.
10. “Education and Scheduled Caste: Issues related to Poverty, Access and Discrimination”, *Seminar on Social Inclusion*, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi, February 5, 2011.
11. “Inter-Group Inequalities in Malnutrition Status in Rural India: Need for Socially Inclusive Policies”, *IFPRI 2020 Vision International Conference on ‘Leveraging Agriculture for Improving Nutrition and Health’*, New Delhi, February 10-12, 2011.
12. “Dalit Women Rights and Citizenship”, *International Seminar on Social Exclusion- Meaning and Perspectives*, organised by Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Hyderabad, March 23-25, 2011

### ***L. David Lal***

1. “Faith of Minorities at the Margins: An Inquiry into Dalit Conversions in Post-Independent India”, *National Seminar on Minorities and the Margins: Pre-Colonial Encounter and Post-Colonial Discourse*, organised by Programme for Social Discrimination and Exclusion, Jawaharlal Nehru University, February 17-18, 2011.
2. “Violation of Civil Rights and Pattern of Atrocities in Haryana: Issues of Promoting Social Security and Social Justice”, *National Seminar on Social Justice and Social Empowerment*, Haryana Institute of Rural Development, Nilokheri (Karnal), Haryana, November 26-27, 2010.

### ***Dalip Katheria***

1. “Caste-based Discrimination against Dalit Students” *Seminar on Social Inclusion*, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi, February 5, 2011.

### ***Dilip Diwakar***

1. “Relevance of ICDS Programme in Post-liberalisation Period in Addressing the Malnutrition among 0-6 Years Children: A Case Study of Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu, *International Conference*

*on Relevance of Policy Reforms on Development: Challenges before Emerging Economies*, February 24-26, 2011 at DSW, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

**Papers Presented, Keynote Addresses and Memorial Lecture delivered by Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, Managing Trustee, IIDS**

1. Keynote Address: “*National Symposium on Social Attributes for Social Exclusion and Poverty*”, Centre for Social Exclusion, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, January 12, 2011.
2. Kale Memorial Lecture on “Higher Education in India: New Initiatives and New Challenges”, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, January 16, 2011.
3. Keynote Address: “National Seminar on Understanding Marginalised Groups in India”, Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, January 19, 2011.
4. Keynote Address: *Annual Conference of Gujrat Economic Association*, South Gujarat University, January 29, 2011
5. Keynote Address: “Social Inclusion in Agriculture, Nutrition, and Health”, *International Conference on Leveraging Agriculture for Improving Nutrition and Health*, IFPRI, New Delhi, February 10-12, 2011,
6. Keynote Address: *Calcutta Group Seminar*, National Library, Calcutta, February 18-19, 2011.
7. Keynote Address in *Economic Association of Madhya Pradesh*, Ujjain, February 25, 2011.
8. Keynote Address: “Understanding Ambedkar”, Center for Social Science, Calcutta, March 12, 2011.
9. Keynote Address: “Seminar on Social Exclusion”, Center for Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Hyderabad, March 23, 2011.
10. Keynote Address:- “Ambedkarism and Post-century Social Discourse”, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, February 26-27, 2011.

**Participation in Seminars/Conferences/Workshop and Other Academic Meetings**

***Rajendra P. Mamgain***

1. Chaired a session in a *Seminar on Plural Societies and Imperatives of Development: Religions, Communities, Citizenship*, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, April 19, 2010
2. Participated in a *National Consultation on Exclusion of Dalits: Disaster Risk Reduction Interventions-Effective Civil Society Monitoring*, NCDHR, New Delhi, June 18-19, 2010
3. Participated in a *Workshop on Nutritional Status of Children in India: Trends and Strategies*, jointly organised by University of Allahabad, Institute for Human Development and University of Warwick, New Delhi, October 18-19, 2010
4. Chaired a session on 'Labour Migration' at *52nd Annual Conference of The Indian Society of Labour Economics*, Karnatak University, Dharwad, December 18, 2010
5. Chaired a session in a workshop on *Diversity in Disability: Challenges and Prospects*, organised by IIDS, February 22, 2011
6. Chaired a session on 'Caste, Dalits, OBCs and Social Exclusion', in an *International Seminar on Social Exclusion- Meaning and Perspectives*, organised by Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Hyderabad, March 24, 2011
7. Discussant of a session on 'Rural Non-farm Employment', at *Annual Conference of Indian Economic Association*, Chandigarh, December 27, 2010.
8. Discussant in a *Consultation on People's Right to Food and Nutrition*, Oxfam India, New Delhi, March 17-18, 2011.
9. Participated in a *National Workshop on Manual Scavenging and Sanitation*, organised by National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi, March 11, 2011
10. Participated in a Conference on *Issues and Challenges for Development of Scheduled Caste Women and Children*, Department of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India, January 18-19, 2011

11. Participated in *Seminar on Magnitude and Causes of Persistent Poverty in States Affected by Extremism*, organised by Indian Economic Association, December 2010.

**G.C. Pal**

1. Discussants in the two days *National Seminar on 'Ambedkarvad Evam Uttarasati ke Samajik Vimarsh*, Organized by IIDS at Jawaharlal Nehru University, February, 26-27 2011.

**Nidhi Sadana Sabharwal**

1. Discussant in session in the Conference on *Issues and Challenges for Development of Scheduled Caste Women and Children*, Department of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India, January 18-19, 2011
2. Discussant in a session in a workshop on *Diversity in Disability: Challenges and Prospects*, organised by IIDS, February 22, 2011

**Firdaus F. Rizvi**

1. Participated in International Conference on *Dynamics of Rural Transformation in Emerging Economies*, 14-16 April, 2010, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi.
2. Participated in *Plural Societies and Imperatives of Development: Religions, Communities, Citizenship* 19-20 April, 2010, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
3. *Book release Religion, Community and Developments: Changing Contours of Politics and Policy in India*, 19 April, 2010, India International Centre, New Delhi
4. Participated in *Water: The Stuff of Life: Lecture Series*, 12 May 2010, India International Centre, New Delhi.
5. Participated in Lecture on *Regulatory Reforms in India: Focus on Draft Regulatory Reform Bill* by Montek Singh Ahluwalia, 18 May 2010, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
6. Book Release programme on *Nai Shitijo Ki Aur* And *'Samayki Aadamkhor Dhun* by Jai Prakash Leelwan, 5 June 2010, Sahitya Academy, New Delhi.



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7. Participated in 19<sup>th</sup> Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Lecture *on Caste in the Census* by Dr. Gail Omvedt, 15 July 2010, India International Centre, New Delhi.
8. National Seminar on Social Movement in Contemporary India, Council for Social Development, 15-16 July, 2010.
9. Participated in an Interactive Workshop on Special Economic Zones: Cutting under the Roots of *Swaraaj*? 6 August 2010, at Indian Social Institute, New Delhi.
10. Participated in *Second Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture on Remediating Inter-Communal Inequality: A Cross- National Perspective*, 3 January, 2011, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
11. Participated in Workshop on *Measuring Discrimination of Socially Excluded and Marginalised Groups in Government's Flagship Schemes (Under PACS)* 15 January, 2011, India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi
12. Participated in Workshop on *Diversity in Disability: Challenges and Prospects*, 22 February, 2011, India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi
13. Participated in *Ambedkarism and Post-century Social Discourse*, 26-27 February, 2011, , Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
14. Participated in a Lecture on *Weapon of the Oppressed: An Inventory of People's Rights in India* by Manoranjan Mohanty, K.B. Saxena, Gilbert Sebastian and Prashant Trivedi, 4 March 2011, Council for Social Development, New Delhi.

### ***Martin Kamodang***

1. Participated in a seminar on "Plural Societies and Imperatives of Development: Religions, Communities, Citizenship", Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, April 19-20, 2010
2. Participated in the Book Release Function of "*Religion, Community and Developments: Changing Contours of Politics and Policy in India*," 19 April, 2010, India International Centre, New Delhi
3. Participated in the Workshop on *Diversity in Disability: Challenges and Prospects*, 22 February, 2011, India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi

4. Participated in the *Ambedkarism and Post-century Social Discourse*, 26-27 February, 2011, , Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
5. Participated in the book release function of “*Justice Before Reconciliation: Negotiating a ‘New Normal’ in Post-riot Mumbai and Ahmedabad* by Dipankar Gupta” on 28 January, 2011

***L.David Lal***

1. Annual Conference 2010, Comparative Education Society of India on *Globalization, Educational Change and Reform: Comparative Perspectives*, 15-17, November, 2010, ZHCES, SSS, JNU, New Delhi.
2. National Workshop on *The Politics of Inclusion: Textbooks as Site*, 11-12, March, 2011, PSDE, SSS, JNU, New Delhi.
3. National Seminar on *Dalit Movements in India Colonial and Post-Colonial Periods*, 24-26 March, 2010, PSDE, SSS, JNU, New Delhi.
4. Panel Discussion on *Law, Politics and Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Resource Grab, Militarization and the Future of Democracy*, 5 February, 2011, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact at IICC, New Delhi.

***Dalip Katheria***

1. Discussant in the two days *National Seminar on Ambedkarvad Evam Uttarasati ke Samajik Vimarsh* on 26-27, February, 2011, IIDS at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

**Organization of Conferences/ Seminars/Workshops/Meetings at IIDS**

***G.C. Pal***

1. Consultation Meeting with Non-government Organization Partners under IPAP programme to share the findings of the Atrocity Report-2009-10 and Research Proposal on Caste Atrocities-2010-11, August 17, 2010.
2. Training Programme for Filed Investigators for the IIDS-UNICEF research programme on *Social Inclusion in Multiple Spheres*, February 17-21, 2011.
3. Workshop on *Diversity in Disability: Challenges and Prospects*, February 22, 2011, India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi.

**Nidhi Sadana Sabharwal**

1. *Measuring Discrimination of Socially Excluded and Marginalised Groups in Government's Flagship Schemes (Under PACS)*, January 15, 2011, India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi

**Martin Kamodang**

1. Organised the seminar on *Plural Societies and Imperatives of Development: Religions, Communities, Citizenship*, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, April 19-20, 2010.
2. Organised the Book Release Function of *Religion, Community and Developments: Changing Contours of Politics and Policy in India*, 19 April, 2010, India International Centre, New Delhi.
3. Organised the Workshop on *Diversity in Disability: Challenges and Prospects*, 22 February, 2011, India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi.
4. Organised the book release function of *Justice Before Reconciliation: Negotiating a 'New Normal' in Post-riot Mumbai and Ahmedabad* by Dipankar Gupta, 28 January, 2011.

**Other Academic Activities**

**Rajendra P. Mamgain**

1. External examiner of Ph.D and M. Phil dissertations. Examined three theses.
2. Reviewer of articles of academic journals such as Indian Journal of Labour Economics, Indian Economic Journal and Global Labour Journal.
3. Member of M. Sc. Economics Syllabus Revision Committee, Doon University, Dehradun.

**G.C. Pal**

1. Preparation of summary report based on rapporteuring of two sessions (four papers) in the Seminar on "Religion and Development" 19-20 April, 2010.
2. Preparation of a summary paper of the Atrocity Report 2009-10 and submitted to Christian Aid for a circulation among IPAP partners, July, 2010

3. Peer Review of Manuscript of the Research Paper entitled *Blame Game Triangulation between Parents, Teachers and Children with Academic Problems* for the publication in Quarterly Journal *Psychological Studies*, March 14, 2011.
4. Article Caste Discrimination from Psychological Perspectives contributed to *Dalit Asmita*, a quarterly journal of Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, No. 2, January-March issue, 2011.

**Firdaus F. Rizivi**

1. Delivered lecture on “*Rights to Drinking Water and Drudgery of Women*”, IIDS In-house Seminar, June 11, 2010
2. Delivered lecture in a course, titled, 'Resources & Livelihoods' and counseled the students of a Distance Education Programme at the all India level titled 'Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Rural Development' by The National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) and the University of Hyderabad, 22nd of September 2010.
3. Evaluated examination sheets of the students of 'Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Rural Development' of National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) and the University of Hyderabad.
4. Rapporteurs for the Session on Environmental Services and Energy in an International Conference on Dynamics of Rural Transformation in Emerging Economies, April 14-16, 2010, Auditorium of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, NASC Complex, DPS Marg, Pusa, New Delhi - 110 012.
5. Rapporteurs for the Session: Status of Persons with disabilities across Social Groups, in a workshop on *Diversity in Disability: Challenges and Prospects*, February 22, 2011, India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi.
6. Rapporteurs for the Session on Human Poverty Gender and Caste Discrimination a National Seminar on *Dalit Women Rights and Citizenship in India* at Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on Friday, March 19, 2010.

**Dalip Katheria**

1. Article 'Ghumantu Vimukt Janjati Samudaya: Ek Drushti', Published in Fortnightly newspaper *Mukhar Patrika* August, 2010.
2. Poetry Published in Various Magazines like Hasiya ki Awaz, Mukhar Patrika, Dalit Asmita.

3. Collection and compilation of articles for the quarterly Hindi Journal 'Dalit Asmita', Indian Institute of Dalit Studies.

### **Policy Dialogues/Meetings**

The research output from various programmes and projects carried out by IIDS form the basis of its policy inputs to various ministries of central and state governments, policy making bodies, bilateral and multilateral donor agencies, civil society organisations, etc. Some of the important policy related meetings attended by IIDS faculty in 2010-11 are mentioned below:

#### ***Rajendra P. Mamgain***

1. Consultation meeting of the State Planning Commission, Government of Uttarakhand on Development Challenges in Uttarakhand, October, 2010
2. Consultation meeting of the Planning Commission on Disability for the 12th Year Plan, January 12, 2011
3. Preparatory meeting of Result Framework Plan of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, February 3, 2011
4. Brainstorming meeting on Engaging Think Tanks in India, Planning Commission and Ford Foundation, New Delhi, February 9, 2011
5. Syllabus Revision Committee Meeting for Five Year Integrated M.Sc. Programme in Economics, Doon University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, February 2011

#### ***Nidhi Sadana Shabrawal***

1. Brainstorming meeting on Engaging Think Tanks in India, Planning Commission and Ford Foundation, New Delhi, February 9, 2011

#### ***G.C. Pal***

1. Consultation meeting on Disability for the Planning Commission for the 12th Year Plan, January 12, 2011, Organized by Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO), New Delhi

#### ***Firdaus F. Rizvi***

1. Government Concessions, Subsidies, Tax exemptions and other subsidies to the private sector industries by the Central and State Government, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, May 6, 2010.

## Dissemination Seminars/Workshops Lectures and Book Releases by IIDS

### Seminars

***Plural Societies and Imperatives of Development: Religions, Communities, Citizenship***, April 19-20, 2010, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

While questions of development and citizenship in relation to culture and religious belief of communities have become important in the public and political spheres, social science research on the subject is still at nascent stage. As an engagement on this issue, the India chapter of the



Religions and Development (RaD) research programme organised a two-day seminar where some of the research carried out by the RaD researchers was presented along with other presentations on related subjects by various scholars.

***Ambedkarism and Post-century Social Discourse***, February 26-27, 2011, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

The two-day national seminar, spread over six sessions, saw robust discussions on Dalit literature and Dalit issues. The first issue of Dalit Asmita, a quarterly Hindi journal published by IIDS, was released during the occasion by Uday Prakash, eminent Hindi writer and Om prakash Valmiki, noted Dalit



writer in the presence of Managing Trustee of IIDS and Chairman, UGC, Prof. S. K. Thorat, IIDS Director Dr. R. P. Mamgain, and Editor of the journal Prof. Vimal Thorat.

### ***Workshops***

***Faith-based Organisations, Values and Mobilisation for Development, April 23, 2010***, Manuski Conference Centre, Yerawada, Pune

The workshop was organised in association with the Religions and Development (RaD) Research Programme, University of Birmingham and Manuski, Pune, to contemplate on the potential of Faith Based Organisations (FBOs) as agents of development and change. Major areas of discussion were (i) relationships between religious values and development concepts and practices – FBO interventions on education, (ii) development activities, values and performance of FBOs and NGOs, and (iii) role of faith communities in contemporary social movements. The workshop was attended by 56 leaders and officials from FBOs, CSOs, academic institutions and government bodies.

***Measuring Discrimination of Socially Excluded and Marginalised Groups in Government's Flagship Schemes (Under PACS)***, January 15, 2011, India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi



This workshop was organised in collaboration with IFIRST Consortium to trace the process of social exclusion which restrains access to sources of income, social needs and access to the Government flagship programmes like MGNREGS, Janani Suraksha Yojana, MDMS, Land Revenue Act, Forest Right Acts, etc.



***Diversity in Disability: Challenges and Prospects***, February 22, 2011,  
India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi



The objective of this workshop was to share the major findings of the study 'Dalits with Disability' which IIDS conducted under the IPAP Programme with the support from Christian Aid UK. The workshop was attended by government official including Deputy Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of India, academicians, physicians, teachers, members of civil society organisations and other eminent persons working in this area. Dr. G.C. Pal shared the major findings of study and other invited speakers presented a diverse issues on disability. The workshop addressed the status of persons with disabilities and emerging challenges in their lives, while also raising concerns on the need for further investigation and policy planning into the issue.

### ***Book Releases***

***Religion, Community and Developments: Changing Contours of Politics and Policy in India***, April 19, 2010, India International Centre, New Delhi

The book is the first under the series, Religion, Communities and Development: Changing Contours of Politics and Policy in India, edited by Gurpreet Mahajan



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and Surinder S. Jodhka. The book was released by Prof. Sayeeda Hamid, Member, Planning Commission and Trustee of IIDS. The book launch was attended by senior academicians, media persons, policymakers and scholars.



***Satta Sanskriti Aur Dalit Sondaryashastra***, August 14, 2010, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

The book, *Satta Sanskriti Aur Dalit Sondary-ashastra* was written by Dr. Suraj Badtiya, a Fellow at IIDS and was published by Anamika Publications. The book was released by Om Prakash Valmik and Prof. Nityananda Tiwari. The book launch was attended by senior academicians, media persons, policymakers and scholars.



***Justice Before Reconciliation: Negotiating a 'New Normal' in Post-riot Mumbai and Ahmedabad***, Dipankar Gupta, January 28, 2011, Committee Room, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

The book is based on the research conducted by author Dipankar Gupta for the Religions and Development (RaD) research programme of the University of Birmingham. It has been published by Routledge, New Delhi, in their series on 'Religion and Citizenship'



edited by Prof. Surinder S. Jodhka. The book was released by Retd. Justice J. S. Verma. On this occasion a panel discussion was also organised, which saw the participation of Prof. Upendra Baxi and veteran journalist Dileep Padgaonkar.

### **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture**

***Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture on “Remedying Inter-Communal Inequality: A Cross-National Perspective”***, January 3, 2011, School of Social Sciences Auditorium, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi



Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture on “*Remedying Inter-Communal Inequality: A Cross-National Perspective*” was delivered by William Darity Jr., Professor of Economics, Duke University, USA at SSS Auditorium, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on January 3, 2011. Prof. S K Thorat, Chairman, University Grants Commission chaired the lecture. Several distinguished guests from academics and public life were present at the event.

### **Training Programme**

**Training Programme for Field Investigators**, February 17-21, 2011,  
Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi



Indian Institute of Dalit Studies organised a 5-day training programme for 25 field investigators for a large-scale field survey under the IIDS-UNICEF research programme on “Social Inclusion in Multiple Spheres”. Resource person from IIDS as well as other organizations discussed on various methodological issues and tools and data collection, and oriented the field investigator on processes of carrying out field survey.

### **IIDS in-house Lectures**

IIDS promotes in-house lectures on contemporary issues of social exclusion, deprivation and human poverty. In 2010-11, following lectures of distinguished academicians were organised by IIDS:

- › *Caste, Cultural Identity and Well Being: The Missing Link of Stigma* by Shushrut Jadav, University College of London, U.K., March 11, 2011
- › *Workshop on Method of Measurement of Discrimination: Statistical Techniques* by Prof. Vani Borooah, Professor of Applied Economics, University of Ulster, Northern Ireland, January 10, 2011

- › *Concept and Theory of Discrimination* by Prof. William Darity Jr., Professor of Economics, Duke University, USA, January 4, 2011
- › *Youth Responses to Human Rights Education in India* by Dr. Monisha Bajaj, Assistant Professor of Education, Department of International and Trans-Cultural Studies at Teachers College, Columbia University, August 11, 2010
- › *Power and Rational Choice Theory in understanding the Exclusion of the Marginalized Communities in India* by Prof. David Mosse, School of Oriental and African Studies, U.K., July 1, 2010
- › *Panchayati Raj System and the Participation of Muslims*, by Dr. Craig Johnson, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, June 30, 2010
- › *Digital Tool for Data Collection and Analysis* by Dr. K.S. Gopal, Centre for Environment Concerns, Hyderabad, April 30, 2010
- › *Addressing Group Inequalities: Social Inclusion Policies in China and India's Rural Transformation* by Dr. Arjan de Hann, Senior Lecturer, Social Policy, Institute of Social Sciences, The Hague, Netherland, April 13, 2010

### **IIDS Library**

IIDS library is an exclusive research and reference library with a sizeable collection of books, government documents and publications. Besides books on various social science subjects, the library has a substantial collection of statistical publications and survey reports, for example, National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), National Family Health Survey (NFHS), Population Census, Economic Census, and Economic Survey. The library has a collection of about 950 books and 750 reports on various subjects, including a comprehensive collection on Dalits and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. A number of working papers and discussion papers of other organisations and institutions are also available. The library is widely accessed by academics, researchers and activists from India and abroad. All the library functions are fully automated using library management software (KOHA). Bibliographical details of library collections are accessible through Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) within LAN.

### **Data Support**

Dalit studies in India suffer from paucity of data and also from lack of a centralised database. IIDS has created Data Unit and Documentation Centre with the capacity of processing and analysing large data sets, both primary and secondary data from NSSO, NFHS, etc, for facilitating research. Besides, data are also available on various aspects related to marginalised communities in India. IIDS has developed a detailed all-India and state level database for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Castes, and other religious groups. These data have been widely used by academicians, students, government agencies, bilateral agencies, national and international NGOs, activists and others.

### **Website Dissemination**

IIDS website is one of the major channels of dissemination of its research output. Abstracts of books, working papers and details of research programmes are available and accessible on the website. All working papers are uploaded regularly and can be downloaded free of cost. Our website can be accessed at: <http://www.dalitstudies.org.in>.

## **VI. PARTNERSHIPS**

IIDS has been collaborating with a large number of institutions, organisations, universities, development agencies, government organisations and NGOs through various programmes and projects. Some of these organisations are as follows:

### **Government of India**


Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment  
Ministry of Rural Development  
Planning Commission  
Ministry of Women and Child Development  
Government of Maharashtra  
Government of Gujarat


### **International Organisations**

University of Princeton  
University of Birmingham  
Ford Foundation  
Christian Aid  
Cord Aid  
International Development Research Center  
United Nation Development Programme  
International Labour Organisation  
UNICEF  
International Food Policy Research Institute  
Action Aid  
International Dalit Solidarity Network  
International NGO Partnership Programme  
Overseas Development Institute, UK





## VII. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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NAME OF THE PUBLIC CHARITABLE TRUST : INDIAN INSTITUTE OF DALIT STUDIES																							
REGISTRATION NO. : E / 15596 / A/BAD																							
<p>We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of Indian Institute of Dalit Studies as at March 31, 2011 and also the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date annexed thereto. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Trust. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.</p> <p>We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statements presentation. We believe that our audit provides reasonable basis for our opinion.</p> <p>We report that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.</li><li>2 In our opinion proper books of account as required by law have been kept by Indian Institute of Dalit Studies so far as it appears from our examination of those books.</li><li>3 The Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account.</li><li>4 The Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure account dealt with by this Report are prepared in accordance with the Accounting standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.</li><li>5 In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said accounts give the information required by the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950, in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India.</li></ol> <p>( a ) in the case of Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of Indian Institute of Dalit Studies as at March 31, 2011 and ( b ) in the case of the Income and Expenditure Account, of the excess of expenditure over income for the year ended on that date.</p> <p>In addition there to, we have to further report that:</p> <table border="0"><tbody><tr><td>1 The accounts are maintained regularly and in accordance with the provision of the Act and the Rules.</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>2 The Receipts and disbursements are properly and correctly shown in the Account.</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>3 The cash Balance and vouchers are in the custody of the manager or Trustee on the date of audit and are in agreement with the accounts.</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>4 Books, Deeds, Accounts, vouchers and other documents and records required by us were produced before us.</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>5 The inventory, certified by the Trustees of the moveable properties of the Trust has been maintained.</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>6 The manager / Trustee appeared before us and furnished the necessary information required by us.</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>7 The property of Funds of the Trust were not applied for any object or purpose other than the objects or purpose of the Trust.</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>8 The amounts outstanding for more than one year are Rs. 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<b>INDIAN INSTITUTE OF DALIT STUDIES</b> TRUST REGD.NO. : E / 15896 / AHMEDABAD BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH 2011			
PARTICULARS	ANNEXURE	2010-2011	2009-2010
<b><u>FUNDS AND LIABILITIES</u></b>			
TRUST FUNDS OR CORPUS	I	✓ 7239046	6666604
OTHER EARMARK FUND	II	20313226	18688120
UNUTILISED GRANT	III	✓ 6936445	6555860
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34488717</b>	<b>31910584</b>
<b><u>ASSETS AND PROPERTIES</u></b>			
FIXED ASSETS	V	3691928	2066824
LOANS AND ADVANCES	VI	-1005962	1036547
CURRENT ASSETS	VII	✓ 29790827	26700667
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	IV	0	2106546
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34488717</b>	<b>31910584</b>
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<b>INDIAN INSTITUTE OF DALIT STUDIES</b> <b>TRUST REGD.NO. : E / 15896 / AHMEDABAD</b> <b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2010 TO 31ST MARCH 2011</b>			
PARTICULARS	ANNEXURE	2010-2011	2009-2010
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
GRANT & DONATION INCOME	VIII	24006696	25864884
OTHER INCOME	IX	43789	106761
INTEREST INCOME	X	2065339	1614765
DEFICIT OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	IV	0	267765
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>26115824</b>	<b>27854175</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>			
RENT EXPENSES	XI	462036	169518
AUDIT FEES	XII	82726	144626
CHARITY COMMISSIONER CONTRIBUTION	XIII	0	50000
EXPENDITURE ON OBJECTS OF THE TRUST	XIV	20331093	19540102
ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES	XV	749887	1454199
DEPRECIATION	V	763284	455506
TRANSFER TO ASSET FUND	XVI	-1532791	356785
TRANSFER TO CORPUS / ENDOWMENT FUND	XVI	572442	530570
TRANSFER TO EARMARK FUNDS	XVI	2580602	5152869
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	-	2106546	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>26115824</b>	<b>27854175</b>
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