

PROFILE OF SHIV CHARAN MATHUR SOCIAL POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Social Policy Research Institute (SPRI) was founded in 1985 with a view to undertaking research on social and economic policies, and evaluating the impact of programmes and projects initiated by the Government. The aim is to provide a system to help Government in policy formulation and initiating / modifying on-going development programmes.

(a) Buildings:

The Institute is located in the prestigious Jhalana Institutional Area, Jaipur which is fast emerging as a well laid out institutional complex. This area accommodates a large number of educational, social and administrative Institutes. It is about 8 Km from the Jaipur Airport and the Railway Station.

Built in a land area of about 2000 square meters, the elegant building of the Institute has a floor area of over 18000 square feet presently. Eventually, the constructed area is proposed to be 45000 square feet.

The building design of the Institute is evolved around a central octagonal, open to sky, courtyard which is devised as a central space to provide visual as well as formal inter-connections at all floors and will act as a circulation gallery with an imposing colonnade, connecting the various facilities planned at different levels. The building has facilities like administrative offices, research departments, conference auditorium, seminar rooms and library.

(b) Library

The library of the Institution contains a large number of books and periodicals needed for social policy research, analysis and reference. The Institute's library has a collection of over 7000 volumes and Government publications, which include reference books, annual reports, reviews and other important publications of the Government of India and the State Government.

There are reference books published by the State Government, Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Statistical Abstracts, Basic Statistics, District-wise statistical

outlines, the Census of India Publications, the District Census Books of Rajasthan, 1981 & 1991, CD ROMs of 2001 Census. The library also contains the District Gazetteers of all the districts of Rajasthan published so far, Annual State Budgets, Annual Administration Reports and other publications of Government Departments and Public Sector undertakings.

(c) Seminar Rooms and Conference Halls (2)

The Institute has a very popular a seminar and a conference hall which a sitting capacity of 100 and 300 respectively. The halls are fully equipped with audio visual equipments and air-conditioned.

(d) Computer Lab

The computer lab is well equipped with latest hardware and software programmes and Internet facilities. The Institute has a Local Area Network (LAN) with WIN NT platform with accessibility to fast speed Internet round the clock.

Institute has all the modern facilities required for facilitating research Computers, Softwares (SPSS, SASS, MS-Excel, MS-Access, Ethnograph, Anthropac, GIS, CDS ISIS etc.). Apart from this all the computers are virus protected through latest Quick Heal Antivirus total security

Faculty

The Institute has eminent faculties on its roster, Dr. Sudhir Varma, IAS, (Retd.) heads the research team as Director and is suitably supported by sectoral experts. The experts have a rich experience of working with national and international developmental agencies and various government departments. The experts are ably assisted by well qualified and trained team of researchers.

<i>Honorary Members of Executive Committee</i>	
Padma Bhushan Prof. V.S. Vyas	Eminent Agriculture Economist, Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister Central Board of Director of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
Smt. Aruna Roy	Noted Social Activist and Magsaysay Awardee for Community Leadership

Shri B.K. Zutshi, IAS (Retd.)	Former Indian Ambassador to WTO	
Shri Arvind Singal	President, Wolkem India Ltd., Udaipur	
<i>Faculty Members</i>		
Dr. Sudhir Varma, IAS (Retd.)	Director	Ph.D. (Gender Studies)
Shri Manish Tiwari	Joint Director	M.Sc. (Anthropology) MBA
Shri R.S. Rathore	Consultant	M.Sc., B.Ed., M.Ed.
Dr. Virendra Narain	Consultant	Ph.D (International Relations)
Dr. Manit Sharma	Consultant	Ph.D (Education)
Shri Umakant Ojha	Consultant	M.Sc., B.Ed., M.Ed.
Shri Vinod Kewalramani	Incharge (IT)	M.A. (Pub.Ad) PGDBA, DCA
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Shri Pradeep Sharma	Research Fellow	M.A. (Public Administration)
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Shri Yogesh Cheepa	Research Assistant	M.A. (Sociology), MARD
Shri Ranveer Singh	Research Assistant	M.A. (Sociology), PGDRD

Research Profile

The Institute has been able to make a mark in the realm of Policy Research with its research endeavors in the last few years. The Institute has been entrusted by international and national agencies of high repute like the Planning Commission of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, State Government Departments, World Bank, UNDP, UNICEF to carry out an in-depth probe on issues of development concern.

Recent Research Studies

Planning Commission of India

- State Development Report for Rajasthan (2003)
- Study on Historical Perspective of the Development of Rajasthan's Economy (2004)
- Study on Inter-Regional Economic Inequalities in Rajasthan (2005)
- The Mid Term Appraisal of the XI Five Year Plan (2010)

Education

- A Study on Students Attendance in Primary and Upper Primary Schools in Rajasthan (2006-07)
- Study of Effectiveness of Block Resource Centres and Cluster Resource Centres in Providing Academic Support and Supervision to Elementary Schools in Himachal Pradesh (2008)
- Study of Effectiveness of Block Resource Centres and Cluster Resource Centres in Providing Academic Support and Supervision to Elementary Schools in Rajasthan (2008)
- Study of Effectiveness of Block Resource Centres and Cluster Resource Centres in Providing Academic Support and Supervision to Elementary Schools in Madhya Pradesh (2008)
- Role and Effectiveness of DEO in the Enrichment of Elementary Education in Rajasthan (2009)
- Study of the role of VEC in school management and supervision in the context of SSA in Punjab (2010)
- Second Half Yearly (2009-10) Monitoring Report for the period of 01.04. 2010 to 30.09. 2010 on SSA and MDM for the state of Rajasthan in Tonk and Sawai Madhopur districts.
- Study of Mid Day Meal Scheme in Rajasthan (Covering two districts - Tonk and Sawai Madhopur) (2010)
- First Half Yearly (2010-11) Monitoring Report for the period of 01.10.2010 to 31.03.2011 on SSA and MDM for the state of Rajasthan in Jaipur, Bhilwara and Bundi districts.
- Second Half Yearly (2010-11) Monitoring Report for the period of 01.04.2011 to 30.09.2011 on SSA and MDM for the state of Rajasthan in Karauli, Dausa and Sirohi districts.
- First Half Yearly (2011-12) Monitoring Report for the period of 01.10.2011 to 31.03.2012 on SSA and MDM for the state of Rajasthan in Kota and Jhalawar.
- Second Half Yearly (2011-12) Monitoring Report for the period of 1.04.2012 to 30.09.2012 on SSA and MDM for the state of Rajasthan in Tonk and Sawai Madhopur districts.

- Study on Identification of Discriminatory Practices and their impact on Retention and Learning in Schools. (2011)
- Study on Assessment of Facilities for primary and upper primary Education in Muslim pre-dominant areas in the context of 3 states (Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat) (2012)
- Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan Monitoring activities in Rajasthan for 10 districts for Ministry of Human Resource Development, Gol (2010-2012)
- A Study on the Impact of NPEGEL Element on Girls for Government of Rajasthan (2012)
- Annual Work Plan & Budget, 2013-2014 for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyaan (RMSA), Rajasthan (2013)

Health

- District Action Plans under RCH II for eight districts of Rajasthan (2005)
- District Action Plans under National Rural Health Mission for eight districts of Rajasthan (2007)
- Study on Determinants of Workforce Availability and Performance of Specialists and General Duty Medical Officers in Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Jharkhand (2010)

Renewable Energy

- A Pilot Study on developing best practices for Evolving Sustainable Energy Supply To Rural Inhabitants (2008)
- Fences for Fuel and Indoor Pollution Studies in Viratnagar Area (2008)

Gender Issues

- A Study on Assessing the Situation of Women Litigants in the Revenue Courts in Rajasthan and the Need for Sensitization of Revenue Officials (2006-07)
- A Study on Two-Child Norm, Female Foeticide and the Missing Girls of Rajasthan (2006-07)
- A Study on Attitudinal Difference towards Girl Child in Rajasthan (2007)
- Study on Status of Women Representatives in Urban Local Bodies of Rajasthan (2011)
- Analyzing the Strengths and Weaknesses of Women Representatives in Panchayati Raj Institutions to improve their participation (2011)

Panchayati Raj & Local Bodies

- Need Assessment of Urban Local Bodies & Panchayati Raj Institutions in Rajasthan, sponsored by Fourth State Finance Commission, Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur (2012)

- Status and Role of Women Representatives in Panchayati Raj Institutions - sponsored by Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Germany (2011)
- Developing Training Modules for the Elected Representatives in the Panchayati Raj in Rajasthan sponsored by Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Germany (2012)

Others

- A compendium of papers for the Seminar on Oil, Gas & Lignite Scenario With Special Reference To Rajasthan on (2005)
- Mid Term Evaluation for the Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) Haryali-I in Sawai Madhopur (2006)
- Baseline Survey of 10 PS under the Cleanliness Programme in Karauli (2006)
- Evaluation of Franchisee System (2007)
- Mid Term Evaluation of DPAP in Bamla Block of Baran district (2007)
- A Study on Sustainable Agriculture in Rajasthan (2010)
- Study of Integrated Child Development Scheme in Rajasthan (2010)
- Inter Regional Inequalities in Rajasthan (2010)
- Impact of Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) (A Study of Tonk District in Rajasthan) (2011)
- Agriculture Scenario in Rajasthan (2011)
- Role and Status of Women Cultivators in Rajasthan (2011)

Ongoing Research Studies

- Third Party Monitoring of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyaan (RMSA) under secondary education in 10 Districts of Rajasthan - sponsored by MoHRD/ EdCIL, New Delhi
- Monitoring of SSA Activities in Elementary Schools in 12 Districts of Rajasthan - sponsored by MoHRD/ EdCIL, New Delhi (2013-2018)
- District Action Plan for Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) for 4 districts of Rajasthan (Karauli, Sawai Madhopur, Jhalawar & Tonk) sponsored by Department of Panchayat Raj, Government of Rajasthan
- Assessment of Facilities Available for Primary and Upper Primary Education in Tribal Pre-dominant Areas for the state Rajasthan sponsored by MoHRD/ EdCIL, New Delhi and coordinating agency NUEPA, New Delhi
- Elementary Education in Rajasthan : Problems and Issues of Governance - A Critical Assessment sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi

Recent Workshops and Seminars

- Seminar on converging Reproductive Health & Family Planning Programmes with National AIDS control programmes in Rajasthan (2009)
- Dissemination Seminar on State of Elementary Education in Rajasthan, May 27, 2009.
- Seminar on “Use of Bio-technology for improving production of Non-Edible Oil Seed Crops as a renewable source of Energy (2009)
- Seminar on State of Elementary Education in Rajasthan (2010)
- Seminar on converging Reproductive Health & Family Planning Programmes with National AIDS control programmes in Rajasthan (2010)
- Two-day workshop on elected Women Sarpanchs’ Vision of Gender Equity and Development held on November 28-29, 2010 in collaboration with National Commission for Women, New Delhi.
- Two-day workshop on Introducing Renewable Energy to Panchayati Raj Elected Women Representatives held on 19-20 May, 2011 in collaboration with Ministry of Non Renewable Energy, Government of India, New Delhi.
- Work shop on Challenges in Human Resource Management in the Health Sector, on 14th October 2011
- Workshop on An Evaluation of Strengths and Weaknesses of Women Representatives in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in Rajasthan, December 05, 2011
- seminar on the Role of Women in Mohallah Committees in partnership with the Rajasthan Police Academy on 10th October, 2012
- Annual Lecture Series: A Lecture on ‘Decline and Fall of the Civil Services in India - The Role of the Political Masters’ was delivered by Shri Mani Shankar Aiyer, MP, on August 03, 2013

Publication

A Journal of the Shiv Charan Mathur Social Policy Research Institute. It is a part of the endeavour of the Institute to develop as a Centre of Excellence in the field of social science research. The mission of the Institute is to assess and analyze public policies for their impact on the people through research and dialogue. There have been a number of important researches done and seminars held in the Institute on contemporary issues.

SPRI VISION

Water Conservation and Drought Proofing : Issues and Perspectives in Rajasthan	Vol.1 No.1 Seminar Issue Jan-June, 2005
Disaster Management in Rajasthan	Vol.1 No.2 Seminar Issue July-Dec, 2005
Energy Sector in Rajasthan - Strategies and Policy Options	Vol.1 No.1 Seminar Issue Jan-June, 2006
Wetlands and Their Conservation: Strategies and Policy Options with Special Reference to Rajasthan	Vol.2 No.2 Sp. Seminar Issue July-Dec, 2007
Shiv Charan Mathur the Man and His Vision of Rajasthan	Special Issue July 2009
State of Elementary Education in Rajasthan	Special Issue January, 2010
State of Agriculture and Allied Sectors in Rajasthan	Special Issue July, 2010

MONOGRAPH

Violence Against Dalit Women in Rajasthan	Volume 1 August, 2010
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Registrations, Recognitions & Affiliations:

- Rajasthan Societies Registration Act, 1958, Regn. No. 329/85-86
- Foreign Contributions Regulations Act, 1976 Regn. No. 12556056
- Exemption under section 80-G of the Income Tax Act., 1961

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