



Decentralization Community Update 96 August 2015



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Dear Members,

We are happy to share the 96th Update on Decentralization Community of Practice!

With this update we bring news on: India strives towards 17 UN goals; Launch of 'SAMANVAY' for Gram Panchayats by Ministry of Rural Development; Government to spend Rs 19,000cr more on social sector over Budget estimates; Direct release of wages to MGNREGA workers; Government set to revamp rural skill development programmes; Task force to study migration impact; Skill training could be the next fundamental right; Rural poor may get 90% more funds to build houses under new scheme; 35 per cent urban India is BPL, says unreleased data; Amendment to Haryana Panchayati Act to fix minimum educational criteria to contest panchayat polls; Karwar taluk topped in Uttara Kannada district in HDI; Digitization of ration cards in 26 states to plug PDS leakage; Civil societies endorse access to legal services to sex workers, transgenders; Rural women beat urban counterparts to use social security schemes; Plan to bring social security schemes under 1 roof; Panchayats in MP setting example of girl empowerment.

We also share some readings, web links and articles/reports on: Why Kerala is a development model and Uttar Pradesh a basket case; New Report: MGNREGA Sameeksha II - An Anthology of Research Studies (2012-2014); Constitutional conversations on Adivasi rights; Rethinking food security and hunger-The Millennium Development Goals Report 2015, Key Indicators of Social Consumption in India: Education by NSSO; Census Data on Disabled Population; Analysing the Structural Change and Growth Relationship in India; Global Sustainable Development Report, 2015 edition; Women's Cooperative Societies in Kerala; Justice System in Crisis: The Case of Under-trials Prisoners in India.

Some of the events that took place in the past were: Role of Private Sector in Skills Development for Fostering Inclusive Markets; Dialogue on Youth for Development; Implementation of Forest Rights Act 2006; Strengthening Women's Leadership in Panchayat for Community Action.

Readers are requested to participate in the events of their interest which are scheduled in the coming months like: Training programme on Geographical Information System (GIS) and on Social Impact Assessment; Demystifying Government Budgets; Capacity Building and Management Development Programme (MDP).

We are sharing links to the updated [Consolidated replies](#) and [Community Updates](#). The link to the online membership is <http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/signup>.

We thank all the members for contributing towards this edition and hope this update would be interesting.

Regards,
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Community Activities

Closed Query

- **Discussion: New National Education Policy** by Shakila Shamsu, Officer on Special Duty (NEP), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India

Since the modification in the National Education Policy in 1992, several changes have taken place in the Education System of the country necessitating a revision of the existing education policy. To accommodate those changes and to meet the changing requirements with regard to quality education, innovation and research, the Government of India (GoI) has decided to develop a New National Education Policy. The aim of the policy is to make India a knowledge superpower by equipping its students with the necessary skills and knowledge.

For this, the MHRD-GoI, has decided to hold consultative processes across India starting from Gram/Village to National Level on the components of School Education and Higher Education, separately. The objective of the consultation process is to ensure that an inclusive, participatory and holistic approach is undertaken. It will take into consideration expert opinion, field experiences, empirical research, and stakeholder's feedback particularly from decentralized planners and people working with panchayati raj institutions.

Inputs from members of Climate Change, Decentralization, Disaster Management and Microfinance Communities of Practice of Solution Exchange, United Nations, is sought on this issue of national importance. In this query consultations will be on the [13 themes of School Education](#) and in the subsequent query we will discuss Higher Education.

Members are requested to click the thematic links that are of interest and provide inputs to the questions and issues raised.

1. [Ensuring Learning Outcomes in Elementary Education](#);
2. [Extending outreach of Secondary and Senior Secondary Education](#);
3. [Strengthening of Vocational Education](#);
4. [Reforming School Examination systems](#);
5. [Re-vamping Teacher Education for Quality Teachers](#);
6. [Accelerating Rural Literacy Women, SCs, STs and Minorities](#);
7. [Promotion of ICT Systems in School and Adult Education](#);
8. [New Knowledge pedagogies and approaches for teaching of Science, Maths and Technology](#);
9. [School standards, assessment and School management systems](#);
10. [Enabling Inclusive Education –SCs, STs, Girls, Minorities and children with special needs](#);
11. [Promotion of Languages](#);
12. [Comprehensive Education Ethics, Physical Education, Arts and Crafts, Life Skills](#);
13. [Focus on Child Health](#).

Please also share experiences and best practices both nationally and internationally that can be adapted / replicated in the Indian context.

Member's inputs and views would help in a wider engagement and thereby contribute to a participatory policy formulation.

Read the full query and the responses [here](#)

Please send your responses to se.decn.solutionexchange@un.net

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Updates

News

From [Resource Person](#)

UN states set goal to end poverty, hunger in next 15 years

The 193 member states of the United Nations have reached agreement on a new development agenda for the next 15 years that calls for eradicating poverty and hunger, achieving gender equality, improving living standards and taking urgent action to combat climate change.

Read more [here](#)

India strives towards 17 UN goals

India agreed to adopt specific targets under the UN's Sustainable Development Goals after key themes championed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi found a mention in the document to be signed by 193 nations in September.

Read more [here](#)

Rural Development Minister launched 'SAMANVAY' for Gram Panchayats

Rural Development Minister launched SAMANVAY, a compilation of all schemes of both Union and State governments for Gram Panchayats. It aims to help MPs in utilising relevant schemes in the planning and implementation of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY). It will also act as a database for mapped and compiled information on various gram panchayat activities through schemes undertaken by the Centre and State Governments. More than 1800 state schemes from across all states have been documented in SAMANVAY.

Read more [here](#)

Government to spend Rs 19,000cr more on social sector over Budget estimates

The government has sought parliamentary approval for an extra Rs 18,995 crore for social sectors during 2015-16, this is almost half of the total extra spending asked for over the Budget Estimates (BE).

Read more [here](#)

Cabinet approves direct release of wages to MGNREGA workers

In an effort to prevent delay in payments to workers under the rural employment guarantee scheme, the Union Cabinet has approved direct benefit transfer to beneficiaries of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).

Read more [here](#)

Modi government set to revamp rural skill development programmes

The NDA government is revamping the skills programmes for rural India, planning to provide interest subsidy to make credit cheaper and remove a cap on spending under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission. Currently, the Aajeevika Skills Guidelines issued by the rural development ministry in 2013 limits spending under NRLM on skills and placement through schemes such as the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojna at 25% of the total.

Read more [here](#)

Centre to set up task force to study migration impact

To meet growing exigencies of migration on the urban landscape, the Centre has ordered the setting up of a first-of-its-kind inter-ministerial task force that will study the impact of migration on housing, infrastructure and livelihoods.

Read more [here](#)

Skill training could be the next fundamental right

The government is planning to make skill training a fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution to boost employability of India's workforce. The proposed right to skill will task state governments with the responsibility of imparting vocational training through special universities that will be overseen by a regulatory body at the Centre.

Read more [here](#)

Rural poor may get 90% more funds to build houses under new scheme

Poor people in rural India may get 90% more funds to build their houses with the government planning to revamp the rural housing scheme, Indira Awas Yojna (IAY).

Read more [here](#)

35 per cent urban India is BPL, says unreleased data

Unreleased data from the first urban Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC), tabulated as per criteria laid down by the erstwhile Planning Commission's expert Hashim committee, shows that roughly 35 per cent of urban Indian households live below poverty line (BPL). This amounts to 22 million households of the total 63 million households surveyed in 4,041 statutory cities and towns across the country. The highest per cent of urban BPL households are in the north-eastern states of Manipur, Mizoram followed by Bihar.

Read more [here](#)

Do we need caste data for tackling poverty?

The recent report of Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011 has sparked a controversy with government not disclosing the data pertaining to castes /sub-castes /clan /surnames thrown up by the SECC. Despite stiff opposition from the Registrar General of India (RGI) in 2010, while planning for the SECC, pointing to numerous difficulties in collecting caste data in a reliable manner, the cause of collecting caste data was pushed by a section of OBC leaders.

Read more [here](#)

Over Rs 2 lakh crore to be given to panchayats over 5 years

With an aim of ensuring development of villages, over Rs two lakh crore would be provided to panchayats over the next five years. This is based on the recommendation of the 14th Finance Commission. The government is thinking as to how to improve the capacity building of all the panchayats so that any work that they take up would be of good quality.

Read more [here](#)

Haryana Panchayati Act Amended: Fixes minimum educational criteria to contest panchayat polls

To contest panchayat elections in Haryana, a general category candidate has to pass at least Class X and a Scheduled Caste candidate at least Class VIII. All candidates should have functional toilets at their residences, face no criminal charges framed in the court and should not be defaulters of any cooperative bank. These are some of the amendments passed by the Haryana Cabinet.

Read more [here](#)

Five panchayats under Plamu Development Plan

Under the Palamau Development Act Plan, five panchayats under worst hit Maoist-hit area will be linked to development program. Development would be done in education, health, road and other sectors at a cost of Rs 100 crore in the current fiscal. The five identified panchayats comprise of 6193 families and having population of 32,926 including 7704 Schedule Tribe people and 10,468 Schedule Caste men and women. The literacy rate of these panchayat was 35.7 percent, the sex ratio is 930 per 1000 male.

Read more [here](#)

Karwar taluk topped in Uttara Kannada district in HDI

According to the Human Development Report -2014, Karwar taluk has topped in Uttara Kannada district in the Human Development Index (HDI), while Mundgod taluk is at the lowest position. HDI is a composite statistic of life expectancy, education and per capita income indicator. While Karwar is given an HDI value of 0.900, Mundgod has 0.264. The district has 11 taluks. The report was prepared by the Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad.

Read more [here](#)

Digitization of ration cards in 26 states to plug PDS leakage

In significant progress made by states to check leakage of food-grains under the public distribution system (PDS), 26 states and Union Territories have completed 100% digitization of ration cards in the

past one year. Six states have digitized the supply chain for better monitoring of grain moving from godowns to the doorstep of consumers.

Read more [here](#)

Civil societies endorse access to legal services to sex workers, transgenders

Taking up pertinent issues such as access to legal services and entitlements for marginalised communities, community-based organisations (CBO) strongly endorsed protection of legal rights of marginalised women including sex workers and female transgender.

Read more [here](#)

Rural women beat urban counterparts to use social security schemes

According to the latest gross enrolment data of three social security schemes, the number of rural female participants is higher than urban females. As on July 16, over 1.98 crore rural females got enrolled in three schemes — Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana or PMJJBY (for life insurance), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana or PMSBY (for accidental insurance cover) and Atal Pension Yojana or APY (pension scheme) — while the number of urban females was over 1.93 crore.

Read more [here](#)

Plan to bring social security schemes under 1 roof, make them more inclusive

The government will bring various social security schemes run by different departments and ministries under one roof to have better policy formulation and coordination. The government's focus is on enlarging the scope of these schemes so as to include the maximum number of people within their ambit.

Read more [here](#)

Winds of change: Panchayats in MP set example of girl empowerment

Two different gram panchayats of Tikamgarh district celebrated the Independence Day in unique ways. Their initiative has set an example likely to inspire others and promote development of the girl child. In Pahadi Khurd village panchayat, meritorious girl students unfurled the national flag, while the Srinagar Gram Panchyat decided to gift each and every new-born girl child in the village with a fixed deposit of Rs 5,000. The idea was put forth by sarpanch Meera Devi Yadav and supported by panchayat secretary, panches and villagers.

Read more [here](#)

Readings/Web links/Repositories

From [Resource Person](#)

Why Kerala is a development model and Uttar Pradesh a basket case

This research article shows that the level of group solidarity within states, or the spirit of sub-nationalism, has a significant influence on social welfare policies of state governments. Greater the spirit of sub-nationalism, the higher will be the commitment to improve health and educational outcomes. It argues that in states where the elites have strived to foster a strong spirit of sub-nationalism, the resources of the state are used in an egalitarian manner. Due to this the worst-off sections of the states receives state benefits. Consequently, social outcomes tend to be better in such states.

Read more [here](#)

Making MGNREGA work

A study by NCAER and the University of Maryland on MGNREGA throws up odd conclusions. The programme, it says, reduced poverty levels by up to 32%, improved the use of formal credit and served the cause of gender justice by providing more employment to women. And yet, as the study itself points out, 70% of the poor have not been able to get the work promised under the programme; at another place, it says since 20.6% of rural households were poor in FY12 and the coverage of such households was 31%, poor in MGNREGA comprised just 6% of rural households.

Read more [here](#)

New Report: MGNREGA Sameeksha II - An Anthology of Research Studies (2012-2014)

The publication includes research studies conducted over 2012-14 to foster understanding about MGNREGA and its impact in India with the aim to facilitate focused discussions between policymakers, researchers, practitioners, activists and the administration.

Read more [here](#)

Socio Economic and Caste Census data unreliable or incomplete: Experts

The Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011 data, released partially by the central government in July '15, has shown worrying levels of rural poverty. The NDA has signalled that this data would be the basis for targeted allocation of entitlements under various poverty alleviation programmes. Several economists and census experts, however, worry that the SECC data itself might be unreliable or incomplete.

Read more [here](#)

Constitutional conversations on Adivasi rights

The article says that, even after 67 years of Independence, the problems of Adivasi communities are still about access to basic needs. These include, but not restricted to, elementary education, community healthcare, sustainable livelihood support, the public distribution system, food security, drinking water, sanitation, debt, and infrastructure.

Read more [here](#)

Towards inclusive governance

This is an extract of the talk by Professor Devesh Kapur director of the Center for Advanced Study of India at University of Pennsylvania, on government in India. The title of the talk is "The Suffocating Embrace."

Read more [here](#)

Rethinking food security and hunger

A recent report from the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) indicates concrete progress by India in reducing hunger and malnutrition. According to a joint survey by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development done in 2013-14, which forms the basis for the new Global Hunger Index Report for 2014, India's proportion of underweight children declined from 45.1 percent in 2005-06 to 30.11 percent in 2013-14. In this index, the status of India has improved one notch, from what the Global Hunger Index calls 'alarming' to 'serious.'

Read more [here](#)

The Millennium Development Goals Report 2015

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) have produced the most successful anti-poverty movement in history and will serve as the jumping-off point for the new sustainable development agenda to be adopted this year.

Read more [here](#)

NSSO - Key Indicators of Social Consumption in India: Education

NSSO had conducted an all-India household survey on education during the period January – June 2014. The purpose of the survey was to collect information on participation of persons aged 5-29 years in pursuit of education in the country; the extent of use of educational infrastructure, facilities and incentives provided by the government and private sectors and its impact on current attendance status of population in the educational institutions; private expenditure incurred by households on education and the extent of educational wastage in terms of dropping-out and discontinuance, and its causes.

Read more [here](#)

Census Data on Disabled Population

The Census of India (2011) has released data on the disabled population in India. One of the features of the data is an increase in the number of households that have reported persons with disabilities - an increase of 20.5 lakhs, from 187.3 lakhs in 2001 to 207.8 lakhs in 2011 (6.2 lakhs in rural and 14.3 lakhs in urban).

Read more [here](#)

Analysing the Structural Change and Growth Relationship in India

Examining the link between structural change and growth in India, this study constructs indices of structural change, and performs a panel data analysis using data for India's 16 major states. It finds that there is a one-way positive effect of structural change on growth during the period 2000-06.

Read more [here](#)

Global Sustainable Development Report, 2015 edition

Following the approach piloted for the preparation of the Prototype and the mandate given at Rio+20, the general approach to the 2015 edition of the GSDR report will be that of an assessment of assessments, documenting and describing the landscape of information on specific issues.

Read more [here](#)

Punjab's Economic Development in the Era of Globalisation

Economic globalisation and domestic structural adjustment programmes have opened up many development and social sectors to new competition and policy changes in the developing world. In this context, a book on Punjab's economic development in the era of globalisation is very timely. The volume is divided into seven parts with a total of 15 papers, and an introduction by the editors.

Read more [here](#)

Women's Cooperative Societies in Kerala (from [Nisha](#), Member DecWatch Community, Kerala)

The article published in the Asian Journal of Women's Studies analyse why the women's cooperative societies in Kerala are deteriorating. The study was conducted in selected societies in Kottayam, Kerala.

Read more [here](#)

Justice System in Crisis: The Case of Under-trials Prisoners in India (from [Niranjan Sahoo](#), Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi)

India's under-trials constitute a whopping two-thirds of the country's total inmates. What is worrisome is that a majority of these under-trials have spent more time in jail than the actual sentence that would have been awarded them in case of conviction. This issue briefly provides a critical analysis of the under-trials in India and is a policy paper relevant to people looking at justice delivery system in India.

Read more [here](#)

Articles by Media Fellow under GoI-UNDP Project on Strengthening Capacities on Decentralized Planning

Odisha local bodies lack technical manpower, funds (by Sandip Das)

The article points out that the grassroots planning process in Odisha continues to be adversely impacted by lack of adequate technical manpower, funds and knowledge about functions of the constitutionally-mandated district planning committees (DPCs) by various government departments. It says that the enhanced resources allocated under the 14 FC has opened the avenue for decentralised planning and it needs capacity building at the village level for formulation and execution of plans.

The article in Financial Express can be accessed at

<http://www.financialexpress.com/article/economy/odisha-local-bodies-lack-technical-manpower-funds/119595/>

Ghost of A Gram Sabha (by Pavithra S. Rangan)

The article covers a Special gram Sabha organized in the Doongra Dhanna village of Jhabua district in MP. The people of the village openly discussed about their problems like lack of electricity, absence of a full-fledged anganwadi and the inefficiency of the teachers at the government school, no work given under MGNREGS, lack of irrigational facilities and problem of migration for most of the year. The gram sabha was attended by government officials and people of the village.

The article in outlook can be accessed from <http://www.outlookindia.com/article/ghost-of-a-gram-sabha/295098>

Case Study of women Sarpanch in Odisha (by Rakhi Ghosh)

The article is a case study of a women Sarpanch Soudamini Das of Sarakana Panchayat in Baliana block in Khurda district on the outskirts of the capital city Bhubaneswar. Soudamini was elected as Sarpanch in 2012 for the first time. She was reluctant initially to file her nomination, but acceded to the request of the villagers as the post was reserved for woman candidates. After getting elected, she emphasized on various development works which were of top priority for the village like works under MGNREGS, construction of Anganwadi centres, electricity facilities to most of the hamlets and ensuring supply safe drinking water and construction of Anganwadi centre. She also made the PHC situated in her village functional by meeting the Collector and requesting for posting of doctor and other support staff. With the opening up of a Public Health Centre (PHC) in her own village more than 10,000 people of the adjacent four panchayats now enjoy the health service facilities rendered by this PHC. The article written published in Political Business Daily, Odisha can be viewed at http://solutionexchange-un.net.in/ftp/decn/comm_update/Rakhi_Ghosh_Fourth_story.pdf

Past Events

Key Stakeholders in India Discuss the Role of Private Sector in Skills Development for Fostering Inclusive Markets

UNDP Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development (IICPSD) and UNDP India co-hosted the workshop entitled "Skills for Inclusive Markets in India: Leveraging the Role of the Private Sector" in partnership with FICCI and Government of India- Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in New Delhi. The workshop highlighted the private sector's current and potential contributions to inclusive growth and human development through skilling, as well as the prominent business models and existing approaches in India.

Read more [here](#)

Celebrating International Youth Day with a dialogue on Youth for Development on 12 August in New Delhi

On the occasion of International Youth Day, the United Nations and State Bank of India organized a Dialogue on Youth for Development. The Dialogue showcased innovations by six SBI Youth For India Fellows who are on a thirteen month-long Fellowship programme with select non-governmental organizations across parts of rural India, working in the areas of education, skill development, health and sanitation and e-governance.

Read more [here](#)

Implementation of Forest Rights Act 2006: Lessons from the ground (from [Pooja](#), Center for Policy Research, New Delhi)

CPR organized this workshop to share its experiences of working with grassroots communities and CSOs, building awareness and training and equipping them to undertake the claims process. Efforts were made to identify the positive trends, as well as the challenges that remain.

Read more [here](#)

National Dissemination Meeting on Strengthening Women's Leadership in Panchayat for Community Action on 25 August, 2015 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi (from [Aparajita Gogoi](#), Centre for Catalyzing Change, New Delhi)

Centre for Catalyzing Change, organized a National Dissemination Meeting on Strengthening Women's Leadership in Panchayats for Community Action. Some of the leaders from PRIs shared their experience of achievements and challenges. The results of the PAHEL project innovations, evaluation and impact were also shared on this occasion.

Read more [here](#)

Upcoming Events

Training programme on Geographical Information System (GIS) on 10-11 September, 2015 (from [Arpita Goyal](#), TARA Livelihood Academy-TLA, New Delhi)

GIS is an undeniably valuable tool for gathering and analyzing environmental information and helps in observing, measuring, mapping and monitoring of the resources. To explore the potential of GIS, TLA is announcing a 2-day Training Programme on 'Enabling a Digital India: Using Geographical Information System (GIS)' in New Delhi. This training is useful for: Mid-level Managers from NGOs and other organisations; Project teams in Donor or Government funded Programmes; CSR Managers in Corporates or PSU's; Practitioners, Consultants, Researchers and Individual who possess an interest in map learning using GIS. The brochure and registration details are available [here](#). For any further information write to gis.training@devalt.org, agoyal1@devalt.org or Call [09810026532](tel:09810026532)

Demystifying Government Budgets: An Orientation Workshop on Budget Concepts, Process, Analysis and Advocacy" from 21- 23 September 2015 in Bangalore (from [Jyotsna Jha](#), Centre for Budget and Policy Studies, Bangalore)

This workshop is on government budget and its analysis. This is useful for persons engaged with non-governmental organizations working in the space of public policy, research or advocacy and students pursuing post-graduation or research in economics, social sciences or public policy. Professionals with at least 3 years are eligible to apply through [application form](#). The employed may send their applications through their office. Students and research scholars may submit their application through the Head of the Department or supervising Faculty Member. There is no registration or participation fee. However, any kind of transportation cost (outstation and/or local) will not be reimbursed. Last date for submission of Application: 5 September 2015. For any queries, please contact Madhusudan or Puja at +91-80-26560735 (Mon – Fri: 10am to 6pm) or email director@cbps.in

Management Development Programme (MDP) September 2015 at IRMA, Anand, Gujarat (from [Baljeet Singh](#), Institute of Rural Management Anand -IRMA)

This MDP is designed on Monitoring and Evaluation. This programme is intended for development professionals involved in Government Programs, Civil Society Interventions and CSR initiatives. The program is also well suited for professionals engaged in research and consulting activities. The development program would focus on program design, implementation and collection of data for decision making and impact assessment. The program aims at enhancing participants' knowledge and understanding fundamental M and E principles and frameworks, provide analytical tools and enable them to apply these in their work. Interested members are requested to kindly join the MDP. Nomination forms are available [here](#) and brochure [here](#)

Training programme on Social Impact Assessment from 10 to 5.30 pm on 5-9 October 2015 at CSE, 41, Tughlakabad Institutional Area, in New Delhi (from [Soumya Ranjan Nath](#), Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi)

Social Impact Assessment (SIA) is an important tool to inform decision makers, regulators and stakeholders about the possible social and economic impacts of a development project. CSE has developed a five-day training programme aimed at giving practical exposure to participants on SIA with specific reference to infrastructure, mining and other industrial projects. The programme is designed based on the new Act, "The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013", and will be relevant and effective for SIA practitioners, officials from state land department, municipality, district collector, sub-divisional magistrate, developers, academicians, students, NGOs etc. For more information and registration please visit <http://www.cseindia.org/content/eia-training-programme-understanding-eiafrom-screening-decision-making-0> or contact Saumya Ranjan Nath at 0091-8895788320/ 0091-9891921959/ 0091-9899676027, saumya@cseindia.org

Capacity Building Programme Social Science Faculty Members (from [Yatindra Singh](#), M. P. Institute of Social Science Research, Ujjain from 27 October to 9 November, 2015)

MPISSR is organising a Two-Weeks Capacity Building Programme for Social Science Faculty Members sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi. The programme is open to faculty members of social science disciplines in research institutions, colleges and university departments. Last date of submitting application is 24 September, 2015. Lodging and Boarding will be arranged by the Institute. Travel will be reimbursed to outstation participants. More details and brochure can be obtained [here](#).

Announcements/Opportunities

From [Resource Person](#)

UNDP

Job Title	Deadline	Location
Individual Consultant -Youth Development Specialist-Social Entrepreneurship - Indian Nationals Only	5-September-2015	New Delhi
Individual Consultant - Youth Development Specialist-Inclusion - Indian Nationals Only	5-September-2015	New Delhi
Individual Consultant -Youth Development Specialist-Gender Justice and Equality - Indian Nationals Only	5-September-2015	New Delhi
Individual Consultant (Youth Development Specialist-Environment and Disaster Management) - Open to Indian Nationals Only	5-September-2015	New Delhi
Programme Officer - EVAW Unit	9-September-2015	New Delhi
Individual Consultant - Senior Advisor Health, State NIPI New Born Project, For Indian Nationals Only.	10-September-2015	Jaipur
UNV Research Associate - 2 Positions (For India Nationals Only)	10-September-2015	New Delhi
UNV Resource Mobilization Assistant (For Indian Nationals Only) - Re-advertised	11-September-2015	New Delhi
UN Local Security Associate - United Nations Department of Safety & Security (UNDSS) (Open to Indian Nationals Only)	12-September-2015	New Delhi

UNICEF

Job Title	Deadline	Location
Help Desk Assistant	03- September-2015	New Delhi

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