



# **CROSSROADS**

PhD Colloquium 2026

February 5-7



**CENTRE FOR  
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FEBRUARY 5, DAY 1

TIME	SESSION 1	SESSION 2
7:30 AM -8:30 AM	<b>Breakfast</b>	
8:30 AM -9:30 AM	Registration at Reception	
9:30 AM -10:00 AM	Welcome Address at Baker Auditorium	
10:00 AM -10:15 AM	<b>Tea Break</b>	
10:15 AM -12:45 PM	Panel 1.A. Technology, Identity and Power	Panel 1.B. Firm Dynamics and Performance
Venue	Baker Auditorium	MA-I Classroom
Chair	Prof. J. Devika (CDS)	Prof. Beena P L (CDS)
Paper 1	Narratives of Access: Unpacking the Digital Divide in AI-Powered Agriculture through Caste, Gender, and Class in Mandya, Karnataka	Pricing, Technology, and Enforcement in Markets with Digital Piracy: A Hotelling Approach.
Presenter	Gayathri Krishna, Christ University	Abhijeet, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai
Discussant	Dr. Mythri Prasad (Independent Researcher)	Dr. Rajit Biswas (CDS)
Paper 2	Gendered Ethics and AI Engagement: The Mediating Role of Moral Perception in ChatGPT Use	Does profitability drive investment in India's unorganised manufacturing industries?
Presenter	Kirti Ranjan, JNU, Delhi	Md Nasir Khurshid, IIT, Guwahati
Discussant	Dr Christabell P J ( University of Kerala)	Prof. Beena P L (CDS)
Paper 3	Queering the Campus: Queer Students, Campus Politics and Everyday Resistance	Restrictive Servicification and Skill Upgradation-A Firm Level Analysis from India
Presenter	Pallavi Pradhan, University of Delhi	Vanashree Rawat, IIM, Raipur
Discussant	Prof. J Devika (CDS)	Dr. K Chandra Shekar (CDS)
12:45 PM -2:00 PM	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
2.00 PM to 3:30 PM	Poster Presentations	
3:30 PM to 4:00 PM	<b>Tea Break</b>	
4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Perspectives on Research By Prof. Suraj Jacob, CDS Venue: Baker Auditorium	
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	<b>Dinner</b>	

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS FEBRUARY 5, Day 1

	Name	Institute	Topic
1.	Bhukya Salku	Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad	Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) of Farmers and Agricultural Labour in Cotton Cultivation: An Empirical Study in Telangana State
2.	Subarna Roy Chowdhury	South Asian University, New Delhi	Critical Essays on Innovation and the Small Firm: The Case of India
3.	Ashutosh Dutta	University of Kerala	Balancing Between India-China: The Role of Economic and Security Factors in Bangladesh Foreign Policy.
4.	Janvi K Sathyan	Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala	An Assessment on Quality of Life and Socio Economic Conditions of Women Fisherfolk in Kerala
5.	Saifudheen E	Kannur University, Kerala	Dynamics of Fiscal Countercyclicality in India: An Empirical Analysis of Economic Development and Policy Effectiveness
6.	Mansi Gundhrva	National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi	International Collaborations in Indian Higher Education Institutions
7.	Jivendra Kumar	Central University of Haryana	Identity and Representation of the Musahar Community in Bihar: A Political Anthropological Perspective
8.	Khushbu	Indira Gandhi National Tribal University	Women Response to Digital Political Campaigns and its Socio Political Impact on Rural Urban and Tribal Areas of Chhattisgarh

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FEBRUARY 6, DAY 2

TIME	SESSION 1	SESSION 2
7:30 AM-9:00 AM	<b>Breakfast</b>	
9:15 AM-11:45 AM	Panel 2. A. Development and Vulnerability	Panel 2. B. Economics of Climate Change.
Venue	Baker Auditorium	MA-I Classroom
Chair	Sundari Ravindran T K (Honorary Professor, SCTIMST)	Dr. Renjith P S (GIFT)
Paper 1	(Re)Mapping Development from the Margin: A Study of Sand Quarry Workers in Changambadi, Manipur	Economies at Edge: A CS-ARDL Analysis of Climate Change, Impacts on Coastal States in India
Presenter	Md Anash Khan (Nagaland University)	Geethu Paul (ISEC)
Discussants	Dr. Abhilash T (CDS)	Dr. Aswathy Rachel Varughese (GIFT)
Paper 2	The protective power of connectivity: causal impact of internet exposure on intimate partner violence	Assessment of climate change and climate. Vulnerability: A Geo-Spatial Analysis in India's District.
Presenter	Sagnik Kumar Gupta (IIT Hyderabad)	Nathoo Bharati (BBAU, Lucknow)
Discussants	Sundari Ravindran T K (Honorary Professor, SCTIMST)	Dr. Resmi C Panicker (University of Kerala)
Paper 3	The Everyday Social and Economic Burden of Uneven Heat Exposure: Narrative from the informal Settlement of Delhi.	Fiscal behaviour and budget, credibility of climate action plans across states of India: a dual cut-off approach.
Presenter	Nivash Prakash, (JNU, Delhi)	Keshav Soni (Pondicherry University)
Discussants	Prof. Suraj Jacob (CDS)	Dr. Renjith P S (GIFT)
11:45 AM-12:00 PM	<b>Tea Break</b>	
12:00 PM -1:30 PM	From Manuscript to Publication: An Editorial Perspective by Nachiketh Kulkarni, Senior Assistant Editor, EPW Shweta Shetty, Assistant Editor, EPW	
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	<b>Lunch Break</b>	

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## FEBRUARY 6, DAY 2

2:30 PM -5:00 PM	Panel 2. C. Causal Inference	Panel 2. D. Agriculture and Rural Development
Venue	Baker Auditorium	MA- I Classroom
Chair	Prof.C Satheesh Kumar, (University of Kerala)	Prof. Thiagu Ranganathan (CDS)
Paper 1	Impact of “Aspirational District” Programme on school enrolment and learning outcomes of children of group 6-14 years: evidence based on ASER data	Sustaining Nutri-Cereal Consumption in Rural Areas: Role of Access to Free Grains
Presenter	Vivek Chandra(JNU)	Surabhi M (MSE)
Discussant	Prof. C Satheesh Kumar ( Kerala University)	Dr Durga A.R. (Kerala Agricultural University)
Paper 2	Impact of Cash Transfers on Labour Supply Outcomes: Evidence from India.	Caste stratification and land inequality in post-reform rural India.
Presenter	Sonna Vikhil (MSE)	Gobinda Padhan (MMU)
Discussant	Ms. Amala Johnson (Mar Ivanios College)	Prof. Thiagu Ranganathan (CDS)
Paper 3	Can Affirmative Action Reduce Wealth Gaps? Evidence from a Natural Experiment in India	Impact of Crop Insurance Adoption on the Chemical Input Use in India: Evidence from Endogenous Switching Regression Framework
Presenter	Mritunjay Kumar (Ashoka University)	Aaqif Rashid Lone (IISER, Bhopal)
Discussant	Dr. Subhasish Dey (University of Warwick)	Dr. Aswathy Vijayan (Kerala Agricultural University)
5:00 PM -5:30 PM	<b>Tea Break</b>	
8:00 PM -9.00 PM	<b>Gala Dinner</b>	

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FEBRUARY 7, DAY 3

TIME	SESSION 1	SESSION 2
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	<b>Breakfast</b>	
9:15 AM - 11:45 AM	Panel 3. A. Policy and Macroeconomics	Panel 3. B.Labour Market and Outcome
Venue	Baker Auditorium	MA- I Classroom
Chair	Prof. M Parameswaran (CDS)	Prof. Vinoj Abraham (CDS)
Paper 1	Does Fiscal Decentralization Matter for Improving Macroeconomic Stability at Sub-National level in India?	A Lopsided Bargain: Women's Employment and the Persistent Gender Gap in Unpaid Work in India
Presenter	Swarnadeep Roy (IIT Hyderabad)	Sunny Shankar Ladkat (IIT Hyderabad)
Discussant	Dr. Anoop S Kumar (GIFT)	Dr. Sumalatha B S (GIFT)
Paper 2	How Does Tightening Patent Protection Policy Affect Welfare?	Diverging Paths or Converging Clubs? Sectoral Labor Productivity Dynamics in Indian States
Presenter	Rudra Narayan Kushwaha (IGIDR Mumbai)	Suman Rani (BITS, Pilani Rajasthan)
Discussant	Prof. M Parameswaran (CDS)	Prof. Vinoj Abraham (CDS)
Paper 3	Fiscal Autonomy and Effects of Fiscal Rules on the Fiscal Performance of Indian States	.Beyond Maternal Education: The Growing Role of Household Wealth in Determining Child Stunting in India
Presenter	Akhila Balagopalan (Central University of Kerala)	Tarsem Kasnia (IIT, Mandi)
Discussant	Dr. Kiran Kumar Kakarlapudi (GIFT)	Prof. Godwin S K (Govt. College for Women)
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Tea Break</b>	
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	AI and Research by Prof. S Chandrasheskhar, IGIDR	
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Valedictory Address and Certificate Distribution	
8:00 PM -9.00 PM	<b>Dinner</b>	

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