

About the Organising Institutes

Academic institutes, research organisation, government and non-government agencies have been trying to understand and analyse the processes of development and governance around range of issues and concerns. Institutes like TISS and research organisations like CRG have made substantive contribution by way of undertaking cutting-edge research on various facets of development and governance and their study reports, publications and policy recommendations have been widely acknowledged and appreciated. Examination of administering the task of governance, role of democratic decentralised mechanism, popular response to the agenda of developmental governance and support to the people's voices and micro-movements have been the thrust of the engagement of both the institutes.

Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) has made a significant contribution to policy, planning, action strategies in several areas, ranging from sustainable rural and urban development to various facets of governance, education, health, communal harmony and human rights. The focus of research, teaching, field interventions and training programme of TISS has been on the disadvantaged and marginalised sections of society, such as organised and unorganised labour, women, children, Dalits, and tribes. Over several decades, institute faculty had undertaken research on varied aspects of governance and development. The Centre for Community Organisation and Development Practice (CODP), School of Social Work has been provided with Department Research Support (DRS) through Special Assistance Programme (SAP) grant from University Grants Commission (UGC) to consolidate its work around issues of poverty, governance and forced migration. The faculty members have been actively engaged in research and field intervention around issues of 'Disasters, Development and Governance', 'Local Self Governance Institutions and processes', 'Minorities, Development and Governance', 'Urbanisation and Informalisation of Work' and 'Dimensions of Social Exclusion and impoverishment', etc.

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Calcutta Research group (CRG) is one of the leading research institutes known for its research, dialogue and advocacy work in the east and north-east part of the country. It has contributed as a forum for policy discussion and analysis on issues of democracy, human rights, peace and justice. CRG has carved out a niche for itself for its studies on Democracy, Development and Governance; migration; peace and conflict-resolution; border and border-conflicts and other themes relevant to socio-political concerns. Over the years it has built a strong network of scholars, activists and institutions in the east and north-east region of the country. Through comprehensive research agenda on Development, Democracy and Governance, CRG has facilitated cutting-edge research on legislative provisions and policy measures for acceleration of development, shifts in institutional grid of developmental democracy and ideas of developmental governance, etc.

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