



## Council for Social Development

Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad- 500030

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### Call for Abstracts

## Many Facets of Covid-19 Pandemic

(National Conference - January 20-21, 2022)

### CONCEPT NOTE

#### Introduction

The rampant Covid-19, consequent lockdowns and stringent restrictions on movement have dramatically altered the day-to-day life across the world and in India alike. However, the intensity of the actual impact may be significantly varied between individuals, groups and communities due to the diversity in the form of gender, social position, economic status, employment condition, level of education, access to resources, place of living etc.

Given the abovementioned fact, it is not well understood that to what extent the impact of Covid-19 has altered the socio-economic lives of people. In this context, The conference “**Many Facets of Covid-19 Pandemic**” aims to provide a national platform at the **Council for Social Development, Hyderabad** to present and discuss the experiences, observations of Covid-19 affects in the form of research papers with a view to understand its deeper impacts and arrive at evidence based policy suggestions.

#### Significance of the Conference

Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted the flow of life and it requires for an urgent corrective and mitigating response / measures in order to cope-up with the unforeseen changes and challenges it brought in. A change or intervention can not only have negative and distressful effects on ongoing lives of people but also can have serious long-term impacts on multiple aspects of life. On the other hand, such crisis stimulates and necessitates for innovations, new interventions and behavioral changes, which may require creating new opportunities and skill-sets. Deep understanding of these juxtaposed effects of the same phenomenon is vital for the

future readiness to face disasters and shocks. In this context, the conference is seeking to explore answers for the following broad questions.

1. What are the different narratives of Corona virus, Covid-19 and pandemic?
2. What are the short-term affects and long-term impacts of the pandemic?
3. What are the emerging requirements, opportunities and behavioral changes in response to the pandemic?
4. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the ongoing policy initiatives to address the change brought in by Covid-19 pandemic and similar emergencies in the future?

## Sub-Themes of the Conference

Students, researchers, academicians, practitioners and bureaucrats across the sectors are invited to send their abstracts in relation to Covid-19 pandemic reflecting **problems faced and lesson learnt** in general and sub-themes of the conference in particular. Keeping the importance of Sustainable Development Goals (SGD) of United Nations, realizing of which is crucial for the overall human progress and growth, in mind the following sub-themes are considered for the conference.

1. **Education:** The focus areas including but not limited to - teacher, student, parents and educational institution preparedness for digital learning; public spending on education; physical and psychological health of teachers and students; dropouts and child labor etc.
2. **Gender:** The focus areas including but not limited to - domestic violence; gender roles etc.
3. **Governance & Policy:** The focus areas including but not limited to – administrative and policy response to deal with Covid-19 pandemic with short-term and long-terms goals; funds allocation and spending in different sectors with reference to Covid-19 etc.; suggestions for workable administrative and policy measures to face crisis like Covid-19 etc.
4. **Health:** The focus areas including but not limited to – health infrastructure and administration; awareness and reliable information on health practices, Corona virus, vaccine, vaccination etc.
5. **Livelihoods:** The focus areas including but not limited to –job-loss and migration; changes in job-market and skill-gap; alternative or new job opportunities with response to Covid-19 etc.
6. **Poverty:** The focus areas including but not limited to – role of Covid-19 in creating short-term and long-term poverty; fitness of the ongoing policy actions in eradicating poverty etc.

## Abstract Submission Guidelines

We invite abstracts of single authored and co-authored research papers addressing at least one of the given sub-themes of the conference. The length of the abstract should not be more than

300 words and should clearly indicate main research question(s), methodology and outcomes of the research. The format of the text should be maintained as the following - Font: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12 and Line Spacing: 1.5. Please make sure that the submission contains title of the abstract, abstract, name and affiliation of author(s), and contact details. Please send abstract and full-length paper (if abstract accepted) to [csdhydevents@gmail.com](mailto:csdhydevents@gmail.com)

## Important Dates

Deadline for Abstract Submission	:	<b>30 Nov 2021</b>
Abstract Acceptance Communication	:	<b>1 Dec 2021</b>
Deadline for Full-length Paper Submission	:	<b>15 Jan 2022</b>
Conference Dates	:	<b>20-21 Jan 2022</b>

## About CSD

Council for Social Development (CSD) was established by Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh in Delhi in 1962. She was a well-known social worker with strong acumen for institution building. CSD was set up as a think tank to keep a focus on the social aspects of development planning and to initiate policy-oriented research during the early years of Independence. The Southern Regional Centre in Hyderabad was established in 1967 with the same motto. CSD, hyd. engages in policy-oriented research with special focus on social aspects of development planning and



concern for social justice and equity. The current President of CSD is the distinguished former diplomat Prof. Muchkund Dubey. Prof. Shanta Sinha is the Chairperson of the Managing Committee, a Retired Professor of Political Science, University of Hyderabad and Raman Magsaysay Awardee for her distinguished work on elimination of Child Labor. The other members of the Committee include eminent academicians, social scientists, and representatives of our main sponsors ICSSR and Government of Telangana. **Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra** is currently the head of the institute as Regional Director (In-charge). The major thrust of research at CSD is to encourage comparative studies of different cultures, examination of diverse impacts of policy, and appreciation of diversity in understanding the relationship between the state and people. For more information visit <http://www.csdhyd.org>

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