



KDS-Delhi

Resource Centre for Development of States
(Setup by Kerala Development Society, Delhi)

About KDS

Kerala Development Society, Delhi (KDS-Delhi) is resource centre for the development of States. A group of social development professionals from multi-disciplinary background formed this organization in 2002 as a registered society under Society Registration Act XXI of 1860. KDS-Delhi shares human development experiences of Kerala with other States and carries out activities to facilitate the inclusive growth of all Indian States. It has been carrying out several activities which facilitate the development of various Indian states. Its various forms of intervention include action research, research studies, seminars and workshops. It is an international centre for research and promotion of Self Help Groups (SHGs) and other community based organizations (CBOs) and local government Institutions (Panchayati Raj Institutions and Municipalities). The organization is being managed by a well-experienced social development professionals.

KDS-Delhi Over the Years

KDS-Delhi Inauguration 2003



The KDS-Delhi got formally inaugurated on 14th May 2003 in New Delhi jointly by then Chief Minister of Kerala Shri A. K. Antony and then Minister of State of India Shri D. Rajagopal.

Health and SHG National Seminar 2009



A national seminar on "Role of Women- Based Self Help Groups in the Execution of Rural Health Programmes of National And State Governments" was held on 8th December 2009 in New Delhi with the support of UNICEF, New Delhi. The seminar evaluated the functioning of Women-based SHGs in the states of Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa and Kerala. It identified different areas of operations of SHGs and analysed to what extent their social capital can be utilized for the execution of various rural health programmes with an emphasis on Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programmes.

SHG Legal Literacy Programme in Rajasthan 2011



Under Department of Justice, Government of India-UNDP project "Access to justice for marginalized people", KDS-Delhi organized a

total of 10 legal literacy training programmes for Self Help Groups members in Tonk district, Rajasthan during Jan-March 2011.

Access to Justice for women Self Help Group Members



KDS-Delhi is implementing an innovative project on access to justice for women members of Self Help Groups (SHGs) in Bihar and Rajasthan with the support of Department of Justice, Government of India and UNDP. Having started in January 2010, the project has recently completed one and half years of implementing activities, covering a variety of rights and entitlements ranging from rights against domestic violence and other women's rights. The project is using innovative strategies for creating legal awareness among women SHG members. Under the project a network of 1200 women SHG based paralegal workers are being created in Bihar and Rajasthan. The major activities include

organizing 8 training of trainer programmes and 40 SHG training programmes for the paralegal workers. Woman-based SHG members from BPL and low income families are being provided a wide range of legal assistance in various fields.

KDS-Delhi in Bihar

Training of Trainers (TOT) Programme for Self-Help Group Based Legal Volunteers (SLV) Muzaffarpur , Bihar

Two days legal literacy training programme for SHG Legal Volunteers (SLVs) was held during 13-14 May 2010 at Centre Direct Training Institute, Muzaffarpur, Bihar. A total of 52 SHG leaders attended the training programme. Judge Suresh Chandra Pandya, Member Lok Adalat inaugurated the training programme. Judge Suresh Chandra Pandya, Member Lok Adalat Advocate Sunita Kumari, Advocate Esha Kumari, Advocate Bacha Patak, Mr. Md.Umar Ansari, Mr. Promod Kumar Sharma, Ms Preeti R. Thomas and Dr. Jacob John had given classes on different topics.



Legal Literacy Material for SHGs



A booklet for SHG- based legal volunteers (SLVs), namely SLV booklet, is prepared as legal literacy training material. It is a simplified booklet which contains various provisions of law relevant to poor women and SHG members. It contains an introduction on the role and functions of SHG members in legal awareness programme, descriptions on various aspects of laws relevant to poor women and SHG members in simple Hindi with several examples and explanations.

KDS-Delhi in Rajasthan

Training of Trainers (TOT) Programme for Self-Help Group Based Legal Volunteers (SLV) Karauli, Rajasthan



Two days legal literacy training programme for SHG Legal Volunteers (SLVs) was held at Shri Mahaveer Ji, Karauli during 6-7 May 2010. A total of 54 SHG leaders attended the training programme. Mr. Atal singh Champawat, judicial Magistrate, Shri Mahaveer jee and Chairman, Taluka Legal Service Authority inaugurated the training programme. Resource Persons who made the presentations in various technical sessions included Mr. Hakim Manjhi, Advo. Shreman Gujjar, Advo. Suresh Sharma, Mr. Bhagawan Sahaya Sharma, Mr. Ashutosh Srivastava, Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sharma and Dr. Jacob John.

Women SHG leaders : Exposure visit to Police Station

Marginalised sections, especially poor women, do not approach police station for assistance due to various reasons. An exposure visit of 50 women SHG leaders in Karauli district to Shri Mahaveer Ji, police station was organized by KDS-Delhi. SHD Mr. Sivaram Gujar addressed the participants. Two other police officers made the presentations on various services of police station. In an interactive session several questions of SHG leaders were answered by Police officers.



A study on Health and Panchayati Raj Institutions in Kerala

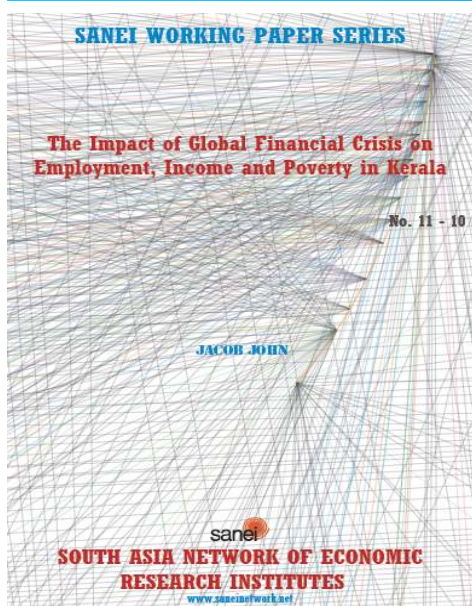
KDS has initiated a Planning Commission sponsored study on effectiveness of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in health care system in the State of Kerala. As Kerala is one among the states where the implementation of the Panchayati Raj Act has been successfully done and all 29 subjects, including health, mentioned in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution have been transferred to the PRIs and their functions are clearly demarcated among the three tiers, Planning Commission has assigned a study to KDS to capture the picture of functioning of health institutions in Kerala. The findings of the proposed study will enable Planning Commission to formulate an action plan to enhance the role of PRIs in public health delivery system and to tackle associated problems, especially issues related to duality of responsibilities and controls in health care system. The specific objectives of the study are as follows:

- Critically examine the structure of public health institutions and devolution of functions, funds and functionaries to PRIs in health care system in the State of Kerala.
- Analyse role of bureaucracy and assess the impact of duality of responsibilities and controls in health care system in the State of Kerala.
- Identify problems and deficiencies on account of duality of controls and responsibilities and suggest measures to improve rural health delivery system.

- Formulate an action plan for increased participation of PRIs in rural health delivery system.
- Draw lessons from experience of Kerala, the State which has transferred its public health institutions to local government institutions well in advance for the consideration of other Indian states.
- Prepare “best practices” of PRIs in public health services in Kerala for the dissemination among various Indian States.

The study will be completed by January 2012.

A Study on Impact of Global Financial Crisis on Employment, Income and Poverty in Kerala



South Asia Network of Economic Research Institutes (SANEI) is a regional initiative to foster networking amongst economic research institutions in South Asia covering Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. KDS-Delhi was selected by South Asia Network of Economic Research Institutes to carry out a study on Kerala economy with special reference to Kerala's strategies to overcome the impact of global economic crisis . The objectives of the study were to assess the impact of global financial crisis on employment, income and poverty in Kerala and to understand the effect of economic stimulus measures of government of Kerala as well as government of India. The study was carried out by Dr.Jacob John , Director, KDS-Delhi under the 11th Round of the SANEI Regional Research Competition (RRC) with a financial grant from the Global Development Network (GDN). The completed study report was released by SANEI as working paper in Dhaka ,Bangladesh. It is available at www.saneinetwork.net.

Study on Education Loan: Kerala, Orissa, Maharashtra and UP

A study on socio- economic analysis of students loans for higher education was entrusted by NUEPA, Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India. The study examined the operational issues of higher education loan such as trend in repayment arrears and default of payment. It has examined whether the education loan reaches the target beneficiaries. It has suggested measures to improve the effectiveness of student loan as a viable tool for financing higher education and recommended an action plan to popularize the education loan scheme for the inclusive growth of higher education in India. The study covered four states covering all the regions of India: Kerala, Orissa, Maharashtra and UP. The research team conducted field study in Kerala, Orissa, Maharashtra and UP, analysed data and prepared a detailed report covering findings of the field survey and an action plan to popularize the education loan scheme for the inclusive growth of higher education in India.

Higher Education Services

Continuous mentoring services to select Delhi-based students in class X and XII in selecting streams and subjects for their higher studies

It has started various free educational services for select Delhi-based students. Continuous mentoring services are being given to select students in class X and XII in selecting streams and subjects for their higher studies. A panel of professors from University of Delhi and JNU and education experts facilitates these activities. This initiative is taken in view of extreme difficulties in getting admission to colleges and other education institutions in Delhi and also fast changing scenario in the employment field.

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