



**Call for papers
for
ICSSR Sponsored Two Days National Seminar
(20th – 21th November, 2025)**

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**Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute
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on

Large Scale Data for inclusive and sustainable development

About the seminar

The seminar basically focused on importance of large-scale data to build an Inclusive and Sustainable policy that support overall development of India. India, as the world's most populous country, stands at the crossroads of rapid socio-economic transformation and environmental challenges. Its vast demographic diversity and geographic complexity necessitate reliable, comprehensive data for effective policymaking, program design, and evaluation. The Census is described as "*the largest administrative exercise in the country ... providing vital data on different socio-economic and demographic parameters of population*". India has developed an extensive ecosystem of data collection, spanning demographic, socio-economic, health, and environmental dimensions. These datasets are pivotal in understanding trends, addressing inequities, and framing evidence-based policies. India's data collection has expanded significantly post-independence, with surveys like the Census of India, Sample

Registration System (SRS), Civil Registration System (CRS), National Sample Survey (NSS), and Environmental Statistics becoming integral to policy design. Collaborations with international organizations have introduced landmark initiatives such as the National Family Health Survey (NFHS), Longitudinal Ageing Survey of India (LASI), and Indian Human Development Survey (IHDS), providing critical insights into health, nutrition, fertility, and socio-economic conditions. Furthermore, advancements in spatial data systems, such as those from Indian Remote Sensing (IRS), have strengthened policy formulation by incorporating geospatial analysis into development planning. Despite the availability of these rich datasets, a significant gap persists in their utilization due to limited awareness about their design, scope, and applications. Policymakers, researchers, and scholars often struggle to navigate the complexities of these data systems, resulting in missed opportunities for data-driven solutions to India's pressing challenges. This seminar aims to address these gaps by fostering a deeper understanding of the strengths, features, and limitations of India's key population and environmental datasets. By exploring the historical evolution of India's data landscape, the seminar will underline the importance of demographic and environmental data in shaping inclusive development. It will emphasize how effectively leveraging these datasets can catalyze progress in addressing public health challenges, socio-economic disparities, and environmental sustainability. This initiative seeks to empower stakeholders with the knowledge and tools to harness India's rich data ecosystem, ensuring policies and programs are grounded in evidence and tailored to the country's unique needs.

Themes

We invite theoretical and empirical papers shedding light on the following themes.

- Historical Evolution of Data Systems in India
- Role of Large-Scale Data in Inclusive Policy Design
- Population Data for Socio-Economic Development
- Health and Nutrition Databases as Policy Tools
- Data Integration and Interoperability Across Sectors
- Data Gaps, Accessibility, and Capacity Building
- Technology and Innovation in Data Collection and Analysis
- Ethical Use and Governance of Public Data
- Towards a Data-Driven Future: Strengthening Evidence-Based Governance
- Census, SRS, and CRS Data Analysis and Applications

Organising Committee

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Date and Venue

Duration of the seminar: 20th and 21th November, 2025

Venue: Seminar Hall, G. B. Pant Social Science Institute, Jhusi Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh - 211019

Submissions and Registration

Who can submit an abstract?

Researchers, Students, and Professionals

Abstract submission

The abstract with a word count of 500-600 should be submitted to the Google form. The abstract should be consisting of Rationale and Objectives (150 words), Data and Methods (150 words), Results (150 words), and Conclusions (100 words).

Full paper submission

The full paper needs to be submitted to the icssrrgbpsi@gmail.com email ID with around 6000 words and APA reference style (7 edition). Submission of the full paper is mandatory to participate in the seminar.

Registration

Please register using the link <https://forms.gle/hUSsCYeivz1QMSx28> **No registration fee is required.**

Deadlines

Last date of abstract submission: 10th November 2025

Intimation of the selected abstracts and travel awards: 11-12th November 2025

Last date for the submission of the full paper: 18th November 2025 (If full paper not attached with google form)

Food, travel, and accommodation

Food and shared accommodation will be provided to the paper presenters. The travel allowances will be provided to the selected paper presenters. A travel grant of to and fro- three

(3) tier A.C Train/Bus transport by the shortest route, subject to the submission of the original journey Train/Bus tickets from your place of stay to Prayagraj and a copy of the return ticket, when you apply to us for the Travel Reimbursement (Fares of premium trains like Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Durgam, etc will not be refunded). The nearest train stations are Prayagraj Junction, Prayagraj Chheoki Junction, and Sangam.

Potential publication

The selected papers from the seminar may be peer-reviewed and published in the form of an edited book. Internationally reputed publishers such as Springer or Routledge will be approached for the publication.
