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Centre for Excellence
in Entrepreneurship
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The Centre for Excellence in Entrepreneurship and Development (CEED)

(Report of Activities August 2022- May 2023)

1. Introduction

The Centre for Excellence in Entrepreneurship and Development (CEED), along with the deAsra Centre of Excellence in Nano Entrepreneurship, is an entrepreneurship policy research and advocacy center established on 15th August 2022 at the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (GIPE).

1.1 Vision: The vision of the Centre is to put research in business and entrepreneurship into practice and achieve betterment of society through nurturing values of entrepreneurship and self-employment. It will bring together thought leaders from academia, industry and policy to critically discuss current issues in entrepreneurship, as well as to generate new ideas and devise new solutions. This discourse will be driven by evidence based action research and will address a wide range of issues faced by diverse segments including unorganized "Nano" enterprises, women and youth led businesses. The Centre also serves as a link between students seeking experience solving the real world challenges facing small business, and businesses seeking to utilize GIPE's resources. To achieve these goals, the Centre will adopt a multi-pronged approach by conducting interdisciplinary, evidence-based research that will guide and inform policy making, enablers and influencers of entrepreneurship.

1.2 Mission: The Centre for Excellence in Entrepreneurship & Development aspires to be a knowledge hub to strengthen the potential of entrepreneurship as an alternative to dependent employment as a priority for India's economic development.

The deAsra Centre of Excellence in Nano Entrepreneurship aims to increase awareness about issues of nano entrepreneurs, and envisions building a better ecosystem for nano entrepreneurs through



policy advice and advocacy.

2. Objectives of forming the Centre

2.1 The broader objectives of the Centre are as follows:

- Putting research into policy and practice, by applying new methods of data collection and analysis of enterprises at the ground level.
- To conduct research projects and fieldwork-based analytical studies of large and complex datasets on MSMEs and innovation, and longitudinal analysis of policy changes affecting business firms.
- To disseminate the Centre's work to be used by enablers, policy-makers and regulators in India and abroad.
- To create a network of people and organizations involved in small business and entrepreneurship research, policy, education, support and advice.
- To create meaningful opportunities among students, faculty, and the business community to network and exchange their ideas, knowledge, and experience in small business and entrepreneurship.

2.2 Objectives captured in the context for the Sub-Centre are as follows:

- A substantial number of businesses in India are nano-enterprises. Their contribution to the country's GDP and employment is significant, despite the numbers, this group of enterprises are inadequately represented;
- The Sub-Centre will mainly focus on these kinds of businesses across the world.

3. Details of funding agencies/ Granter

The Centre for Excellence in Entrepreneurship and Development along with the deAsra Centre of Excellence in Nano Entrepreneurship is funded with a grant of Rs 1 Crore committed every year for 5 years by Dr. Anand Deshpande, Founder, Chairman and MD of Persistent Systems Limited.

4. Research Projects

Sr. No	Projects/ Activities Undertaken by CEED	Period	Amount Sanctioned	About the Project
1	A study on challenges faced by Urban Nano Enterprises in Pune: PMC Survey	September 2022 (start date)	Through grant funds	A survey among the micro and nano businesses of turnover ranging from Rs. 10 lakh to Rs. 1 crore annually was conducted in Pune in Maharashtra. In this survey, we document the challenges encountered by the service sector, both registered and unregistered nano businesses with an annual turnover ranging between Rs 10 Lakh and 1 Crore. This study draws upon existing definitions of nano enterprises and applies them to the current MSME classification criteria based on annual turnover.

5. Current Ongoing Projects:

1. Building Ease of Doing Business - Growth Index for Nano-enterprises (Funded by NSDC)
2. Landscape study of microfinance models for entrepreneurs (Funded by NSDC)
3. Understanding Government Schemes for Persons with Disabilities (Funded by Bajaj- Finserv)
4. Assessment of Business Growth Program for Women owned Micro businesses (Funded by JPMC through Seva Sahyog Foundation)
5. Annual Report On state of Nano entrepreneurship in India - CEED
6. GST for nano entrepreneurs - CEED
7. Thematic Study - Growth of nano entrepreneurship in Temple towns- CEED



6. Collaborations

1. Applied as **Co-PI with LEAD Krea University for the ICSSR Grant** for the longitudinal study on Micro enterprises.
2. Collaborating with **Samhita Foundation** to form a consortium of organisations in India working on Nano Entrepreneurship
3. Collaboration with **deAsra Foundation** to run pilot experiments by working directly with Entrepreneurs and lending agencies
4. Joined the **Sampoorn Index** partner network of Jocata, developed in association with SIDBI
5. Collaborating with **ONDC** to explore access to market possibilities for Nano Entrepreneurs



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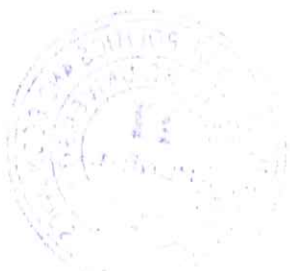
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3.3.2.1: Total number of workshops/seminars conducted on Research methodology, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), entrepreneurship, skill development year wise during the year

	<u>Seminars held from 01 July, 2021 to 30 June, 2022</u>	
Speaker	Title	Date & Time
Prof. Sanjay Kumar Mohanty	"Contextualizing Multidimensional Poverty in India: Does Standard Toll Apply?"	10th December 2021 4 to 6 pm
Dr. Kisan Gunjal, Senior International Consultant for the United Nations	"The COVID-19 pandemic and agriculture and food security in developing countries with a focus on Africa"	31st March, Thursday, 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
Ms. Mehr Kaur, a Ph.D. candidate	"The Opt-Out Revolution: The Determinants of Educated Female's Labour Supply decision in India"	7th April 2022 from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
Dr. Vini Sivanandan, Hon Director, Population Research Centre, Pune	"Occupation and Health Hazard of Municipal Sanitation Workers in Pune City"	21st April 2022 , 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
Ms. Madhurima Ghosh, a PhD candidate	"The Current scenario of Mental Health Insurance in India"	28th April 2022 ,4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
Dr. Sabyasachi Das, Assistant Professor in the Economics Department of Ashoka University	"Decentralization and Spatial (Mis-)Allocation of Irrigation Water: Evidence from India"	26th May 2022 from 5 PM to 6 PM



Dr Pooja Thakur, Assistant Professor in Gokhale Institute	<i>"Productivity Spillovers from FDI in the Manufacturing Sector of India"</i>	2nd June 2022 from 5 PM to 6 PM
Prof Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, a professor in the Economics and Planning Unit at the Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi	<i>"Forced Displacement and Social Capital: Long-run Impact of the Indian Partition"</i>	14th June, 2022, 5:00:00 PM
Ms. Poorvi Iyer, a PhD candidate at the London School of Economics	<i>Social Scrutiny in India-An online survey experiment to examine the effect of social scrutiny on identity-related behaviour in India</i>	16th June 2022 from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Dr. Bharati Dole	<i>"Introduction to Intellectual Property Rights with specific reference to Copyright"</i>	17th June 2022, 04.00 PM to 05.30 PM
Mr Ishan Janbandhu	<i>Prohibition and Demand for Alcohol in Maharashtra: A Micro-Econometric Analysis"</i>	30th June 2022 from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Ambassador (Retd.) Gautam Bambawale	<i>"India and the Emerging World Order"</i>	Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 4 to 6 pm
Alex Thomas is a professor at the Azim Premji University	<i>Hosted a book event - "Macroeconomics: An Introduction, by Alex Thomas"</i>	9th April, 2022 5:30p.m. - 7p.m.
CM Prithviraj Chavan	<i>Informal discussion with former CM Prithviraj Chavan, under Banyan Tree</i>	May 5, 2022 3:45pm - 4:15pm



Seminars

Sr. No.	Date	Speaker	Chair	No. of the participants	Title
1	08.03.2022	Mr. Purbash Nayak	Prof. Sangeeta Shroff	134	Missing Females and the Discourse of Violence – Evidence from Indian Subcontinent
2	31.03.2022	Dr. Kisan Gunjal Senior International Consultant for the United Nations		31	The COVID-19 pandemic and agriculture and food security in developing countries with a focus on Africa
3	07.04.2022	Ms. Mehr Kaur	Prof. Sangeeta Shroff	76	The Opt-Out Revolution: The Determinants of Educated Female's Labour Supply decision in India
4	21.04.2022	Dr. Vini Sivanandan	Prof. Sangeeta Shroff	48	Occupation and Health Hazard of Municipal Sanitation Workers in Pune City
5	28.04.2022	Ms. Madhurima Ghosh	Prof. Sangeeta Shroff	39	The Current Scenario of Mental Health Insurance in India
6	19.05.2022	Mr. J. Praveen	Prof. Sangeeta Shroff	59	Determinants of Spousal Age Difference: A study on Indian sub-continent
7	26.05.2022	Dr. Sabyasachi Das	Prof. Sangeeta Shroff	50	Decentralization and Spatial (Mis-)Allocation of Irrigation Water: Evidence from India
8	14.06.2022	Prof Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay Professor Economics and Planning Unit at the Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi.		42	Forced Displacement and Social Capital: Long-run Impact of the Indian Partition
9	16.06.2022	Poorvi Iyer PhD candidate at the London School of Economics		16	Mixed Research Methods and its Applications for Behavioural Economics
10	29.06.2022	Mr. Ishan Janbandhu	Dr K S Hari	34	Prohibition and Demand for Alcohol in Maharashtra: A Micro-



					Econometric Analysis
11	21.07.2022	Dr. Savita Kulkarni	Dr K S Hari	35	Stereotypical Occupational Segregation and Gender Inequality: An Experimental Study
12	28.07.2022	Mr Rajatsingh Yadav	Dr K S Hari	19	Banking or Under-banking: Spatial Role of Financial Inclusion and Exclusion
13	12.08.2022	Prof. Milind Sohoni		34	Policy Advocacy New Vikasvad and the Role of Knowledge



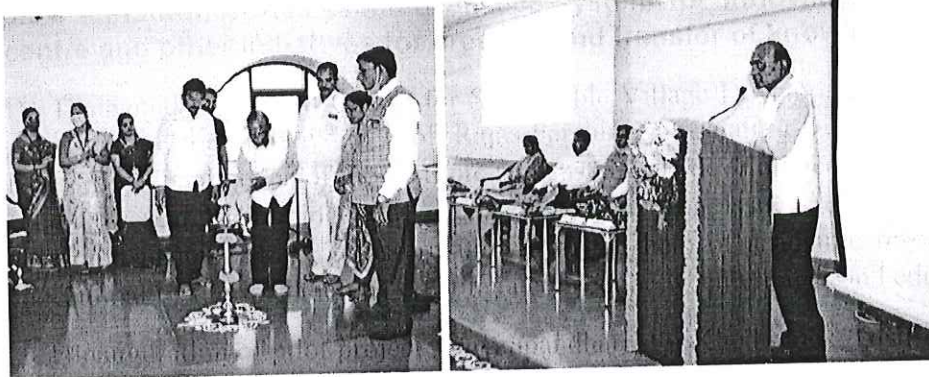
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3.2.1 - Institution has created an eco-system for innovations including Incubation centre and other initiatives for creation and transfer of knowledge

Dr. Dhananjayrao Gadgil Centre for Sustainable Village Development was established on 10th April 2016 at the initiative of Prof. Rajas Parechure, Officiating Director of the Institute and Dr. Kailas Bavale, alumnus of the Institute and sustainable development activist. The Centre aims to conduct research, training and extension activities on issues relating to sustainable village development and village transformation with the help of academic resources of colleges and educational institutions thereby creating a connect between villages and educational institutions.

1) Inauguration of pilot project 'Dnyanpandhari' for Khed block, District Pune was organized at MIT College Alandi on 23 Sept 2021. This Project is for six villages around Alandi (Dnyan Pandhari Prkalp) (i) Dhanore (ii) Markal (iii) Solu (iv) Koyali (v) Charholi Khurd (vi) Vadgaon Ghenand - MLA of Khed Alandi Constituency, Mr. Dilip Mohite Patil, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Panchayat Samiti Sabhapati Mr. Arun Chaudhari, Z. P. President Nirmala Pansare, Sarpanch of six villages and students from MIT college participated in the programme.



2) A meeting was organized with Dr. Amol Kolhe, MLA of Shirur constituency on 11th March 2022 regarding Knowledge-College-Village scheme. He has agreed to implement this



scheme in five colleges of Shirur constituency. He is also willing to offer some financial help after the presentation of road map of this project.

