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# M.Sc. DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

**Webinars**



As part of our ongoing engagement with prospective students and development practitioners, the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies (I.D.E.A.S.) at O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat has conducted a series of webinars focused on the M.Sc. Development Practice programme. These interactive sessions have served as a platform to introduce the unique interdisciplinary vision of the programme, highlight its curriculum, field-based learning approach, and also connect with faculty. Through these webinars, we aim to foster dialogue around critical development challenges, share insights from the field, and provide clarity to participants on how the M.Sc. Development Practice programme prepares students for impactful careers in the development sector.





# Webinar Details:

## 01 What is the Gender of Development? Interconnections of Social Security, Care Economy and Policy

Speaker:

01

### Prof. Dipa Sinha

Independent Researcher

Expert on: Development Economics, Food, Nutrition, Public Health, Gender

#### About the speaker:

Dipa Sinha is a Development Economist with about 20 years of experience in teaching, research and policy advocacy. Her areas of expertise include social policy, especially related to public health, food and nutrition, gender and child rights. She has worked as a senior researcher and adviser with the Office of Commissioners to the Supreme Court, on the Right to Food. She has independently managed research studies and has been part of international research collaborations.

#### About the talk:

The webinar **"What is Gender of Development"** focused on the gendered dimensions of the economy, labor market, and development, with emphasis on women's paid and unpaid work. Relevant data from India were incorporated, and connections were established to social security, the care economy, and related policy frameworks.

Webinar Link –

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Speaker:

02

### Dr. Kanhu Charan Pradhan

Research Lead, Centre for Sustainable Urban Livelihoods, National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), Delhi

#### About the speaker:

Dr. Pradhan holds a Master's degree in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and has recently completed a Ph.D at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi.

#### About the talk:

The talk on **"Data in Development: Evolving Nature and Contexts"** explores the crucial role of data in India's development, emphasizing the significance of data-driven policymaking and its broader relevance to development research. Drawing insights from various projects, it will trace the evolution of data in welfare and policymaking from traditional government efforts like the Census and National Sample Surveys to modern tools used for targeted scheme implementation, such as demographic data.

Additionally, the talk also examined how alternative, non-numerical sources of information, such as Twitter and YouTube videos, can be leveraged to gain insights into specific areas of development research.

**I.D.E.A.S. WEBINAR**  
Data in Development: Evolving Nature and Contexts

**Dr. Kanhu Charan Pradhan**  
Research Lead, Centre for Sustainable Urban Livelihoods, NIUA, Delhi

**15th March 2025**  
**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

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Speaker:

03

**Dr. Neha Wadhawan**

Research &amp; Policy expert

Project Coordinator, Work in Freedom, International Labour Organisation (ILO) 2018–25

**About the speaker:**

Dr. Neha Wadhawan is a research and policy expert on labour, gender, migration and development. She has worked with several UN agencies over the past two decades, including the International Labour Organisation (ILO) between 2018–2025. She has worked closely with the government, trade unions and employers on policy advocacy, research, implementing and monitoring programme activities on promoting fundamental principles and rights at work mobility with choice for women migrant workers in and from South Asia. She has previously taught at the School of Development Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi between 2014–16.

**About the Talk:**

The webinar on **‘Rethinking Mobility and Development’** delved into the political economy of labour mobility and development. Drawing on her wealth of experience working with both the development sector and academia, Dr. Wadhawan outlined dominant challenges to formalisation, social protection and effective policy making in relation to migrant workers’ rights. Reflecting on her recent engagement as the National Coordinator for International Labour Organisation (ILO) on the Work in Freedom Programme between 2018–2025, she discussed new developments and future prospects for building alliances to promote international labour standards

Webinar Link -<https://youtu.be/R36-enc5kfg?si=QFPBPNLh1-UG17LW>

# रेवड़ी या हक्क- सामाजिक सुरक्षा पर एक नजरिया (Revdi Ya Haq: Samajik Suraksha Par Ek Nazaria // Freebies or Rights: A Perspective on Social Protection)

Speaker:

04

**Prof. Reetika Khera,**

Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Delhi

**in conversation with**

**Dr. Divya Gupta,**

Associate Prof. and Associate Dean, Jindal Global Law School

**Dr. Manika Bora**

Assistant Professor, Jindal Global Law School

**Ms. Tahiba Banu**

Lecturer, I.D.E.A.S. (Office of Interdisciplinary Studies)

**Dr. Nayanjyoti**

Lecturer, I.D.E.A.S. (Office of Interdisciplinary Studies)

## About the speaker:

Prof. Reetika Khera is a development economist whose work focuses on social policy issues, including health and nutrition, education, social protection, employment, poverty, inequality, impact of digital technologies in welfare, and caste in India. Prof. Khera's has published across genres and her research has shaped several policy debates around India's public services. She has published widely across disciplinary genres and is a prolific public intellectual. She currently teaches Economics at IIT Delhi.

## About the Talk:

This online discussion with Professor Reetika Khera, focused on her recently published book "रेवड़ीया हक्क- सामाजिक सुरक्षा पर एक नजरिया" (Freebies or Rights: A Perspective on Social Protection)" on 16 April 2025.

Drawing from two decades of fieldwork, the book explores the evolution of key social policies like MNREGA, mid-day meals, maternity benefits, and the impact of digitalization on welfare delivery. The conversation highlighted policy shifts, state-wise variations, and the lived experiences of rural communities.

Webinar Link –

<https://youtu.be/Gg8CO-I7hwY?si=00Ed52sLfIyJJE2f>

The poster is for a webinar titled "रेवड़ी या हक्क- सामाजिक सुरक्षा पर एक नजरिया" (Revdi Ya Haq: Samajik Suraksha Par Ek Nazariya). It features a portrait of Prof. Reetika Khera, Professor, HSS, IIT Delhi. The poster also lists the conversation partners: Dr. Divya Gupta, Associate Professor & Associate Dean, Jindal Global Law School; Dr. Manika Bora, Assistant Professor, Jindal Global Law School; and Ms. Tahiba Banu, Lecturer, I.D.E.A.S. The event is part of the "M.Sc Development Practice Webinar Series" and "Book Discussion on". The date and time are 11.30 AM - 1:00 PM on 16 April 2025, Wednesday. A link to join is provided: [Click Here To Join](https://youtu.be/Gg8CO-I7hwY?si=00Ed52sLfIyJJE2f). Contact information includes the website [www.jgu.edu.in/ideas](http://www.jgu.edu.in/ideas), email [ideas@jgu.edu.in](mailto:ideas@jgu.edu.in), and phone number +91 8930111290.



Speaker:

05

## Dr. Hari Charan Behera

Associate Professor, Indian Statistical Institute

### About the speaker:

Dr. Hari Charan Behera works in the area of land tenure, community land use practice, agrarian society, and ethnography. He is working on the livelihood issues of tribes and the particularly vulnerable tribal groups in eastern India. He has also been a critic of neoliberal economic model that is affecting culture, environment and sustainable livelihood of tribes and other indigenous communities.

### About the talk:

Dr. Hari Charan Behera, in this webinar discussed various aspects of agrarian transition in India from pre-capitalist to the post-capitalist era, including contemporary shifts in agrarian structure. He dispelled the perceived understanding of such shifts and the disconnect between the sciences and social sciences in understanding it. He analysed the latest statistical data to describe these changes and the patterns of challenges emerging from them. He discussed evolution of co-operative societies and the farmer-producer organisation and the nature of contract farming through the lens of caste and gender, and how it mutates into structural inequalities.



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Speaker:

06

## Dr. Sudhir Chella Rajan

Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras

### About the Speaker:

Dr. Sudhir Chella Rajan is a Professor at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras. He holds a PhD in Environmental Science and Engineering from University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and has held leadership roles in academia, government, NGOs, and research consultancies. His work lies at the intersection of political theory and the environment, with a focus on democratic responses to complex social and ecological challenges.

Dr. Rajan has researched a wide range of issues, including automobile pollution in California, power sector reforms in the Global South, energy access, climate ethics, and peri-urban transformation in South India. His latest book is "A Social History of Corruption: Notes from the Indian Subcontinent".

### About the talk:

The talk on **"Corruption and Development: From Elite Networks to Everyday Life"** traced the history of corruption and its typology/categories through history, relating it to the political structure in history. The speaker offered a bold rethinking of corruption, moving beyond the standard economic or legalistic definitions. Instead, he grounds corruption in social and political theory, emphasising power, legitimacy, and systemic inequality. Rajan challenges the mainstream idea that corruption is a deviation from a "clean" public order. Instead, he argues corruption often underpins the existing order in postcolonial democracies like India. It is not just individual malfeasance but structural and institutional. He discusses how illegality and informality become normalised in governance and everyday life.



Webinar Link -

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# How India Works and Lives: Reflections on Methodological Questions from the 'State of Working India' Report

Speaker:

07

# Prof. Amit Basole

Professor of Economics, and Head, Centre for Sustainable Employment, Azim Premji University

### Discussant:

# Dr. Avishek Konar


Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School

### About the Speaker:

Amit Basole is Professor of Economics and Head, Centre for Sustainable Employment at Azim Premji University, Bengaluru. He is the lead author of the State of Working India (SWI) report. Amit has previously taught at Bucknell University and the University of Massachusetts, Boston. He has a PhD in Economics from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, a PhD in Neuroscience from Duke University and a masters' in Molecular Biology from the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai


### About the talk:

The **State of Working India (SWI)** is a regular publication of Azim Premji University since 2018 that has aimed to provide the public with an evidence-based overview of the quality and quantity of employment in the Indian economy. The report uses data from primary surveys, official data sources, and working papers from experts across disciplines. It addresses the complex challenges of the Indian story of economic growth and structural transformation. The talk took the making of this report as one of the vantage points to address some methodological challenges of understanding conditions of labouring lives, and political economy of development in India. It especially looked at various changes in working with recent data sets in the past from a "clean" public order between quantitative and qualitative data driven research.



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from the 'State of Working India' Report**

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**Prof. AMIT BASOLE**  
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Azim Premji University

discussant



**Dr. AVISHEK KONAR**  
Associate Professor,  
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Image: 'Working', by Karen Haydock

**13th May, Tuesday**

**3PM TO 4.30PM**

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Speaker:

08

## Roluahpuia,

Ph.D. Assistant Professor (Sociology), Department of Humanities and Social Sciences,  
Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IITR),  
Associate Editor (Development in Practice, Taylor and Francis)

### About the Speaker:

Roluahpuia is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Roorkee. Previously, he held fellow positions at CSDS, New Delhi, Harvard University, United States (US), and at IIT-Guwahati. His research interest pertains to issues concerning tribes, development, and borderland studies.

### About the talk:

The talk examines how dispossession due to the construction of a hydropower project in Manipur, northeast India, unleashes a politics of accumulation. In most cases, marginalized populations such as tribes, among others, are viewed as 'victims' of development. By focusing on the politics of accumulation, it is shown how sections of the population within tribal communities, particularly the local elites, took advantage of the construction of the dam to profit from land compensation to transforming the dam site into new sites of accumulation, resulting in the concentration of land and wealth.

The poster is for an I.D.E.A.S. Webinar. It features a purple background with a yellow vertical stripe on the right. At the top left is the O.P. JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY logo. At the top right is the I.D.E.A.S. logo. The title of the webinar is "Who Accumulates? Capital, Community, & the Politics of Dispossession in Northeast India". Below the title is a circular portrait of Prof. Roluahpuia. His name and title are listed below the portrait. The date and time of the webinar are "17th May 2025" and "11:00 AM -12:00 PM". A QR code is provided for registration. At the bottom, there is a "Click to Register" link and the URL "https://jgu.edu.in/ideas/". On the right side, there are several small images showing people in various settings, including a group of people sitting on the ground, a person in a blue shirt, and a person in a red shirt.

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**I.D.E.A.S. WEBINAR**

Who Accumulates? Capital, Community, & the Politics of Dispossession in Northeast India

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Webinar Link –

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Speaker:

09

## Dr. Namesh Killemssetty

Associate Director and Senior Research Fellow, Office of Interdisciplinary Studies (I.D.E.A.S.), O.P. Jindal Global University

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Associate Dean (Program Strategy and Academic Affairs), Jindal School of Government and Public Policy

### About the Speaker:

Dr. Namesh Killemssetty is a transdisciplinary researcher working in urban governance and poverty. Namesh's work particularly focuses on housing, tenure security, and community rights of slum dwellers integrating theories and methods from Urban Studies, Policy Analysis, Operations Research, and Decision Sciences

### About the talk:

As Artificial Intelligence tools rapidly become part of academic life, we must ask: are we empowering ourselves—or gradually surrendering the very skills that define critical thinking and scholarship? This talk invites students to reflect on the complex role AI plays in shaping how we research, write, and teach today. AI has the potential to streamline literature reviews, assist with data analysis, and even generate content. But these conveniences come with trade-offs. What happens to original thought when machines suggest the questions, methods, or conclusions? How do we ensure academic integrity in an era where AI can mimic human output so convincingly?

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**I.D.E.A.S. WEBINAR**

**Should We Let AI Think for Us?**  
**Rethinking Research and Teaching in a Machine Age**

**Prof.(Dr.) Namesh Killemssetty**  
Associate Professor and Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and Programme Strategy  
Jindal School of Government & Public Policy

**29th May 2025**  
**4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

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# Translating Knowledge: Writing beyond the Academy

## “Academic Blogging in India - Lessons from Doing Sociology”

Speakers:

10

### Dr. Rituparna Patgiri,

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati.

### Dr. Deepali Aparajita Dungdung,

Assistant Professor, University Department of Sociology, Ranchi University.

#### About the Speaker:

Dr. Rituparna Patgiri is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at IIT Guwahati. Her research spans culture, food, media, gender, and pedagogy. She co-founded Doing Sociology, an academic blog for young scholars. She is Associate Editor of the South Asian Region in Society and also the Convenor of the Ad Hoc Group 03 – Food, Culture and Society of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS).

Dr. Deepali Aparajita Dungdung is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Ranchi University. She has previously taught at Ambedkar University Delhi and BIT Mesra. Her research interests include gender, migration, ethnicity, language, and development. She is Co-founder of Doing Sociology, and also serves on the editorial board of Feminist Anthropology.

#### About the talk:

The talk explores the ongoing crisis in higher education, particularly within the social sciences, driven by global funding cuts. These challenges have necessitated innovation in pedagogy and the search for alternative approaches that can uphold academic freedom and critical thought. In this context, the digital space has emerged as a vital tool. **Doing Sociology** is one such pedagogical experiment—it offers a platform for young scholars to read, write, and engage critically. Through blogs and other online formats, it aims to make knowledge more accessible and inclusive.

Webinar Link –

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The poster is for a webinar titled "TRANSLATING KNOWLEDGE: WRITING BEYOND THE ACADEMY" with the subtitle "Academic Blogging in India - Lessons from Doing Sociology". It features two speakers: Dr. Rituparna Patgiri (Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati) and Dr. Deepali Aparajita Dungdung (Assistant Professor, University Department of Sociology, Ranchi University). The event is scheduled for 27th June 2025, from 3 PM to 4 PM. Registration is open, and a QR code is provided for scanning. Logos for O.P. JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY, I.D.E.A.S. (Office of Interdisciplinary Studies), and DOING SOCIOLOGY are displayed at the top. Social media handles for @JGU\_IDEAS and @JGU\_IDEAS are listed at the bottom.



## Our Dean

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### Prof. Deepanshu Mohan

Dean, Office of Interdisciplinary Studies (I.D.E.A.S.)  
Professor of Economics, Jindal School of Liberal  
Arts & Humanities, O. P. Jindal Global University

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### Biography

Professor Deepanshu Mohan is the Director for Centre for New Economics Studies, Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities, and a Senior Research Fellow, IIHED. He was recently appointed as a Visiting Professor at the Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre, London School of Economics and Political Science, and a Visiting Research Fellow at Birkbeck College, School of Social Sciences, University of London. He also teaches a summer course in Comparative Development Studies at the School of International Development and Global Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ottawa.

Over the last decade at JGU, Prof. Mohan had Visiting Honorary Appointments at University of London (U.K), Carleton University (Ottawa), Stellenbosch University (South Africa), FGV (Brazil), American University of Phnom Penh (Cambodia)-to name a few. His research work intersects areas of development studies, political economy, economic anthropology, public law, comparative economic thought. He has published with publishers like Elsevier, Oxford University Press (OUP) London, NUS Singapore, Brill, Routledge-London, and New York to name a few.

His last book, *Strongmen Saviours: Political Economy of Populism in India, Turkey, Russia, and Brazil*, was published by Routledge (London and New York). Two of his co-authored upcoming edited books, titled *Crisis Narratives: Pan-India Stories of Informal Workers During Covid 19 Pandemic* and *India's Vulnerable Workers in Crisis: Perspectives from a Feminist Ethnography Approach* are due to be published by Palgrave MacMillan and Routledge (Asia Pacific) in 2024.

# Our Faculty

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## Dr. Gayatri Balu

Assistant Director & Assistant Professor,  
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Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

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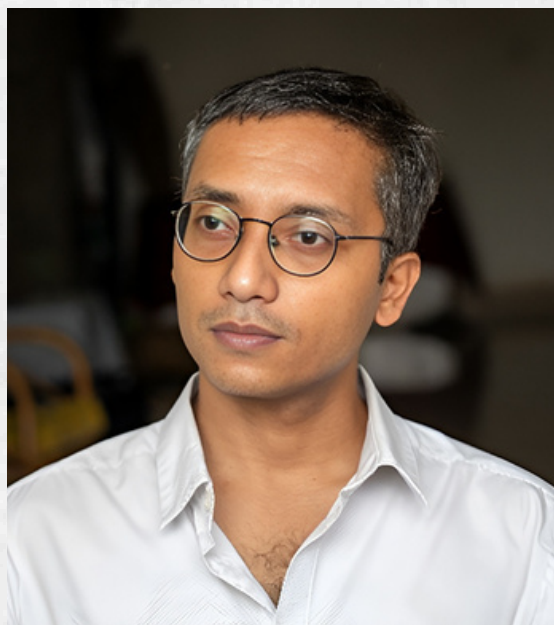
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## Biography

Gayatri Balu is an academic and researcher specializing in gender studies, feminist politics, and development. She served as an Assistant Professor at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, where she taught courses on Gender and Public Policy and South Asian Women's Literature. Gayatri holds a PhD in Gender Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University and has an extensive professional background, including roles at IIT Delhi, the Society for Social and Economic Research, and the Odisha Livelihoods Mission. Her research explores gender and religion, as well as gendered labor dynamics. Her work also addresses critical issues such as gender imbalances in STEM and women's land ownership rights, earning her recognition, including the Vina Mazumdar Memorial Fund Award. She is an active contributor to scholarly discourse, with publications in prestigious journals and participation in national and international conferences.



## Dr. Nayanjyoti

Assistant Director & Lecturer, I.D.E.A.S.

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### Biography

Dr. Nayanjyoti is a social anthropologist working on global value chains, automation, precarity, cultural production and subjectivities. His doctoral research was a multiscalar ethnography in the capital-intensive sectors in the industrial zones in Delhi-NCR. He has an interdisciplinary training with graduation in literature, post-graduation in sociology from J.N.U., and MPhil and PhD in anthropology from Delhi University. He brings a long experience of engagements with the field in a diversity of settings, and has worked over the years in research, teaching, editorial and consultancy capacities with academic institutions like Ambedkar University, Delhi University, and Azim Premji University, research organisations, publication houses, and socially engaged practices in various interdisciplinary projects and initiatives. Before joining IDEAS, he taught sociology in Sri Venkateswara College, DU. He is also an Associate Researcher at the Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH) Delhi.





## Dr. Shamindra Nath Roy

Assistant Director & Lecturer, I.D.E.A.S.

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### Biography

Shamindra Nath Roy is an Assistant Professor in the IDEAS Program in JGU. He works at the interface of urbanization and public policy. He is a mixed-methods researcher research covers rural-urban transformations, urban local governance, internal migration in India, labor and employment issues, and socio-spatial inequalities in basic services in Delhi. His work is published in Economic and Political Weekly, Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers, and in a number of book chapters, policy briefs and opinion pieces.

Prior to JGU, Shamindra worked as a development professional in the World Resources Institute and Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi. He has also been a visiting researcher at CESSMA, Université de Paris, and has undertaken research consultancies with the Asian Development Bank, International Labour Organization, and the World Bank. He has also taught as an Adjunct faculty at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi.

Shamindra holds an M.Phil and Ph.D in Regional Development with a specialization in geography from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.



## Dr. Abhinita Mohanty

Assistant Director & Lecturer, I.D.E.A.S.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.),  
BJB Autonomous College

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Master of Arts (M.A.), University of  
Hyderabad

### Biography

Dr. Abhinita Mohanty is an Assistant Professor in the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies (IDEAS) at O. P. Jindal Global University. She has done her PhD from IIT, Madras, Dept. Of Humanities and Social Sciences and has previously worked at Vijaybhoomi University as Assistant Professor. She is also trained in journalism but chose to pursue a career as an academician in development studies. She has published her work in Elsevier and Scopus journals and is interested in political ecology, environment, sustainability, indigenous knowledge systems and food sovereignty movements. Beyond academia, she enjoys writing creatively in various genres.

Abhinita's PhD explored the intersection of indigenous rights, sustainable food systems, and community resilience. Abhinita's research critically examines how traditional knowledge systems and indigenous practices contribute to food sovereignty and ecological sustainability in the Global South. Her interdisciplinary approach blends theory with practice, encouraging students to engage with pressing issues such as environmental justice, gender, and governance of commons. She is keenly interested in integrating liberal education methodologies to foster critical thinking and participatory learning.

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## Ms. Tahiba Banu

Lecturer, I.D.E.A.S.

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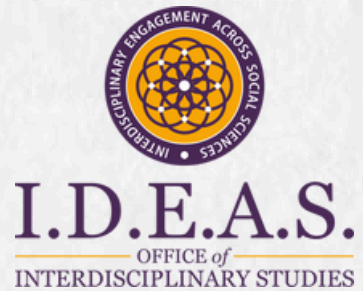
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