

# Hello Readers!

November has been an exciting month for all of us here at Indus Action, and we've also been exploring some new directions!

We are elated to inform you that [our Founder, Tarun Cherukuri, is part of the newest class of GLG Social Impact Fellows](#). He is [joining other accomplished social sector leaders](#) from across the globe to work towards finding sustainable and strategic solutions to the most pressing world's social challenges.



We've always called ourselves a do-thank as opposed to a think-tank, and to expand on this further, [Tarun and State Lead, Hitesh Kukreja hosted a guest speaker session with the students and faculty of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati.](#)

We were **joined by 100+ curious minds** eager to learn more about public policy implementation and working in the social impact space.

Our team members, **Meenu Maria and Rajatha Prabhakar** captured interesting drivers and barriers to women's participation in **MGNREGA in Karnataka**. [Their insights](#) were published as an article in the Deccan Herald. [Read it here.](#)

## Point Of View

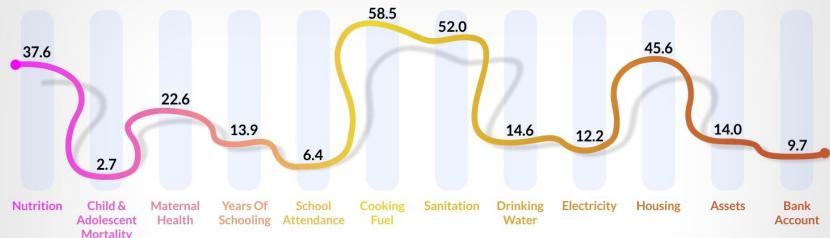
The support we receive from our partners acts as a catalyst that speeds up our work for the welfare of vulnerable families. **Through their tech interventions, CISCO CSR has transformed the lives of thousands of children by ensuring that they can access their #RightToEducation.** Take a look at [this video](#) to see the many milestones we've achieved together as a team!



## Diving Deep

The recently published [Multidimensional Poverty Index \(MPI\) report by the NITI Aayog](#) is an eye-opener for many states who are still lagging behind in alleviating poverty.

## What can be inferred from the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2021?



1. According to Global MPI 2021, India's rank is 66 out of 109 countries.
2. The all-India poverty ratio stands at 25.01%
3. Kerala has the lowest percentage of the population being multidimensionally poor at 0.71%
4. Bihar has the highest proportion of people who are multidimensionally poor at 51.91% of its population

### KNOW HOW NITI CALCULATES MPI

Poverty is defined as the deprivation of crucial and basic parameters of health, education and living standards. India's progress across these parameters in eradicating poverty will be measured using the National Family Health Survey-5.



## Stories of Inspiration

"When the country shut down after the Covid outbreak and people remained indoors, it became our duty to take people with symptoms for Covid test, ensure that they take medicines, and isolate themselves. Our primary responsibility now is to vaccinate all," says **Matilda Kullu, an ASHA warrior from Odisha who entered the Forbes Power List** for her work to alleviate superstition by creating awareness around pandemic appropriate behaviour and the importance of medical care. **Such stories inspire us. More power to ASHA workers like Matilda!**



## Perspectives



[A humorous take by India Development Review on the relationship between NGOs and funders!](#)



[How should India pave its way into the future? Amitabh Kant argues that 'Digitisation' will be a key determinant.](#)

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