



Editorial

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Sustainable Development Goals 2030 in Karnataka - Aspirations and Accomplishments

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs 2000) marked a historic and innovative method of global mobilisation to achieve a set of important social and human development priorities worldwide. The agenda of the MDGs was further carried forward on a broad based and quantifiable platform through Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The United Nations (UN) in 2015 adopted the 17 goals, 169 targets to be achieved by 2030. The agenda-2030 is the plan of action for People, Planet, Peace and Prosperity. Progress in SDGs is monitored at the global level by the UN through the Global SDG Index report published annually. The SDG Index Report 2022 places India at 121 among 193 countries with a score of 60.3. Finland topped the Index with a score of 86.5.

The SDG India Index brought out by NITI Aayog measures the progress achieved in SDGs across the States in India and based on performance score, the States are placed in Aspirational (0-49) Performer (50-65) Front Runner (66-99) and Achiever (100) categories. In the SDG India Index Report 2020-21, Karnataka is ranked 3rd with a score of 72. (Kerala at the top with a score of 75). It is an Achiever in SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy, Front Runner in nine SDGs and Performer in six SDGs, the six SDGs in Performer category are: 2 (Zero Hunger) 4 (Quality Education) 5 (Gender Equality) 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure) 13 (Climate action) 14 (Life below Water) which are significantly associated with human development.

Despite an impressive and vibrant economic growth, the performance of the State in SDGs is not to the expected level. A deep dive into statistics indicates that the uneven spread of economic as well as human development across the districts in the State, especially North Karnataka and specifically North Eastern Karnataka has significantly impacted the achievements of the State in the SDGs. This makes a case for localisation of SDGs and their planning at micro level by engaging with local Governments, social institutions, NGOs and SHGs to frame and implement programmes and policies that envisage 'Sab

ka saath, Sab ka Vikas'. Meeting these ambitious SDG targets set for 2030 therefore, calls for a new and innovative way of governance instead of the business-as-usual approach. Vertical coherence is crucial in planning and implementation of SDGs and district administration play a crucial role in advancing sustainable development.

Localisation of SDGs and developing an output-outcome framework for optimum allocation and utilisation of resources, demands for application of data science in governance and development analysis. The Public Affairs Centre through its Centre for Open Data Research (CODR) has taken up this mega task to support the Govt. of Karnataka and has come out with SDG barometer at Panchayat level, the last milestone in governance for evidence based policy. The SDGs related to human development sectors are taken up on priority basis for analysis. These reports bring out the grey areas and high alert regions across the State, based on their performance in SDGs. The concentration zone is identified in Kalyan Karnataka Region. The estimation of deprived households across the SDGs in different indicators will enable to formulate endogenous strategies and policies to allocate adequate budgetary resources to fill the gaps and meet the aspirations of the people to ensure that '**No One is Left Behind.**'



Interview

Sudhish Pai
Senior Advocate
High Court of Karnataka



Q: Tell us something about yourself.

A: *I am a lawyer specialising in Constitutional Law and Administrative Law, I have been at the Bar for about four decades. Apart from practice, I have been active in the academic field - writing and delivering lectures - particularly in the area of critical Constitutional analysis, including as a resource person at the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal for continuing legal education for judges-Indian and foreign.*

MoU Signed with RDPR-PDO Time Motion Study



MoU Signed with MS Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences



Project Updates



ATI Project



Training

A Faculty Development Programme was conducted for the newly recruited Senior Faculty and Faculty at ATI from December 10-23, 2022.

The main objectives were:

- Enhance knowledge and specific skills to help the faculty to understand and work as a team to deliver quality training and bring out meaningful outcomes
- Foster team synergies for various tasks and responsibilities
- Develop niche soft skills to work in a conducive environment to focus on roles and responsibilities
- Provide takeaways and checklists.

The FDP included theory, role-plays to apply knowledge and activities to understand concepts. Primarily the Educational qualifications of the participants included: PhD; Work Experience - 10-20+ years; Domain research/expertise - SDGs, Training, Disaster Management, e-governance, Gender and Economics.

As part of the FDP the participants were given a

Trainer's Manual which includes the essential factors with reference to training programmes with brief explanations.



Faculty Development Programme—Administrative Training Institute, Mysuru)

Feedback

"Trainer's experience of working with various government department"

"Very practical and dynamic session"

"Learnt how to conduct research for the government"

"Practical experience and activity based learning"



PAC-AdvantEdge Project

Public Affairs Centre (PAC) and AdvantEdge Healthcare Solutions Private Limited (AHSPL) collaborated to execute a Corporate Social Responsibility Project.

Research Activity

- An extensive field survey was conducted to analyse the status of Anganwadi centres in and around Bengaluru as the first stage in executing the project
- It was observed that Anganwadi centres located in Kodihalli Village, Konnaghatta, Doddaballapura Taluka, Bengaluru Rural required extensive support in redeveloping physical facilities
- Conducted an unstructured interview in the centre with Balvika Samithi members, Anganwadi worker, Asha workers, Higher primary School head masters, Gram Panchayat members, Primary Health Care Doctor, Beneficiaries, and Community members.

The member expressed their gratitude for PAC- AdvantEdge's efforts in supporting the Angwadi Center's renovation, and they graciously pledged to take on the responsibility of maintaining the facility. Mothers now spend their free time in the Center assisting the Anganwadi worker by taking care of the children. The members were eager to work toward the objective of developing a progressive learning environment and ensuring a smooth transition from Anganwadi to primary school for kids in the age group of 0 to 6 through increased community participation.



SDMC Member sharing his thoughts on remodeling of the centre



Anganwadi workers and Gram Panchayat members in a meeting in Anganwadi Centre Kodihalli, Bangalore Rural District



PAC project member explaining about the importance of Early Childhood Education



Children enjoying in play area at the centre

Meghalaya Project



Key Stakeholder engagement

- The team met Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Meghalaya and presented the PAI 2023 Index
- Made a presentation on the highlights of the first report on Health to the Directorate of Health Services (DHS). The Health Team outlined the main distinction between the MOTHER App and the HMIS tracking system. MOTHER App records the registration of the expectant mother, as opposed to HMIS, which records facility performance
- Made a presentation on the first report

on “Exploratory Analysis and Evaluation of MGNREGA Implementation in Meghalaya” to the Department of Community and Rural Development.

Reports Submitted

An Activity report was submitted to the Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Meghalaya



Team Meghalaya with the Department of Community and Rural Development

Publications

Nidhi Sharma, Senior Programme Officer and Ramana H. M., Associate Data Scientist co-authored an Opinion Piece on Meghalaya’s literacy paradox. This was published online in ‘Meghalaya Monitor’.



Team Meghalaya presenting its first report on Health to the Directorate of Health Services (DHS), Laitumkhrah, Shillong

Health Project

The PAC team presented the data pipeline on optimisation models (forecasting tool) of medical supply chain to the Health Commissioner Sri. Somashekar S J, IAS, MD, Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation (KSMSCS) held on 08/11/22 and jointly to both the Commissioner and MD.

The department accepted the requirement of an optimisation model for forecasting drug consumption at the health institute level and informed the PAC team to internalise the model initially at 4 levels of public health institutions Primary Health Centre, Community Health Centre, Taluk Hospitals, and District Hospitals (PHC, CHC, TH and DH) of one district. The department also informed that after post testing the model in one district it can be extended to all the health institutions in Karnataka. The department also suggested the KSMSCS IT team to make API available for institute level drug consumption data so that the solution built will run on an automated basis without human intervention.



Meeting with Health Commissioner, MD KSMSCS and PAC team held on 24/11/2022



Effectiveness Evaluation of Raitha Samparka Kendras in Karnataka to Strengthen Service Delivery

The RSK project aims to ensure an empirical, primary survey based, effectiveness assessment of the Raitha Samparka Kendras (RSKs) in Karnataka, with the objectives of generating an evidence-based gap analysis, identifying felt-needs-based actionable knowledge to enhance the effectiveness and providing a roadmap for reforming the RSKs.

Community Score Card Exercise

As part of the evaluation study, the research team conducted the CSC activity (first round) in 5 selected RSKs in 5 districts representing four administrative divisions of Karnataka and Malnad region. The major objective of the exercise was to provide a platform for direct engagement between the Farmers (Users) and the RSK officials (Service Providers). To carry out the exercise PAC had entered into contract with three District Level Partner Organisation (DLPOs). PAC also conducted two sessions of Training of Trainers for the DLPOs in a virtual mode.

The CSC exercise usually comprises of 6 critical stages which are as following:

- STAGE 1: Preparatory groundwork
- STAGE 2: Entitlement sharing with beneficiaries (Day 1)
- STAGE 3: Performance scoring by beneficiaries (Day 1)
- STAGE 4: Self- evaluation by service providers (Day 2)
- STAGE 5: Interface meeting (Day 2)
- STAGE 6: Institutionalisation



Minority Welfare Project

Key Stakeholder Engagement

Captain Manivannan P, Principal Secretary, Department of Minority Welfare, Government of Karnataka visited Public Affairs Centre.



Members from the project visited four CBSE schools in four different districts—Bengaluru Rural, Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, and Yadgir between as part of scoping visit. The objectives was to

- Examine how schools operated by the Department of Minority Welfare were complying with the transition in the curriculum from the Karnataka State Board Syllabus to the CBSE Board.



Minority Welfare Project team with the Principal of CBSE school located in Bengaluru Rural

Wow Factor

- Based on the suggestions and roadmap provided by PAC a Government Order was issued by the Department to improve the pass percentage in Moulana Azad Model Schools (MAMS) from 67% to 100%.

The team conducted a Performance Audit on the setting up of a new Customer Relationship Management (CRM) in the DMW, GoK. A two-person team conducted the assessment of the Control Room over a period of 14 days. Based on the observations recommendations and proposed interventions with regard to re-designing and developing standards, processes and templates was submitted. for the CRM to enable the Department to deliver services efficiently and smoothly, track and monitor grievances, and improve data collection and analysis skills for improved long-term performance.



Minority Welfare Project team with the Principal and teachers of CBSE school located in Yadgir



Minority Welfare Project team with the Principal of CBSE school located in Dakshina Kannada



Activity Analysis and Time Utilisation of Panchayat Development Officers in Karnataka

A Training of Trainers programme was conducted for District Level Partner Organisation (DLPO) members. 6 different DLP organisations attended the training to familiarise themselves with the data collection instruments for the PDO project. It mainly comprised of training on PDO time and motion checklist, questionnaires on GP Secretary, GP President, Village Accountant and other GP representatives- First Division Assistant (FDA) and Data Entry Operator (DEO).

The key objectives included:

1. Train DLPO representatives to coordinate, support and facilitate all the field activities
2. Brief the participants on the functions of a Gram Panchayat and most importantly, the Panchayat Development Officer- the main stakeholder at the GP level and other GP representatives like GP President, GP Secretary and Village Accountant
3. Train the participants on the KOBO software to conduct the PDO time and motion study.

The resource persons included Ms. Priyanka Mary Francis, (Commissioner, Dept. of Panchayat Raj, Government of Karnataka) and PAC team.



Interface Meeting with Beneficiaries and Service Providers



IMC-K Project

PAC enabled the State Government-run Recruitment Agency (RA) namely, the Karnataka Vocational Training and Skill Development Corporation (KVTSDC) to recruit 585 candidates as on 3rd January 2023. This includes candidates whose Emigration Clearance (EC) is under process. The PAC has thus enabled the KVTSDC RA generate revenue to a tune of Rs.2 Crores (approx.) in the process till now. PAC's on-going efforts to establish, both KVTSDC and KSU-WSSB, as preferred RAs in Karnataka will continue. With regard to Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT) specifically, as on 20th January 2023, a total of 678 emigrants were provided PDO in English, Kannada, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam. The PDO is provided by the Master Trainers (MTs) certified by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India most of whom are from the Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) of PAC-IMC-K. The number of candidates who have undergone PDOT from 1st November 2022 to 20th January 2023 is an impressive 102 from 19 PDOT sessions.

Some of the major events in the last three months have been captured in the following photographs -



First bi-annual review meeting of Karnataka State Unorganised Workers Social Security Board (KSUWSSB) Recruitment Agency for the FY 2022-23 chaired by Joint Labour Commissioner, KSUWSSB on 08.11.2022 at his office



Candidates who underwent Pre-Departure Orientation Training along with PMU Team, Executive Director-1, Karnataka Skill Development Corporation and KVTSDC RA Team



Discussion of International Migration Centre-Karnataka (IMC-K) Team with the Service Provider of Attestation and Apostille Services - M/s. Alhind Tours and Travels on 15.11.2022



Meeting of PMU team with Assistant Labour Commissioner, Karnataka State Unorganised Workers Social Security Board (KSUWSSB) and her team on 17.11.2022



Blossom Trust Project

Report submitted to Blossom trust on Health-seeking behaviour and the barriers to early diagnosis and initiation of treatment among TB survivors and patients in southern districts of Tamil Nadu.

**Health-seeking Behaviour and the Barriers to Early
Diagnosis and Initiation of Treatment among TB
Survivors and Patients in
Southern Districts of Tamil Nadu**

Submitted to



Stop TB Partnership

Submitted by



**Public Affairs Centre
December 2022**



Events

Address by Dr. Ravindra, informal session the PAC staff had with Dr. A. Ravindra, Chairman, PAC.
On January 6th 2023



Dr. A. Ravindra, Chairman, PAC visited the PAC Campus on Thursday, January 6, 2023



Dr. Swami who gave a brief update from the IMC-K project with respect to the forth coming Overseas Conference



PAC Staff's with Dr. A. Ravindra, Chairman



Social Media Analysis



Views

381



New Followers

2457



Likes

23

Yearly

Tweets

66

Tweet Impressions

20451

Mentions

124

Profile Visits

10035

New Followers

26



Yearly

Unique Visitors

92

Page Views

308

Clicks

15



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Visitors Comments

"Many thanks to Gurucharan and his teams for their excellent hospitality and wonderful and productive discussion. Looking forward to doing this again and carrying our ideas forward."



Mr. Julius Sen
IAS (Retd.)
November 9, 2022

"PAC has added enormous value and insight to governance and administration in Karnataka. The state Govt. is fortunate to have PAC close by. My visit has been so fulfilling. Having Gurucharan Sir here is the king on the cake! Hope to work more closely with PAC in the coming years!!"



Shri. Manivannan.P, IAS
Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka
November 10, 2022



Interns Speaks

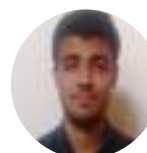
PAC believes in encouraging interns to work on live projects, interact with stakeholders, write Policy briefs and Articles and exposing them to real life experience.

"Interning at PAC was solely a remote experience. Working on gathering reading materials from different sources ranging from videos, podcasts, research articles, blogs, Policy documents, and various authentic websites has developed my skills in literature review. The entire internship experience was stress free and led to a lot of learning."



Krutika Reddy
Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences-
Bangalore

"During the period of my internship in PAC, I worked on various projects such as child monitoring system, Department of minority welfare, SDG-2, WCD, and Health. As a part of these projects, I have learnt process-reengineering, data visualisation using tools such as tableau, data analysis using supervised and unsupervised learning algorithms. I also got the opportunity to conduct field research which helped me understand the ground realities. Interning at PAC was an enriching experience."



SUBRAMANYA R
Applied AI Institute GITHUB

"As this internship with PAC comes to a close and I reflect on all I have learnt, I realise that this experience is invaluable. I love how systematically knowledge is offered to us in classrooms but the preparations and efforts involved to bring it to the classrooms are undervalued. As a part of this internship, I was expected to make manuals for experts and the process made me realise that it is a task to bring in relevant inputs and address the audience and be more prepared."



Ranjini Nadig

Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences-
Bangalore

"The internship was a good learning experience with PAC. The process of surveying for suitable material was challenging and interesting process. I particularly enjoyed understanding the various levels of information available and choosing the best one for the internship requirement."



Gowri Dixit

Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences-
Bangalore

"My internship experience here at PAC". So far, I have had an interesting experience, and a great way to build knowledge and experience. Prior to this internship, I have not had the chance to work in the field of agriculture and this internship provides me a great opportunity to learn about Raitha Samparka Kendras and agricultural extension programmes and schemes across the country."



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