



DIGITAL PLATFORMS AND WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT (DP-WEE)

4th Annual Conference for Doctoral Students

SERI-Doctoral Conference (SERI-D) 2025

Day 1 (6th February)

9:15 – 9:45 AM Registration

9:45 – 10:00 AM Welcome address by **Farzana Afridi** (DP-WEE and Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Delhi)

Keynote Address *at the Auditorium, ISI, Delhi*

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Taryn Dinkelman (University of Notre Dame, USA): Does Education Make Women Work? Evidence from Free Primary Education Laws

Chair: Farzana Afridi (ISI, Delhi)

11:30 – 12:00 PM: Tea / Coffee Break

*All paper presentations will be held in the Conference room, ISI, Delhi
Each presenter will be allotted 50 minutes (40 minutes for presentation & 10 minutes for Q&A).*

Paper - 1

12:00 – 12:50 PM

Rikhia Bhukta (IIT Kanpur): Signing for safety: Can mandatory marriage registration reduce domestic violence?

Discussant: Anomita Ghosh (IISER Bhopal)

1:00 – 2:00 PM Lunch

Paper - 2

2:00 – 2:50 PM

Ria Mongia (ISI, Delhi): Segregation or Diversification of employees

Discussant: Anirban Kar (Delhi School of Economics)

Paper - 3

3:00 PM – 3:50 PM

Khadija Aslam (Delhi School of Economics): Does religion affect borrowing: Evidence from India

Discussant: Shampa Bhattacharjee (Shiv Nadar University)

3:50 – 4:10 PM Tea/ Coffee Break

Paper - 4

4:10 PM – 5:00 PM

Agnij Sur (ISI, Delhi): Impacts of Community-Based Forest Management on Bird Diversity: Evidence from Nepal's CFUG program

Discussant: Ashokankur Datta (Shiv Nadar University)

7:00 PM Conference Dinner (by invitation)

Day 2 (7th February)

Please reach the Conference Room by 9:00 AM

Paper - 5

9:30 – 10:20 AM

Asha Kumari Rai (IIT Indore): Does Zombie lending weaken innovation? Empirical Evidence from the Indian Manufacturing sector

Discussant: Anuradha Saha (Ashoka University)

10:30 – 11:00 AM Tea/ Coffee break

Paper - 6

11:00 – 11:50 AM

Rahul Kamal (Centre For Development Studies): Political Representation and Forest Conservation in Jharkhand: Do Regimes of Property Rights Matter?

Discussant: E. Somanathan (ISI, Delhi)

Paper - 7

12:00 – 12:50 PM

Subarna Banerjee (Shiv Nadar University): Under Pressure: High-Stakes Exams and Media-Reported Student Suicides in India

Discussant: Bipasha Maity (Ashoka University)

1:00 – 2:00 PM Lunch

Paper - 8

2:00 – 2:50 PM

Bazrapani Maity (Jadavpur University): "Analyzing the Impact of Cash Transfer Policies and Population Disincentives on Income Inequality: An Overlapping Generations Model with Endogenous Fertility"

Discussant: Mausumi Das (Shiv Nadar University)

2:50 – 3:10 PM Tea/ Coffee break

Paper - 9

3:10 – 4:00 PM

Saurav Kumar (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research): The Macroeconomic Dynamics of India's Green Transition: A Real Business Cycle Perspective

Discussant: Suchismita Tarafdar (Shiv Nadar University)

4:00 PM Vote of Thanks by **Rashmi Barua** (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi)
