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Micro Research Centre (MRC)

Third Sector Research



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- 1. Purpose of MRC:** The purpose of a Third Sector Research Centre is to serve as a hub for research, knowledge exchange, and capacity building in the field of non-profit organizations, charities, social enterprises, and community groups. The centre aims to advance understanding of the third sector's role in addressing social challenges, promoting civic engagement, and contributing to the overall well-being of society. By conducting rigorous research and facilitating collaboration between academia, practitioners, and policymakers, the centre seeks to enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of third sector organizations. Through its activities, the centre strives to support evidence-based decision-making, foster innovation, and ultimately, strengthen the impact of the third sector on local, national, and global levels.
- 2. Objective of MRC:** The Third Sector Research Centre serves as a focal point for research, knowledge exchange, and capacity building in the realm of non-profit organizations, charities, social enterprises, and community groups. Its objectives encompass conducting research to comprehend the third sector's role, impact, and challenges, informing policy and practice through evidence-based findings, supporting sector development with resources and networking, facilitating collaboration among academia, the sector, government, and stakeholders, and fostering innovation in operational, funding, and service delivery models. In sum, the centre aims to fortify the third sector's influence on society by offering research-driven insights, advocacy, and support initiatives.
- 3. Description on Proposed Research:** The proposed research under the Third Sector Research Centre aims to advance understanding and enhance the impact of non-profit organizations, charities, social enterprises, and community groups. Research topics include impact assessment, governance and management practices, funding and financial sustainability, partnerships and collaboration strategies, policy analysis and advocacy,

innovation and social entrepreneurship, capacity building programs, and cross-sectoral engagement initiatives.

Methodologically, the research will be interdisciplinary and collaborative, involving quantitative and qualitative approaches. Quantitative methods such as surveys and statistical analysis will be used to measure impact, assess governance practices, and analyse financial sustainability. Qualitative methods such as case studies and interviews will be employed to explore partnership dynamics, policy implications, innovation strategies, and capacity building initiatives. The research will also involve participatory approaches, engaging stakeholders in the research process to ensure relevance and impact. Overall, the research aims to generate knowledge and solutions that strengthen the third sector and its contributions to society.

4. Expected Outcome: The research conducted by the Third Sector Research Centre aims to deepen understanding of the third sector's role, impact, and challenges, leading to more effective governance and management practices. It also seeks to provide evidence-based recommendations for policymakers, innovative funding models, and partnership strategies, inspiring social entrepreneurship and innovation for addressing societal challenges.

5. List of the Team Members: Dr. Bharathi Karanth

6. List of Working Papers:

- (1) Building Effective Partnerships between Non-Profits and Corporations: Lessons Learned
- (2) Driving Innovation in the Third Sector: The Role of Social Entrepreneurs
- (3) Collaboration Across Sectors: Best Practices for Non-Profits, Government, and Business Partnerships.

7. List of Related Published Papers:

1. [Financial Planning and Control Practices of Selected Non-Governmental Organizations: An Empirical Appraisal](#) published in Indian Journal of Finance, volume 10, Issue 2, February 2016 (Scopus indexed)
2. [Fund Management in NGOs: A Conceptual Framework](#)”, published in Annamalai International Journal of Business Studies and Research, (ISSN: 0975-749X, indexed in EBSCO, Cable Directory, Ulrich Periodicals, ISI etc.), Vol. 7, Issue. 2. November 2015. (UGC care list Journal)
3. [Impact of Recapitalisation on the PACS of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts: A case study](#)” was published in the edited volume of Indian Society for studies in Cooperation bearing ISBN 978-93-84161-68-2
4. [An analytical perspective of funding pattern of NGO’s – A case study in Udupi District](#) published in the conference proceedings of the national level conference on “Third Sector response to Contemporary Challenges” ISBN: 978-93-81195-10-9 held on January 2nd & 3rd 2012, at Sahyadri College of Management and Sciences, Mangalore.
5. [CSOs as Catalysts of Financial Inclusion: A study with reference to Beedi Workers](#) “published in Developmental Challenges in the 12th Five Year Plan-Issues, Concerns and Deliberations ISSN 2231-6043 (a special issue of papers presented in the National Conference held on 29th & 30th December 2011 at Justice K.S. Hegde Institute of Management NMAMIT, Nitte).
6. [“NGOs and Development: A Study of Selected NGOs in Coastal Karnataka”](#) in edited volume of the book titled “paper for publication in book titled New horizons in Commerce, Business, Education, It and Social sciences” Volu-2 PP-1-11 with ISBN: 978-93-93282-02-6 published

by Green Grove Research Publication, December 2022. Comprehensive Analysis of Top Equity Mutual Funds: Risk-Adjusted Performance Evaluation Using Statistical Tools 2017-2021” published in International Journal of Science and Research, Volume 13 , Issue 1, January 2024, ISSN: 2319-7064 SJIF (2022): 7.942.



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