

## **Curriculum vitae of Dr Dinesh Kumar Masta**

Dinesh has been an academican as well as a practitioner in public policy area. His teaching career began in 1994 as assistant professor (economics) in Chhattisgarh state higher education services. In order to pursue his academic aspirations, he took a long break from service, joined the fellow program of Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) in 2007, and completed in 2014.

His FPM research had been on relocation of urban slums, which is quite an unconventional research area catering to public policy. He also participated in research and consulting projects on agricultural economics and urbanization at Centre for Public Policy (CPP) in IIM Bangalore. He has presented his research in many international conferences as well as invited talks at prestigious institutions.

Since joining back his service in Chhattisgarh in 2014, he had been actively working with State Planning Commission Chhattisgarh (SPCCG) first as a part-time consultant and afterwards as joint director. His works in the Commission included both academic as well as executive inputs to state policies formulation, important governance matters, various studies on policy related issues, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030.

### **Work Profile**

- Currently posted in Post-Graduate Department of Economics, Govt. D.B. Girls PG (Auto.) College, Raipur.
- Worked on deputation on as joint director/economist in State from March 2017 to May 2019;
- Taught Economics during 1994-2007 and then 2014-2017 at both undergraduate and post-graduate level.
- Co-authored a text-book titled "*Arthshasthra-I*" (Economics-I) for undergraduate students
- Worked as UGC Junior Research Fellow (Economics) for one and a half years (1993-94) in Pt. R.S.S. University, Raipur (C.G.) on a research related to external debt burden of India.

### **Education**

- Fellow of IIM Bangalore, (Doctorate degree) 2014

**Dissertation title:**

*Relocation of Central City Slums: Does Program Governance Matter?*

Rehabilitation programs of urban slums are the focus of this research. When residents of an urban slum are offered relocation to an alternative site, they could either accept it, or contest it on various fronts including litigation in courts. The study has examined this problem from an urban public policy perspective and assessed the impact of program governance on cost-benefit perception of slum-dwellers.

This interdisciplinary study contributes to academic literature in terms of both theoretical as well as empirical aspects. The study has been perhaps the first attempt to rigorously examine the behavioural preferences of slum-dwellers on a very important issue. (Dissertation Advisors: Prof. Gopal Naik (chair), Prof Kanchan Mukherjee, Prof Subhashish Gupta)

- Masters (MA) in Economics (First division) from Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh) in 1989.
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) (Second division) from Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh) in 1987.

**Research and Conference Presentation:**

- Masta, D. K., Naik, G., & Mukherjee, K. 2013a. The Challenge of Relocating Urban Slums: The Impact of Program Governance on its Acceptance. *IIM Bangalore working Paper Series* (429).
- Masta, D. K., Naik, G., & Mukherjee, K. 2013b. Relocation of Urban Slums: The Role of Program Governance, *Indian Academy of Management 2013 Annual Conference*. Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad.
- Masta, D. K. 2013. Relocation of Central City Slums: A Theory of Planned Behavior Perspective, *International Conference on Contemporary Debate in Public Policy*. IIM Calcutta.
- Ravindra, A., Venkatramanan, M., Eddadan, N., & Masta, Dinesh K. 2013. *Urban Residential Land Market: Challenges and Opportunities. Centre of Excellence in Urban Governance*: Indian Institute of Management Bangalore.
- Masta, D. 2012. Relocation of Central City Slums: A Theory of Planned Behaviour Perspective. **Available at SSRN as working paper 2163316.**

- Masta, D. K. 2004. An Analysis of the External Debt Problem of India, ***Eighty-Seventh Annual Conference of Indian Economic Association***. BHU, Varanasi.
- Mishra, C. S., Bhardwaj, J. L., & Masta, D. K. 2002. ***Arthashastra (Economics) Part-1***. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh: Ramprasad and Sons.

**Invited Talk:**

- ✓ Relocation of Urban Slums: Does Program Governance Matter? ***International Conference on Economics Aspects of Public Policy***. Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India. (January, 2014)
- ✓ Masta, D. K. 2014. Slum Rehabilitation Programs as Safety Net for Poor, ***National Workshop on 'Macro Policy Environment, IPRs and Competition Policy'***. IIM Bangalore.

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