

Indian Council of Social Science Research

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The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) recently issued a show cause notice to the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), asking it to disclose the source of funding for its studies on the Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise and the Maharashtra Assembly polls.

About Indian Council of Social Science Research

- It is the **apex body** of the Government of India for **research in the social and human sciences**.
- It was **established** in the year **1969** by the Government of India on the **recommendation of Prof. V. K. R. V. Rao Committee**.
- It is an **autonomous organisation** working under the aegis of the Department of Higher Education, **Ministry of Education**.
- ICSSR plays a pivotal role in **advancing knowledge and understanding of various social issues and challenges**, and providing research-based solutions to policymakers and stakeholders in the development of the nation through initiatives and schemes such as

- **research projects**
- doctoral, postdoctoral, senior fellowships, and national **fellowships**
- **research internships; training and capacity building** of early career researchers
- publication **grants**
- national and international **seminars**, conferences, and workshops
- publication of cutting-edge research
- **national and international collaboration**
- promotion of social science and humanities research through **research institutes, recognised institutes, and regional centres.**
- An **all-India network of 24 frontline research institutes** and six regional centres is maintained, and **five recognized institutes are programmatically supported by the ICSSR.**
- The **Documentation center of ICSSR - National Social Science Documentation Centre (NASSDOC)**- provides library and information support services to researchers in social sciences.
- ICSSR has developed the **ICSSR Data Service** to serve as a national data service for **promoting a powerful research environment through sharing and reuse of data among the social science community** in India.

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