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Tirupattur, Vellore District.

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About DRCSS

Bosco Research Center for Social Science (BRCSS) is an affiliated research center with Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Tirupattur, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu. BRCSS was established in 2012. With multi-disciplinary research as its core activity, the BRCSS formulates ideas, undertakes empirical studies, theorizes and disseminates knowledge through training and publications. With an emphasis on empirical research, Centre also undertakes research and consultancy activities to national and international agencies, corporates, academic institutions and scholars.

Bosco Research Center for Social Science (BRCSS) has also been actively involved in training of teachers, researchers, policy makers, NGOs and social activists. Under the BRCSS Guidance and Consultancy Scheme, the Centre’s faculty members offer guidance to Ph.D. scholars in designing research, refining methodology and analyzing data.

Rationale

Bosco Research Center for Social Science (BRCSS) provides an outlet for faculty and students to collaborate on research studies in the social sciences and, more generally, to enhance the vitality of Sacred Heart academic community. Responding to contemporary dynamics, key areas of research, include marginal communities, migration, labour, land and credit markets, society and Violence, culture and conflict, public health, environment and resources, governance, women and society, urban life, social justice and civil society. There is a huge need under Corporate Social Responsibility for identifying needs for projects and to do impact assessment.

Theoretical contributions of BRCSS have been well-recognised in the field of social stratification, agrarian relations, social movements, sociology of education, dalit studies, tribal communities and development studies. Persistent empirical enquiries into deprivation, under-development and marginalization among the scheduled castes, tribes (including nomadic tribes), women and minorities highlight our research concerns.

Objectives

- To promote and provide support for faculty engaged in scholarly research
- To provide opportunities outside the classroom for students to work with faculty on projects in the social sciences
- To offer research services to the College, government agencies, businesses and non-profit community based institutions.
- To promote inter-disciplinary research within social sciences.
- To impart scientific attitude and research methodology through workshop and training

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**Services Offered**

1. Designing and Conducting Survey
2. Base line and end line researches
3. Impact and evaluative studies
4. Consultation for research methodology
5. Tool Construction – Quantitative and Qualitative
6. Data entry and data cleaning
7. Processing data with SPSS and NVivos (Licensed Version)
8. Report preparation
9. Research methodology training and workshops
10. Publication of research findings
11. Plagiarism Test using Turnitin Software (Licensed Version)
12. Research Lab with computer facility (SPSS and NVivos Loaded)

**Research Projects Undertaken/Supported by the Center**
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<td>Enhancing Employability Skills of Undergraduate Students – An Intervention Study</td>
<td>Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, India</td>
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<td>Capacity Mapping of NGOs – Study done for Child Fund India in executing capacity assessment of 26 Partner NGOs of Child Fund India in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka States</td>
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<td>Skill development training needs Assessment A cross sectional study of youth in Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha</td>
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<td>Skill Development Training Needs Assessment – A Cross Sectional Study of Indian Youth, funded by DB Tech, New Delhi, (Major National level study comprising 53,263 respondents in 23 States of India)</td>
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<td>International Survey on ‘Youth and Human Rights</td>
<td>Coordinated by Wurzburg University, Germany and done in collaboration with Salesian Pontifical University, Italy</td>
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Organizations that we've worked with (some on multiple occasions):

1. Wurzburg University, Germany
2. Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sriperumbudur, India
3. DB TECH, New Delhi
4. ELGI Public Welfare Trust, Coimbatore
5. Michelin Tyres India Tamilnadu Pvt. Ltd, Periyapalayam, Tiruwallur Dist
6. Restless Development India
7. ChildFund India
8. IMPACT Partners for Social Development, Delhi
9. Institute of Dialogue with Cultures and Religion, Loyola College, Chennai
10. Salesian Province, Sri Lanka
11. ATG-Tires-Thirunelveli
12. University Grants Commission, Delhi
13. IVDP, Krishnagiri Dist, Tamil Nadu
14. St. Joseph ITI, Katpadi, Vellore, India

Faculty Research Seminars
- Five days workshop on SPSS organized for Don Bosco Animation & Research Kendra (DBARK), Delhi
- Two days workshop organized for Ph.D research scholars.

For Communication

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