



SOCIAL & POLITICAL
RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Dialogues For Better Democracy

CALL FOR ENTRIES

SPRF CURATED VOICES PROJECT

About Social & Political Research Foundation (SPRF): We are a public policy think tank focused on contributing non-partisan and objective social and political research to dialogues on democracy. Headquartered in New Delhi, India, we work through our research, outreach, and events to deliberate and discuss the idea of an India where public policy is strengthened by fact and not steered by opinion. Our work uses technology and big data analytics to inform and influence India's ever-evolving policy landscape. Anchored in the democratic ideas that emerged post-independence, we ensure that public policy understanding resonates with the youth, the largest demographic group in India.

About the Project: The project is conceptualised as a platform for graduate and post-graduate students, early-career scholars, academics, development professionals, and policy enthusiasts to publish work that embodies our mission to democratise public policy. Through this, SPRF strives to build a network of researchers from diverse backgrounds, which will underpin the democratic dialogues we seek to stimulate. Contributing to the Curated Voices Project inducts you into the SPRF network.

Submissions can be in the form of short blog posts, commentaries, discussion papers or issue briefs. The submissions can cover the five thematic areas that SPRF focuses on (but not limited to):

1. Environment
2. Economy
3. Governance
4. Human Rights
5. Security.

The research must be backed by data, should not be remotely plagiarised and should be properly referenced. Upon approval, the research will be published on the SPRF website with due credit to the author.

The submissions can be either:

1. **Short topical pieces**

- Commentaries or blog posts on topical and current policy issues.
- Reviews (books, documentaries, essays, movies, among others).
- Photo essays and illustrations depicting ongoing public policy concerns.
- Anecdotal narrative accounts tied to a broader policy issue. For instance: Exploring questions of education and accessibility for people with disabilities.

2. **Research papers**

- Discussion papers focusing on policy concerns and potential recommendations.
- Issue briefs with a fact-based overview and in-depth research of a particular public policy.

Note:

1. The submissions should adhere to SPRF's citation guide available [here](#).
2. While the shorter 500-800 pieces can be submitted directly, for longer discussion papers and issue briefs, please send a 300-word abstract. Drafts of full-fledged research papers will only be accepted once the SPRF team has reviewed the abstract.

Submission Guidelines:

1. There is no deadline. We accept submissions throughout the year.
2. Avoid unnecessary jargon and heavily academic language wherever possible.
3. The submissions should be well researched and grounded in public policy issues yet be easily accessible to the lay audience.
4. Please ensure that your submissions are topical and are of contemporary relevance.



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5. Ensure that your submissions are sent across in a Word format. Please do not send PDFs.
6. Do not share pieces that have been previously published elsewhere.
7. If you want to submit an article that needs to be published on a particular day, for instance, World Doctors' Day, please ensure that the piece is sent at least a week prior. In case of longer discussion papers and issue briefs, the abstract should be shared a month prior.
8. You are encouraged to substantiate your submissions with properly referenced infographics, illustrations and photographs wherever possible.
9. Please refer to work previously published on www.sprf.in as examples of the Curated Voices Projects.

Please send the articles or the abstracts with a short bio of yourself to contributions@sprf.in

We strongly encourage women and individuals from marginalised communities to share their work. We strive to be a platform that is accessible to the underrepresented voices in democratic discourses.

Disclaimer:

1. Please note that we reserve the right to refuse publication if the article fails to meet our minimum editorial requirements.
2. The guidelines need to be strictly followed for us to consider your applications.
3. Any form of plagiarism will be dealt with strictly and will lead to the cancellation of the application.

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