Centre for Dalit Studies &
Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, South Asia

Call for Applications:

DEMOCRACY SCHOOL 2025

Last date of application: November 10, 2025

The Democracy School is a week-long, fully residential program designed to foster critical engagement with democratic theory, constitutional values, civil liberties, and the complex challenges facing democracies. The School aims to bridge the gap between academic research and public engagement by encouraging participants to connect their scholarly work with policy processes, community realities, and public discourse. Through a rich and interactive curriculum, the School will build interdisciplinary dialogue and exchange among young scholars and activists from across regions and disciplines. Participants will benefit from sessions that enhance their research design, academic writing, communication, and scholarship skills. The Democracy school also aims to create a pluralistic learning environment that values inclusion, respect, and dialogue among diverse voices and experiences.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be sent by email to the programme convenor at

cdsrlsproject@gmail.com

- The applicants need to submit one academic article along with their *detailed bio-data.*

- The applicants need to submit academic article related to any of the below mentioned themes:

  Indian Constitution & the Idea of the Republic

  Caste, Democracy & Social Justice

  Majoritarian Politics & Composite Culture

  Media, Digital age and Democracy

  Federalism, State Power & Grassroots Democracy

  Economy, Labour & Democratic Rights

  Ecology & Democracy from the Margins

IMPORTANT DATES

Last date of application :	November 10, 2025
Notification to the selected participants :	November 15, 2025
Democracy School 2025 :	December 7-12, 2025

at Hyderabad, Telangana

For more information please visit: **http://cdsindia.org/events/**

GUIDELINES FOR ARTICLES

The applicant should submit high quality academic and policy analysis article on the themes related to democracy. The article should use rigorous methodology, substantive content, and focus. Research articles should be between 5,000 to 8,000 words (this includes footnotes, and excludes bibliography, abstract, tables and figure captions). Research articles should generally have the following sections: abstract, literature review, methodology, analysis/discussion, and conclusion. The contributors should also provide 6 –7 keywords for online searchability. Guidelines specified in American Psychological Association (7th Edition, 2019) must be followed.

- *Articles submitted by selected participants will be published in the form of edited book from a reputed publisher.*

- The organizers will bear the cost of travel (train AC three tier), boarding and lodging during the course of the programme.

MENTORING PROGRAM

The participants of democracy school will be provided mentorship programme. Academicians and experts of democracy would be invited to mentor the young participants. The mentoring programme and pre-workshop sessions would begin before the democracy school. The participants of the democracy school would finalise their academic article during mentoring programme which will be published in the form of academic book from a reputed publisher.

Details of the Applicants: Democracy School 2025

Applicants need to send their detail bio-data along with below information.

Name	
Date of Birth	
Gender	
Mobile number	
Email	
Mother's Name	
Father's name	
Social Group (SC/ST/OBC/GEN)	
Place of Birth	
Education	
Institute/University	
Address for Correspondence	