



## CENTRE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

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The Centre for Civil Society is an independent, non-profit, research and educational organisation devoted to improving the quality of life for all citizens of India by reviving and reinvigorating civil society. India got her political independence in 1947 from the British state, but we still do not have complete social, cultural and economic independence from the Indian state. We aim to limit the domain of the state and make more space for civil society.

We champion limited government, rule of law, free trade, and individual rights. We are an ideas organisation, a think tank that develops ideas to better the world. We want to usher in an intellectual revolution that encourages people to look beyond the obvious, think beyond good intentions, and act beyond activism.

We believe in the individuality and dignity of all persons, and their right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. We trust their judgment when they cast their vote in a ballot box and when they spend their money in a marketplace. We are driven by the dream of a free society, where political, social, and economic freedom reigns. We are soldiers for a Second Freedom Movement.

Through research, outreach and advocacy, CCS influences current (members of Parliament and IAS officers) and future leaders (the youth) to challenge the status quo, offer new solutions to age old problems and thereby influence the climate of opinion. The core areas of research and advocacy are:

- Law, liberty, and livelihood (regulations, property rights, entrepreneurship)
- Markets and Environment (focus on forestry and water resources and rural livelihood)

- Good Governance (budgets, subsidiarity, e-governance, and New Public Management)
- Education for All (government performance and private initiatives)
- Rule of Law (property rights, and judicial and tort reforms)
- India & the World (WTO, agriculture, and biotech)

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