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As Co-Director, Dr. Pal has undertaken Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) Collaborative Empirical Research Project titled '*Exploring the Socio-Economic Impact of Jal Jeevan Mission on Marginalized Communities in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra: A Comprehensive Study*'. She has also been awarded an ICSSR Minor Research Project (2024-25) on '*Sustainability of Digital Jobs: Assessing the Role of Gig-Platform Economy in Enhancing*

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Dr. Pal has published extensively in the form of journal articles, book chapters, and scholarly commentaries with reputed academic publishers. Most recently, she co-edited the book on '***India's Political Economy at 75: Opportunities and Challenges of Development***', published in 2026 by Springer Nature. In addition, she regularly contributes opinion pieces, commentaries, and analytical blogs on contemporary socio-economic issues. She has delivered invited lectures at several reputed institutions and universities. Dr. Pal has also presented her research at numerous national and international conferences.