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Amita Kumari teaches History at Sido Kanhu Murmu University in Jharkhand, a remote province of India. She is also a doctoral student in Presidency University, Kolkata. She became a part of the CHSS project during the initial years of her doctoral research. This association proved to be highly enriching and transformative, significantly enhancing her research capabilities. The workshops significantly helped shape the broad framework of her doctoral research. In addition, she presented her work at two international events – one at Chiang Mai University, Thailand, and the other in Daegu, South Korea. The workshops, coupled with the experience of attending two international events, greatly improved her ability to write research papers. She is delighted to share that a paper she wrote under SPPU's mentorship will soon be published in the peer-reviewed English language *Economic and Political Weekly* Journal.

The benefits of her association with the CHSS Project extend well beyond her personal academic growth, however. Over the past couple of years, the project has reached out to her university located in a remote, semi-urban region of an underdeveloped province in India. Sido Kanhu Murmu University thereafter hosted a writing workshop, which proved highly successful, particularly because the sessions were held in the regional language. This initiative not only introduced local scholars to the project but it also encouraged many to apply for the workshops at SPPU. Several of them have since been selected to become part of the CHSS initiative, just as Amita was in 2022. From supporting one individual, CHSS has expanded its positive impact to help nurture a region in India that has long remained underrepresented in mainstream academic platforms.