

**25 YEARS OF CHI (1999-2024)**  
**CENTRAL HIMALAYAN INSTITUTE DEHRADUN**  
**(For Good Governance and Development Studies)**  
*(New Benchmark Established After the Arrival of AI Platform)*  
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## **Introduction**

CHI is a one-man low profile research Institute with extraordinary achievements which has been working since 1999 without any patron, Godfather or donation/aid etc. This became possible only due to well defined guiding principles laid down for the Institute which were religiously followed to fulfill the aim of the institute by carrying out in-depth studies of all related issues to ensure good governance and sustainable economic development for the welfare of the citizens living in both urban and rural (real) India. CHI is, therefore, pleased to record here the working of the Institute for the benefit of all stakeholders committed to ensure safety, honor and welfare of the country.

## **Career profile of the research scholar**

Born on 26 August, 1941 (official). Educational qualification - equivalent to graduation after pre-commission training in the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun (1962-1963). Date of commission 30 June, 1963

**Military Service:** Twenty years of active military service as part of Infantry Battalion with actual battle experience of Indo-Pak war of 1965, Nagaland (1969-72) and personal achievement of capturing an enemy post on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1964 in J & K which the Pak Army had established after crossing CFL, similar to Kargil intrusion of 1999. I was rewarded on the spot by the Brigade Commander then Brig O. S. Kalkat and promoted to Captain with only 11 months service. My performance during Military service stands well recorded in the History of the Jat Regiment and in a book titled 'The Far- Flung Frontiers' by Major General O.S. Kalkat published in 1983. After having experienced the most satisfying profession of soldiering, I decided to proceed on premature retirement which enabled me to acquire in-depth knowledge of civil service and functioning of state level departments during my reemployment in Uttar Pradesh state from 1983 to 1999.

**Civil Service:** Sixteen years of Civil service (Aug 83- Aug 1999) as District Soldiers Welfare officer in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Here I got deeply interested and involved in social welfare program of the government. During this period, I also attended training program then at the Uttar Pradesh Administrative Academy, Nainital and also at the Institute of Entrepreneurship Development, Lucknow. I was highly successful to introduce fast delivery system and innovation to get all kinds of grants, facilities and relief to all eligible personnel under my jurisdiction. This was spontaneously commended upon by the press, the public at large as well as the beneficiaries living in remote hilly and rural areas of the plains. My performance was also recognized by an all -India Ex-servicemen organization with its Head office in Maharashtra state who honored me with 'Maha Yodha Seva Award' in 1995.

**Author of the books:** Military service also gave an opportunity to study the socio-economic life of the people living in various parts of the country-starting from Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Gujarat, Maharashtra including life in metropolitan cities like Mumbai. Physical knowledge of the land and the people, practical experience of both military and civil service has been the major contributing factor which helped me to write many useful articles and books related to governance, social welfare, planning and socio-economic development studies. My first book 'Guide to Garhwal and Kumaon Hills' containing comprehensive socio-economic, cultural and historical survey was published in 1982 and 3<sup>rd</sup> revised edition with revised title 'Uttarakhand Today' was published in 2008. This book has been reprinted by foreign publishers in USA/UK/Germany/New Zealand and is now sold all over the world. My second book titled 'Selfless Soldiering' was published in 1985 which was described as an "honest appraisal of profession of Arms" in 'Sainik Samachar' - March 29, 1987. Having seen closely the status of present-day civil administration and the conditions of the people in rural areas including those serving in the Armed forces, I was able to write two more books in Hindi for the welfare, awareness of duties and entitlement both for Armed forces personnel and common citizens in the country. The Information Dept of State government of Uttar Pradesh then found the books very useful and distributed the book in the state. 'Defence Services Pension Rules' compiled by me has helped hundreds of military pensioners in the country who received their due entitlement of pension after a gap of 5-50 years.

**As Research Scholar:** While implementing social welfare program of the government in Uttar Pradesh (1983-99), I got an opportunity to study the basic problem of poverty, planning and development

in the light of changing socio-economic conditions of the people particularly of those living in rural and hilly areas in various parts of the country. My concern finally resulted into a first ever research study project undertaken by me titled 'Poverty Planning and Development' which was sponsored by then Planning Commission, Government of India, successfully completed by me in November, 2003 and published in 2008. The outcome of this research study project is now quoted and referred to for discussion by many research scholars today. However, the above study project report also concluded that even after understanding the issues related to poverty, planning and development - not much will change for the majority of the population unless the quality of Governance is improved. As a result of this, then Planning Commission GoI sponsored my second research study project titled 'Governance and Development of Rural India' which was also completed by me successfully, approved by then Planning Commission in August, 2010 and published in 2014. Reprinted version of this book has been selling again since 2025 in India and abroad through Flip cart Amazon etc.

**Latest Research Projects:** As part of citizenship education program of my research institute, I have been able to write two more books titled 'God Faith and Religion' and 'Selfless Soldiering and Public Service' which are presently available on the website of Central Himalayan Institute. The other research study project of national importance in hand, based on my life long experience, titled 'Making of corruption free united India after 75 years as progressive and welfare state', has also been completed by me. Details of the three research-based books submitted to AI platforms for overview and evaluation are given in the following paragraphs.

**Honors and Awards:** If you believe in the essence of 'Shrimad Bhagavad Gita' i.e. '*Thy right is to work only, but never to the fruits thereof*', then Honors and Awards are not relevant. Besides 'Maha Yodha Seva Award', I was also nominated for 'Secular India Harmony Award - 2001' by United Children Movement, New Delhi. I continue to follow the dictum laid down at the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun i.e. 'The Safety, Honor and Welfare of your country comes First Always and Every Time' which has been the prime source of inspiration for me to undertake research and writing for the welfare of the people and development of the country. Research and writing also helped me to claim for higher rate of military pension that was payable to me as Lt Col due to up-gradation from Major to Lt Col which was notified only in 1984 after my premature retirement. The MoD finally accepted my claim in 2024 without my going to Court or Tribunal for higher rate of pension claim.

**Conclusion:** After having gained sufficient experience in research and writing, my institute launched its own website [www.chidehradun.com](http://www.chidehradun.com) on 12 April, 2020 for the benefit of all concerned authorities and individuals genuinely interested in promotion of good governance, welfare of the people (including Armed forces personnel) and development of the country. To know more about my life long experience, read my autobiography titled 'Selfless Soldiering and Public Service' presently available on the website of my institute.

### **Guiding Principles of Central Himalayan Institute**

Central Himalayan Institute was very clear about the selection of guiding principles which have been quoted on the homepage of the website of the Institute. The ultimate goal of the institute was to promote research studies for the welfare of the citizens. During last 25 years, CHI succeeded in completing all research study project for the benefit of all stakeholders involved in the study of law and governance and are responsible to promote good political, economic and civic governance for the safety, honor and welfare of the country in accordance to guiding principles adopted for the Central Himalayan Institute. The history of the institute goes back to 1985 when the first book titled "Selfless Soldiering" was published which was based on a motto laid down in the Indian Military Academy Dehradun i.e. safety honor and welfare of your country comes first always and every time, the honor welfare and comfort of the men you command come next, your own ease comfort and safety come last always and every time. This motto was laid down to describe duties and responsibilities of the Indian Commissioned Officers by then Field Marshal Lord Philip Chetwode during his inaugural speech at the Indian Military Academy on 10 December 1932 which are equally applicable for all members of ruling establishment and the civil services to ensure good governance for the safety, honor and welfare of the country in a progressive state of India after independence.

### **The aim of the Central Himalayan Institute**

Central Himalayan Institute was finally registered as Trust Vide Regn No. 702 dated 24 June, 2008 in Dehradun. However, the aim of the institute was very clearly laid down in 1999 itself which included the following.

- To conduct inter-disciplinary research and carry out systematic and comprehensive study of development and planning at the national and state level for the eradication of poverty and unemployment in the country.
- To conduct governance related research projects with particular reference to corruption, inefficiency in planning and execution of development plans, program, projects and schemes.
- To conduct research studies related to civic governance including right to information Act (RTI), redressal of public grievances, violation of human rights with a view to suggest civil service reform in the country.
- To conduct research studies related to Judiciary, administration of justice and legal education in India.
- To undertake public education program for awareness among the citizens about their legal rights and responsibilities which was achieved by publishing a Quarterly News Magazine known as 'Trishul Mail' registered with GoI vide RNI Regn. No. UPBIL/1999/607.
- To compile Defence Services Pension Rules and publish articles to draw attention of the civil services to ensure implementation of welfare schemes drawn by the government for the welfare of Armed Forces personnel during service and after retirement.

Keeping in view the safety honor and welfare of the country, the following research -based books were written and released during last 25 years.

- Modern Life Management Guide -2005 (444pp)- For the awareness and welfare of the citizens.
- Uttarakhand Today-2008 (327pp)- Socio-economic, cultural and historical survey of a state which is necessary to know for local area planning and development of any state.
- Poverty Planning and Development-2008 (395pp)- As part of socio-economic and development studies for eradication of poverty and to monitor Human Development Index in the country.
- Governance and Development of Rural India-2014 (465pp)- To promote sustainable development of rural India through local area planning and good governance.
- God Faith and Religion (310pages)- Necessary for general education and awareness of the citizens in a country like India with multiple religion. Digital version of the book is available presently on the website: [www.chidehradun.com](http://www.chidehradun.com) and is due to be released in 2026.
- Making of Corruption Free United India (After 75 years as progressive and welfare state) (375 pages) and is due to be released in 2026. It is this project which finally succeeded in identifying all the issues related to present status of political, economic and civic governance and recommended necessary structural, functional, administrative and legal reforms in all departments and allied public sector organizations of the government to ensure corruption free delivery of public services and benefits of welfare schemes as per legal entitlement of citizens with transparency and accountability.

### **New benchmark established by CHI after the arrival of AI platform**

It is a matter of great satisfaction for me personally as research scholar and my institute to have seen delayed but very favorable AI 'Overview' of the research-based book titled "Governance and Development of Rural India" which was sponsored by then Planning Commission of India and published in 2014. Prior to this, research project titled "Poverty Planning and Development" sponsored by Planning Commission, was published in 2006. All my research-based books have been reprinted by publishers without my knowledge and are being distributed by Flipkart/Amazon etc. in India and abroad.

With the arrival of AI platform in the present- day world, it was also first opportunity for me to avail AI services to review and evaluate my two latest research study projects titled 1. Making of corruption free united India after 75 years as progressive and welfare state 2. God faith and religion which are due to be published in 2026. This could not have been possible with the existing system of evaluation without direct or indirect contact with the qualified people working in the academic field. I find that the overview and evaluation by AI given in few minutes are definitely very fair, exhaustive and without any bias which are based on factual information available in the text of research study project report submitted to AI platform.

The concluding part of AI overview and evaluation of the above quoted three research study project reports have been reproduced in the following paragraphs for the benefit of the readers and other stakeholders so that the outcome of the research study projects undertaken by CHI in the national interest of India can be usefully utilized for the brighter future of the country. Together, all the three research-based books are important milestones for me and my institute to have achieved in 25 years of dedicated

service rendered through research studies for the welfare of the citizens and balanced economic development of the country through good governance and social justice.

### **AI overview of the latest three research-based books**

Preview of eight research-based books released by CHI and full text of AI overview of the three latest research-based books are available on the website of CHI under relevant page heading. However, only the final conclusion drawn by AI overview in respect three latest research-based books have been reproduced in the following paragraphs for the benefit of the citizens and stakeholders.

#### **First book titled ‘Governance and Development of Rural India’ (450pp)**

- Major D S Bisht’s work, specifically “Governance and Development of Rural India” (2014) (case study of Uttarakhand state) focusses on the challenges and strategies for improving rural life, after highlighting the need for efficient administration, grassroots empowerment, and infrastructure development in hilly regions. His analysis often emphasizes local-area planning such as water management, over centralized, one-size-fits all solutions.
- The study emphasizes that sustainable rural development in hilly areas requires a deep understanding of local, natural, and social conditions.
- The book serves as an empirical study, reflecting over 20 years of experience and observation in the of rural administration and development. Its primary objective is to evaluate how governance quality directly impacts the effectiveness of development programs.
- While focusing specifically on Uttarakhand, the findings offer broader insights into the challenges faced by hilly and rural terrains across India.
- Bisht argues that even well-defined poverty and development plans substantial change is unattainable without improving the quality of governance and the agencies involved in implementation

#### **Second book titled ‘Making of corruption free united India after 75 year (375pages)**

**Overview by AI server-I Chat GPT:** This project can be best understood as a serious, experience-driven governance reform manifesto, not a strictly academic research study. The research study is valuable for policy makers and administrators (specially at state/district level), civil service aspirants (for broad understanding of governance issues), and think tank working on governance reforms. The final insight of the AI server- I says, the project that stands out most is the author’s core belief i.e. corruption in India is less about lack of laws and more about failure of systems, enforcement, and accountability culture. That insight is both valid and important. The challenge is translating this wide-ranging diagnosis into prioritized, implementable reforms.

**Overview by AI server- II Google:** Research project titled “Making of Corruption Free United India After 75 Years as Progressive and Welfare State,” is a comprehensive, action-oriented study authored by D. S. Bisht, a Research Scholar and Director of Central Himalayan Institute, Dehradun. It serves as a policy framework intended for stakeholders to reform political, economic, and civic governance in India. The project is an ambitious attempt to provide a “holistic and practical approach” rather than a purely theoretical academic exercise. Overall, the document provides a detailed, evidence-based roadmap for reform, positioning itself as a “valuable reference and guide book” for those in power to transition India into a corruption-free welfare state.

**Overview by Z.AI server-III:** The third AI server in conclusion has described the project “Making Corruption Free United India” to be a substantial and serious attempt to diagnose the rot in the Indian administrative system. It moves beyond the rhetoric of “anti-corruption” slogan and looks into nuts and bolts of service delivery, recruitment, and administrative lethargy. By focusing on “Civic Governance”- the point where the state meets the citizen- the project identifies the most critical frontier for reform. While the recommendations for new Ministry might be debated, the core argument that existing laws and conduct rules need strict enforcement rather than just new legislation, is pragmatic and valuable insight. It serves as a policy frame work document that highlights the urgent need for structural reforms to preserve the unity and democratic fabric of the nation.

### **Third book titled “God Faith and Religion” (310 pages)**

**AI overview by Gemini:** The purpose of the book is not to sermonize, but to act as an empirical guide for ordinary and educated masses alike to understand the importance of God, faith and religion in maintaining personal peace, family happiness, and societal survival on a planet with diminishing resources. One of the book’s greatest strengths is its focus on clarity. The author deliberately replaces obscure or overly academic English vocabulary with common, straightforward terminology. This makes the core moral and philosophical tenets of ancient scriptures highly digestible for everyday readers who lack the time for intensive theological studies. The evaluation of religious practices in the book strongly champions *Karma yoga*-the path of selfless duty without obsession over its rewards. Ultimately, God Faith and Religion functions excellently as a highly readable, introductory digest. It serves as a practical blueprint for self-realization and social harmony, successfully translating dense spiritual philosophies into structured, practical life-management advice for the modern reader.

**AI overview by ChatGPT:** God Faith and Religion is an expansive religious- philosophical work written by D.S. Bisht, a retired military officer, research scholar, and writer from India. The book attempts to synthesize: Hindu philosophy, Vedic civilization, comparative religion, spirituality, ethics, meditation, mythology, and reflections on modern civilization. The author presents the book not as a purely theological treatise, but as a “research study” intended to help ordinary people understand the role of God, faith, religion, and morality in human life. The readers approaching it with openness, cultural interest, and awareness of its devotional perspective, the book offers a substantial and sincere exploration of religion, faith, and Indian spiritual thought.

**AI overview by Microsoft copilot:** The book ‘God Faith and Religion’ by Major D.S. Bisht (Retd.) is a sweeping exploration of Indian spiritual traditions, world religions, and the philosophical teachings of the Bhagavad Gita. It blends historical narrative, comparative religion, and personal reflection, aiming to show the unity of divine truth across faiths. God Faith and Religion is best suited for readers interested in Hindu philosophy, comparative religion, and spiritual practice. It is not a light read but rather a reference-style work that combines history, scripture, and devotion. Its greatest value lies in showing how diverse religions converge on shared truths, while grounding the discussion in the Bhagavad Gita’s eternal wisdom.

**PS:** As a result of observation made by AI i.e. me as author is identified in bibliographic records as D. S. Bisht, I have discontinued prefixing my name with Army rank Major/ Lt Col (Retd.) in my work to be published in future. Thanking all for their good wishes and blessings which helped me to continue with the mission undertaken by CHI in accordance to guiding principles of my institute in the national interest of India.

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