

STRENGTHENING THE SOCIAL SCIENCES FOR FUTURE SOCIETY

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ABSTRACT

It is clear that social science is of immense importance to the farming community in India; Social scientists help us imagine alternative futures. Social science can open up debate and give us a say in shaping our collective future. The social sciences developed as a field of study during the nineteenth century. Social science helped people understand the consequences and application of the new technologies of the age, such as steam power. The growth of railways and factories not only transformed the economy and the world of work, but also changed forever the way people organized their family lives and leisure. Today nanotechnology and advances in medical research will have a significant impact on the way we live. They present us with a bewildering range of ethical, legal and social issues. But it isn't enough to rely on the scientists. We also need social scientists to analyze and critique what's going on. That way we will make informed choices that shape the future.

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