The Institute for Social and Economic Change was established in 1972 by the visionary, scholar, statesman and distinguished social scientist Prof. V K R V Rao. It has always been conceived as an all-India institute of interdisciplinary research and training in social sciences. The principal objective of the Institute is conducting research, pure and applied, in social sciences and enlarging the canvas to include doctoral programme, training and policy dissemination.

The main objectives of the Institute summarily stated are to:

- undertake pure and applied research in social sciences encompassing all aspects of a developing society in an inter-disciplinary framework;
- assist central, state and local governments by providing advice based on policy-related studies;
- undertake regular training of doctoral students and teachers in universities and colleges, and for the officials and political functionaries, particularly at local levels;
- maintain a documentation and data centre in social sciences;
- take all measures within the competence of the Institute for the promotion of pure and applied research in social and economic development and change;
- assist the multilateral organisations such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO and ILO in undertaking research and training programmes and
- collaborate with universities, research institutions and the non-governmental organisations (NGO) in the region in improving the quality of research and training.
The Centre for Political Institutions, Governance and Development (CPIGD) came into existence in 2006 when the erstwhile ‘Units’ were restructured. CPIGD was formerly known as Development Administration Unit, which was established in 1974 under the leadership of Prof Amal Ray and Prof B S Bhargava. Since its inception, the Centre has achieved many milestones, including numerous impressive publications of research projects (30), books (16), working papers (37), articles (450) and award of PhDs (31).

GOALS AND MISSION

- Issues concerning the study of social and economic change from the political and governance perspective are the major focus of the Center’s research. In recent years, the center’s perspective and research agenda has been changed in the context of globalisation, democratic decentralisation and new political movements and technological revolution (information and communication technology).

RESEARCH PERSPECTIVE

The thrust areas for research, teaching, training and outreach are:

- Perspectives, theories, philosophies, and paradigms related to politics, governance and development.

- Development Politics - State and Societal relationships in historical, comparative and development perspective; politics (political regimes, state), market and civil society (social capital, movement, associations, culture, NGOs) and development.

- Political and administrative institutions: Democracy, political parties, pressure groups, executive, legislature, judiciary, bureaucracy, and institutions of rural and urban governance. Political and administrative reforms for inclusive governance in the context of technological revolution, Constitutional, electoral and administrative reforms.

- Implications of globalisation (trade Regimes, International Organisations and Development agencies) on polity, governance, urban and environmental systems (migration) and labour (casualisation and informalisation) and other disadvantaged (urban poor, women, SC/ST, aged and children).

- Issues related to governance, service delivery and information and communication technology (ICT) in physical and social infrastructure (education, health, water, sanitation, irrigation, natural resources, power), development (agriculture, manufacturing and services), and social security (welfare, poverty) at the national and sub-national level from state, market and civil society perspective, (E-Governance, public and private partnership).

- Issues pertaining to conflicts, communalism, corruption, terrorism, fundamentalism,
sub-nationalism, regionalism, inter-state disputes, gender, ethics, poverty and environmental governance.

The Centre is planning to undertake research, teaching and training activities in areas such as development politics, (political regimes, democracy, decentralisation), globalisation, democratic decentralisation, labour, governance (political, administrative, rural urban, sectoral and electronic), rights and ethics in public life. Presently the Centre has two professors, two associate professors (one vacant– one temporary appointment made) and one assistant professor. The centre proposes to endowment chairs and lectures in areas such as international relations and governance (Rural, Urban, Gender, Civil Society, Ethics, Electronic, Law and sectoral). The centre would also like to strengthen its PhD program by constituting/inviting endowment fellowships.

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CPIGD has collaborated with many national and international institutions like Japanese Foundation (Tokyo), National Foundation of India, New Delhi and Sir Ratan Tata Trust. The faculty members of the Centre have also close collaboration with the institutions like The Commission on Centre-State Relations, Fifth Pay Commissions and Planning Commission, Government of Karnataka.

**POLICY INTERFACE**

One of the major mandates of CPIGD is to provide policy initiatives in the Governance, Institutions and Development. The faculty members have provided important inputs to Administrative Reforms Commission, Pay Commissions and the Commission on Centre-State Relations. CPIGD participated significantly in the policy dialogue that held at different levels in the State and the Central governments.

The centre’s research output is disseminated in the form of policy briefs, seminar presentations and articles. The faculty members’ writings in the popular journals and newspapers and their association with many high-powered committees of Government of Karnataka and various professional bodies reflect this trend. The faculty members of the Centre have received many honours for their contribution in policy and theoretical research.