INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE
Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao Road, Nagarabhavi P.O., Bengaluru - 560 072

cordially invites you to the Thirteenth

Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao Memorial Lecture to celebrate the 46th Founders’ Day of the Institute

by

Prof. (Dr.) G. Gopa Kumar
Vice-Chancellor, Central University, Kerala

on

“Changing Political Landscape of India and Contemporary Trends”

on Friday, 20th January 2017 at 11.00 a.m.
in the Mahatma Gandhi Auditorium of the Institute

Dr. A. Ravindra, IAS (Retd.)
Chairperson, Board of Governors, ISEC, will preside

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PROGRAMME

10.30 a.m.: Assembly near Seminar Block

Garlanding of Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao bust
- Prof. (Dr.) G. Gopa Kumar
  Vice-Chancellor, Central University, Kerala
- Dr. A. Ravindra, IAS (Retd.)
  Chairperson, BoG, ISEC
- Prof. M.G. Chandrakanth
  Director, ISEC

10.40 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.: Tea in ISEC Cafeteria

11.10 a.m.: Assembly in Auditorium

Welcome
- Prof. M.G. Chandrakanth
  Director, ISEC

Distribution of Prof. D.M. Nanjundappa Prizes
- Dr. A. Ravindra, IAS (Retd.)
  Chairperson, BoG, ISEC

  (i) Kum. Lavanya B.T (Economics)
  (ii) Kum. Chandini Bhambhani (Sociology)

Release of Books Monographs
- Prof. (Dr.) G. Gopa Kumar
  Vice-Chancellor, Central University, Kerala

Felicitation to the staff who have completed 25 years of service in ISEC
- Dr. A. Ravindra, IAS (Retd.)
  Chairperson, Board of Governors, ISEC

  (i) Prof. M.R. Narayana
     Professor, CESP
  (ii) Prof. D. Rajasekhar
     Professor, CDD

Founders' Day Lecture
- Prof. (Dr.) G. Gopa Kumar
  Vice-Chancellor, Central University, Kerala

  Towering Personality of Prof. V.K.R.V. Rao
  Speech by Prof. R.S. Deshpande
  former Director of ISEC
  Member, Board of Governors, ISEC

Presidential Remarks
- Dr. A. Ravindra, IAS (Retd.)
  Chairperson, Board of Governors, ISEC

Vote of Thanks
- Dr. K. Gayithri
  Registrar, ISEC

1.00 to 2.00 p.m. – Lunch in ISEC Cafeteria

2.15 p.m. – Assembly in Auditorium

Prize Distribution for Sports events
- Dr. K. Gayithri, Registrar, ISEC

Cultural Programme

Distribution of Mementoes to those who performed cultural events
- Prof. M.G. Chandrakanth, Director, ISEC
About Prof. V.K.R.V. Rao

Prof. Vijayendra Kasturi Ranga Varadaraja Rao was a multifaceted personality - Economist, Educationist, Administrator and Institution builder. Commencing from his first Professional employment as Lecturer in Economics at Wilson College, Bombay, VKRV Rao held various prestigious academic and administrative positions such as Vice Chancellor, Delhi University, Planning Commission Member, Union Cabinet Minister - first for Shipping and Transport and then Education and Youth Services. He was awarded Padma Vibhushan in 1974. He was the founder of Delhi School of Economics, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi and Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru. ISEC celebrates Founders’ Day on 20th January every year to commemorate Prof. Rao’s vide contribution to the field of Social Sciences, in general and ISEC, in particular. Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao Memorial Lecture is also organized along with the celebration of Founders’ Day every year.

About Prof. (Dr.) G. Gopa Kumar

Dr. G. Gopa Kumar is Vice Chancellor of the Central University of Kerala. He was formerly UGC- Emeritus Fellow, ICSSR Senior Fellow, Dean of Social Sciences, and Professor and Head, Department of Political Science and Director, V.K. Krishna Menon Centre for International Relations of the University of Kerala. He was also the Director General of the Institute of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Kerala. He has served as the Professor in Kerala University for nearly 16 years and has 41 years of teaching experience; published 12 books and over 147 research articles; successfully guided 28 Ph.Ds and has served in several national and international professional bodies. An internationally renowned scholar in Political Science, he specialized in Comparative Politics, International Relations and Kerala Politics, besides being a noted psephologist. He was also the state Coordinator for the CSDS surveys in Kerala during 1996-2006.

He won several international and national fellowships that include UGC Research Scientist, Indo-French Cultural Exchange Award, International Visitors Leadership Award, Salzburg Award, Fulbright Award, Shastri Indo-Canadian Award (University of Calgary, Alberta and MC Gill University, Montreal, Canada), Fulbright International Educational Cooperation Award , Visiting Professor, University of Calgary, Canada , Visiting Professor, (Claremont Graduate University), Australia-India Council Senior Fellowship (Monash University, Melbourne), Visiting Research Fellow (University of New South Wales, Sydney, and Prince of Songkla University, Phuket, Thailand ). He declined the Fulbright Scholar in Residence Award to teach at Morgan University, USA to accept the Vice Chancellorship in the Central University of Kerala, which he joined on 7th August 2014.
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Professor Emeritus  
Jawaharlal Nehru University  
New Delhi | Nationalism and Economic Development of India                                |
| 2.     | 9th February 2015 | Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat  
Chairman, ICSSR & Former Chairman of University Grants Commission | On Inclusive Growth – Inequalities – Poverty Linkages                  |
| 3.     | 22nd May 2014 | Prof. Dipankar Gupta  
Distinguished Professor of Sociology  
Shiv Nadar University (Formerly at JNU) | The Importance of being Rurban: Tracking Modernity in a Traditional Society |
| 4.     | 31st August 2012 | Prof. Pranab Bardhan  
Professor of Graduate School  
Department of Economics  
University of California, Berkeley | Corruption : When Preaching Piety is Not Enough                          |
| 5.     | 20th January 2011 | Prof. Deepak Nayyar  
Professor in Economics  
Jawaharlal Nehru University  
New Delhi | Paradox of Rapid Growth and Persistent Poverty : A Tale of Two Countries |
| 6.     | 20th January 2010 | Prof. Sabyasachi Bhattacharya  
former Chairman, ICHR, New Delhi | The Concept of Civilization in the Nationalist Discourse: Mahatma Gandhi to Jawaharlal Nehru |
| 7.     | 16th February 2009 | Shri Nandan M. Nilekani  
Co-Chairman, INFOSYS | India at the Crossroads: The Choices Before Us                          |
| 8.     | 20th January 2008 | Prof. André Béteille  
Former Chairman, ICSSR | The Present Significance of Caste                                       |
| 9.     | 20th January 2007 | Prof. Narendra Jadhav  
Vice-Chancellor  
University of Pune | Economic and Social Change in India: The Emerging Role of Higher Education |
| 10.    | 20th January 2006 | Prof. C.R. Rao  
Eberly Family Chair in Statistics,  
Emeritus, Pennsylvania State University | Statistics: A Gateway of Knowledge                                      |
| 11.    | 20th January 2005 | Prof. Ramachandra Guha  
Historian and Biographer | Verdicts on Nehru: The Rise and Fall of A Reputation                    |
| 12.    | 20th January 2004 | Dr. K.S. Krishnaswamy  
Former Deputy Governor  
Reserve Bank of India | Prospects of Growth with Social Justice                                  |