



## From the Director's Desk . . .



The year began with the Annual General Body meeting on January 1, 2007. The meeting was presided over by Shri T N Chaturvedi, Governor of Karnataka, who is also the President of the ISEC Society. The incumbent Board of Governors had its last meeting on this day, and the new Board held its first meeting, too. The members elected to the new Board are Dr Maithreyi Kirshnaraj, Dr C.T. Kurien, Sri V K Nataraj, Dr Narendra Pani, Sri S Ramanathan, Sri Surendra L Rao, Sri M K Panduranga Setty, Dr P V Shenoi, Dr G Thimmaiah, and Dr A Vaidyanathan. Dr R Muthurayappa and Dr Supriya RoyChoudhury are the faculty representatives on the Board. Shri S L Rao was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Board. The Board co-opted Ms Madhura M Chatrapathy, Dr Ramachandra Guha, Ms Hemalata Mahishi, and Dr M R Srinivasan as members. The faculty, staff and students of ISEC join me in expressing their grateful thanks to the members of the outgoing Board for their guidance during the last three years and in warmly welcoming the members of the new Board.

The Founder's Day of the Institute was celebrated with gaiety on January 20, 2007. At this well-attended function, Professor Narendra Jadav, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Pune, was the Chief Guest. He delivered the V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture on "Economic and Social Change in India: The Emerging Role of Higher Education". Dr Keshabananda Das of the Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad, and Dr Kala Seetharam Sridhar of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi, were awarded the V K R V Rao Prizes for Economics. Some of the publications by the Institute's faculty were released on this occasion.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Professor P K Michael Tharakan, an eminent economic historian and specialist in decentralisation studies, to the ISEC family. He joined the Institute as the Shri Ramakrishna Hegde Chair Professor on March 15, 2007. He is the first incumbent of this Chair, which was instituted by the Government of Karnataka to commemorate Shri Ramakrishna Hegde, the architect of decentralization and panchayati raj in the state.

There has been some mobility at the faculty level. Dr M D Usha Devi, Dr S Madheswaran, Dr Meenakshi Rajeev and Dr Supriya Roychoudury were appointed as Professors, and Dr M Sivakami, as Associate Professor. As many as five faculty members were elevated as Associate Professors under the Career Advancement Scheme. Hearty congratulations to all of them. Dr TV Sekhar, Dr S Puttaswamiah and Sri T R B Sarma left the Institute for greener pastures. I wish them all the best in their new jobs.

The Institute has had hectic six months. It has been host to several important consultations, seminars, training programmes and workshops: national seminar on 'Eleventh Five-Year Plan of Karnataka: Perspectives' (in collaboration with the Karnataka State Planning Board); 'Workshop on Implications of NFHS-3 Findings for Karnataka'; international conference on 'The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges to Sustainable Agri-Food Systems: Biotechnology, Environment, Nutrition, Trade and Policy' (in collaboration with the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, and Higher Education for Development, and Iowa State University); Southern Regional Consultation on 'Conditions of Work and Promotion of Livelihoods in the Unorganized Sector' (in association with the National Commission for enterprises in the Unorganized Sector); a training

course for South Asian researchers and practitioners on 'Property Rights, Collective Action and Environmental Governance: The Links between State, Community and Resources' (in collaboration with CGIAR Systemwide Programme on Collective Action and Property Rights); and the Meeting of Directors of Agro-Economic Research Centres/Units (under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India).

As many as 15 seminars by visitors and five seminars by the faculty were organised on a variety of interdisciplinary topics. Among the scholars who gave seminars were Professor Jayanth Lele, Queen's University (Canada), Professor James Manor, V K R V Rao Chair Professor at the Institute, Dr Susil Siriwardene, Participatory Institute of Development Alternatives (Sri Lanka), Dr Raja Sengupta, McGill University (Canada), Professor A R Vasavi, National Institute of Advanced Studies (Bangalore), Dr Arupjyoti Saikia, Indian Institute of Technology (Guwahati), Professor L S Bhat, National Fellow, Indian Council of Social Science Research (New Delhi), and Dr Sandeep Pandey, Ramon Magsaysay Awardee 2002. The faculty and doctoral scholars benefited immensely from their interaction with these scholars.

Research continues to be the mainstay of the Institute. As many as 12 projects were completed during this period, and the faculty members have embarked upon 10 new projects. Four scholars – three in Economics (Kshamanidhi Adabar, Nisha K R and Dukhabandhu Sahu) and one in Development Studies (Mini G) – were awarded doctoral degrees by the University of Mysore. The Institute published four Working Papers (Nos. 178-181) and one Monograph (No. 12). Faculty publications during this period include two books, one special issue of a journal, and 20 papers. Seven papers were presented at conferences, and three doctoral scholars presented papers at the Southern Region ICSSR Institutes' Development Convention organised at the Madras Institute of Development Studies.

The ISEC flag was carried abroad, too: Professor M R Narayana participated in the 38<sup>th</sup> Summer Seminar on 'Population and Development' at East-West Centre, Hawaii (USA) under the auspices of McArthur Foundation Fellowship; Professor S Madheswaran visited the University of Bourgogne, Dijon (France) under Indo-France Cultural Exchange Programme; and Professor K N Ninan visited, among others, the Cambridge University, London School of Economics and the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, under the UK-India Education and Research Initiative.

The Committee set up by the Indian Council of Social Science Research visited the Institute from May 29 to June 1, 2007 to review its functioning. It was headed by Professor Atul Sharma and included Professors Ashima Goyal, G Hargopal, Hetukar Jha and Tulsi Patel, and Sri Sanjay Veersingh, Registrar of Bangalore University was the state government's nominee. The interaction with the Committee members was extremely useful to the faculty and the administration alike for improving the Institute's functioning.

It is with a heavy heart that I would like to share the sad news of the untimely demise of Shri Deepak Bishoyi, a brilliant doctoral scholar, after brief illness. May his soul rest in peace.

**N Jayaram**  
Director



## Founder's Day Celebration

The Institute celebrated the Founder's Day on January 20, 2007 with traditional gaiety.

ISEC Director Prof N Jayaram welcomed the gathering. The participants included, among others, distinguished Members of the Board of Governors, Founder/Life Members of ISEC Society, academicians from various universities and institutions, administrators, staff and students of the Institute and general public.

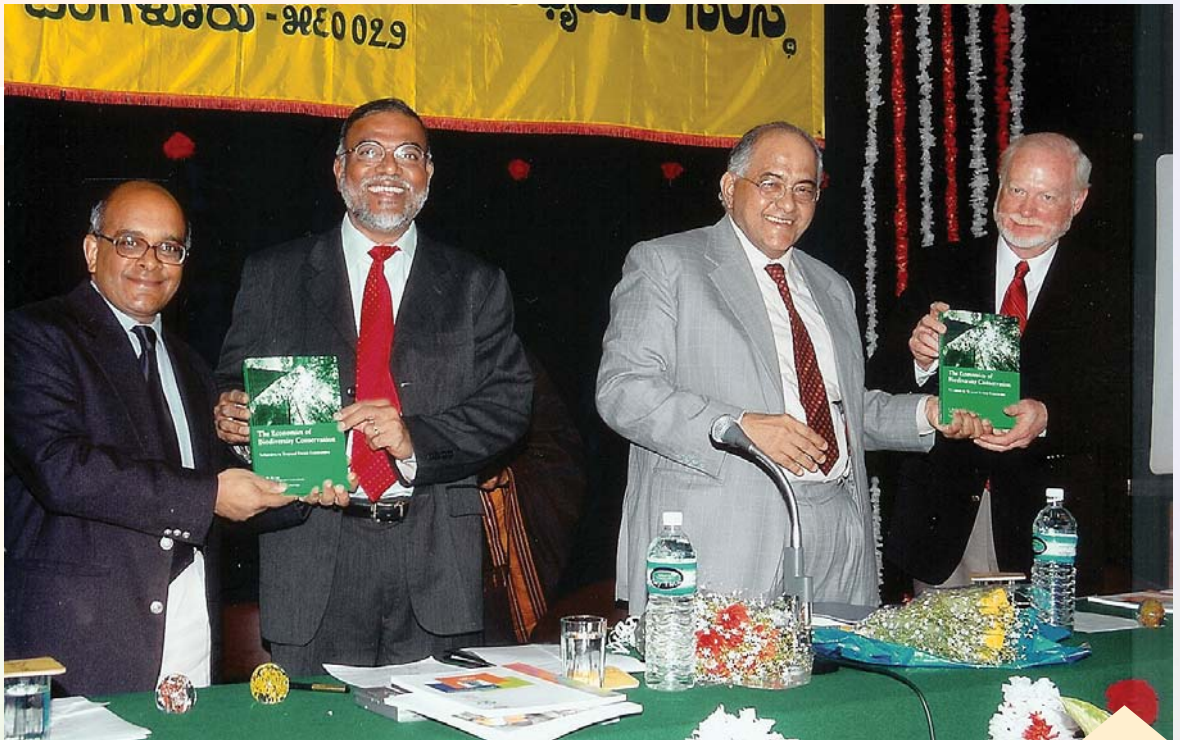
Prof Narendra Jadhav, Vice-Chancellor, Pune University, delivered the V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture on "Economic and Social Change in India: The Emerging Role of Higher Education".

The following academicians were awarded the V K R V Rao Prizes on the occasion:

1. Dr Keshabananda Das, Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad - Economics 2004.
2. Dr Kala Seetharam Sridhar, Fellow, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi - Economics 2005.



Prof Narendra Jadhav, Vice-Chancellor of Pune University, speaking on 'Economic and Social Change in India: The Emerging Role of Higher Education', on the Founder's Day.



(From left) ISEC Director Prof N Jayaram, Pune University Vice-Chancellor Prof Narendra Jadhav, ISEC Board of Governors Chairman Shri S L Rao and VKRV Rao Chair Professor James Gilmore Manor releasing publications on the Founder's Day.

The following four publications were released on the occasion:

1. *The Economics of Biodiversity Conservation: Valuation in Tropical Ecosystems*, by Dr K N Ninan.
2. *Elixir of Life: The Socio-Ecological Governance of Drinking Water*, by K V Raju
3. *Design and Management of Social Security Benefits for Unorganised Workers in Karnataka*, by D Rajasekher, Suchitra JY, S Madeswaran and G K Karanth.
4. *Showing the Way Forward: India's Redistribution, Experience in Extending Social Protection to All*, by D Rajasekhar and Suchitra, JY.

Shri S L Rao honoured three of the ISEC staff members who had completed 25 years of service in the Institute, namely, Dr K S Umamani, Shri R Muniyappa and Shri Narasimaiah.

Prizes were given away to winners of the sports and games that were conducted in the run-up to the Founder's Day celebration.



## Workshop on Implications of NFHS-3 Preliminary Findings for Karnataka

A one-day workshop was organised on February 24, 2007, by the Population Research Centre of ISEC to discuss the implications of the NFHS-3 findings for Karnataka. The major objectives of the workshop were to discuss the preliminary findings of NFHS-3 results in Karnataka and compare these findings with other surveys like RCH, census etc. More importantly, it aimed at disseminating the findings of NFHS-3 and RCH survey results to the policy makers.

The workshop was inaugurated by Smt Usha Ganesh, Principal Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka. Around 100 participants took part in the Workshop. The participants were mainly drawn from state and district officials of the Department of Health Government of Karnataka.

The technical session included four presentations on current demographic and health transition in Karnataka. The first paper discussed the background of NFHS-3 and RCH surveys in the state. The next paper was on the recent changes in fertility and mortality in the state. Both NFHS-3 and RCH surveys bring out systematic decline in fertility and child mortality indicating fast changes in the demographic transition process.

The paper on maternal and child health scenario showed improving maternal health indicators along with a decline in child health indicators. Surprisingly, there has been a decline in the acceptance of immunisation in recent years. Similar trend is also noticed in the nutrition level of women and children in the state. The paper on nutrition also brought out wide gender disparity existing in nutritional levels both among adults and children.

The discussion held after the technical session brought out several ideas of research necessary to understand further the causes of decline in child health indicators as well as worsening nutritional level in the state. The workshop ended with a vote of thanks.



Prof K S James (left) and Prof G K Karanth felicitating Smt Usha Ganesh, Karnataka State Principal Secretary (Health and Family Welfare) during the inauguration of the workshop on NFHS-3 preliminary findings.

## International Conference on 21st Century Challenges to Sustainable Agri-Food Systems: Biotechnology, Environment, Nutrition, Trade and Policy



Karnataka State Minister for Agriculture, Shri B Khashampur (centre), ADRTC Head, Prof R S Deshpande (third from left) and Punjab State Planning Board Chairman, Dr S S Johi (second from right) with other dignitaries at the International Conference on Agri-Food Systems.

The Institute organised in association with the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bangalore, USAID, Higher Education for Development (HED), and Iowa State University, USA, an International Conference on 21st Century Challenges to Sustainable Agri-Food Systems: Biotechnology, Environment, Nutrition, Trade and Policy from March 15 to 17, 2007. Professor R S Deshpande, who is the Co-Chairperson, co-ordinated the conference on behalf of ISEC. The Conference was attended by 350 national and international delegates. Out of these, 45 delegates came from foreign universities.

The Conference was inaugurated by Shri B Khashampur, Minister for Agriculture, Government of Karnataka. Dr Sonny Ramaswamy, Associate Dean of Purdue University, USA, presided. Dr S S Johi, Chairman of Punjab State Planning Board and President of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, delivered the keynote address. Dr Larry Paulson from USAID chaired the concluding session.

In the Conference, 95 full papers were presented in three parallel sessions and 106 poster papers were displayed. Prof P G Chengappa and Prof N Nagaraj from UAS coordinated the proceedings of the Conference. International Publishers published a collection of papers in the form of a book. The event was highly appreciated by the participants from within and outside the country.



## Meeting of Directors/Hony. Directors/Officers-in-Charge of Agro-Economic Research Centres/Units

Agricultural Development and Rural Transformation Centre (ADRTC) organised the annual meeting of Directors/Honorary Directors/Officers-in-Charge of Agro-Economic Research Centres/Units on April 13-14, 2007, to discuss the work programmes and future plans of the AER Centres/Units. It was for the first time that the meeting was being held outside New Delhi. The meeting was conducted in two sessions: Inaugural Session and Business Session. Dr P K Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt of India, chaired the Inaugural Session and addressed the participants. Dr S M Jharwal, Principal Adviser, MoA, Govt. of India, delivered the introductory speech. Later on, Dr Vijay Paul Sharma, Chairman, CMA, IIM-Ahmedabad, made a presentation on the project titled 'Economic Policy Reforms and the Indian Fertiliser Industry. Prof R S Deshpande, Head, ADRTC of ISEC, made a brief presentation on the project, 'Agricultural Policy and State Budgetary Resources and Agriculture Development'. Dr A Ramaswamy, Principal Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka, spoke on the 'Role of AERCs in Policy Formulation: Karnataka's Case'. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr M Mahadeva.

The Business Session was chaired by Dr S M Jharwal, Principal Adviser, MoA, Govt. of India. Dr Padmaja Mehta, Adviser (AERCs), Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, Dr Mruthyunjaya Singh, Additional Economic Adviser, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt of India, Shri Sher Singh, Research Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt of India, were also present. Officers-in-charge from 14 Agro-Economic Research Centres/Units from across the country attended the meeting. The Centre-wise/Study-wise details of 36 pending studies of AER Centres/Units was discussed in the Meeting. Forty two new Study Proposals for 2007-08 as approved by the Coordinating Committee and six additional areas as suggested by Prof Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission, were discussed and allotted to the different AER Centres/Units.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Padmaja Mehta, Adviser (AERCs), Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India. Dr P N Mehrotra, Honorary Director, AERC, Allahabad, proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the participants. Dr R S Deshpande, Head, ADRTC Centre, proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the Institute.

## CEENR-ISEC-CAPRI Training Course

A training course for South Asian researchers and practitioners on 'Property Rights, Collective Action and Environmental Governance: The Links between State, Community and Resources' was co-organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change-CEENR and the CGIAR Systemwide Program on Collective Action and Property Rights (CAPRI), from April 16 to 20, 2007. Dr Madhushree Sekher and Prof K V Raju coordinated the programme from ISEC and Dr Ruth Meinzen-Dick and Ms Helen Markelova coordinated it from CAPRI. ISEC not only co-organised the programme, but also hosted it on its campus.

The objective of this training workshop was to highlight collective action and property rights issues in environmental governance, in order to better understand the considerations for improved natural resource management (NRM) that sustain rural livelihoods. The key themes covered during the training workshop were:

- ❑ The Institutions of Collective Action, Property Rights, and Environmental Governance: Concepts and Application
- ❑ Gender Aspects in Natural Resource Management
- ❑ Multiple Users and Uses in Dryland Management
- ❑ Research Methods in Natural Resource Management

The course was designed for researchers and practitioners from SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) who were involved in natural resource management programs such as watershed management, forestry, irrigation, fisheries, or other rural development programs. In all, 21 participants from Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, and India attended the course. This was a paid training course with the participants paying a Registration fee of Rs 9,750 per person. The course used an interdisciplinary approach, with a combination of theoretical materials, interactive examples and case studies to illustrate the applications of the theoretical materials, working group discussions, and a field trip. The course comprised: a) 13 sessions with inputs from experts; (b) a one-day field visit to sites in Mandya District to visit irrigation systems and see collective efforts in the Krishna Raja Sagar command, and a visit to a Revenue Department office to understand how land-use re-survey was carried out with geo-reference in the district; and (c) case-study presentations and working group discussions with participants.



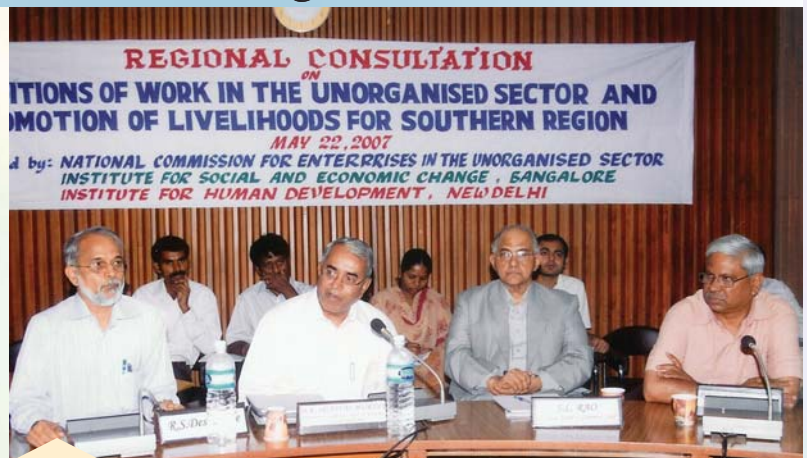
## National Seminar on the '11<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan of Karnataka: Perspectives'

The Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) and the Karnataka State Planning Board jointly organised a two-day National Seminar on the '11<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan of Karnataka: Perspectives' on May 4 and 5, 2007. The seminar focused on achieving 'Inclusive Growth in Karnataka State' through earmarking adequate financial resources for the thrust areas in the 11<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan Document to be prepared by the Central Planning Commission. The seminar was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Karnataka, Shri H D Kumaraswamy, at Vidhana Soudha Banquet Hall. In his address, Shri Kumaraswamy stressed the need for accelerating agricultural growth in the state and evolving an scientific price policy for agricultural products to circumvent distress selling and preventing suicides by poor farmers. The Deputy Chief Minister, Shri B S Yadiyurappa, who presided over the inaugural function, apprehended that there might be under-utilisation of funds earmarked in the state budget for developmental activities. The chief guest, Shri Ramachandra Gowda, Minister for Planning, Small Savings and Science and Technology, expressed apprehension about utilisation of Plan funds only at the end of the financial year, which largely affected the state's economic growth. Dr A Ravindra, Deputy Chairman of the State Planning Board, delineated the prerequisite for identifying the thrust areas of economic development for proper channeling of funds available in the approaching 11<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan. ISEC Director Prof N Jayaram welcomed the guests.

Technical sessions on various themes were held at Vikasa Soudha. Scholars from academic institutions, senior and prominent administrators from the government of Karnataka, different stakeholders from the agricultural, industrial and tertiary sectors and NGOs gave presentations and took part in discussions providing valuable suggestions for policy making. The major focus of the seminar was on the following thrust areas: Agriculture and Water Management, Industry and Infrastructure, Balanced Regional Development, Social and Human Development, Financing the Plan, and Implementation Strategies. Dr Kirit S Parikh, Member of the Planning Commission, Government of India, was the keynote speaker of the plenary session. He stressed on the urgency of an "inclusive growth" to achieve higher rate of economic development to face challenges of globalisation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Prof S L Rao suggested that the seminar outputs should be carried to the general public. The seminar was coordinated by Prof S Madheswaran and Dr C Nanjundaiah from the Centre for Economic Studies and Policy, ISEC.

## Regional Consultation on 'Conditions of Work and Promotion of Livelihoods in the Unorganised Sector'

Recently, the National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector (NCEUS) completed a report on the Bill on Conditions of Work and Promotion of Livelihoods in the Unorganised Sector. Discussions are being held in different parts of the country on the Bill. On its part, the ADRT Centre organised the Southern Regional Consultation at ISEC on May 22, 2007. Trade Union leaders and activists, academicians and administrators participated in the Consultation. Prof N Jayaram, Director, ISEC, welcomed the gathering. Shri S L Rao, Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC, presided over the Inaugural Session. The main features of the report and draft bills were presented by Prof Ravi Srivastava, Member, NCEUS. The salient features and the condition of work proposed in the bills were elaborated and specifically issues pertaining to women, children and disadvantaged workers were highlighted. Finally, he provided the information about dispute settlement mechanism and protection and promotion of livelihood.



(From left) ADRT Centre Head Prof R S Deshpande, Karnataka State Principal Secretary (Rural Development and Panchayati Raj) Shri M R Sreenivasa Murthy, Chairman of ISEC Board of Governors Shri S L Rao and NCEUS Member Shri Ravi Srivastava at the Regional Consultation on the unorganised sector.

The discussion began after the full presentation by Prof Ravi Srivastava. Shri M R Sreenivasa Murthy, Karnataka State Principal Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, chaired the discussion. It included issues regarding political will, specifically in the context of liberalisation and increasing casualisation of workers. During the discussion it was felt necessary to strengthen the dispute settlement mechanism as provided in the Bill. Unionisation of unorganised workers and strengthening the already existing



organisation was felt necessary. It was pointed out that the present efforts are not sufficient to empower workers from unorganised sector.

The discussion on the Minimum Wages Act highlighted the administrative failure and also surmised that the failures are institutionalised in the mechanism itself. Some of the Trade Union leaders felt that it is necessary to address this issue at the earliest and also to make serious efforts to bring on ground the Minimum Wages Act in spirit and letter. Heterogeneity of workers and interest of the workers are presently at cross-roads in the context of liberalisation. The discussion pointed out that the heterogeneity needs to be considered and, specifically, the issues of cross interest have to be internalised in the process. It was also felt that the operation of the envisaged national fund has to be elaborated further and one needs to decide the participation of workers' representatives in operating the institutional framework suggested.

The Concluding Session was chaired by Prof B K Chandrashekar, Chairman of the Karnataka Legislative Council and a well-known former Professor of Law. He underscored the necessity of the Bill and its proper implementation.

Prof R S Deshpande coordinated the organisation of the Regional Consultation.

## ICSSR Visiting Committee

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, had appointed a Committee to review the work of the ICSSR-supported Institutes in South India. This Committee comprised Prof Atul Sarma as its Chairman; Prof G Hargopal, Prof Tulsi Patel, Prof Hetukar Jha, and Prof Ashima Goyal as Members; and Shri Sanjay Veersingh, Registrar, Bangalore University, as the nominee of the Government of Karnataka.

The Committee visited the Institute from May 29 to June 1, 2007.

On the morning of May 30, the Director presented a brief outline of the work that is being done in the Institute. The Committee members then met the faculty, staff and students of the Institute separately.

The Committee also met some of the local Members of the Board of Governors and the Honorary Visiting Professors of the Institute.

On the morning of May 31, the Committee met the Heads of Centres and discussed the activities of the Centres and the suggestions for future development. Later the Committee visited the Library, the Publications Section, the Campus and residential areas to get firsthand information about the status of the residential buildings, and other infrastructural facilities available at the Institute.

Shri S L Rao, Chairman, ISEC Board of Governors, hosted a reception for the Committee.

The Committee members left on June 1, 2007. Their report is awaited.



ISEC Director Prof N Jayaram (extreme left) and Registrar Col (Retd.) Ashutosh Dhar (third from left) with the visiting ICSSR team members.



## Seminars by Visitors

- Impact of Regulation on Sub-Urbanisation: Evidence from India's Cities** — Dr Kala Sitaram Sridhar, Fellow, NIPFP, New Delhi and SRTT Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (January 4, 2007).
- Such a Strange Journey: The Changing Pattern in the Discourse of Development in our Times** — Professor Jayanth Lele, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada (January 9, 2007).
- Delivering Development: Bridging the Gap between the District and Local Levels** — Professor James Manor, VKRV Rao Chair Professor, ISEC, Bangalore (January 18, 2007).
- How to Promote Grassroots Participation that gives Poor People Genuine Influence?** — Professor James Manor, VKRV Rao Chair Professor, ISEC, Bangalore (January 22, 2007).
- The Capacity of India and China to cope with a Global Economic Downturn** — Professor James Manor, VKRV Rao Chair Professor, ISEC, Bangalore (January 24, 2007).
- Revisiting Social Transformation (ST): Must New Lessons Be Learnt?** — Dr Susil Siriwardene, Co-Chairperson, Participatory Institute of Development Alternatives, Colombo, Sri Lanka (March 06, 2007).
- Role of Indigenous Institutions in Tribal Livelihood: An Empirical Study in a Tribal District of Orissa** — Mr Nilakantha Panigrahi, Lecturer in Social Anthropology, NKC, Centre for Development Studies, Bhubaneswar, and SRTT Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (March 22, 2007)
- Heart Profilers — Act in Time, Learn to Live** — Dr Edwin Ravi Kumar, Consultant Cardiac Surgeon, Sagar Apollo Hospital, Bangalore (May 3, 2007)
- Application of Geographic Information Science in Natural and Social Sciences** — Dr Raja Sengupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, McGill School of Environment, McGill University (June 4, 2007)
- Greeting on Marxist Theory** — Mr Suhas Paranjape, Visiting Faculty, CISED, Bangalore (June 5, 2007)
- Systems, Institutions, Innovations: Experiences from the District Quality Education Programme** — Prof A R Vasavi, Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore and the Research Team consisting of Ms K Latha, Mr Rahul Mukhopadhyay, Mr G Ramkumar (June 7, 2007)
- Rethinking the Irrigation Dream: Water, Technology and Ecology in Colonial Bihar** — Dr Praveen Singh, Visiting Faculty, CISED, Bangalore (June 19, 2007)
- Strengthening of Democracy at the Grassroots** — Dr Sandeep Pandey, Ramon Magsaysay Awardee, 2002, Visitor, CISED, Bangalore (June 25, 2007)
- Whose Land is it? The Nambor Forests and Doyang Tengani Peasant Struggles in Assam** — Dr Arupjyoti Saikia, Assistant Professor in History, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, and Visiting Faculty, CISED, Bangalore (June 26, 2007)
- Decentralised Planning with Spatial Dimension: Issues and Perspectives** — Professor L S Bhat, National Fellow, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and former Professor, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), New Delhi (June 28, 2007)

## Seminars by Faculty

- Drinking Water Supply and Rural Institutions in Karnataka: A Study from the Rights Perspective** — Dr V Anil Kumar, Assistant Professor, Centre for Decentralisation and Development, ISEC, Bangalore (March 29, 2007)
- Fuelling Fire or Dampening Flames?: Conflict Management by Karnataka's Grama Panchayats** — Dr K G Gayathri Devi, Associate Professor, Centre for Decentralisation and Development, ISEC, Bangalore (March 30, 2007)
- Moving towards an Information Society: Case Study of the Impact of IT-enabled Services on the Quality of Life in Bangalore** — Dr Moushumi Basu, ISEC, Bangalore (May 29, 2007)
- Urban Water Supplies: Emerging Alternatives – Case Study of the Extent of Groundwater Use and Its Implications in Hubli, Dharwad and Belgaum Cities** — Prof K V Raju, CEENR, and his research team, ISEC, Bangalore (June 21, 2007)
- Strategy and Methodology for Improved IWRM – Integrated Interdisciplinary Assessment in Four Twinning Basins** — Prof K V Raju, CEENR, and his research team, ISEC, Bangalore (June 22, 2007)



## Research Projects

### Completed Projects

**Rural Infrastructure Development: Role of RIDF** (Dr Meenakshi Rajeev)

**Reforms in Urban Water Supply Sector in Developing Countries: A Critique of Existing Approaches**

(Dr L Venkatachalam)

**Understanding Services Output Growth in India**

(Prof Shashanka Bhide, Smt B P Vani and Dr Veerashekharappa)

**Institutional Design for the Elimination of Child Labour: A Study of State Initiatives for Eradication of Child Labour in Karnataka** (Dr D Rajasekhar)

**Role of Market-based Instruments in Pollution Abatement: A Comparative Study of India and France**

(Dr G S Sastry)

**Water Pricing and Productivity - A Review of Evidences with Special Reference to India** (Dr K N Ninan)

**Performance of Elementary Education in Karnataka revealed through Census Illiteracy Data** (Dr M D Usha Devi)

**Managing and Disseminating Panchayat Data for Furthering Decentralisation Reforms in Karnataka**

(Dr D Rajasekhar)

**National Family Health Survey – 3** (Dr K S James)

**Reproductive and Child Health Project: Karnataka, Kerala and Goa** (Dr K S James)

**Micro Initiatives for Macro Policy** (Dr R S Deshpande)

**India's Export of Selected BPO Services: Understanding Strengths and Weaknesses**

(Dr Meenakshi Rajeev and Ms B P Vani)

### New Projects

**Socio-Economic Development: A Comparative Analysis** (Dr R S Deshpande)

**Strategy and Methodology for Improved IWRM – An Integrated Interdisciplinary Assessment in Four Twinning River Basins** (Dr S Puttaswamaiah and Dr K V Raju)

**Long-term Measures for Achieving Reduction in the Liability of the Government towards Terminal Benefits of the Central Government Employees** (Dr K Gayithri)

**Study on Global Ageing and Adult Health** (Dr K S James)

**Asset as Liability?: Non-Performing Assets in the Indian Commercial Banks** (Meenakshi Rajeev)

**Study on Rating Assessment of Water User Associations in Kurnool-Cuddapah Canal Modernisation**

(Dr R S Deshpande)

**Improving Institutions for Pro-poor Growth** (Dr D Rajasekhar)

**National Child Labour Policy: An Evaluation in Karnataka** (Dr G K Karanth)

**Effects of Population Growth on Environmental Degradation: With Reference to India** (Dr C M Lakshmana)

**A Study on Morbidity Pattern and Cost of Health Care in Karnataka** (Dr R Mutharayappa)





## PhD Degree Awarded

**Ms Mini G** (Development Studies) by the University of Mysore in 2007 for her thesis on 'Water Users Associations and Irrigation Management with Special Reference to Environmental Problems'. Dr M Venkata Reddy was her supervisor.

**Ms Nisha K R** (Economics) by the University of Mysore in 2007 for her thesis on 'Institutional Alternatives and Choices in Rural Water Supply System: A Study of Kerala'. Dr D Rajasekhar was her supervisor.

**Mr Kshamanidhi Adabar** (Economics) by the University of Mysore in 2007 for his thesis on 'The Regional Dimension of Economic Growth in Indian Federalism'. Dr M R Narayana was his supervisor.

**Mr Dukhabandhu Sahu** (Economics) by the University of Mysore in 2007 for his thesis on 'An Analysis of the Impact of Foreign Direct Investment on the Indian Economy'. Dr Mathai K was his supervisor.

## Students' Biannual Seminar Series

The biannual seminars of PhD fellows were held during June 11-15, 2007. There were 29 presentations of which one was a pre-submission presentation, 9 proposal seminars and 19 were 'work in progress' seminars.





## Working Papers

### An Overview

There were in all four working papers published during the last six months. The paper by Pratyusna Patnaik entitled "Power Sharing in the Panchayats of Orissa" (**ISEC Working Paper 178**) examines the nature of power, its existence, distribution and manifestation in the context of Panchayats in Orissa. The paper observes that institutionalised political authority has not succeeded in conferring power on all the elected representatives. A predominant influence of elites of the locality was noticed in Panchayat decision-making due to their control of significant resources such as social prestige, economic power, political contacts and organisational ability, and thus, they exercised enormous power in Panchayats, although they did not hold any authority. The paper, makes a clear distinction between power and authority, and explores the dual nature of power structure in the Panchayats of Orissa.

Alice W Clark and T V Sekher, in their paper "Can Career-Minded Young Women Reverse Gender Discrimination? A View from Bangalore's High-Tech Sector" (**Working Paper 179**) address the issue of gender discrimination in the light of large numbers of women from the urban middle class employed in India's high-tech sector. The authors observe that far-reaching implications for gender equality and social change can be discerned when young women find opportunities to improve their financial autonomy, mobility and social acceptance in a male-dominated society. In the urban middle class, as part of this transition, the old concept of 'male breadwinner' is slowly giving way to 'gender equity model' of family. It is felt that the "demonstration effect" might have wider socio-cultural implications, at least for upgrading the image of daughters in the minds of their parents.

Geetanjoy Sahu, in his paper titled "People's Participation in Environmental Protection: A Case Study of Patancheru" (**Working Paper 180**) has examined the role of local communities in environmental protection against industrial pollution using Patancheru Mandal in Andhra Pradesh as a model. The author has made an attempt to identify the factors contributing to the evolution of the environmental movement and the strategies adopted by the local communities in order to draw the attention of government institutions to protect the environment. The discussion in the paper draws on data from a case study of Patancheru industrial area in Medak district of Andhra Pradesh carried out during 2002-2003.

Studies on bureaucracy have always focused on enhancing the efficiency of administrative structure in order to achieve effective delivery of services. As a result, there is a paradigm shift in the boundaries of public administration in graduating from one theory to another. Advances from the era of Woodrow Wilson to new public management differed in the way they looked at the engrossing problems of administration and the solutions they prescribed. The focus of analysis in all these theories from Wilson to New public management is either on inter-institutional or on intra-institutional relationships. Anitha V, in her paper entitled "Efficiency and Bureaucracy" (**Working Paper 181**), tries to understand bureaucracy from an historical perspective and also discuss the framework or approach to study bureaucracy the focus being on the institutional factors and human resources of the administrative structure. The framework of analysis applied is a combination of institutional and socio-psychological approach to uncover the influence of institutional environment and individual behaviour on the functioning bureaucracy.

## Monographs

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A Monograph titled 'Panchayats and Watershed Development: An Assessment of Institutional Capacity' was published by N Sivanna and M Gopinath Reddy (**ISEC Monograph Series No 12**). The study makes an attempt to assess the extent of involvement of panchayats and community-based organisations in the formulation and implementation of watershed development programmes. The study's objectives included:

- i. Assessment of the institutional capacity of panchayats and CBOs in the formulation and implementation of watershed development activities;
- ii. To study the linkages and interactions between the panchayats and the CBOs; and
- iii. Exploring the possibility for designing new strategies aimed at participatory natural resource management.

For assessing both involvement and performance, the authors have adopted a modified version of institutional framework developed by Vansant (2003).

The study arrives at the following findings in the context of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh:

- The grama panchayats were able to provide an enabling atmosphere for sub-committees to carry out their activities without serious obstacles. The State Panchayat Act enacted in Karnataka provides for constituting sub-committees for specific purposes under Section 61A, and using this provision, the FES had been able to constitute a good number of hamlet level sub-committees which came under the administrative control of the grama panchayats.
- The involvement of grama panchayats in monitoring and supervision of the activities carried out by the sub-committees had resulted in ensuring better transparency and accountability. The activities of the sub-



committees were made accountable to the grama panchayats as the latter had the powers to give approvals to micro plans prepared by the sub-committees. Also, funds were given directly to the grama panchayats and released through them to the sub-committees, and more importantly, the panchayats had been given the powers of recognising the sub-committees formed by the communities. All these had enabled the process to be transparent, responsive and accountable.

- The study observes that as a result of this decentralised and participative process, the sub-committees were able to achieve their tasks in a more responsive manner. The study reports that the villagers found the sub-committees to be more responsive institutions for delivering the project benefits like employment generation, ensuring equal wages for men and women, checking migration, increased water availability for livestock, increased groundwater recharge, fodder development, plantation activities and more importantly, eliminating contractors and middlemen from project execution activities. It is observed that in discharging all these responsibilities, the sub-committees had taken the help and support of the grama panchayat functionaries.

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(with D Rajasekhar and Suchitra J Y) Child Labour in Bidar and Chamarajanagar Districts: A Status Report and Ways Forward, ILO, 2007.

### **Ninan, K N**

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**Umamani, K S**

(with C Yogananda) 'Choice of Birth Places-Home v/s Hospital: Evidence from Rural Karnataka', *Demography India*, XXXV (1), Jan-June 2006. (published in April 2007)

**Vellakkal, Sukumar**

'Health Insurance Benefit Packages Prioritized by Low-income Clients in India: Three Criteria to Estimate Effectiveness of Choice', *Social Science and Medicine* (ELSEVIER), LXIV (4), February 2007.

## Keynote and Presidential Addresses

**Deshpande, R S**

'Trends in Indian Agriculture: Future Strategies' at the Conference of the Indian Science Congress organised by Indian Science Congress, January 4, 2007.

'WTO, GATT and Globalisation - A View for Dairy Industry' at the Silver Jubilee of Dairy Science Department organised by University for Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Bangalore, February 15, 2007.

Seminar of the Buchanan on Karnataka, organised by the Mythic Society of India, March 1, 2007.

'Special Economic Zones - Future Directions' at the Conference on Special Economic Zones organised by St Joseph's College of Business Administration, March 2, 2007.

'State Policy, Poverty and Rural Development' at the Seminar on Poverty, Unemployment and Rural Development organised by Lal Bahadur Shastri Academy of Administration, April 6, 2007.

**Jayaram, N**

'Revisiting the City: The Contemporary Relevance of Urban Sociology' at the Conference on Community and Communities in Mumbai: Issues of Cosmopolitanism, Citizenship and Civil Society organised by the Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai (as part of the Sesquicentennial Celebrations of the University of Mumbai), February 28 - March 2, 2007.

'The Craft of Social Research: Scope and Significance of Capacity Building' at the Three-Day Workshop on Building Research Capabilities organised by Christ College (Autonomous), Bangalore, May 28-30, 2007.

**Karant, G K**

'Keeping the Old Emotionally Alive and Socially Kicking: Challenges in a Rapidly Changing Society' at the National Seminar on the Marginalised Groups, Aged and Children organised by Fatima College, Madurai, January 5-6, 2007.

'Revisiting the Indian Family' at the National Seminar organised by Loyola College, Trivandrum, March 21, 2007.

'Mass Media and Social Change: Social Responsibilities of the Film Certification Board' at the Training Workshop for the Advisors to the Southern Branch of Film Certification Board organised by Bangalore Branch of Film Certification Board.

**Rajasekhar, D**

'Can Chit Funds Address the Unaddressed Needs of People?' at the seminar on Role of Chit Funds in the Globalising Economy, organised by Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and Karnataka Chitsters Association, Bangalore, February 18, 2007.

**Rajeev, Meenakshi**

'Macroeconomic Scenario of India' at the workshop on occasion of Inaugural of new course organised by Bangalore Management Institute, Bangalore, June 23, 2007.

**Sangita, S N**

'State and Civil Society in India-Public Policy Process in the Era of Globalisation' at the National Seminar organised by Osmania University, Hyderabad, March 23-24, 2007.

'Paradigm Shift in Governance: The Emerging Challenges and Strategies' at the UGC-Sponsored National Seminar organised by Dept. of Political Science, Newmann College, Thodupuzha, Kerala, March 28-29, 2007.



## Papers Presented at Conferences / Workshops Abroad

### **James, K S**

Demographic Transition and Economic Development in Kerala: The Role of Emigration; at the Seminar on Multidisciplinary and Intermediation Research Initiative (MIR), organised by South Asian Network of Economic Research Institutes (SANEI), March 30-31, 2007, Lahore, Pakistan.

### **Jayaram, N**

Doctoral Education in India; at the International Conference on Forces and Forms of Change in Doctoral Education - II, organised by the Centre for Innovation and Research in Graduate Education (CIRGE), The University of Washington, and School of Graduate Studies, The University of Melbourne, Melbourne, March 28 –April 4, 2007.

### **Karant, G K**

In Pursuit of Development Studies: Local vs. National in a Globalising Context; at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of International Development Studies, organised by Learned Societies of Canada, Saskatoon, May 31-June 2, 2007, Canada.

### **Madheswaran, S**

Caste Discrimination in the Indian Urban Labour Market: Evidence from the National Sample Survey of India; at the Conference on Global Study on Discrimination, organised by Princeton University, May 18-21, 2007, NJ, USA.

### **Manjula, R**

(with D Rajasekhar and Suchitra J Y) Institutions for Managing Irrigation Tanks; at the workshop on Improving Institutions for Pro-Poor Growth in Africa and South Asia, organised by Oxford University, Oxford, June 20-22, 2007, UK.

### **Narayana, M R**

(with Ladusingh L) Construction of National Transfer Accounts for India: Methods, Initial Results, and Policy Implications at the Fourth Annual Meeting of the National Transfer Accounts, organised by the Center for Economics and Demography of Aging, University of California, January 19-20, 2007, Berkeley, USA.

(with Ladusingh L) Estimates Flow Accounts and Age Reallocations for India at the 38th Summer Seminar on Population, Development, and Change: The Economic Payoffs of Population Change, organised by East West Center, June 28–June 29, 2007, Honolulu, USA.

### **Rajasekhar, D**

Tank Management Institutions for Pro-Poor Growth; at the workshop on Improving Institutions for Pro-Poor Growth in Africa and South-Asia, organised by Oxford University, January 12-13, 2007, UK.

Poverty in India: Structure, Causes and Role of Social Security; at the Indo-German Conference on Social Security, organised by Inwent, Capacity Building International, Berlin, January 22-23, 2007, Germany.

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### **Suchitra, J Y**

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## Awards / Fellowships

### **Anantha, K H**

Young Professional Research Fellowship, International Water Management Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka, October 2006 to March 2007.

### **Madheswaran, S**

Indo-France Cultural Exchange Programme of ICSSR, IREDU, University of Bourgogne, Dijon, France, March 1- 30, 2007.

### **Narayana, M R**

McArthur Foundation Fellowship for participation in the 38<sup>th</sup> Summer Seminar on Population and Development, East-West Centre, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA: May-June 2007



## Offices Held in Academic / Professional / Administrative Bodies

### **Deshpande, R S**

Member, Research Advisory Committee, Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi  
Chairman, CAS, National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi  
Member, Research Advisory Committee, National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi.  
Member, Board of Management, Bombay School of Economics, Mumbai  
Member, Special Assistance Programme in Economics, Shivaji University, Kolhapur.  
Member, Search Committee for Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Kerala.

### **Jayaram, N**

Member, Committee to Review the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi  
Managing Editor, *Sociological Bulletin*, Journal of the Indian Sociological Society.  
Member, Editorial Board, *ICFAI Journal of Organisation Behaviour*, ICFAI Business School, Bangalore  
Member, Editorial Advisory Committee, *The Rajagiri Journal of Social Development*  
Member, Advisory Board, *Indian Educational Review*, National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi  
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Member, Joint Advisory Committee, Centre for Advanced Studies and ASHIS, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi  
Member, Steering Committee, International Network on the Role of Universities in Developing Areas (INRUDA)  
Member, Department Advisory Board, Department of Education in Social Sciences and Humanities, National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi  
Member, Educational Research and Innovations Committee (ERIC), National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi  
Member, Technical Advisory Committee for the CPRC (Chronic Poverty Research Centre) – Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi.

### **Karant, G K**

Member, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (Representing ISEC).

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Board of Trustees, Samrakshan Trust, Delhi  
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Executive Council Member, Indian Econometrics Society  
Executive Council Member, Indian Labour Economics Society

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Member, Board of Trustees of Poverty Learning Foundation, Hyderabad

### **Tharakan, P K Michael**

Member, The Academic Council, Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Chennai.  
Member, Board of Studies in Anthropology, University of Madras, Chennai.  
Member, Expert Committee to study Past Experiences in Decentralized Planning, Government of Kerala.

## Miscellaneous

### **Jayaram, N**

Southern Institutes' Development Convention, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, February 22-24, 2007. Discussant for a thematic session and Chairperson for the plenary session (24 February 2007).  
Workshop of the Technical Advisory Committee for the CPRC (Chronic Poverty Research Centre) – Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi, March 8, 2007.

### **Kumar, V Anil**

Participated in the Development Convention of the Southern Region ICSSR Institutes at MIDS, Chennai during the period.

### **Ninan, K N**

Visited University of Cambridge, UNEP-WCMC, Cambridge, London School of Economics, University College London, International Institute for Environment and Development, London and the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex during May, 2007 under the UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) Programme to develop a research collaboration proposal.

### **Rajasekhar, D**

Award of PhD degree to student Ms. K R Nisha

### **Rajeev, Meenakshi**

Working as a resource person for Bank officers, project work at the Union Bank School of Management, June 2007.  
Participated as a resource person for National Law School of India University in their PhD Programme, 2007.

### **Sangita, S N**

Served as Registrar from December 2006 to April 1, 2007.

# *The Founder's Day fete at ISEC*



VKRV Rao Chair Professor James Manor felicitating the winner of the VKRV Rao Prize for 2005 (Economics) Dr Kala Seetharam Sridhar, Fellow, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi, during the Founder's Day celebrations at the Institute on January 20, 2007.



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