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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



The end of the year and of a four-year term typically evokes reflection on what has been and what is to come. After four years at the helm, I have decided to leave ISEC to make room for further progress towards achieving the goals of the founding fathers — of achieving excellence as a high performing

knowledge institution devoted to research, advocacy and training. I shall be relinquishing office on December 31 so that in the New Year the Institute can have a fresh approach and greater hopes from the new Director.

In many ways, the four years in ISEC have been eventful to me. Surely, ISEC has witnessed significant augmentation of its resources, infrastructure and research capacity. Whether these changes would motivate the faculty and staff to achieve sustained progress towards the goals or result in complacency and inertia, time alone will tell. Surely, availability of untied resources will free the faculty from the pressure of sponsored research and help them to undertake research in areas of their interest. It can also be used to significantly augment the infrastructure as has been done in the last couple of years. However, there are always dangers associated with soft budget constraints. It is important to guard against this danger.

I take satisfaction in the thought that I leave the Institute in a much better situation, both financially and academically, than when I took over the reins. There has been all-round improvement in the research environment. ISEC today can boast of state-of-the-art infrastructure, automated library, and easy access to computing facilities with round-the-clock connectivity to Internet services. It is for the faculty, staff and students of ISEC to make use of the facilities and put the resources available to good use.

The vision document of ISEC identifies decentralisation, human resource development, and natural resources management as its focus areas in the coming years. Towards this end, ISEC promoted an autonomous institute, CISED. ISEC, with financial assistance

from the Ford Foundation, has also established the Centre for the Study of Decentralisation and Development. It is hoped that in course of time, the Institute will be able to organise systematic research on issues pertaining to human resource development as well under a separate Centre for Human Development.

I have reasons to be pleased about the improvement in research productivity during the last four years. The introduction of the new Working Paper series, institution of the system of project seminars and refereeing of research reports, and of the biannual seminar series for the doctoral students as well as the appointment of doctoral committees are only some of the measures that have started bearing fruit. However, much remains to be done to raise the quality of research, and the critical element of reform is capacity building at the faculty level itself.

Improving the quality of faculty is the most difficult task in any academic institution. The problem is daunting particularly in smaller places as often, quality researchers would not like to work in small places nor is the environment in these institutions always congenial. My constant endeavour has been to promote quality research. The future of ISEC as an important knowledge institution critically depends on how quality research is promoted, and elements that obstruct quality research are kept in check. This is an enormous challenge that the faculty and staff of ISEC themselves will have to face squarely.

Lastly, let me express my gratitude to the Founder and Life Members of ISEC Society, Chairman and Members of the Board, the dear colleagues who enthusiastically participated and responded to reforms, all stakeholders including the various Central and State government departments for their unflinching support. Special thanks are due to Sir Ratan Tata Trust and the Ford Foundation who saw the changes coming and generously supported the endeavour even as the glittering new economy corporate sector and the great philanthropists in the city never spared a thought for the Institute. My special thanks are also due to Mr. H N Ranganathan, the Registrar, who bravely shouldered all those responsibilities and gamely went about his task without fear or favour. I would also like to wish my colleagues the very best in 2003 and hope they will scale greater heights in their academic endeavours. My best wishes to the new Director who, I am sure, will take the Institute to its pristine glory.

M Govinda Rao
Director

A rather bleak but realistic outlook of the country's future based on present trends in the field of science was presented by noted scientist and President of the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore, Prof. C. N. R. Rao. He was delivering the Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture on 'Science in the Future of India' at the Institute on November 27, 2002.



Prof. C N R Rao delivering the Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture at ISEC on November 27, 2002.

"It is worrisome that India's contribution to world science has diminished and the country's performance in

basic science has come down drastically," lamented Prof. Rao, citing the relative performance of India and China over the last few years. "A few years ago the Chinese published a mere 1,000 scientific papers in basic sciences per year, while India published 12,000 papers. Today India publishes 10,000 papers per annum while China puts out 20,000, he said. In experimental physics, we publish a total of 100 papers in a year; a single laboratory in the US would publish more papers," he indicated.

He attributed this to the government's decision to freeze recruitment, and lack of investment in science coupled with the lack of demand for science courses. Striking a note of collective responsibility, Prof. Rao said: "Maybe we scientists have failed them (younger generations) Maybe there are no real role model scientists. Not a single Indian educational institution was world class either." He was also critical of the fact that many scientists had got sucked into administrative positions.

Prof. Rao also observed that the link between industry and science was not working too well, with neither supporting the other. He deplored the attitude of both central and state governments over the past four to five years. "There is no one to talk to in Delhi. There is no direction at all to the science policy," he said, criticising even 'the scientists who sit in Delhi as administrators' for concerning themselves with Delhi alone and forgetting the needs of the rest of the country.

In a scathing indictment of the information technology industry, Prof. Rao said that its emergence had created 'a craze, a disease, a kind of virus,' that has taken its toll on science. The information technology craze that has gripped the country over the last four to five years has almost killed the pursuit of science, bled the country's intellectual capital and created a brain drain, he added.

In his concluding remarks, Prof. Rao, drawing on his own experience as a scientist, said that the study of science offers immense satisfaction. "The satisfaction of a new idea is the greatest. Please encourage your children to take up science," was his message.

Felicitations of Justice Sri Nittoor Srinivasa Rau



Justice Sri Nittoor Srinivasa Rau being presented a bouquet by Prof M Govinda Rao, Director, ISEC, on the occasion of his birth centenary, on October 18, 2002.

The Institute organised a function on October 18, 2002, to felicitate Justice Sri Nittoor Srinivasa Rau, former Chief Justice and Chief Vigilance Commissioner, on the occasion of his birth centenary. Sri T R Satish Chandran, Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC, presided over the function. Felicitations were offered by Prof. M Govinda Rao, Director, ISEC, Prof. K H Cheluvaram, former Vice Chancellor, Gulbarga University, Prof. G Thimmaiah, former director, ISEC, and Prof. A S Seetharamu, Professor and Head, Education Unit, ISEC. Replying to the felicitations, Justice Sri Nittoor Srinivasa Rau blessed the Institute to attain high levels of excellence in research and learning. He thanked the Institute for its gesture of



felicitating him. The function was attended by the Members of the Board of Governors, ISEC, as well as the faculty, staff and students of the Institute. Sri H N Ranganathan, Registrar, ISEC, coordinated the function.

UGC-RCC-ISEC Refresher Course in Education

The Education Unit of the Institute organised a refresher course in Education from November 7–30, 2002. The course was meant for the faculty teaching in the University post-graduate Departments of Education, Institute for Advanced Studies in Education and the Colleges of Secondary Teacher Education. The course was intended to broaden the horizons of understanding, deepen the insights about ground realities, provide global update on empirical findings, stimulate thinking and thus provide holistic perspectives on contemporary concerns in the Economics of Education/Education Planning/Education Management. There were 24 participants



Participants, along with resource persons, in the UGC-RCC-ISEC Refresher Course in Education, held at ISEC during November 7–30, 2002.

drawn from Karnataka, Punjab, Orissa, and Goa. Faculty from within the Institute as well as experts from outside acted as Resource Persons. Structured school visits and seminar presentations by participants were integral to the course.

Prof. S R Rohidekar, distinguished educationist, inaugurated the course. Mr. T R Satish Chandran welcomed the guests, faculty, and participants at the inaugural function presided over by Prof. G Thimmaiah. Dr. P Venkataramaiah, former Vice-Chancellor, Kuvempu University, and Chairman, NCTE, Southern Region, delivered the valedictory address. Prof. M Govinda Rao, Director, ISEC, presided over the valedictory function. The Refresher Course was directed by Prof. A S Seetharamu, Head, Education Unit.

UGC-RCC-ISEC Refresher Course in Sociology

The Sociology Unit of the Institute conducted the UGC-RCC-ISEC Refresher Course in Sociology for the teachers of colleges and universities of different parts of the country during December 2–24, 2002. Nineteen persons participated in the programme. Professor K Raghavendra Rao, formerly of Mangalore University, delivered the inaugural address. Resource persons, besides those from within the Institute, included Professors Carol Upadhya, K G Uma, Rajan Gurukkal, B Surendra Rao, R Venkatasubbaiah, Narayana Chetty, Abdul Aziz, P Krishnan, and Kesavan Veluthat. ‘Certificates of Participation’ were distributed by Mr. H N Ranganathan, Registrar, ISEC. Prof. G K Karanth coordinated the course.

Workshop on Environmental Economics for Ph.D. Scholars



Participants in the Workshop on Environmental Economics for Ph D Scholars along with Prof. M Govinda Rao, Director, ISEC (fourth from left) and Dr. G S Sastry (second from left).

The Ecological Economics unit of ISEC organised a national-level Workshop on Environmental Economics for Ph D Scholars during December 9–13, 2002. The programme was supported by the World Bank-aided India: Environmental Management Capacity Building Technical Assistance Project of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. The objective of the workshop was to impart training in theoretical and applied issues in environmental and resource economics to Ph D scholars working in this field. An important component of the workshop was the participants’



presentation sessions, which were planned on the basis of research being done by the participants. These sessions were chaired by experts in the relevant area of research.

Eleven Ph D scholars from all over India and two faculty members from Bangalore and Kuvempu Universities in Karnataka participated in the programme.

Fourteen resource persons from reputed universities and research institutions in India were invited for the technical sessions.

The programme was inaugurated on December 9, 2002. Prof. M V Nadkarni, ICSSR National Professor, ISEC, delivered the inaugural address. Prof. M Govinda Rao, Director, ISEC, presided. The programme concluded on December 13, 2002, with a valedictory address by Prof. U Sankar, Honorary Professor, Madras School of Economics, Chennai, and distribution of certificates to the participants. Prof. M Govinda Rao presided.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. G S Sastry.

Seminars by Visitors

Economic Reforms in India: Achievements and Challenges — Prof. A. Panagariya, Professor V K R V Rao Chair (July 29, 2002).

Indian Federalism, Economic Reforms and Globalization — Prof. Nirvikar Singh, Professor of Economics, University of California, Santa Cruz, USA (August 12, 2002).

Risk, Disaster and Governance: Environmental Politics in India — Dr. S. Ravi Rajan, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz (September 12, 2002).

Some Recent Developments in the Estimation of Consumer Demand Systems — Dr. Krishna Pendakur, Associate Professor, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada (September 26, 2002).

How to Split the Baby: King Solomon's Wisdom on California's Water — Dr. Sanjay Pahuja, Associate Water Resources Consultant, CHZM, San Francisco, California (October 9, 2002).

Integrated Assessment of Climate Change: Models and Policy Analysis Framework — Dr. Ashish Rana, National Institute for Environmental Studies, Tsukuba, Japan (October 28, 2002).

Integrated Water Resource Management/Modelling — Dr. Shrinivas M. Badiger, Post-Doctoral Scientist, International Water Management Institute, Sri Lanka (November 8, 2002).

Identification of Groundwater Potential Zones in Varaha River Basin, Andhra Pradesh, Using Remote Sensing and GIS Techniques — Dr. K. S. R. Murthy, Research Associate, Centre of Remote Sensing, Department of Geo-Engineering, College of Engineering, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam (November 21, 2002).

Recovering Community Initiatives: The Case of the Indigenous Textile Industry — Dr. C. Shambu Prasad, Researcher, Green Peace, Chennai (November 26, 2002).

Environmental Self-Regulation: Implications for Environmental Efficiency and Profitability — Dr. Surender Kumar, Visiting Scholar, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA (November 29, 2002).

Ethnic Identity and Labour Market Choices — Dr. Ravi Pendakur, Chief, Economic Research Division, Strategic Research and Analysis, Department of Canadian Heritage, Government of Canada (December 13, 2002).

Modelling Political Demography of India — Prof. P. Krishnan, Professor Emeritus of Demography, University of Alberta, Canada (December 20, 2002).

Seminars by Faculty

Socio-Economic Survey of SC/STs in Karnataka: A Critical Analysis — Dr. Manohar Yadav (July 18, 2002.)

Fiscal Decentralisation in Karnataka — Prof. M Govinda Rao (July 25, 2002).

Implementation of Joint Forest Planning and Management (JFPM) in the Eastern Plains Region of Karnataka: A Rapid Assessment — Dr. Sharachchandra Lele (August 1, 2002).

Oilseed Production Programme (OPP) in Karnataka — Prof. R S Deshpande (October 3, 2002).

A Study on Causes and Remedies for Farmers' Distress in Karnataka — Prof. R S Deshpande (October 10, 2002).

Evaluation of ICDS Projects in Karnataka — Dr. M N Usha Ramkumar (October 31, 2002).



Agricultural Policy in India: A Policy Matrix in a Federal System — Prof. R S Deshpande (December 5, 2002).

An Analysis of the Results of Crop Cutting Experiments — Prof. R S Deshpande (December 5, 2002).

Output and Impact Monitoring Study of the KAWAD Project For Karnataka Watershed Development Project (KAWAD) — Prof. R S Deshpande, Dr. M J Bhende, Dr. S Erappa (December 5, 2002).

Role of Local Organisations in Development Projects — Dr. D Rajasekhar (December 19, 2002).

Estimation of Burden of Disease Attributable to Iron Deficiency Anaemia and Malnutrition-A Meta-Analysis of NFHS-2 and RCH-RHS (Phase I and II Round) Data — Dr. Ramakrishna Reddy (December 19, 2002).

Students' Biannual Seminar Series

Biannual seminars were conducted for the students during December 23–28, 2002. Twenty-four doctoral fellows presented the seminars. Of these, two were pre-submission seminars and twenty-two were work-in-progress seminars.

Research Projects

Completed

An Analysis of Crop Insurance Scheme in Karnataka (Dr. M J Bhende)

Industrial Incentives in Karnataka: A Study of Capital Investment Subsidy – Gulbarga Division

(Mr. M Vivekananda)

Flow of Credit and Small and Marginal Farmers in Karnataka (Dr. M J Bhende)

People's Perception of Rural Development Programmes in Karnataka (Dr. I Maruthi)

Causes and Remedies for Farmers' Distress in Karnataka (Prof. R S Deshpande)

Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) in Karnataka (Prof. R S Deshpande)

Micro-Finance Programmes: Poverty Alleviation and Empowerment of Women (Dr. D Rajasekhar)

Functioning of Health and Family Welfare Training Institutions in Karnataka (Dr. C S Veeramatha)

Panchayat Jamabandi in Karnataka: An Evaluation Study (Dr. N Sivanna)

Sustainability in Practice: Exploring Innovations in Domestic Solid Waste Management in India

(Dr. N Sivanna and Prof. Abdul Aziz)

New

Building up of an Efficient Marketing System to Obviate the Need for Large Scale State Intervention in Karnataka (Mr. M Vivekananda)

Floriculture in Karnataka: Performance, Problems and Prospects (Dr. P Thippaiah)

WTO Agreements and Small Scale Industries in Karnataka State: An Explorative Study of Current Policy Issues and Interventions, and Future Policy Alternatives (Prof. M R Narayana)

Consumers Demand for Telecom Services in Karnataka and Goa (Prof. M R Narayana)

Reforms in Public Sector Enterprises in Karnataka: Emerging Dimensions (Dr. Meenakshi Rajeev)

Valuations of Life and Injury Risks (Dr. S Madheswaran)

Evaluation of ICDS Project in Karnataka (Dr. M N Usha)

Agricultural Policy in India: A Policy Matrix in a Federal System (Prof. R S Deshpande)

An Analysis of the Results of Crop Cutting Experiments (Prof. R S Deshpande)

Output and Impact Monitoring Study of the KAWAD Project of Karnataka Watershed Development Project (KAWAD) (Prof. R S Deshpande, Dr. M J Bhende, and Dr. S Erappa)



Working Papers

- WP 107. *Education, Agriculture and Rural Development — A Study of Two Villages in Southern India* — D V Gopalappa and R S Deshpande
- WP 108. *Decentralised Governance: A Review of the Idea and Issues* — Md. Nazrul Islam and Amitayush Vyas
- WP 109. *Land Transaction in Tribal Economies: A Study from the Scheduled Areas of Orissa* — Amalendu Jyotishi and R S Deshpande
- WP 110. *Monitoring Poverty and Human Development Indicators: A Framework* — R S Deshpande and K V Raju
- WP 111. *Action Research for Poverty Alleviation* — D Rajasekhar
- WP 112. *Fixers, Patronage, 'Fixing', and Local Governance in Karnataka* — Anand Inbanathan and D V Gopalappa
- WP 113. *State Finances in India: A Critical Review* — M Govinda Rao
- WP 114. *People, Government and the NGOs* — D Rajasekhar and R R Biradar
- WP 115. *Economic Growth in India: Does Foreign Direct Investment Inflow Matter* — Dukhabandhoo Sahoo and Maathai K Mathiyazhagan
- WP 116. *Credit Flow to Indian Agriculture: Trends and Contributing Factors* — Gagan Bihari Sahu and D Rajasekhar

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Books Published

Rajeev, Meenakshi

(Rohini Nayyar and Vinod Vyasulu) *Estimating District Income in India*, Macmillan India Ltd, November 2002.

Rao, M Govinda

(Edited) *Development, Poverty and Fiscal Policy: Decentralization of Institutions*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2002.

Articles Published

Deshpande, R S

'Nodal Strategy for Agriculture, Natural Resource Management and Rural Development.' In K V Raju, Malathi Somaiah, and Suresh Kedare (ed.). *Developmental Reforms for Resurgent India*, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Government of India, New Delhi, 2002.

'Economic Reforms and Employment: Karnataka.' In *Reforms and Employment* edited by Institute of Applied Manpower Research, published by Concept, New Delhi, 2002.

(A Narayanamoorthy and L Venkatachalam) 'Policies for Access, Equity and Equality: Physical Resources and Human Resources.' In *Sustainable Agriculture, Water Resources Development and Earth Care Policies*, edited by Bhoovigyan Vikas Foundation, published by Bhoovigyan Vikas Foundation, New Delhi, December 2002.

(with V M Rao) 'Food Security in Drought-Prone Areas—A Study in Karnataka,' *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol 37(35), August 31, 2002.

'Suicide by Farmers in Karnataka: Agrarian Distress and Possible Alleviatory Steps,' *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol 37 (26), 2002.

Gopalappa, D V

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'Panchayats and Rural Development: A Ray of Hope,' *Small Enterprises Development, Management & Extension Journal*, 29 (2), 2002.



Karant, G K

(R Baumgartner, G S Aurora, and V Ramaswamy) 'Researchers in Dialogue with Local Knowledge System: Reflections on Mutual Learning and Empowerment.' In Flurry, Manuel, and Ers Geiser (eds.). *Local Environmental Management in North South Perspective: Issues of Participation and Knowledge Management*. V/D/F IOS Press, Zurich, 2002.

'Mutual Exchange Labour in a Changing Agrarian Economy.' In *Sociological Bulletin*.

Mutharayappa, R

'Factors Affecting Home Deliveries.' In Baidyanath Misra, Pradip K Tripathy, Bipin Bihari Hota, H C Das (ed.). *Population Stabilisation and Development*, Council of Cultural Growth and Cultural Relations, 2002.

Narayana, M R

'Student Loan by Commercial Banks to General Higher Education: An Economic Analysis.' In G V Joshi (ed.). *Privatisation of Banks in India: Present Positions and Future Options*. Mangalore University (Mangalore).

Rajasekhar, D

'Economic Programmes and Poverty Reduction: NGO Experiences from Tamil Nadu,' *Economic and Political Weekly*, July 20, 2002.

(with G Sreedhar) 'Changing Face of Beedi Industry: A Study in Karnataka,' *Economic and Political Weekly*, September 28, 2002.

Rao, M Govinda

'Introduction.' In M Govinda Rao (ed.). *Development, Poverty and Fiscal Policy: Decentralization of Institutions*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2002.

'Poverty Alleviation and Fiscal Decentralization.' In M Govinda Rao (ed.). *Development, Poverty and Fiscal Policy: Decentralization of Institutions*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2002.

'State Finances in India: Issues and Challenges,' *Economic and Political Weekly*, August 3, 2002: 3,261-71.

Sastry, G S

(with R Jaganatha Rao) 'Emerging Development Issues in a Hill-Forest Region, India,' *Indian Social Science Review* (ICSSR Journal), 4(2), July-December 2002.

Seetharamu, A S

'Head Teachers in School Management — A Case Study in Karnataka State.' In R.Govinda (ed.). *Head Teachers in School Management in India — A Study in Six States*, published by ANTRIEP and European Commission.

Sekher, T V

(M N Sivakumar) 'Reproductive Health Status and Fertility Levels in India.' In B. Misra (ed.). *Population Stabilization and Development*, Council for Cultural Growth and Cultural Relations, Cuttack, 2002.

Usha, M N

'Should We Invest on Early Childhood Education?' In *Teacher Education Perspective* published by Department of Education, Bangalore University, November 2002.

Veerashekhara

(with Pratapa) 'Stock Market Development and Economic Growth,' *The Indian Journal of Economics*, LXXXII (327), April 2002.

PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS

Papers Presented in Seminars, Conferences, Workshops

Babu, M Devendra

'Decentralised Planning in Karnataka: An Impact Study' at the 34th Annual Regional Science Conference, organised by Department of Economics, Calicut University, Thrissur, Kerala, during October 25-26, 2002.



Bhende, M J

'Social and Environmental Screening for Watershed Project' at a seminar organised by the Department of Karnataka Watershed Development, Government of Karnataka, in Bangalore, on September 28, 2002.

'Livestock Resources in Karnataka' at a seminar organised by Hosatu, in Bangalore, on November 20, 2002.

Deshpande, R S

'Land Resources and Policy in Karnataka,' at a seminar on **Resources for Economic Development of Karnataka: Review of the Present Position and Alternatives for Development**, organised by Hosatu, a literary organisation, in Bangalore, on November 20, 2002.

(P Thippaiah) 'Impact of the Removal of Quantitative Restrictions on Import of Vegetable Produce' at an international conference on **Vegetables for Sustainable Food and Nutritional Security in the New Millennium**, organised by Pnsaf, Indian Society of Vegetable Sciences and Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, during November 11–14, 2002.

(A Narayanamoorthy and L Venkatachalam) 'Policies for Access, Equity and Equality: Physical Resources and Human Resources,' at the Second International Conference on **Sustainable Agriculture, Water Resources Development and Earth Care Policies**, organised by Bhoovigyan Vikas Foundation, in New Delhi, during December 18–20, 2002.

Karanth, G K

'Carrots and The Horse: 'Project' Driven Social Movement for Collective Action and Sustainable Development' at the **Rethinking Indian Sociology: Professor T K Oommen Felicitation Seminar**, organised by Centre for Study of Social System, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, during October 21–24, 2002.

Lele, Sharachchandra

'The Concept of Sustainable, Equitable and Truly Participatory Forest Management' at a workshop on **Poverty Alleviation in Forest Fringe Areas**, organised by World Bank, in New Delhi, on September 3, 2002.

'Role of Foreign Funding in Forest Sector' at a workshop on **Foreign Funding in Karnataka's Development**, organised by National Alliance of People's Movements, Bangalore, on August 25, 2002.

'Status of Forests in Karnataka' at a seminar on **Economic Development of Karnataka's Natural Resources—Review of Current Status and Articulating an Alternative**, organised by HOSATU, in Bangalore, on November 20, 2002.

Madheswaran, S

'Valuations of Life and Injury Risks — Progress Report of the Project' at a workshop organised by South Asia Network for Development and Environmental Economics, in Dhaka, during December 16–21, 2002.

Menon, Ajit

'People and Eco-development: Conceptual Reflections' at a workshop on **People and Eco-development**, sponsored by MG University, Kottayam, during July 23–24, 2002.

'Colonial Constructions of 'Fields' and 'Forests' in the Kolli Hills,' at a conference on the **Environmental History of Asia**, organised by Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, JNU, and University of Sussex, in New Delhi, during December 4–7, 2002.

Narayana, M R

'Consultative Mechanisms in Curriculum Development,' at the State-Level Workshop for Chairpersons and Members of Curriculum Revision Committees, organised by Department of Pre-University Education, Government of Karnataka, in Bangalore, during November 29–30, 2002.

'Preparation of Financial Statements,' at a workshop on **Departmental Medium Term Fiscal Plan for Collegiate Education**, organised by Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore, on December 10, 2002.

Ninan, K N

'Rural Poverty In India—A Review' at a workshop on **Evaluation of Farm Womens' Training Projects in India**, organised by Centre For Development Research, Copenhagen, Denmark, in Bangalore, on September 27, 2002.



'Social Cost Benefit Analysis—The Case of Social Forestry in Karnataka' at a training programme in **Environmental Economics**, sponsored by the World Bank-aided Environmental Management Capacity Building Technical Assistance Project, Centre For Multi-Disciplinary Research, in Dharwad, on September 24, 2002.

Pasha, Syed Ajmal

'Policy and Forest Use and Management in India' at Centre de Cooperation Internationale En Recherche Agronomique Pour Le Development—Department Des Forets, Cirad-Foret, Montpellier, France, on October 22, 2002.

Rajasekhar, D

'Role of Local Organisations in Development Projects' at State Management Unit of SWAJAL, Dehradun, on November 11, 2002.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

'Search for an Optimal Policy in a Corrupt System' at Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, in October 2002.

(with Basudeb Chowdhuri) 'Political Economy of Privatisation' at a seminar on **Emergence of National Groups and World Competition**, organised by Centre for Human Sciences, in New Delhi, during December 19 and 20, 2002.

Sastry, G S

'Socio-Economic Aspects of Urban Water Management' at a national workshop on **Sustained Water**, organised by Development Alternatives, New Delhi, in Bangalore, during September 25–26, 2002.

'Economic Instruments for Environmental Management' at a brainstorming session organised by Centre For Multi- Disciplinary Research, Dharwad, on October 29, 2002.

'Market-Based Instruments and Environmental Policy' at a national workshop on **Legal Aspects of Market-Based Instruments**, organised by National Law School of India University, Bangalore, on October 25, 2002.

'Economic Instruments for Pollution Control' in Scoping Meeting on **Status of Environment Report in Karnataka**, organised by The Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, in Bangalore, during November 12 and 13, 2002.

Seetharamu, A S

'Evaluation for School Quality — The Indian Case' at ANTRIEP/IIEP/NIEPA, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, during July 2–5, 2002.

Sekher, Madhushree

'Strategies for Participatory Management of Common Pool Resources: The Case of Self-Initiated Community Forestry Practices in India' at an international conference on **Environmental Governance and Security: Perspectives from Above and Below**, organised by Goa University, Teri-Kornard Adenauer Stiftung, in Goa, during December 7–8, 2002.

Sekher, T V

'Decentralisation of Health Care Services: Experiences of Karnataka, India' at the **Asia-Pacific Social Sciences and Medicine Conference**, organised by APNET of the International Forum for Social Sciences and Health, in Kunming, China, during October 14–18, 2002.

Sivakami, M

'The Impact of Work Participation on Duration of Breast Feeding among Poor Women in Tamil Nadu, India' in the **Southern Regional Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population on Emerging Issues on Population and Health in the Southern States of India** at Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, during August 5–6, 2002.

Sivanna, N

'Recent Amendments to Karnataka Panchayat Raj' at a seminar on **Amendments to Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act, 1994**, organised by Gandhi Peace Foundation, Bangalore, on November 24, 2002.

Thippaiah, P

(with Prof. R S Deshpande) 'Impact of Removal of Quantitative Restrictions on Import of Vegetable Produce' at an international conference on **Vegetables for Sustainable Food and Nutritional Security in the New Millennium**,



organised by International Society of Vegetable Science, New Delhi, Dr. Prem Nath Agricultural Science Foundation, Bangalore, and Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Hesserghatta, in Bangalore, during November 11–14, 2002.

Ushadevi, M D

(presented in absentia), 'Women in Grassroots Participatory Structures in Decentralised Administration: Creating Space and Building Capacities' at the **National Conference of the IAWS Sustaining Democracy: Challenges in the New Millennium**, organised by Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, during October 17–20.

Veerashekhara

'Community Contribution in Water Supply and Sanitation,' at the **28th WEDC International Conference**, organised by Institution of Public Health Engineers India, Calcutta, during November 18–22, 2002.

Venkatachalam, L

(with R S Deshpande, A Narayanamoorthy) 'Policies for Access, Equity and Equality: Physical Resources and Human Resources,' at the **Second International Workshop on Sustainable Agriculture, Water Resources and Healthcare Policies**, organised by Bhoovigyan, in New Delhi, during December 18–20, 2002.

Seminars, Training Programmes Organised

Deshpande, R S

Workshop on Common Pool Resources and Institutions, sponsored by Lunds University, Sweden; August 27–29, 2002.

Karanth, G K

UGC-RCC Refresher Course in Sociology, sponsored by University Grants Commission; December 2–24, 2002.

Sastry, G S

Workshop on Environmental Economics for Ph.D. Scholars, sponsored By World Bank-Aided: India Environmental Management Capacity Building Technical Assistance Project of The Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government. of India; December 9–13, 2002.

Seetharamu, A S

UGC-sponsored Refresher Course in Education for faculty from college of education, institutes of advanced studies in education and PG departments of education, during November 7–30, 2002.

Sekher, T V

Workshop on South India Fertility Project, sponsored by French Institute of Pondicherry and Wellcome Trust; December 2–3, 2002.

Participation in Seminars, Conferences, Workshops as Chairman, Discussant, Rapporteur

Babu, M Devendra

Acted as rapporteur for a session on 'Migration and Development' at the **34th Annual Regional Science Conference**, organised by Department of Economics, Calicut University, Thrissur, Kerala, on October 25, 2002.

Deshpande, R S

Chaired a session at workshop on **Approaches to the Natural Resource Management: Policies, Efforts and Practices**, organised by Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad, during August 7–8, 2002.

Chaired a session at a workshop on **Agricultural Policy in India**, organised by Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, and Agro Economic Centre, Vallabh Vidya Nagar, on July 22, 2002.

Madheswaran, S

Acted as discussant at a workshop organised by South Asia Network for Development and Environmental Economics, in Dhaka, during December 16–21, 2002.



Mutharayappa, R

Acted as resource person in a training programme for investigators and supervisors under Reproductive and Child Health Programmes, organised by Population Research Centre, J S S Institute of Economic Research, at Panaji, Goa, during October 17–22, 2002.

Raju, K V

Acted as moderator in the **National Policy Seminar on Revisiting Village Tanks: Conservation and Development of Tanks in India**, organised by DHAN Foundation, in New Delhi, during September 16–17, 2002.

Acted as discussant in a discussion on **Report on Findings from the Pilot Report Card on the Irrigation Sector**, organised by Public Affairs Centre, on December 24, 2002.

Rao, M Govinda

Visited Republic of South Africa at the invitation of the Financial and Fiscal Commission of the Republic of South Africa to attend the Commission's Review Session during November 20–23, 2002. Also presented a research paper and served as a discussant for other research papers.

Acted as resource person at a World Bank-sponsored Forum/Course on **Fiscal Decentralization and Local Governments**, in Delhi, on December 4, 2002.

Chaired a session on 'Indirect Taxes and Economic Liberalisation' at the Round Table on **The Law, Economic Reform and Liberalisation**, organised by the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, during December 7–8, 2002.

Was panellist in a discussion on the **Consultation Papers of the Task Force on Direct Taxes and Task Force on Indirect Taxes (Kelkar Committee Report)**, organised by the Asian Development Bank, Delhi, on December 12, 2002.

Seetharamu, A S

Was panellist in a discussion on 'Organisation of Schooling Facility through Shift System — Case Studies in Major Cities of India,' organised by NIEPA, in New Delhi, during September 26 – 27, 2002.

Was panellist in a colloquium on **Recent (31.10.02) Supreme Court Judgement on Education and its Implications**, organised by the People's Education Society at PES Engineering College, Bangalore, on November 24, 2002.

Sivakami, M

Acted as rapporteur for a session on 'Reproductive and Child Health' in the **Southern Regional Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population on Emerging Issues of Population and Health in the Southern States of India** at Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, during August 5–6, 2002.

Seminars, Conferences, Workshops, Meetings Attended

Babu, M Devendra

Workshop on **Discussion Meet on the Report of the Working Group on Decentralisation and Subsequent Developments in Karnataka**, organised by Institute of Social Sciences, Gandhi Bhavan, Bangalore, on August 21, 2002.

Deshpande, R S

Workshop on **Review of Studies on Environmental Economics**, organised by Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, on November 7, 2002.

Seminar on **Economic Reforms and Employment Generation**, organised by Institute of Costs and Works Accountants of India, Bangalore Chapter, and Rashtriya Shikshana Samithi Trust, and Vidyarthi Sikshan Seva Trust, Bangalore, on November 16, 2002.

Ninan, K N

Project Review Workshop on **Environmental Economics**, organised by Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, in Mumbai, on November 7, 2002.

Raju, K V

Administrative Reforms Commission, Government of Karnataka, on November 20, 2002.



South Asia Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (nominated as member), organised by Pakistan Water Partnership during December 13-17, 2002.

Rao, M Govinda

Round Table in connection with the launching of ESCAP-ADB joint publication 'Rejuvenating Bank Finance for Development in Asia and the Pacific,' organised by ESCAP, in Bangkok, on October 23, 2002. Meeting of the eminent persons on current and prospective economic and social performance in the ESCAP Region, organised by ESCAP in Bangkok, during October 24-25, 2002.

Seetharamu, A S

Workshop on **Reorganisation of +2 Curriculum in Karnataka State**, organised by Government of Karnataka, at IISc, Bangalore, on September 24, 2002.

Sekher, T V

Workshop on **Methodological Issues of South India Fertility Project**, organised by S.V. University, Tirupati, during October 3-4, 2002.

Sivakami, M

Seminar on **Declining Sex-Ratio Patterns: Fresh Insights-Disturbing Trends**, organised by Vimochana Forum for Women's Rights, in Bangalore, on November 23, 2002.

Sivanna, N

International Workshop on **Environmental Law, and Governance** organised by Konrad Adenauer Foundation and Bangalore University, on December 11, 2002.

Syamala, T S

Seminar on **Declining Sex-Ratio Patterns: Fresh Insights-Disturbing Trends**, organised by Vimochana Forum for Women's Rights, in Bangalore, on November 23, 2002.

Usha, M N

State-level seminar on **Semester Scheme for B.Ed Programme**, organised by Department of Education, Bangalore University, on November 2, 2002.

National Workshop on Women and Water Network, organised by National Institute for Advanced Studies, Bangalore, at IISc Campus, in Bangalore, on November 25 and 26, 2002.

Ushadevi, M D

National workshop to Evolve Research Design in Priority Areas Leading to Multicentric Studies, organised by DERPP, NCERT, New Delhi, during October 21-25, 2002.

Workshop on **Gender Sensitisation: HRD Training Programme for Senior Officers of AGs**, organised by RTC, AG's, Karnataka, in Bangalore, on December 13, 2002.

Veeramatha, C S

State-level workshop on **Nutrition Education for All**, organised by Department of Women and Child Development, Government of India, State-Level Planning Workshop, on August 29, 2002.

Venkatachalam, L

Workshop on **Empirical Studies in Natural Resource Economics**, organised by Team of Excellence in Natural Resource Economics, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, and IFPRI, World Bank and Ford Foundation, during October 23-25, 2002.

Keynote and Presidential Addresses

Lele, Sharachandra

'Beyond State-Community Polarisations and Bogus 'Joint'ness: Crafting Institutional Solutions for Resource Management' at a conference on **Globalisation and Poverty**, organised by Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands, during October 7-9, 2002.



'Integrated Approaches to Natural Resource Management' at the **Regional Workshop in University Education on Integrated Approaches to Mountain Natural Resource Management**, organised by UNESCO, during November 11–16, 2002.

Narayana, M R

'Indian Small Scale Industries in Globalisation Scenario,' (Keynote address) to a seminar on **Indian Small Scale Industries in Globalisation Scenario**, at The Institution of Engineers (India), Mysore, on September 6, 2002.

Rao, M Govinda

Addressed (as Chief Guest) the Confederation of Indian Industry Core Group on Value Added Tax, at Hotel The Leela, Bangalore, on July 27, 2002.

Chief guest of honour at the valedictory function of the seminar of the **Consortium of Students in Management Research (COSMR)** at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, on September 21, 2002.

Sivanna, N

'Strengthening of Grama Sabhas in Karnataka' (Valedictory Address), at a two-day workshop on **Strengthening of Grama Sabhas in Karnataka**, organised by FEVORD-K, in Bangalore, on December 28, 2002.

Lectures, Talks Delivered

Deshpande, R S

Lecture on 'Meeting the Challenge of Drought' at Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, Bangalore, on September 14, 2002.

Lecture on 'Watershed Development: A Natural Resource Economics Perspective' at IFPRI and World Bank-Sponsored **Course on Empirical Studies in Natural Resource Economics**, UAS, Bangalore, on October 23, 2002.

Special Lecture on 'WTO and Agriculture' at Economic Analysis Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, in Bangalore, on November 28, 2002.

Two lectures on (i) 'Kuznets and Kuznetsians' ii. 'WTO Agriculture' at Academic Staff College, Mysore University, in Mysore, on December 7, 2002.

Lele, Sharachchandra

Lecture on 'Economics of Forest Conservation' at Centre for Multidisciplinary Research, Dharwad (Training Programme in Environmental Economics), on September 23, 2002.

Lecture on 'Sustainable Development and the Role of Technology' at National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, on December 17, 2002.

Lecture on 'Community Participation in Resolving Environmental Problems' at Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, on December 31, 2002.

Madheswaran, S

Seven lectures on 'New Approaches in Econometric Analysis and its Application in Labour Research; Empirical Foundations for Research in Human Capital' at V.V.Giri National Labour Institute, NOIDA, New Delhi, during November 17–22, 2002.

Four lectures on 'Second Generation Reform' at **UGC Refresher Course**, Goa University, during November 26–27, 2002.

Four lectures on 'Violations of Classical Linear Regression Model; Discrete Choice Model' at Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore, during November 29–December 2, 2002.

Four lectures on 'Application of Econometrics in Environmental Economics' at Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, during December 4–5, 2002.

Ten lectures on 'Application of Econometrics in Environmental Economics' at **SANDEE Training Programme in Econometrics and Environment**, in Dhaka, during December 7–15, 2002.

Narayana, M R

Lecture on 'State Questionnaire for Karnataka,' at the **Training for Trainers for 3rd All India Census of SSIs**, organised by Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Karnataka, in Bangalore, during September 20 – 21, 2002.



Raju, K V

Talk on 'Drought and Water Resources Management,' to a group of South Indian journalists, organised by the Centre for Science and Environment, in Bangalore, on September 5, 2002.

Rao, M Govinda

Handled a session on 'Fiscal Policy and Management of Government Debt' in the programme on **Central Banking for Middle-Level Officers of RBI**, organised by the Reserve Bank Staff College, Chennai, on August 21, 2002.

Talk on 'Integration of Service Tax' under Technical Session I – Central VAT in the **11th All India Annual Tax Conference**, organised by ASSOCHAM, Delhi, on September 12, 2002.

Talk on 'Fiscal Adjustment and Fiscal Policy Issues — Fiscal Transparency, Fiscal Responsibility and Fiscal Federalism — and Experiences and Future Directions' at the Reserve Bank Staff College, Chennai, for the training course for middle management cadre in banks, on September 25, 2002 (two sessions).

Special lecture on 'State-Level Fiscal Reforms in India' at the **training programme for ISS Probationers**, organised by Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore, on December 13, 2002.

Addressed the Indian Audit and Accounts Service Officers on 'Fiscal Decentralization in India – Theory, Past Practices and Issues of Reform,' at the **Management Development Programme for IA & AS Officers**, organised by Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, on July 24, 2002.

Seetharamu, A S

Two lectures on 'Economic Theory & Education' at ASC, University of Mysore, on December 14, 2002.

Sivanna, N

Two lectures on '73rd Amendment to the Constitution, Salient Features of Karnataka Panchayat Raj System' at IIPA, New Delhi, in Bangalore, on July 17, 2002.

Two lectures on 'Karnataka Panchayati Raj System: An Historical Perspective' at Indian Social Institute, Bangalore, on July 29, 2002.

Two lectures on 'Structural - Functional Aspects of Karnataka Panchayati Raj System, Decentralised Planning Process' at Kannada University, Hampi, on November 22, 2002.

Lecture on 'Functioning of Grama Sabhas in Karnataka' at Taluk Panchayati, Chennapatna, on December 5, 2002.

Yadav, Manohar S

Two lectures on 'Early Indian Social Perspectives: Dumont, M N Srinivas and Mendel Baum' and 'Old and New Social Movements' to the participants of **UGC Refresher Course in Economics** at Hampi University, Hampi, on November 29, 2002.

Fellowships Awarded

Pasha, Syed Ajmal

Fellowship under the India-France Cultural Exchange Programme, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, at Maison Des Sciences De L' Homme, Paris, France, one month's visitorship in Paris, France (October 2002). The topic of research was 'Policy, Property Rights and Management of Forests: A Comparative Perspective from India and France.'

Raju, K V

Visiting Research Fellow at International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington D.C., USA, for six weeks (July–August 2002).

Visiting Research Fellow at International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington D.C., USA, for three weeks (October–November 2002).

Miscellaneous

Deshpande, R S

Interviewed by Enadu TV on 'Computerisation of Land Records and Bhoomi Programme,' on December 8, 2002.

Ninam, K N

Nominated as a Reviewer for contributed papers submitted for the 25th International Conference of Agricultural Economists, Durban, 2003, by The International Association of Agricultural Economists, USA.



Raju, K V

Interviewed on the Cauvery issue by *Down To Earth* and by the Editor, *Asian Age*.

Rao, M Govinda

Prepared a paper at the request of Ministry of Finance, Government of India, on 'Reform of Sales Tax in the Context of VAT,' December 2002.

Offices Held in Academic/Professional/Administrative Bodies

Deshpande, R S

SAP-DRS Advisory Committee, Shivaji University, Kolhapur.

Member, Editorial Board, *Indian Development Review*.

Member of the expert committee to examine and prepare a detailed proposal for establishment of a natural disaster mitigation centre in Karnataka, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.

Karanth, G K

The third volume in the series being edited by G K Karanth and Simon Charsley, 'Cultural Subordination and Dalit Challenge' was published during the period. The volume was *Dalit Assertion and the Unfinished Democratic Revolution: The BSP in Uttar Pradesh* by Sudha Pai. New Delhi: Sage Publications India Ltd.

Narayana, M R

Member, Task Force on Higher Education, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.

Chairman, Curriculum Revision Committee (Economics), Department of Pre-University Education, Education Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.

Member, State Level Co-ordination Committee for Conduct of 3rd All India Census of SSIs, Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.

Raju, K V

Member, South Asia Technical Advisory Committee of the Global Water Partnership.

Coordinator, Working Group for Formulation of Draft National Policy on Bio-Fuels from Non-Edible Oils.

Rao, M Govinda

Nominated as a member of the monitoring committee to monitor the fiscal reforms programme of the states linked to a system of incentives constituted by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India (Department of Expenditure, Finance Commission Division).

Submitted the Final Report of the project on 'Reform of Central Sales Tax in the Context of Value Added Tax in India,' sponsored by the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

Acted as chairman of the National Committee for the Assessment and Accreditation of Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, during August 26–27, 2002.

Seetharamu, A S

Invited to be 'Education Expert & Member' of the Committee of the DOE/GOK for 'Reorganisation of +2 curriculum in Karnataka State,' headed by Prof. U R Rao. Also nominated as Subject Committee Chairperson for a new paper on 'General Studies' proposed to be introduced in +2 curriculum from 2003–04 onwards.

Sivanna, N

Member, Sub-committee on Training and Maintenance of Learning Equipment, ANSSIRD, Mysore.

Member, Advisory Council of Sri Abdul Nazir Sab Chair, Kuvempu University, Shimoga.

Member, Janavedhike, Bangalore.

Seminar on 'The State of Karnataka's Public Services: Benchmark for the New Millennium'

The Institute, in collaboration with the Public Affairs Centre (PAC), Bangalore, organised a seminar on October 19, 2002, on the report 'The State of Karnataka's Public Services: Benchmark for the New Millennium.' The report, prepared and published by the PAC, was released by Sri T N Chaturvedi, Honourable Governor of Karnataka. It presented a status update on delivery of services in Karnataka pertaining to water supply, education, health, public distribution system and transport. The Governor emphasised the need for a close liaison between the government and civil society for the effective delivery of basic services. While welcoming the gathering, Prof. M Govinda Rao,



His Excellency the Governor of Karnataka Sri T N Chaturvedi addressing the seminar on 'The State of Karnataka's Public Services: Benchmark for the New Millennium' at ISEC on October 19, 2002.

Director, ISEC, emphasised the significance of provision of basic services, particularly to weaker sections. Dr. Samuel Paul, Chairman, PAC, highlighted the larger issues of good governance and the role of public services. Sri. T R Satish Chandran, Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC, chaired the inaugural session. The two technical sessions of the seminar, 'Expanding Infrastructure and Managing Service Delivery,' and 'Giving Voice to the People,' were chaired by Sri. T R Satish Chandran and Dr. H Sudharshan respectively. Among those who attended and participated in the seminar were Sri. A Ravindra, Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, Dr. S Balakrishna, Executive Director, PAC, Dr. P V Sheno, Professors G Thimmaiah, K H Cheluvvaraju, Abdul Aziz, V M Rao, and senior officers of Government of Karnataka.

Workshop on 'Common Pool Resources and Institutions'

The Institute organised a workshop on 'Common Pool Resources and Institutions' in collaboration with Lund University, CARIKS, Mysore, during August 27-29, 2002. The main objectives of the workshop were (i) to develop networks among South Asian and Scandinavian researchers dealing with institutional problems related to common-pool resources and (ii) to develop methodological frameworks to conduct empirical studies on specific common pool resources. Participants included faculty of the Institute, academicians, and administrators.

Dr. Neelambar Hatti, of Lund University, and Prof. R S Deshpande, of the Institute, were the coordinators.



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