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From the Director's Desk ...

I am happy to pen this communication for the Newsletter covering our activities during January-June 2009. I am quite pleased to note that we are reaching the needed momentum to achieve our set goals in academic pursuits. The trend is quite discernible during the last six months as reflected in this Newsletter. We embarked on quite a few new initiatives in teaching and research. A number of research assignments are flowing in and our canvas is slowly widening. After a gap of many years, we conducted an intensive training programme for the senior Indian Economic Service officers, 'Econometric Methods and Applications'. The faculty has also got into new areas of research like Climate Change, Bio-diversity, and micro-level planning. At the same time, we did not lose the momentum of our own on-going research interests. The activities on Digital Library and Data Bank have picked up with a good thrust. The Digital Library has now a number of titles, theses, ISEC publications available on-line and MoUs with a few institutions are signed. The Data bank is being enhanced and made accessible to ISEC fraternity.



We are having a steady flow of research assignments that continued during this period. Presently, we have set in motion nine new research projects and some of these are funded from different sources. Besides, there are six new funded research projects in the pipeline that are already sanctioned by different sponsors. During the last six months, the faculty members of the Institute have completed 12 research projects spanning various areas of specialisation. Findings from some of these have been highlighted by the local press. During this period, we have received a research grant of Rs 1.07 crore towards the Comprehensive District Agricultural Plan which will be utilised for Regional Agricultural Planning work. We have already completed 29 Comprehensive District Agricultural Plans for the districts of Karnataka as well as submitted the consolidated State Agricultural Plan. ISEC is identified as one of the Technical Support Institutions by the Planning Commission, Government of India.

On the publications side, we also have good achievements. The faculty members of the Institute have to their credit two books, one monograph and eleven working papers in addition to 35 research papers and chapters in edited books. There are 50 on-going research projects and quite a few of these are nearing completion. The faculty members of the Institute have delivered 16 keynote/presidential addresses in various conferences and seminars outside the Institute and presented papers at 38 conferences/seminars/workshops.

One of the foremost high points during the last six months is the VKRV Memorial Lecture delivered by Mr Nandan M Nilekani, formerly Co-Chairman of Infosys and presently Chairman of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDIA), Government of India. Mr Nilekani talked about India at the Crossroads: Challenges before Us' which was well attended by the faculty, students and a large number of guests from outside the Institute. The ISEC-Nordic Centre course on 'Methods and Applications in Social Science Research' as well as the Training Programme on the 'Econometric Methods with Applications' for senior Indian Economic Service Officers of the Government of India were conducted successfully. We had excellent feedback from the participants of both the courses. The Ministry of Finance has approached us to continue the course for IES officers during the current



year. A joint workshop with FAO was conducted on 'Managing Common Pool Resources for Poverty Reduction in Tribal Areas of Eastern India'. This was attended by representatives from the FAO and others. Now, we have entered the new area of research in 'Climate Change and Its Implications for the Indian Economy'. A National Seminar on 'Climate Change: Data Availability and Requirement' was organised by ISEC. We were co-organiser of the workshop conducted under the Chairmanship of Lord Professor Nicolas Stern at Bangalore on Climate Change.

The PhD Programme at the institute is taking a fine shape and we have brought in a few important changes. The current batch of PhD students has completed the Part-B and Part-C examinations. The Biannual Seminars were successfully completed during June 15-20, 2009. Professor Michael Walton, VKRV Rao Professor, and Prof G Hargopal, Emeritus Professor, Central University, Hyderabad, actively participated in the seminars as external experts. The students benefited from the comments of the panelists as well as the experts. Some of our students have presented papers in prestigious national and international conferences. During the last six months, five of our students have been awarded PhD degree by Mysore University. We are actively processing the case of enhancing the PhD fellowship to bring equivalence between UGC and ICSSR fellowships. In this connection, the Director has visited ICSSR and personally explained the inequality to the Member-Secretary of ICSSR. We approached His Excellency the Governor of Karnataka with a request to waive the exorbitant affiliation fees paid to the universities in the State of Karnataka.

The activities under Sir Ratan Tata Trust (SRTT) fund have a good measure of success. We had three important collaborators recently under the SRTT Programme, viz., Dr Vidu Badigannavar from London, Prof Anjan Chakravarty of Kolkata University and Mr Lakshmana K V of Hindustan Times, New Delhi. We have received reports from the SRTT fellows and these are being taken up for publication as monographs after proper refereeing process. Under the SRTT grant, three faculty members and two research scholars have been sanctioned partial financial assistance to participate in the prestigious international seminars and conferences.

During the last six months, there were quite a few visitors and foreign students affiliated to the Institute for studies/research. That has enriched the Institute's outreach and also opened up new avenues for collaborations. A Memorandum of Understanding between Department of Economics, University of Mumbai, and ISEC has been reviewed and completed. The Department is now seeking the permission of the Vice-Chancellor of Mumbai University to get the approval for registering our PhD students with Mumbai University. The MoU with Mastritch University is under active consideration. We have also received a letter from the Vice-Chancellor of Tumkur University to affiliate our students with them.

On the staff welfare side, we have enhanced the Annuity Pension Scheme. The long-pending repairs of the damaged portions of the office building as well as staff quarters are being undertaken. A new scheme of 'Social Science Talent Search' is launched to identify bright young students in Karnataka who have inclination to undertake studies in social sciences. Under a new initiative, we started Dr GVK Rao Scholarships for young scholars to participate and present papers at prestigious international conferences and seminars. We have received a generous grant from the family members of the late Professor P R Brahmananda for initiating one research paper every year on the theme pertaining to 'Monetary and Micro Economics'. This will begin soon. With the active support and suggestions from the faculty members of the Institute, we are introducing two Certificate Courses in 'Research Methodology' and 'Managing Development'. These will begin by the end of this year.

The documentation of these achievements is not necessarily to boast of what we have done, but rather to ascertain if we are on the right track. I am quite happy to know that we are on the right track. In all these endeavours, I am helped by the faculty members, staff and students of ISEC at every inch towards progress. Therefore, the success is sculpted by them with their efforts and, if at all there are failures, those are entirely due to my incapacity to cope with the envisaged speed. We look forward to accomplishing that at the next milestone.

R S Deshpande
Director



ISEC-NCI Course on 'Methods and Applications in Social Science Research'

The Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources of our Institute in association with the Nordic Centre in India (NCI), Sweden, organised a four-week course on 'Methods and Applications in Social Science Research' for graduate and post-graduate students from Nordic countries from January 5 to 31, 2009. Totally six students from universities in Sweden and Finland participated in this course. This was an initial course equivalent to 10 ECTS (European Union Credits).

The course emphasised on transferring research skills to the students in such a manner that they would comprehend the subject of their own research. It had the objective of sensitizing the students to research methods in social sciences with a view to enhancing their understanding of these disciplines and undertaking further research studies. It also emphasised on acquainting the students with both the theoretical and practical aspects of social science research methods.

The mode of orientation was class room teaching by resource persons drawn both from within the Institute and outside and included eminent scholars such as Professors G Thimmaiah, M V Nadkarni, R S Deshpande, A S Seetharamu, Ranganath Bharadwaj, Michael Tharakan, Narender Pani and others. The forenoons were spent in classroom teaching for about 60-75 minutes. The students carried out library reference and consultations with faculty in the afternoons. A total of 38 sessions were held on various topics relating to research methods and applications in SSR. Home assignments were given on topics chosen by the students drawn on their syllabus emphasizing methodology, data collection and conceptualising issues.

Reading material/list was circulated to enable reference work to prepare the term paper and to support the classroom lectures.

The first week of the course introduced the participants to the philosophy of social science research covering such topics as nature of knowledge and theory, understanding social phenomena, ethical and gender issues in social science research and use of concepts and boundary. The second week of the course familiarised the students with the process of research in social sciences beginning with topics such as 'identification and selection of a research problem', validity, objectivity and rigour, research design, formulation of hypotheses and so on.



Students from Nordic universities interacting with the CEENR faculty at ISEC.

The students were encouraged to engage in interactive discussion during the lecture hours. The highlight of the course was that it did not just rely on classroom teaching but was interspersed with fieldwork for a few days, beginning with an exposure to rural and urban areas, social, economic and environmental issues. This was to make the students understand the social phenomena better. The students were first taken to a couple of villages in Bangalore (Rural) and Kolar districts and left there for two days to learn the situations and later pick up issues for their term paper. These exposed the participants to the diversity of socio-economic issues resulting in their identification of a few themes for practising research methodology as part of their course. In their urban exposure visit facilitated by Dr G S Sastry, an expert in urban environmental issues and retired faculty from CEENR, they visited a water-recycling plant, the technology park and Electronic City, the City Market, a few slums, the business hub of Avenue Road etc.

The third week's lectures covered themes on both quantitative and qualitative techniques and tools of data collection like surveys using questionnaires, qualitative techniques like case studies, RRA & PRA, ethnography, focused group discussions, historical methods etc.

The week also included the second visit to the field for a longer duration when they lived amidst



villagers and visited again the houses, shops, school and other centres of their interest for collecting the required data by interacting with the respondents with the help of interpreters comprising a few research assistants from the CEENR. These enabled them to learn directly from the field and also demonstrate their research abilities by interacting with people using questionnaires, focused discussions, observation and even trying out semi-case studies and PRAs. The work thus was a reflection of their learning. It also facilitated their writing their term paper (besides 2 assignments on philosophy of SSR) based on their research process, experiences and findings.

The participants were also taken to the old residential areas of the city, to the Republic Day flower show at the Lalbagh Botanical Garden, to weavers' colony in Cubbon Pet etc. The last week of the course focused on summing up the course with lectures on methods and techniques of data analysis, preparation of a research report and dissemination to stakeholders.

The participants presented their term paper as an open seminar where all the resource persons of the course besides the PhD students of the Institute were invited to offer comments and observations.

The course participants took active part in the Institute's Founder's Day on January 20 both listening to the talks by special guests as well in the cultural activities that followed them.

Dr Mirja Juntanen, Director, NCI, Sweden, not only took an active role in designing the course and co-ordinating admissions but also participated both in the classroom lecture sessions and accompanied the participants along with the course co-ordinator, Dr K G Gayathridevi to the field for stay in the villages. Ms Christabel Royan, NCI co-ordinator from Hyderabad, was present for a few days both at the commencement of the course and towards its closing.

Prof R S Deshpande, Director, Institute for Social and Economic Change, delivered the inaugural address. Prof M V Nadkarni delivered the valedictory address. Prof Deshpande distributed the certificates to the course participants. The course participants were assessed based on the assignments, participation and fieldwork-based seminar presentations. The feedback on both academic and administrative aspects of the course was obtained from the participants through a structured format designed for the purpose.

Dr K G Gayathridevi, Associate Faculty, CEENR, ISEC, and Mr Bibhu Prasad Nayak, Assistant Professor, CEENR, co-ordinated the course.

Workshop on 'Monitoring C-DAPs'

A one-day workshop was organised on 'Monitoring C-DAPs' at the Institute on January 17, 2009. It was coordinated by Dr M J Bhende. The workshop was to sensitise directors/Officers-in-Charge and office-bearers of AERCs/Units about the evaluation and monitoring of C-DAPs prepared by the district functionaries with the help of different Technical Support Institutions and chalk out the programme for coordination of the evaluation process. The workshop was attended among others by Prof Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission, Government of India; Dr S M Jharwal, Principal Adviser, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation; Dr V V Sadamate, Adviser (Agri.), Planning Commission; Shri Pankaj Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation, Government of India; and Directors and Officers-in-Charge of AERCs/Units.



The participants in the workshop on 'Monitoring C-DAPS' with ISEC Director and some of the faculty.



Prof R S Deshpande, Director, ISEC, welcomed the participants. Prof Abhijit Sen talked about the important role played by AERCs/Units by providing necessary feedback for framing the policies for growth and development of agriculture. He said AERCs are best suited to take up monitoring and evaluation of C-DAPs prepared by the districts with the assistance of different TSIs. The issues related to coordination of monitoring and evaluation of C-DAPs by AERCs in different states and the financial assistance were discussed in detail. Prof Deshpande presented the methodology used in the preparation of C-DAPs and Dr M J Bhende provided some guidelines for evaluation of the C-DAPs. The workshop concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Prof Deshpande.

Workshop on 'Managing Common Pool Resources for Poverty Reduction in Tribal Areas of Eastern India'

A workshop on 'Managing Common Pool Resources for Poverty Reduction in Tribal Areas of Eastern India with Special Reference to Small-Scale Culture Fisheries and Non-Timber Forest Products' was organised at ISEC on January 18, 2009. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss the findings and elicit comments and suggestions on the Food and Agricultural Organisation-sponsored study. The workshop was attended by experts and invitees. This study is carried out at the Agricultural Development and Rural Transformation Centre of ISEC. It covers Orissa and Chhattisgarh states. The study brought out the institutional dimensions for effective use of common pool resources like multi-use common water bodies and forests. In all, 30 participants from various academic institutions, the Planning Commission of India and ISEC attended the workshop. The workshop was coordinated by Prof R S Deshpande in his capacity as Project Director and was presided over by Dr S M Jharwal, Principal Adviser, Planning Commission, Union Ministry of Agriculture.

Founders' Day Celebrations

The Founders' Day of ISEC was celebrated on January 20, 2009, with great pomp and show. A community lunch was organised which was attended by all employees and their families. Short lectures in honour of Dr V K R V Rao highlighting the achievements of Dr Rao during his illustrious career were delivered by Shri S L Rao, Prof G Thimmaiah, Prof M V Nadkarni, Dr P V Shenoi and Prof Abdul Aziz. The programme included some cultural activities by the staff, students and residents of ISEC. Prizes were distributed to the winners of sports events and the cultural activity participants.



ISEC Director R S Deshpande speaking during the Founders' Day celebrations on January 20, 2009.

Special Programme by Kannada Sangha

The Kannada Sangha of the Institute organised a special programme on February 27, 2009 in the Institute auditorium. 'Hasya Ratnakara' Master Hirannaiah, actor and dramatist, spoke on the occasion. His talk centred on the evolution of drama as a medium of both entertainment and education. He also touched upon the impact of TV on the stage artistes.

Prof Siddananda of Shri Jagadguru Renuka Charya College (SJRC), Bangalore, recited many couplets from the late Dr DV Gundappa's *Mankuthimmana Kagga* contextually. He lauded DVG's rich contribution to the Kannada literature and its relevance to the contemporary period. Shri Arun S Iyer, a budding Carnatic classical singer, sang a few compositions on the occasion. ISEC Director Prof R S Deshpande presided over the function.



Dr V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture



Shri Nandan M Nilekani delivering the Dr VKRV Rao Memorial Lecture on February 16, 2009

The Dr VKRV Rao Memorial Lecture on the occasion of the Founders' Day was delivered on February 16, 2009, at the Institute by Shri Nandan M Nilekani, Co-Chairman, Infosys, on 'India at Crossroads – Challenges before Us'. The lecture was attended by dignitaries from various fields in the city. Despite being the day of Budget, there was very good press coverage for the event. ISEC Director Prof R S Deshpande welcomed the gathering and Shri S L Rao, Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC, chaired the function. On the occasion, a felicitation volume in honour of Prof A Vaidyanathan was released and Prof Vaidyanathan was honoured. Another book

by Prof K N Ninan, *Conserving and Valuing Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity*, published by Earthscan, UK, was also released.

Training Programme on 'Econometric Methods and Applications' for Senior-Level IES Officers of Government of India

The importance of Econometric Methods in any good economic policy-making process is undisputable. The growing complexities in the overall economic behaviour and the data constraints call for increasing understanding and upgradation of the skills in econometric methods, both in academia and the government. Although there is good progress and innovations are happening in the sphere of theoretical econometrics to meet these challenges of understanding the continuously changing economic behaviour, this needs further augmentation.

Keeping this in view it was felt that there is a need for continuous upgradation of skills for the government officials, who are regularly involved in the process of complex economic policy making. This upgradation programme is particularly important for the senior-level officers, as the development of econometric theory and its applications is enormous since they have entered the government services.

In view of this, ISEC and the Indian Econometric Society jointly organised a training (upgradation) programme for the senior-level Indian Economic Service (IES) officers at ISEC during March 2-27, 2009.



Senior IES officers who participated in the training programme seen with ISEC Director and some of the faculty.

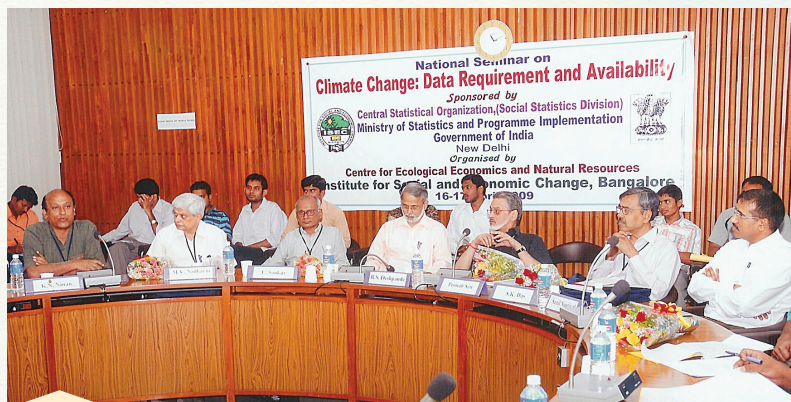


There were 15 senior-level IES officers from the various ministries/departments of the Government of India. Eighteen resource persons were invited both from ISEC and outside to deliver lectures in the training programme. During the programme, the course participants were also trained to use three econometric software packages, namely, STATA, EVIEWS and SPSS. As the feedback from the participants indicated, they rated the training programme "excellent" in terms of content and teaching. Even the hospitality given by ISEC was rated "excellent". All our PhD students also benefited from the programme.

The training programme was coordinated by Prof S Madheswaran, CESP, ISEC; Prof K L Krishna, Delhi School of Economics, and Chairman, CESS; and Dr N R Bhanumurthy, Secretary, Indian Econometric Society.

National Seminar on 'Climate Change: Data Requirement and Availability'

Integrated assessment of the impacts of climate variability has become a major concern for policy makers all over the world. In Indian perspective, rural India relies heavily on agriculture for subsistence livelihood requirements, which is significantly dependant on climate. The urban centers are also susceptible for adverse impacts in the wake of any sudden change in rainfall pattern or rise in temperature.



The National Seminar on 'Climate Change: Data Requirement and Availability' in progress.

Climate change will affect both resource availability and resource access through increased or reduced flows, and may therefore have a direct impact on the socio-economic well-being and environmental sustainability. In this endeavour, it is essential to develop appropriate measures and targeted efforts to understand the regional and local dimensions of climate change vulnerability. Therefore, there is a need to harmonise the policies and activities, which impact on environmental quality, socio-economic development, social and cultural values, in order to mitigate or minimise the adverse impacts of climate change. However, when it comes to any impact assessment, the inadequacy in data resources becomes a hurdle to scientifically evaluate the process and consequences of climate change. Thus availability of data on various aspects of climate change is essential for evaluating the impact of these changes. In this process, identification of indicators/variables for which data are required and their availability is a precondition for designing any effective mitigation measures.

Global Climate Change has emerged as an important issue, and governments and societies are deliberating on the challenges and ways to tackle climate change. The main challenge we face is to integrate climate change and development activities into a common framework, and to develop and implement effectively an integrated social, economic and environmental policy on mitigation of and adaptation to climate change. There is an urgent need to understand the linkages between climate change and the spatio-temporal change in social, economic and environmental well being. But the challenge in understanding the complex interrelationships between these factors is due to lack of adequate high quality and timely statistics and the appropriate tools for statistical analysis. In this context, the Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources (CEENR) of ISEC in association with Central Statistical Organisation (Social Statistics Division) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, has organised a two-day National Seminar on '**Climate Change: Data Requirement and Availability**' on April 16-17, 2009. The seminar was the first of its kind in the country. Shri Pronob Sen, Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, inaugurated the seminar and delivered the inaugural address. In his welcome address, Prof R S Deshpande, Director, ISEC, said the seminar had its own importance as no significant work had been done on the data generation that would help us predict the consequences of the



climate change. Dr Sunil Nautiyal, Associate Professor, CEENR, highlighted the Centre's activities and research work on various issues and including climate change. Prof K N Ninan proposed the vote of thanks.

The two-day seminar had five technical sessions in which 10 very interesting papers were presented by eminent researchers working on different aspects of climate change in different parts of the country. There were also two enlightening keynote lectures by Prof U Sankar, eminent economist, and Prof K G Saxena, eminent ecologist. Though 14 papers had been scheduled to be presented, four of the resource persons could not attend the seminar.

The resource persons and other experts who participated in the seminar came from various research institutions, universities, advocacy organisations, administrations and the government. Resources persons from diverse backgrounds like ecology, economics, statistics, forestry, engineering, public administration and public policy were invited to ensure an effective dialogue on the complex issues of climate change and even more complex phenomenon of data issues involved in climate change research.

The concluding valedictory session was chaired by Shri S K Das, Director-General, Central Statistical Organisation (Social Statistics Division) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India. Seminar Coordinator Dr Sunil Nautiyal gave an *overview of the seminar*; ISEC Director Prof R S Deshpande dwelt on the broad perspective of the seminar. Shri S L Rao, Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC, delivered the valedictory address. Prof K N Ninan, Head, CEENR, ISEC, proposed the vote of thanks.

The seminar could not focus on many relevant issues like data modeling, remote-sensing application and institutional issues involved in compilation and publication of such data. In future, the Institute will deal with these areas on a priority basis. The participants were highly appreciative of the efforts made by CEENR-ISEC in conducting the seminar and opined that such seminars should be conducted on a regular basis to sensitise the methodology for integrated interdisciplinary research to predict consequences of climate change which would in turn result in better adaptation to climate change and mitigation of related threats.

Workshop on Migration, Informal Work and Welfare: A Policy Perspective on Karnataka's Development



The Institute organised a workshop on 'Migration, Informal Work and Welfare: A Policy Perspective on Karnataka's Development' on April 21, 2009.

A workshop on 'Migration, Informal Work and Welfare: A Policy Perspective on Karnataka's Development' was organised in the Institute on April 21, 2009. The workshop was inaugurated by Ms Shoba Nambisan, Principal Secretary (Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics Department), Government of Karnataka. Professor Supriya RoyChowdhury made the Research Proposal. Professor Narasimha Reddy, Department of Economics, University of Hyderabad, delivered the keynote address. Besides the Institute faculty and PhD

students, officials from the Government of Karnataka, representatives of NGOs and other invitees participated in the discussion. The discussion focused on various aspects to be examined in the ongoing research project.



Workshop on Methodologies for Small Area Estimation

A two-day workshop on 'Methodologies for Small Area Estimation' was organised by Population Research Centre at ISEC on April 24-25, 2009, supported by the United Nations Fund for Population Analysis (UNFPA), New Delhi. The workshop aimed to discuss the available and appropriate methodologies for the estimation of different parameters at the local level. In the decentralised form of governance and service delivery in India, there is a larger demand for estimates of different indicators at the local level. This workshop was useful in developing a curriculum on small area estimation which can be taught in institutes and universities in India. The workshop brought together 15 experts who had contributed in this area. Professor K S James, Head of PRC, ISEC, and Professor K Srinivasan, Honorary Visiting Professor, ISEC, organised the workshop.



The workshop on 'Methodologies for Small Area Estimation' in progress at the Institute.

Workshop on "Farm Sector in Karnataka: Farmers' Indebtedness and Risk Management"

A workshop on 'Farm Sector in Karnataka: Farmers' Indebtedness and Risk Management' was conducted on June 23, 2009, at ISEC. The workshop was chaired by Shri Meenakshisundaram, former Deputy Chairman of the State Planning Board, Government of Karnataka. Planning Board members such as Dr S C Sharma (Vice-Chancellor, Tumkur University), Prof G V Joshi, Ms Bidisha Chowdhuri (Research Consultant and Joint Secretary of the State Planning Board, Karnataka), special invitees like Prof M H Suryanarayana from Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, representatives from various government departments and members from academia attended the workshop. In her presentation, Dr Meenakshi Rajeev dwelt on the possible work to be done on the issues concerned. Ms B P Vani presented an in-depth analysis of the NSSO data on farmers' indebtedness. The workshop ended with a rich discussion on the various possible issues that can be covered for a comprehensive research on this topic. The workshop was funded by the State Planning Board, Government of Karnataka, and conducted by Dr Meenakshi Rajeev and Ms B P Vani, CESP, ISEC.





Seminars/Lectures by Visitors

Structural Methods in Research — Prof Ranganath Bharadwaj, Chairman, Institute for Educational Research & Development, and Honorary Visiting Professor, ISEC, Bangalore (January 22, 2009).

Tobacco Use and Related Factors among Youths in Bangalore City — Dr Upendra Bhojani, SRTT Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (February 3, 2009).

Community-Based Information Centres: A New Vision for India's Public Libraries? — Dr Ajit Pyati, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Information and Media Studies, London, ON, Canada (February 6, 2009).

Indian Residential School System in Canada — Dr Kateri Akiwenzie-Damm, Principal Consultant, Damm Write! Consulting and Communications, Ontario, Canada (February 9, 2009).

Democracy's Next Step: Building a Dignitarian Society — Professor Robert W Fuller, Former President, Oberlin College, USA (February 11, 2009).

Raced Natures, Gendered Developments: The Political Economy of Environmental Conservation — Dr Kiran Asher, Clark University, Worcester, MA 01007, Fulbright Indo-American Environmental Leadership Program Fellow (February 13, 2009).

Decline of Trade Multilateralism and the Doha Crisis: A Canadian Perspective on the North-South Divide — Dr Daniel Drache, Professor of Political Science, York University, Canada (February 18, 2009).

Cultural and Political Constraints to Small-Scale Ecological Agriculture — Professor Joan P Mencher, Emerita Professor, City University of New York and Lehman College of CUNY, USA (February 20, 2009).

The Missing Science in Social Science — Professor Sundar Sarukkai, Professor and Dean, School of Humanities; Head, Centre for Philosophy, National Institute of Advanced Studies, IISc, Bangalore (February 24, 2009).

Social Accountability — Ms Meeta Rajivlochan, IAS, Director, Yashwant Rao Chavan Academy for Administration, Pune, Maharashtra (February 27, 2009).

Community Planning, Public Space and the Environment: The Neo-Liberal City and its Anti-Thesis — Professor Thomas Angotti, Hunter College/CUNY, Professor of Urban Affairs & Planning, Director, Center for Community Planning & Development, New York, USA (March 19, 2009).

Employee Buy-Out and Participatory Management: The Case of Tata Tea and Kannan Devan Hills Plantations Company Pvt. Ltd. — Dr Deepika M G, Faculty, IBS, Bangalore, and SRTT Visiting Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (March 25, 2009).

Intellectual Property Rights for Business and Strategy — Mr M S Kishore Kumar, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Government Engineering College, Ramanagar, Karnataka (March 31, 2009).

Population Policies and Family Planning Programme in India: A Review — Professor K Srinivasan, Hon. Visiting Professor, ISEC, Bangalore (April 22, 2009).

The Political Economy of the Structural Adjustment of Pension Funds in India — Prof Anjan Chakrabarti, Professor and Head, Dept. of Economics, University of Calcutta, and SRTT Visiting Fellow, ISEC (May 15, 2009).

People's Movements and Electoral Politics – Trends in Andhra Pradesh — Prof G Hargopal, Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad (May 28, 2009).

Globalisation and Human Rights — Prof G Hargopal, Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad (June 11, 2009).

Lecture on 'The Middle Class' — Prof Andre Beteille, eminent sociologist (May 25, 2009).



Seminars by Faculty

The Institutional and Political Dimensions of Education: Karnataka in Comparative Perspective: Why Do Political Parties use Education-based and other Material Inducements to Gain Political Support? — Dr Mary E Breeding and Dr S Madheswaran, Professor, Centre for Economics Studies and Policy, ISEC, Bangalore (January 7, 2009).

Present Discourse on Decentralisation in India: Conceptual Origins — Professor P K Michael Tharakan, Sri Ramakrishna Hegde Chair Professor in Decentralisation and Governance, ISEC, Bangalore (February 26, 2009).

Health and Livelihoods of Community and Traditional Medicinal Plants: SWOT of Two Different Agro-Climatic Regions of India — Dr Lenin Babu, Assistant Professor, CEENR, ISEC, Bangalore (March 17, 2009).

Social Power and Political Movements: The Quest for Rights — Dr V Anil Kumar, Assistant Professor, CPIGD, ISEC, Bangalore (April 9, 2009).

Review and Strategy Guidelines and Institutional Mechanisms for Watershed Programmes in India — Prof K V Raju, Professor, CEENR, ISEC, and Dr Madhushree Sekhar, TISS, Mumbai (May 15, 2009).

Seminars by Students

Performance of Pharmaceutical Companies in India: A Critical Analysis of Industrial Structure, Firm-Specific Resources, and Emerging Strategies — Mr Mainak Majumder, Doctoral Scholar, ISEC, Bangalore. (February 27, 2009)

Research Projects

Completed Projects

1. **Economic Reforms and Political Decentralisation: A Study of Some Selected States during Post-Reform Period** (Dr V Anil Kumar)
2. **Electricity Pricing in Karnataka: An Analysis** (Dr K N Ninan)
3. **Globalisation and Employment: Survey of Women Workers in Bangalore's RMG Industry** (Dr Supriya RoyChowdhury)
4. **Local Eelfare in a Global Context: Slums and Urban Welfare in Karnataka's Development** (Dr Supriya RoyChowdhury)
5. **A Study on Global Ageing and Adult Health** (Dr K S James and Dr CM Lakshmana)
6. **Effects of Population Growth on Environmental Degradation with Reference to India** (Dr C M Lakshmana)
7. **Making Decentralisation and Local Governance Work for the Rural Poor** (Dr KV Raju and Dr Madhushree Sekher)
8. **Guidelines for Planning and Implementation of Watershed Development Programme in India: A Review** (Dr KV Raju and Dr Madhushree Sekher)
9. **Intellectual Property Rights and Protection of Indigenous Environmental Knowledge: Theoretical and Policy Perspectives** (Dr C Nanjundaiah)
10. **A Study on Behaviour Change among Female Workers in Selected Five Garment Companies Focusing on HIV Prevention as well as Treatment of Tuberculosis** (Dr T S Syamala and Dr Dhananjay W Bansod)



11. **Population Dynamics and the Deprivation in Crude Literacy among Scheduled Tribes in India** (Dr C M Lakshmana)
12. **Knowledge and Risk Behaviour among Youths in High HIV Prevalent States in Southern India** (Dr Dhananjay W Bansod)

New Projects

1. **Prime Minister's Rehabilitation Package for the Farmers in Suicide-prone Districts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra** (Dr M J Bhende and Dr P Thippaiah)
2. **Impact of Government-Sponsored Employment Programmes on Food Security and Rural Urban Migration: A Case Study of Gulbarga District, Karnataka State** (Dr I Maruthi)
3. **Magnitude, Dimensions and Causes of Child Labour** (Dr D Rajasekhar)
4. **Health and Livelihoods of Community and Traditional Medicinal Plants: SWOT of Two Different Agro-Climatic Zones of India** (Dr Sunil Nautiyal and Dr K Lenin Babu)
5. **Quality and Sustainability of SHGs in Karnataka** (Dr Meenakshi Rajeev, Dr Veerashekharappa and Ms B P Vani)
6. **School-Meal Programme in Primary Schools – A Study of Delivery and Outcomes of School Meal Programme** (Dr M D Usha Devi)
7. **The New Economic and Climatic Context and Changing Migration Patterns in India** (Dr K Gayithri)
8. **Development of Primary Health Care Systems and MCH Services in Karnataka** (Dr T N Bhat)
9. **Reproductive Health Status of Adolescent Married Girls in Karnataka** (Dr C S Veeramatha)

Student News

Students' Biannual Seminar Series

Biannual Seminars were held during June 15-20, 2009. In all, 34 presentations were made. Of them, two were pre-submission presentations, 26 were progress reporting and six theme presentations.

Professor Michael Walton, Professor VKRV Rao Chair Professor, and Professor G Hargopal, University of Hyderabad, were the Special Experts during the Biannual Seminars. Professor Kale, Vice-Chancellor of Central University, Gujarat, also addressed the Biannual Seminar participants at its inaugural session and underlined the significance of Biannual Seminars in developing articulation and time-management abilities of budding scholars.

PhD Awarded

Ms Emil Mathew (Economics) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore in 2009 for her thesis on 'Micro-Finance and Collective Action: A Study of Self-Help Groups in Kerala'. Prof D Rajasekhar was her supervisor.

Mr Sukumar V (Economics) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore in 2009 for his thesis on 'Health Insurance Schemes in India: An Economic Analysis of Demand Management under Risk Pooling and Adverse Selection'. Prof Gopal K Kadekodi was his supervisor.

Mr Mahesh H P (Economics) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore in 2009 for his thesis 'Impact of Financial Sector Reforms on Commercial Banks in India'. Prof Meenakshi Rajeev was his supervisor.



Ms Poulomi Bhattacharya (Economics) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore in 2009 for her thesis 'Economics of Aquaculture: A Comparative Analysis of Traditional Vs Scientific Systems in West Bengal'. Prof K N Ninan was her supervisor.

Mr Geetanjoy Sahu (Political Science) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore in 2009 for his thesis 'Environmental Governance and Role of Judiciary in India'. Dr Madhushree Sekher was his supervisor.

Publications

WORKING PAPERS

An Overview

In all, ten working papers were published during the period January-June 2009.

Anil Kumar on the theme **"Federalism and Decentralisation in India: Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu" (WP 208)** examines the decentralisation process in two south Indian states: Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. These states have a major role in the federal politics of the Indian polity. The paper argues that there is an inverse relationship between strong federal demands and their relation to decentralisation further down the polity. These fast reforming states are strengthening the state-level governments but the same does not seem to happen with decentralisation.

Patrick McGinn's Working Paper **"Capital, 'Development' and Canal Irrigation in Colonial India" (WP 209)** studies the nature of imperial purpose in India and method employed seeks to compare the principles against the practice of British rule in relation to 'development' through public works such as canal irrigation. It is argued that economic policy was based on the need to generate wealth in ways that did little to disrupt the social and political order, but instead use the state to source and secure tribute rather than development.

In her paper entitled **"Gender, Ecology and Development in Karnataka: Situation and Tasks Ahead" (WP 210)** K G Gayathridevi looks into the attention paid to gender concerns in development in their links with environmental issues. Conceptual framework for studying the inter-relationship is discussed to delineate the intricacies of women's interaction with nature against a patriarchal and traditional set-up. Karnataka's major advances in women's empowerment and development programmes are discussed with reference to both governmental and civil society organisations' efforts. Gaps and inadequacies in knowledge and approaches in understanding the issues and challenges ahead are identified and a few areas of policy concern have been identified.

K Lenin Babu and K V Raju in their paper entitled **"Greenhouse Gases Emission and Potential Carbon Sequestration: A Case Study of Semi-Arid Area in South India" (WP 211)** argue that global warming and climate change have made adoption measures essential, more so in semi-arid regions. Kolar district is typical of semi-arid regions with a low Development Index in Karnataka State. Greenhouse gases emissions from various sectors are in tune of 2717 kilotons, however, with a significant potential in the district for Carbon Emission Reduction (15,572 tCO₂) and carbon Sequestration measures (3,508,010 tons CO₂e) under Kyoto Protocol. If developed, revenues from these measures can enable to realise the Millennium Development Goals in district faster.

"Emerging Trends in Managing Drinking Water – Case Studies of Coastal Villages in Karnataka" (WP 212), a contribution by Manasi S, N Latha and K V Raju, aims at understanding the drinking water status and management approaches adopted in four coastal villages of Karnataka. Saltwater intrusion, seasonal scarcity and groundwater depletion are the common problems encountered here. Collective action, successful institutional set-up and water harvesting methods have shown positive impact. Attempts to resolve the drinking water crisis has been local. However, it is significant to understand that the problems need to be addressed from a larger perspective to curtail long-term effects.

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Sunil Nautyal in his paper on **“Spatio-Temporal Analysis of Forests under Different Management Regimes Using LANDSAT and IRS Images” (WP 213)** uses cloud-free satellite data to study the forests in multi-temporal dimensions. Use of remote-sensing data with visual observation/ground truth data is an advanced tool to study and understand the development patterns of the forests. Based on the vegetation index and land cover map, a sound development has been observed in the community conserved forest (CCF) in comparison to other forests of the region. Community-based conservation would contribute to new conservation approaches that facilitate achieving the goal of sustainable landscape development in the mountains of the Indian Himalayan region.

Harish Kumara and K Lenin Babu in their paper entitled **“Traditional Knowledge System (Medicine): A Case Study of Arkalgud Taluk, Karnataka, India” (WP 214)** attempt to assess the status of Traditional Knowledge Systems (TKS) as a tool of conservation in the Arkalgud administrative unit of Karnataka. The study is based on the field investigation and interaction with the followers of traditional systems such as healers and practitioners. Many plants in traditional agricultural systems have medicinal value; these are found in home gardens, as scattered in croplands and grazing lands on field bunds. Consequently, there has been a reduction in the use of home remedies and preventive diets at the household level.

“Tribal Movement in Orissa: A Struggle against Modernisation?” (WP 215) by Patibandla Srikant looks at the tribal movement against the mining industry in Kucheipadar village of Rayagad district in Orissa. The field survey was carried out in this area in order to understand the movement's stand against mining as an anti-development activity. It was found that tribals in this part of the world are not ready for modernisation coming from outside and invading into their livelihoods. This study captures their struggle against the mining industry and their articulation of demands and strategies opposing modernisation.

Sabuj Kumar Mandal and S Madheswaran, in their paper **“Technological Progress, Scale Effect and Total Factor Productivity Growth in Indian Cement Industry: Panel Estimation of Stochastic Production Frontier” (WP 216)** argue that the economic policy reform in respect of Indian cement industry, during the early 80's, resulted in a phenomenal growth of this sector and the industry has, in fact, become the second largest in the world. However, this growth has been associated with a greater use of energy and other resources, resulting in severe environmental degradation. Further development of this industry, without increasing energy demand and thereby reducing emission and waste, would require increased productivity. This paper estimates Total Factor Productivity (TFP) growth in Indian cement industry during the period 1989-90 to 2006-07 using company level data and applying Stochastic Frontier Approach. TFP growth is decomposed into technical progress (TP), technical efficiency change (TEC) and changes in scale component (SC) with a view to gaining some insights into the sources of productivity growth of this industry in the post-reform era. Empirical results show that TFP growth is mainly driven by SC and TP and not by TEC since TE is time invariant in nature. In the light of empirical results, the policy implication is that an industrial policy of exploiting the existing economies of scale is required to be implemented; and to boost the growth of this sector; priority should be given to enhance firms' capability of catching-up by adopting efficiency-oriented action plan.

“Fisheries and Livelihoods in Tungabhadra Basin, India: Current Status and Future Possibilities” (WP 217), a paper by Manasi S, Latha N and K V Raju, aims at understanding the livelihood patterns of fishermen within the Tungabhadra sub-basin, a tributary of river Krishna located in the peninsular India. Household surveys, focus group discussions and interviews were carried out in order to understand the current status, besides trying to identify key issues and constraints that curtail fisheries development. Lack of integrated approach in development initiatives and water management plans warrants the need for Integrated Water Resource Management to support livelihoods.



MONOGRAPH

An Overview

“Trends and Patterns of Migration from the NER: Its Interface with Education”, a Monograph (15) by U A Shimray and M D Usha Devi, is a cross-disciplinary study on education and migration which attempts to capture the trends and patterns of out-migration from the North-Eastern Region of India with a view to identifying the determining factors of migration. The North-Eastern Region in India has been a huge corridor of human migration characterised by population movement across seven states within and closer proximity of the region. However, in the recent past, the flow of population from the region has seen an upward swing and also to far-off destinations. It is against this background that the study looks at capturing the migration trends. Using only demographic data from the migration tables of the population census of 1981, 1991 and 2001 and other secondary data on education, the study examines both spatial and temporal dimensions of migration at individual state and also between male and female population. Time series data reveal that there is fluctuation in the migration trends over the time and consistent pattern of increasing migration is observed only among two states – Nagaland and Manipur, with the former revealing the highest rate of migration among the states in the region and also among female population. Education as a motive for migration is considerably low. However, it reveals an increasing pattern in the last three decades, particularly among males. This phenomenon is seen relatively to a higher extent in Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh.

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Sivanna, N

Women in Local Governance: Issues for Discussion; at the National Seminar on PRLs and Empowerment of Socially Disadvantaged Groups, organised by Council for Social Development, March 25-26, 2009, at Hyderabad.

Syamala, T S

Maternal Health Care in Tribal Areas: A Case of Andhra Pradesh; at the Sixth Annual Conference on Indian Association for Social Science and Health on Health, Equity and Human Rights, organised by Pondicherry University, March 7-8, 2009, at Pondicherry.

Veerashekharappa

Role of Subsidy in the SGSY Programme; at the National Seminar on Role of Centrally-Sponsored Programmes in Poverty Alleviation, organised by Kerala Institute of Local Administration, February 24-26, 2009, at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth and Development.

Yadav, S Manohar

Dalits and Inclusive Growth; at the National Seminar on Inclusive Growth: Dimensions and Strategies, organised by Christ University, January 2, 2009, at Bangalore.

Human Development Concerns of Dalits; at the Seminar on Human Development in Karnataka: Challenges and Concerns, organised by Gandhi Bhavan, Bangalore University, February 28, 2009, at Bangalore.

Imagining Dalit Realities beyond Positive Discrimination; at the National Seminar on Positive Discrimination: Some Unexplored Dimensions, organised by Sri Devraj Urs Chair, Institute of Development Studies, Mysore University, Manasagangotri, March 14-15, 2009, at Mysore.

Awards/Fellowships

Devi, K G Gayathri

Visiting Fellow, IFPRI, Washington DC, two weeks in April-May 2009.

James, K S

ICSSR-ESRC India-UK Exchange Fellowship to London School of Economics, London.

Mahadeva, M

Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship (2008) award on the research theme "Financial Inclusion in Two Different Contexts – Lessons for Proactive Initiative in India". Affiliated to the School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol, Bristol, United Kingdom, between December 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. Professor David Gordon, Professorial Research Fellow, was his academic mentor.

Madheswaran, S

Visiting Professor, University of Bourgogne, Dijon, France, May 7-20, 2009.

Invited as Expert Group Member by OECD for the Project on Higher Education, May 5-6, 2009.

Narayana, M R

Visiting Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, February 23 – March 4, 2009.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Selected as a Resource Person, Norwegian Institute for International Studies, in their research agenda on "International Trade Relating to the Fisheries Sector".



Offices Held in Academic/Professional/Administrative Bodies

Deshpande, R S

Member, Board of Governors, Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla.

Gayithri, K

Member, Board of Studies, St Joseph's Post-Graduate Centre of Economics.

James, K S

Technical Advisory Committee Member, NRHM Evaluation Study, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi.

Lele, Sarachchandra

Member, Executive Committee, Indian Society for Ecological Economics.

Madheswaran, S

Member, Backward Class Commission, Government of Karnataka.

Nadkarni, M V

Chairman, Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research, Dharwad, since August 2007

Narayana, M R

Institutional Representative, Shashtri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi

Nautiyal, Sunil

Elected as member, International Editorial Advisory Board: International Journal - *Landscape Online*

Nayak, Bibhu Prasad

Member, Biodiversity Asian Strategy (BAS) Project Advisory Committee (<http://biodiversityasia.net/english/index.html>)

Vice-President, Organisation for Sustainable Development, New Delhi & Imphal, 2009-12

Rajasekhar, D

Member, Board of Studies in Rural Development, SKD University, Anantapur

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Member, Board of Studies in Economics, Mount Carmel College, Bangalore, 2008-09

Member, Banking and Finance Committee, Federation of the Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry, 2009

Sangita, S N

Member, Indian Public Administration Association

Member, Indian Political Science Association

Member, Indian Institute of Public Administration

Sivanna, N

PhD Coordinator, ISEC, Bangalore.

Yadav, S Manohar

Member, Board of Examiners, Institute of Development Studies, University of Mysore, Mysore

Member, Board of Studies, Dr B R Ambedkar Research Institute, Mysore University, Mysore

Member, Board of Examiners, Centre for Rural Development Studies, Bangalore University, Bangalore

Member, Board of Studies, Dr B R Ambedkar Research Institute, Bangalore University, Bangalore

Member, Board of Advisors, Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Bangalore University, Bangalore

Member, Board of Appointments, Dr Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow



Articles in Newspapers

Gayithri, K

(with R S Deshpande) 'Interim Budget for 2009-10: In the Shadow of a Crisis', *Deccan Herald*, February 17, 2009.

'Better Growth Focus Needed (Karnataka Budget 2009-10)', *Deccan Herald*, February 21, 2009.

Narayana, M R

'Karnataka, Model for Private Investment', *Deccan Herald*, May 4, 2009.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

'Multiplying the Money', *The Financial Express*, February 26, 2009.

Singh, Shyam

'Inequalities in Development', *The New Indian Express*, January 27, 2009, Chennai.

Miscellaneous

Deshpande, R S

Participated as Chief Guest, in the Regional Workshop on Cost of Cultivation Scheme (Southern States), organised by University of Agricultural Sciences, March 16, 2009, at Bangalore.

Devi, K G Gayathri

Participated as a Research Convener - Family & Kinship, in the 7th All Karnataka Sociology Conference, organised by KSOU, Mysore, March 29-April 1, 2009.

Kumar, V Anil

Presently working as Seminar Coordinator of ISEC.

Lele, Sarachchandra

Panelist for the session 'Community-Based Conservation', in the Conference on Conserving Nature in a Globalizing India, organised by Bombay Natural History Society, February 17-19, 2009, at Bangalore.

Nadkarni, M V

Delivered G R Bhatkal Memorial Lecture on 'Humanism in Hinduism' at the India Institute of World Culture, Bangalore, February 11, 2009.

Narayana, M R

Organised three Distinguished Lectures by Visiting Professors: Kateri Damm, Daniel Drach and James Liebenberg, sponsored by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi, on February 9 and 18 and May 12, 2009.

Ninan, K N

Participated as a Moderator, in the Workshop on Roundtable on Environmental Stability and Climate Change: Karnataka Agenda, organised by Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy, Environment and Good Governance Trust, State Planning Board, Institute for Social and Economic Change, and Asia Research Centre, London School of Economics, March 23, 2009, at Bangalore.

Rajasekhar, D

Award of PhD degree to student Ms Emil Mathew.



Rajeev, Meenakshi

Acted as a resource person for Norwegian Institute for International Studies in their research agenda on 'International Trade Relating to the Fisheries Sector'.

Resource Person, IIM, Bangalore.

Resource Person, IGIDR, Mumbai.

Publication of State Macro Scan: Meenakshi Rajeev and B P Vani have brought out a document titled: 'State Macro Scan' – SMS Karnataka. Unpublished data from the files of various departments of the Government of Karnataka and NSSO data on poverty pertaining to Karnataka were collected and analysed for this document. District-wise infrastructure index, wholesale price index for the most recent months were computed. This is going to be a continued endeavour.

Sivakami, M

Participated as a Resource Person, in the Training Needs workshop on Human Development for District Human Development report, organised by Administrative Training Institute, Mysore, June 17-18, 2009, at Mysore.

Thippaiah, P

Carried out Pre-Funding Appraisal (PFA) of the Project "Gramin Vikas Andolan", for the Centre for Advancement of the People's Action & Rural Technology (CAPART), Dharwad, January 6, 2009.

Participated as a Steering Committee member, in the Development Convention 2009 on Road Map for Optimal Inclusive Growth, organised by Council for Social Development, March 5-6, 2009 at Hyderabad.

Usha Devi, M D

Participated in the GC Meeting of the State Project Department/GoK held on January 02, 2009, at Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.

Monitored GFSI tool validation process by Vishaka, Jaipur, on January 11-13, 2009, as a part of COL-ISEC GFSI Tool Validation Project.

Participated in EC Meeting of SSA / GoK, January 15, 2009, at State Project Office.

Participated in the Joint Review Mission of the MHRD / GoI & European Commission meeting of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyana Programme in Karnataka on January 15, 2009, at State Project Office, SSA/GoK.

Review of MDP Training in Bangalore Urban District on February 11, 2009, at Bhikshudhama, Adakamaranahalli, Bangalore Urban District.

Participated in ASER-2008 release function, organised by Pratham in collaboration with Akshara Foundation on March 11, 2009, at UTC, Bangalore.

Review of Monitoring of MDP Evaluation Project in Udupi district on April 03-04, 2009.

Participated as a Moderator, in the National Workshop on Methodologies for Small Area Estimation, organised by ISEC/UNFPA, April 24-25, 2009 at ISEC, Bangalore.

Participated as a Resource Person, in the State-Level Workshop on Multi-Centric Studies on Teacher Training, organised by State Project Office, SSA Mission, GoK, May 05, 2009 at Bangalore.

Experts to review the presentation of findings by PWHC with regard to Evaluation Study of Mid-Day Meals in Karnataka on May 30, 2009 at State Project Office, SSA/GoK, SSA Annex, CPI's Office, Bangalore.



Students from Nordic universities, who were undergoing a course at the Institute, participated in the Founders' Day celebrations on January 20, 2009.



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