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From the Director's Desk . . .

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The last six months marked an important and final phase in my tenure as Director. Soon, I will be relinquishing the office of the Director and new Director would take charge of the Institute. This moment brings me back many memories since the day I joined ISEC in mid-seventies. ISEC has significantly transformed itself over years in its academic endeavours as well as policy interventions. Last five years have been years of activity when I tried to continue the traditions and tempo of work set forth by my illustrious predecessors. I do not know if I could call the recent changes as any achievements but I picked up that challenge put to me with fullest sincerity and cooperation of the faculty, staff, students as well as the members of the Board of Governors. Informality and merging the difference between self and Institution were the hallmark of my search for a solution for every problem. I have shown little hesitation to take a decision or going against my own views was never a problem for me. The changes are now on the ground and the achievements are documented in our Annual Reports and periodic Newsletters. Soon I will be stepping down from the post of Director and by the time this issue reaches the readers, I would have been relieved of my duties. However, as one of the important responsibilities, I feel quite contented to pen these few introductory paragraphs for the ISEC Newsletter of January-June 2013.

Academic Activities

These six months were, as usual, buzzing with academic activities. We had a good number of seminars, conferences and training courses. An important workshop on 'Urbanization and Migration in Transnational India: Work and Family Life from a Welfare Perspective', set tone for our future ambition of getting into urban studies. The seminar on 'Status of Elderly in Select States of India' provoked significant interest and marked a milestone in our work on the elderly. The Population Research Centre ventured into a new interdisciplinary area with the seminar on 'Population, Development and Environment'. Faculty members as also invited academicians participated in the discussion on issues on 'Sustainable Development and Environment' at a Seminar on 'Green Economy, Policy and Challenges'. In the last six months we also had a good number of Capacity Building Courses which helped us plough back the accumulated knowledge on Research Methodology and Research Initiatives to the most needed component of the society. More than 100 PhD students and junior faculty from colleges and universities from all the southern states took advantage of these programmes. These capacity building programmes were financed by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.

On the research agenda, during these six months 17 research studies were completed and 14 new research projects were undertaken. Among the completed projects, the analysis of agrarian change and farm sector distress was undertaken in collaboration with National Centre for Policy Planning, New Delhi, and it provided significant policy initiatives which would end up in a good policy brief. There are studies being conducted with the London School of Economics, Groningen University and other national and

international institutions. We have made new forays into Urban Governance issues as well as social sector issues like Rehabilitation of Deavadasis. Another significant achievement is completion of the first phase of the project on 'Building Knowledge Base on Ageing in India' sponsored by UNFPA.

Among the new projects, 'Ageing and Well-being' continues to be our area of focus as also issues on migration. During the last six months, we have taken up an important project on 'Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana' for Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, as well as 'Socio-Economic Vulnerability' and 'Climatic Change' for GGgl. A project on 'Improvement of Rural Sanitation' was undertaken under the sponsorship of Infosys Foundation. An interesting study on real-time classroom sharing of urban and rural schools has been completed and this is attracting attention of educators. It is essential to note that now our work has also extended to North-east India, with research studies focussing on social and economic aspects of the north-eastern region. Two of these studies have been sponsored by ICSSR and have a significant field-based analyses.

Seven working papers and three books were published by the faculty members during the last six months. The faculty members of the Institute have published more than 30 research papers in leading journals as well as edited books. The journals in which our faculty members have published included: Journal of Developing Areas, Vienna Yearbook of Population Research, Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics, Indian Economic Review, Oxford Journal of Applied Economic Perspective, Eastern Quarterly, and in many books published by national and international publishers. The faculty members have also presented a large number of seminars and research papers outside the Institute, the details of which are provided.

Recently our PhD programme has received a boost with the sanction of some more fellowships from ICSSR. Now the total number of fellowships goes up to 21 including our own. We are also now in a position to fund a few fellowships from our own funds. The Biannual Seminars were successfully conducted. A few invited academicians of repute from Bangalore provided suggestions and guidelines to the students as panellists. Totally we had 52 seminars by the students over nine days and that included 36 detailing the progress made by the students, 13 presenting the themes and three presenting the completion of their work. Four of our students were awarded PhD degrees by the University of Mysore during these six months.

Policy Interface

ISEC has continued its interface with policy making through participation by its faculty as members in various committees of

the Government at the Centre as also at the State level. During these six months ISEC has issued a few important policy briefs; one of which dealing with issues confronting Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Karnataka and another dealing with Women and Gender Issues. A few more Policy Briefs will soon be brought out. The SMS from ISEC was issued and that included many policy suggestions. I am quite happy to inform that we received quite an encouraging response to this from the administrators and ministers. Prof Ghanashyam Shah, former Professor, Centre for Social Medicine School of International Studies, JNU, New Delhi, currently National Fellow of ICSSR, visited the Institute and lectured on 'Politics of Governance'.

Concluding

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struggled very hard to bring these laurels to the Institute and for which they deserve to be congratulated. I merely made my presence felt in their vicinity to cheer and make them achieve their set goals with the least hurdles. Here it is the achievements that count and the efforts merge with shadow; however, I would like to highlight the efforts of my faculty colleagues, staff and students; in taking the Institute on a high pedestal untiringly and without showing any wrinkles of physical exertion on their faces. Being a mathematics student, I must say that, in the final analysis it is the answer that is highlighted more but the method / efforts are important and therefore, it is my duty to applaud for all those who untiringly participated in this journey towards excellence albeit we are still some distance away from the destination. We certainly cherish the desire to reach the destination of excellence in the near future. It is not that the set goals are unachievable, but it is because we do not dare them 'together' they seem distant. It is the transition from 'I' to 'We' that makes a great difference and as a witness to this transition from ringside I feel quite proud of ISECians. I dream ISEC to be rated as the best and excellent Social Science Research Institution in the country in the near future. Let us all thrive for that.



R S Deshpande
Director

1. Social Science Talent Search Scheme: A Collaborative Effort of ISEC, Bangalore University, Christ University and Karnataka State Knowledge Commission

Social Science Talent Search (SSTS) is an on-going programme of ISEC since January 2011, undertaken in collaboration with Bangalore University, Karnataka State Knowledge Commission, Department of Pre-University Education in Karnataka and the Christ University. The programme is an initiative to rekindle the dwindling interest among students in social science subjects in degree courses. It encourages talented boys and girls at Plus Two level to write a competitive exam and the top 25 students securing high marks qualify for a scholarship for three years, that is, during their tenure as undergraduate students in social science courses.

As part of this initiative and in continuation of the earlier such presentations, a half-yearly scholarship distribution ceremony was organised at ISEC on January 5, 2013. The Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University, the Director of ISEC Prof R S Deshpande, the Registrar of Bangalore University Prof B C Mylarappa, the Principal of Christ Junior College Rev Fr Dr Jose C

C, and other dignitaries distributed the scholarships and addressed the students. Members of the advisory committee of SSTSS, Dr R Rajesh, Controller of Examinations under SSTSS, Prof H K Moulesh; resource persons Prof Siddananda and Prof Parineetha, were also present. Nodal officers from the colleges, parents of the students, visiting professors, faculty and the registrar of ISEC were also present on the occasion.

The SSTSS Examination for the year 2013 was held at several centres across the jurisdiction of Bangalore University, on February 3, 2013. Nearly 3,000 students wrote this competitive exam. The results were announced on the ISEC website. As soon as the selected students join degree courses opting for social science subjects and send notifications through their college authorities, an orientation for them is scheduled at ISEC in early August 2013.

ISEC faculty members Dr M Lingaraju and Dr K G Gayathri Devi coordinated the scholarship presentation and conducting of examinations.

2. Panel Discussion on Gender, Law and Empowerment

A panel discussion on 'Gender, Law and Empowerment' was organised on January 10, 2013, in ISEC. Prof G S Elizabeth, faculty member, National Law School of India University, Bangalore, Shri Arvind Narain, Alternative Law Forum, Bangalore, Dr Etienne Rassendren, faculty member, St Joseph's College, Bangalore, and Ms Madhu, Vimochana, Bangalore,

were the panellists. Prof Supriya Roy Chowdhury organised and moderated the panel discussion and prepared a concept note for the panel discussion. Prof R S Deshpande, Director, welcomed the discussants. Faculty members from various centres and students from ISEC, St Joseph College and the National Law School of India University attended the discussion.

3. Founders' Day Celebration

ISEC celebrated its Founders' Day on January 21, 2013. The day began with the Chairman of ISEC Board of Governors, Prof G Thimmaiah, and Director Prof R S Deshpande garlanding the bust of the founder of the institute Dr VKRV Rao. Later in the day, Prof G Thimmaiah addressed the gathering.

The event was also marked by the release of a book and three monographs authored by the ISEC faculty.

As is the ISEC tradition, staff and faculty members who have completed 25 years of service at ISEC are felicitated on the occasion. This year, staff member Shri M Mahadeva was felicitated.



Chairman of ISEC Board of Governors Prof G Thimmaiah felicitating Dr N Sivanna and Dr Anand Inbanathan after releasing their Monograph on the ISEC Founders' Day.

The Dr D M Nanjundappa Endowment Prizes were conferred on Mr Taron Arora (Economics) and Mr Tannen Neil Lincoln (Non-Economics – Political Science) for having secured the highest marks in their

Pre-PhD course work.

Prizes were also given away to winners of the sports and games events conducted on the eve of the Founders' Day.

4. Seminar on Status of Elderly in Select States of India

A seminar on '**Status of Elderly in India**' was organised at ISEC on February 6, 2013. The main objective of the seminar was to disseminate survey findings from the study 'Building Knowledge Base on Ageing in India'. The survey was conducted to gather information on the status of the elderly in seven states of India. The presentations included information on work status and income of the elderly, health and well-being, living arrangement and family relations. The survey, which is one of the first of its kind in India to gather information on the elderly, brought out several insights into the issues relating to the elderly in the country.

Further, the seminar discussed the new policy and programmatic interventions necessary in this area.



Chairman of ISEC Board of Governors, Prof G Thimmaiah, and Director Prof R S Deshpande during a seminar on 'Status of Elderly in India' organised at ISEC on February 6, 2013.

5. Workshop on Input-Output Analysis

A **workshop on input-output analysis** was organised at ISEC during March 21-24, 2013. Sri Devender Pratap from NCAER, New Delhi, gave a series of lectures on input-output theory and empirical methods concerning input output tables. Hands-on exercises were carried out thereafter using the past and most recent input-output tables. This lecture series touched upon the basics of input-output theory, Leontief Inverse Matrix, estimation of forward and backward linkages (both direct and indirect), augmented matrix and policy analysis and simulation procedure using input-output tables. Students and faculty from ISEC attended the workshop. This

workshop was organised by Prof Meenakshi Rajeev, CESP, ISEC.

Special Dissemination Exercise of the Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai

Under this programme Dr Michael Debabrata Patra, Adviser-in-Charge, Monetary Policy Department, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai, visited ISEC with other officials from RBI, Mumbai, on March 25, 2013. A presentation was made on 'Monetary Policy Formulation and its Implications for the Indian Economy'. This programme was coordinated by Prof Meenakshi Rajeev, CESP, ISEC.

6. Workshop on 'Urbanization and Migration in Transnational India: Work and Family Life from a Welfare Perspective'

The Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Swedish South Asian Studies Network (SASNET), the Nordic Centre in India (NCI) and Lund University jointly organised an explorative workshop 'Urbanization and Migration in Transnational India: Work and Family Life from a Welfare Perspective' in Bangalore, India, during March 5-7, 2013.

Prof Surinder S Jodhka from Jawaharlal Nehru University and Visiting ICCR Professor at

Lund University, Sweden, delivered the keynote address, "Beyond the Binaries of 'Bharat' and 'India': Reimagining the Rural-Urban in Contemporary Times", on March 5.

The workshop aimed at bringing together Nordic and Indian researchers in the Humanities and Social Sciences to identify new areas of research on the ways in which work and family life in India are rapidly being transformed by urbanization, national

and transnational migration, and the new economic policies, especially with regard to welfare distribution and social security. The objective of the workshop was to lay the groundwork for research cooperation between Nordic and Indian researchers, while providing young scholars in both countries an opportunity to establish contacts with prominent researchers in the field.

The workshop was funded by the Swedish Council for Social Science Research and Lund University. Professor G K Karanth coordinated the workshop.



An explorative workshop on 'Urbanization and Migration in Transnational India: Work and Family Life from a Welfare Perspective' was organised at ISEC during March 5-7, 2013.

7. Research Methodology Course in Social Sciences

An ICSSR-sponsored Research Methodology Course in Social Sciences was held during March 11-20, 2013. About 35 PhD students and Assistant Professors from various educational institutions and universities from South Indian states participated in the course. Experts from ISEC and those from within and outside the state of Karnataka were involved as resource persons to deliver the lectures for the course participants.

The overall objective of the Research Methodology Course in Social Sciences was to train the researchers in meeting the challenges they face in an environment where society is fast transforming and changing. Every domain of society is undergoing momentous and revolutionary change. And, in the corresponding degree complexities are also emerging in each context. The social science research has also transformed to a great deal in its scope of inquiry and methods of investigation. But this particular training was meant to prepare students from downtrodden sections of society, more specifically means the Dalits. The students hailing from these backgrounds need special care as they often remain unexposed to the many new

happenings in the social science research in particular and in the wider academic sphere in general.

The course was so designed so as to include teachings on basic essences of various social science theories - both positivist and empiricist, methods of scientific enquiry, paradigm shifts in social science research, emerging new methods and processes in doing social science research, how to go about selecting a research problem, diverse sources of data, tools and techniques of data collection, interpretation and analysis, ethical concerns involved in doing social science research, and how to write a research report in the final stage with policy inputs and implications. The participants were also given assignments to prepare and make presentations in the presence of resource persons and fellow participants.

The course was inaugurated by Prof R S Deshpande, the Director of ISEC, and Prof G Thimmaiah, Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC, delivered the presidential address. Prof Deshpande distributed certificates to all the participants of the course during the valedictory function. Prof Manohar Yadav of CSSCD coordinated the course.

8. National Seminar on Population, Development and Environment

The focus of the seminar was to examine the complex issues of Population, Development and Environment with a view to address policy issues and to increase awareness among decision makers, professionals and academic community in order to conserve natural resource degradation to ensure sustainable environment for healthy growth of communities and the society in India. The

seminar objective was also to sensitize researchers and policy makers about the priority areas from the perspective of people's changing needs and aspirations.

The seminar consisted of four sub-themes: (1) Urban Growth, Migration and Environment, (2) Population, Pollution and Environment, (3) Development and Environment and (4) Population

and Development Approaches to Environment. In all, 18 papers on themes like linkage of population, development and environment in India were presented during the seminar.

The inaugural address was delivered by Prof R S Deshapande, the director of ISEC. Prof G Thimmaiah, Chairman of ISEC Board of Governors, presided. Dr C M Lakshmana, the seminar coordinator, explained the importance of the seminar. Prof M V Nadkarni, former vice-chancellor of Gulbarga University, delivered the keynote address and Dr Syamala, Associate Professor, PRC, ISEC, proposed a vote of thanks.

At the outset the seminar threw light on some interesting findings on population, development and environment which need policy initiatives to protect natural resources for sustenance of the environment.

Critical issues like declining share of net sown area, drastic increase in price of agricultural land after acquisition, resource degradation and diversification of rural livelihood towards non-farm low-profile economic activities have been resulting in loss of bio-diversity and environmental degradation. The planning process should utilize the resource base to integrate growth with ecology and environment in order to achieve sustainable development. To

tackle energy crisis, we should encourage usage of alternative and renewable energy in isolated areas and ensure development of energy efficient buildings, water harvesting, sewer management and recycling.

Urban growth and urbanization has overexploited the natural resources such as land, water and air. Hence the need to develop secondary and tertiary-level cities to arrest large-scale migration into class I cities, to protect natural resource degradation and to ensure environmental sustainability.

The landmark report of the World Commission on Environment and Development entitled 'Our Common Future' warned that unless we change our lifestyle patterns, the world will face unacceptable levels of environmental damage and human suffering.

The most striking feature of urbanization in India is that almost 70 per cent of its urban population is concentrated in class I cities in general and in million-plus cities in particular. This unequal distribution has resulted in resource degradation and environmental pollution. Therefore, tier-three and tier-four cities should be developed in order to discourage migration and the resultant damage to environment.

9. Seminar on 'Green Economy: Policy and Challenges'

The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) marks the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio 1992) and the 25th anniversary of the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED). The key outcomes of the Conference were the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, and Agenda 21 which is considered a blueprint for sustainable development. However, two decades on, the world is still off-track in realising the vision of Rio. Rio+20 provides an opportunity for world leaders to address the economic, social and environmental crises gripping the world today. "Green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication" features as a key theme at the UNCSO. However, green growth is perceived differently by the developed and developing worlds, and a nebulous domain still remains for discussions on processes and mechanisms that need to evolve at a global level to address the means to this end.

The policies and challenges for developing countries like India are clearly different from those for the developed world. Although India has achieved relatively high rates of economic growth, deprivation levels in India continue to remain stubbornly high.

According to UNDP's Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), 53.7% of India's population is poor. The number of people who lacked access to electricity and clean cooking in India was 404 million and 855 million respectively in 2009. Moreover, India continues to lag behind several other countries in terms of other measures of development. The biggest challenge for India is to expand access to food, energy, water and other essential goods and services to its growing population.

Therefore, poverty eradication and improvement in social well-being are the top priorities for developing countries like India. In this backdrop, the CEENR of ISEC organized a seminar on 'Green Economy: Policy and Challenges' on May 8, 2013 with the following sub-themes:

- a. Green economy challenge of policy coherence
- b. Green economy and poverty alleviation
- c. Green inclusive growth model
- d. Green accounting, valuation and governance
- e. Further research direction of green economy
- f. Ecological sanitation and
- g. Green growth strategy

The seminar was a modest endeavor to bring the top-level academicians and policy-makers in the

subject of environmental economics of the country, together to discuss the green economy policy and challenges in the context of sustainable development. Totally 11 papers were presented. The welcome address was delivered by Prof R S Deshpande, Director of ISEC, and the introductory session was chaired by the Chairperson of ISEC Board of Governors, Prof G Thimmaiah. The keynote address was given by Shri V Parameswaran, Deputy Director-General, Central Statistical Organisation, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, New Delhi. Those who presented papers included Prof Gopal K Kadekodi, Honorary Professor, CMRD,

Dharwad; Prof M V Nadkarni, former Vice-Chancellor of Gulbarga University; Prof M N Murty, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi; Dr Prodipto Gosh and Dr Ritu Mathur of TERI, New Delhi; Prof M Ravichandran, Bharathidasan University, Trichy; Prof M G Chandrakanth, UAS, Bangalore; Mr Alok R Gupta, New Delhi; and CEENR faculty members Dr Syed Ajmal Pasha and Dr M Balasubramanian. The Valedictory was chaired by Smt Ritu Kakkar, Director-General, EMPRI, Bangalore. The papers will soon be published in a book form by a renowned publisher. Dr M Balasubramanian, Assistant Professor, CEENR, organised the seminar.

10. ICSSR-Sponsored Training in Social Science Research Methodology

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) is a unique institution striving for education and development through research in social sciences with an inclusive approach. Besides establishing and managing national-level institutions of higher learning and research in social sciences, it has, in recent times, instituted capacity-building programmes exclusively for the benefit of research scholars and young faculty members hailing from vulnerable backgrounds and communities. ISEC had the benefit of organizing two such ICSSR-sponsored training programmes for PhD students and young faculty members from social sciences. The programmes aimed at training the participants in both theoretical and practical aspects of research in social sciences by combining class-room lectures by eminent scholars from both within and outside ISEC with a number of hands-on exercises. The overall goal of the two trainings was to sensitise the participants to advancements in conducting research on a range of social, economic, political, educational, historical and related issues. A concerted effort was made to see that the participants benefitted from learning about what are the advanced thinking and research practices today, the benefit of multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary methodologies and approaches.

The first such capacity-building programme was organized in February 07-16, 2013 at ISEC. As many as 21 PhD scholars and seven faculty members participated in the programme. They were drawn from colleges and departments of social sciences from different universities. These included Annamalai University (5 participants), Bharathidasan University (9), S K University, AP (1 participant), Christ University, Bangalore (1), Bangalore University (3), Gulbarga University (3), Tumkur University (1), Agricultural University, and Dharwar (2 participants).

The remaining 3 participants were drawn from degree colleges falling in the jurisdiction of universities in Karnataka. All of them hailed from the SC category, as was the case in the second programme too.

The course was exclusively meant for participants from the vulnerable sections of society, mainly from the Scheduled Castes. The 28 participants were drawn from different social science subjects: Economics – 18, Political Science – 6, Rural Development – 1, History – 1 and Agricultural Economics – 2.

The programme was inaugurated by the Director of ISEC, Prof R S Deshpande, and Prof G Thimmaiah, Chairman, Board of Governors, was the chief guest. A number of senior academicians of ISEC addressed the participants. Many resource persons of eminence were also drawn from other research institutions and universities. On the last day of the programme, a valedictory session was held and certificates were distributed to all the participants. All the participants took part in the discussions that followed each session.

The second ICSSR-sponsored capacity-building programme was organized on similar lines at ISEC from February 18-27, 2013. There were 28 participants – 25 PhD students and 3 members of the faculty. The distribution of these participants across disciplines was as follows: Sociology (9 participants), Economics (4), Education (14) and Social Work (1 participant). There were participants from the University of Mysore (23), Bangalore University (two) and degree colleges within Karnataka (three participants).

The participants received certificates after the 10-day course.

The two training programmes were coordinated by ISEC faculty members Dr M Lingaraju and Dr K G Gayathri Devi.

11. Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research

The Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research, which is an inter-disciplinary social science research approach, was organised by ISEC in association with Christ University, Bangalore, during June 10-20, 2013, at ISEC. This is a partially paid course and the remaining financial requirement was met through SRTT Fund of ISEC for capacity building. Participants were from different disciplines – Political Science, Sociology, Economics, Literature and Mass Communication – participated in the programme. Resource persons from ISEC and Christ University delivered lectures on practical and theoretical approaches of Social Science Research.

Topics included various approaches to social science research, qualitative and quantitative methods and hands-on experience of SPSS and Stata software

was introduced in the course schedule. Subjects like Research in Social Sciences – Relevance and Advances, Critical Issues in SSR, Case Study method, Basic Statistics, Survey and Sampling Methods, Qualitative Research: Ethnography, Input-Output Methodology for Economic Analysis, Qualitative Response Models and ethics in research were included in the schedule. The participants were also trained on research report writing.

Prof R S Deshpande, Director, ISEC, inaugurated the event in the presence of Dr Anand Imbanathan, Head, CSSCD, and Dr Pritha Das Gupta of Christ University. Prof Deshpande also delivered the valedictory address and distributed certificates to the participants. Course Coordinator Dr Sobin George gave a vote of thanks.

Seminars by Visitors

The Changing Role of Bangalore Lakes: Historical and Political Perspective — Dr David Soll, Assistant Professor, Department of History and Environmental Studies, the University of Wisconsin, USA; Visiting Faculty at ISEC, Bangalore (January 8, 2013).

Talk on Growth and Inequality: Global Experiences — Dr Ravi Kanbur, Professor of Economics, Cornell University; Dr V K R V Rao Chair former Professor (January 9, 2013).

Local Governance and Rationalities of Citizenship — Dr Winnie Bothe, Faculty, Department of Political Science, Lund University (January 23, 2013).

Taking a Closer Look at Education, Corruption and Knowledge — Dr Mina O'Dowd, Professor, Department of Sociology, Division for Education, Lund University (January 29, 2013).

Vertical Imbalance in the Canadian Federal System — Dr Stanley L Winer, Canada Research Chair, Professor in Public Policy, Carleton University, Ottawa (February 1, 2013).

Growth and Social Inequality in Development: South Asia — Dr Shigemochi Hirashima, Professor Emeritus, Meiji-Gakuin University, Tokyo, Japan (February 11, 2013).

Crafting Fueling India's Internal Wars: The Story of Chhattisgarh — Ms Sudha Bharadwaj, "Janhit", Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, Practising Advocate, High Court of Chhattisgarh (February 19, 2013).

The Indian Debate about Genetically Modified Crops – Competing Discourses on Agrarian Futures and the Politics of Risk — Mr Andreas Mitzschke, PhD Scholar, Department of Technology and Society Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University, Netherlands (February 25, 2013).

Violence versus Nonviolence: Our Cognitive Architecture — Dr V K Kool, Professor of Psychology, State University of New York Institute of Technology Utica, USA (February 26, 2013).

Talk on SICI Programs and Opportunities for Students and Young Scholars — Dr Prachi Kaul, Program Officer, Shastri Indo Canadian Institute, New Delhi (March 4, 2013).

Sex and the Signal Free Corridor — Dr Lata Mani, Feminist Historian and Cultural Critic, Bangalore (March 20, 2013).

Exploring the Contextual Determinants of Under-nutrition under Climatic, Geographic, and Socioeconomic Vulnerabilities: A Case Study of the Sundarbans — Ms Moumita Mukherjee, Research Manager, Riddhi Uddalak, Kolkata and SRTT Visiting Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (April 15, 2013).

Politics of Governance — Dr Ghanashyam Shah, Former Professor, Centre for Social Medicine School of International Studies, JNU, New Delhi, Currently National Fellow, ICSSR, Visiting Professor, CPIGD, ISEC (May 22, 2013).

Technology tipping points and their Impact on Employment and Education in India — Dr Swami Manohar, Formerly, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Automation, IISc, Bangalore, Currently, Managing Director, LimberLink Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore (June 18, 2013).

Exploring the Contextual Determinants of Under-nutrition under Climatic, Geographic, and Socioeconomic Vulnerabilities: A Case Study of the Sundarbans — Ms Moumita Mukherjee, Doctoral Fellow, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, SRTT Visiting Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (June 25, 2013).

Seminars by Faculty

Political Regimes, Governance and Social Security in Southern States in India — Prof S N Sangita, Head, and Dr V Anil Kumar, Assistant Professor, CPIGD, ISEC, Bangalore (March 25, 2013).

Seminars by Students

Educational Change and Its Impact on Fertility and Demographic Dividend of Future India — Mr Angan Sengupta, PhD Scholar, PRC, ISEC, Bangalore (January 24, 2013).

Institution and Practices: A Study of the People's Planning Campaign and the Kerala Development Programme — Mr Rajesh K, PhD Scholar, CSSCD, ISEC, Bangalore (February 7, 2013).

Environmental burden of disease due to Urban Air Pollution with Special Reference to Bangalore City — Mr Ravi D R, PhD Scholar, CESP, ISEC, Bangalore (June 5, 2013).

Research Projects

Completed Projects

1. **Agrarian Change and Farm Sector Distress: An Exploratory Study** (Dr Elumalai Kannan and Prof R S Deshpande)
2. **A comparative Study of the Health Insurance Schemes in Karnataka Planning Dept, GoK** (Prof D Rajasekhar)
3. **Urban Governance and Planning in Karnataka** (Dr V Anil Kumar)
4. **Child Labour Survey in Haveri District** (Dr V Anil Kumar)

5. **Evaluation of the Devadasi Rehabilitation Programme** (Dr V Ramaswamy)
6. **Evaluation of Housing Scheme for Devadasis under Devadasi Rehabilitation Programme** (Dr V Ramaswamy)
7. **Inequalities in Access to Healthcare in Brazil and India: Closing the Gap for the Poorest-poor** (Prof K S James, Dr Lekha Subaiya)
8. **Population and Development Transition in Southern States of India** (Dr C M Lakshmana)
9. **Quality of HMIS Data: A Study of Chamarajnagar and Udupi Districts in Karnataka** (Prof K S James, Dr T N Bhat, Dr C M Lakshmana, Dr Dhananjay W Bansod)
10. **Hulling and Milling Ratio in major paddy growing states** (Dr Komol Singha)
11. **Evaluation study on Conservation of Magadi Fort, undertaken by the Directorate of Archaeology and Museums** (Dr Veerashekharappa)
12. **Tata Coffee Ltd: Human Development Report of Plantation Workers** (Dr Syed Ajmal Pasha)
13. **Evaluation Study on Western Ghats Development Programme** (Dr Sunil Nautiyal)
14. **Study Report on considering Women candidates for the post of care-Assistant Lineman in KPTCL/BESCOMs** (Prof M D Usha Devi)
15. **Real-Time Classroom Sharing of Urban and Rural Schools with dedicated Wireless Network: An Exploratory Survey in Karnataka for Assessing Preparedness of School System** (Prof M D Usha Devi and Dr K N Sridhar Rao)
16. **Political Regimes, Governance and Social Security in Four Southern States** (Prof S N Sangita and Dr Anil Kumar V)
17. **Building Knowledge Base on Ageing in India: A Series of Programmatic and Research Studies** (Prof K S James, Dr Syamala, Dr Lekha Subaiya, Dr Dhananjay W B)

New Projects

1. **District Human Development Report of Ramanagara** (Dr M Devendra Babu)
2. **Demographic and Health Study in and Around the BARC Project Site at Challakere, Chitradurga** (Dr K S Umamani)

3. **Child Labour Policy in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka** (Dr V Anil Kumar)
4. **Urban Governance Policy and Planning in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh** (Dr V Anil Kumar)
5. **Impact of Education and Employment on the Economy of Scheduled Tribes of North East India** (Dr Marchang Reimeingam and Dr Komol Singha)
6. **Building Knowledge Base on Ageing in India – Increased Awareness, Access and Quality of Elderly Services** (Prof K S James, Dr T S Syamala, Dr Lekha Subaiya and Dr T N Bhat)
7. **Ageing and Well-being in a Globalised World (in collaboration with CDS, Trivandrum, University of Groningen, The Netherlands and University of Southampton, U.K.)** (Prof K S James, Dr T S Syamala and Dr Lekha Subaiya)
8. **Migrant's Suitcase: Examining the Flow of Norms, Identity and Social Capital between India and Netherlands (in collaboration with the University of Groningen, The Netherlands)** (Prof K S James and Ms Sandhyarani Mahapatro)
9. **Impact Evaluation Study of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana in India** (Prof Parmod Kumar and Dr A V Manjunath)
10. **Evaluation of Karnataka State Finances** (Dr K Gayithri)
11. **Livelihood Security through Financial Access (An Assessment of VIRF-IDF Poverty Alleviation)** (Dr Veerashekharappa and Ms B P Vani)
12. **Socio-Economic Vulnerability Profile Development at the District and Block (Taluk) Level for Karnataka** (Prof R S Deshpande)
13. **Towards Improving Rural Sanitation in Karnataka - Understanding the Performance and Benefits of Constructing Private Toilets under under INFOSYS Foundation Assisted Project** (Dr S Manasi and Dr Sunil Nautiyal)

Student News

PhD Awarded

Mr Jajati Keshari Parida (Economics) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore for his thesis on '*Internal Migration and Informal Labour Market:*

New Directions and Issues'. Prof S Madheswaran was his supervisor.

Ms Amrita Ghatak (Economics) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore for her thesis on '*Health, Labour Supply and Wages: A Study in West Bengal*'. Prof S Madheswaran was her supervisor.

Ms Sri Vidya (Development Studies) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore for her thesis on '*Gender Relations in Forest Resource Use and Management: A Study in Karnataka Western Ghats*'. Prof G K Karanth was her supervisor.

Ms Sancheeta Ghosh (Development Studies) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore for her thesis on '*Medicalisation of Maternal Health Care: An Analysis of Caesarean Section Delivery in West Bengal*'. Prof K S James was her supervisor.

Publications

WORKING PAPERS

An Overview

In all, seven ISEC working papers were published during the period January-June 2013.

Working Paper **Representation and Executive Functions of Women Presidents and Representatives in the Grama Panchayats of Karnataka (No. 293)** by Anand Inbanathan examines the relatively inferior position of elected women representatives in the gram panchayats in the larger framework of gender and power. Among others, the paper primarily focuses on the ways in which different male-dominated agencies subvert women's political representation and capture and appropriate such reserved political spaces for women. To substantiate this further, the paper specifically looks at the functioning of women representatives and presidents of selected gram panchayats in Karnataka, where reservations for these seats and posts have been in place for nearly twenty years. Drawing from data collected from seven Gram Panchayats, the paper argues that most women Presidents had not functioned as de facto Presidents, and men related to them did so instead. For the most part, reservations of seats have only made women nominal representatives and Presidents, rather than effective political leaders.

Working Paper **How Effective are Social Audits under MGNREGS? Lessons from Karnataka (No. 294)** by D Rajasekhar, Salim Lakha and R Manjula attempts to understand the effectiveness of social

audit as an important monitoring and evaluation mechanism to ensure transparency and effective governance in the flagship programmes with special reference to MGNREGS. Employing a primary study in five gram panchayats in Chitradurga district, Karnataka, the paper argues that the social audit, as it is presently conducted under MGNREGS, does not fulfil the objective of engaging the beneficiaries of the scheme. This, as the paper brings out, is primarily due to the systematic exclusion of the poor sections of the population, for whom the scheme is meant, by the village elites. The paper suggests that the social audit process hence should be inclusive and participatory in nature to attain its intended objectives of transparency and effectiveness of governance.

Sarishti Attri and Sunil Nautiyal in their paper, **Vulnerability Assessment of the Agricultural Sector in Yadgir District, Karnataka: A Socio-Economic Survey Approach (No. 295)**, examine the reasons behind the changes in the cultivation patterns in Yadgir district and the carbon footprint contributed by each crop grown in the region. The paper, with the help of a survey and data collected on climatic variability for a period of ten years, highlights the sequential events of how people have shifted from one crop to another and how climatic and non-climatic stresses affect the agriculture patterns and fertility of the soil. The paper argues that aspects such as availability of water for irrigation and variability in climate considerably altered the agricultural practices in the region along with non-climatic factors such as shift from traditional variety of seeds to hybrids to deal with the issue of low productivity.

Malini L Tantri's paper, **How Much Do We Know about the Chinese SEZ Policy? (No. 296)**, attempts to understand the success of Special Economic Zones in China in general. By reviewing policies of SEZs in China and other Asian countries, the paper argues that a larger part of the Chinese success could be attributed to the systematic approach in defining and executing the SEZ policy. The paper also attributes Chinese success story to other internal political and economic factors, which facilitated the policy implementation. The paper gives a special note on aspects such as creation of infrastructure and efficient machineries, which played a vital role in the success of SEZs in China along with significant other external factors such as strong presence of overseas Chinese investors and monopoly that the country enjoyed in terms of market share from the region.

The Working Paper **Emerging Trends in**

E-Waste Management – Status and Issues: A Case Study of Bangalore City (No. 297) by Manasi S brings attention to the growing issue of management of e-waste in urban spaces, which have come up as havens of industries based on information technology. The paper, drawing from secondary data sources and primary study conducted in Bangalore city, gives an account of the status of e-waste management. The paper concludes that the management of e-waste is a major challenge as it poses serious environment and health problems. The low-level of awareness among both the manufacturers and consumers adds to the problems. The paper suggests policy measures that include the systematic maintenance of information of waste and toxic materials, standardisation of recycling methods, reuse of e-waste and sensitisation of manufacturers and consumers, towards the effective management of e-waste. The paper also opens up new areas of research on the impacts on health and environment.

Supriya Roy Chowdhury in her paper, **The Child and the City: Autonomous Migrants in Bangalore (No. 298)**, questions the dominant assumptions of self-betterment attached with migration in general and child migration in particular. This paper, locating migration to cities in the broad political economy understanding of urban exclusion, draws attention to the structural exclusion of unskilled workers in the informal sector from the benefits of the technology-driven, capital-intensive development. Drawing on field research on migrant children in Bangalore city, the paper argues that children who migrate due to acute economic want of the family, suffer from multiple deprivation in the cities and with their entry into the urban informal workforce, their access to other avenues of educational, occupational and social mobility are closed off. Therefore, child migration merely represents the movements of the child from rural to urban poverty, although the face of each is very different.

Komol Singha and Arpita Chakravorty in their Working Paper, **Crop Diversification and Growth of Maize in Karnataka: An Assessment (No. 299)**, examine the growth trend of maize, crop diversification and the major factors that enhanced the production/yield of maize in Karnataka. Drawing from secondary data and published reports, the paper highlights the trend of crop diversification in the state. Specifically, the paper notes that the crop diversification within the sector

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has been on a large scale and as a result, the growth in the production of maize has been the highest with CAGR at 8.5 per cent in the last three decades. Using one-way Least Squares Dummy Variable (LSDV) for 27 districts over 12 years, the paper shows that the introduction of new hybrid seed (HYV) as one of the most important factors for significant growth of maize in Karnataka. Further, the paper highlights that though the crop is suitable in the drier region, the role of timely rainfall had a significant impact on the yield level.

Books Published/Edited

James, K S

(with Dhananjay W Bansod, K M Sathyanarayana, Sanjay Kumar, K Srinivasan and P M Kulkarni) 'Assessing the Quality of District Data for Improved Planning and Monitoring of Development Programmes'. UNFPA, 2012.

Lingaraju, M

(Jayasheela) 'Karnatakada Sarvatomukha Pragatiya Vividha Aayamagalu' (Kannada). New Delhi: Global Research Publications, January 2013.

Singha, Komol

(with P C Dutta) 'Ethnicity, Resources and Institutions for Development of North Eastern States of India' (Edited Book). New Delhi: Akansha Publishing House, January 2013.

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Babu, M Devendra

'Comprehensive District Development Plan: Karnataka's Experience' (in Kannada). In M Lingaraj and Jayasheela (eds), *Karnatakada Sarvatomukha Pragatiya Vividha Aayamagalu*. Global Research Publications, 2013.

Bairagya, Indrajit

'Sub-contracting and Efficiency of the Informal Sector in India'. *Journal of Developing Areas*, 47 (2), Fall 2013.

Deshpande, R S

'Agrarian Transition and Farmers' Suicides'. In Shweta Singh (ed), *Social Work and Social Development:*

Perspective from India and the United States. Chicago: Lyceum Books, INC, 2013.

'Development and Sustainability: India in a Global Perspective'. In Sarmila Banerjee and Anjan Chakrabarti (eds), *Under the Shadow: Pricing and Marketing in Indian Agriculture in Globalisation*. Springer, 2013.

(with Nitin Tagade) 'Progressive Change in Land Reforms and Agriculture Policy'. In Prem Nath (ed), *The Basics of Human Civilization: Food, Agriculture and Humanity – Volume I: Present Scenario*. New Delhi: New India Publishing Agency, 2013.

James, K S

(with V Skirbekk and J Van Bevel) 'Education and the Global Fertility Transition', *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*, 10 (1): 1-8, 2012.

Kannan, Elumalai

'Rationalisation of Agricultural Subsidies: Study of Electricity and Fertiliser Subsidies in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu'. *Anvesak*, 42 (1&2), July-December 2012.

Kumar, Parmod

(with Anjani Kumar and AN Sharma) 'Diversification in Eastern India: Status and Determinants'. *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 67 (4), October-December 2012.

(with Sudhir Kumar Singh) 'Consumption Smoothing and Insurance Against Income Risks: A Case of India', *Indian Economic Review*, XLVII (2), July-December 2012.

Lakshmana, C M

'Demographic Dividend and National Development'. *Domain, The Journal of Management Research*, Jansons School of Business, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, 15 (1), June-December 2012. (published in June 2013)

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Lingaraju, M

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Mutharayappa, R

(with Biplab Dhak) 'Neighborhood Quality, Health and Gender Differential in Health'. *Indian Journal of Rural and Urban Development*, 2 (2), December 2012, Pp 23-40.

Narayana, M R

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'Population and Educational Development of the Nagas: A Brief Account'. In Paritosh Chandra Dutta and Komol Singha (eds), *Ethnicity, Resources and Institution for Development of North Eastern States of India*. Akansha Publishing House, 2013.

Sangita, S N

'Electoral Process and Inclusive Governance'. In K Raman Pillai, R K Suresh Kumar and P Sukumaran Nair (eds), *Electoral Reforms*. New Delhi: Kalpaz Publications, 2013.

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'Education and Development of Rural Communities in North-east India- A Comparative Analysis between Hill and Valley'. In P C Dutta and Komol Singha (eds), *Ethnicity, Resources and Institutions for Development of North Eastern States of India*. New Delhi: Akansha Publishing House, Pp 437-448, 2013.

Syamala, T S

(Angan Sengupta) 'Changing Face of Malnutrition in India', *Journal of Health Management*, 14 (4): 451-465.

Umamani, K S

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James, K S

(with K M Sathyanarayana and Sanjay Kumar) 'Living Arrangements of Elderly in India: Policy and Programmatic Implications', September 2012.

Manjula, R

(with Erlend Berg, Maitreesh Ghatak, D Rajasekhar and Sanchari Roy) 'Motivating Knowledge Agents: Can Incentive Pay Overcome Social Distance?', CSAE Working Paper WPS/2013-06, University of Oxford, UK, 2013.

Rajasekhar, D

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Rajeev, Meenakshi

Mainak Majumda and S Ray) 'Sources of Heterogeneity in the Efficiency of Indian Pharmaceutical Firms'. *Working Paper 2011-22*. Storrs, USA: Department of Economics Working Paper Series, University of Connecticut.

'IT industry in Bangalore: Some Economic Implications'. *Munich Repec Library Working Paper No. 42338*. October 2012.

(with B P Vani) 'Nature and Dimensions of Farmers' Indebtedness in India', *Munich Repec Library working paper No. 42358*. October 2012

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Are poor excluded: A case study of India'. *NUPI Working paper No. 808*. Norway: Norwegian Institute of International Relations.

Tantri, Malini L

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Deshpande, R S

Valedictory address, at the Workshop on Research Methodology and Data Analysis using SPSS, organised by ABBS Center for Research and Development, Acharya Bangalore B-School, Bangalore, January 22, 2013.

'Research Priorities in Social Sciences for 21st Century', at the Workshop for PhD Guides on Research Priorities in Social Sciences for 21st Century, organised by the University of Pune, February 13, 2013, at Pune.

'On the Process of Interdisciplinary in Research on Caste', at the National Seminar on Caste in Contemporary Indian Politics, organised by Department of Politics & Public Administration, University of Pune, March 16, 2013, at Pune.

'Introduction of GM Crops in India: Facts and Scientific Myths', in the National Seminar on Issues in Commercial Application of GM Crops in India, organised by Sahakar Maharshi Balasaheb Pawar Adhyasan Kendra, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad, March 18, 2013, at Aurangabad.

James, K S

'Poverty, Income and Work Status of Elderly'; at the seminar to discuss the survey results of the project "Building Knowledge Base on Ageing in India", organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change, February 6, 2013, at Bangalore.

Kannan, Elumalai

'Trends of Urbanisation, Policy and Planning and Research Priorities in Sustainable Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture', at the Regional Workshop on Strengthening Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture towards Resilient Food Systems in Asia, organised by Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and PNASF, January 28-30, 2013, at Bangkok, Thailand.

Yadav, Manohar

'Reservation Policy: Present State and the Future of

it', at the Workshop on Controversies Surrounding Reservation Policy in India, organised by Confederation of Dalit Intellectuals and Activists of Karnataka, February 28, 2013, at Bangalore.

Papers Presented at Conferences/ Workshops/Seminars

Babu, M Devendra

Decentralisation and Social Justice: Some Observations from Karnataka; at the Seminar on Contours of Development: Vulnerability and Social Justice, organised by ISEC and Department of Sociology, Christ University, February 28, 2013, at Christ University, Bangalore.

Local Government Finance in South Indian States: A Situational Analysis; at the Seminar on Two decades of Decentralisation in Southern States of India, organised by Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayat Raj Studies, Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University, March 11-13, 2013, at Gandhigram University, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu.

James, K S

Poverty, Income and Work Status of Elderly; at the Seminar on Building Knowledge Base on Ageing in India, organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change, February 6, 2013, at Bangalore.

India's Fertility Transition and Policy Perspectives; at the Conference on Sharing International Experience on Policy Response to Fertility Decline, organised by UNFPA, Vietnam Office, March 27, 2013, at Ha Noi, Vietnam.

India's Support Systems for the Elderly: Myths and Realities; at the 20th Biennial General Conference, on Ageing in the Asia-Pacific: Balancing the State and the Family, organised by Association of Asian Social Science Research Council (AASSREC), April 4-6, 2013, at Cebu City, Philippines.

Female Work Participation and Demographic Dividend Prospects for India; at the Conference on 40 per cent of the World: Population Change, Human Capital and Development in China, India and Indonesia, organised by JY Pillai Comparative Asia Research Centre, National University of Singapore, May 22-24, 2013, at Singapore.

Kumar, Parmod

Demand and Supply Forecasting for Medium Term; at the three-day Workshop on Agricultural Outlook Processes, Methods and Results, organised by

NCAER -OECD-FAO, April 29-May 1, 2013, at Pusa, New Delhi.

Impact of MGNREGA on Wage Rates, Food Security and Rural Urban Migration; at the Discussion on Project Report, organised by Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation, June 24, 2013 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Lakshmana, C M

Impact of Urban Growth on Resource Degradation and its Consequence on Environment in India; at the 32nd Annual Seminar of the International Institute of Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, organised by IIPS, Mumbai, March 21-23, 2013, at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

Dynamics of Urban Growth, Resource Degradation and Environmental Pollution: Experience of Million plus Cities in India; at the Seminar on Population, Development and Environment, organised by Population Research Centre, Institute for Social and Economic Change, April 26, 2013, at Bangalore.

Manjula, R

(with D Rajasekhar and Erlend Berg) Talking to Ghosts: Quantifying Forged Employment Records in MGNREG; at the Conference on Economic Development, organised by the University of Oxford, UK, March 17-19, 2013, at Oxford, UK.

(with D Rajasekhar and Erlend Berg) Public Works, Local Democratic Institutions and Climate Smart Agriculture: Lessons from India; at the Conference on Economic Development, organised by the University of Oxford, UK, March 17-19, 2013, at Oxford, UK.

Narayana, M R

National Transfer Accounts: A New Methodology to analyse the Economic Effects of India's Age Structure Transition; at the Conference on Knowing the Social World: Challenges and Responses, organised by the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla, March 13-15, 2013, at Shimla.

Socio-Economic Analysis of Coffee Leaf Rust Disease in India; at the ICO-CFC Project Closing and Dissemination Workshop, organised by Coffee Board (Bangalore): Yercaud, March 19-20, 2013, at Bangalore.

Nautiyal, Sunil

Role of Hyperspectral Remote Sensing in Biodiversity Monitoring and Mapping; at the National Workshop on Hyperspectral Remote Sensing and Applications, organised by MS University Baroda and DST, New

Delhi, January 17-18, 2013, at MS University Baroda, Gujarat.

(with Y D Imran Khan, K Bhaskar) Butterflies presence and Seasonal occurrence at the proposed uranium mining site Gogi, Gulbarga and Yadgir District, Karnataka, India; at the National Seminar on Recent trends in biodiversity of India, organised by Department of Zoology, Government Degree & PG College, Wanaparthy, January 27-28, 2013.

(with Mrinalini Goswami, Prasant Bez, K Bhaskar and Y D Imran Khan) Potential of Manure Based Biogas to Replace Conventional Fuels: A State-Wise Environmental Assessment for Emission Reduction; at the International Conference on Management of Water, Energy and Bio-resources in Changing Climate Regime: Emerging Issues and Environmental Challenges, organised by Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, with support from Humboldt Foundation Germany, February 8-9, 2013, at JNU, New Delhi.

Rajasekhar, D

(with Erlend Berg, R Manjula) Randomised Controlled Trials and Programme Evaluations: Experiences and Lessons; at the Seminar on Knowing the Social World: Challenges and Responses, organised by the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla, March 13-15, 2013 at Shimla.

(with Erlend Berg, R Manjula) Talking to Ghosts: Quantifying Forged Employment Records in MGNREG; at the Conference on Economic Development, organised by University of Oxford, UK, March 17-19, 2013 at Oxford, UK.

(with Erlend Berg, R Manjula) Public Works, Local Democratic Institutions and Climate Smart Agriculture: Lessons from India; at the Conference on Economic Development, organised by University of Oxford, UK, March 17-19, 2013 at Oxford, UK.

Worker Facilitation Centres in Karnataka: Have they Improved Access to Social Security Benefits?; at the Seminar on Social Security, organised by GIZ, New Delhi, April 25, 2013, at New Delhi.

Reimeingam, Marchang

Issues of Educated Youth Unemployment in North East India; at the North-East Young Social Scientists' Meet, organised by Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, January 22-23, 2013, at Guwahati.

Educational and Job Opportunities and Challenges;

at the Seminar on Career Guidance and Social Awareness, organised by Tangkhul Katamnao Long Bangalore, February 25, 2013, at Bangalore.

Gender Inequality in Education among Scheduled Tribes of Manipur; at the Seminar on Development Discourse: The Expanding Horizons, organised by Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Regional Campus, March 18-19, 2013, at Manipur.

Sangita, S N

Ethics in Polity and Society for Good Governance; at the National Seminar on Spirituality for Socio-Economic Development, Academy of Higher Education and Centre for Religious Studies (ACTS), organised by Andhra University, February 18, 2013, at Bangalore.

Government, Governance and Development: Theory and Practice; at the National Seminar on Governance and Development, organised by Department of Political Science and Development Administration, Gandhigram Rural University, February 26-27, 2013, at Gandhigram.

Decentralised Governance, Vulnerable Sections and Inclusive Development in South India: Theory and Evidence; at the National Seminar on Contours of Development: Vulnerability and Social Justice, organised by Department of Sociology, Christ University and ISEC, February 28, 2013, at Bangalore.

(with Anil Kumar V) Political Regimes, Decentralised Governance and Social Security in Southern States; at the National Seminar on Panchayat Raj in Southern States, organised by Department of Political Science and Development Administration, Gandhigram Rural University, March 11-13, 2013, at Gandhigram.

Urban Governance, Development and Service Delivery in India: Initiatives and Outcomes; at the Democratic Decentralisation in Urban India for Good Governance and Sustainable Development, organised by Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, March 25-26, 2013, at Hyderabad.

Corruption in Public Life: Role of Judiciary in Controlling Corruption; at the Seminar, organised by Government College, Pandavapura, April 13, 2013, at Pandavapura.

Syamala, T S

Subjective wellbeing and functionality among the elderly; at the Dissemination Seminar on the Project on Building Knowledge base on Ageing in India,

organised by ISEC, Bangalore, February 6, 2013, at Bangalore.

Yadav, Manohar

Dalit Human Rights: A Historical Perspective; at the National Seminar on Dr. B R Ambedkar's Liberationist Theories of Depressed Classes, organised by Babasaheb Ambedkar Research Centre, Bangalore University, Bangalore, April 29-30, 2013, at H N Auditorium Bangalore University, Bangalore.

Invisible Forms of Resistance Against Untouchability; at the National Seminar on Resistance Against Untouchability, organised by Kannada University, Vidyaranya, Hampi, April 8-9, 2013, at Kannada University, Hampi.

Dalits in South India; at the National Seminar on Research and Advocacy on Dalits and Other Vulnerable Sections, organised by Indian Social Institute, Bangalore, May 21, 2013, at ISI, Bangalore.

Honours/Awards/Fellowships

Sangita, S N

Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science, Gandhigram Rural University, Dindigul, for one year.

Offices Held in Academic/Professional/ Administrative Bodies

Bairagya, Indrajit

Member of International Input-Output Association

Deshpande, R S

Member, Conference Advisory Committee, for the 3-day annual conference on "Infrastructure: Hard and Soft" to be held in August 2013, to be organized by Centre for Public Policy, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore.

Member, Departmental Advisory Committee of the Department of Educational Planning, National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), New Delhi.

Member, Advisory Council, Yashwantrao Chavan School of Rural Development, to be established by Shivaji University, Kolhapur.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Vice-Chairperson, ISEC Academic Programme Committee

Vice-Chairperson, Publications Committee, ISEC, Bangalore

Resource Person, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore

Resource Person, Union Bank Management Institute

Resource Person, National Law School

Resource Person, IGIDR, Mumbai

Resource Person, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Resource Person, Burdhan University, Kolkata

Resource Person, Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Resource Person, Kolkata University

Resource Person, IIT Guwahati

Sangita, S N

Board Member, Department of Studies in Political Science, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad

Expert Member, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kerala, Kerala (2011-13)

Expert Member, Faculty of Arts, Bangalore University.

Expert Panel Member, Best Practices Program for Selecting Government Departments and Municipal Governments for State Award, City Managers' Association, Karnataka, GOK.

Executive Member, Indian Academy of Social Sciences

Executive Member, Indian Institute of Public Administration

Executive Member, International Institute of Information Law, Bangalore.

Member, Indian Political Science Association

Member, Indian Public Administration Association

Miscellaneous

Bairagya, Indrajit

Participated as a Speaker, in the In-house Workshop on Introduction to SPSS for statistical analysis, organised by Computer Committee, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati Campus, February 1, 2013, at TISS, Guwahati.

Bhat, T N

Completed the study "Third and Fourth Quarters

Monitoring Appraisal of NRHM-PIP, Karnataka, 2012-13 (October-December 2012 and January-March 2013)" for MOHFW, Government of India.

George, Sobin

Published an IIDS policy brief on "Dalit Christians in India: Discrimination and Disparities in Human Development, April 2013.

James, K S

Participated in the Review Meeting of the HMIS Studies, organised by Regional Office of Health & Family Welfare Ministry, Bangalore, January 22, 2013, at ISEC, Bangalore.

Participate in the Technical Advisory Committee Meeting on NFHS-4 Questionnaire, organised by Ministry of Health & FW, GOI, February 22, 2013, at New Delhi.

Participated in Advisory Committee Meeting on Educational Management Information System (EMIS), organised by National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), February 28, 2013, at New Delhi.

Participated in Expert Meeting on District Human Development Report, organised by Planning Department, Government of Karnataka, March 1, 2013, at Bangalore.

Lakshmana, C M

Participated as delegate, in the One day Work Shop on KGIS Vision and Users Needs, organised by Karnataka State Remote Sensing Application Centre and Karnataka Jnana Aayoga, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore, February 04, 2013, at Bangalore.

Kannan, Elumalai

Contributed a Chapter on "Agriculture and Allied Activities" for Economic Survey of Karnataka 2012-13.

Manjunatha, A V

Represented ISEC for National Consultation on Post-2015 Global Development Agenda, at Research and Information System (RIS), New Delhi, and presented views about Present and Post-Millennium Development Goals, January 31, 2013.

Attended Karnataka Krishi Mission meeting on Karnataka Agricultural Budget, February 23, 2013, at Bangalore.

Nautiyal, Sunil

Expert Meeting regarding Evaluation of Work Done

under BARC project, particularly the Discussion on the Scheduled Species under WPA 1972, March 9, 2013.

Participated in Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) Meeting at CSTEP, January 29, 2013.

Rajasekhar, D

External examiner for a PhD thesis submitted to IIT, Kharagpur.

Three lectures on Randomised Control Trials in the Capacity Building Programme in Social Science Research held at ISEC, Bangalore.

Two lectures in the capacity building programme in Social Science Research held at ISEC, Bangalore.

One lecture in the Certificate course on Research Methodology.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Participated as an Expert in the Workshop on Health Care Services: Trade-related Data Generation for India, organized by DGCI & S, at Kolkata.

Invited as a speaker for Public Lecture on Indian Banking Sector: Reforms, Financial Crisis and Beyond, at the University of Kassel, Germany, January 25, 2013.

Invited as a speaker, in the National Workshop on Balanced Regional Development: Challenges and Way Forward, organised by Rajeev Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies, New Delhi, 2013.

Syamala, T S

Attended the 12th Meeting of the Regional Director-Health, Directorate of Health, Govt. of Karnataka, and PRC of ISEC, to discuss the HMIS-related activities at ISEC, Bangalore, January 22, 2013.

Umamani, K S

In the BARC Project report "Baseline Study on Demographic Pattern and Health Profile around the Proposed Uranium Mining Area at Gogi, Karnataka" some modifications were made as per the requirement of the funders and re-submitted to them.

Two Weeks' Training Programme to the Field Investigators-BARC/Challakere Project.

Guided Ms P V Swati, Internship student from TISS, Mumbai, on the topic 'Migratory Process of Nurses from Kerala: Changing Visions and Shifting Patterns'.

Pre-Test of Questionnaires at Nelamanagala - Mylenahalli village on May 16 and 17, 2013.

New Director takes charge



Professor Binay Kumar Pattnaik (right) taking over charge as the new Director of ISEC from the erstwhile Director Prof R S Deshpande on August 21, 2013.



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