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From the Director's Desk

Greetings to the ISEC
Community of
Researchers!

I am glad to note that the last six months have been very productive for the Institute in terms of research and other academic activities. It is noteworthy that during this period, the Institute faculty members have completed as many as 15 major research projects, notable among them being: Status of Women in Karnataka, Improving Access to Social Security Benefits among the Unorganised Workers, India and Globalisation – Regional Disparities. Similarly, PMRP for Farmers in Suicide-prone Districts of Karnataka, Non-tariff Barriers in Trade Supply Chain between India and Sri Lanka, Mapping of Farm and Non-farm Linkages in the Rural India are a few major projects that have commenced during this period. These are all projects with inter-disciplinary orientation and policy implications. The most remarkable aspect of this period is the publication of 4 books by the faculty members (written as well as edited) and nearly 40 articles published by the faculty and students jointly, apart from a large number of seminars/conferences presentations made by them. As many as 14 working papers have been brought out by them from the Institute and 3 from outside India. Nine prestigious Keynote and Presidential Addresses were also delivered by the members of the faculty. Besides, 7 short-term courses/training programmes and workshops were conducted during this period. Training programmes for SCs/STs, Members of Zilla Panchayats in Karnataka, Courses for faculty on contemporary themes in theory and practice of social sciences, Orientation to IAS Probationers

were some of the important programmes that were drawn upon initiatives from the Government circles.

During this period, 4 PhD students have successfully presented their theses and were awarded degree by the University of Mysore. Apart from the regular bi-annual seminars by the PhD students, a large number of lectures/seminars were delivered by the Visiting Scholars at the Institute. The Institute celebrated its two Memorial Lectures of the year: 1) Professor V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture (No. 10) was delivered by Professor Dipankar Gupta, a distinguished Professor of Sociology at Shiva Nader University, and 2) Professor V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture at Raj Bhavan (No. 5) was delivered by Professor Pratap Bhanu Mehta, President and Chief Executive, CPR, New Delhi. The Institute celebrated these two events with conventional pomp and ceremony with the outgoing President of the ISEC Society.

As I have been mentioning to ISEC colleagues, pursuing quality research should be our immediate goal and we all know that quality does not come through overnight and rarely through initial attempts. Hence, to be persistently consistent in pursuing the very research questions in a particular domain and making a series of path-breaking attempts, may be with new methodologies, or concepts/theoretical perspectives become pre-requisites to quality research.

With lots of enthusiasm, I look forward to academically a more vibrant and productive ISEC in the coming days.

Binay Kumar Pattnaik
Director

Founders' Day Celebration

The Founders' Day of the Institute was celebrated on January 20, 2014. Prof G Thimmaiah, Chairperson of BoG, ISEC, and Prof Binay Kumar Pattnaik, Director of ISEC, garlanded the statue of Dr VKRV Rao. Prof Pattnaik welcomed the gathering. The participants included, among others, distinguished Members of the Board of Governors, Founder / Life Members of ISEC



Six books authored by the ISEC faculty members were released by the Chairman of ISEC Board of Governors, Professor G Thimmaiah (third from left), on ISEC Founders' Day on January 20, 2014. One of the books was authored by the ISEC Director, Professor B K Pattnaik (far left). Professor Sangita Satyanarayana (far right), Head of CPIGD, ISEC, is also seen.

Society, academicians, administrators, ISEC residents, staff and students of the Institute. The following activities were held on the occasion. Dr D M Nanjundappa Endowment Prize was awarded to Ms Annapuranam K (Sociology) and Ms Rosa Alphonsa Abraham (Economics) for securing the highest marks in PhD course work. Prof G K Karanth, Professor, CSSCD, and Shri A N Ravishankar, Assistant Registrar, who had completed 25 years of service at ISEC, were felicitated on the occasion. The following books were released on the occasion. (i) *Sociology of Science and Technology in India* by Prof Binay Kumar Pattnaik; (ii) *The Problem of Water in North Karnataka* by Dr I Maruthi; (iii) ISEC Monograph: *Population Growth, Natural Resource Degradation and Environmental Pollution in India* by Dr CM Lakshmana (iv) (a) *Peasantry, Capitalism and State: The Political Economy of Agrarian Societies*, and (b) *Sisyphean Efforts? State Policy and Child Labour in Karnataka* by Dr Anil Kumar Vaddiraju, and (v) *Identity, Politics and Economic Development in North-East India* by Dr Komol Singha.

Social Science Talent Search Scheme: A Collaborative Programme of ISEC, Bangalore University and Christ University, Bangalore

Social Science Talent Search (SSTS) Scheme, launched by ISEC in January 2011 in collaboration with Bangalore University and Christ University, gives away scholarships to meritorious students every year. The programme, receiving financial support from Sir Ratan Tata Trust (SRTT), as part of its support to academic and scholarly initiatives at ISEC, is an initiative to address the dwindling interest among student fraternity in social science subjects opted for degree courses. It encourages talented boys and girls at Plus Two level to take a competitive exam and the top 35 students (25 of

Bangalore University and 10 of Christ University) are given orientations on Social Science Scope and Relevance and scholarships.

The programme consists of two orientation sessions on Social Science Scope and Relevance conducted during every academic year in August and January along with scholarship distribution in two installments for selected students, during their three years' tenure as undergraduate students in social science courses. A Talent Search Examination is held during February every year for selecting new students who are studying in second-year PUC.

As part of this initiative, half-yearly scholarship distribution ceremonies were organized at ISEC during August 17-18, 2013, and January 11-12, 2014. The Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University, Prof B Thimme Gowda; Chairman and Board of Governors of ISEC, Prof G Thimmaiah; ISEC Director Prof Binay K Pattnaik; former Director of ISEC Prof R S Deshpande; Registrar of Bangalore University, Prof K K Seethamma; Principal of Christ Junior College, Rev Fr Dr Jose C C, and other dignitaries participated in distributing the scholarships and

addressed the students. Members of the advisory committee; Controller of Examinations and Co-coordinator of SSTSS, Prof H K Moulesh; former faculty of ISEC Dr K G Gayathridevi; resource persons Prof P H Rayappa, Prof Siddananda, and others were also present. Nodal officers from the colleges, parents of the students, visiting professors, faculty and members of ISEC, were among those who attended the occasion.

The SSTSS programme is being co-ordinated by Dr M Lingaraju of the Centre for Human Resource Development, ISEC, Bangalore.

Group Monitoring Workshop

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) has been implementing two schemes, viz., Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) and Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) under its SEED Division. The broad objectives of the schemes are: to empower SC and ST population with inputs of science and technology with a view to promoting development and adaptation of appropriate technology, to transfer proven technologies and demonstration of live technology models to benefit them. With commendable foresight, the planners developed an instrument to encourage the research, design, adaptation and demonstration of Science & Technology for improving the income-generating activity and reducing drudgery of SCs/STs in different occupations. The projects funded under schemes are being monitored annually in a Group.

Monitoring Workshop (GMW). The ISEC has hosted GMW for 2014 during January 29-31, 2014, which was convened by Dr Sunil Nautiyal, Professor at Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources. inaugurated by Prof G Thimmaiah, Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC, and the ISEC Director, Prof Binay Kumar Pattnaik, welcomed the participants to the workshop. Dr Sunil K Agarwal, Principal

Scientific Officer, and Dr Sobhana Bhaskaran, Scientist E at SEED Division of DST, described the aims and objectives of the division during the inaugural session. The response of researchers from many Institutions in India to GMW 2014 was very encouraging. Sixty participants from various states of the country attended the GMW and 32 presentations were made on January 29 and 30 on various themes under TSP and SCSP schemes.

On the third day of the workshop, an exposure field visit was made to Devasandra village, in Kanakpura taluk, Ramanagara district. In the project area the research outcomes related to sustainable rural livelihood development through sericulture and related activities were successfully developed and demonstrated at field level with financial support of SEED division of DST. All the workshop participants and members of the GMW expert committee undertook the field visit and they were highly appreciative of the work done by the scientists for rural livelihood development in Karnataka. The valedictory session was held at ISEC on January 31 with closing remarks of expert committee members of GMW, officials of SEED Division, DST and the convener of the workshop.

Course for Faculty: 'Contemporary Themes in Theory and Practice in Social Sciences'

A two-week long course on 'Contemporary Themes in Theory and Practice in the Social Sciences' was organised by the Centre for Human Resource Development for young social science faculty of colleges in Kerala. Sponsored by the Fostering Linkages in Academic Innovation and Research (FLAIR) initiative of the Government of Kerala, 18 faculty members (4 women and 14 men) attended the course held during February 3-14, 2014. The objective of the course was to introduce the faculty to new themes of theory and research from multidisciplinary perspectives. A total of 37 experts from within and outside ISEC gave talks and conducted sessions. Talks on the themes of

Environment, Development, Measurement of Poverty and Social Policy were popular as faculty found these areas new and relevant to their current teaching. They also found sessions on qualitative and quantitative research very useful. The course also included sessions on teaching young adults, issues of mental health and social science pedagogy involving the use of technology and open digital resources. Faculty used the library and e-resources and interacted with ISEC faculty members on their individual areas of interest.

This course was coordinated by Prof Padma M Sarangapani and Dr M Lingaraju, Centre for Human Resource Development, ISEC.

Four-day Workshop on Impact Evaluation of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY): An Interactive Session with the State Government Representatives

As a part of 'Impact Evaluation Study of RKVY' undertaken by Agricultural Development and Rural Transformation Centre of Institute for Social and Economic Change, a workshop was organized during February 10-13, 2014, at its seminar hall. All the 28 States and 7 Union Territories were invited well in advance to participate in the workshop. The workshop had representation from 16 states and two Union territories.

The broad agenda of the workshop was to provide a platform to RKVY nodal agencies to express their views and opinions about RKVY implementation, problems faced while implementing and suggestions to improve the programme. This would enable the study team to offer comprehensive policy changes to be

incorporated for effective implementation of RKVY during 12th Five-Year Plan.

The interaction between ISEC study team and visiting participants was through presentations by each of the State representative followed by discussions. The workshop reconfirmed many findings of secondary data analysis done by the ADRTC. All the states, without exception, applauded the strengths like flexibility to meet local priorities, incentivizing states and strengthening state programs. However, the programme has few deficiencies as indicated by the states. Dr Parmod Kumar and Dr A V Manjunatha are leader and co-leader of the project, respectively, and the remaining ADRTC faculty are the project team.

Training Programme for SC/ST Members of Zilla Panchayats in Karnataka

India, through 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts, ushered in a new third-level

development and non-development responsibilities to local political institutions at the

political structure and bestowed various district, taluk and village levels. An important feature of this decentralization process is that reservations have been mandated for the vulnerable sections. Karnataka is a pioneer state in India to take forward the decentralized system in letter and spirit. The Centre as well as Karnataka state have recognized the importance of capacity building and training of non-official members of these institutions, especially for SC/ST members. A large number of SC/ST members of these institutions have been elected for the first time. Many were illiterate and ignorant of administrative and development roles they are supposed to perform. The crux of the problem is that there is no understanding of responsibilities, transparency and accountability of members in the system.

It is in this context that two rounds of two-

day training programme were organized at ISEC for SC/ST members of Zilla Panchayats of Karnataka on February 19-20 and 25-26, 2014. In these programmes, training was provided on advantages of decentralization, leadership qualities, governance, roles and responsibilities, management of finances, planning and implementation of programmes/schemes. Participants have informed that the training programme has not only led to understanding of the developmental issues but the whole issue of empowerment and active individual participation in various meetings and platforms. They felt that the capacity-building programmes should be continuous in nature. These training programmes were coordinated by Prof D Rajasekhara and Dr M Devendra Babu of the Centre for Decentralisation and Development.

Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research

The Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR) is an inter-disciplinary social science research approach, being offered by ISEC. This course is partially supported by the SRTT fund of ISEC for capacity building and the remaining financial requirement is met by charging a nominal fee to the participants. This year, 22 participants took part in the course conducted during May 12- 23, 2014, at ISEC campus. They hailed from India and abroad and belonged to different disciplines, like Geography, Social Work, Political Science, Sociology, Economics, Literature and Statistics. Resource persons from

ISEC, Indian Institute of Science, Karnataka State Planning Board, and Christ University, Bangalore, delivered lectures on practical and theoretical approaches of social science research. The training classes included topics on various approaches to social science research, qualitative and quantitative methods and hands-on experience of SPSS and Stata software.

Professor Binay Kumar Pattnaik, Director, ISEC, inaugurated the training programme. Prof Pattnaik also delivered the valedictory address and distributed certificates to the participants. The training course was coordinated by Dr Sobin George with support from Mr Khalil Musa Shah.

Panel Discussion on India's Democracy: Old Challenges, New Actors

Centre for Political Institutions, Governance and Development of ISEC, organised a panel discussion on **India's Democracy: Old Challenges, New Actors** on March 10, 2014 in the Institute. Prof B K Chandrashekhara, Senior Congress member,

former MLA and Minister of Education, Karnataka, Prof Sandeep Shastri, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Jain University, Bangalore, and Prof Supriya RoyChowdhury of CPIGD, ISEC, were the panelists. Prof G K Karanth of ISEC moderated the discussion.

Orientation to IAS Probationers

Centre for Economic Studies and Policy (CESP) organized a two-day training programme on May 23-24, 2014 for the IAS Probationers of the Karnataka Cadre. The theme of the training programme was, 'Karnataka: Society, Economy and Polity'. The programme aims to orient the fresh recruits to the Indian Administrative Services to development concerns of Karnataka. As a part of the training programme, eminent resource persons – both academics and former

civil servants – were invited to deliver lectures. In all there were eight technical sessions discussing various important aspects of Karnataka's economy, society and polity in addition to the inaugural and concluding sessions. This programme was sponsored by the Department of Personnel Administration and Reforms (DP & AR), Government of Karnataka, and was coordinated by Dr K Gayithri of CESP.

Prof V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture -10



This year's Dr VKRV Rao Memorial Lecture on 'The Importance of being 'Rurban': Tracking Modernity in a Traditional Society' was delivered by Professor Dipankar Gupta, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Shiv Nadar University, on May 22, 2014, at ISEC. The Lecture is held annually to commemorate the Founders' Day of ISEC (which falls on January 20).

Professor Dipankar Gupta, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Shiv Nadar University (formerly at JNU), delivered this year's Dr VKRV Rao Memorial Lecture on 'The Importance of being 'Rurban': Tracking Modernity in a Traditional Society' on May 22, 2014, at the Mahatma Gandhi Auditorium of ISEC to commemorate the Founders' Day of the Institute. Shri Hans Raj Bharadwaj, the then Governor of Karnataka and President of ISEC Society, presided.

Fifth Raj Bhavan VKRV Rao Lecture



The Fifth Raj Bhavan VKRV Rao Lecture on 'Two Ideas of India' was delivered on May 29, 2014 at the Raj Bhavan by Professor Pratap Bhanu Mehta, President and Chief Executive, Centre for Policy Research (CPR), New Delhi.

Professor Pratap Bhanu Mehta, President and Chief Executive, Centre for Policy Research (CPR), New Delhi, delivered the Fifth Raj Bhavan VKRV Rao Lecture on 'Two Ideas of India' on May 29, 2014, at the Raj Bhavan Banquet Hall. Shri Hans Raj Bhardwaj, the then Governor of Karnataka and President of ISEC Society, presided.

Seminars by Visitors

A New Interpretation of Demographic Movement in South India in Pre and Early Census Periods — Dr Mizushima Tsukasa, Professor, Department of Orient History, Graduate School of Humanities & Sociology, University of Tokyo (January 1, 2014).

The North-South Climate Divide: Issues of Equity and Development — Dr Stephen Zavestoski, Associate Professor of Sociology and Environmental Studies, University of San Francisco (February 13, 2014).

Buddhism, Modernity and Politics in Nepal — Prof David Gellner, School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, University of Oxford (March 6, 2014).

The Value of Vaccination — Prof David E Bloom, Clarence James Gamble Professor of Economics and Demography, Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard University, and Dr VKRV Rao Chair Professor, ISEC (March 13, 2014).

Gender Equality and Inequality in Rural India — Dr Carol Vlassoff, Adjunct Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine, University of Ottawa, Canada (March 17, 2014).

Unraveling Ethnic Tensions: A Case-Study of Contemporary Conflicts in Assam — Dr Bitasta Das, Research Associate, Undergraduate Program Centre for Contemporary Studies, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore (March 24, 2014).

Two Examples from Classical General Equilibrium Analysis and their Implication — Professor Anjan Mukherji, Professor Emeritus, JNU; Honorary Visiting Professor, NIPFP, New

Delhi; and Country Director, IGC India-Bihar, Patna (June 25, 2014).

Seminars by Faculty

Effects of Advertising on Consumer Buying Behaviour — Mr Akwasi Ampofo, MA (Econometrics) student from the University of Madras, Chennai; Undergraduate in Economics from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, Ghana; currently an intern at the Centre for Research in Urban Affairs, ISEC (June 30, 2014).

An Assessment Carbon Reduction Policy Option for India - A Commutable General Equilibrium Modeling Approach — Dr Barun Deb Pal, Assistant Professor, CESP, ISEC, Bangalore (February 7, 2014).

Seminars by Students

Female Work Participation and Demographic Dividend Prospects for India — Professor K S James, Head, PRC and Ms B P Vani, Assistant Professor, CESP, ISEC, Bangalore (March 21, 2014)

Urban Air Pollution and Environmental Burden of Disease with Special Reference to Bangalore City — Mr D R Ravi, PhD scholar, CESP, ISEC, Bangalore (January 2, 2014).

Capital Structure of Indian Manufacturing Sector: Nature, Determinants and Regulatory Changes — Mr Kaushik Basu, PhD scholar, CESP, ISEC, Bangalore (June 9, 2014).

Healthcare Utilisation and Financial Protection: Capital Structure of Indian Manufacturing Sector: Nature, Determinants and Regulatory Changes — Mr Kaushik Basu, PhD scholar, CESP, ISEC, Bangalore (June 9, 2014).

Healthcare Utilisation and Financial Protection: The Role of Health Insurance — Mr Amit Kumar Sahoo, PhD scholar, CESP, ISEC, Bangalore (June 11, 2014).

Double Burden of Malnutrition in India: The Macro and Micro Perspectives — Mr Angan Sengupta, PhD scholar, PRC, ISEC, Bangalore (June 17, 2014).

Research Projects

Completed Projects

1. **Status of Women in Karnataka** (Dr K G Gayathri Devi and Dr Lekha Subaiya)
2. **Valuing Eco-tourism in Bandipur and Nagarhole National Parks: Estimating Recreational Benefits by using Travel Cost and Contingent Valuation Methods** (Dr Krishna Raj)
3. **Trade and Marginalisation: Review of Probable Impacts of FDI in Retail Sector on Marginalized Communities in India** (Dr Sobin George)
4. **Baseline Data on Area, Production and Productivity of Horticulture Crops in North-East and Himalayan States** (Dr Komol Singh and Dr P Thippaiah)
5. **Problems and Prospects of Sunflower Production in Karnataka** (Dr Komol Singha and Prof Parmod Kumar)
6. **Improving Access to Social Security Benefits among Unorganized Workers - GTZ - German Development** (Prof D Rajasekhar)
7. **Assessing the Environmental Burden of Disease of Air Pollution: A Case Study of Two Metropolitan Cities – Bangalore and Hyderabad** (Dr Syed Ajmal Pasha)

8. **Socio-Economic Vulnerability Profile Development at the District and Block (Taluk) Levels for Karnataka** (Dr K V Raju)
9. **Socio-Economic Analysis of Increasing Resilience of Coffee Production to LRD** (Prof MR Narayana)
10. **India and Globalization: Regional Disparities, Industrial Development and Inclusive Growth** (Prof Meenakshi Rajeev, Prof RS Deshpande and Dr Sunil Nautiyal)
11. **Evaluation Study on Impact and Advantages of Various Services with Particular Focus on the Help Desk initiated by KSNDMC** (Dr Aditya Chavali and Dr V Ramaswamy)
12. **Third Party Evaluation Study of VGST Programmes** (Dr Aditya Chavali)
13. **Evaluation Study of Saakshar Bharath Programme in Karnataka** (Dr Aditya Chavali)
14. **Livelihood Security through Financial Access (An Assessment of VIRF-IDF Poverty Alleviation)** (Dr Veerashekharappa and Ms B P Vani)
15. **Monitoring of PIP on Monthly Basis in the Districts of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh** (Prof KS James and PRC Team)

New Projects

1. **Impact Assessment of Prime Minister's Rehabilitation Package (PMRP) for Farmers in Suicide-Prone Districts of Karnataka** (Dr MJ Bhende)
2. **The Relationship between Wholesale Prices, Retail Prices, Export Prices and Prices**

realised by the Farmers (Prof Parmod Kumar and Dr K B Ramappa)

3. **Evaluation Programme, 2013-14 of Karnataka State Literacy Mission Authority** (Dr I Maruthi)
4. **Accounting for Urban Ecosystem Services: A Case Study of Bangalore** (Dr M Basasubramanian)
5. **Non-tariff Barriers in Trade Supply Chain between India and Sri Lanka** (Dr Barun Deb Pal)
6. **Mapping of Farm and Non-Farm Linkage in Rural India** (Prof Meenakshi Rajeev)
7. **Status of Environmental Education (EE) at School Level – A Case Study of Schools in Ward 162, Girinagar, Bangalore City** (Dr K S Umamani)
8. **Bangalore City Surveys-2** (Prof Kala S Sridhar and Dr S Manasi)
9. **A Study on Pension Scheme for Destitute Women in Karnataka** (Prof R Mutharayappa and Dr K C Channamma)
10. **A Study on Female Street Vendors in Bangalore City** (Prof R Mutharayappa and Dr K C Channamma)
11. **Globalization, Democratic Politics and Inclusive Governance: Experiences from India** (Prof S N Sangita)

Student News

Students' Biannual Seminar Series

The 30th Bi-annual Seminars were conducted during June 9-18, 2014. In all, there were 62 presentations comprising 3 pre-

submission seminars, 22 theme presentations and 37 progress seminars. Prof Jeevan Kumar, Prof R G Desai, Prof Somashekhar, Prof Bhargava, Prof M V Nadkarni and Prof M G Chandrakanth participated in the seminars as Special Discussants.

PhD Awarded

The following were awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore during the last six months. The scholars' theses are mentioned after their names and their supervisors' names are given in brackets:

Mr Ayanendu Sanyal: Economics – '*Civil Service Pension Reforms in India*'. (Dr S Erappa)

Mr Avinandan Taron: Economics – '*Economic Valuation and Efficiency of Canal Water Use for Boro Cultivation: A Case Study of West Bengal*'. (Prof K V Raju)

Ms Kanchan Bharati: Sociology – '*Surviving Spouses: A Sociological Study of Old Widows in Rural Haryana*'. (Dr K G Gayathri Devi)

Ms S Yogeshwari: Economics – '*Agrarian Change and Credit Market Functioning in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka*'. (Prof R S Deshpande)

Publications

Working Papers

An Overview

In all, 14 ISEC working papers were published during the period January-June 2014.

The paper **Urban Property Ownership Records (UPOR) in Karnataka: Computerized Land Registration System for Urban Properties (No. 308)** by S Manasi, K C Smitha, R G Nadadur, N Sivanna and P G Chengappa gives an account of the ownership records of properties and urban land governance in Karnataka. The paper

highlights that the challenges posed by the rapid urbanization, unregulated migration to urban centres, ineffective land management practices, institutional fragmentation, decentralized reforms and lacuna in the legal system to guarantee land titles have increased the complexity of land administration in the country. It is with the intention of addressing these problems that the UPOR has been initiated in Karnataka. It is expected that UPOR would promote efficiency in service delivery and enable citizen interface with the digital management of land records throughout the state.

The paper **Historical Issues and Perspectives of Land Resource Management in India: A Review (No. 309)** by M S Umesh Babu and Sunil Nautiyal offers a historical reading of land resources, land evolution and management in India. The paper describes land issues before and after the Ice age 5000 B.C. Pre-Vedic literature on origin of land, cutting of forest for land utilization, mainly for agricultural activities. Besides, it highlights traditional land management techniques, registration process, land transfer and colour coding methods for isolation of land and its utilization for different purposes from the early days.

N Sivanna and Suchetha Srinath in their paper **E-education: An Impact Study of SANKYA Programme on Computer Education (No. 310)** analyse the impact of computer education and its utility in schools and organisations that were using computers donated by Sankya- a pro-social initiative in e-education. The paper highlights that most of the students in the government and un-aided schools are deprived of the advantage of computer literacy due to lack of facilities. Sankya, a pro-social initiative in e-education, intends to create a

virtual network connecting schools, teachers and children through a framework that will facilitate dissemination of information and knowledge to a larger section of children.

The paper **Is India's Public Debt Sustainable? (No. 311)** by Krishanu Pradhan assesses the sustainability of public debt in India based on historical time series data on non-monetized liabilities/GDP, revenue/GDP and expenditure/GDP of combined Union and State governments. The assessment based on unit root analysis of non-monetized liabilities/GDP, and co-integrating analysis of expenditure/GDP and revenue/GDP shows the sustainability of public debt, mainly on account of accelerating GDP growth, lower cost of government borrowing, favorable currency composition and longer maturity profile of debt.

S Manasi, K S Umamani and N Latha in their paper **Biomedical Waste Management: Issues and Concerns: A Ward-level Study of Bangalore City (No. 312)** identify issues related to bio-medical waste in one of the wards in Bangalore city, Southern India. The paper highlights the crucial areas which need to be addressed for effective handling of bio-medical waste such as capacity building by training and retraining, concern and commitment on the part of healthcare providers, institutional and city level policies, provision of occupational safety and personal protective devices, information dissemination and practical advocacy endeavours. Other key issues that the paper identifies are illegal dumping of bio-medical waste, mixing of BMW with the municipal garbage, non-registration with the recycling units, irregularity in waste collection, mixing of infectious liquid waste with the common sewage, lack of sufficient space and above all lack of proper awareness.

Sobin George in his paper **New Forms of Retail Trade and the Trajectories of Urban Exclusion in India: A Review (No. 313)** discusses the possible exclusion of people and communities who/which are engaged in small entrepreneurship and petty trading activities in Indian cities in the context of the new wave of retail revolution. The paper argues that while the new organised retailing has the potential to affect every socio religious group in the traditional sector, it would affect Muslims in urban India followed by the Scheduled Castes more intensely due to their higher worker population ratio in elementary occupations and traditional retailing, which brings a new dimension to the continuing exclusion of these already excluded groups. The new questions that the paper brings out are the spatial reorganisation of cities where the public spaces once used for local interactions are captured by private interests, creation of new identities around such constructed city spaces and the whole question of right to cities.

The paper **Social Disparity in Child Morbidity and Curative Care: Investigating for Determining Factors from Rural India (No. 314)** by Rajesh Raushan and R Mutharayappa discusses the illness prevalence as well as curative care for children under age of five years across different social groups in rural India. Drawing from Indian Human Development Survey data, the paper argues that social group having poor socio economic development level are poorly performing on reporting of morbidity/illness as well as on curative care behaviour. Availability of government healthcare facility and providers matters more for ST than any other social group. Poor utilization of government health facilities is still a major concern. The paper further underscores the need to create awareness about incidence illnesses, their possible symptoms & signs at community

level mainly in the locality where poor and deprive people are living in rural India.

The paper **Is Access to Loan Adequate for Financing Capital Expenditure? A Household-level Analysis on Some Selected States of India (No. 315)** by Manojit Bhattacharjee and Meenakshi Rajeev attempts to identify the factors that determine access to credit for financing capital expenditures across selected developed, less developed and middle performing states in India. Using a double hurdle model, it shows that access to credit is generally governed by supply side constraints and that household demand is interest rate inelastic. It further shows that educational status of the household plays an important role in gaining access to credit and therefore, improving education could be considered as one of the policy prescriptions by which access to credit can be improved.

C M Lakshmana in his paper **Role of Fertility in Changing Age Structure in India: Evidence and Implications (No. 316)** highlights that there has been a continuous decline in fertility and mortality rates in India in general and south Indian states in particular in the recent decades. However, fertility remains relatively high among the less educated and poorer segments of society as well as rural population mainly due to their poor socio-economic development status. This finds reflection in the changing age structure of population in India in general and markedly in south India. On one hand, declining fertility in the last three decades has brought about remarkable decline in the number children in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, on the other, a mere reduction of TFR in Kerala and Tamil Nadu has resulted in significant increase in the size of elderly population in the state. However, the increase in the share of youth population attributed to fertility change was comparatively high in Andhra Pradesh during the decades under review.

Amit Kumar Sahoo and S Madheswaran in their paper **Healthcare Utilisation Behaviour in India: Socio-economic Disparities and the Effect of Health Insurance (No. 317)** examine issues such as inequality in healthcare utilisation, impoverishment due to increasing out-of-pocket (OOP) health expenditure, growing dependence on informal sources of healthcare and strengthening the role of insurance in India. Using the Indian Human Development Survey (IHDS) 2004-05 and employing Logit, Tobit and Multinomial Logit Models, the paper argues that insurance increases the probability of healthcare seeking behaviour. It is also found that insurance increases the probability of healthcare either in the private or in the public sector. However, people tend to use the private sector more than the public sector. However, in India the private sector is largely unregulated and very often it leads to unnecessary care and cost escalation. This calls for bringing in adequate regulatory mechanism to control the private sector to ensure the efficient functioning of the health insurance sector for the benefit of the insured people.

The paper **Integrated Child Development Services in India – A Sub-national Review (No. 318)** by Jonathan Gangbar, Pavithra Rajan and K Gayithri reveals that the financial provision for the ICDS programme by both Central and State authorities is disproportionate to the norms of the policy. Poorer regions with higher levels of malnutrition have received less funding as compared to the wealthier regions with better nutrition status over time. Although there have been marginal improvements in the nutritional status of ICDS beneficiaries over time, there seems to be an increasing gap in the nutrition status between wealthier and less affluent

regions of the country. There is a need to further examine how well Central and State authorities are using their resources to achieve intended programme outputs and outcomes

Sumedha Bajar in her paper **The Infrastructure-output Nexus: Regional Experience from India (No. 319)** highlights the disparities in infrastructure availability existing in India in terms of per capita net State domestic product (PCNSDP) from 1981 to 2010. The paper argues that these disparities have increased over the years even though the initially poorer States have been growing at faster rate. Even though the poor States had poorly developed infrastructure as compared to the rich states there is evidence of increase in infrastructure growth in these states after the economic reforms of 1991. The panel data estimation reveals that physical infrastructure variables did not have a uniform influence on output. The relationship did not just differ for aggregate output and, secondary and tertiary sector outputs; there was a distinct difference in the impact infrastructure on the same sector for different time periods.

The paper **Uncertainty, risk and risk mitigation: field experiences from farm sector in Karnataka (No. 320)** by Meenakshi Rajeev and B P Vani examines the risks related to production, input and price drawing from a field survey conducted in Mandya, Chamarajanagar, and Haveri districts of Karnataka and the Situation Assessment Survey of farmers as part of the 59th round of NSSO. The paper highlights that the farmers of Karnataka in its entire agricultural regions face all the three major risks and this is a scenario that holds for the country as well. Availability of irrigation facilities however is a

critical element that determines the outcome of a weather related crisis; however providence of this facility is rather poor in the state in spite of it being a dry region. Though risks are all pervasive mitigation strategies are rather weak for the agrarian community across the nation. Furthermore, risk mitigation strategies in terms of crop insurance are highly under developed across the country in general and also in the state

Amit Kumar Sahoo and S Madheswaran in their paper **Socio-Economic Disparities in Health-Seeking Behaviour, Health Expenditure and Sources of Finance in Orissa: Evidence from NSSO 2004-05 (No. 321)** notes that even though various healthcare plans and programmes have been formulated and implemented by the Government of Orissa, the State's health indicators have not improved substantially. Using NSSO data the paper examines issues such as healthcare-seeking behaviour, healthcare burden and, most importantly, the sources of finance for healthcare expenditure across socio-economic groups in Orissa. It shows that the health-seeking behaviour of the people has been affected due to the increasing cost of healthcare. Healthcare is not free any more due to the introduction of user fees, increasing privatisation of healthcare delivery and technological innovations in the diagnosis and treatment of ailments. As a result, out-of-pocket expenditure has increased enormously. It has affected the socially and economically dis-advantaged groups the most. They have to borrow money, liquidate savings, sell valuable assets and even curtail expenditure on the education of their children in order to pay for expensive medical treatment.

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(with Manojit Bhattacharjee) Assets as Liability?: Non Performing Assets in the Indian Commercial Banks; at the Conference on Application of Panel Data, organised by the Indian Econometric Society, March 2014, at CESS, Hyderabad.

Financial exclusion in India; at the 9th Global Labour University Conference on Inequality within and among Nations: Causes, Effects, and Responses, organized by The Global Labour University, Berlin, Germany, May 15-17, 2014, at Berlin School of Economics and Law, Berlin, Germany.

Raju, KV

(with Manasi S) Water and Culture; at the International Conference on 'Environment, Technology and Sustainable Development: Promises and Challenges in the 21st Century', organized by ISEC jointly with Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management, Gwalior, and College of Arts and Science, University of San Francisco, California, USA, held during March 2-4, 2014, at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

(with Hemlatha B R) Financing Climate Change Adaptation and Sustainable Development; at the International Conference on 'Environment, Technology and Sustainable Development: Promises and Challenges in the 21st Century', organized by ISEC jointly with Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management, Gwalior, and College of Arts and Science, University of San Francisco, California, USA, held during March 2-4, 2014, at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

(with Manasi S, Sunil Nautiyal, Poornima S, Imran Khan Y D, Bhaskar K and Shruthi M S) Compensation for Ecosystem Services for an Urban Water Body; at the International Conference on 'Environment, Technology and Sustainable Development: Promises and Challenges in the 21st Century', organized by ISEC jointly with Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management, Gwalior, and College of Arts and Science, University of San Francisco, California, USA, held during March 2-4, 2014, at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

(with Manasi S and Rashmi K P) Ashwath Katte: Cultural Practices in Conserving Peepal Trees for Protecting Urban Ecology; at the International Conference on 'Environment, Technology and Sustainable Development: Promises and Challenges in the 21st Century', organized by ISEC jointly with Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management, Gwalior, and College of Arts and Science, University of San Francisco, California, USA, held during March 2-4, 2014, at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

(with Sunil Nautiyal and M S Umesh Babu) Structure and Function of Ecosystems in and around Protected Areas of Biodiversity Hotspots: Resource Need and Resource Flow under Changing Climate; at the International

Conference on 'Environment, Technology and Sustainable Development: Promises and Challenges in the 21st Century', organized by ISEC jointly with Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management, Gwalior, and College of Arts and Science, University of San Francisco, California, USA, held during March 2-4, 2014, at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

Reimeingam, Marchang

Female MGNREGA Workers and Poverty Reduction in Sikkim; at the International Conference on The Eastern Himalayas: Gender, Poverty and Livelihoods, organised by Centre for North-East Studies and Policy Research, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, February 11-13 2014, at New Delhi.

RoyChowdhury, Supriya

Urban Informality and the Politics of Welfare; at the seminar organized by Azim Premji University, Bangalore, on March 20, 2014, at Bangalore.

Indian Democracy: Old Challenges, New Actors; at the panel discussion on India's Democracy: Old Challenges, New Actors, organized by CPIGD, ISEC, March 10, 2014, at Bangalore.

(with B P Vani) Self-Employment: Dimensions and Diversities; at the Workshop on Employment Policy in India, organized by Department of Political Economy, Sydney University, Australia, and Centre for South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, Singapore, February 25-26, 2014, at Singapore.

Limitations of the Basic Services Approach to Urban Poverty; at the panel discussion on Urban Crisis, Environment and Poverty in India, organized by National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, 2014.

Theorising Informality: Bringing Class Back in; at the 55th Labour Economics Conference, organized by Indian Society of Labour Economics and Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, December 16-18, 2013, at New Delhi.

Sangita, S N

Deliberative Democracy and Inclusive Governance in Four Southern States: Theory and Evidence; at the National Seminar on Deliberative Democracy through Democratic Decentralisation, organized by Department of Political Science and Development Administration, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu, March 12-14, 2014.

Sivanna, N

Grama Sabhas in Karnataka: A Step towards a Deliberative Local Democracy; at the National Seminar on Deliberative Democracy through Democratic Decentralization, organized by Department of Political Science and Development Administration, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram, March 12-14, 2014, at Gandhigram.

Syamala, T S

Older Workers in India, Myths and Realities; at the IFA 12th Global Conference on Ageing, organised by International Federation on Ageing, June 11-13, 2014, at Hyderabad.

Health and Wellbeing of the Elderly in Tamil Nadu; at the Dissemination Seminar of the Report on the Status of Elderly in Tamil Nadu, organized by Population Research Centre, Gandhigram, June 30, 2014, at Gandhigram.

Tantri, Malini L

(with C Nalin Kumar) Looking beyond Conventional Parameters in Bilateral Trade

Partnership – A Case of India and Canada; at the Conference on Engaging Canada: Emerging Priorities for Sustainable Partnerships, organized by SICI, May 30, 2014, at New Delhi.

Umamani, K S

(with Padma Sarangapani, M lingaraju and Indrajit Bairagya) MDM Performance in Karnataka; at the PAB-MDM meeting to review Performance of Scheme and Approval of Annual work plan and Budget, organized by MHRD Department of School Education and Literacy, March 21, 2014, at New Delhi.

Yadav, Manohar

Karnatakaddalliya Talasamudayagalu: Baduku Mattu Bhavishya; at the Workshop, organized by National Law School of India University, Bangalore, April 10, 2014, at Bangalore.

Atrophy in Dalit Movement in Karnataka; at the Seminar on Dalit Movement in Karnataka: Past, Present & Future, organized by Karnataka Dalit Activists and Writers Forum, May 3, 2014, at Yavanika.

Newspaper Articles

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

(with Samuel Paul) 'Minimum Government = Maximum Governance?'. *The Economic Times*, (<http://www.economictimes.com>), June 30, 2014.

Umamani, K S

(with Manasi S) 'Benefits of RWH lost on the Old', *Bangalore Mirror*, May 4, 2014.

Offices Held in Academic/ Professional/Administrative Bodies

Babu, M Devendra

Member, Board of Studies, Post-Graduate Studies in Economics, for three years from 10-1-2014, Kuvempu University, Karnataka

Chengappa, P G

Served as Chairman, Peer Review Team of Accreditation of Acharya NG Ranga Agricultural University, Hyderabad, constituted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Member of Judging Committee, for Lal Bahadur Shastri Outstanding Young Scientists Award 2013 of ICAR, Pusa, New Delhi, June 9, 2014.

George, Sobin

Member, Board of studies at Department of Sociology, Christ University.

Coordinator, ISEC Internship programme 2014.

Coordinator, Certificate Course on Methods and Application in Social Science Research, 2014

Inbanathan, Anand

Member, Board of studies at Department of Sociology, Christ University

James, K S

Member, Technical Advisory Committee, District Human Development Report, Government of Karnataka

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

Kannan, Elumalai

Member, Academic Advisory Committee, Institute of Social Sciences, Regional Centre, Pondicherry.

Kumar, Parmod

Member, Selection Committee for the Post of Assistant Professor in the Agriculture Economic Unit in the Institute of Economic Growth Delhi, January 23, 2014.

Member, Selection Committee (Subject Expert) for the Selection of Faculty under CAS for the

Rural Development Division in the National Institute of Teachers Training and Research, Ministry of Human Resource Development Government of India, Chandigarh, June 20, 2014.

Kumar, V Anil

Seminar Coordinator, ISEC, from June 6, 2014 for two years.

Manjunatha, A V

Member, Research and Extension Cell of Karnataka Sujala Watershed - III, a World Bank-sponsored Project (2014-2016).

Narayana, M R

Member, PhD Doctoral Committee in Economics, Bangalore University, Bangalore.

Member, Technical Committee, Karnataka Evaluation Authority, Department of Planning, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.

Member, High Power Committee of External Experts on Quality and Standards of Economics teaching in Commerce and Management Courses at UG & PG degree courses in Karnataka, Department of Higher Education, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.

Nautiyal, Sunil

Member Editorial Board, Wupeeker Journal of Agriculture Research, June 2014.

Raj, Krishna

Member, American Water Works Association, USA.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Resource Person, DGCI & S on services trade related data

Resource Person, UNDP-Planning Commission Programme
(Planning Dept. GoK, is collaborating with

UNDP under UNDP-Planning Commission programme to bring the third State Human Development Report, 2014, under the project 'Human Development towards Bridging Inequalities').

Member, IGIDR Mumbai

Nominee of Governor of West Bengal for the selection of Professor in the West Bengal State University

Raju, K V

Chairman, Perspective Plan for Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Government of Karnataka, from March 2014.

Reimeingam, Marchang

Member, RPC, ISEC, Bangalore

Yadav, Manohar

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

Member, Board of Studies, Department of Anthropology, Karnataka Open University, Mysore.

Honours/Awards/Fellowships

James, K S

Visiting Fellow, University of Southampton, UK, May 8-17, 2014.

Visiting Fellow, University of Groningen, the Netherlands, May 18-23, 2014.

Nautiyal, Sunil

Honoured as Fellow (ZALF Fellow) by Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research, Germany (2014-2017).

Raj, Krishna

Visited University of San Francisco on Invitation from the Department of Environmental Studies and Sustainability Director, USF, USA May-June 2014.

Talk/Interview/Participation in Radio/Doordarshan Programmes

Chengappa, P G

Delivered a talk on 'Linking Farmers to Market' at the National Workshop, organized by National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), January 16-17, 2014, at Hyderabad.

Delivered a talk on 'Importance of Butterflies in our Environment', at the Workshop on Butterfly Gardening for School Children and Teachers, SWASTHA School, Kodagu, January 31, 2014.

Delivered a talk on 'Seed Marketing under Effective Quality Control Regime, for participants from ASEAN countries at UAS, Bengaluru, February 02, 2014.

Delivered a talk on 'Theme technology evaluations, targeting and policy options for enhanced impact in rice in India', at Directorate of Rice Research, Hyderabad, April 8, 2014.

Sivanna, N

Delivered a talk on 'Amendments to Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act, 1993', in the Workshop on Empowering Panchayat Raj Institutions, organised by KROSS (Karnataka Regional Organisation for Social Services), Bangalore, February 18, 2014.

Miscellaneous

Bairagya, Indrajit

Delivered inaugural speech on "Globalization and Informalization", in OIKONOMIKA 2014, organised by Post-Graduate and Research Centre, St. Joseph's College, Bangalore, on February 24, 2014.

Balasubramanian, M

Participated in Summer School 'Environment and Resource Economics', organized by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) with SANDEE, May 6-22, 2014, at Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand.

Bhat, TN

Meeting at International Institute of Population Sciences to present the NFHS-4 proposal submitted for undertaking the field survey in Karnataka, IIPS, Mumbai, March 29, 2014.

Bhende, MJ

Nominated by ICCR, New Delhi, as India Chair Professor at Jinan University, Guangzhou, China, on deputation for a period of 60 days from May 8, 2014.

Chengappa, PG

Conducted *viva voce* of a student in partial fulfilment of Post-Graduate Programme in Public Policy and Management on 'A Case Study of Wine Industry Policy in India', at IIM, Bangalore, March 15, 2014.

Attended meeting of Academic Council of Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), Bangalore, March 19, 2014.

Attended Scientific Committee Meeting (11th), at Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Delhi, March 25, 2014.

Evaluated the thesis, 'Managing Buyer-Seller Relationships in Contract Farming' submitted by Mr Sudarshan Naidu, in partial fulfillment of Fellow of the Institute of Rural Management, Anand, and conducted the *viva voce* on April 14, 2014, at IRMA.

Attended meeting of Selection Committee meeting to interview the candidates for the post of Associate Professor on Direct Recruitment at National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad, June 20 & 21, 2014, at Hyderabad.

George, Sobin

Attended as a Resource Person in the meeting 'Poverty Reduction and Workers in hazardous metal sector', Institute of Labour Studies, Dhaka, January 16-19, 2014, at Bangladesh.

Inbanathan, Anand

Coordinated course in Sociology - "Debates on Sociology of India".

Attended Board of Studies Meeting, Mount Carmel College, Sociology Department, February, 2014.

James, KS

Attended the Annual Meeting of PRCs to discuss Annual Action Plan for the year 2014-15 convened by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare at PRC, Kerala University, Trivandrum, March 27-28, 2014.

Attended the Board of Studies meeting of the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies of IGNOU, New Delhi, April 2, 2014.

Kumar, Parmod

Visited OECD, Paris, for drafting a special chapter titled, 'Feeding India: Prospects and Challenges in the Next Decade'; in the OECD FAO Outlook 2014-2023 along with OECD-FAO Team, March 1-9, 2014. Made presentations on three other project proposals on Fertilizer and INM; Evaluation of NFSM, and Success Stories in Food Processing Industries.

Contributed to Agriculture Outlook and Situation Analysis Report submitted by NCAER under the Project Commission by NFSM, Ministry of Agriculture, June 2014.

Lakshmana, C M

Submitted the PIP-NRHM Monitoring Report of Koppal District of Karnataka to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi, February 5, 2014.

Manjunatha, A V

Reviewed an article for *Journal of Social and Economic Development* (JSED).

Reviewed report on 'Farmer's Income in India' submitted by the Institute for Economic Growth (IEG), New Delhi.

Mutharayappa, R

Attended Board of Studies meeting as Member, Department of Studies in Anthropology, in the Karnataka State Open University, June 30 and July 1, 2014.

Nautiyal, Sunil

Book Review: 'Climate Change and Forests: Emerging policy and Market Opportunities', Charlotte Streck, Robert O'Sullivan, Toby Janson-Smith and Richard Tarasofsky (eds). New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company. 2009. Published in *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, 15 (1), 2013.

Invited as Lead Guest Editor for Special Issue of the *International Journal of Forestry Research*.

Guiding two intern students from Guru Govind Singh Indra Prastha University, Dwarka, Delhi (Ms. Nidhi Rawat and Ms. Gitanjali Vashistha)

Ramappa, K B

Field visit to Orissa and Mizoram states on Impact Evaluation of RKVY project, March 10-20, 2014.

Field visit to Davanagere, Raichur and Belgaum districts in Karnataka for the project 'Adoption of Recommended Doses of Fertilizers on Soil Test Basis by Farmers, May 29 - June 11, 2014.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Project on 'Improving Quality & Sustainability of Self-Help Group Bank Linkage Programme: Lessons from Karnataka' has been recently completed. Important policy implications derived from the project work have been presented in Policy Brief published by ISEC.

Given expert comments on 'Project Inception Meeting on Non-Tariff Barriers in Trade Supply Chain between India and Sri Lanka', April 30, 2014.

Acted as a Jury on paper selection for the topic titled: 'Financial Inclusion', at CMR Institute of Management studies, Bangalore.

Write-up prepared for the pre-budget consultation with the Finance Ministry.

Acted as a co-supervisor for master's dissertation for Ms Tammilla from ICDD, University of Kassel, on Banking Sector in India.

Attended State Credit Seminar 2014, organized by NABARD.

Attended State-level bankers' committee meeting 2014.

Sivanna, N

Visited IRMA, Anand, Gujarat, for attending a workshop as Panelist, May 27, 2014. Visited Department of Political Science, Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu, for attending a Doctoral Committee Meeting, June 27, 2014.

Presented the findings of DHDR Davanagere in the specially called Distinct Planning Committee (DPC), Davanagere, July 2, 2014.

Submitted a preliminary report on the preparation of Human Development Report for Davanagere District.

Presented the preliminary observations on HDI values in two review meetings held at Zilla Panchayat, Davanagere and State Planning Department, March 24 and 26, 2014.

Co-ordinated Pre-PhD Part B Paper on India's Development Experience.

Guiding four Doctoral students: Lavanya Suresh, Shankari Murali, Pallav Karmakar and Nayakara Veerasha.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Guide - Akwasi Ampofo, Intern from the University of Madras, June 2014

Referee, PhD thesis on Infrastructure Challenges in Transforming MMR, by Sahil Sonal Gandhi, University of Mumbai, June 2014

Syamala, T S

Attended the Annual Meeting of Population Research Centres at Trivandrum on March 27, 2014.

Attended the Quarterly Project Planning Meeting on the project, Building Knowledge Base on Population Ageing In India: Increased Awareness, Access and Quality of Elderly Services, March 24-25, 2014.

Tantri, Malini L

Consultant, GIZ, Lao to assist Government of Lao PDR (National Committee on SEZ) for the draft of Prime Minister's Decree on SEZs (March 2014).

Umamani, K S

'Demographic and Health study in and around the BARC Project Site at Challakere, Chitradurga' Draft Report submitted to funders.

Field visit to Lingasugur, Raichur district, for SSA Project field work supervision, January 19-22, 2014.

Presented MDM Performance in Karnataka from the Survey Findings, at Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi, on March 21, 2014, organised by MHRD, Department of School Education & Literacy, MDM Division.

Guided one internship student

Yadav, Manohar

Coordinated course in Sociology – “Caste, Class and Gender” Attended 4 Doctoral Committee meetings



This Nobel Laureate Can Help Telecom

2 This year's Economics Nobel Prize winner Jean Tirole is not just a man of theory. His work offers pioneering contributions to telecom policy as well

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Their second pioneering achievement is the formation of a new type of international organization to support and coordinate the work of the national institutions. Through the International Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists (IAALD), the national associations have been able to coordinate their efforts in such areas as publishing, education, and research. IAALD is an actively functioning organization that has been instrumental in the development of the international network of national associations.

With a poor percentage is way higher than the national average and has been the same for nearly 30 odd years now.

While the current national average poor percentage stands at 10.6, the percentage in St. Louis according to a study by a sociologist researcher and

Kala Seetharam Sridhar, Professor and Head of Centre for Research in Urban Affairs (CRUA) at ISEC told *Deccan Herald* that as per her findings, the number of Karnataka's urban poor were above 10 million.

KALA SEETHARAM SRIDHAR, HEAD OF CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN URBAN AFFAIRS: As per the findings, the number of Karnataka's urban poor is 10.5 million.

heavy supply could affect wages, which would go down, particularly in the construction sector. Bulk of the urban poor work in tertiary sector - construction, cab drivers, hotels and eateries, insurance agents, helping hands in commercial, office and residential spaces, as

other states

qualifies Planning Commission's Rs.32 per day estimate.

Politicians have made fun of the Planning Commission's merry line saying that one could get a meal for Rs 10 and 12 in Delhi or Mumbai. However, no mention has been made about what kind of food

State has more urban poor than national average: Study

BANGALORE: Karnataka's an poor percentage is higher than the national average and has been the for nearly 30-odd now.

The report states that India houses 30 per cent of the world's poorest people.

KALA SEETHARAM
SRIDHAR, HEAD OF
CENTRE FOR RESEARCH
IN URBAN STUDIES

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More women from South on board

Glass Ceiling Is Still A Deterrent In Indian Firms

Saswati Mukherjee
@timesgroup.com

They've arrived in the boardroom and they're here to stay. Crashing through the glass ceiling was no mean feat, but women have now mastered the power games. Women in South India, especially in the IT sector, are making their mark. The number of women in the workforce has increased from 15 per cent in 1990 to 35 per cent in 2010. The number of women in the workforce has increased from 15 per cent in 1990 to 35 per cent in 2010. The number of women in the workforce has increased from 15 per cent in 1990 to 35 per cent in 2010.

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THE LIMITATIONS


The glass ceiling is mostly intangible for a woman. A lack of training and limited social networking are major hurdles even now.

"Add to that the high demands of the family, which automatically results in frequent interruptions in her career," said Prof. Channamma. "Their priorities change with time. Women certainly need family support to pursue a professional career. In its absence, she has opted out of the rat race. This segment is better in the South, said sociologist Vinisha Nerva.

EXPERTS SAY

It's a static phenomenon—women are taken to boards and to suits.

—certain norms. Of late, the



fail to take women as equal partners in boardrooms, despite the latter being academically strong. Historically, the inability of women to work continuously as she has to bear children, has been taken advantage of by men as a species.

Professor R S Deshpande

It's heartening that corporations and school boardsrooms are doing their best to shed their boys' club image and opening their doors to women and more so in south India. This is a tangible shift over decades though the number remains negligible. It also doesn't reflect the true diversity required in a world that is seeing a surging women workforce in many sectors. The disparity holds true in pay structures too, with women in many professions getting lower remuneration than their counterparts for the same work. It will take many more long strides by women to close the gender gap.

The authors said that many aspects in the which need to be pro- tected: A 1983 study de- veloped by scientists M^{rs} and Tim Dyson con- cluded that South- less restrictions o- bility and o- choice". How- does not aban- women in South- panies are from- 41% have at b-

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2010	2.06
2011	1.06
2012	1.06
2013	1.06
Total	20.92

"Concession Rate"

The total concession rate for the first five years (2008-2012) was 10.46%.

"Significant change has occurred since last year's report, but it is not clear whether there are other significant changes."


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10,943	9,012	5,131
14,781	10,906	4,539
1,785	4,498	4,486
290	4,102	3,423
152	5,112	2,468
78	41,491	26,472

Source: Parliament questions and answers

Only 78 gay people were actually convicted. Nearly 14,000 were actually charged, and nearly 2.7 million were actually able to fear for their lives.

"Explained a senior state government minister of security, the reason for the reduction in the number of gay people is that the police have not been able to find any more gay people."



DEERS?

Convicted	Rate (%) ^a
790	12
127	2
161	2
30	4
410	1
766	12
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4	9

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INDIAN EXPRESS Friday, May 20, 2011
'Rural Economy No Longer

Bangalore: Rural Indian economy is no longer just agricultural as it caters to international as well as national urban markets, sociologist Dipankar Gupta said on Thursday.

Delivering the 10th VKRV Rao Memorial Lecture at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Prof Gupta said a large number of rural products have made their way into urban households and markets. "A large number of products — bric-a-brac, c

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Abuse of elders in focus

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bhubaneswar, Sept. 2: One out of ten people above 60 years of age in Odisha. This has been revealed from an extensive Odisha-2011^{*}, conducted by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and National Bureau of Demography.

Elderly women are more prone to abuse than men. In rural areas, 8% and 9% in urban areas after the first corresponding figure for men is 8.7% (8.3% in rural) and found that the least educated are the most abused. If people aged 60 years and above.

For the very first time, such kind of a report has been published stating having a higher proportion of elderly population states that were worse were Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Punjab and West Bengal.

The report says that nearly half of the elderly men can economic compulsion and only 20% are found to be self-employed.

The report also revealed that half of the elderly in Odisha suffer from chronic ailments like diabetes, hypertension, arthritis, asthma, stroke, heart disease, etc. Amongst them, about 70% of the elderly suffer from psychological trauma among them are found to be suffering from mental stress.

The study was undertaken by UNFPA India, in collaboration with the Government of Odisha, Institute of Economic Growth, Social Sciences, Mumbai and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Odisha.

UNFPA representative for India and Bhutan, Frederica Pineda and many countries including India are not yet demographic shift.

Odisha has 3.98 million elderly persons aged 60 years and above the total population against the national average of 8.5% rural area.

The elderly population will increase to 6.27 million by 2020, the report said.

The report suggested policy makers to consider various factors like poverty, ill health, lack of social security, etc.

* [http://www.unfpa.org/publications/unfpa-india-odisha-2011-report-on-the-ageing-population-in-odisha](#)

Enthralling Performances...



Many cultural programmes were held as part of the ISEC Founders' Day celebrations on January 20, 2014.



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