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From the Director's Desk....

It gives me immense pleasure to present the major academic activities of the Institute during the first half of this year. Working through its objectives of research and capacity building, I must state that ISEC has continued to flourish during the period. Let me highlight some of the important academic achievements that we accomplished together in the reference period.

The prestigious Prof. VKRV Rao memorial lecture was delivered by Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), on 'Inclusive Growth-Inequalities-Poverty Inter-Linkages'. In the lecture, Prof. Thorat brought out the inexplicable linkages between growth and poverty but at the same time highlighted the continuing initial level inequality among certain social groups, which works against the inclusiveness agenda. The lecture was well received by the large academic community and policy actors.

The institute can be proud of its commendable academic achievements during this period. The members of the faculty completed as many as 13 research projects covering significant social and economic issues like District Agricultural Planning, Prime Minister's Rehabilitation Package for Farmers in Suicide- Prone Districts in Karnataka, Non-tariff Barriers in Trade Supply Chain between India and Sri Lanka, Monitoring of SSA in Karnataka, Human Development Report of Chikkaballapura, Improving Urban Sanitation in Karnataka, Tariff Fixation for Bangalore Metro Rail Project, Financial Exclusion in Urban Regions, Educated Unemployment in India, Globalisation, Democratic Politics and Inclusive Governance, Governance Reforms in Infrastructure in India and PIP Monitoring in 12 districts (2 districts of Karnataka and 10 of Jharkhand). The Institute has also undertaken 11 new research projects on issues like Value Chain Analysis of Tomato Marketing System, Decentralisation and Education in Karnataka,

Socio-Economic Analysis of Bangalore-Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Project, Bengaluru Finances, Nature and Implications of the Diploma Disease, Kudubi Community in Karnataka, Reporting HMIS Data at Sub-district level in Karnataka, Functioning of AYUSH Centres, Family Planning methods, Rice Strategy and Status of Transgenders.

The institute produced several high quality publications as well. Notably, five books have been published during this period. In addition, 2 ISEC Monographs, 9 ISEC Working Papers apart from one working paper for ILO were released. As many as 46 articles in various national and international journals and edited books came out during this period. As many as 13 seminars were presented in the Institute apart from two international seminars being organized by CEENR on 'Natural Resources and National Accounts in South India' and 'Climate Change and Food Security'. There were four Training Programmes during the period out of which two were international training programmes organized by faculty members of CDD and CESP on 'Inclusive Banking for Rural and Agricultural Development' and 'Decentralisation and Development Approach of Panchayat Raj Institutions for Cooperative and Rural Development'. CPIGD organized a panel discussion as tribute to famous scholar Dr. Rajani Kothari (1928-2015). During this period one research scholar was awarded PhD in Economics by the University of Mysore.

While taking pride of stimulating accomplishment, it is also our duty to strive towards greater heights through renewed efforts and focused areas of research. I congratulate the members of faculty, students and staff for making the progress possible and wish them all the success.

K S James
Acting Director

International Training Programme on 'Inclusive Banking for Rural and Agricultural Development'

Inclusive growth as a development strategy has gained prominence as it allows all members of a society to participate in and contribute to the growth process on an equal basis regardless of their individual circumstances. Banks and other financial institutions are expected to mitigate the supply-side factors that prevent poor and disadvantaged social groups from gaining access to the financial system. These factors include lack of awareness, unaffordable products, high transaction costs, and inconvenient, inflexible, non-customized and low-quality financial products. The training programme, organized by ISEC along with CICTAB and NIBM during January 5-8, 2015, aimed to discuss factors that

come in the way of financial inclusion and enable the participants from SAARC countries to address these issues in their banking operations. The objectives of the programme are to: i) discuss the need for inclusive banking in rural and agricultural development; ii) build awareness about the business potential and banking innovations at the bottom of the pyramid; iii) appreciate and evaluate the need and use of technology in inclusive banking and development; and iv) provide the inputs for innovative lending strategies for rural and agricultural lending for inclusive banking. The training programme was organized by Prof D Rajasekhara of the CDD and Dr Veerashekarappa of the CESP.

Founders' Day

The Founders' Day of the Institute was celebrated on January 20, 2015. Prof. G Thimmaiah, the then Chairperson of BoG, ISEC, and Prof. Binay Kumar Pattnaik, the then Director of ISEC, garlanded the Dr V K R V Rao statue. Prof Pattnaik and Mr S Rajanna, the seniormost staff member working since inception of the Institute, jointly cut the Anniversary cake. The participants included, among others, distinguished Members of Board of Governors, Founder/Life Members of ISEC Society, academicians, administrators, ISEC residents, staff and students of the Institute.

The following activities were held on the occasion:

- (a) Dr D M Nanjundappa Endowment Prizes were given away to: (i) Mr Dhananjaya K (Economics), and (ii) Mr Vikas Maniar (Non-Economics -- Education);
- (b) As many as 11 books authored/co-authored by the faculty members of ISEC were released;
- (c) Prizes were distributed to the winners / runners-up in various sports events conducted to mark the occasion;
- (d) Some of the PhD scholars, the staff of ISEC and their families performed various cultural programmes during the day.

International Seminar on 'Natural Resource and National Accounts in South Asia'

The Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources (CEENR) organised a two-day international seminar on 'Natural Resource and National Accounts in South Asia' on February 5-6, 2015, funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and State Planning Board, Government of Karnataka. Delegates from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and India representing the national and state governments, NGOs, universities and research institutions attended the seminar. In all, 35 papers were presented in the seminar. The seminar intended to share knowledge on green accounting in the context of natural resources and national well-being, and effective development delivery and results. The seminar met its objectives in promoting awareness of and demand for green GDP of development outcomes

and impacts, and formalising the participants with the modifying of existing GDP calculation and measuring of true wealth of nation. Following very active and lively debates of the discussion papers, presentations were made focusing on why and how the measuring of the wealth of nations should be made and what could be achieved in the next few years. The seminar also discussed how agreements should be reached among the South Asian countries on sustainable and equitable natural resources.

After welcome remarks by the organisers and a government representative, a technical presentation was made by Prof M N Murty, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi, which covered the theories of economic

growth, environment and well-being. There were parallel presentations on the first theme of the seminar, which focused on 'green accounting initiative in South Asia'. The paper by Dr Mahfuz Kabir tried to undertake green accounting of three subsoil resources for Bangladesh. Another paper by Athula Senaratne tried to review the experience gained through the efforts put in by Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy (MERE) of Sri Lanka for initiating a green accounting system. Dr Sharachandra Lele brought out the challenges in assessment of full value or contribution of ecosystems to societal well-being; specifically maintaining what can be monetised and what not. This paper illustrates these issues with the help of empirical work from BR Hills of Karnataka and three forest regimes in Odisha. An analysis was attempted to explain how monetization crept into and security and well-being took a backseat in ecosystem service evaluation.

The second theme of the seminar was 'economics of climate change', having three parallel sessions where 10 papers were presented. The first sub-theme was the impact of ground water irrigation in the light of climate change. The third theme of the seminar was 'economic value of ecosystem and biodiversity'. Three important papers were presented in this session. The first paper was about recent 'Inclusive Wealth Report' which highlights the importance of forests as a major component of a nation's total wealth. The fourth theme of the seminar was 'non-market valuation'. Three papers were presented that dealt with the role of Environmental

Fiscal Instruments (EFIs) in internalising externalities and economic valuation of non-market eco-services, such as canal water irrigation and wastewater treatment and its reuse and willingness to pay (WTP) for them. The fifth theme of the seminar was 'forest management, minerals, water and other resources service'. A parallel session was chaired by Dr Mahfuz Kabir. The paper titled 'Mangrove Forests – A Theoretical Approach' was an attempt to provide a theoretical background to the economy-ecology linkages in the mangrove forest areas and tries to capture the role of these forests in terms of economic linkages and the protection services they offer.

The Valedictory session was semi-technical where concluding remarks were made by Prof G Thimmaiah, the then Chairman of BoG, ISEC; Prof M R Narayana; Prof S Madheswaran; Smt. Bidisha Choudhary, Member-Secretary, State Planning Board, Government of Karnataka; and Dr Balasubramanian. Two technical presentations were made: the first by Smt Ritu Kakkar, Director of EMPRI, on valuation of environmental and ecosystem services in Karnataka. However, the results shown in the presentation were contested by many on technical ground. The other presentation was made by Prof Gopal Kadekodi on the environmentally adjusted national accounting and well-being.

The collected papers shall soon be published in a book form. Dr M Balasubramanian, Assistant Professor, CEENR, organised the seminar.

Prof VKRV Rao Memorial Lecture -11

Professor Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, delivered the Dr VKRV Rao Memorial Lecture, 'On Inclusive Growth-Inequalities-Poverty Inter-Linkages' in commemoration of the 44th Founders' Day of the Institute on February 9, 2015, at ISEC.

Prof Thorat also distributed the Best Theses Awards on the occasion: Economics (Shri T R Satish Chandran Memorial Prize – Dr Sabyasachi Tripathi; Dr VKRV Rao Memorial Prize – Dr Amrita Ghatak), Sociology (Prof M N Srinivas Memorial Prize – Dr Santhosh R) and Political Science (Justice E S Venkataramaiah Memorial Prize in Public Administration – Dr K C Smitha).



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International Seminar on 'Climate Change and Food Security: The Global and Indian Contexts'

The Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources, ISEC, in association with School of Geosciences, the University of Sydney, organized an international seminar on 'Climate Change and Food Security – the Global and Indian Contexts' at ISEC, Bangalore, on February 18, 2015. Climate change is the largest environmental threat facing the world today. There is incontrovertible evidence that global temperatures have increased during the past century, and that the role of humans (anthropogenic forcing) is centrally implicated in this. The impacts of climate change are many, including rises in average sea levels, localised variations in temperature and rainfall, and potentially increased propensity for weather-related disasters like hurricanes, droughts and floods. The study of climate change is extensive in nature, looking at each component individually and then as a complete unit. It involves specialists from across the natural and social sciences. In recent years, considerable attention has been given to the implications of climate change for global food security. The 5th Assessment Report of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), released in 2014, concluded that global food security would be dramatically affected by climate change. In accordance with FAO definitions, the IPCC considers food security to include four dimensions - food availability, food accessibility, food utilization and food systems stability. Also, it needs to be taken into account that the food system by itself is a major contributor of Green House Gases, and hence, reforming the global food system needs to be a major plank of climate change mitigation. The impact of climate change on food security will be felt at global, national and local scales. Vulnerable people and communities are at the frontline of these threats, and India faces major impacts including potential changes to the timing and strength of monsoons, retreat of Himalayan glaciers and sea-level rise. India is also vulnerable to the way climate change may affect neighbouring countries. Bangladesh is widely recognised as one of the world's most vulnerable countries to climate change, and climate migrants/refugees may seek to relocate to India, which may aggravate geopolitical

tensions. The aim of the international seminar was to enhance our information base about the threats India is facing and its adaptive potential. The seminar especially focused on encouraging presentations from researchers engaged with vulnerable populations and how they assess and respond to their rapidly changing climate contexts.

Prof Bill Pritchard from the University of Sydney, Australia, delivered the keynote address on 'Global Context of Climate Change and Food Security'. Prof Sunil Nautiyal of CEENR, who convened the seminar, highlighted the research activities of CEENR and presented the theme of the seminar.

During the seminar, 40 research papers were presented in 6 technical sessions under various themes, *viz.*, Agriculture, food security and climate change; Integrated approaches to food security; Impact of climate change on food security; Urban food security and climate change; Traditional crops: A solution to sustainable agriculture; Food security, Risk Management and Climate change; Building resilience in farmers to increase agricultural productivity; Adaptive measures and strategies to ensure food security; Land use change and flow of ecosystem services; RS GIS in understanding landscape dynamics. Eminent researchers from Australia, Germany, United Kingdom (UK) and India presented their research findings from micro and macro levels in the perspective of developing and developed countries. There were researchers from international and national organizations and diplomats from government agencies working on climate change related issues who took part in the conference. In the long term, we expect to exchange the scientific and technical know-how between countries through the researchers to facilitate advance studies on Climate Change and food security. The financial support from the University of Sydney in organizing the international seminar is thankfully acknowledged.

Two-Day Meeting of the Annual Action Plan (AAP) of Population Research Centres (PRCs)

The meeting of the Annual Action Plan for 2015-2016 of the 18 Population Research Centres from all over the country was held during March 16-17, 2015 at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore. The meeting was jointly conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India, and the Population Research Centre (PRC) of ISEC. Two delegates from each of the 18 PRCs; the MoHFW dignitaries Mr C R K Nair (Additional Director-General), Mr P C Cyriac (Deputy Director-General) Ms Navanita Gogoi (Director); and Prof MR Narayana, the then Director in Charge of ISEC, participated in the meeting. The main objective of the meeting was to review the progress of the approved research studies of each PRC during 2014-2015 and to discuss their annual action plans for 2015-2016.

In his welcome address, Prof Narayana highlighted the national and global reputation of ISEC and its widespread engagement in data, policy and professional research and training in social sciences. He whole-heartedly appreciated the ministry's constant encouragement. Mr Nair in his address expressed concern over the performance of the PRCs

saying, "Planning alone is not sufficient, we should also ensure implementation of those plans".

In his presentation, Mr Cyriac pointed out that in 2014-2015, as many as 118 district reports for PIP monitoring (out of 213 allocated districts) were completed and 32 out of 114 outside studies were completed but 13 studies were not even initiated. He also explained the details of norms for man-months. Later, Ms Navanita Gogoi gave her presentation.

The meeting discussed the problems being faced and errors being committed by the PRCs while submitting the final reports. The issues of gratuity, release of the annual grants, issuing ID cards to PRC employees and development and updating of PRC websites also figured in the discussions.

Afterwards, Prof K S James of ISEC gave a presentation on 'Out-of-Pocket Expenditure on Maternal Health Care'. Subsequently, all the remaining 17 participant PRCs, including that of JSS Institute of Economic Research, Dharwad, Karnataka, made presentations on their respective annual action plans.

Training of Field Staff, WHO SAGE India Wave-2, 2015 for Karnataka

The training for field staff, WHO SAGE India Wave 2 was conducted at ISEC by PRC during April, 2015. Around 23 field investigators were part of the training. The main purpose of the survey is to collect data on a broad range of self-reported assessment of health and well-being over time. The survey was conducted in 48

PSUs in Karnataka in July, 2015. Around 90 per cent of the 1200 earmarked households were covered during the survey. This project was sponsored by the International Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai, in association with the World Health Organisation, Geneva. Dr C M Lakshmana of PRC coordinated the project.

Training Programme in Advanced Econometrics for ISS Probationary Officers

The Centre for Economic Studies and Policies (CESP), ISEC, organized a training programme in Advanced Econometrics for ISS Probationary Officers from April 23 to May 1, 2015. Totally 40 Probationary Officers participated in the training programme. During the first phase of the course, the participants were introduced to Basic Econometric Techniques; the second phase focused on Advanced Time Series Techniques. The resource persons for the course included those from within the Institute as well as experts from other institutions, like Madras School of

Economics and Pondicherry University.

Prof K R Shanmugam, Director of Madras School of Economics, gave the valedictory address and distributed certificates to the participants. Feedback on both academic and administrative aspects of the course was obtained from the participants by circulating a structured feedback form, designed for the course. The training programme was coordinated by Prof S Madheswaran, Ms B P Vani and Prof Meenakshi Rajeev.

Symposium on the Recommendations of 14th Finance Commission

An important policy dissemination symposium on the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission was organized by the Centre for Economic Studies and Policies of ISEC on April 28, 2015. The keynote address on the 14th Finance Commission's approach and recommendations was delivered by a former Member of the 14th Finance Commission, Prof M Govinda Rao. The implications of recommendations for the sub-national governments from a practitioner's perspective with special reference to Karnataka were highlighted by Mr

Arvind Shrivatsava, Secretary, Budget and Resources, Government of Karnataka. The symposium also included four presentations by the ISEC faculty members, Prof Kala Seetharam Sridhar, Prof K Gayithri, Dr Devedra Babu and Dr Balasubramanian. Prof M R Narayana made the introductory remarks. The then Chairman of SEC Board of Governors, Prof Thimmaiah, presided over the function and gave his valuable observations. Many senior bureaucrats, academicians and students attended the symposium. Prof K Gayithri coordinated the programme.

International Training Programme on Decentralisation and Development Approach of Panchayat Raj Institutions for Cooperative and Rural Development

Decentralization is expected to contribute to rural development by improving the service delivery. Several countries have, therefore, adopted decentralization and development approach for rural development. This five-day training programme, which was jointly organized by VAMNICOM, CICTAB and ISEC for 21 participants from SAARC countries during May 25-29, 2015, aimed to discuss the promise of decentralization by taking Panchayat Raj Institutions in India as an example, and identify the best practices that could be adopted in the South Asian countries for cooperative and rural development. The training sessions handled were: i) Evolution of decentralized government

system; ii) Characteristic features of local government; iii) Inclusion of socio-economically disadvantaged groups and women; iv) Political, administrative and fiscal decentralization; v) Panchayats, planning and development; vi) Panchayats and the delivery of basic services; vii) Panchayats and agriculture and allied activities; and, viii) Interface between panchayats and Cooperative Institutions. Participants were also taken for a one-day field trip to have ground-level information on the service delivery. The training programme was coordinated by Prof D Rajasekhara and Dr M Devendra Babu from the Centre for Decentralisation and Development.

Panel Discussions

Understanding the Indian Political System: A Tribute to Rajni Kothari (1928-2015) — Panelists were Prof Sandeep Shastri, National Convenor, Lokniti Network and Pro Vice-Chancellor, Jain University, on 'Understanding the Political Experiment in New Democracies: Rajni Kothari's

Contribution to the Narrative'; Prof Aparna Sundar, Faculty, Azim Premji University, on 'The Non-party Political Process and Emancipatory Democracy in India Today: Some reflections'; and Prof Supriya Roy Chowdhury, CPIGD, ISEC, on 'When Does a Text become a Classic?' (February 19, 2015).

Seminars by Visitors

Strategic Network Formation Involving Social Relations: Enmity & Friendship — Dr Mainak Mazumder, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Jodhpur (January 9, 2015).

Team Work as an Approach to Reduce Groundwater Extraction — Professor Ernst-August Nuppenau, Chair of Agricultural and Environmental Policy, Justus Liebig University, Giessen, Germany (January 9, 2015).

Planning for Smart Cities — Dr Sudhir Krishna, IAS, former Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India (February 11, 2015).

Critical Health Literacy of Older Adults in Europe — Dr Louise Meijering, Assistant Professor, Department of Demography, Population Research Centre, Faculty of Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen, Groningen, The Netherlands (March 11, 2015).

Distance of Technology Frontier, Human Capital & Economic Growth: A Theoretical & Cross-country

Empirical Analysis — Ms Sujata Basu, PhD Scholar, Centre for International Trade & Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University (March 19, 2015).

Stress and our Brain — Dr R S Patil, MS (Surgery), SK Hospital, Bangalore (March 24, 2015).

The Demographic Transition & Urbanization — Prof Tim Dyson, London School of Economics & Political Science, UK (April 1, 2015).

Thomas Piketty's Contribution: Capital in the Twenty-first Century — Prof Frank Thompson, Department of Economics, University of Michigan, USA (April 8, 2015).

Agricultural Performance of India & China: A Comparative Study — Dr Xue Zhaomin, Associate Professor, Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences, Faculty & Secretary General, The Centre for India Studies, SASS, China (May 5, 2015).

Rice Sector Restructuring in Asia: What Does this Mean for Global Food Security? — Dr Samarendu Mohanty, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Los Banos, Philippines (May 14, 2015).

Governance Issues of Bengaluru Development — Ms Kathyayani Chamaraj, Executive Trustee, CIVIC, Bengaluru (June 5, 2015).

A Bend in the Cauvery: An Account of the Cauvery Water Dispute — Dr A Ravindra, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, Centre for Sustainable Development, Bengaluru, former Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka, Bengaluru (June 30, 2015).

Seminars by Students

Can We Promote Equity & Access in Higher Education through E-Learning? Exploring the Acceptance & Potential Cost Advantages of the Spread of Online Education in India — Dr Rupa Basu, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Centre for Economic Studies & Policy, ISEC, Bangalore (May 21, 2015).

Research Projects

Completed Projects

1. **Comprehensive District Agricultural Planning: Capacity Building and Process Monitoring** (Dr

M J Bhende, Prof N Sivanna, Dr M Devendra Babu)

2. **Institutional Structure and Performance of Agriculture in North-East India** (Dr Komol Singha)
3. **Impact Assessment of Prime Minister's Rehabilitation Package for Farmers in Suicide-Prone Districts of Karnataka (PMRP)** (Dr M J Bhende)
4. **Non-tariff Barriers in Trade Supply Chain between India and Sri Lanka** (Dr Barun Deb Pal)
5. **Monitoring of SSA in Karnataka** (Dr K S Umamani, Dr M Lingaraju and Dr Indrajit Bairagya)
6. **District Human Development Report of Chikballapura** (Dr M Devendra Babu)
7. **Towards Improving Urban Sanitation in Karnataka – Understanding the Performance and Benefits of Constructing Private Toilets under INFOSYS Foundation Assisted Project** (Dr S Manasi and Dr Sunil Nautiyal)
8. **Tariff Fixation for the Bangalore Metro Rail Project** (Dr Barun Deb Pal and Ms B P Vani)
9. **Financial Exclusion in Urban Regions** (Prof Meenakshi Rajeev and Ms B P Vani)
10. **Educated Unemployment in India: Causes, Consequences and Remedies** (Dr Indrajit Bairagya)
11. **Globalization, Democratic Politics and Inclusive Governance: Experiences from India** (Prof S N Sangita)
12. **Governance Reforms in Infrastructure in India: Initiatives and Outcomes** (Prof S N Sangita)
13. **PIP Monitoring in 12 Districts (2 districts in Karnataka and 10 districts in Jharkhand)** (Dr C M Lakshmana)

New Projects

1. **Value Chain Analysis of Tomato Marketing Systems in Karnataka** (Dr K B Ramappa and Dr A V Manjunatha)
2. **Decentralisation and Education in Karnataka** (Prof D Rajasekhar)
3. **Socio-Economic Analysis of Bangalore–Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Project** (Dr Krishna Raj)
4. **Bengaluru Finances: A Design for Restructuring** (Prof K Gayithri and Prof S Madheswaran)
5. **Nature, Extent and Implications of the Diploma Disease in India** (Dr Indrajit Bairagya)
6. **Kudubi Community in Karnataka: An Ethnographic Study** (Prof Manohar Yadav)

7. **Quality of Reporting HMIS Data at the Sub-District Level in Karnataka: A Study** (Dr C M Lakshmana)
8. **Functioning of AYUSH Centres in Karnataka: An Overview** (Dr C M Lakshmana)
9. **Knowledge of Attitude of Family Planning Methods: A Comparative Analysis in Selected States** (Dr C M Lakshmana)
10. **Rice Strategy for India** (Prof P G Chengappa, Dr Elumalai Kannan and Dr AV Manjunatha)
11. **Status of Transgenders in Karnataka** (Dr Anand Inbanathan and Dr Sobin George)

STUDENT NEWS

Students' Biannual Seminar Series

The 32nd Bi-annual Seminars were conducted during June 8-19, 2015. In all, there were 67 presentations comprising 5 pre-submission seminars, 32 progress seminars and 7 proposal seminars. There were 23 theme presentations. Prof Kaliappa Kalirajan participated in the seminars as a Special Discussant.

PhD Awarded

One ISEC scholar was awarded PhD in Economics by the University of Mysore in the last six months:

Mr Avishek Chanda: Thesis: '*An Empirical Study on Measurement of Efficiency, Productivity and Competitiveness of Small-Scale Industries in India*' (Supervisor: Prof M R Narayana).

PUBLICATIONS

WORKING PAPERS

An Overview

Pavithra Rajan, Jonathan Gangbar and K Gayithri in their paper, **Integrated Child Development Services in Karnataka (No. 333)**, investigate the funding patterns, physical infrastructure, and human capital components of the ICDS programme and analyze them in relation to malnutrition levels. The paper using the Data Envelopment Analyses found that certain districts in the State are better performing than the others over a period of time. In the year 2007-08, the technically efficient districts were Chickmagalur,

Davanagere, Dharwad, Gadag, Gulbarga, Kodagu, Kolar, Mysore and Tumkur; while in the year 2012/13, the districts of Bagalkot, Bangalore Urban, Belgaum, Bellary, Bidar, Gadag, Haveri, Kodagu, Koppal, Mandya, Raichur and Udipi were the most technically efficient. The paper suggests that further research is needed to examine the technical efficiency of SNP component of ICDS at the sub-district level and the implications of the WHO Child Growth Monitoring Standards on the technical efficiency of the districts.

The paper, **Performance-Based Budgeting: Sub-National Initiatives in India and China (No. 334)**, by K Gayithri discusses the challenges involved in performance-based budgeting of sub-national governments in India and China, which have extensive responsibilities in delivering public services and are also closer to the grassroots. The paper tries to understand the performance budgeting initiatives, processes and the achievements in a comparative perspective and identifies some of the common challenges that these bodies in the two countries face. These include Need to strengthen expenditure planning and management through use of performance information, Need to establish a sound performance measurement system and need for a programmatic approach and performance evaluation system among others.

The paper by Krishanu Pradhan, **Ricardian Approach to Fiscal Sustainability in India (No. 335)**, is an attempt to discuss and analyze the fiscal sustainability of India in the context of Ricardian Equivalence (RE). The paper derives different forms of empirically testable equations for testing RE based on studies by Buiter and Tobin (1978), Kormendi (1983) and Kormendi and Meguire (1990). Based on availability of data, the empirical evidences are against the RE hypothesis, and hence the fiscal policy pursued during the study period (1974-2011) had been detrimental to generational welfare neutrality. The paper notes that one of the key aspects of fiscal sustainability is to ensure generational equity as reflected in the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, 2003 in India. However, the empirical findings convey that fiscal policy had been unsustainable in the terms of generational equity in India.

Nagesha G and K Gayithri in their paper, **Performance Analysis of National Highway Public-Private Partnerships in India (No. 336)**, attempt to assess the performance of four National Highway (NH) PPP projects in the State of Karnataka. The framework

for evaluation of the projects under review includes, time overrun analysis, risk responsibility matrix, and estimation of both quantitative and qualitative accrual of value for money (VfM); i.e. the financial savings to the government and road users. The paper notes that in three out of four projects under review, the positive VfM to government (financial savings) is in the tune of Rupees one thousand and forty crore. VfM has also been observed to be positive to the road users in terms of average reduction in travel time, saving of fuel, constancy in reaching the destination on time, etc. Further the paper finds that average time overrun in PPPs is less as compared to non-PPP projects. The paper also provides suggestions to tone up the PPP policy of India.

The paper, **Impact of Infrastructure Provisioning on Inequality: Evidence from India (No. 337)**, by Sumedha Bajar and Meenakshi Rajeev analyses the links between physical infrastructure and inequality and determines the nature of this relation in 17 major Indian states. The paper shows that the impact of infrastructure on consumption inequality across states differs for the type of infrastructure under consideration and the relation of infrastructure with inequality is not necessarily negative. The results have shown that some components of infrastructure, mainly power and roads, are associated with increased interpersonal inequality at the regional level and the paper provides some explanations for this result. The results of this study do not prescribe abandoning transportation projects or infrastructure development but instead recommend that the government should emphasize also on investments in complementary policies. Infrastructure can help open up opportunities but it should not be that these benefits are reaped by those who are in a position to be able to take advantage of these.

Tarun Arora's Working Paper, **Assessing Export Competitiveness at Commodity Level: Indian Textile Industry as a Case Study (No. 338)**, assesses the export competitiveness of top fifteen textile products exported by India to top six textile export destinations (separately for each export destination) at 6-digit level of HS classification using both price and income export elasticities. The export elasticities are estimated using dynamic panel data approach for each country separately. Estimates of commodity specific elasticities are used to forecast the exports of commodities exported to respective export destinations. The resulting estimates are useful to designing destination specific export promotion policies for India.

The paper, **Participation of Scheduled Caste Households in MGNREGS: Evidence from Karnataka (No. 339)**, by R Manjula and D Rajasekhar analyses the extent to which Scheduled Caste (SC) households have participated and benefited from the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in Karnataka, with the help of both secondary and primary data. The demand for MGNREGS work and participation of SC households was found to be high in districts where the incidence of SC population was high. However, the number of days of employment obtained by SC households was relatively low. This suggests that SC households were discriminated in the provision of MGNREGS work in Karnataka. The paper also discusses factors that constrained the participation of SC households in MGNREGS.

The paper, **Relationship between Services Trade, Economic Growth and External Stabilisation in India: An Empirical Investigation (No. 340)** by Mini Thomas P attempts to study the inter-relationships between services trade, economic growth and external stabilisation for the Indian economy, during the post-reforms period. The contribution of international trade in non-factor services and other invisibles towards India's economic growth and current account stabilisation is examined descriptively. The relationship between the three macroeconomic variables is estimated using the ARDL approach to co-integration, for the time-span from 1996-97:Q1 to 2011-12:Q4. The study finds the existence of co-integrated relationship between Current Account Balance, GDP and services trade, for the Indian economy. The study also finds empirical evidence indicating that workers' remittances are more crisis-prone compared to net services exports, in case of Indian economy.

The paper, **Locating the Historical Past of the Women Tea Workers of North Bengal (No. 341)** by Priyanka Dutta, attempts to trace the historical past of the women tea plantation workers of North Bengal, taking into account the hitherto neglected aspects of gendered nature of labour recruitment, migration, labour control practices and so on, through the intermeshing of race, class, ethnicity and sexuality of the actors involved in the process. The paper concludes that some of the convincing reasons behind the marginalisation of women workforce in the tea industry of North Bengal during contemporary times have their roots in the various systems and practices of the colonial past.

MONOGRAPHS

An Overview

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DOCUMENTATION, MAIN DRAWBACK IN INDO-LANKA FTA - VISITING PROF

By CHANAKA DE SILVA

Ceylon Finance Today: A visiting Indian Professor said last week the documentation was the main drawback in the smooth implementation of the Indo-Lanka Free Trade Agreement (FTA). The main issue hindering the smooth functioning of the FTA is the documentation. There has to be accredited authorities that both countries could accept. Otherwise, when both countries want to trade, they have to check at either side, the cargo has to be put for a long time. This seriously affects the growth of the product. Institute for Social and Economic Change, Assistant Professor Dr. Bhanu Dutt said.

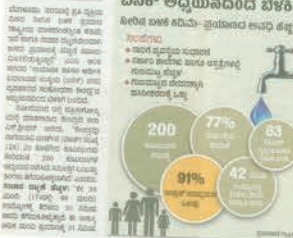
However, these procedural delays cause issues to the importer and exporter of both countries. Visiting India, when the same goods are shipped to a different port they are treated differently. Unless we sort out these issues and the free trade on the Sri Lankan side, we cannot move forward and get the full benefit of the FTA.

The problem with India is that there are no uniform customs procedures within India. When the same goods are shipped to a different port they are treated differently. Unless we sort out these issues and the free trade on the Sri Lankan side, we cannot move forward and get the full benefit of the FTA.

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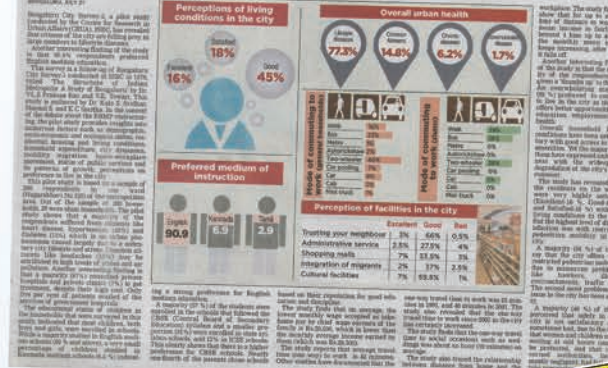
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B'luru, hub of lifestyle diseases: Survey

Majority of respondents suffered from cardiac ailments, hypertension and diabetes



ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರವು ಜೀವನಶೈಲಿ ರೋಗಗಳ ಕೇಂದ್ರವಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೃದ್ರೋಗ, ರಕ್ತದೊತ್ತಡ ಮತ್ತು ಮಧುಮೇಹವು ಅಧಿಕಾರದಲ್ಲಿವೆ.

NITI Aayog reflects Modi's transformative thinking

ನಿರ್ಮಲಾ ಮೋದಿಯವರ ನಾಯಕತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ

NITI Aayog reflects Modi's transformative thinking. The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) has been set up to replace the Planning Commission. It is a think tank that will advise the government on economic and social issues.

RELIGIOUS CENSUS DATA

Spreading misinformation

Data is often misinterpreted without understanding what it really conveys on the future of Indian religious demography. The census data shows a decline in the Hindu population and a rise in the Muslim population. This has led to a lot of misinformation and speculation.

ಜನಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಬದಲಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ಚಿತ್ರ

ಭಾರತದ ಜನಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಉಂಟಾಗಿರುವ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ

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Rajasekhar, D

(with Mahima Upadhyay) Decentralisation and People's Participation in Educational Governance: A Review of Some Experiences; at the National Policy Seminar on People's Participation and Decentralised Educational Governance: Policy Reforms and Programme Practices, organized by NUEPA, February 16-17, 2015, at New Delhi.

(with Manjula R) NREGS, Grama Panchayats and Inclusive Climate-Smart Agriculture: Evidence from Karnataka; at the International Seminar on Climate Change and Food Security: The Global and Indian Context, organized by University of Sydney and ISEC, February 18, 2015 at ISEC, Bangalore.

(with Erlend Berg and R Manjula) Improving access to social security benefits among Unorganised Workers in Karnataka, India; at the International workshop on 'Measuring the Social, Economic and Political Effects on Social Protection: How to Overcome the Challenges?' April 15-17, 2015, at Germany.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Climate Change and Risk Mitigation: Role of Crop Insurance in India; at the International Conference on Climate Change and Social Ecological Economical Interface-Building: Modelling Approach to Exploring Potential Adaptation Strategies for Bio-resource Conservation and Livelihood Development, organized by ISEC, Bangalore, May 20-21, 2015, at Bangalore.

Reimeingam, Marchang

Shifting Cultivation, Labour and Environmental Issues in the Hills of Manipur; at the International Seminar on Natural Resource and National Accounts in South Asia, organized by CEENR, ISEC, February 5-6, 2015, at Bangalore.

RoyChowdhury, Supriya

When Does a Text Become a Classic?; at the Panel Discussion on Understanding the Indian Political System: Rajni Kothari (1928-2015), organized by Institute for Social and Economic Change, February 19, 2015, at Bangalore.

(with Suhasini Singh) Study on Labour Shortage and Labour Turnover in Garment Industry; at the Final Report Workshop on Joint Fact Finding Initiation of the Garment Sector Roundtable, organized by ILO and Meta-Culture, March 10, 2015, at Bangalore.

Singh, Neeti

Social Entrepreneurship in India and the Development Question: A Sociological Perspective; at the Eleventh Biennial Conference on Entrepreneurship, organized by Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, February 18-20, 2015, at Ahmedabad.

Sivanna, N

Self-Governance Under PESA: A Critique; at the Seminar on Tribal Development in Karnataka: Issues and Challenges, organized by Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), March 26 - 27, 2015, at Dharwad.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Regional Policies and Inclusive Growth; at the ICSSR National Seminar on Sustainable Regional Development in India-Challenges and Opportunities, organized by R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics, January 10, 2015, at Mumbai.

Economic Impacts of Climate Change in India's Cities; at the International Seminar on Climate Change and Food Security: The Global and Indian Contexts, organized by ISEC and the University of Sydney, February 18, 2015, at Bangalore.

The recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission: What does it hold for the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)?; at the Symposium, organized by Centre for Economic Studies and Policy, ISEC, April 28, 2015, at Bangalore.

Social Science Research on Indian Cities, at the Joint Consultation on Urban Research Landscape in India, Consultation, organized by Research Council of UK and National Institute of Urban Affairs, May 15, 2015, at New Delhi.

Modeling Carbon Emissions in India's Cities, at the International Conference Climate Change and Social-Ecological-Economical Interface-Building: Modeling Approach to Exploring Potential Adaptation Strategies for Bio-resource Conservation and Livelihood Development, organized by CEENR, ISEC, May 20-21, 2015, at Bangalore.

Verma, Rajat

Environmental Fiscal Instruments and Their Role in Decoupling: A Few International Experiences; at the Seminar on Natural Resource and National Accounts in South Asia, organized by ISEC, February 6, 2015, at Bangalore.

Environmental Fiscal Instruments: A Few International Experiences; at the Annual Conference on Papers in Public Economics and Policy, organized by NIPFP, March 13, 2015, at New Delhi.

Yadav, Manohar

Two Years of Siddarammaiah Government and the Scheduled Castes in Karnataka; at the Seminar on 'Two Years of Siddarammaiah Government and Marginalized Groups in Karnataka', organized by Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, NLSIU, January 21, 2015, at NLSIU, Bangalore.

The Policy of Reservation: A View from Perspective of Social Change; at the Seminar on 'The Policy of Reservation and its Achievements since its Inception', jointly organized by Platform for Ambedkar Thoughts and Actions and Ambedkar Yuva Sene, Karnataka, February 28, 2015, at Central College, Bangalore.

Budgetary Allocations, Expenditures and Implications for Scheduled Castes in Karnataka: A Critical Reflection; at the Seminar on 'Budgets and Marginalized Groups: Some Reflections on the Last Two Budgets of Karnataka', organized by Social Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka, and Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, National Law School of India University, March 3, 2015, at Vikas Soudha, Bangalore.

Honours/Awards/Fellowships

Gayithri, K

Visited Canada to attend The Canada- India Education conference and to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, May 13-18, 2015.

Kannan, Elumalai

Visited the University of Saskatchewan, Canada for the joint project on "India-Canada Pulses Trade: Prospects and Challenges" funded by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Canada, March 2015.

Nautiyal, Sunil

Invited as Member, Editorial Board of Wodpecker Journal of Agriculture Research.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Visiting fellow, Norwegwian Institute of International Affairs, December 2014-January 2015

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

Offices Held in Academic/Professional/ Administrative Bodies

Babu, M Devendra

Member, Board of Studies, Department of Economics, Kuvempu University, Karnataka, for three years from 10-1-2014.

Member, IC-SCR, School of Regenerative Medicine, Manipal University, Bangalore.

Chengappa, P G

Member, Academic Council, Prof Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, and attended the first meeting on February 28, 2015.

Kumar, Parmod

Member of the Annual Review IRC of National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NIAP), DPS Marg, PUSA, New Delhi, April 7-8 2015.

Manjunatha, A V

Member of committee constituted by Karnataka Agriculture Price Commission for standardizing methodology on cost of cultivation.

Rajasekhar, D

Member, Board of Studies, Department of Economic Studies and Planning, Central University of Karnataka, Gulbarga.

Abdul Nazir Sab Chair Professor at CMDR, Dharwad.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Member, Board of Studies, St Josephs' College PG Programme

Selection committee member for faculty selection, Burdhan, University, West Bengal

Member of Academic Senate, Apex University (Arunachal Pradesh and Karnataka)

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

Advisor to the project Non-Tariff Barriers between India and Sri Lanka, directed by Barun Deb Pal and funded by The Asia Foundation

Member, Board of Studies, Mount Carmel College

Resource Person for Industries Department, Udyog Mitra, GoK

Resource Person for RBI for their Occasional paper series

Resource Person for Burdhan University

Resource Person for Kolkata University

Resource Person for West Bengal State University

Resource Person for National Law School of India University

Governor's Nominee as expert for the Selection of Faculty for the West Bengal State University, May 2015.

Resource Person for IIIT Bangalore.

Reimeingam, Marchang

Library Committee Member, ISEC, January 2015 onwards

Sivanna, N

Co-coordinating Pre-PhD Part-A Paper on 'Institutions and Development'

Member, Board of Studies, Department of Political Science and Development Administration, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu

Member, Advisory Body, Gram Swaraj Project, RDPR, Government of Karnataka

Member, Advisory Council, Sri Abdul Nazir Sab Chair, CMDR, Dharwad

Member, Academic Council, K L E Society, Belgaum

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Reviewer for *International Journal of Urban Sustainable Development* (Taylor & Francis), January 2015.

Newspaper Articles

Gayithri, K

'Another Lost Opportunity to Address Regional Disparities, Infrastructure Inadequacies', *The New Indian Express*, March 15, 2015

'State Stays the Fiscal Course: Lags Behind in HDI', *The New Indian Express*, March 12, 2015.

Reimeingam, Marchang

'Nuisance of Educated Unemployment in Manipur', *Sangai Express*, Imphal, February 21, 2015

'Excerpt of Shifting Cultivation in Manipur: Labour and Environment', *Sangai Express*, Imphal, February 23, 2015

'Water Scarcity in Manipur: Choice or Chance', *Sangai Express*, Imphal, March 28 and 30, 2015

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

'NITI Aayog Reflects Modi's Transformative Thinking', *The Financial Express*, January 8, 2015.

'Smart Cities: Is the Policy Smart Enough?' *The Financial Express*, January 20, 2015.

'Walk (and pedal) the Talk', *The Economic Times*, March 31, 2015.

Miscellaneous

Babu M Devendra

Attended Quality Enhancement Review Meeting for India 'Strengthening Governance and Inclusiveness in Karnataka Panchayats', World Bank, India, New Delhi, March 20, 2015.

Chengappa, P G

Attended and addressed 17th Foundation day celebration of Agricultural Scientist Forum of Kodagu at Kushal Nagar, Kodagu, on January 13, 2015.

Attended Meeting on "Path Finding Mission" to develop a "Blue Paper" on India Aquaculture Pathfinder, organized by USSEC Blue Paper Forum on at Hotel Lalith Ashok, Bengaluru, February 5, 2015.

Acted as a Panelist in the Brainstorming session on Food Safety Regulations, organized by Karnataka Veterinary Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar, February 10, 2015, at Bangalore.

Served as Chairman, Assessment Committee Meeting of a Senior Scientist in the Discipline of Agricultural Economics at ICAR Directorate of Seed Research, Mau, Uttar Pradesh, February 18, 2015.

Attended DPC Meeting of a Senior Scientist in the Discipline of Agricultural Economics, February 23, 2015, at ICAR – Directorate of Seed Research, Mau.

External examiner for dissertation presentation of Mr. Shovan Krishna Sahu titled "Feasibility and

competitiveness of Date Farming in India", IIM, Bangalore, March 4, 2015.

Attended 25th School of Agriculture, Board Meeting at IGNOU, Delhi on March 13, 2015.

Attended Selection Committee Meeting for considering the cases of promotion of Scientist at ICAR – National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NIAP), March 23, 2015.

Attended Scientific Committee Meeting at Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, New Delhi on March 27, 2015.

Deb Pal, Barun

Name was cited for his work on 'Non Tariff Barrier barriers between India and Sri Lanka', *Business Line*, February 25, 2015.

Name was cited for his work on 'Non Tariff Barrier barriers between India and Sri Lanka', in *Ceylon Today*, February 25, 2015.

George, Sobin

Invited as a speaker to the International Workshop on "Organizing ICT workers to expand south-south partnership in ICTs sector" organized by UNI Nepal Liaison Council at Kathmandu from February 16-19, 2015.

Attended 11 doctoral committee meetings ; panelist for 4 papers in the biannual seminar June 2015

Evaluated 64 proposals as part of ISEC PhD admission programme

Editor of ISEC newsletter.

Inbanathan, Anand

Coordinated course paper, "Debates on Sociology of India", in Part B of the course work.

Supervising 7 PhD students, with two in an advanced stage of writing their dissertations, so as to submit their dissertations within the end of this year; three are midway through their PhD work; and two are at an early stage preparing their respective research proposals.

On the Doctoral Committees of 16 students. Attended DC meetings of 12 students that were conducted before the biannual seminars in June.

Coordinator of the ISEC monograph series.

Kannan, Elumalai

Participated in the Board of Studies Meeting of Economics, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bangalore, December 10, 2014.

Participated as an expert in the Minister Level meeting organised on "Karnataka Agricultural Price Commission" held at Vikas Soudha, Bangalore, February 27 and March 2, 2015.

Kumar, Parmod

Attended a Meeting on Concurrent Evaluation of RKVY Programme for the 12th Five Year Plan, organised by the Joint Secretary, RKVY, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, May 13, 2015.

(with Manjunatha A V) Attended the Pre-bid Discussion of the Concurrent Evaluation of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for XII Plan, New Delhi, May 13, 2015.

Proposal Presentation on Contract Farming, Land Leasing and Land Sharing Companies, organised by the Additional Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture Government of India, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, May 13, 2015.

Attended Meeting to Prepare Programme for Publication of Glimpses of Indian Agriculture for Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi, May 27, 2015.

(with A V Manjunatha and Elumalai Kannan) Presentation on Evaluation of RKVY Programme; at the Workshop on Financial Propriety and Risk Management in the Implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Ministry of Agriculture in the States, organized by the Office of Chief Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Agriculture in Hall No.5, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, May,6, 2015.

Madheswaran, S

(with B P Vani) coordinate both Basic Econometrics and Advanced Econometrics course.

Manasi, S

Initiatives and Best Practices in Solid Waste Management and Waste Water Management in the Training programme on Urban administration and governance, organized by the Environmental

Management & Policy Research Institute (EMPRI) and Karnataka Urban Infrastructure and Development Finance Corporation (KUIDFC), Bangalore, April 1, 2015.

Selected as member of the RESURBE program. RESURBE program aims to realize research, capacity building and urban development projects worldwide, as well as support informed policy making on urban resilience. As a member, Manasi will be involved in co-developing joint proposals on an international platform. This program is coordinated mainly by University of Bradford, UK and few other institutions.

Continued as Empanelment Committee Member in Karnataka Evaluation Authority, Government of Karnataka 2015 and coordinated the documentation work related to empanelment of ISEC with Karnataka Evaluation Authority, Government of Karnataka.

Guidance to intern Ms. Kissa Mwaisoba, under the RTF-DCS Fellowship 2014-15, NAM, S and T Centre, New Delhi.

Host Supervisor for PhD Student, Lindsay Vogt, Department of Anthropology, University of California Santa Barbara.

Manjunatha, A V

Attended Agricultural Price Commission Meeting on Crop Insurance at Bangalore, January 6, 2015.

(with Parmod Kumar) Reviewed Nine State Reports on Impact Evaluation of National Food Security Mission.

Mutharayappa, R

Attended Board of Examination Meeting as Member, Department of Studies in Anthropology, University of Mysore, Mysore on 23rd April 2015.

Nautiyal, Sunil

Member, Expert committee for UGC SET Exam, February March 1, 2015

Presentation at interaction meeting, MoEF, New Delhi with regard to new research proposal, January 3, 2015.

Interaction meeting at DST with regard to new research proposal, January 4, 2015.

Meeting at TIFAC New Delhi regarding ongoing research project, January 5, 2015.

Reviewed ten papers and submitted to various international journals

Member, Academic and Research Collaboration Committee (ARCC), ISEC. Initiated signing MoU between AUS and ISEC (in final stage) and the Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow

National evaluator at 22nd National Children's Science Congress (NCSC), Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India.

Participated in the launching of the UNEP GEF MoEF ABS Project, Strengthening the Implementation of the Biological Diversity Act and Rules with focus on its Access and Benefit Sharing Provisions by the Minister for Forests, Ecology and Environment, Govt. of Karnataka, organized by Biodiversity Board, Bangalore, March 12, 2015.

Rajan, Vijitha

Book Review: 'Inhabiting 'Childhood': Children, Labour and Schooling in Postcolonial India'. *Taylor & Francis Journal, Contemporary South Asia* (DOI:10.1080/09584935.2015.1033955)

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Special Resource Person, The Third OECD Survey of India Seminar by OECD Members, organised by IIM, Bangalore, February 2015.

Examining thesis for Jadavpur University and Kolkata University.

Reviewing papers from several journals.

Doing collaborative work with Kassel University on financing of value chain in coffee production.

Reimeingam, Marchang

Participated as an invitee for discussion/preparation of "Module of Diploma Course Curriculum Designing to Enhance Graduate Employability", Workshop on Higher Education and Employability, Organised by NUEPA, Delhi (India), March 12-14, 2015.

Nuisance of Educated Unemployment in Manipur, Sangai Express, Imphal, February 21, 2015.

Excerpt of Shifting Cultivation in Manipur: Labour and Environment, Sangai Express, Imphal, February 23, 2015.

Water Scarcity in Manipur: Choice or Chance, Sangai Express, Imphal, March 28 and 30, 2015.

Sivanna, N

Delivered Inaugural address, at the National Seminar on Strategies for the Development of Hyderabad-Karnataka Backward Region, organized by R K Government First Grade College, March 13, 2015, at Chittapur, Gulbarga.

Sobin George

Coordinated ISEC Internship programme, from May to September 2015.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Participated as Invited subject expert, in the Infrastructure Assessment of Gulbarga City, organized by Central University of Karnataka, Gulbarga, February 19, 2015.

Land Use Regulations and Implications for Inclusive Planning, Training Programme on Urban Administration and Governance, Environmental Management & Policy Research Institute (EMPRI) and Karnataka Urban Infrastructure and Development Finance Corporation (KUIDFC), EMPRI, April 1, 2015, Bangalore.

Interview with Singapore Radio, Oli FM 96.8 Tamil news bulletins, 1 pm and 7 pm, Singapore, May 11, 2015.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam and V Sridhar. "Telecommunications Infrastructure and Economic Growth: Evidence from Developing Countries," Applied Econometrics and International Development, 7 (2) (2007): 37-56.

SSRN's Top Ten download list for: ERN: Infrastructures; Other Public Investment & Capital Stock; Urban infrastructure (Topics). PSN: Economic

Growth (Topic) Top Ten, PSN: Infrastructure (Topic) Top Ten, PSN: Telecommunications (Topic) Top Ten and Political Economy - Development: Domestic Development Strategies eJournal Top Ten, 2 Jan 1997 through May 5, 2015.

SSRN's Top Ten download list for: Political Economy - Development: Public Service Delivery eJournal, June 2015.

Reviewer, Oxford University Press, June 2015

Reviewer, Springer, June 2015

Referee, Review of Urban and Regional Development Studies, June 2015

Reviewer, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)'s Peccei & Mikhalevich Awards, May 2015

Reviewer for International Journal of Urban Sustainable Development (Taylor & Francis), January 2015

Doctoral Committee Member. "Linkages of Urbanization and Demographic Transition in India" by Raju Sarkar, PhD Student, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, April 2015.

Guidance to interns: Nirupama Jayaraman, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, June 2015; Shahnaz Basheer, Central University of Karnataka, June 2015.

Yadav, Manohar

Coordinated Part-B PhD Course paper: 'Caste, Class and Gender'.

Attended Expert Committee meeting as a member at Tribal Research Institute, Mysore, March 1, 2015.

Attended an Expert Committee meeting at TRI Mysore, June 11 and 12, 2015.



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