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From the Director's Desk ...



I am happy to record that the Committee constituted by the ICSSR which visited ISEC from May 29 to June 1, 2007, to review its functioning has lauded our achievements and activities. Its constructive suggestions for improving the Institute have been considered by the faculty and the Board of Governors of the Institute and efforts are on to implement them.

Starting from July 8, 2007, the Institute has begun celebrating the birth centenary of its illustrious founder the late Dr V K R V Rao. As a part of this, a monthly public lecture series was launched in July 2007 and five public lectures have been delivered under its auspices. Among the other activities contemplated are re-publication of Dr Rao's pioneering work on National Income, and bringing out a collection of reminiscences by his students, colleagues, and friends. The celebrations will culminate in an international seminar on 'the institutional structure of social science research in India' to be held at the Institute during July 6-8, 2008. We hope that with the active participation of the friends of the Institute, the celebrations will be a grand success. My colleague Professor R S Deshpande has been generously offering his time and energy to coordinate the activities.

The annual Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture was delivered by Justice Rajindar Sachar, former Chief Justice of the High Court of Delhi and Chairperson of the Prime Minister's High-Level Committee for Preparation of the Report on the Social, Economic and Educational Status of the Muslim Community in India. He spoke on 'Constitution, the Executive, Legislature and the Courts'. He also released the *Karnataka Development Report* which the Institute's faculty had compiled for the Planning Commission, Government of India.

The theme of the Seventh Professor L S Venkataramanan Memorial Lecture was 'Agricultural Research and Education: New Ideology an Innovation'. It was delivered by Professor Mruthyunjaya, National Director, National Agricultural Innovation Project, Indian Council of Agriculture Research, New Delhi.

The second half of the year 2007 has been hectic for the Institute with its various academic activities. The Institute organised a national seminar to discuss the preliminary findings of the project on the 'Construction of National Transfer Accounts for India', which is part of an international comparative research on 'Asia's Dependency Transition: Intergenerational Equity, Poverty Alleviation and Public Policy' sponsored by Nihon University Population Research Institute (Tokyo). It organised a four-week interdisciplinary course on 'Approaching the Environment in India' for post-graduate students from Nordic countries.

The Institute hosted two important workshops in the area of agriculture, namely, 'The Role of Centre and State Systems in Agriculture', and 'Capacity Building of the State- and District-level Functionaries for Formulation of Comprehensive District

Agricultural Plan'. The Institute also conducted the meeting of the Technical Support Group for Comprehensive District Agriculture Plan (C-DAP). In collaboration with the ICSSR (New Delhi), ILO's International Institute of Labour Studies (Geneva) and the Institute for Human Development (New Delhi), the Institute organised an international workshop on 'Global Production Networks and Decent Work: Recent Experience in India and Global Trends' during November 18-20, 2007. A consultation workshop was also held at the Institute on December 15, 2007, to discuss the design and direction of a Kannada journal for 'Tracking Development Locally'.

As many as 16 seminars by visiting scholars and 17 seminars by the Institute's faculty were organised on a variety of interdisciplinary topics. The visiting scholars who gave seminars included Erik L Malewski, University of Purdue; James Manor (V K R V Rao Chair Professor at the Institute), the School of Advanced Studies, London; Joseph Tharamangalam, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax (Canada); K Krishna Kumar, Indian Institute of Management (Bangalore); Keshavan Veluthat, Mangalore University; Patric McGinn, U K; Mohan Menon, Commonwealth of Learning, Vancouver; Rajan Gurukkal, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam; Tapan Raychaudhuri, Oxford University; Veena Srinivasa, Stanford University; and Wayne Nafziger, Kansas State University.

The faculty members have been very active in research work: they have completed eight projects during this period, and have embarked upon 12 new projects. The Institute published six Working Papers (Nos. 182-187). Faculty publications during this period include six books and 55 papers. Fourteen papers were presented at conferences. Professors K S James, S Madheswaran, M R Narayana and Meenakshi Rajeev did proud to the Institute by carrying its flag abroad on various fellowships/visiting professorships.

The doctoral programme was inaugurated on August 13, 2007. I warmly welcome the 12 students who joined the programme this year. I congratulate Ms Priya Gupta (Sociology) and Mr Manojit Bhattacharjee (Economics) on being awarded the Dr D M Nanjundappa Endowment Prizes for securing the highest marks in the pre-doctoral course work for the year 2006-07. At the Biannual Seminars for doctoral scholars held during December 10-15, 2007, 27 presentations were made.

Two faculty members – Dr V Gopalappa and Dr L Venkatachalam – left the Institute to take up higher academic positions elsewhere. I wish them both a bright academic career. Ms Ulhasini Andurkur, Computational Assistant, left the Institute to join her children abroad and Shri K Venugopal superannuated. I wish them both a healthy and peaceful retired life. Heartly congratulations to the three faculty members – Dr P Thippaiah, Dr S Erappa and Dr I Maruthi – who were elevated as Associate Professors under the Career Advancement Scheme. Dr Lekha Subaiya and Dr Dhananjay Bansod joined the Institute as Assistant Professors, and Ms Mohana Devi, as an Assistant. I welcome them to the ISEC family.

N Jayaram
Director



National Seminar on Construction of National Transfer Accounts (NTA) for India



Prof M R Narayana, Prof Andres Mason and Prof L Ladu Singh during the National Seminar on Construction of National Transfer Accounts for India held on August 10, 2007.

One-day National Seminar on the Institute's research project on **Construction of National Transfer Accounts for India (India NTA)** was held on August 10, 2007, in Bangalore. This project is a part of the international collaborative and comparative research on *Asia's Dependency Transition: Intergenerational Equity, Poverty Alleviation and Public Policy*, funded and coordinated by Nihon University Population Research Institute (NUPRI) in Tokyo. The project is directed by Professor M R Narayana (Country Leader) of ISEC and collaborated with Professor L Ladu Singh of the International Institute for Population Sciences (Mumbai).

Professor Andrew Mason (Senior Fellow, East-West Center, & Professor, Department of Economics, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, USA), Professor Naohiro Ogawa (Director, NUPRI), Mr Rikiya Matsukura (Researcher, NUPRI), Dr Maliki (Research Adviser, Indonesia), and about 75 other eminent economists, demographers, and policy makers of India participated in the seminar. From ISEC, the faculty, students, Members of Board of Governors, and Life Members also took part in the seminar.

The seminar was inaugurated by Prof T C A Anant (Member-Secretary, ICSSR, New Delhi) and the welcome address was delivered by ISEC Director Prof N Jayaram. International Presentations — by Prof Andrew Mason on *Demographic Dividends and National Transfer Account*, and by Professor Naohiro Ogawa on *Population Aging and Changing Intergenerational Transfers: Lessons from the Japanese Experience* — were chaired by Prof S Parasuraman, Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. Presentations on India NTA by Professors M R Narayana and L Ladu Singh were chaired by Prof Andrew Mason.

The participants were impressed by the presentations and the usefulness of an NTA framework. They wanted to learn more about NTA in future. This was the most encouraging outcome of the dissemination seminar. As a follow-up, it was decided to set up a network (through email or postal communication) of all participants for future dissemination and interactions on India NTA. Subsequently, linking India NTA network with global NTA website and global networking may provide Indian scholars with access to global information and frontier knowledge.

The seminar was designed, organised and coordinated by Professor M R Narayana under the guidance of Professor N Jayaram, and with excellent co-operation and help from the faculty and staff of the Institute's CESP, and the staff of the administration, accounts and estate wings of the Institute.

ISEC-NCI Course on Approaching the Environment in India – New Theories and Methods in the Study of the Nature-Society Interface



Eighteen post-graduate students from Nordic countries participated in a four-week course conducted by the CEENR of ISEC during July-August 2007.



The Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources of our Institute in association with the Nordic Centre in India (NCI), Sweden, organised a four-week inter-disciplinary course on '**Approaching the Environment in India: New Theories and Methods in the Study of the Nature-Society Interface**' for post-graduate students from Nordic countries. Totally 18 post-graduate students from universities in Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Iceland participated in the course. This is a regular post-graduate course equivalent to 10 ECTS (European Union Credits).

The first week of the course introduced the participants to general issues related to Indian environment such as environmentalism, environmental and forest governance in India, trade, culture, gender and environment, land and water resources, fiscal policy and the environment, urbanization, sustainable agriculture and development, etc. The second week of the course familiarized the students with the theory and applications of environmental economics with Indian case studies such as urban solid waste management, biodiversity conservation, common property resources, industrial pollution control, nuclear energy, health and environment, etc. The third week focused on political dimensions of environmental issues such as political ecology, environmental politics in India, property rights issues, participatory irrigation and forest management, institutional aspects of wetlands conservation, etc. The last week of the course was devoted to seminar presentations by the participants. As part of the course, two field trips were organised – one to the Sujala Watershed Development Project in Kolar district and the other to an urban waste water treatment plant in Bangalore and the Lalbagh Botanical Gardens.



(From left) Dr G S Sastry, Prof Neelambar Hatti, Prof R S Deshpande, Dr A Ravindra, Prof N Jayaram, Prof K N Ninan and Prof S N Sangita during the inauguration of the interdisciplinary course for students from the Nordic countries.

The resource persons of the course were drawn both from within the Institute and outside and included eminent persons such as Professors M V Nadkarni, G Thimmaiah, V M Rao, Abdul Aziz, M K Ramesh, N H Ravindranath, A Damodaran and others.

Dr A Ravindra, Deputy Chairman, State Planning Board and Former Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, delivered the inaugural address at the commencement of the course. Prof Neelambar Hatti, Chairman, Nordic Centre in India, Sweden also spoke to the course participants at the inaugural function. Dr Mirja Juntunen, Director, Nordic Centre in India, Sweden also spoke to the course participants during the first week. ISEC Director Prof N Jayaram distributed the certificates to the course participants and delivered the valedictory address at the conclusion of the course. The course participants were assessed based on their participation in discussion and their seminar presentations. The feedback on both academic and administrative aspects of the course were obtained from the participants through a structured feedback form designed for the course.

The course was coordinated by Professor K N Ninan and Dr G S Sastry of CEENR, ISEC.

Prof L S Venkataramanan Memorial Lecture – 7



Prof Mruthyunjaya, Director, National Agricultural Innovation Project, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, delivering the L S Venkataramanan Memorial Lecture at ISEC on August 25, 2007.

Professor L S Venkataramanan Memorial Lecture-7 was held on August 25, 2007. Professor Mruthyunjaya, National Director, National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, delivered this Lecture on **Agricultural Research and Education: New Ideology and Innovation**. Prof Mruthyunjaya covered the entire scenario of agricultural technology development dissemination in the context of various programmes and schemes. He focused on National Agricultural Technology Project as well as elaborated on various components and underscored the need for taking this initiative ahead up to district level. Prof N Jayaram, Director, ISEC, welcomed the gathering. Shri S L Rao, Chairman, ISEC Board of Governors, chaired the programme.

Dr P V Shenoi, former Director, ISEC and Member, ISEC Board of Governors, and a large number of academicians from Bangalore and outside attended this lecture as it was organised on the second day of the National Workshop on **Role of Centre and State Systems in Agriculture**. Dr M Mahadeva proposed the vote of thanks. The programme was coordinated by Prof R S Deshpande.



Workshop on Role of Centre and State Systems in Agriculture

A Workshop on **Role of Centre and State Systems in Agriculture** was held at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore during August 24-25, 2007. The Workshop was jointly organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore, National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NCAP), New Delhi, and University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bangalore and YES Bank.

Prof N Jayaram, Director, ISEC, welcomed the gathering. Prof G Thimmaiah, former Member, Planning Commission, spoke about the Centre-State relations and highlighted the problems facing agricultural sector including agricultural administration, research and extension. The chief guest of the session, Shri Chiranjiv Singh, former Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, highlighted the issues in policy formulation and agricultural administration. He stressed the need for larger cooperation across institutions in improving the relationship between institutions at the Centre and in the State. Dr P V Shenoi, Chairman, FAC and Member, Board of Governors of ISEC, in his Presidential address brought out many finer issues in agricultural development, administration, research and extension in the context of centre-state relations. Prof R S Deshpande proposed a vote of thanks.

The First Session on fiscal and financial aspects of the Centre-State relations was chaired by Dr S S Meenakshisundaram, Professor, NIAS. Dr K Gayithri and Prof R S Deshpande presented the history and development of agricultural administration, research and extension in the country along with the Plan and non-Plan budgetary allocations to agriculture from the Central and State pools. Prof R V Dadibhavi analysed the grants from the Finance Commission to the State and highlighted the fact that the agricultural

development should be one of the determinants in allocation. The Second Technical Session was chaired by Dr M Mahadevappa, former Chairman, Agricultural Scientists Regulation Board (ASRB) and former Vice-Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad. In this session, Dr P Adhiguru, NCAP, Dr G R Desai, Director, MANAGE, Hyderabad, Mr P Ravi Kumar, Principal Secretary, Department of Cooperation, Government of Karnataka, Dr T M Manjunath, former Director of Monsanto Research Centre, and Mr Tushar Pandey, Country Head, Strategic Initiatives-Government, YES Bank, presented various aspects of agricultural extension. The participants emphasized the need of technology transfer between the Centre and the States and brought forth the innovative on-going agricultural extension models in the country. The discussion was quite lively and most of the discussants supported the views of the paper presenters.



Workshop on Role of Centre and State Systems in Agriculture being held at ISEC on August 24, 2007.

The Third Technical Session, 'Agricultural Research and Education in the Context of Centre-State Relations' was Chaired by Prof S Bisaliah, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bangalore. Dr Suresh Pal, NCAP, Prof M K Ramesh, National Law School of India University, presented two different aspects of the theme. While Dr Pal dealt with the 'Agricultural Education and Research System' in the context of the Centre-State relations, Prof Ramesh clarified a few crucial legal issues involved in the Centre-State relations. The Fourth and Final Technical Session, focusing on 'Public-Private Partnership in Agriculture', was chaired by Dr Mruthyunjaya, National Director, NAIP. It began with a presentation by Mr Punit Malik, Head, Agriculture Infrastructure Group, YES Bank, highlighting the issues in public-private partnership in agricultural marketing. This was further elaborated by Mr Mantha Ravishankar, Associate Director, Commodities Desk-Financial Markets, YES Bank, in his presentation on the role of commodity markets in agriculture. Finally, Prof Bisaliah highlighted the issue of 'Land-grant University Approach' to higher education in agricultural sector. The discussion largely focused on the public-private partnership as well as the education in agricultural sector.

A Panel Discussion was organised to design a road-map for Centre-State relations in agricultural research, extension and education. The panelists were chosen from across various fields of specialization to bring out multiple dimensions of the theme. Dr K S Khokhar, ICAR, Dr P K Joshi, NCAP, Dr N T Yaduraju, NAIP, Dr Ramesh Chand, NCAP, Dr Gopal Naik, IIM-B, Dr R S Deshpande, ISEC participated in the Panel Discussion. Initially, they flagged various issues pertaining to the need for clarifying Centre-State relations and utilising opportunity for better ties in the process of reforms. It is here the context of NAIP becomes important and was highlighted. Dr P K Joshi, gave the concluding remarks and Mr Tushar Pandey and Dr Suresh Pal proposed vote of thanks. The Workshop was taken as an important step in the on-going collaboration between ISEC, NCAP and UAS-Bangalore. The participants felt it necessary to work on the technology transfer in the context of globalisation together in the context of livelihood security.



Southern Regional Workshop for Capacity Building of State and District Level Functionaries for Formulation of Comprehensive District Agricultural Plan

The Special District Livelihood Plan (SDLP)-Pilot Project is being launched by the Planning Commission with an objective of re-orienting agricultural planning at the district level and below to address productivity and livelihood issues and participatory planning through convergence strategies in these rainfed districts spread across varying agro-climatic regions. Preliminary interface on the subject was held by the Planning Commission with the Collectors and Chief Executive Officers of 25 districts on November 11, 2006.

The Planning Commission desires to accelerate the process of preparation of district agricultural plans keeping in view the priorities as emerged in the district through participatory and bottom up planning. Planning Commission would now like to involve selected lead Institutes for (i) capacity building of State/district functionaries, (ii) providing handholding support to the districts, (iii) production of training material and district plan guidelines etc. With this background four regional workshops, each of two-day duration, have been organised.

The Southern Regional Workshop was held at the Institute for Social and Economic Change on September 7 and 8, 2007. ISEC Director Prof N Jayaram welcomed the participants. Resource persons from the Institute and outside were invited to guide the proceedings. The invitees included Prof Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission, Shri Rynza, Senior Consultant, Planning Commission, Dr A C Dixit and Dr H S Sur, Consultants, Planning Commission, and other officers of Planning Commission. The invitees included the officers from the State governments, District Collectors, Agricultural Commissioners and District Planning Officers along with the officers of the District Agriculture. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) supported the workshop financially and also participated in the workshop as a support institution. About 120 persons from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala attended the workshop.

On the first day, the District Development Plans and Planning Process was discussed in the context of agriculture especially focusing on methodology and fine-tuning process. The second day of the workshop focused on the interaction with the participants, district planning themes and finally culminated into an exercise for four States separately. The Concluding Session was chaired by Shri S L Rao, Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC, and Prof Abhijit Sen guided future course of action. The workshop was coordinated by Prof R S Deshpande, Dr N Sivanna and Dr M Devendra Babu.

Technical Support Group for Comprehensive District Agriculture Plan (C-DAP)



Prof R S Deshpande speaking during the Workshop on Comprehensive District Agriculture Plan held at ISEC on November 16-17, 2007.

The Planning Commission, Government of India, has constituted a Technical Support Group for developing the Manual of Guidelines on Comprehensive District Agriculture Plan (C-DAP) in the country as required by the 53rd Resolution of National Development Council, Government of India. Prof R S Deshpande, Head, ADRT Centre, ISEC, has been nominated by the Central Planning Commission as the Convener of the Technical Support Group.

The second meeting of the Technical Support Group was held at ISEC on November 16-17, 2007. The Technical Support Group meeting was attended by Dr Krishna Lavekar, Commissioner Agriculture, Govt. of Maharashtra, Dr Arabinda Kumar Padhee, Director, Agriculture and Food Production, Govt. of Orissa, Dr A K Dixit and Dr H S Sur, Consultants, Planning Commission, Govt. of India, Mr K R Rao, Chief General Manager, NABARD, Mumbai, and Shri D C Mishra, Senior Technical Director, National Informatics Centre (NIC). The Group discussed the modalities of preparing the Manual and Guidelines for Comprehensive District Agriculture Plan. A draft report was prepared and circulated to the members. Prof Deshpande coordinated the meeting.



International Workshop on Global Production Networks and Decent Work: Recent Experience in India and Global Trends

Since the mid-1990s, with the opening up of the Indian economy, many production units and processes in India have been integrated into global production networks (GPNs). Sectors linked with IT and IT-enabled services are well-known examples of this global integration. Other sectors, such as automobile components, motorcycles, pharmaceuticals, textiles, garments, leather goods, handicrafts and even various agricultural products are also now part of GPNs. The global sourcing of production has important implications for the economy as well as for

the scale and quality of employment, what we may call decent work, for those workers engaged in the production of goods and services in global markets. With this background, the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi; ILO's International Institute of Labour Studies (IILS), Geneva; and the Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi, in association with Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore, organised an **International Workshop on Global Production Networks and Decent Work: Recent Experience in India and Global Trends**. The workshop was held on November 18-20, 2007, at ISEC, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore.



The International Workshop on Global Production Networks and Decent Work: Recent Experience in India and Global Trends being inaugurated on November 18, 2007. (From left) Prof Alakh Sharma, Dr Gerry Rodgers, Prof T C A Anant, Ms Leyla Tegmo-Reddy and Prof Dev Nathan during the inauguration.

The objective of this workshop was to take stock of the existing situation and set agenda for future research and policy in this emerging area so that it leads to informed policy debate, useful for government, employers and trade unions. About 75 leading experts in this area, both from India and abroad, contributed papers and participated in this three-day conference. Experts from various sectors, industrialists, representatives from trade unions and NGOs and government bodies from different parts of the country also participated.

Prof T C A Anant, Member- Secretary, Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR), presided over the function. ISEC Director Prof N Jayaram welcomed the participants. Dr Gerry Rodgers, Senior Advisor, Office of the Director-General, ILO, Geneva, inaugurated the workshop and delivered the inaugural address. The chief guest of the conference was Ms Leyla Tegmo-Reddy, Director, International Labour Organisation, New Delhi. IHD Director Prof Alakh Sharma explained the purpose of the conference. Coordinator of the workshop, Dr Dev Nathan of IHD, proposed a vote of thanks. Prof S Madheswaran of ISEC, was the local coordinator of the workshop.

Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture

Justice Rajindar Sachar, former Chief Justice of the High Court of Delhi, delivered the Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture on November 23, 2007, on the topic 'Constitution, the Executive, Legislature and the Courts' at the Institute. Elaborating on the delicate system of 'checks and balances' provided in the Indian Constitution, Justice Sachar cautioned the three wings of the state not to overstep into each other's domains. All the three wings – the legislature, the executive and the judiciary – should strive to uphold the supremacy of the Constitution, Justice Sachar stated. Shri S L Rao, Chairman, Board of Governors of ISEC, presided over the function.



Justice Rajindar Sachar delivering the Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture at ISEC on November 23, 2007.



As part of the day's celebrations, Prof D M Nanjundappa Endowment Prizes were awarded to Ms Priya Gupta (in Sociology) and Mr Manojit Bhattacharjee (in Economics) for scoring the highest marks in the PhD course work during 2006-07.

During the celebrations, the Karnataka Development Report, which had been compiled by ISEC, was formally released.

Besides the Institute's faculty, staff and students, the ISEC Founder Members, Members of Board of Governors, faculty from sister-institutions and other invitees participated in the function.



ISEC Director Prof N Jayaram, former Chief Justice of Delhi High Court Justice Rajindar Sachar and ISEC Board of Governors Chairman Shri S L Rao formally releasing the Karnataka Development Report on November 23, 2007.

Workshop on the Design and Direction of Proposed Kannada Journal, Arivu

A half-a-day Consultation Workshop was held at ISEC on December 15, 2007, to discuss the design and direction of an information journal, *Arivu* (in Kannada). The purpose of the information bulletin, as the title of the Workshop suggests, is 'Tracking Development Locally'. The Consultative Workshop was organised by the Centre for the Study of Social Change and Development (CSSCD) of ISEC in collaboration with RORES (Srinivaspura, Kolar district) and Jana Jagruti Vedike of Chintamani, Chikkaballapur District. Shri K K Mishra, IAS, Chief Information Commissioner, Government of Karnataka, presided. Professor N Jayaram, Director, ISEC, welcomed the gathering. Dr V Ramaswamy coordinated the Workshop. Shri Ramesh Kumar, former Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Assembly, and Dr M C Sudhakar, former MLA, Chintamani, participated in the discussions. Professor Abdul Aziz summed up the discussions by highlighting the main key concerns and challenges. Shri P S Reddy of RORES proposed a vote of thanks.

ISEC Public Lectures

ISEC Public Lecture - I was delivered by Prof P K Michael Tharakan, Sri Ramakrishna Hegde Chair in Decentralisation and Governance, ISEC, on '*Present Discourse on Decentralisation in India: Conceptual Origins*' at the Jnanajyoti Seminar Hall, Central College Campus, Palace Road, Bangalore - 560 001 on August 31, 2007. Sri Cyriac Joseph, Honourable Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka, presided over the Lecture.

ISEC Public Lecture - II was delivered by Prof G K Karanth, Professor and Head, Centre for Study of Social Change and Development (CSSCD), ISEC, on '*Sixty Years of Development: A Sociological Assessment*' at the Central College on September 28, 2007. Professor V K Nataraj, former Director of the Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, presided.

ISEC Public Lecture - III was delivered by Prof R S Deshpande, Professor and Head, Agricultural Development and Rural Transformation Centre (ADRTC), ISEC, on '*Farm Sector Distress and Agricultural Policy in India*' at the Central College, on October 26, 2007. Professor M V Nadkarni, Honorary Visiting Professor, ISEC, and former Vice-Chancellor of Gulbarga University, presided.

ISEC Public Lecture - IV was delivered by Professor James Manor, VKRV Rao Chair Professor, ISEC, and Professor, School of Advance Studies, London, and Mr E Raghavan, Editor, *Economic Times*, Bangalore, on '*The Transformation of Politics in Karnataka, 1972-1989*' at the Central College on November 30, 2007. Professor Abdul Aziz, Honorary Visiting Professor, Institute for Social and Economic Change, presided.

ISEC Public Lecture - V was delivered by Professor S N Sangita, Professor and Head, CPIGD, ISEC, on '*Indian Democracy at Crossroads: Role of Political Parties in Inclusive Governance*' at the Central College on December 28, 2007. Professor N Jayaram, Director, ISEC, presided over the Lecture.



Seminars by Visitors

A Promising Myth: How India's 2004 Election was Actually Won — Prof James Manor, VKRV Rao Chair Professor, ISEC, and Professor, The School of Advanced Studies, London (July 24, 2007).

Cereal Consumption Deprivation in India before and after Economic Reforms: An Analysis Using the National Sample Survey Data — Prof T Krishna Kumar, Guest Faculty, IIM, Bangalore (July 25, 2007).

Reducing Poverty is Politically Feasible and Politically Advantageous — Prof James Manor, VKRV Rao Chair Professor, ISEC, and Professor, The School of Advanced Studies, London (July 26, 2007).

The Distributed Water Paradigm — Ms Veena Srinivasa, PhD Fellow, Interdisciplinary Program in Environment and Resources, Stanford University, USA (August 14, 2007).

Foucault and Social Science Research - Lecture I and Lecture II — Professor Rajan Gurukkal, Director, School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam (August 27 and 28, 2007).

(Mis)Reading Educational Reform Research: A Post-modern, Post-structural Orientation — Professor Erik L Malewski, Department of Curriculum Development, University of Purdue, USA (October 15, 2007).

Lessons in Human Development: Comparing the Human Development Experience in Kerala and Cuba — Professor Joseph Tharamangalam, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Canada (October 17, 2007).

British Liberalism and British Capital in Nineteenth-Century India — Dr Patrick McGinn, Visiting Fellow, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore (October 29, 2007).

Forest Rights in India: The Forest Act of 2006 – Movement Beyond Rhetoric and Political Correctness? — Professor M K Ramesh, National Law School of India University, Bangalore (November 13, 2007).

Software Entrepreneurs in India's Silicon City: Tigers, Copycats, and Mixed Breeds — Professor Wayne Nafziger, University Distinguished Professor of Economics, Kansas State University, USA, and Visiting Researcher on South Indian Technology Entrepreneurs, ISEC, Bangalore (November 26, 2007).

A Shift in the Paradigm in Indian Historiography: A Lecture Commemorating D D Kosambi in His Centenary Year — Professor Kesavan Veluthat, Professor of History, Mangalore University, Mangalore (December 1, 2007).

The Dilemmas of the Congress Party Today — Prof James Manor, VKRV Rao Chair Professor, ISEC, and Professor, The School of Advanced Studies, London (December 4, 2007).

Implications of an Indian Secretary-General at the Commonwealth — Prof James Manor, VKRV Rao Chair Professor, ISEC, and Professor, The School of Advanced Studies, London (December 5, 2007).

Commonwealth of Learning and Millennium Goals — Talk by Prof Mohan Menon, Education Specialist, Commonwealth of Learning, Vancouver, Canada (December 4, 2007).

Hindu-Muslim Relations: A Historical Perspective — Lecture by Prof Tapan Raychaudhuri, Emeritus Fellow, St. Anthony's College, Oxford and Formerly Professor of Indian History and Civilization, Oxford University, United Kingdom (December 17, 2007).

Seminars by Faculty

Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) and Protection of Indigenous Environmental Knowledge (IEK): An Explorative Study with Special Reference to Karnataka — Dr C Nanjundaiah, Associate Professor, CESP, ISEC, Bangalore (August 1, 2007)

Social Capital (Trust), Self-Regulatory Authorities and Service Delivery in India: Effectiveness, Inclusiveness, Transparency and Accountability — Prof Satyanarayana Sangita, Professor and Head CPIGD, ISEC, Bangalore (August 2, 2007)

Glorifying Malthus: The Current Debate on "Demographic Divided" in India — Prof K S James, Professor and Head PRC, ISEC, Bangalore (August 8, 2007)

Changing Child Population and Health Care Infrastructure in Karnataka: A Study — Dr C M Lakshmana, Associate Professor, PRC, ISEC, Bangalore (August 9, 2007)

Pre-Service Teacher Education for Secondary Stage Education in the Emerging Diverse Education Context in Karnataka/India — Dr M D Usha Devi, Professor and Head, Centre for Human Resource Development, ISEC, Bangalore (September 6, 2007)

Trends and Patterns of Migration: Interface with Education – A Case of the North-Eastern Region — Dr U A Shimray, Assistant Professor, and Prof M D Usha Devi, Professor and Head, CHRD, ISEC, Bangalore (September 9, 2007)



Gender Differentials in Health among Children of Karnataka — Dr T S Syamala, Associate Professor, PRC, ISEC, Bangalore (September 11, 2007)

Lifestyle and the Health of Elderly in Karnataka — Dr R Mutharayappa, Associate Professor, Dr T N Bhat, Assistant Professor, PRC, ISEC, Bangalore (September 11, 2007)

Role of NGOs in the Prevention of HIV/AIDS in Karnataka — Dr C S Veeramatha, Assistant Professor, PRC, ISEC, Bangalore (September 13, 2007)

Awareness of HIV/AIDS in Karnataka: Analysis of RCH – II Data — Dr K S Umamani, Assistant Professor, PRC, ISEC, Bangalore (September 13, 2007)

Estimation of Seed, Feed and Wastage Ratios for Major Foodgrains — Dr R S Deshpande, Professor and Head, ADRTC, ISEC, Bangalore (September 14, 2007)

Local Welfare in a Global Context: Slums and Urban Welfare in Karnataka's Development — Dr Supriya Roychowdhury, Professor, CPIGD, ISEC, Bangalore (September 20, 2007)

Determinants of Maternal Health Care Service Use: A Regional Analysis in Karnataka — Dr M Sivakami, Associate Professor, CHRD, ISEC, Bangalore (September 24, 2007)

The US-India Nuclear 'Deal': Underlying Issues and Debates — Dr M V Ramana, Senior Fellow, CISED, Bangalore (November 15, 2007).

Evaluation of Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary Measures of Uruguay Round on Supply Chain: A Study on Tea Sector of Nilgiri Region of South India — Professor K V Raju, Professor and Head, CEENR and Dr K Lenin Babu, CEENR, ISEC, Bangalore (November 16, 2007)

A Study of Karnataka Schemes and Policies for Rural Development, Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation — Dr M Devendra Babu, Assistant Professor, CESP, ISEC, Bangalore (December 7, 2007)

Desertification Vulnerability Index Model — Dr G S Sastry, Associate Professor, CEENR, ISEC, Bangalore (December 19, 2007)

Research Projects

Completed Projects

Fuelling Fire or Dampening Flames? Conflict Management by Karnataka's Grama Panchayats (Dr K G Gayathri Devi)

A Study of Terminal Benefits of the Central Government Employees and Reduction Measures (Dr K Gayithri)

District Planning Process: Evidence from Karnataka (Dr Devendra Babu M)

Micro Initiatives for Macro Policy (Dr R S Deshpande)

Estimation of Seed, Feed and Wastage Ratios for Major Foodgrains in India (Dr R S Deshpande)

India's Agricultural Trade in Post-Liberalisation Period: A Review of Some Issues (Dr R S Deshpande)

Changing Child Population and Health Care Infrastructure: A Study in Karnataka (Dr C M Lakshmana)

Self-Regulatory Authorities and Service Delivery in India (Dr S N Sangita)

Role of NGOs in the Prevention of HIV/AIDS in Karnataka (Dr C S Veeramatha)

New Projects

Study on Rating Assessment of Water User Association in KC Canal Modernisation Project (Dr R S Deshpande)

Desertification Vulnerability Index Model (Dr G S Sastry)

New Dimensions of Rural Indebtedness in India: An Assessment of the Challenges to the Credit Institutions (Dr Meenakshi Rajeev and Smt. B P Vani)

Monitoring of District-Level Health Survey-3 (Dr K S James)

Trends in the Productivity of Important Crops - A Study Across States (Dr R S Deshpande)

The Impact of Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme (Dr R S Deshpande)

Gender and Governance in Rural Services (Dr K G Gayathri Devi and Dr K V Raju)

Income, Income Inequality and Mortality: An Empirical Investigation of the Relationship in India (Dr K S James)



Improving Institutions for Pro-Poor Growth (Dr D Rajasekhar)

Effects of Population Growth on Environmental Degradation: With Reference to India (Dr C M Lakshmana)

A Study on Morbidity Pattern and Cost of Illness in Karnataka (Dr R Mutharayappa)

Water Supply and Sanitation for the Environmental Status Report for Bangalore, 2008 (Dr C Nanjundaiah)

Students' Biannual Seminar Series

The PhD Scholars' Biannual Seminars were held during December 10-15, 2007. In all, 27 presentations were made; while two scholars presented pre-submission seminars, others reported progress in their research.

PhD Programme — 2007 Batch

The 2007-08 PhD Programme with 12 students was inaugurated on August 13, 2007. The discipline-wise break-up of the students is: Decentralisation and Development – one; Economics – four; Environmental Economics – one; Political Science – three; Population Studies – two; Sociology – one.

Working Papers

An Overview

In all, six Working Papers were published during the last six months.

In her paper, 'Reproductive and Child Health Programmes in the Urban Slums of Bangalore City: A Study on Unmet Needs for Family Welfare Services' (WP 182), Veeramatha C S makes an attempt to understand the reproductive health programmes operating in Bangalore city slums, wherein there is the highest prevalence of unmet needs for family welfare services. She observes that the Reproductive and Child Health Programme introduced in 1997 differs from the earlier family welfare programmes and it incorporates all the family welfare aspects in a broader and comprehensive manner. Unmet needs for family welfare services indicate the potential demand for family welfare services. Data were collected through interviews. The unmet need for complete dosage of full MCH and reproductive health ranged from 50 to 60 per cent and there was an unmet need for 26.8 per cent for family planning. This was found mostly among women till the age of 25 years who preferred largely spacing methods, which suggests that there is a greater demand for unmet need for spacing methods in the slums.

C M Lakshmana in his paper titled 'Demographic Change and Gender Inequality: A Comparative Study of Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka' (WP 183), makes an attempt to understand the demographic changes and gender inequality in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka. Gender equality and empowerment of women is today recognised globally as a key element in the achievement of progress in myriad areas. The charter of the United Nations signed in 1945 was the first international covenant that proclaimed gender equality as a fundamental right. The Millennium Development Goals and Main Targets for 2015 (UN, MDGs, 2005) recognise that promotion of gender equality and empowerment of women is pivotal to its realisation. The analysis is primarily based on secondary data culled out from Census of India reports and other published documents. The analysis indicates that gender gap in index of deprivation (IOD) of CLDI was lower in Karnataka than in MP. Karnataka's sex ratio is also distinctly better than that of MP. Similarly, men and women in Karnataka have better longevity than that of MP.

In the paper 'Increasing Ground Water Dependency and Declining Water Quality in Urban Water Supply – A Comparative Analysis of Four South Indian Cities' (WP 184), the authors K V Raju, N Latha and S Manasi examine the extent of groundwater dependency and quality status in Hubli, Dharwad, Belgaum and Kolar cities in the context of National Water Policy. Household survey indicated dependency of 30, 51, 37 and 100 per cent while the quality analysis indicated 45, 42, 22 and 97 per cent as non-potable in the above cities respectively. Water markets captured a turnover of Rs 50 crore in Hubli, Dharwad and Belgaum, whereas in Bagepalli taluk (Kolar district) alone, it was Rs 120 million/annum.

Kala Sitaram Sridhar in her paper, 'Impact of Land Use Regulations on Suburbanisation: Evidence from India's Cities' (WP 185), makes an attempt to study the impact of the restrictive land use controls, such as floor-area ratio and urban land ceiling, on population and employment suburbanisation in India's urban areas. Using standard econometric techniques, she observes that population suburbanises in response to relaxation of FAR norms in the suburbs. However, land use regulations do not have any impact on employment suburbanisation.

K C Smitha, in her paper titled 'Socio-Economic Determinants of Women Leadership at the Grass-Roots' (WP



186), tries to critically analyse and evaluate the emergence of women leadership in Pachayati Raj Institutions particularly after the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act in Andhra Pradesh. The paper analyses the socio-economic determinants of the elected women and its consequent influence on the emerging women leadership in Andhra Pradesh. The paper also examines as to how far the socio-economic aspects have impaired or given opportunities to raise the issues and other social and economic problems in a formal forum, and thereby adequately ensure the improvement in all spheres of life. This analysis establishes the fact that many myths associated with the entry of women into leadership positions that would be hindered by socio-economic profile in terms of their age, occupation, family income, land-holdings and education have been disproved.

'Groundwater for Agricultural Use in India: An Institutional Perspective' (WP 187) by Sarbani Mukherjee addresses the issue of depleting groundwater resources, which is a major concern in many parts of India today. The paper argues that depleting ground water resource has a tendency to disproportionately affect the poor farmers by limiting their access to the resource. Appropriate institutional structures are, therefore, required to manage groundwater, ensure equitable distribution of irrigation water and increase agricultural productivity. The paper also examines the alternative regulatory mechanisms that exist in India to prevent overexploitation of groundwater resources and attempts to provide an overall perspective within which the different regulatory mechanisms can be assessed.

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Shimray, U A

Ecology and Economic System: A Case of the Naga Community. New Delhi: Regency Publications. 2007.

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Babu, M Devendra

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Ramana, M V

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Agricultural Development and Rural Poverty, in the workshop on FAO Regional Programme on Pro-Poor Policy Formulation, organised by Food and Agricultural Organisation and Govt of India, December 14, 2007, at New Delhi.

Farmers' Suicides in India, special lecture, organised by Pune University, September 20, 2007, at Pune.

Jayaram, N

Women and Professional Education, in the Inauguration of Postgraduate Programmes, organised by Jyothi Nivas College, August 31, 2007, at Bangalore.

Sociology of Youth and Childhood, in the International Conference on VIII International Conference on Asian Youth and Childhoods - 2007, organised by International Sociological Association, November 22, 2007, at JNPG College, Lucknow.

Rajasekhar, D

Elimination of Hazardous Child Labour in Agriculture, at the workshop on Elimination of Hazardous Child Labour in Agriculture, organised by ILO, September 13, 2007, at Vikas Soudha, Bangalore.

Papers Presented at Conferences / Workshops Abroad

Badiger, Shrinivas

(with Tor Haakon Bakkon) Hydrosystems Modelling in Malaprabha River Basin - Literature Review, Data Issues and Preliminary Modelling Results; at the Workshop on Development of Tools and Methodologies to implement the Payments for Environmental Services Concept in Watersheds in India, organised by Norwegian Institute for Water Research, Oslo, in collaboration with Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Environment and Development, Bangalore, August 10, 2007, at the Center for Interdisciplinary Environmental and Social Research, NIVA, Oslo.

Bedamatta, Satyasiba

Land and Water Use Interactions in the Upper Catchments of Malaprabha River Basin - Preliminary Observations; at the Workshop on Development of Tools and Methodologies to implement the Payments for Environmental Services Concept in Watersheds in India, organised by Norwegian Institute for Water Research, Oslo, in collaboration with Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Environment and Development, Bangalore, August 10, 2007 at the Center for Interdisciplinary Environmental and Social Research, NIVA, Oslo.

Jayaram, N

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Madheswaran, S

(with Jean Jacques Paul) Measuring Discrimination in the Labour Market: Methodological Developments; at the Conference on Measuring Discrimination, organised by University of Evry, December 13-14, 2007, at Paris, France.

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Manjula, R

(with D Rajasekhar) Affordability of Water Supply Services by Decentralised Government in India; at the International Workshop on Water Supply, Sanitation and Waste Water Management in South Asia, organised by SasiWATERS, Hyderabad and Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, Peradeniya, September 24-26, 2007, at Kandy, Sri Lanka.

Nanjundaiah, C

The Economic Value of Indigenous Environmental Knowledge in Ensuring Sustainable Livelihood Needs and Protection of Local Ecological Services: A Case Study of Nagarhole National Park, India; at the International Conference on Sustainable Forest Management and Poverty Alleviation: Roles of Traditional Forest-related Knowledge, organised by Sustainable Forestry Research Centre, Chinese Academy of Forestry, December 17-20, 2007, at Kunming, China.

**Narayana, M R**

(with L Ladu Singh) Economic Lifecycle: The Case of India; at the Conference on Ageing: The Everyday Experience, organised by New Zealand Association of Gerontology, University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand, November 14-16, 2007, in New Zealand.

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Rajasekhar, D

Social Security in India: Status, Issues and Ways Forward; at the International Conference on Social Security Systems in Developing and Newly Industrialising Countries: Utopia or Strategy for Keeping Peace and Fighting Poverty, organised by United Nations Association of Germany and GTZ, September 18-19, 2007, in Germany.

(with R Manjula) Affordability of Water Supply Services by Decentralised Government in India; at the International Workshop on Water Supply, Sanitation and Waste Water Management in South Asia, organised by SaciWATERS, Hyderabad, and Post-Graduate Institute of Agriculture, Peradeniya, September 24-26, 2007, at Kandy, Sri Lanka.

Ramana, M V

Climate Change and Nuclear Power in Developing Countries; at the panel discussion Nuclear Energy: Myth and Reality, organised by Heinrich Böll Foundation, December 13, 2007, at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Bali.

Sen, Subir

(with S Madheswaran) Are Life Insurance Demand Determinants Valid for Selected Asian Economies and India?, at the 11th Annual Meeting of Asia-Pacific Risk and Insurance Association (APRIA), organised by National Chengchi University, July 22-25, 2007 at Taipei, Taiwan.

Shimray, U A

Land Ownership Pattern of the Tangkhul Naga Community: Uniqueness in Tradition; at the National Seminar on Land, Identity and Development: Manipur Experience, organised by ICSSR-North Eastern Region, Shillong and RK Sanatombi Devi Research Institute of Social Sciences, Imphal, November 16-17, 2007, at Imphal.

Awards / Fellowships

James, K S

Visiting Fellow, Institute National D'Etudes Demographiques (INED), Paris, France, November 6, 2007 to December 7, 2007.

Madheswaran, S

Jean Claud-Eicher Chair Visiting Professor, Research Institute in the Sociology and Economics of Education (IREDU), University of Bourgogne, Dijon, France, November 27- December 31, 2007.

Narayana, M R

Visiting Professor, Centre for International Research on the Japanese Economy (CIRJE), Faculty of Economics, the University of Tokyo, Japan, December 2007 to April 2008.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Visiting Professor, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Oslo, Norway, October 2007.

Visiting Fellow, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research, Oslo, Norway, October 2007.

Visited on invitation Norges Bank, Central Bank of Norway, October 12, 2007.



Offices Held in Academic / Professional / Administrative Bodies

Deshpande, R S

Member, Research Advisory Committee, Central Silk Board, Govt of India, Mysore.

Convener, Technical Support Group on District Planning, Planning Commission, Govt of India, New Delhi.

Chairing the Expert Group on Comprehensive District Agricultural Plan, Govt of Karnataka, Bangalore.

Member, Board of Studies in Economics, (PG) Kuvempu University and Mysore University.

Member, Executive Committee, Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre, Govt of Karnataka, Bangalore.

Jayaram, N

Member, Joint Working Group of ESRC (UK) and ICSSR (New Delhi) on Collaborative Research.

Rajasekhar, D

Member, Minimum Wages Board, Government of Karnataka.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Member, Banking and Finance Committee (2007), Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Ramana, M V

Member, Greenpeace India Society.

Rao, V M

Honorary Visiting Fellow, Institute for Social and Economic Change

Honorary Fellow, Indian School of Political Economy, Pune

Member, Board of Directors, Public Affairs Foundation, Bangalore

Sangameswaran, Priya

Member, International Association for the Study of the Commons.

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Member, Board of Studies, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram.

Member, Board of Studies, Institute of Developmental Studies, University of Mysore, Mysore.

Executive Member, Indian Institute of Public Administration-K, Bangalore.

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Executive Member, International Institute of Information Law, Bangalore.

Executive Member, Indian Society for Environmental Studies, Bangalore.

Usha Devi, M D

Nominated as a member of the Advisory committee for Sri Kempe Gowda Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences, Bangalore University.





Miscellaneous

Devi, K G Gayathri

Resource person (special lecture) on 'Gender and Environment' to participants in a post-graduate course organised by ISEC-NCI on 'Approaching the Environment in India - New Theories and Methods in the Study of the Nature-Society Interface', July 27, 2007, at ISEC.

Gayithri, K

Have been associated (in association with the USAID REFORM project) with the preparation of Programme Performance Budget for the departments of Health and Family Welfare, Education, Water Resources, Public Works, Home and Transport of the Government of Karnataka. Preparation of Programme Performance Budget for the district sector, the first of its kind in the country, is being initiated in the districts of Gulbarga and Bijapur.

Jayaram, N

Visited Thimpu, Bhutan, from September 30 to October 15, 2007, as a Member of the Consultative Committee to prepare 'A Tertiary Education Policy' for the Royal Government of Bhutan.

Lakshmana, C M

Attended training course on 'Health Statistics and Demography' at Department of Statistics and Demography, National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, Munirka, New Delhi, October 15-19, 2007.

Madheswaran, S

Concept Note on "Economics of Higher Education: Graduate Labour Market in the Knowledge Economy" Submitted to ICSSR and Fondation de la Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, France to Conduct Indo-French Seminar at ISEC.

Narayana, M R

Published an article, 'Is India Ready to Reap Demographic Dividends?', *The Hindu-Business Line*, June 20, 2007.

Ninan, K N

Published an invited article on 'Social Science Research in India - The Decline', *Deccan Herald*, December 18, 2007.

Appointed as Examiner for MSc course on Wildlife Biology and Conservation, National Centre for Biological Sciences, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bangalore.

Student Ms Poulomi Bhattacharya submitted her PhD thesis on 'Economics of Aquaculture-A Comparative Analysis of Traditional Vs Scientific Systems in West Bengal' to Mysore University on December 12, 2007.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

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

Acted as a Resource Person for "Macro economics and Banking Sector" for Yashada, Administrative Training Institute for Government Officials, Pune.

Raju, K V

Participated as Team Leader of the study entitled 'Review and Strategy on Guidelines and Institutional Mechanisms for Watershed Programs in India', in the Meeting held by ICRISAT in Hyderabad, July 23 – 25, 2007.

Delivered two lectures: (1) Water Resources and Water Quality: Issues in India on July 26, 2007 (2) Participatory Irrigation Management and Water Users Organisation on August 17, 2007 in the Four-week Post-graduate Training Course on Approaching the Environment in India: New Theories and Methods in the Study of the Nature-Society Interface, organised by the Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources, ISEC, in association with Nordic Centre in India, Sweden.

Published an article on 'Neeru Koduva Keregaligu Bhugallara Kanna', *Kannada Prabha*, August 9, 2007.

Attended the Steering Committee meeting of Andhra Pradesh Farmer Managed Groundwater Systems Project, Hyderabad, held on September 24, 2007 in Hyderabad.

Participated in the Training Programme in handling Geographical Information System of Tungabhadra Basin conducted by ISRO, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore, December 3-7, 2007.

**Rao, V M**

Valedictory Address at the National Seminar on Human Development Issues, organised by IGIDR, Mumbai, September 26, 2007 at Mumbai.

Valedictory Address at the Short Term Executive Programme, organised by Indian Institute of Plantation Management, Bangalore, September 28, 2007 at Bangalore.

Sastry, G S

Coordinator, ISEC- Janagraha Collaborative Research Initiatives on Urban Studies

Syamala, T S

Attended one day meeting of Monitoring Agencies under DLHS-3 at NIHFW, Delhi, November 19, 2007.

Usha Devi, M D

Participated in the Review meeting of the SSA MI organised by the MHRD/GOI at Scope Complex, Lodi Estate, New Delhi, December 27, 2007.

External Expert to review the research progress of the UGC JRFs in the faculty of Education at the Bangalore University, September 25, 2007 at the P G Department of Education, Bangalore University, Jnanabharathi, Bangalore.

Participated in an Interaction Meeting with the Subject Expert Committee at the ICSSR, New Delhi, September 08, 2007.

Participated as an Expert to review Research Proposals in Teacher Absenteeism at the SPO, SSA Mission, GoK, July 24, 2007.

Miscellaneous



The best of the best !



PhD students Ms Priya Gupta (Sociology) and Mr Manojit Bhattacharjee (Economics) being awarded the Dr D M Nanjundappa Endowment Prizes for securing the highest percentage of marks in the 2006-07 batch. ISEC Director Prof N Jayaram, former Chief Justice of Delhi High Court Justice Rajindar Sachar and ISEC Board of Governors Chairman Shri S L Rao felicitated the two students during the Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture celebrations on November 23, 2007.



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