



From the Director's Desk . . .



All over the world people talk about the 'generation gap'. Do we see it in ISEC also? This was a moot question put to me once. When I look at the activities of ISEC over time and during the last six months, it is quite reassuring that we see a healthy mix of old and new minds, people, works and the transition between

them, all of which are going on simultaneously and smoothly. The VKRV Rao Memorial talk this year was delivered by the renowned statistician, Dr C R Rao, Eberly Family Emeritus Professor in Statistics at Pennsylvania State University, USA, who remembered having been with Professor VKRV Rao in 1972 while laying the foundation stone of the ISEC campus. Just as much as that old time memory is refreshing, three generations later, Professor N Jayaram is joining ISEC as the new Director. I see a continuity and unity in age diversity. I take this opportunity to welcome Dr Jayaram to the ISEC fraternity. Equally important for me to mention is that yet another younger scholar from ISEC, Shri D Kusanna, has been honoured with the Karnataka government's prestigious Dr Ambedkar Award this year. I am, therefore, pretty sure that the generation and distance gap is of no consequence in ISEC activities.

The six months that have just gone by saw many events of a mixed bag. Professor A S Seetharamu, a well-known educationist, retired in February. A national conference in honour of Professor A Vaidyanathan was organised at the Institute coinciding with his attaining the respectable age of seventy-five. Professor Hemlata Rao, who had served this Institute almost since its inception, left for her heavenly abode. We pray for eternal peace for the departed soul.

In terms of public lectures, we had a galaxy of speakers reminding us of the future course of researches. Delivering the L S Venkataraman Memorial Lecture, Professor G S Bhalla warned of the dangers of emerging trends in the neglect of agriculture in the Indian context; just as much as Professor C R Rao stressed in his VKRV Rao Memorial talk on the need to create a strong statistical system as a 'Gateway to Knowledge'. While inaugurating the national conference in honour of Professor A Vaidyanathan, Dr C Rangarajan, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, stressed the need to take up micro-financing as the major instrument for rural development.

With as many as fifteen research projects completed and five doctoral degrees awarded during the last six months, ISEC continues to keep its research and teaching activities high on its agenda. The completed projects cover various socio-economic development and emerging issues, such as the role of tele-medicine system, growing rural-urban disparity, market instruments for pollution abatement, problems of girl child, debt bondage, contract farming and many others. Some of the new projects initiated are on 'culture and primary education',

'compensating for environmental services', 'issues related to child labour' and such other contemporarily relevant themes. During the last six months, two major dissemination seminars were organised, one on Karnataka Development Report and the other on 'Rural Infrastructure' jointly organised with NCAER.

Professor James Guilmore Manor of IDS, Sussex, is our new VKRV Rao Chair Professor. With him, ISEC wishes to take up several long-term studies, the one being most talked about is '*Bangalore and beyond*'. Former VKRV Rao Chair Professor Ravi Kanbur continues to be associated with ISEC as an Honorary Faculty. In addition, we are extremely grateful to the Karnataka government for having created a professorial chair in memory of Shri Ramakrishna Hegde, who successfully introduced the *Panchayati Raj* system in the country, much before the 73rd and 74th Amendments to the Indian Constitution.

ISEC has recently introduced a Superannuation Annuity Scheme for the benefit of its employees, one more social welfare measure in addition to many others. With a large number of projects of societal relevance and disseminating the research outcomes through policy briefs, outreach activities, journal articles, books, monographs and working papers on an increasing scale, the ISEC faculty and staff deserve such a treat. Addition of a faculty lounge has brought about quite a bit of closeness among the staff.

One always wonders if there is any school of thought in ISEC's research programme. It reminds me of Professor Stephen Hawking, Lucasian Professor of Mathematics and one of the most well-known theoretical physicist (perhaps next only to Albert Einstein) at the University of Cambridge. He recently posed an open question on the internet: *In a world that is in chaos politically, socially, and environmentally, how can the human race sustain another 100 years?* Among the over 25,000 people who logged on to give their answers there were many who wanted to know what this great scientist's own answer would be. Finally his response came: *"I do not know the answer. That is why I asked the question."* While ISEC positions itself to dwell upon all aspects of social and economic issues, its charter and school of thought are for framing a unified theory of development and change.

Just when this issue of *ISEC News* comes out, I am about to leave ISEC. The time I spent in ISEC has been the most educative, productive and rewarding for me. There are a number of good lessons I learnt during this period of three-and-a-half years. The most remarkable one is, '*The rate at which a person can mature is directly proportional to the embarrassment he can tolerate*', as Dough Engelbart said. I am extremely thankful to the entire ISEC fraternity for giving me an opportunity to serve this great institution.

Gopal K Kadekodi
Director



Dissemination Seminar on Karnataka Development Report

After the completion of the Karnataka Development Report, the Institute organised a one-day seminar on the Report on January 5, 2006. The seminar was inaugurated by Shri P G R Sindhya, Honourable Minister for Finance, Industry and Infrastructure, Government of Karnataka.

The seminar was organised into 5 sessions namely 1) Macro Perspectives and Drives, 2) Sectoral Perspectives for Development, 3) Human and Social Concerns, and 4) Regional Development and Governance, and wound up with the last session, 'Vision for the Future'. The Seminar was attended by delegates from IIMB, NIAS, CMDR and IAT and line departments of the Government of Karnataka.

To get more information about KDR project, please visit www.isec.ac.in/kdr.htm

National Workshop on Rural Infrastructure

A National Workshop on Rural Infrastructure was organised by the Institute, jointly with the National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi, on 10 th January 2006. This Joint workshop was organised bringing all the relevant studies carried out by the NCAER and ISEC for wider dissemination.

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr Meenaxisundaram. Dr Gopal K Kadekodi, Director of the Institute, presided. The participants of the workshop included Shri S L Rao, members of the Board of Governors, life members, faculty of the Institute, invitees, academicians from the University and other sister institutions and the administrators. Prof D Rajasekhar, Head, Centre for Decentralisation and Development (CDD), was the Coordinator of the workshop.

Founder's Day Celebration



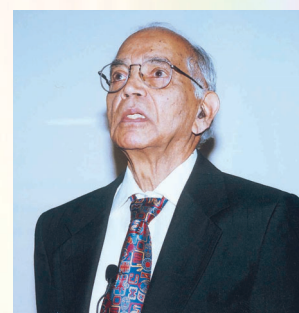
ISEC Director Dr. Gopal K Kadekodi, Chairman of the Board of Governors Shri S L Rao, Professor C R Rao and VKRV Rao Chair Professor James Manor during the Founder's Day celebrations at the Institute.

The Founder's Day of the Institute was held on January 20, 2006. The programme began with garlanding the bust of Prof V K R V Rao by Shri S L Rao, Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Dr Gopal K Kadekodi welcomed the gathering. Shri S L Rao honoured the staff members who had completed 25 years of service in the Institute.

Prof C R Rao, Eberly Family Chair in Statistics, Emeritus, Pennsylvania State University, delivered Prof V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture on "Statistics: A Gateway of Knowledge". Shri S L Rao, Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided over the function.

The participants included, among others, distinguished Members of the Board of Governors, Founder/Life Members of ISEC Society, academicians from various Universities and Institutions, administrators, general public, staff and students of the Institute.



Professor C R Rao delivering the Prof VKRV Rao Memorial Lecture.



Free Medical Camp

The Institute, under the auspices of the M M E Charitable Trust, organised a Free Medical Camp for the benefit of the residents of the campus and nearby Nagarbhavi and surrounding villages. As many as 150 members availed this benefit. A team of Specialists from Wockhardt Hospital, NSVK Trust, Shri Venkateshwara Dental College, Manipal Hospital and Vani Vilas Hospital, Bangalore, participated in the programme. Dr K Jayoji Rao, Visiting Medical Officer of the Institute, was the convenor of the medical camp.

Conference on Macro-Economic Policy, Agricultural Development and Rural Institutions



Professor A Vaidyanathan speaking at the Conference on Macro Economic Policy Agricultural Development and Rural Institutions.

This Conference was organised jointly by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai, Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Thiruvananthapuram, Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad, and Centre for Inter-Disciplinary Studies in Environment and Development (CISED), Bangalore.

Organised in honour of Professor A Vaidyanathan on his distinguished academic and policy related services, the conference focused on the themes on which he had excelled in his contributions to academic thinking in India and abroad. Distinguished scholars from

different parts of the country assembled on this two-day conference and paid high tributes to his services.

The Conference was inaugurated by Dr C Rangarajan, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister.



Dr C Rangarajan, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, inaugurating the Conference.

Professor L S Venkataramanan Memorial Lecture – 6

Professor G S Bhalla, former member, Planning Commission, Government of India, Chairman of the Commission on Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), currently Professor Emeritus, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, delivered the Sixth Lecture in memory of Professor L S Venkataramanan on April 12, 2006. Prof Bhalla spoke on "Economic Situation of the Indian Farmers: Some Findings from NSSO 59th Round". In his Lecture, Prof Bhalla brought out many intricate issues about the continued neglect of the farm sector and culmination of this into growing distress in the sector. The support of the data from 59th Round was quite appropriate and he had analytically elaborated the situation. Finally, the policy indicated urgent steps towards correcting the prevailing distress in the farm sector. Prof Gopal K Kadekodi, Director, ISEC, welcomed the gathering. Shri S L Rao, Chairman, Board of Governors of ISEC, chaired the programme. A large number of academicians and others attended the programme. The programme was coordinated by Professor R S Deshpande.



Professor G S Bhalla being felicitated by Chairman of the ISEC Board of Governors, Shri S L Rao, on the occasion of Prof LSV Memorial Lecture at ISEC. ISEC Director Dr Gopal K Kadekodi (left) and Prof R S Deshpande (extreme right) are also seen.



National Workshop on Open Archives Initiative (OAI) and Institutional Repositories with DSPACE

A National Workshop on Open Archives Initiative (OAI) and Institutional Repositories with DSPACE was jointly organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore, and the National Social Science Documentation Centre (NASSDOC), ICSSR, New Delhi at ISEC campus during June 26-27, 2006. Twenty-four participants attended the workshop from all over India.

Mr T R B Sarma, Workshop Coordinator, welcomed the Course participants, and guests and briefed about the workshop. Prof S N Sangita was the Chief guest of the inaugural session. Prof R S Deshpande shared his experiences with ISEC library and other prominent libraries and the extension of their services to the research community. Dr ARD Prasad, Dr M Devika, faculty of DRTC, ISI and Mr Biswanath Dutta, Research Scholar of DRTC and Mr T R B Sarma, ISEC, handled the theory and practical sessions, which dealt with Introduction to Digital Libraries and Digital Library Software, Introduction and operation system of DSPACE Software, DSPACE installation, Introduction on OAI and institutional repositories with DSPACE, DSPACE search and Dublin Core and Membership and subscription in DSPACE.

Finally, Mr Sarma proposed the vote of thanks to the participants and those who were associated with the workshop.

Asia Regional Workshop on Compensation for Ecosystems Services

The Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources of the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, organised a three-day Asia Regional Workshop on Compensation for Ecosystems Services during May 8-10, 2006. The Asia Regional Workshop was conducted as a component of the Global Scoping Study on Compensation for Ecosystem Services (CES), coordinated by the International Centre for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF), Nairobi, Kenya, and commissioned and funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada. This workshop was organised in association with ICRAF. His Excellency Shri T N Chaturvedi, Governor of Kanataka and President of ISEC, inaugurated the workshop and delivered the keynote address. The workshop was organised to synthesise the experiences of 'compensating for



Participants at the Asia Regional Workshop on Compensation for Ecosystems Services held at the Institute.

ecosystems services (CES)' schemes in Asia. The major focus of the workshop was to learn from experiences towards developing CES schemes as an important tool for natural resources management and poverty reduction. Thirty-seven participants from India, Indonesia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Kenya attended the workshop, representing international and national level organisations, academic bodies, government, NGOs, and donor agencies. In the workshop, 22 papers were presented in eight technical sessions and the panel discussion was conducted involving eight experts.

The research team of this study involved Dr K V Raju, Professor and Head, Dr S Puttaswamaiah, Assistant Professor, and Dr Madhushree Sekher, Associate Faculty of the Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources of the Institute. Dr S Puttaswamaiah coordinated the workshop.



OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Post International Symposium and 37th Annual Conference of the Indian Regional Science Association Training Workshop for Young Regional Scientists

The International Symposium and 37th Annual Conference of the Indian Regional Science Association was held at the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, during January 6-8, 2006. As a post-conference event, the 'One-day Post-International Symposium and 37th Annual Conference of the Indian Regional Science Association Training Workshop for Young Regional Scientists' was organised at the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore on January 9, 2006 from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. with the main objective of introducing young regional scientists to the theme 'Regional Development Trends and Emerging Issues and Associated Taxonomical Issues of Regionalisation'. The training workshop was inaugurated by Professor Gopal K Kadekodi, the Director of ISEC, with a brief introduction to the ISEC and current issues of regional development. Professor K R G Nayar, a well-known regional economist from Policy Research Institute, New Delhi, presented a session on the main theme followed by Dr G S Sastry on some issues of taxonomies applied in regionalisation. In the afternoon, Dr Sharachchandra Lélé, Coordinator, Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Environment and Development (CISED), presented a session on the GIS-based Natural Resources Data Analysis with special reference to the Western Ghats region of Karnataka. Later, the participants were introduced to the ISEC Library for reference work. About 20 participants including some faculty and students of the Institute attended the training workshop. Dr G S Sastry, Assistant Professor, Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources, coordinated the training workshop.

Seminars by Visitors

India: Broader Participation, Greater Inclusion, Deeper Democracy and a More Difficult Country to Govern - Professor James Manor, Institute for Development Studies, Sussex, UK, January 24, 2006.

Public Expenditure and Efficiency: The Post Reform Experience

- Ravi M Tirlapur, SRTT Visiting Fellow, February 17, 2006.

Export Instability and Volatility, Investment and Economic Growth in Asian Countries: A Time Series Analysis - Professor Dipendra Sinha, Department of Economics, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan and Macquarie University, Australia, February 28, 2006.

Is Growth Alone Sufficient to Reduce Poverty? In Search of the Trickle-down Effect in Rural India - Professor Santonu Basu, April 19, 2006.

Mapping Livelihoods and Local Forests in the Indian Himalayas: Evidence from Field Surveys - Dr Rinki Sarkar, Centre for Ecology Development and Research, New Delhi, April 27, 2006.

Governance and Development: Lessons from China - Professor Pieter Bottelier, Adjunct Professor, School of Advanced International Studies, The Johns Hopkins University and Senior Advisor to the Vice President, East Asia and Pacific Region, The World Bank, June 6, 2006.

Seminars by Faculty

Hariyali Guidelines and Watershed Development: The Role of Panchayats in the Implementation Process - Dr N Sivanna (January 17, 2006).

Role of Market Based Instrument in Industrial Pollution Abatement: A Comparative Study of India and France - Dr G S Sastry (January 25, 2006).

On the Up Search of Official Reserves in India - Dr M Ramachandran (March 2, 2006).

Performance of Elementary Education in Karnataka: As Revealed Through Census Illiteracy Data - Dr M D Usha Devi (March 2, 2006).

The Practice of Untouchability: An Analysis of Its Contextual Variation - Dr Manohar Yadav (March 16, 2006).



Perspective on Tele Medicine in India and Tele medicine in Karnataka: A Study Among Users and Providers - *Dr G K Karanth and Dr H Sudarshan (March 17, 2006).*

Eleventh Finance Commission Grants for Administrative Upgradation and Effective Service Delivery in Karnataka: With Special Reference to Regulatory Financial and Welfare Services; and With Special Development and Welfare Programmes - *Dr Satyanarayana Sangita and Dr Syed Azmal Pasha (March 24, 2006).*

Making Decentralisation and Local Governance Work for the Rural Poor - *Dr Madhushree Sekher (March 28, 2006).*

Scoping Study of Compensation for Ecosystems Services - *Dr S Puttaswamaiah and Dr K V Raju (March 28, 2006).*

Production and Cost of Broiler Meat in Karnataka - *Dr M J Bhende* and **Cultivation of Medical and Aromatic Crops as a Means of Diversification in Agriculture** - *Dr R S Deshpande, (April 20, 2006).*

Changes in Work Participation of Weaker Sections in Karnataka: A Study of Last Three Decades - *Dr I Maruthi, (April 28, 2006).*

Migrant Labour Force in Plantation Economy: A Socio-Historic Profile of the Migrant Labourers in Kodagu - *Ms Piush Antony, Ph D Student (May 27, 2006).*

Water Pricing and Productivity: A Review of Empirical Evidences with Special Reference to India - *Dr K N Ninan (May 29, 2006).*

Agricultural Policy in India: A Policy Matrix in a Federal System - *Dr R S Deshpande (June 2, 2006).*

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Completed Projects

Contract Farming in Karnataka: A Boon or A Bane? (*Dr S Erappa*)

Rapid Assessment of Socio-Economic Aspects of Upper Bhadra Project (*Dr K V Raju and Dr S Puttaswamaiah*)

Reproductive and Child Health Project: Rapid Household Surveys in Karnataka, Kerala and Goa (*Dr K N M Raju, Dr T S Syamala, Dr R Mutharayappa, Dr T V Sekher, Dr C S Veeramatha, Dr K S Umamani and Dr M Sivakami*)

Production and Cost of Broiler Meat: A Case Study of Karnataka (*Dr M J Bhende*)

Cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic Crops as a Means of Diversification in Agriculture (*Dr R S Deshpande*)

Agricultural Policy in India: a Policy Matrix in a Federal System (*Dr R S Deshpande*)

Decentralisation, Governance and Women Heads of Panchayats in Karnataka (*Dr K G Gayathri Devi*)

Institutional Design for the Elimination of Child Labour: A Study of State Initiatives of Eradication of Child Labour in Karnataka (*Dr K G Gayathri Devi*)

Telemedicine in Karnataka: A Study Among Users and Providers (*Dr G K Karanth*)

Micro-Finance and Vulnerability to Debt Bondage in Andhra Pradesh (*Dr D Rajasekhar*)

Growing Rural Urban Disparity in Karnataka (*Dr D Rajasekhar*)

Managing and Disseminating Panchayat Data for Furthering Decentralisation Reforms in Karnataka (*Dr D Rajasekhar*)

Role of Market-based Instruments In Industrial Pollution Abatement: A Comparative Study of Karnataka, India and France (*Dr G S Sastry*)

Lives at Risk: Discrimination of Female Children in Modern India (*Dr T V Sekher*)



New Projects

National Family Health Survey – 3 (Dr K S James and Entire PRC faculty)

Analysis of Survey Data on Earnings Differentials in Urban Indian Labour market (Dr S Madeshwaran)

The Institutional and Cultural Dimensions of Public Primary Education: Rural Karnataka in Comparative Perspective (Dr S Madeshwaran)

Global Scoping Study on Compensations for Environment Services (Dr Madhushree Sekher)

Global Scoping Study on Compensation for Ecosystems Services (Dr S Puttaswamaiah)

Decentralised Governance and Child Labour (Dr D Rajasekhar)

Affordability of Water Supply Services by Grama Panchayats in Karnataka (Dr D Rajasekhar)

Revenues of Grama Panchayats in Karnataka (Dr D Rajasekhar)

Assessing Micro-Finance Needs of Vulnerable Groups (Dr D Rajasekhar)

Global Scoping Study on Ecosystem Services (Dr K V Raju)

STUDENT NEWS

Ph.D. Degrees Awarded

The following students were awarded the Ph D degree:

Mr Gagan Bihari Sahu (Economics) by the University of Mysore in 2006 for his thesis on 'Institutional Finance for Agriculture: Analysis at Macro and Micro Levels'. Dr D Rajasekhar was his supervisor.

Ms G Sridevi (Economics) by the University of Mysore in 2006 for her thesis on 'Food Security in the Context of Globalisation: A Case of Andhra Pradesh'. Dr R S Deshpande was her supervisor.

Mr Sithakantasethy (Development Studies) by the University of Mysore in 2006 for his thesis on 'Dynamics of People's Participation in Decentralised Planning: A Study in Orissa'. Dr N Sivanna was his supervisor.

Mr Rajib Kumar Sahoo (Economics) by the University of Mysore in 2006 for his thesis on 'Foreign District Investment and Growth of Manufacturing Sector: An Empirical Study of Post Reform India'. Dr M R Narayana was his supervisor.

Mr Harsha S (Political Science) by the University of Mysore in 2006 for his thesis on 'Decentralised Governance and Development: A case of Panchayats in Karnataka'. Dr N Sivanna was his supervisor.

Students' Biannual Seminar Series

The Ph D Fellows' Biannual Seminars were held during June 5-9, 2006. Professor James Manor, Dr V K R V Rao Chair Professor, Dr Indrani Gupta, Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, participated in the Seminars as experts. In all, 5 pre-submission, 20 progress and 8 proposal seminar presentations were made.

Alumnus in the News



Dr. R Parthasarathy

It is indeed an occasion of delight for the ISEC fraternity to have one of its PhD products to head an Institute. Prof R Parthasarathy, a PhD student of 1984 batch of ISEC, has moved on to become the Director of an ICSSR-supported institute, Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad. Prof Parthasarathy's PhD Dissertation was on "Labour Utilization in Agriculture: The Case of Tamil Nadu". He has had a very distinguished academic career all along. ISEC is proud of this achievement and wishes that he achieves many more laurels.



WORKING PAPERS

An Overview

The Institute published five working papers during the last six months.

"Financing Rural Drinking Water Supply: A Case Study of Karnataka" by Dr Veerashekharappa, Dr K V Raju and Dr S Madheshwaran (WP 168) observe that even while the State is making large investment for the cause of drinking water supply, lack of coordination has resulted in cost escalation and inefficient use of funds. The authors warn that these trends when continued would pose problems in achieving the goals.

Dr Rajasekhar and Ms Suchitra in their paper on "Employment Security for the Unorganised Sector Workers in Karnataka" (WP 169) have examined the extent of employment security faced by various occupational groups within the unorganised sector; the factors influencing the same have also been analysed. The paper concludes, based on a sample drawn from three different occupational categories from four districts in Karnataka, that a one size-fits-all policy for the entire unorganised sector would fail to address the sector-specific needs of the workers, and thus, would be inadequate.

Dr Rajasekhar's paper on "Non-agricultural Employment for Young Women in India: Status Opportunities and Ways Forward" (WP 170) has addressed the issue of whether young women can undertake non-agricultural activities, based on evidence from Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh. The paper argues that the choice of economic activity is determined by the socio-economic factors at the household and village levels.

In the paper, "Community Contribution for Environmental Sanitation: Myth or Reality", (WP 171) Dr Veerashekharappa has examined the working of reform initiatives in the form of involving stakeholders in the implementation process. The author finds that the system of meeting the operation and maintenance cost through user charges and sharing of capital costs by the beneficiaries is not working well in most of the villages covered under the study.

Ms Emil Mathew's paper on "Does Repayment indicate the Success of Micro Finance Programme" (WP 172) examines the pattern of loan utilisation and repayment among micro finance group members of Wayanad district of Kerala. The paper argues that loan utilisation in a majority of the cases does not take place for income generating activities. The author observes that the absence of alternative sources of credit has increased the financial dependence of the members.

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

An Overview

The Institute has published a Monograph entitled "Public Health and Panchayat Raj Institutions in Karnataka" authored by Dr T V Sekher, Dr Shashanka Bhide, Md Nazrul Islam and Monica Das Gupta.

In the context of poor delivery of population-based health schemes such as sanitation, vector control, drainage etc., especially in rural Karnataka, despite a wide network of Health and Welfare Supply departments, the authors address the issue whether the Panchayat Raj Institutions can make a difference in service delivery.

The study addresses the issues such as:

- ❖ Organisational changes required in PRIs and Health Department to achieve better outcomes.
- ❖ The additional mandates required in the Panchayat Raj Act with reference to public health, vector control and sanitation.
- ❖ How PRIs can supervise and monitor public health activities.
- ❖ Strengthening of inter-sectoral coordination mechanisms.
- ❖ Identification of tasks and functions the PRIs can undertake to improve health and sanitation in rural areas. Two districts, Raichur and Tumkur, were studied for the purpose.

Recommendations for improving service delivery include developing a health plan and its implementation by the Gram Panchayats. A Health Committee / Health Club, a community organisation to be formed by the Gram Panchayat to carry out works relating to public health issues.



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- Rajasekhar, D** Micro-Finance: Promises and Challenges at the Workshop on Expand the Frontiers of Micro-finance among NESA Partner NGOs, organised by NESA and GLOW, April 26, 2006, Vellore, Tamil Nadu.
- Rajeev, Meenakshi** Address at the two-day National Seminar on Development of Infrastructure in India: Issues in Financing, Delivery and Management, organised by the University of Mysore, Department of Economics, Sir M Vishveshvaraya Post-Graduate Centre, Mandya, March 20-21, 2006.
- Sangita, S N** 'Paradoxes of Indian Democracy' at the Seminar organised by the Bangalore Social Science Forum, January 9, 2006, Bangalore.



Papers Presented at Conferences / Workshops Abroad

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| Sivakami, M | "Are Working Mothers in India Investing Less Time in the Next Generation?" At the Conference Population Association of America (2006) Annual Meeting organised by Population Association of America, Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles, California, USA, March 30- April 1, 2006.

Does the "Maternal Altruism Hypothesis" hold true among Poor Population in Southern India at the Conference on European Population Conference (EPC) 2006, organised by European Population Conference (EPC), University of Liverpool, Liverpool, UK, June 21- 24, 2006. |
| Usha Devi, M D | Governance Reform and Educational Inequality: Critical Concerns for Education Development in Karnataka: India, at the Seminar on State and Society organised by Public Policy and Management, The Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands, May 09, 2006. |



Awards / Fellowships/ Offices held

Awards / Fellowships

Karanth, G K	Visiting Fellow, Department of Culture Studies and Oreintal Languages, University of Oslo, 3 Weeks.
Kusanna, M	Bharata Ratna Dr B R Ambedkar Award, Department of Social Welfare, Government of Karnataka, April 14, 2006.
Rajeev, Meenakshi	Visiting Fellow, IIT, Guwahati, April 27 – May 3, 2006.
Sekher, Madhushree	IFAR Professional Development Fellowship for research linked with CGIAR Centers, 2006.
Sekher, T V	Visiting Fellow, Lund University, Sweden, April 17 – April 30, 2006.
Smitha, K C	Visiting Fellow at the University of Toronto, Canada, 2006.
Usha Devi, M D	IDPAD EOS Scholar, The Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands, May 24 to June 24, 2006. (One Month) IDPAD EOS Research Fellowship - 2006 by ICSSR, MHRD, Government of India and The Dutch Government.
Venkatachalam, L	Visiting Fellow at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, June 5 - July 4, 2006.

Offices Held in Academic / Professional / Administrative Bodies

Deshpande, R S	Member, Sub-Committee of National Development Council, Government of India, on Stagnation in Agricultural Productivity, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, Delhi. Member, Sub-Committee of National Development Council, Government of India, on Dry Land Farming, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, New Delhi. Member, Academic Council, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi. Chairman, Committee on Agricultural Marketing, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore. Member, Task Force Constituted by the Government of Karnataka to Investigate into the Stagnation of Agricultural Sector. Member, Working Group on Agriculture and Related Issues, constituted by the National Development Council, Government of India, New Delhi.
Karanth, G K	Vice-Chairman, Academic and Research Programmes Committee, ISEC.
Kusanna, M	Special Member, Dr Jagajivana Ram Samputa Adhyana Samithi, Department of Kannada and Culture, Government of Karnataka. General Secretary, Bharathiya Dalitha Sahithya Academi, Karnataka Chapter. Working President, Bharathiya Dalitha Sahithya Academi, Karnataka Chapter. Member, Editorial Committee, Chaithanya Chiguru (Kannada Monthly).
Lélé, Sharachchandra	Member, Academic Review Committee, IASCP 11th Biennial Conference.
Narayana, M R	Member, Golden Jubilee Award Committee, University of Mysore, Mysore. Member, Editorial Advisory Committee, Journal of Arts, University of Mysore, Mysore.
Puttaswamaiah, S	Member, Energy, Environment and Water Panel, Confederation of Indian Industries, Karnataka.



Rajeev, Meenakshi	Invited member of the International Society of Dynamic Games Helsinki (Secretariat)
Sangita, S N	General Secretary, IASS. Executive Member, IIPA (K) Executive Member, Indian Society for Environmental Studies. Executive Member, International Institute of Information Technology Law.

Miscellaneous

Deshpande, R S	Award of Ph.D Degree to Ms G Sridevi, Mysore University, Mysore, May 2006.
Kadekodi, K Gopal	Attended the 5 th Development Convention of the Southern ICSSR Institutes on Sustainable Development and the Indian Economy – Approaches and Challenges in the New Millennium, on April 27-28, 2006 organised by CMDR, Dharwad. Also chaired one of the Sessions in the Convention.
Karanth, G K	Coordinating Two month Internship programme for UNICEF. PhD dissertations submitted by two students
Rajasekhar, D	Award of Ph.D degree to Gagan Bihari Sahu on "Institutional Finance for Agriculture: Analysis at Macro and Micro Levels"

Retirement

A S Seetharamu	<p>Prof A S Seetharamu, who served the Centre for Human Resource Development for over three decades, retired in February 2006. Prof Seetharamu, who joined ISEC in 1975 as Fellow in Education, later on became Professor and Head, Education Unit, currently known as the CHRD. During his tenure at ISEC, he has successfully completed several research projects in diverse areas of education, most of which were externally funded and have been subsequently published as books and articles. Prof Seetharamu has also coordinated several training programmes, workshops and refresher courses for the faculty of higher education and state level education functionaries.</p> <p>He has also contributed a chapter on education to the state plans, World Bank sponsored Sector study, ARC and prepared perspective plans for the districts under the DPEP. He has visited several countries and presented papers at the international conferences. Prof Seetharamu has served as advisor to both national and state level bodies and resource person for several universities both in Karnataka and outside the state. He was the member, State Education Taskforce, Government of Karnataka. We wish him a healthy and happy post-retirement life.</p>
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Professor Hemlata Rao

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At the time of establishing ISEC in 1972 in its present Nagarabhavi Campus, Prof V K R V Rao had discovered in Prof Hemlata Rao, a person of promise and scholarship of highest order who would work for the development of the State of Karnataka. Dr Hemlata Rao served the Institute as a researcher and teacher of Economics for 32 years in public economics, economic development and policy.

Her contributions were evident in fiscal federalism, public expenditure, taxation measures of regional disparities, and public utilities and services.

Her diversified research contributions can be seen in about 14 books and also a number of articles in reputed journals. Select titles include Centre-State Financial Relations in India (1981); Regional Disparities and Development in India (1984); Basic Assumptions, Principles and Criteria of Federal Fiscal Adjustment in India (1994); A Study of State Public Accounts in India with Special Reference to State Provident Fund (2001); Value Added Tax: Tax Design and Policy Issues (2002); and Fiscal Federalism: Issues and Policies (2005).

Professor Hemlata Rao held the distinguished 'Chair in Sales Taxes', supported by the Government of Karnataka in the Institute. Her policy advice was available to the Sales Tax Advisory Committee of the Government of Karnataka; Steering Committee on Resource Mobilisation, State Planning Board, Government of Kerala; Task Force (Finances) of the State Planning Board of the Government of Kerala; Indian Committee for Indo-Japan Collaboration in Social Sciences and Humanities; Taxation Committee; Committee on Environmental Protection of the Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industries; and Tax Efforts of States in India for, 10th Finance Commission.

Her human touch to the cause of research was very evident when she volunteered to guide the Ph.D. work of a visually challenged student and nurtured his work into a valuable contribution in the area of regional development. In all, eight students were awarded the Ph.D. degree in Economics under her research guidance.

We hope her brilliant academic distinctions and lasting professional contributions will be a source of inspiration for the present and future generation of students, teachers and policy-makers. We pray for eternal peace to the departed soul.

Bharata Ratna Dr B R Ambedkar Award

for

Dasanur Kusanna



Dasanur Kusanna of ISEC receiving the Bharata Ratna Dr B R Ambedkar State Award 2006 from the Chief Minister Shri H D Kumaraswamy on April 14, 2006.
The Deputy Chief Minister Shri B S Yediyurappa and others are also seen.
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