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## *From the Director's Desk...*

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*F*ootsteps of change provide quite an encouraging feeling to every individual. Change provokes us to put in more efforts and push our contributions towards excellence. It also introduces a new institutional dynamism and induces all of us to get into new thinking. During the last six months, we have witnessed these footprints of change that occurred in and around ISEC. These changes have been quite cheering and gave a very new face to the Institute. The new Board of Governors was elected by the end of the year. The new Board includes individuals with high dedication and excellent reputation. They all are committed to guide us in our future endeavours and set forth new heights to scale. Prof G Thimmaiah, former Director of ISEC and Member of Planning Commission of Govt of India, has been unanimously elected Chairperson of the Board of Governors of the Institute. He has known ISEC right from its formation years and has been one among the main academic builders of the Institute. The Board has started functioning and the meetings will bring forth a new thinking. At the same time, it is my earnest duty to record our sincere gratitude to the outgoing members of the Board of Governors as well as to the outgoing Chairperson of the Board of Governors Prof K R S Murthy. The outgoing Board has helped the Institute put in place quite a few remarkable steps that helped us reach a new peak.

On pure hardware side, the entrance portico of ISEC has changed. A new design of the portico was moulded through the suggestions by a number of architects and artists during their visits to ISEC. They provided their inputs sheer out of their love towards ISEC. The final design and implementation was however, undertaken by M/s Rajiv Gandhi Rural Housing Corporation Limited (RGRHC). Now the portico not only provides a new look to the Institute but also has an easy entrance for the physically challenged individuals.

A new faculty building is constructed between the library and main building. This was inaugurated by the Governor of Karnataka Shri Hans Raj Bhardwaj on December 29, 2012. The new block provides 18 faculty rooms and two halls for academic activities. That has significantly reduced the long-felt pressure on the main building. Recognising the conditions of the corridors and the cement dust (emanating from the flooring) in the rooms

that was causing severe problems, the faculty rooms as well as the corridors of the main building have been completely redone. These needed proper maintenance for a long. Now, the flooring of all faculty rooms is laid with vitrified tiles and the corridors with granites. Other small repair works have been sorted out and the Institute wears a new look. Credit for all these efforts must go to the administration under the guidance of the Registrar. He possesses the required skills and competence of an efficient implementer.

On the academic side, we had a rewarding period of last six months, with 17 research studies completed and 11 new research projects initiated. Among the completed works is 'Evaluation of Farm Mechanization Programme' for the State of Karnataka. This is an important intervention initiated by Govt of India. The study was undertaken at the instance of Government of Karnataka, and interestingly we observed new trends in the process of mechanization of agriculture with a strong emphasis on small machines. It is expected that the demand for small machines will increase sharply in the coming decade. Therefore, this sector will provide attractive investment opportunity and that would provide answer to the increasing shortage of labour as well as step up the farm efficiency. Farmers' indebtedness was a focal point of discussion in the wake of severe farm sector distress in many states. The study on 'Farmers' Indebtedness in Karnataka' took a full review of the situation to provide some crucial policy feedback. A policy paper has been issued on this subject and that earned appreciation of many policy makers.

Before getting on to the 12<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan, a few faculty members joined together to provide important feedback from the experience of the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan. This research study focused on an extended mid-term evaluation of the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan. The inputs from this study indicated critical corrections in the sectoral imbalances and rationalization of the subsidy sector. Two important projects that could be called hallmark of the last six months include 'Migration, Informal Work and Welfare in the Urban Setting' and 'Baseline Study of Flora Fauna at Proposed

Uranium Mining Site in Karnataka'. These studies attracted attention of many analysts and researchers all over the world. The project on migration culminated into a very good international seminar. Similarly, the study of flora and fauna around Gogi region of Gulbarga district provided the interface with basic sciences. This work has been completed and it earned very good appreciation from the scientists of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai. The studies on 'Kodava Identity and Culture' as well as 'Competitive Assessment of Onion Markets in India' have also been noted as significant contributions by the respective sponsoring agencies. The Competition Commission of India placed the study of Onion markets on their website and it is attracting many good reviews. I must congratulate all the faculty members who successfully completed their research projects and most of them during the given time schedule.

Among the new projects, 'Outlook on Agriculture' jointly with NCAER; 'Institutional structure of Agriculture in the North-East agriculture'; 'Manipur's acculturation to Korean' and 'Discrimination patterns of health-seeking behaviour of Dalits and Muslims in Karnataka'; are some new areas of our research. We are now taking up studies on North-East areas. The faculty has also chosen to work on 'Trade Facilitation and Trade Performance in the Context of SEZs' and 'Trade and Marginalization' which provide an impact study of FDI. The flow of sponsored projects is continued as in the past year. It is heartening to note a good inflow of sponsored projects and I must congratulate the faculty members on their contributions.

During the last six months, five books and three monographs have been published. Among the books published, I must mention 'Report on the Status of Elderly in Select States of India', published by UNFPA, and 'Structure and Performance of Paddy Processing Industry in India', published by Scientific and Academic Publishing, USA. The monographs deal with politics of exclusion, short-term cooperative credit and population and environmental degradation. These have been received well by the academic community.



On the other publications side, the faculty members of the Institute have published significantly in the national and international journals. The journals include: Land Use Policy Journal (Elsevier), Journal of Economic Modeling, American Journal of Tourism Management, Asian Population Studies, Asian Journal of Agriculture and Development, Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics, International Journal of Micro-Finance, Social Science and Medicine, and India Quarterly. These are quite prestigious journals and I am happy that our faculty chose to publish in them. Besides, we have also published chapters in edited books coming out of Oxford University Press, Thailand Development Research Institute Foundation (Bangkok), Edward Elgar (UK), Palgrave Macmillan & UNRISD, Rowman & Littlefield. A number of papers were presented in various seminars/workshops/conferences. Our faculty members also got high recognition outside and they contributed 12 keynote addresses at prestigious places.

As usual we continued our training activities with ISS Probationary Officers, CACS-EPFL as also other programmes on research methodology. A seminar on 'Urban Governance' and an International Seminar on 'Economic Growth, Trade and Poverty' attracted many academics and policy makers. We hosted a meeting of the High Power Committee on Terms of Trade set up by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India. The prestigious conference of the Indian Health Economics and Policy Association (IHEPA) and National Conference on 'Inclusive Growth' were held at the Institute. This year's Dr V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture was given by Prof Pranab Bardhan, Professor of Graduate School, Department of Economics, the University of California, Berkeley. He spoke on 'Corruption: When Preaching Piety

is not Enough'. A large number of academics and administrators attended the lecture.

Any positive change takes us ahead in our journey towards excellence: it helps us correct our mistakes and improve on them. Excellence can be achieved with high productivity as well as depth of academic activities. In this process, it is not just enough to see what we have achieved but to look at where we faltered. A footstep of a ladder is not made to stand still on it with complacency, but only to wait for a while and move ahead with new zeal. Naturally, mistakes committed give an uneasy feeling of dissatisfaction, but these also keep us on our path and speed up towards the next goal of excellence. I know that the path I have traveled is not as important as the goal post I have marked. Therefore, it is not only enough for me to be satisfied with what we have achieved but at the same time, we should ponder over what we could not. I am quite happy at what we achieved as also aware of our distance from the goal post. We cannot go back to a brand new beginning but we certainly can set a brand new goal. The efforts of all of us have to focus on achieving what evaded us. It is necessary, therefore, to put our hands together in order to move forward and when we all move together towards the new set objective, no destination can remain unachievable. I am sure that during the coming years we will be able to reach that goal of ours. With this hope, I look forward to ISECians working together like in the past with a focused target and I also know that with the cooperation of the faculty, staff and students the destination is attainable.

**R S Deshpande**  
Director



## 1. Training Programme in Advance Econometrics for ISS Probationary Officers

The Centre for Economics Studies and Policy (CESP), ISEC, organised a training course for 38 ISS Probationary Officers between August 13 and 24, 2012. During the first week of the course, the participants were introduced to Basic Econometric Techniques and the second week concentrated on Advanced Time Series Techniques. The resource persons for the course were drawn both from within the Institute as well as experts from other institutions like Indian

Statistical Institute, Madras School of Economics, Pondicherry University, Mumbai University etc.

Prof R S Deshpande, Director, ISEC, welcomed the course participants and distributed the certificates to them during valedictory function. Feedback on both academic and administrative aspects of the course was obtained from the participants by circulating a structured feedback form, designed for the course.

## 2. CACS-EPFL Summer Programme of University of Lausanne, Switzerland, on 'Social Change in Urban and Rural India'

Twenty eight students from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne [École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)] visited ISEC campus on August, 22, 2012, for an introduction given to them by ISEC faculty on '**Social Change in Urban and Rural India**'.

The students who are undergoing Master's level training in various disciplines (Engineering, Architecture, Information systems, Mathematics, etc) are also completing a Minor in Contemporary Asian Studies and were in Bangalore as part of an immersion program in Indian and Chinese culture. The topics discussed during the day at ISEC included 'Civil Society and the Urban Poor', 'An Overview of Indian Agriculture', 'Social

Structure and Change' and were facilitated by Professors Supriya Roychowdhury, Elumalai Kannan, and G K Karanth, respectively. A special lecture was given by Champaka Rajagopal who discussed her work on urban Bangalore entitled 'Place, Transformation and Continuity'.

As a departure from earlier years, ISEC PhD scholars interacted closely with the students from EPFL. The ISEC students presented their research topics and methodology to the visitors and a vibrant discussion ensued.

The programme at ISEC was well-appreciated by the EPFL participants for the quality of its substance and organization, and for the interactive session with the students.

## 3. Prelude Conference on 'Urban Governance (Administration), Development and Service Delivery'

The CPIGD in collaboration with Indian Institute of Public Administration, Karnataka Regional Branch, organised a prelude conference on '**Urban Governance (Administration), Development and Service Delivery**' on September 1, 2012. The inaugural session was chaired by

Prof K R S Murthy, Chairman, ISEC, and welcomed by Prof R S Deshpande, Director. Shri S Ramanathan, Chairman, IIPA (K), gave introductory remarks. The inaugural address was delivered by Dr A Ravindra, Former Chief Secretary, GOK and Adviser to Chief Minister.





*A prelude conference on 'Urban Governance (Administration), Development and Service Delivery' was organised by ISEC in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Public Administration on September 1, 2012.*

The valedictory address was delivered by Prof S L Rao, former Chairman, ISEC, and former Chairman, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, GoI. The technical sessions were chaired by Prof G Thimmaiah, former Director, ISEC, and former Member of Planning Commission, GoI; Prof Pranab Bardhan, Professor, Department of Economics, Graduate School, University of California, Berkeley, USA; Shri A N Yellappa Reddy, IFS (Retd), former Secretary, Forests, Environment and Ecology, GoK; and Dr P V Shenoi, IAS (Retd) former Director, ISEC, and former Secretary, Government of India. *The discussants for the technical sessions were Prof G K Karanth, Prof M R Narayana, Prof Meenakshi Rajeev, Dr Elumalai Kannan, Prof Supriya Roy Chowdhury, Prof Manohar Yadav, Prof K S James and Prof M D Usha Devi. The rapporteurs were Tulika Bhattacharya, Amit Kumar Sahoo, Sumedha Bajar, Tarun Arora, Subhashree*

Banerjee, Anantha Ramu, Shiju Joseph and Mini Thomas. Prof N Sivanna proposed the vote of thanks.

Altogether 12 papers were presented: *Politics, Citizen Participation and Service Delivery: Bangalore Case Study* (Dr Mary Breeding and Prof Siddharth Swaminathan); *Is Urban Growth Inclusive in India?* (Shri Sabyasachi Tripathi); *Urbanisation, Migration and Sustainable Development: Status and Concerns* (Dr C M Lakshmana); *Efficiency Issues in Urban Infrastructure: A Study of Unaccounted Water in Bangalore City* (Dr Krishna Raj); *Urban Governance and Planning for Inclusive Growth: Finances of Selected Urban Local Governments in Karnataka* (Dr M Devendra Babu); *Efficiency and Equity Issues in Public Distribution: A Study in Delhi Slums* (Prof Parmod Kumar); *Water Crisis in Mega City: Vanishing Lakes and Over-Exploited Ground Water in Bangalore* (Dr P Thippaiah); *Globalisation and Inclusive Growth: A Study of Electronic Waste in Bangalore City* (Dr S Manasi); *Globalisation, Urbanisation and Marginalisation of Disadvantaged: Health Care of Unorganised Workers in Bangalore* (Dr K Asha); *Urban Governance and Delivery of Pensions: A Study of Urban and Rural Households in Selected Districts of Karnataka* (Prof D Rajasekhar, Dr G Sreedhar, Ms R Manjula, Dr R R Biradar and Dr N L Narasimha Reddy); *Urban Governance and Service Delivery: The Role of Civil Society* (Ms Kathyayini Chamaraj) and *Urban Governance, Air Pollution and Health Implications* (Shri Ravi D R).

Prof S N Sangita coordinated the conference and presented the background paper.

#### 4. Prof L S Venkataramanan Lecture

The Eleventh L S Venkataramanan Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof Vinod Vyasulu, the Research Advisor for the Indian Institute for Human Settlements, Bangalore, on '**Agriculture in India's 21<sup>st</sup> Century**'.

Prof Vyasulu's lecture covered a wide range of issues and challenges facing the Indian agriculture. Dwelling on the changing structure of the Indian economy from the primary sector to tertiary sector, he said unlike the developed



*Prof Vinod Vyasulu delivering the 11th L S Venkataramanan Memorial Lecture on 'Agriculture in India's 21st Century'.*

countries, where the transition was smooth from agriculture to industry and finally to service sector, developing countries like India faced infrastructure and technology bottlenecks that force the surplus labour to stay in agriculture disguised as the unemployed. The Green Revolution occurred only in the best lands that led to big regional disparities that had become a major challenge today. The vast arid areas were left out of the growth process. The new agricultural technologies that were brought in did not have the Indian land-man ratios embedded in them. Therefore, it is no surprise we got output increases but no job growth.

Although India is a labour-abundant and capital-scarce country, we opted for capital-led technology that could not absorb surplus labour force. Thus, we ended up using intensively our scarce resource, i.e., capital, and not our abundant resource, i.e., labour. Therefore, capital increase was not matched by employment increase. Government intervened in agriculture both by providing input subsidies and by MSP and Public Distribution on the output side. There has been a huge and complex bureaucracy to administer the Public Distribution System distributing polished rice, fine wheat that are not very good for health.

What have been the consequences of such Centralized policies?

- Agricultural production has increased in selected crops and regions;
- Environmental issues like salinity, water logging, leaching of soil,

contamination of rivers have become serious;

- Food preferences have been distorted in a way detrimental to health and nutrition—problems like diabetes are becoming endemic. No link seen between agriculture and health;
- The market does not provide 'signals' through agricultural prices;
- All this is the result of our agricultural policy-albeit unintended.
- This is 20<sup>th</sup> century India.

Where do we go from here?

Prof Vyasulu provided the following suggestions:

- Focus on traditional crops in arid areas;
- Slowly phase out the distortions that have crept into agriculture in the input and output sides—price interventions, controls on trade, compulsory procurements etc.
- Grow crops that help good health—nurture a strong link between health policy and agriculture policy
- Increase local regulation and co-ordination capacity.

The lecture emphasised on the corrective role needed in governance. Government is a multi-tier, or multi-level institution, with each having its role in ensuring governance. State governments must work with local governments and we stick to functioning of a federal governance structure. Prof Vyasulu ended his lecture emphasizing the fact that India's 21<sup>st</sup> century is very different from the 20<sup>th</sup>, and needs a different governance structure. "We can depend on the collective wisdom of our people, who have repeatedly changed the course of the country in elections. The ability to move in the directions indicated is to be cultivated by overcoming bureaucratic resistance. But we can rely on the wisdom of people."

## 5. Meeting of Working Group on Terms of Trade between the Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Sectors

The second meeting of the **Working Group on Terms of Trade between the Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Sectors** was held on September 15, 2012, at the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, under the chairmanship of Prof S Mahendra Dev. The Chairman averred that the TOT debate started with Kahlon Committee on Task Force that had the base year of 1981-82. There is a need for making changes in the existing methodology of calculating terms of trade between agriculture and non-agricultural sectors in the background of tremendous changes that have taken place within agriculture and in the economy. He emphasized that since the share of services is increasing in gross domestic product, there is a need to incorporate services in commodity composition of inter-sectoral 'terms of trade' index. The states' share in composition of GDP is also changing and that needs to be taken into account. Share of rabi and khariff should also be factored in while calculating TOT.

Adviser, DES, explained the recent formula for calculating terms of trade. He presented the formula for calculation of TOT, i.e., index of price received divided by price paid, final consumption and capital investment. He presented weights for final consumption (73.54 %) price paid for inputs (21.63 %) and capital goods (4.83%). He emphasized that the data for marketable surplus at all India level and state-levels for all the crops was not available and it has to be calculated. Similarly, animal product estimates were not available for marketable surplus.

A question was raised whether effect of international prices is being taken into consideration in this formula? It was mentioned that there is a need to focus on methodological issues before going ahead as service sector is increasing so services used by agriculture need to be incorporated properly. Another issue raised was that the present TOT was barter TOT and not income TOT. It was argued that there should be different sets of TOT for different states and different sizes of farmers as the existing index did not reflect the reality and we need to bring in wage in the numerator.

Another member mentioned that this formula might have a lot of sense earlier but now a large part of the farmers' income came from non-farming and therefore, a lot of activities came up in the denominator compared with the numerator. It was argued that if we bring labour in this formula, then TOT will get complicated.

There was also a debate whether we should calculate barter TOT or income TOT. Another issue that was raised was whether we should go in for multiple TOT rather than single TOT.

The chairperson in his concluding remarks stressed that farmers' income coming from non-agriculture is not being taken care of presently. He mentioned that suggestions for including agriculture income and non-agriculture income, consumption (self) and services would prove useful for finalizing the methodology on TOT. He supported the idea of multiple TOTs. He hoped that an ideal 'terms of trade' methodology would be developed in the end by this committee.

## 6. Workshop on 'Indic Economic Thought in Pursuit of Happiness and Sustainable Development: Its Relevance and Applications'

A one-day workshop on 'Indic Economic Thought in Pursuit of Happiness and Sustainable Development: Its Relevance and Applications' was organised on November 9, 2012, by CEENR

in association with Development Foundation, Bangalore. In the backdrop of India's long-standing civilizational existence and experience, there is a growing need to explore the ancient



Indian knowledge base and wisdom to seek alternative solutions to contemporary development issues. In this context, understanding the civilizational attributes which facilitated ancient India to emerge and remain as a leading economy of the world as documented by Paul Bairoch and Angus Maddison becomes imperative. Such an enquiry demands that we look into certain fundamental issues related to the Indian approach towards life and its purpose, the source and conception of happiness, the mode, method and meaning of interaction with nature. Lastly, it would also be imperative for us to examine the relevance and applications of Indic ideas, thoughts and concepts in the present post-

modern world. The workshop highlighted the spatial dynamics and mutual interactions between certain essential domains of human enterprise involving economics, development and human happiness: the issues discussed included Salient Features of Ancient Indian Economic Thought; Indic Concept of Happiness; Indic Approach to Development and its Sustainability; Mutual Exclusivity/ Inclusivity of Developmental Economics; Sustainability and Pursuit of Happiness in Indic and Present Paradigm; Applications of Indic Economic Thought in the Crisis-ridden World. Dr Sunil Nautiyal of CEENR coordinated the workshop.

## 7. International Seminar on 'Economic Growth, Trade and Poverty'



*An international seminar on 'Economic Growth, Trade and Poverty' was jointly organised by ISEC with Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences (SASS), Chengdu, China, during December 6-7.*

The Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) organised a joint international seminar on '**Economic Growth, Trade and Poverty**' with Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences (SASS), Chengdu, China, at ISEC during December 6-7. The two-day seminar discussed the economic issues affecting growth in India and

China, and more specifically it deliberated how these two countries had experienced relatively high economic growth over time, issues related to trade reforms and their implications for poverty reduction. Besides 16 technical presentations, a panel discussion on the seminar theme was organised on December 6. The seminar was attended by noted social scientists and economists from India and China. Indian participants included Professors K R S Murthy, R S Deshpande, S L Rao, C T Kurien; former Ambassadors Saurabh Kumar and C V Ranganathan; Dr Pankaj Chandra, Dr Elumalai Kannan, Dr M H Suryanarayana, Dr Ashwini Deshpande, Dr Ramesh Chand, Dr Vinish Kathuria, Dr Gautam Sen and Dr Siddharth Swaminathan. Ten Chinese participants from SASS participated in the seminar. They included Guo Xiaoming, Wen Xingwu, Chen Jixiang, Yue Zhaomin, Xiang Baoyun, Wang Ling, Zhang Kejun, Shen Maoying, Xie Chunling and Lan Dingxiang.

## 8. Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture



*Dr K Ullas Karanth delivering the Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture on 'Recovering Fragile Species in a Crowded Sub-continent' at ISEC on December 17, 2012.*

Dr K Ullas Karanth, Director for Science-Asia, Wildlife Conservation Society and Director, Centre for Wildlife Studies, delivered the Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture on the topic **'Recovering Fragile Species in a Crowded Sub-continent'** on December 17, 2012. Professor K R S Murthy, Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC, presided over the function.

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.

## 9. 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the Indian Health Economics and Policy Association (IHEPA) on 'Better Health Access: The Rough Road Ahead'

The Second Conference of the IHEPA on **'Better Health Access: The Rough Road Ahead'** was held at ISEC on December 20-21, 2012. The conference was organised jointly by IHEPA, ISEC, and Azim Premji University, Bangalore. Prof R S Deshpande, Director of ISEC, welcomed and Mr Selvaraju provided an overview of the conference theme. The conference was inaugurated by Dr Prabhudev, Chairman of the Karnataka Health Systems Commission, and Prof K R S Murthy, Chairman of the BoG of ISEC, presided over the inaugural function. Dr H Sudarshan, Chairman of the Karuna Trust, Bangalore, delivered the keynote address, and Dr Anurag Behar, Vice-Chancellor of Azim Premji University, gave a special address. Prof Ravindra Dholakia, IIM, Ahmedabad, and President of IHEPA, delivered the presidential address.

In his inaugural address, Dr Prabhudev observed that quality healthcare is available largely through private sector. As a result, quality healthcare is beyond the reach of the underprivileged sections of the society. According



*The second conference of the IHEPA was held at ISEC on December 20-21, 2012. Prof Ravindra Dholakia of IIM, Ahmedabad, and IHEPA President, delivered the presidential address.*

to WHO, 70% of people from the underprivileged sections spend about 70% of their income on healthcare in India. Karnataka is working towards implementing Right to Universal Health for all the citizens of the state. The state is also working on Arogya Mission in Bangalore to computerize emergency care availability across hospitals in the city to ensure better access to healthcare availability and management.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr Sudarshan emphasized the need for applying policy instruments in health economics. Several research studies have indicated investing more in the health sector to improve the economy. He added that governance is important in ensuring health for all.

Prof P R Panchamukhi noted that while many believe health economics is a 50-year-old discipline, in the Indian context it is much older. The Vedas have reference to health economics and Kautilya's *Arthashastra* talks about health administration and location of hospitals. Currently the discipline of health economics needs to re-orient itself to a more holistic approach than merely economics-related studies.

Mr Anurag Behar stressed on the need for investment in early childhood health as health of school children is a major concern. Prof Ravindra Dholakia pointed out that identifying the right target group is critical for success of any programme, particularly in health sector. In his presidential remarks, Prof K R S Murthy observed that the keyword in health is empowerment. He emphasized the need to empower people to achieve better health.

The conference discussed 52 research papers from across the country and abroad. Over 100 delegates attended the conference. Selected papers would be available in an edited volume. The conference concluded with valedictory function on December 21, 2012. The conference was coordinated by Dr T N Bhat, Assistant Professor, PRC, ISEC.

## Outreach

### National Conference on Inclusive Growth: Opportunities for the Elderly

The National Conference on '**Inclusive Growth: Opportunities for the Elderly**' was jointly organised by the Population Research Centre of ISEC, UNFPA, New Delhi; Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi; Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai; and the Union Planning Commission, New Delhi, during November 19-20, 2012, in New Delhi. The main objective of the Conference was to disseminate the survey findings from the study '**Building Knowledge Base on Ageing in India**'. The survey was conducted in 7 states in India – Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Odisha, West Bengal, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. The survey covered various dimensions of elderly issues. The conference had 5 technical presentations from the survey in addition to the inaugural and valedictory sessions.

The conference was inaugurated by Dr Narendra Jadhav, Member, Planning Commission, Government of India. Ms Kate Gilmore, Deputy Executive Director (Programme), UNFPA, New York, Ms Lise Grande, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Frederika Meijer, Representative, UNFPA India and Bhutan, spoke on the inaugural session. Mr Anders Thomsen, Deputy Representative, UNFPA, India and Bhutan, proposed vote of thanks.

The five technical sessions dealt with areas: (1) Living Arrangements and Family Relations of Elderly, (2) Poverty, Income and Work Status, (3) Patterns of Acute and Chronic morbidities, (4) Care seeking and Financing of Elderly Health Care, (4) Functional Health and Well-Being of Elderly Persons and (5) Social Security.

The valedictory session discussed the 'way forward'. Dr Syeda, Hameed, Member, Planning Commission, GoI; Ms Kate Gilmore, UNFPA, New York; Justice Ruma Pal, Dr Mohini Giri and **Dr Jane Barratt** shared their views.



Over 80 participants including policy makers, planners, researchers, subject interest groups, NGOs working on ageing issues as well as media personnel participated in the conference. The major findings from the study have been shared and the report of the study covered during the conference.

## Lectures

### **Raj Bhavan Dr V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture**

Prof Pranab Bardhan, Professor of Graduate School, Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley delivered a Dr V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture on '**Corruption: When Preaching Piety Is Not Enough**' on August 31, 2012, at Mahatma Gandhi Auditorium of ISEC campus to commemorate the Founders' Day of the Institute. Justice N Santosh Hegde, former Lokayukta, Karnataka, participated as the Chief Guest and Prof C T Kurien, Member, Board of Governors of ISEC, presided.

## Seminars by Visitors

**Talk on Challenges Facing the Indian Economy: Inflation and Fiscal Deficits** — Dr Gita Gopinath, Professor of Economics, Harvard University and V K R V Rao Chair Professor, ISEC, Bangalore (July 5, 2012).

**A Study on Association of Social Capital with Microfinance and the Local Saving Programs among the Muslim Poor in Mumbai** — Dr Syed Anwar Hashmi, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Mumbai and SRTT Visiting Fellow of ISEC, Bangalore (July 9, 2012).

**Environmental Impact of Solid Waste Management in Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu** — Dr Paramasivan, SRTT Visiting Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (July 10, 2012).

**Two Banks of the Same River? A Hypothesis about North-South Economic Divergence** — Dr Ashutosh Varshney, Sol Goldman Professor of International, Studies and the Social Sciences, Department of Political Science, Brown University (July 11, 2012).

**A Gender Dimension in Financial Inclusion: A Study on the Impact of Women Participation on the Economic Upliftment of Poor Households** — Dr Vigneswara Swamy, Associate Professor, Department of Finance, IBS, Hyderabad and SRTT Visiting Fellow of ISEC, Bangalore (July 24, 2012).

**Migration Persistence across Twentieth Century India** — Mr Chinmay Tumbe, PhD Scholar, IIM, Bangalore (July 30, 2012).

**Paying Taxes: Matter of Money or Matter of Mind?** — Dr Sibichen K Mathew, IRS, Advisor, Telecom Regulatory, Authority of India (Formerly, Addl. Commissioner of Income Tax, Karnataka Region) (August 7, 2012).

Gender and Generational Change for Professional Women in Bangalore — **Ms Rachel C Fleming, PhD Scholar, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder, USA** (August 17, 2012).

## Seminars by Students

**Civil Society and Inclusive Governance: Delivery of Elementary Education in Madhya Pradesh** — Ms Reetika Syal, CPIGD, ISEC, Bangalore (July 3, 2012).

**Climate Induced Vulnerability and Adaptation by Rural Households: A Study of Some Drought-Prone Districts in Orissa** — Mr Architesh Panda, CEENR, ISEC, Bangalore (August 13, 2012).

**Migration as a Risk Aversion Behaviour: A Gender Perspective** — Ms Sandhya Rani Mahapatro, PRC, ISEC, Bangalore (October 1, 2012).

**Civil Service Pension Reforms in India —**  
Mr Ayanendu Sanyal, ADRTC, ISEC, Bangalore  
(December 17, 2012).

**Urban Agglomeration and Urban Economic Growth in India: An Empirical Study —**  
Mr Sabyasachi Tripathi, CESP, ISEC, Bangalore (December 21, 2012).

**Agrarian Change and Credit Market Functioning in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka —**  
Ms S Yogeshwari, ADRTC, ISEC, Bangalore  
(December 24, 2012).

## Research Projects

### Completed Projects

1. **Concurrent Evaluation of Farm Mechanisation Programme in Karnataka** (Dr P Thippaiah)
2. **Farm Sector in Karnataka: Farmers' Indebtedness and Risk Management** (Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev and Ms.B.P.Vani)
3. **Mid-term Appraisal of Eleventh Five-Year Plan of Karnataka** (Prof S Madheswaran, Dr K Gayithri, Prof M D Usha Devi, Prof K S James, Prof Parmod Kumar, Dr Elumalai Kannan, Ms B P Vani)
4. **Demography of Schooling in Karnataka: A Study of Spatial and Temporal Dimensions** (Prof M D Usha Devi and Dr M Lingaraju)
5. **Baseline Study on Demographic Pattern and Health Profile around the Proposed Uranium Mining Area at Gogi, Karnataka** (Dr K S Umamani and Prof K S James)
6. **Functional Review of BBMP** (Dr N Sivanna)
7. **Impact Evaluation of SANKYA Programme of Computer Education** (Dr N Sivanna)
8. **Market Integration of Major Agricultural Markets in India/Karnataka** (Dr M J Bhende)
9. **Policy and Institutional Options for Inclusive Agricultural Growth** (Prof RS Deshpande and Dr Elumalai Kannan)
10. **Competitive Assessment of Onion Markets in India** (Prof RS Deshpande and Prof PG Chengappa)
11. **Baseline Study of Flora Fauna at Proposed Uranium Mining Site at Gogi, Gulbarga District, Karnataka** (Dr Sunil Nautiyal)
12. **Results Framework Document: A Rapid Appraisal** (Dr K Gayithri)
13. **Monitoring of SSA & MDM Implementation, 2012, in Bagalakote, Bangalore (South), Bangalore (North), Bijapur, Gulbarga and Yadgir: Phase IV** (Prof M D Usha Devi)
14. **Migration, Informal Work and Welfare: A Policy Perspective on Urban Deprivation in Karnataka's Cities** (Prof Supriya RoyChowdhury, Prof K S James, Dr N Sivanna, Ms B P Vani)
15. **Kodava Identity and Culture** (Dr Manohar S Yadav)
16. **Women Presidents and Women Representatives in the Grama Panchayats of Karnataka** (Dr Anand Inbanathan)
17. **An Analysis of the Quality of HMIS Data in Karnataka: An Investigation using Portal and Field Data** (Prof K.S. James, Dr.T.N.Bhat, Dr.R.Mutharayappa, Dr. C.M. Lakshmana, Dr. Dhananjay W Bansod)

**New Projects**

1. **Outlook on Agriculture** (Prof Parmod Kumar)
2. **Institutional Structure and Performance of Agriculture in North-East India** (Dr. Komol Singha)
3. **Third Party Evaluation Study of VGST Programmes** (Dr Aditya Chavali)
4. **Evaluation Study of Saakshar Bharath Programme in Karnataka** (Dr Aditya Chavali)
5. **Manipur's Acculturation to Korean** (Dr Marchang Reimeingam)
6. **Trade and Marginalization: Review of Probable Impacts of FDI in Retail Sector on Marginalized Communities in India** (Dr Sobin George)
7. **Family Planning and Women's Work Participation in India** (Dr T N Bhat)
8. **The Impact of Women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) on the Akshaya Patra Foundation's Mid-Day Meal Programme** (Prof P G Chengappa)
9. **Eco-diversity Study in and Around the BARC Project Site at Challakere, Chitradurga District, Karnataka** (Dr Sunil Nautiyal)
10. **Trade Facilitation and Trade Performance: An Appraisal in the Context of India's Select SEZs** (Dr Malini L Tantri)
11. **Discrimination and Patterns of Health-Seeking Behaviour of Dalit and Muslim Communities in Selected Villages of Karnataka** (Dr Sobin George)

**Student News****Students' Biannual Seminar Series**

The twenty seventh Bi-annual Seminars were conducted during December 17-24, 2012. In all,

there were 32 presentations comprising 03 pre-submission seminars, 13 proposal seminars and 16 progress presentations. Prof G Thimmaiah, Prof Jeevan Kumar (Director, Centre for Gandhian Studies, Bangalore University), Prof P H Rayappa, Prof T N Prakash, UAS, Hebbal, Prof Ganesh Bhatt (Principal, MES Teachers' College, Bangalore), Prof R G Desai (Bangalore University, Bangalore) and Prof Madhura Swaminathan (ISI, Bangalore) participated in the seminars as Special Discussants.

**PhD Awarded**

**Ms Tarodi Tunga Lakshminarayana** (Political Science) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore for her thesis on '*Refugees, Identity and Citizenship: A Study on the Tibetan Refugees in Karnataka*'. Prof S N Sangita was her supervisor.

**Mr Indrajit Bairagya** (Economics) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore for his thesis on '*Economic Performance of Informal Sector during Liberalisation Period: An Empirical Study of India*'. Prof M R Narayana was his supervisor.

**Ms K C Smitha** (Political Science) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore for her thesis on '*Urban Governance and Service Delivery in India: A Study of Water Supply and Sanitation in Bangalore*'. Prof S N Sangita was her supervisor.

**Mr Khalid Wasim Hassan** (Political Science) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore for his thesis on '*A Study of Religio-Cultural Dimension of Self-Determination Movements in Kashmir*'. Prof Supriya RoyChowdhury was his supervisor.

**Mr Krushna Mohan Pattanaik** (Economics) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore for his thesis on '*Movement of Indian Service Suppliers and GATS: A Case Study of Selected Service Sector*'. Dr P Thippaiah was his supervisor.



**Mr Manojit Bhattacharjee** (Economics) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore for his thesis on *'Indebtedness in the Household Sector: A Study of Selected States in India'*. Prof Meenakshi Rajeev was his supervisor.

## Publications

### Working Papers

#### **An Overview**

In all, 6 working papers were brought out during July-December 2012.

**'Politics and Public Policies: Politics of Human Development in Uttar Pradesh, India' (WP No. 287)** by Dr Shyam Singh and Dr V Anil Kumar looks at the basis and priorities on which public policies are formulated in India. Considering that policies towards human development are politically contested and act as the platform for political bargaining, clientelism and vote bank politics, the paper concludes, taking the case of Uttar Pradesh, that public policies (of education, health and such others) tend to be influenced in the process and become highly political in the course of time.

Dr Malini L Tantri, in her working paper **'Understanding the Fiscal Implications of SEZs in India: An Exploration in Resource Cost Approach' (No. 288)** tries to analyse the fiscal implications of SEZs on the government exchequer. Her paper focuses specifically upon building an argument to make a case for highlighting the importance of studying fiscal dimensions of SEZs and also to propose a framework for doing so. Taking the aggregated data drawn from seven conventional SEZs with the years 1990-91 and 2007-08 as the reference period her work reveals that the government has spent huge sums of money raising questions about their contribution towards national fiscal health.

The working paper, **'Does Higher Economic Growth Reduce Poverty and Increase Inequality? Evidence From Urban India' (No. 289)** by Sri

Sabyasachi Tripathi selects urban inequality and poverty indices in an attempt to find out their policy linkages. The paper also estimates determinants of urban poverty and inequality by using data of 52 large cities in India. The study results show that the higher city economic growth and large city population agglomeration are associated with reduction in city poverty and an increase in inequality between cities. The paper concludes by suggesting that redistributive policies would be more effective for quick poverty alleviation rather than for boosting the economy by increasing per capita GDP. He also suggests that the Indian government has to bring out large-scale city level data on consumption and income for enabling better analysis and evolving of policy suggestions.

Emmanuel Farhi, Gita Gopinath and Oleg Itskhoki, in their working paper **'Fiscal Devaluations' (No. 290)** attempt to show that when the exchange rate cannot be devalued, a small set of conventional fiscal instruments can robustly replicate the real allocations attained under nominal exchange rate devaluation in a dynamic New Keynesian open economy environment. Through their analysis they show that two types of fiscal policies exist equivalent to exchange rate devaluation. Both these (uniform increase in import tariff and export subsidy and a value-added tax increase with a uniform parallel tax reduction) need to be supplemented with a consumption tax reduction and an income tax increase. The issues of implementation of these policies, particularly in the circumstances of a currency union, are discussed here.

**'Living Arrangement Preferences and Health of the Institutionalized Elderly in Odisha' (No. 291)** by Akshaya Kumar Panigrahi and T S Syamala tries to fill the research gap regarding the status of the living arrangements among the elderly in the institutionalised context. Based on data from three old age homes in Odisha and with 50 respondents interviewed at old age homes using case study method, it shows that such elderly are

generally poor, helpless, destitute and hail from the vulnerable sections of the society. They suffer from multiple challenges of poverty, family conflicts, sickness and such other compulsions that have compelled them to choose to reside in old age homes.

Sabyasachi Tripathi, in his working paper **‘Do Large Agglomerations Lead to Economic Growth? Evidence from Urban India?’ (No. 292)**, maintains that cities and towns of India, despite being the world’s second largest urban system and contributing over 50 per cent of the country’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP), face neglect as far as studies on urban India are concerned. His paper, based on research across 59 large cities in India and employing new economic geography models, investigates the determinants of urban agglomeration. It also estimates the interactions between cities and the effect of urban agglomeration on India’s urban economic growth. The empirical results have shown that such agglomerations are policy induced and market determined, thereby influencing urban economic growth. Thus they support the non-linearity of the Core-Periphery (CP) model in India’s urban system.

### **Monographs**

Dr Veerashekharappa, Prof Meenakshi Rajeev and Mr Manojit Battacharjee, in their monograph, **‘Has Revival Package Improved Functioning of Short-term Cooperative Credit Societies? – A Case Study of Madhya Pradesh’ (Monograph 28)** focus on legal reforms, strengthening of PACS, auditing and financial support to study the impact of the revival packages for STCCS in Madhya Pradesh. The study notes that the revival package has provided opportunity for revitalization of the co-operative banking system at grassroots level. But the lacuna is that complete implementation of the recommendations of the package is a matter of time. If these are addressed, the study opines, the poor and needy could benefit from better financial services and not continue to be ignored by

commercial banks, as has largely been the situation hitherto. The authors make several recommendations to remedy the situation to boost better implementation of the system at primary level, including seeking statutory protection to PACS.

The monograph **‘Politics of Exclusion: The Case of Panchayats in South India’ (Monograph 29)**, by Dr Anand Inbanathan and Prof N Sivanna focuses on understanding the policy of affirmative action at micro level, against a number of socio-economic compulsions. Taking the states of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu as those having long and intensive experience of decentralized governance in India, the study explores various issues in the effort to provide legitimacy and empowerment for the weaker sections. It concludes by saying that if legitimacy is expected to ensure participation of all, then panchayats in the study area somewhat lacked in legitimacy by excluding some groups from participation. The resistance and grudging acceptance of members from the weaker sections visible in the field studies, is considered to be the reflection of local situations.

Dr C M Lakshmana’s monograph on **‘Population Growth, Natural Resource Degradation and Environmental pollution in India’ (Monograph 30)** is an attempt to address a few problems of environmental degradation against the perspective of differential responses and reactions across regions. Taking the issue of population pressure, the author argues that population growth and poverty are held as mainly responsible for environmental degradation. But factors such as polluting technologies, waste and uncontrolled urbanization are equally responsible for the degradation. Based on physical characteristics of a region, the study confirms that rapid population growth has hastened the degradation process in all but southern region and economic development has caused similarly in all but the eastern region.



Bangalore, Nov 19, 2012. DHNS:

A study by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) has revealed that there are increased prospects for agribusiness and corporates to enter the horticulture sector if contract farming is promoted in the State.

The study, carried out by Pramod Kumar, professor and head, Agriculture Development and Rural Transformation Centre, ISEC, assessed the impact of the National Horticultural Mission (NHM) in Karnataka.

"Contract farming in horticultural crops needs promotion and therefore, the relevant Act needs amendment favoring written and legal contract between the corporat and small farmers. During research, we found that post-harvest crop management was con

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## A testing time for frontline parties, says expert

Performance of ULBs have not been up to the mark'

Nagesh Prabhu

**BANGALORE:** Even as urban local bodies (ULBs) have the potential to play a bigger role in decentralised planning and development, their performance has not been very satisfactory across the State, particularly in regard to execution of developmental works and governance, said N. Sivanna, professor, Centre for Political Institutions, Governance and Development, ISEC, Bangalore.

## Studies

Prof. Sivanna, who has authored several books and papers on the politics of decentralisation, pointed out that several field studies indicated poor performance of ULBs in delivery of services. ULBs are confronted with a number of problems such as inefficiency in the conduct of business, ineffective partici-

- 'ULB polls are almost a semi-final for the parties'
- 'Urban voters are apathetic towards ULB polls'

pation of members belonging to disadvantaged groups of society, lack of transparency in the planning and implementation of development projects, besides poor collection of taxes, he said.

### Telling impact

Speaking about the coming ULB polls and their implications for the Assembly elections that will follow, he said: "The local body elections may not have much impact in terms of developmental issues since none of the political parties as yet has a clear agenda in addressing urban-related issues and most parties have more concern in accommodating rural-centric issues." In terms of perform-

ance, he said this time two regional parties — the Karnataka Janata Paksha (KJP) and the Badavara Shramikara Raitara (BSR) Congress — are in the fray, which will mean it is likely to be a real testing time for frontline parties. It is these political factors that make the present election almost a "semifinal election" for the parties, ahead of the challenging Assembly elections, he said.

Prof. Sivanna, who was a member on several government committees, said urban voters are apathetic towards elections to ULBs. "The urban voter always feels that his/her views are not being represented properly," he said.



**Supriya RoyChowdhury, professor, Centre for Political Institutions, Governance and Development:** Mass agitations over issues such as price rise and labour rights had a lot more appeal even until a few decades ago. The public indifference and apathy towards such issues could be a

## Crime and the City

Nandini Chandrashekar, Oct 13, 2012, DHNS



Another aged couple are found smothered, to be discovered by relatives. This is a staple of news that permeates that Bangalore has now become

Murders that have shock value, but no lasting memory in the minds of an inured population. Until it happens all over again.

The frequency of murders has once again thrown light on the vulnerability of a section of the population that seems to find itself the brutal victim of crime.

There is a plethora of possibilities on the list of suspects. In any investigation, the suspicion often falls on people that could be known to the victims - maids, drivers, cleaners, maintenance staff, people who run errands. But it is easy to argue that suspicion for new faces gives way to easy familiarity after a couple of meetings. These are, however, mere details.

What puts these people in a situation of vulnerability? Any police officer investigating such a crime will immediately point to the disappearance of the traditional family life.

"Everything comes at a price. What is seen as somebody's private business in a city is actually detrimental to safety. In a smaller place or a closely knit neighbourhood, inquisitiveness of neighbours often makes it difficult for strangers to enter houses," a police officer, who has investigated such murders, says.

Sociologists and police agree that as more women have become independent and moved out of their traditional roles and domains, they are increasingly becoming victims, too. Or rather, they are now being defined as victims.

Gayathridevi K G, a sociologist working with the Institute of Social and Economic Change, and who has worked extensively on gender issues, agrees that violence, physical or mental, seems to have increased, as more women move into prominent roles in society.

"It could also be that more cases are being reported now with the emergence of media. Earlier, it was not taken seriously and there was an element of sanction depending on the different categories of women, whether divided by caste, class, region or language."

She further points that earlier, a person in the media was also a part of the same social network that sanctioned violence against women.

"There was a...

"There was no expectation to report such instances and would be nipped in the bud." It is only with the rise of women as a workforce, as counterparts to men, as a section of society that demands their rights, that violence against women began to be recognised; so, it is arguable in a sense if the rate of crime itself has increased, or what was confined earlier to the four walls has now emerged outside.

The other aspect is the increasing

The other aspect is the increasingly heterogeneous crowd that the City is host to. Laks of people stream in looking for employment, which is sometimes found and sometimes not. Rising frustrations about lack of income and decreased quality of life has led to an increase in the number of perpetrators who want to make a quick buck.

"If an aged couple are staying alone, there will be information about whether their children live abroad and whether they are being taken care of, through people who work in the same house, or the neighbour's house. Such people will also be dependent on outside help to run errands or complete household tasks. So the number of people they come in contact with will also increase. So, the service the habits and lifestyle of such people," the police officer says.

o, why do so many people out there who commit the crime think they can get away with it? If you ask someone who is probing a crime, they will tell you that modernism is the main culprit. "Most of the people who commit these crimes are in the age bracket of 18 to 35 years. Lack of social values and education.



The Times of India, Bangalore, March 28, 2013 Page No.1

# South lags national fertility rate, slows population boom

Late Marriage, Single Child Prime Reasons: Study

Saswati Mukherjee B | TNN

**Bangalore:** India's burgeoning population appears to be both a problem and an advantage. Very soon, the states may stare at an an situation: a shrink ulace, owing to a shai

## THE BIG PICTURE

State	Fertility Rate
BIHAR	3.7
UP	3.5
KARNATAKA	2.0
AP, KERALA	1.8
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**Demographic disaster: The South Side**

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## Business Standard

### National Horticulture Mission cheers Karnataka farmers

Areas under horticultural crops have increased to 2.7% after NHM was introduced during the Eleventh Plan period (2007-2012) under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM).

Over 182,000 hectares of additional area have been brought under horticulture during the Eleventh Plan period (2007-2012) under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM).

However, while both the growth rate of area as well as the yield accelerated in the case of fruits, the area growth declined in case of vegetables. Despite a decline in the vegetable cultivation areas, the yield growth rate accelerated during the period, according to a recent study by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) in Bangalore.

NHM is a centrally-sponsored scheme launched in the 10th five-year plan period in 2005-06 to promote holistic growth of the horticulture sector through an area-based regionally-differentiated strategy.

The study on the impact of the National Horticulture Mission in Karnataka, conducted by Parmod Kumar, Professor & Head, Agriculture Development and Rural Transformation Centre, ISEC, said both the areas as well as yield growth declined in the state in the case of commercial flowers and medicinal crops.

It also found that in case of aromatic crops, both the growth in areas covered and yield declined during the period.

"At the aggregate, NHM seems to have overall positive effect on the horticultural crops as area growth increased from 0.8% per during the period before NHM to 2.7% after the scheme was launched. Similarly, the yield growth turned positive from minus 4.1% per annum," the report said.

The study was conducted in Bijapur, Bagalkot, Bangalore Rural and Tumkur districts of the state from among a mix of small, marginal, SC/ST and women farmers growing grape, pomegranate, flower and aromatic and medicinal crops.

About half of the farmers surveyed agreed that financial assistance through NHM was beneficial but about 90% the households under study were not happy with infrastructure and capacity-building initiatives under the programme.

According to the study, around 60% of the farmers said that NHM helped in increasing employment opportunities through expansion of area under horticulture. Majority of the households surveyed said they saw an increase in their income after shifting to horticultural crops.

The study said that there is a vast scope for agri-businesses and corporates to enter the horticulture sector in Karnataka. In order to further enhance the area and yield growth, the government needs to promote contract farming, it added.

"Contract farming in horticultural crops need promotion as there is a lot of scope for the agri-business and corporate sector to enter into horticulture sector in a big way and therefore relevant act needs amendment favouring written and legal contract between the corporate and small farmers," the report added.

## New facility for faculty



The new building for the ISEC faculty members was inaugurated by the State Governor, Shri H R Bhardwaj, on December 29, 2012.

## New facade



The ISEC now boasts a new portico at its main entrance.

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(with Manojit Bhattacharjee) 'Household's Accessibility to Credit: Regional Variations'. *Indian Economic Journal*, 59, October-December 2012.

(with B P Vani and Veerashekharappa) 'How Important are Self-Help Group Promoting Institutions? – A Case of Karnataka'. *International Journal of Microfinance*, 2012.

**Sangita, S N**

'Meritocracy in Personnel Policies and Good Governance: Experiences from Karnataka'. *Indian Journal of Public Administration*, LVIII (3), July-September 2012.

**Singha, Komol**

'Nexus between Tourism and Environment in Bhutan'. *American Journal of Tourism Management*, 1 (1), August 2012.

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'Identity, Contestation and Development in North East India: A Study of Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland'. *Journal of Community Positive Practices*, XII (3), October 2012.

'Economics of Paddy Processing Industry in India: A Case of Karnataka', *Scientific Journal of Agricultural*, 1 (4), November 2012.

'Reservation Policy in India: Needs for a Re-look'. *International Journal of Social Sciences*, 1 (1), December 2012.

'Power Sector and Economic Development in the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan: An Observation'. *Asia-Pacific Journal of Social Sciences*, Special Issue No. 2, December 2012.

'Nexus between Conflict and Development in India: A Case of Manipur'. *Planetary Scientific Research Center Proceeding*, 8 (9), December 2012.

'Development Disparity in Nagaland: An Inter-District Analysis'. In Sinha, Harendra and J Zorema (eds), *Decentralization and Rural Development in North East India*. Abhijeet Publications, 2012.

**Swaminathan, Siddharth**

(with J Thomas) 'The Politics of Births in India: Evidence from the States'. In Jacek Kugler and Ronald Tammen (eds), *The Performance of Nations*. Rowman & Littlefield, September 2012.

(with M Arbetman-Rabinowitz and K Johnson) 'Following the Wisdom of Elders: Instability in China'. In Jacek Kugler and Ronald Tammen (eds), *The Performance of Nations*. Rowman & Littlefield, September 2012.

(with C Boussalis and H Nelson ) 'Towards Comprehensive Malaria Planning: The Effect of Government Capacity, Health Policy and Land Use Variables on Malaria Incidence in India'. *Social Science & Medicine*, 75: 1213-21, October 2012.

**Tantri, Malini L**

'China's Policy for Special Economic Zone: Some Critical Issues'. *India Quarterly*, 68 (3): 231-50, September 2012.

## Keynote/Presidential Addresses

**Deshpande, R S**

'Research Methodology and Historiography', at the Workshop on Research Methodology, organised by Indian Council of

Historical Research, Southern Regional Centre, Bangalore, July 1, 2012, at Bangalore.

‘Agriculture Policies: An Overview’, at the Inaugural Function of the Workshop on “Innovation in Agricultural Policies/Schemes/ Programmes in India, organised by National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, August 10, 2012, at Bangalore.

‘Science, Technology and Social Sciences for Sustainable Development’, at the International Conference on Technology Management-2012, organised by Korean Science and Technology Conclave (Indo-Korea Science and Technology Centre (IKST), July 19, 2012, at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

‘Butterfly Farming: Understanding the Activity from Economists’ Point of View’, at the Inception Workshop on Value Chains for Sustainable Conservation, Integrated Development, and Livelihoods Promotion: An Application to Butterfly Farming in India, organised by SWASTHA, Suntikoppa, Coorg Dist., July 14, 2012, at Coorg.

‘Managing Research’, at the Annual Research Paper Presentation event CONNAISSANCE-2012 for the students of all B Schools across India, organised by Institute of Management, Christ University, Bangalore, December 3, 2012, at Bangalore.

‘Strengthening Co-operative in a Paradigm for Sustainable Development’, at the Annual Inter-Collegiate Convocation, organised by The Social Science Forum, Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), Bangalore, August 8, 2012, at Bangalore.

‘Higher Education: Way Forward’, at the inaugural session of National Seminar on Higher Education 2020 – New Strategies for Empowerment and Growth, organised by St Joseph College of Commerce, Bangalore, September 6, 2012, at Bangalore.

Financial Inclusion only ‘said than done’, at the National Conference on ‘Financial Inclusion in India: Issues and Challenges’, organised by the University of Mysore, October 9, 2012.

**James, K S**

‘Is India’s Demographic Dividend a Reality?’, at the National Conference on Demographic Dividend in India: Challenges and Opportunities, organised by Tumkur University, July 31, 2012, at Tumkur.

**Sangita, S N**

‘Higher Education and Social Responsibilities’, at the Orientation Programme for Faculties of Andhra Loyola College, organised by Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, June 8, 2012, at Vijayawada.

Valedictory address, at the UGC Sponsored Two-day National Seminar on “Process of Urbanisation in South India”, organised by Vivekananda Degree College, Bangalore, September 27-28, 2012.

**Yadav, Manohar**

‘Environment at Cross Roads: A Weaker Section Perspective’, at the ISEC-NCI International Post-Graduate Course on Approaching the Environment in India - Issues and Methods in the Study of Nature-Economy-Society Interface, organised by ISEC, Bangalore, June 24 – July 21, 2012, at Bangalore.

### ***Papers Presented at Conferences/ Workshops/Seminars***

**Babu, M Devendra**

Karnataka SFCs – A Review of Recommendations and Action Taken; at the Seminar on Strengthening Panchayat Raj Institutions in Gujarat: Issues before the Third State Finance Commission, organised by Institute of Rural Management, July 21, 2012, at Anand, Gujarat.

Urban Governance and Planning for Inclusive Growth: Finances of Selected Urban Local Governments in Karnataka; at the Conference on Urban Governance (Administration), Development and Service Delivery, organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change, September 1, 2012, at Bangalore.

District Planning: Recent Experience in Karnataka; at the Workshop on Functioning of Panchayat Raj Institutions in Karnataka, organised by Karnataka Panchayat Parishat, September 14, 2012, at Siddaganga Math, Tumkur.

Institutional Mechanisms to address the Challenges of Hyderabad Karnataka Region: The Case for Decentralised Governments; at the Workshop on Developmental Challenges for Hyderabad Karnataka Region, organised by Department of Economic Studies and Planning, Central University of Karnataka, October 5, 2012, at Gulbarga.

***Deshpande, R S***

Globalization and Development of Social Science Research; at the Joint Seminar on Globalization, Change and Emerging Imperatives – India and Thailand, organised by ICSSR-National Research Council Thailand (NRCT), September 28, 2012, at Kashmir University, Srinagar.

***Gayithri, K***

Budgeting and budget process; at the Training Workshop on Performance Budgeting, organised by Planning and Research Department, Government of Pondicherry and Pondicherry University, September 26, 2012, at Pondicherry.

Program Budgeting fundamentals; at the Training Workshop on Performance Budgeting, organised by Planning and Research Department, Government of Pondicherry and Pondicherry University, September 26, 2012, at Pondicherry.

Performance Budgeting Systems National and International experiences; at the Training Workshop on Performance Budgeting, organised by Planning and Research Department, Government of Pondicherry and Pondicherry University, September 26, 2012, at Pondicherry.

***James, K S***

Population Policy in the Context of Changing Demographics in India; at the Workshop on Human Capital in China, India and Indonesia: Demographic Bonus, Labour Markets, Educational Opportunity and Equity and Ageing Issues, organised by Global Asia Institute, National University of Singapore, July 5-6 2012, Singapore.

Issues and Challenges in Connection with Low Fertility in India; at the Seminar on Emerging Fertility Patterns in India, organised by Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, University of Portsmouth, UK and University of St Andrews, UK, July 23-24, 2012, at CDS, Trivandrum.

Understanding Demographic Dividend in India; at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Population Association Conference, organised by Asian Population Association, August 26-29, 2012, at Bangkok.

Convergence of Economic and Demographic Indicators in India: A quantitative analysis; at the Seminar on India's 2011 Census: Interpretations and Implications of the Results, organised by Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, September 6-7, 2012, at New Delhi.

Poverty, Income and Work Status of Elderly; at the National Conference on Inclusive Growth: Opportunities for Elderly, organised by UNFPA, India, IEG, Delhi, ISEC, Bangalore, TISS, Mumbai and Planning Commission, GoI, November 19-20, 2012, at The Ashok, New Delhi.

(with T S Syamala and Lekha Subaiya) Work Participation, Income and Asset Ownership of the Elderly in Seven States of India; at the Conference on Inclusive Growth: Opportunities



for the Elderly, organised by UNFPA , Planning Commission, ISEC and IEG, November 19-20, 2012, at New Delhi.

Measuring Health of Elderly in India; at the Second Annual Conference of the Indian Health Economics and Policy Association (IHEPA) on Better Health Access: The Rough Road Ahead, organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, December 20-21, 2012, at Bangalore.

***Kannan, Elumalai***

India's Comparative Advantage in Export of Textile and Apparel Products; at the Review Workshop of the Project "Trade and Environment: India's Export of Textile and Textile Products and Environmental Requirements, organised by Madras School of Economics (MSE), July 13, 2012, at Chennai.

Issues Related to Food Supply; at the National Seminar on "National Food Security Bill", organised by Indian School of Political Economy, July 30-31, 2012, at Pune.

Food and Nutrition Security- A Conceptual Framework; at the Sensitization Training Programme on Food Security and its Implications on Nutritional Status of Women and Children for Representatives of Voluntary Organisations, organised by National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development, July 25, 2012, at Bangalore.

Wither Farm Profitability? A Cause of Agrarian Distress in India; at the National Seminar on "Agrarian Distress in India: The Way Out", organised by National Institute of Rural Development, November 5-7, 2012, at Hyderabad.

***Kumar, Parmod***

Impact of NHM on Area in Karnataka; at the One day Seminar on Growth and Development of Agriculture in Karnataka, organised by ISEC, Bangalore, June 7, 2012, at Bangalore.

MGNREGA in Karnataka; at the Round Table Discussion on Bridging the Gap between Academic Research and Public Policy, organised by Virtual Centre, ISEC, June 22, 2012, at RDPR Conference Room in MS Building, Bangalore.

Demand and Supply of Foodgrains and Efficiency of Public Distribution System; at the National Seminar on Issues pertaining to Scope and Coverage of National Food Security Bill, organised by Indian School of Political Economy, Pune, July 30-31, 2012, at Pune.

Efficiency and Equity Issues in Public Distribution: A Study of Delhi Slums; at the Seminar on Urban Governance (Administration) Development and Service Delivery, organised by ISEC, Bangalore, September 1, 2012, at Bangalore.

Development of an Econometric Model for Medium Term Agricultural Outlook Assessment; at the Workshop on Designing Medium Term Agricultural Outlook Assessment, organised by NCAER and National Food Security Mission, November 30, 2012, at India International Centre, Conference Room – I.

Employment Generation in MGNREGA and It's Impact on Rural Livelihood in India; at the 54<sup>th</sup> ISLE Conference, organised by Department of Economics, Banaras Hindu University, December 20-22, 2012, at Varanasi

***Kumar, V Anil***

Civil Society, Governance and Public Policy in South Indian States: Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh; at the World Congress of Political Science on Reshaping Power and Shifting Boundaries, organised by International Political Science Association, July 7-12, 2012, at Madrid, Spain.

Economic Reforms and Political Decentralisation: A Comparison of Four South Indian States during the Post-Reform Period; at the Two-day national policy conference on Social Exclusion in India: Self-Governance, Development Politics and Autonomy

Movements, organised by University of Mysore, August 22-23, 2012, at the University of Mysore, Mysore.

Whither Decentralisation in India? The Interesting Story of a Nobody's Child; at the National Seminar on Indian Federalism: Intergovernmental Relations Revisited: Towards a Fresh Balance of Power, organised by Centre for Culture and Development, August 24-25, 2012, at Vadodara, Gujarat.

Capitalism, Civil Society and Freedom: Notes on South Indian Society; at the Two day UGC-SAP national seminar on Globalisation, Development and Civil Society, organised by Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, September 27-28, 2012, at Thiruvananthapuram.

***Lakshmana, C M***

Urbanization, Migration and Sustainable Development: Status and Concerns; at the Prelude Conference on 'Urban Governance, Development and Service Delivery', organised by the Centre for Political Institutions, Governance and Development, ISEC, August 20, 2012, at Bangalore.

Youth and Development: Employment and Un-employment Situation in India; at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Population Association Conference, Asian Population Association, Thailand, August 26-29, 2012, at Bangkok, Thailand.

Age Structure Transition and Health Expenditure in Southern States of India; at the 2<sup>nd</sup> IHEPA Conference on Better Health Access-The Rough Road Ahead, organised by IHEPA, ISEC and Azim Premji University, Bangalore, December 20-21, 2012, at ISEC, Bangalore.

***Lingaraju, M***

Universal Literacy: A Dream or a Reality; at the International Conference, Technical Session – I (ICEASM'2012) 1-3 Part – 1, organised by the Planetary Scientific Research Centre, December 26-27, 2012, at Dubai (UAE).

Urbanization and Proliferation of Slums: An Overview; at the International Conference on Urbanization and Economic Transformation: Issues and Challenges, in the Technical Session – II under the Sub Theme of "Migration and Regional Disparities, organised by P G Department of Economics, Tumkur University, Tumkur, October 12-13, 2012, at Tumkur.

***Manasi, S***

Eco-hazards of E-Waste – A Case Study of Bangalore City; at the Seminar on Occupational Health Issues in the Unorganised Sector, organised by the Indian Council of Medical Research, ICMR, Bangalore, July 24, 2012, at Bangalore.

Globalisation and Inclusive Growth: A Study of Electronic Waste in Bangalore City; at the Seminar on Urban Governance (Administration), Development and Service Delivery, organised by ISEC and Indian Institute of Public Administration, September 1, 2012, at Bangalore.

***Manjunath, Sowmya***

Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Productivity in Karnataka; at the Conference on COSMAR-2012, organised by Department of Management Studies, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), November 16-17, 2012, at Bangalore.

***Mutharayappa, R***

Factors Affecting Nutrition and Childhood Diseases in Karnataka; at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Indian Association for the Study of Population, organised by the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, December 13-15, 2012, at Pune.

Indigenous Health Care Systems: Knowledge and Practice, at the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Conference on Role of Ayush and Ethnomedical System in Health Care, organised by Society for Indian Medical Anthropology, October 29-31, 2012, at Hassan.

***Narayana, M R***

Contribution of formal and informal sectors to India's economic growth: Evidence and implications based on National Transfer Accounts; at the Asian Regional NTA Conference on Intergenerational Transfers, Population Ageing and Social Protection, organised by Thailand Development Research Institute Foundation, Bangkok, September 21-22, 2012, at Bangkok.

***Nautiyal, Sunil***

Base line study of flora fauna at Uranium mining site at Gogi, Gulbarga; at the Technical Programme Discussion Meeting (TPDM) for Review of Research Projects under Radiation & Environment Sub-committee, NRFCC, organised by Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences, BARC, July 28, 2012, at Mumbai.

Structure and composition of plant biodiversity in semi-arid region of Karnataka, India; at the International Conference to commemorate the Golden Jubilee Year of IPIRTI, organised by Indian Plywood Research Industries and Training Institute (IPIRTI) September 26-28, 2012.

Enabling tribal communities to improve livelihoods and enhance biodiversity conservation: Scientific and technological interventions for sustainable ecosystem development in BR Hills, Western Ghats; at the Group Monitoring Workshop, Technological Interventions for addressing the Societal needs, organised by DST, Govt of India, New Delhi and Birla Institute of Scientific Research (BISR), Jaipur, October 3-6, 2012, at BISR, Jaipur.

Eco-diversity and landscape management; at the Workshop on Biodiversity Monitoring, organised by BARC RMP Mysore, November 8, 2012, at Mysore.

***Raj, Krishna***

Efficiency Issues in Urban Infrastructure: A Study of Unaccounted for Water in Bangalore

City; at the Prelude Conference on Urban Governance (Administration), Development and Service Delivery, organised by IIPA-Karnataka Regional Branch, and ISEC, Bangalore, September 1, 2012, at Bangalore.

***Rajasekhar, D***

Micro Finance and Vulnerability to Debt Burden: Evidence and Ways Forward; at the International Seminar on Microfinance: Gender and Poverty, organised by School of Communications and Management Studies, July 20, 2012, at Kochi, Kerala.

(with G Sreedhar, R Manjula, R R Biradar and N L Narasimha Reddy) Urban Governance and Delivery of Pension Benefits: A Study of Urban and Rural Households in the Selected Districts of Karnataka; at the Prelude Conference Urban Governance (Administration), Development and Service Delivery, organised by IIPA and ISEC, September 1, 2012, at Bangalore.

(with Erlend Berg and R Manjula) NREGS, Gram Panchayats and Inclusive Climate-Smart Agriculture: Evidence from South India; at the International Seminar on Institutions for Inclusive Climate-Smart Agriculture, organised by CAPRI and CCAFS, September 10-13, 2012, at Nairobi, Kenya.

Implementation of NREGS in India: Issues and Challenges; at the Workshop on People's Review of Performance of State Governments and MDGs, organised by Grameena Mahila Okkuta, October 31, 2012, at Bangalore.

(with R Manjula, Erlend Berg and Sambit Bhattacharya) Can Rural Public Works Affect Agricultural Wages? Evidence from India; at the Conference on Employment and Development, organised by IZA and World Bank, November 4-6, 2012, at New Delhi.

***Rajeev, Meenakshi***

(with B P Vani) Farm Sector, Farmers' Indebtedness and Risk Management; at the National Seminar on The present situation &



prospects of rice production in India, National Institute of Advanced Studies, August 3, 2012, at Bangalore.

***RoyChowdhury, Supriya***

Rethinking Labour and Industrial Relations in India; at the Symposium on Labour Dynamics in Indonesia and India: The Comparative Experience, Association of Industrial Relations Academics of Australia and New Zealand (AIRAANZ), organised by The Sydney Southeast Asia Centre; and the University's South Asia Research Network, The University of Sydney, Australia, December 13, 2012, at Australia.

Gender, Law and Empowerment; at the Panel Discussion, organised by ISEC, Bangalore, January 10, 2013, at Bangalore.

***Sangita, S N***

Corruption in India: Is Lok Pal a Solution?; at the Workshop, organised by Jayanagar Study Circle, Bangalore, November 17, 2012, at Bangalore.

Foreign Direct Investment in Retail Trading in India: Is Bad Politics Drives Good Economies?; at the National-Level Conference on The Role of FDI in Retail Trading, organised by Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women, Chennai, December 4, 2012, at Chennai.

Interface of Local and Higher Governments: Nation Building and Inclusive Growth in Theory and Practice in India; at the National Seminar on Indian Federalism: Inter-governmental Relations Revisited Towards a Fresh Balance of Power, organised by Centre for Culture and Development, August 24-25, 2012, at Vadodara, Gujarat.

Urban Governance, Development and Service Delivery: Background Paper; at the Prelude Conference on Urban Governance (Administration), Development and Service Delivery, organised by IIPA-Karnataka Regional Branch, and ISEC, Bangalore, September 1, 2012, at Bangalore.

***Subaiya, Lekha***

Interventions from the Gender Perspective on Approach Paper to 12th 5 Year State Plan: Health Sector; at the Conference on Engendering the 12<sup>th</sup> 5 Year State Plan, organised by Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, November 3, 2012, at Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore.

(with K S James and T S Syamala) Work Participation, Income and Asset Ownership of the Elderly in Seven States of India; at the Conference on Inclusive Growth: Opportunities for the Elderly, organised by UNFPA, Planning Commission, ISEC and IEG, November 19-20, 2012, at New Delhi.

***Swaminathan, Siddharth***

(with M Breeding) Politics, Citizen Participation, and Public Service Delivery in Bangalore; at the ISEC-IIPA Conference on Urban Administration and Governance, organised by ISEC-IIPA, September 1, 2012, at Bangalore.

Politics, Deaths, and Development; at the India China Conference and Economic Growth, Trade and Poverty, organised by Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences and ISEC, December 6-7, 2012, at Bangalore.

***Syal, Reetika***

Efficient Delivery of Elementary Education and Civil Society Organisations: An Empirical Analysis in Madhya Pradesh; at the XII Annual International Conference of Comparative Education Society of India (CESI), organised by Comparative Education Society of India (CESI) and University of Jammu, October 10-12, 2012, at University of Jammu, Jammu.

***Syamala, T S***

(with Supriya Verma) Living Arrangement Concordance and Elderly Wellbeing in India; at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population, organised by Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, December 13-15, 2012, at Pune.

Functional Health and Well-being of Elderly Persons; at the National Conference on Inclusive Growth: Opportunities for Elderly, organised by UNFPA, ISEC and IEG, November 19-20, 2012, at New Delhi.

***Tantri, Malini L***

(with C Nalin Kumar) SEZs in India: An Appraisal in the Context of Trade Facilitation; at the International Conference on Public Policy and Governance, organised by IISC, Bangalore, September 04-06, 2012.

Elephant in the Foot-Steps of Dragon: Policy and Performance of SEZs in China; at the Seminar on Economic Growth, Trade and Poverty, organised by ISEC, Bangalore, ICSSR, New Delhi and Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences (SASS), Chengdu, Sichuan, China, December 6-7, 2012, at Bangalore.

***Umamani, K S***

Health Among Maid Servants in Bangalore City; at the Workshop on Occupational Health Issues in the Unorganised Sector, organised by Regional Occupational Health Centre, Indian Council of Medical Research, Bangalore, July 24, 2012, at Bangalore.

Baseline Study on Demographic Pattern and Health Profile around the Proposed Uranium Mining area at Gogi, Karnataka; at the Technical Programme Discussion Meeting (TPDM), organised by BARC, July 28, 2012, at AERB Complex, BARC, Mumbai.

(with S Manasi) Water Challenges with Population Growth: Alternative Strategies Adopted in a South Indian City; at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Population Association Conference, organised by Asia Population Association, August 28, 2012, at Bangkok.

(with N Kavitha) Is Lack of Health and Transport Facilities a Barrier to Use Maternal Health Care Services? A Study in a Backward District of Karnataka, India, at 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian

Population association Conference, organised by Asia Population Association, August 29, 2012, at Bangkok.

***Veerasekharappa***

Financial Inclusion of the Marginal Groups; at the Thinker Writers Forum, organised by Skoch Foundation at Hotel Shagirila, Delhi, September 17-18, 2012, at Delhi.

***Yadav, Manohar***

Bringing Nomadic Tribes in Administering UGC Fellowships for Higher Education; at the Workshop on Administering UGC Fellowships for Higher Education and on Identifying Eligible Students from Extremely Educationally Backward Social Groups (EEBSG) for awarding these Fellowships, organised by CSSEIP, NLSIU, Bangalore, November 14, 2012, at International Training Centre, NLSIU, Bangalore.

Dalit Movement in Karnataka: Career and Context; at the National Seminar on Dalit Movements and Violence: An Analytical and Critical Approach, organised by Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla, November 19-20, 2012, at ISI, Bangalore.

Functioning of Special Component Plan in Karnataka: A Critical Reflection; at the National Seminar on Dalit Development and Inclusive Growth: Issues and Prospects, organised by Dr B R Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangotri, Mysore, November 26-28, 2012, at Mysore.

**Offices Held in Academic/  
Professional/Administrative  
Bodies**

***Deshpande, R S***

Member, Shortlisting candidates for Dr D G Pavate Memorial Visiting Fellowship in Cambridge University. Karnatak University, Dharwad.

Member, Committee on 'Training Programme on Research Methodology for PhD Students' constituted by Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.

Expert Member in the Committee formed to evaluate the technical bids called for Consultancy Services for baseline socio-economic survey and preparation of Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy Framework for Upper Krishna Project-III, Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam Limited (A Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking).

Member, Committee on Research Methodology Course for PhD Students, constituted by Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.

Expert Member in the Selection Committee for filling up short-term positions of Senior Academic/Professional Consultants in ICSSR, constituted by ICSSR, New Delhi.

Member, Committee constituted by ICSSR to evolve innovative schemes for the benefit of scholars and social scientists from the SC/ST/NER categories.

Member, Search Committee, for selection of Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University, Bangalore, constituted by Government of Karnataka.

#### ***Gayithri, K***

Member, Expert Committee for steering preparation 12 Plan Approach Paper - Resources and Allocation; Government of Karnataka.

Member, ATF, Results framework Document, Government of Karnataka.

Member, State taxes Committee, Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Bangalore.

#### ***James, K S***

Member, Board of Studies, School of Interdisciplinary & Transdisciplinary Studies,

Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.

Member, Advisory Committee, International Migration Unit, Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum.

Member, Technical Advisory Committee, National Family Health Survey-4, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi.

#### ***Kannan, Elumalai***

Expert Member, Board of Studies, Post Graduate Department of Economics, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bangalore.

#### ***Kumar, V Anil***

Member, International Political Science Association.

#### ***Rajasekhar, D***

Member, Board of Studies, Department of Rural Development, SK University.

#### ***Rajeev, Meenakshi***

Member, Board of Studies of Mount Carmel College.

Member, Board of Studies of St Joseph's College.

Member, Board of Studies of Institute of Financial Management.

Member, Banking and Finance Committee, FKCCI, Bangalore.

#### ***Sangita, S N***

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

Expert Member, Faculty of Arts, Bangalore University.

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

Member, Board of Studies, Department of Political Science, Gandhigram Rural University, Dindigul.



Expert Member, Board of Studies, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad.

Expert Member, Best Practices, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.

## Miscellaneous

### *Deshpande, R S*

Participated as Chief Guest, in the Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations, organised by Rashtreeya Shikshana Samiti Trust, Rashtriya Vidyalaya Adhyapakara College, Bangalore, October 2, 2012.

### *Gayithri, K*

Attended a three week executive training program on 'Budgeting and Financial Management in the Public Sector' offered by the Duke Center for International Development, Duke University, Raleigh Durham, USA, from July 24 to August 10, 2012, largely supported by Government of Karnataka.

Member, Expert Committee for steering preparation 12 Plan Approach Paper - Resources and Allocation; Government of Karnataka - Attended a number of meetings and provided inputs.

Member, ATF, Results framework Document, Government of Karnataka - attended a number of meetings to steer the preparation of Results framework documents of select departments of Government of Karnataka.

Member, State Taxes Committee, Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Bangalore.

### *Kannan, Elumalai*

Attended Doctoral Committee Meeting of a PhD Scholar at PG and Research Department of Economics, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Tirupattur, Vellore, July 6, 2012.

Attended the Advisory Committee Meeting of the Karnataka State Rural Livelihood Mission

convened by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, M S Building, August 1, 2012.

### *Kumar, V Anil*

Coordinated and taught the Course 'Modern Political Theories' for PhD Students at ISEC, Bangalore.

Coordinated and taught the Course 'Perspectives in Social and Economic Change' for PhD Students at ISEC, Bangalore.

### *Manasi, S*

Participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Run of the Temasek Foundation Water Leadership Programme (TFWLP), organised by National University of Singapore's Bukit Timah, November 12-23, 2012, at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKY School), National University of Singapore's Bukit Timah Campus in Singapore.

(with Poornima S) Dissertation work on Plastic Management in Chintamani from Socio-Economic and Environmental Perspectives. Department of Environmental Sciences, Bangalore University.

(with Pavithra K P) Dissertation work on Sustainable Ecotourism Development in Shivanasamudra. Department of Environmental Sciences, Bangalore University.

(with Nikita Puri) Dissertation work on Green Buildings in Bangalore - A Case Study. Central University of Rajasthan, Ajmer, Rajasthan.

(with Signe Danielsen and Ishanee Nirmalanathan) Medical Students, Norway, Water and Sanitation Impacts on Health in Bangalore - A Case Study at Ward Level, (164).

### *Manjunatha, A V*

Supervised two MSc Students in Environmental Management from Justus Liebig University, Germany, on 'Impact of water

harvesting dam on groundwater quantity and quality in Bagepalli Taluk of Karnataka’.

**Narayana, M R**

Participated as a representative of ISEC, in the State Level Advisory Board (Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India) meeting in Bangalore, November 16, 2012.

Participated as a member, in the Scientific Advisory Committee meeting of the Foundation for Prevention of Disability, Spastic Society of Karnataka, Bangalore, December 4, 2012.

Participated as a member, in the PhD Fellowship Selection Committee, ICSSR, New Delhi, December 27, 2012.

Presented a discussion note on “Estimation of Elasticity of India’s Exports” for Ministry of Commerce, Government of India, New Delhi, December 29, 2012.

**Nautiyal, Sunil**

Member, Scientific Advisory Committee, International Conference on Management of Water, Energy and bio-resources in changing climate regime: Emerging issues and environmental challenges, February 8-9, 2013, JNU, NEW DELHI, India.

Took charge as Hostel Warden of the Institute from September 1, 2012 onwards.

Examiner, final year M Tech Project *viva voce* examination, for Student Abroad Programme (SAP) students VIT University, September 20, 2012.

Reviewed 9 research articles submitted for publication in various International Journals.

Delivered lecture on “Rural livelihood and landscape change” at IPCW, New Delhi, under lecture programme – “Rural India: Do We Have a Clue How We Might Cope with Climate Change Challenge?” organised by FIGS UDSC IPCW, DU, on October 31, 2012.

Group discussion with DDA, Working With Nature Group (WWN) and Delhi University regarding restoration of Sanjay Van forest restoration, New Delhi.

Participated in a meeting that was organised amongst Prof Brend-Udo Hahn, Director General, Central Affairs of Directorate, Federal Minister of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, Bonn and colleagues and Prof R S Deshpande, Director, ISEC, November 27, 2012, at Taj West End, Bangalore.

Participated in a meeting held between ISEC and the members of Bavarian Parliament, November 20, 2012, at ISEC, Bangalore.

Participated in the meeting with the Director, German Research Foundation (DFG), Dr Torsen Fischer, and Programme officer Dr Hariharan, organised by ISEC to explore possibilities of collaborative research programme of ISEC with DFG, Germany, November 5, 2012.

Supervised following students for the partial fulfillment of the Master degree:

1. a student from Department of Biological Sciences, Bangalore University, for MSc dissertation work on Medicinal plant resources in Western Ghats: A case study from BR Hills, Karnataka;
2. a student from National Law School of India University for the work on Indian Forest laws and conservation: Balancing the claim of forest dwellers; and
3. a student from National Law School of India University for the work on Indian Forest Policy: British India to till 2012: A Critical Appraisal.

**Raj, Krishna**

Invited as Expert for discussion, in the First IIHS-HUDCO Round Table on “Improving Water Supply Service Levels”, March 1, 2013, at IIHS, Bangalore.

Publication of research paper entitled on “Sustainable Urban Habitats and Urban Water Supply: Accounting for Unaccounted for Water in Bangalore city, India”, INSEE Conference, Hyderabad, Conference volume 2012.

Collaborative research work with Dr David Soll University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, USA, on ‘Bangalore Water Supply and Sanitation Systems’.

***Rajeev, Meenakshi***

Visited IIT Guwahati, September 2012.

Refereeing papers for Reserve Bank of India.

Reviewing book for Oxford University Press.

***RoyChowdhury, Supriya***

Mr Khalid Wasim Hassan was awarded PhD degree for his thesis **A Study of Religio-Cultural Dimension of Self-Determination Movements in Kashmir**, in Political Science, University of Mysore. (Supervisor: Prof Supriya RoyChowdhury).

Coordinating and teaching the Pre-PhD Course paper IV, Part-A, Modern Political Theories.

***Sangita, S N***

Ms Tarodi Tunga Lakshminarayana, was awarded PhD degree for her thesis **Refugees, Identity and Citizenship: A Study on the Tibetan Refugees in Karnataka**, in Political Science, University of Mysore, Mysore, July 5, 2012. (Supervisor: Prof S N Sangita)

Ms Smitha K C, was awarded PhD degree for her thesis **Urban Governance and Service Delivery in India: A Study of Water Supply and Sanitation in Bangalore**, in Political Science, University of Mysore. (Supervisor: Prof S N Sangita)

Prepared and presented rapporteurs report for the **Technical Session on Inclusion of Weaker Sections (SC/ST, Minorities, Transgender, Sex Workers, Physically Challenged, Prisoners, Displaced and Migrant Persons)**, National Consultation with Civil Society Organisation on Inclusive Voting and Electoral Participation, New Delhi, Election Commission of India and UNDP, New Delhi, September 21-22, 2012.

***Syal, Reetika***

Submitted PhD Thesis on the topic ‘Civil Society and Inclusive Governance: Delivery of Elementary Education in Madhya Pradesh’ to the University of Mysore under the guidance of Prof N Sivanna.

***Syamala, T S***

Participated in the workshop on ‘**Building Knowledge Base on Ageing in India**’, organised by ISEC, Bangalore, July 12-14, 2012.

Participated in the Expert Committee Meeting as part of the project ‘**Building Knowledge Base on Ageing in India**’ organised by IEG, Delhi, August 1-2, 2012.

Participated in the 3-day residential meeting as part of the project ‘Building Knowledge Base on Ageing in India’ organised by IEG, Delhi, August 21-23, 2012, at Manesar, Haryana.

Attended meeting of the chapter writers of the study ‘**Building Knowledge Base on Ageing in India**’ at ISEC, October 3-5, 2012.

***Tantri, Malini L***

Journal Refereeing: Journal of Economic Policy Reforms (Taylor and Francis); Journal of Development and Agricultural Economics (Academic Journal); and, Artha Quarterly Social Science Journal (Christ University, Bangalore).



## *An Introduction to Social Change*



*Twenty-eight students from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne [École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)] visited ISEC on August, 22, 2012, for an introduction by ISEC faculty on 'Social Change in Urban and Rural India'.*

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