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## From the Director's Desk . . .

*I know that we have to increase our pace, rigour and zest to achieve new heights. All this is possible only with the complete cooperation of the faculty, staff and students of the Institute, an essential input which I have. With these resources, I believe excellence is not a destination, but a journey that requires all our untiring and unbridled efforts to leap forward.*

*P*eriodical reporting of the work accomplished need not be construed as one of the routines. In fact, it serves as a mirror of our performance and a tool to set/revive our goals for the next phase. We look at our attainments with a sense of fulfilment and to chalk out the future path. This provides a platform to correct the distortions, if any, and also helps us to reflect on the non-achievements. That sets the pace of and direction for our work. Let me be clear: just as achievements are important to feel happy about, so also the unwritten conspicuous non-achievements to brood over. I congratulate those who could reach their set targets and do appreciate the efforts of those who could not do so for various reasons. In an overall analysis, I feel happy while I pen this overview of the work done at the Institute and reiterate that all our achievements were possible due to the untiring efforts of our faculty, students and staff. It is due to their hard work that we could move further towards our set goals.

Over the last six months, a plethora of activities kept all of us fully engaged. We have completed 18 research studies and undertook 10 new research projects. Many important contemporary 'social and economic' themes engaged our attention in terms of research projects. These include: *Climate Change, Agricultural Stagnation, Poverty, School Meal Programme, Gender and Governance in Rural Areas, Eco-threats & E-waste in Urban Governance, Urban Influence on Rural and Peri-Urban Landscapes, Forest and Natural Resources, Caste Discrimination and Power Equations in Panchayats, Health, Livelihood and Traditional Medicinal Systems and Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary measures under WTO in the tea sector* are some of the important issues undertaken for analysis. We have ventured out in these areas and also could muster a substantial research support.

During the last six months, faculty members of the Institute have initiated 10 new studies covering some of the important aspects which include strongly debated poverty of *Dewadasis* and their rehabilitation, *Nutrition and Childhood Diseases, Health Insurance*, a monograph on the Status of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Karnataka as well as a Longitudinal Ageing Study in India. During this period, 10 Working Papers and two Monographs were published and two important books were brought out by the ISEC faculty. The faculty members published 22 research papers in refereed journals, 13 papers in other journals and 8 chapters in edited books. Some of the prestigious journals include *Journal of Social Economic Policy, Journal of International and Area Studies, Journal of International Economics, International Journal of Development and Social Research, Energy Policy, Natural Resources, and International Journal of Economic Policy in Emerging Economies*. Similarly, two important Working Papers, one with World Institute of Development Research and another with Brooks World Poverty Institute, were published by the faculty members.

Besides all these activities, 10 Keynote Addresses were delivered by the members of the faculty and they presented a large number of papers at various Conferences/Workshops/Seminars including international seminars. The faculty members of the Institute have also been nominated on important international bodies like International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, one served as a visiting scientist at the University of Kassel and another as a visiting professor at the University of Tokyo. Our contributions towards the good governance and social interface have also been substantially strengthened through the working of our faculty members on several policy bodies and participation in current debates.

During these six months, seven of our PhD students obtained their PhD degrees and eight others have submitted their theses to the universities and are awaiting awards. The December-2010 Bi-annual Seminars were attended by Prof Neeraj Kaushal of Columbia University, Prof Babu Nahata of the University of Louisville and Prof K Srinivasan, former Director of IIPS, Mumbai. Besides, we had expert panel members who offered useful suggestions to the students.

As usual, the Institute was abuzz with activities during the last six months and we had 14 different workshops, seminars and lectures organised at the Institute. Among the prestigious Training Courses are the ISEC-Nordic Centre Courses and a Round-Table on Local Governance. We also trained the officers of the BWSSB and conducted UNFPA-sponsored training programme for helping to build the knowledge base on 'Ageing in India'. A Workshop on 'Policies for Inclusion in India and Beyond' was organised in collaboration with the University of Oxford and the London School of Economics, and a training workshop on *Demographic Computations: Multi-State Population Projections* was organised in collaboration with the International Institute of Applied Systems and Analysis (IIASA), Austria. Two Round-Table discussions, one focusing on *Indo-EU Trade* and another on *Trade Possibilities between Poland and India*, were organised in collaboration with State agencies. In addition to all these, the Institute organised a number of lectures and seminars by visitors as well as by faculty members. We had an important lecture on *Political Corruption:*

*Implications for Democracy* by Hon'ble Justice Shri Santosh Hegde, Karnataka Lokayukta. Prof Maitreesh Ghatak of London School of Economics visited the Institute and delivered a public lecture on *Models, Experiments and Policy* on September 2, 2010.

ISEC also organised, the second in the series, a Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR) for a small but heterogeneous group of participants, drawn from different states in India and a student from the Republic of Yemen. The course was for two weeks and trained the participants in new advances in Social Science Research Methods. A visit to field site was part of the course, based on which the participants prepared and presented a brief research paper applying class room output to empirical tests. Dr K G Gayathri Devi, Associate Faculty, CEENR, ISEC, coordinated the course, with assistance from Ms Sahithi Sanaka.

Relatively, these six months were quite important as far as international collaborations are concerned. We had our partners from Maastricht University and the University of Warsaw visiting the Institute to strengthen the ties and organised joint meetings. Similarly, we are furthering our research collaborations with China and Korea. I am quite happy that we have covered some distance on our set path but still we have to go a long way in the coming years. I know that we have to increase our pace, rigour and zest to achieve new heights. All this is possible only with the complete cooperation of the faculty, staff and students of the Institute, an essential input which I have. With these resources, I believe that excellence is not a destination but a journey that requires all our untiring and unbridled efforts to leap forward. I am sure to get all the cooperation from all those connected with the Institute and, needless to add, I received this from the day I took over the charge of the Institute. Finally, any step while ascending is never made to rest upon but only to hold for a while, consolidate and go to the next step at a higher place.

**R S Deshpande**  
Director

## 1. ISEC-NCI Course on 'Approaching the Environment in India: New Theories and Methods in the Study of the Nature-Society Interface'

The Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources (CEENR) of the Institute for Social and Economic Change, in association with the Nordic Centre in India (NCI), Sweden, organised a four-week inter-disciplinary course on 'Approaching the Environment in India: New Theories and Methods in the Study of the Nature-Society Interface' for post-graduate students from Nordic countries from July 4-31, 2010. Totally 10 post-graduate students from universities in Sweden, Finland and Denmark participated in the course. This is a regular post-graduate course equivalent to 7.5 ECTS (European Union Credits).



*ISEC Director Prof R S Deshpande addressing the ISEC-NCI course participants. Noted environmentalist Dr A N Yellappa Reddy (centre) delivered the inaugural address.*

The first week of the course introduced the participants to general issues relating to Indian culture and environment, environment and economy interface, human well-being and sustainable development. The second week of the course familiarised the students with urban environment covering issues like water management, ecological architecture and sustainable cities and rainwater harvesting. The third week covered themes on biodiversity conservation and

forest management, environmental movements with Indian case studies from the Western Ghats and the Himalayan biodiversity hotspots. The fourth week covered themes on trade and environment, and common property regimes. The students were taken to three field visits – (a) Green Buildings in co-ordination with Biome Architects, (b) E-parisara – a formal recycling plant and to informal recycling areas, and (c) comparison of a developed and a developing village – Shivalli (Bangalore rural District). The field visits were meant to practically make students aware of various aspects relating to the environment (problems and solutions) in India.

The course participants were assessed based on their assignments, book reviews, participation in classes and seminar presentations.

The resource persons of the course were drawn both from within the Institute and outside and included eminent persons such as Prof G Thimmiah, Prof V M Rao, Prof N H Ravindranath, Prof M G Chandrakanth, Dr C Rajasekaran, Dr R Siva, Prof M K Ramesh, and such others.

Prof R S Deshpande, Director, ISEC, welcomed the course participants. Dr A N Yellappa Reddy, retired IFS Officer and noted environmentalist, delivered the inaugural address. Certificates were distributed to the course participants by Director, ISEC, who also delivered the valedictory address. A representative from NCI, India, also took part in the valedictory function. Feedback on both the academic and administrative aspects of the course was obtained from the participants through a structured feedback form, designed for the course. The feedback is useful for modifying the course.

Dr K G Gayathridevi and Dr Sunil Nautiyal, faculty, CEENR, ISEC, coordinated the course.

## 2. Round-Table Discussion on Local Governance

The Shri Ramakrishna Hegde Chair of ISEC organised a round-table discussion on local governance on July 12, 2010. The panel of participants included Prof Vijayendra Rao, of the World Bank; Prof B K Chandrashekhar, former minister, Government of Karnataka; Prof S S Meenakshisundaram, of NIAS; Prof

Vinod Vyasuslu, of CBPS; and Professors R S Deshpande, Siddharth Swaminathan and N Sivanna of ISEC. Prof Deshpande, Director of ISEC, welcomed the gathering and introduced the main speaker Prof Vijayendra Rao. Prof Rao presented the results from an extensive study of *gram panchayats* in Andhra



Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The talk, 'the Grammar of *Gram Sabha*', shed light on the deliberative decision-making processes at local level government institutions, particularly on issues such as "who participates," "whose preferences are represented," and "who benefits" at *gram sabha* meetings. He said that more land a person owned, the higher the likelihood of his/her preference being mentioned in the meeting and the longer the preference discussed. Also, higher was the likelihood that a decision was taken on the preference. He also noted

that higher village literacy and the presence of higher level officials during village meetings tended to mitigate the power of the landed. At the same time, the voices of the disadvantaged castes, while not dominating the meeting, were also heard, but the preferences of Muslims were given less time. Prof Rao's talk was followed by a discussion on the structure and processes within local government institutions, views from the ground, as well as policy implications of greater administrative and political reform.

### 3. Non-Residential Course on 'Administrative, Managerial and Engineering Training' for Engineers from BWSSB

The Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources (CEENR) of ISEC organised two non-residential courses on '*Administrative, Managerial and Engineering Training*' for the newly appointed engineers from Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB). The first course was during July 12-17, 2010 (coordinated by Dr Syed Ajmal Pasha) and the second was held during August 16-21, 2010 (coordinated by Dr Syed Ajmal Pasha and Dr Sunil Nautiyal). In all, 46 young engineers were trained on the subjects during the two courses.



Young engineers from BWSSB attended two training courses conducted by CEENR of ISEC. The first course was held during July-12-17, 2010.

Broadly, the aim of the training programmes was to sensitize, provide skills and give an orientation to Project Implementing Officers from BWSSB.

The objectives were to:

1. Make the Trainee Officers understand the importance of water and wastewater – in the

global and the Indian scenarios, and particularly in the context of Bangalore City;

2. Make a situational analysis of the existing water supply and sewerage facilities in Bangalore and augmentation of projects under way;
3. To enable the officers to acquire additional and necessary skills related to Project Management and Implementation;
4. To enable the officers to strategically conceptualise, plan and execute projects, and
5. To enhance their capacities to manage infrastructure projects for growth and development.

It was expected that after the training course the project implementing team (trainees) will be able to: 1) understand the importance of project management, effective and efficient service delivery, particularly related to water supply and sewage treatment and management, and 2) manage and administer their institutions in more effective and efficient ways.

These capacity-building training programmes were based on the workshop mode, comprising lecturers, panel discussions, SWOT analysis, logical framework analysis, field visits, presentation of case studies' and interactive and participatory methods. Reading material and hand-outs were provided during the course period.

In addition to the in-house faculty, expert resource persons were invited to take the classes / sessions. The following topics were covered in the training courses: 1) Evolution of BWSSB and its achievements, 2) Existing water supply and sewerage system, 3) Projects under execution, 4) Project

formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation through WEAP, 5) Process monitoring for project management – indicators and parameters, 6) Project management skills 7) SWOT Analysis – gap analysis – desk work – examples from projects, 8)

Right to Information Act and Transparency in Administration, 9) Capacity Mapping Stress Management and Team Building, and 10) Evaluation and Feed. The programme concluded with a valedictory session.

#### **4. Certificate Course in 'Methods and Applications in Social Science Research' (A Multi-Disciplinary Training Programme)**

The second in the series of ISEC's Certificate Course in 'Methods and Applications in Social Science Research' (CCMASSR), was held during July 12-24, 2010. A group of post-graduates, researchers and development practitioners from the State and civil society organisations from different parts of the country and outside participated in the course. Inaugurating the course, ISEC Director Prof R S Deshpande briefly explained the details of the course.

The resource persons for the course included the faculty of the Institute and experts from outside, including Prof Maitreyi Krishna Raj, Prof Abdul Aziz, Dr Anup Dhar and others. Three sessions were held every day, each spanning 90 minutes (70 minutes for teaching and 20 minutes for discussion).

The first week of the course was spent on introducing the participants to theoretical aspects of 'approaches and methods' of social science research. The second week was devoted to accommodating the needs of participants in terms of their ongoing research work as well as issues and questions relating to research methodology. The resource persons gave them valuable suggestions on furthering their research

pursuits. Topics starting from selection of a research problem, setting up of study objectives, deciding the appropriate tools for data collection, analysing the data, use of statistical packages like SPSS, and writing of the report were discussed.

A field trip was also organised under the guidance of Prof Abdul Aziz, Former Professor of Economics, ISEC to provide the participants with an exposure to rural problems and to test the tools of data collection learnt in the class. During the last two days of the course, each participant prepared and presented a seminar paper based on a topic to demonstrate his/her understanding of research methodology as taught in the course. These presentations were assessed by experts invited from amongst the ISEC faculty, combining the paper with the class room interactions and presentation skills.

The valedictory session was presided over by Prof R S Deshpande, Director, ISEC. He also distributed certificates to the participants and addressed them.

Dr K G Gayathridevi, Associate Faculty, CEENR, ISEC, coordinated the course, assisted by Ms Sahithi Sanaka.

#### **5. Training of Trainers and Workshop on 'Financial Performance Indicators for Micro-insurance'**

The Training of Trainers and Workshop on 'Financial Performance Indicators for Micro-insurance' was organised at the Institute in collaboration with GTZ, Germany; ADA, Luxembourg; and BRS, Belgium, during July 19-23, 2010. The training course covered the following topics: 1) Micro-insurance Performance Analysis: General Overview; 2) Understanding Financial Statements for Micro-insurance; 3) Measuring Financial Performance in Micro-insurance: The key principles; 4) Measuring Financial Performance in Micro-insurance: The Key Indicators;

and 5) The Fact-sheet: A User-friendly Tool to Compute Ratios and Create Graphs. The training programme was meant to develop trainers from micro-insurance providers in south Asia. The participants were from India, Bangladesh, Canada, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany.

The training programme was coordinated by Prof D Rajasekhar, Head, and Ms R Manjula, Senior Research Assistant, Centre for Decentralisation and Development.

## 6. Training Programme on 'Capacity Building to Enhance the Competitiveness of the Indian Agriculture and Registration of Organic Products Abroad'

Even though India is a founder-member of WTO and has signed the agreement way back in 1994, a majority of the people are not aware of the WTO articles. There are many myths and notions about WTO among different stakeholders from agriculture and allied sectors. Awareness about the WTO agreements, tariffs, quality and other technical requirements etc is essential for the officials from the agriculture and line departments, producers, traders and other stakeholders to promote export of agricultural products.



Shri P D Watharkar, Director of Agriculture, Maharashtra, being felicitated during the first training programme held by ISEC for Maharashtra Agriculture Department officials. Prof K R S Murthy (right), Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC, inaugurated the training programme.

Keeping this in view, the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Trade Wing, the Government of India, requested ISEC to conduct two training programmes for capacity building on the issues related to WTO to improve competitiveness of Indian agriculture. Both the training programmes were coordinated by Dr M J Bhende from ADRTC. The first programme, conducted on August 3-4, 2010, trained officials from the Department of Agriculture, Government of

Maharashtra. The second training programme was conducted on August 26-27, 2010, for 20 Deputy Directors (Training) and 6 agriculture officers from the Department of Agriculture, Government of Karnataka.

The training programme included lectures and discussions on history / origin of WTO, WTO and Agriculture Policy, Organic Farming and Certification, Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, Locating Export Markets and Export Procedures for Agricultural Commodities and Products, Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and IPR issues in Agriculture and its importance in international trade.

The resource persons were drawn from the faculty members of ISEC, Indian Institute of Horticulture Research (IIHR), Hesaragatta, Bangalore, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, as well as from the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), Bangalore. The first training programme was inaugurated by Prof K R S Murthy, Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC, while the second programme was inaugurated by Prof R S Deshpande, Director of ISEC. Dr K V Sarvesh, Director (Agriculture), GoK, delivered a lecture on 'Karnataka Agriculture in the Globalising World'. The valedictory lecture for the first programme was delivered by Prof V M Rao, former member of CACP. Shri N C Muniyappa, Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Government of Karnataka, delivered the valedictory lecture for the second batch, when certificates were given to the participants. Feedback on the programme was collected from the participants using a structured response sheet. All the lectures were highly appreciated by the participants. Shri P D Watharkar, Director of Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra, was very happy with the content of the programme and requested ISEC to conduct a few more programmes for their staff.

## 7. Workshop on 'Sub-National Estimation of XI FYP/MDG Indicators: A Case of Two Districts in Karnataka and Rajasthan'

With regard to the on-going research project, 'Sub-National Estimation of MDG Indicators: An Analysis of Two States with Differential Quality of Data', funded by UNFPA, a one-day workshop was held on August 30, 2010, to discuss the draft report of

the study and preparation of a manual for the use of the district-level officials to estimate regularly the MDG Indicators. The workshop was co-ordinated by Prof K S James, Head, Population Research Centre, ISEC, Bangalore.



## 8. Two-day workshop to discuss the first phase of the study 'Building Knowledge Base on Ageing in India: A Series of Programmatic and Research Studies'

A workshop was organised to discuss the first phase of the study on 'Building Knowledge Base on Ageing in India: A Series of Programmatic and Research Studies', funded by UNFPA during August 31-September 1, 2010. There were seven studies initiated as part of the first phase of the study. Dr Marc Derveeuw, UNFPA representative in India, presided over the inaugural session and delivered the inaugural address. Altogether, nine papers were presented and discussed in the workshop. Prof K S James, Head, Population Research Centre, ISEC Co-ordinated the workshop.



*Dr Marc Derveeuw, UNFPA representative in India, addressing the workshop at ISEC.*

## 9. Training on Socio-Economic Survey of Households in Karnataka (Pilot BPL Census Survey)

### Training of District Coordinators and Enumerators

The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Government of India, has taken a set of initiatives to pretest the household and village schedules under Pilot BPL Census Survey in the selected districts of various states. The MoRD has adopted a different approach, methodology and implementation mechanism with regard to poverty estimation in the country.

In Karnataka, 14 villages (one in each of the 14 districts) have been identified for undertaking the survey of households and villages. The Institute for Social and Economic Change, being the Technical Support Institution for Government of Karnataka, has

been entrusted with the task of providing inputs, capacity building, overseeing the survey and computerisation of the data.

As part of the above, ISEC organised two capacity-building programmes for the district coordinators and enumerators. The first programme was held during September 2-3, 2010 and the second during September 8-9, 2010. The main focus of the training programme was to make the participants acquaint themselves with the poverty scenario in India in general and understanding of various blocks of the household and village schedules for filling them, in particular.

## 10. Workshop on Policies for Inclusion in India and Beyond

A workshop on 'Policies for Inclusion in India and Beyond' was organised by the Institute in collaboration with the University of Oxford and the London School of Economics, UK, during September 2-3, 2010. The workshop, organised as a part of the long-term research study on 'Improving Institutions for Pro-Poor Growth' undertaken at ISEC in collaboration with the two British institutions, was held in two parts. The first part was a public lecture (held on September 2, 2010) in which Professor Maitreesh Ghatak, London School of Economics, spoke on 'Delivery of Public Services: Models, Experiments and Policy'. While Prof K R S Murthy, Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC,

presided over the meeting, Prof R S Deshpande welcomed the participants. Prof N Prabhu Dev, Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University, also participated.

The second part of the workshop, held on September 3, 2010, involved a full day of interaction between academics and policy-makers. The inaugural address was delivered by Mr S V Ranganath, Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka. There were three sessions: health insurance, empowerment, and children and schools. In each of the sessions, academics briefly summarised research findings. A practitioner or policymaker was invited to comment, followed by

an open discussion. In all, about 65 participants representing the government, civil society organisations and academic institutions from India, and academic institutions from UK, Bangladesh, Kenya, Uganda and Nigeria attended the meeting.

This workshop was coordinated by Prof D Rajasekhar, Head, and Ms R Manjula, Senior Research Assistant, Centre for Decentralisation and Development.

## 11. State-Level Workshop on the Findings of the Study 'Engendering Governance' in Karnataka

As part of its project design for disseminating research findings among the different stakeholders, a state-level workshop was organised on September 20, 2010 at ISEC on the project 'Engendering Governance'. The participants included the Project Director from TISS, Dr Manjula Bharathy, several experts and academicians, representatives of a few NGOs, Grama Panchayats and Government officials. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof RS Deshpande, Director, ISEC. Prof N Sivanna, Project Director for the state of Karnataka, gave the welcome address and introduced the project theme, methodology and design. Dr Bharathy presented the details of the project as it was carried out in the three states of Bihar, Karnataka and Rajasthan. In the session that followed, the main findings of the study were presented by Dr K G Gayathridevi, Project Co-Director, and Mr A Prakash, Research Officer. There were four panelists hailing from different academic backgrounds

who reviewed the presentation paper and gave their comments and observations: Prof Meenakshi Sundaram (visiting professor, NIAS), Prof Siddharth Swaminathan (RK Hegde Chair Professor, ISEC), Prof M D Ushadevi (Professor and Head of the Centre for Human Resource Development, ISEC) and Dr Sudha (Professor of Political Science, Government College, Chikkaballapur). There was a good discussion by participants where suggestions for improving the report were made. The Chairperson of the workshop, Prof Abdul Aziz, provided an overall critique of the report and suggestions for improvement. A significant feature of the workshop was that a number of elected representatives, who had come from different parts of the state, made valuable interventions during the presentation and clarified on many issues. The workshop was coordinated by Prof N Sivanna and Dr K G Gayathridevi.

## 12. Workshop on 'Civil Society, Governance and Public Policy'

As part of the CPIGD's research project, 'Civil Society and Governance in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh', two half-day workshops were held, one in CESS, Hyderabad, and the other in ISEC, Bangalore. Both the workshops addressed the following questions in the context of the two states:

- ❖ What are the perceptions of civil society regarding the nature and processes of governance?
- ❖ Has governing process truly become a network of relationships through which public policy process takes place?
- ❖ Is civil society influencing public policy? If so how, and through what policy processes, and to what extent? What are the hurdles faced by civil society in influencing the public policy?

The Hyderabad workshop was held on September 3, 2010 at the Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS) Hyderabad. The workshop,

'Civil Society, Governance and Public Policy in Andhra Pradesh', was organised in collaboration with the NGO, Centre for World Solidarity (CWS) with which the research is being conducted. Dr V Anil Kumar represented ISEC and made the lead presentation which was followed by detailed discussion. The workshop was chaired by Professor Gopinath Reddy from the CESS, and was attended by Professor Manoj Panda, Director, CESS; Professor G Haragopal, Professor Emeritus, HCU; Dr Gyana Prakasham, Executive Director of CWS; and Dr Shyamala, Chief of the Governance Programme of CWS. A representative of OXFAM, research scholars from the Department of Political Science and the Centre for Advanced Study (CAS) of Osmania University, and faculty members and doctoral scholars from CESS attended the workshop.

The Bangalore workshop was held on November 3, 2010 at ISEC. The workshop, 'Civil Society,



Governance and Public Policy in Karnataka', was organised by ISEC in collaboration with the NGOs, MYRADA and Janaagraha. The inaugural session was chaired by ISEC Director Professor R S Deshpande. Dr V Anil Kumar made the theme presentation. The second session of the workshop was chaired by Mr Arvind Risbud from MYRADA. The workshop was attended by Prof Supriya RoyChowdhury, Prof Siddarth Swaminathan, Prof N Sivanna, Dr Veerashekarappa, Dr Anand Inbanathan, and Dr C M Lakshmana (all from ISEC); Shri Arvind Risbud from MYRADA, Ms Unna V Govindarajan from Janaagraha and a representative from Azim Premji Foundation made their presentations in the

workshop. Representatives from CSCS and the Institute of Public Health, Bangalore, and doctoral scholars from ISEC also attended it. The workshop generated discussion on the concepts and processes of civil society, governance and public policy in Karnataka. The idea is to incorporate the main points of the presentations and discussions during the two workshops into the study on 'Civil Society and Governance in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh' and to facilitate critical reflection on the relationship between civil society and governance and public policy. Both the workshops witnessed intense discussions on the concepts and processes of civil society, governance and public policy in the two states.

### 13. Training Workshop on 'Demographic Computations: Multi-state Population Projection'

The Population Research Centre, ISEC, in collaboration with IIASA, Austria, and TIFAC, New Delhi, conducted a training workshop on 'Demographic Computations: Multi-state Population Projection' during November 9-13, 2010 at ISEC, Bangalore. The purpose of the training was to strengthen the basic analytical skills and help gain knowledge of multistate demography and Excel tools for demographic analysis. The five-day training included lectures, practical sessions and assignments.

Twenty candidates were selected for the training from among 50 applicants and three from Bhutan were sponsored by UNFPA. The participants included PhD students and researchers, below the Associate Professor level, from different parts of India. Dr K C Samir from World Population Program at IIASA, Dr Anne Goujon, also from World Population Program at IIASA, and Dr K S James, ISEC, were the resource persons for the workshop.

### 14. Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture

Smt. Arundhati Nag, eminent theatre personality, delivered the Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture on the topic, 'My Journey in Theatre' on December 10, 2010. 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.

### Outreach Activities Round-Table Discussion on 'Indo-EU Trade'

The Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, in association with FKCCI and the Centre for Contemporary India Research and Studies (CCIRS), Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw, Poland, organised a round-table discussion on 'Indo-EU Trade' on October 19, 2010 at the Cabinet Hall of FKCCI. This meeting is a part of the collaborative venture between Warsaw University and ISEC.

Mr N S Srinivasa Murthy, President, Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry, gave the welcome address while ISEC Director Prof R S Deshpande spoke on India-EU trade possibilities. Mr S Sampathraman, Chairman, EXIM Committee, FKCCI, spoke on the trade relations between EU and India.

Prof Jakub Zaj'czkowski, Chairperson, Centre for Contemporary India Research and Studies, Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw, Poland, delivered a lecture on 'Poland as a Bridge Between India and EU: Economic Perspective'. This

was followed by interventions on the topic by Prof Siddharth Swaminathan and Dr Suresh Babu. Prof Meenakshi Rajeev, who organised the meeting, gave the vote of thanks.

### A Discussion Session on Trade Possibilities between Poland and India

A discussion session was organised on December 8, 2010, by the Institute for Social and Economic Change, in association with FKCCI and the Centre for Contemporary India Research and Studies (CCIRS), Institute of International Relations, the University of Warsaw, Poland, on the trade possibilities between India and Poland. The meeting, held at the FKCCI Cabinet Hall, was a part of the collaborative venture between ISEC and the University of Warsaw. A number of industrialists, people from workers' unions and academicians participated in the meeting which was presided over by Mr J Crasta from FKCCI. The meeting with the Polish business and academic communities assumes particular importance in the context of enhancing trade relations between India and EU. It is noteworthy that when Poland will be holding presidency of EU, EU-India summit will be held in New Delhi next year. The discussion session threw up various fruitful collaborative possibilities between India and Poland.



*ISEC in association with FKCCI organised a discussion session on the trade possibilities between India and Poland on the FKCCI premises on December 8, 2010.*

This discussion session was organised by Prof Meenakshi Rajeev from ISEC.

### Lectures

#### ISEC Public Lectures

Two ISEC Public Lectures were held during the period (July-December 2010) at Jnanajyothi Seminar Hall, Central College Campus, Bangalore University.

Prof K Srinivasan, Emeritus Professor, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, delivered a public lecture on **Population Policies in India: A Review and Recommended Revisions** on July 30, 2010. Prof N Prabhu Dev, Vice-chancellor, Bangalore University, was the chief guest. Prof K R S Murthy, Chairman, Board of Governors of ISEC, presided.

Prof Maitreesh Ghatak, Professor, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK, spoke on **Delivery of Public Services: Models, Experiments and Policy** on September 2, 2010. Dr N Prabhu Dev, Vice-chancellor, Bangalore University, was the Chief Guest and Mr S V Ranganath, Chief Secretary,



*Prof William Darity Jr, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, USA, delivering the Annual Ambedkar Memorial Lecture on 'Affirmative Action Around the World: The Experiences of the United States, India, Brazil and Malaysia' on December 30, 2010.*

Government of Karnataka, Bangalore, was the Guest of Honour. Prof K R S Murthy, Chairman, Board of Governors of ISEC, presided.

## The Annual Ambedkar Memorial Public Lecture

**The Annual Ambedkar Memorial Public Lecture** was jointly organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change, National Law School of India University (NLSIU) and Bangalore University. It was sponsored by Centre for Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy and Dr Ambedkar Studies Centre of

NLSIU. Prof William Darity Jr, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, USA, spoke on **Affirmative Action Around the World: The Experiences of the United States, India, Brazil and Malaysia** on December 30, 2010, at Jnanajyothi Seminar Hall, Central College Campus, Bangalore – 560 001. Dr N Prabhu Dev, Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University, Prof R Venkata Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU, and Prof R S Deshpande, Director, ISEC, participated as chief guests. Prof K R S Murthy, Chairman, Board of Governors of ISEC, presided.

## Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS)

A serious challenge encountered by any science today – be it natural/life science, physical, social, technological, managerial or medical – is to keep its importance intact against winds of change owing to fluctuating 'market' value of education. While a few subjects are 'fortunate' (like medicine, management and technology) to continue to be in the limelight due to their 'commercial importance', a few social science are no longer subjects of interest or importance for the new generation. The situation has forced either the shutting down of these departments in many universities or resulted in attempts to shift to weird combinations of subjects offered (like Economics, Electronics, Music & Accountancy, for example).

The cause of worry is not about mass admissions to social science courses (which is anyway reported

from the colleges in rural areas) but of 'talented' students opting for them.

ISEC launched the SSTSS as a novel venture to attract best talent towards social sciences. To begin with, concentrating upon a small section of students studying at Plus 2 level, ISEC designed and organized a "Talent Search" inviting the students' continued interest in pursuing education by studying the 'Arts' subjects such as History, Economics, Political Science, Sociology etc. It became, in due course, a collaborative effort of four premier institutions, viz., ISEC, Bangalore University, Karnataka Knowledge Commission (KKC) and the Pre-University Board in Karnataka. Financial support to the successful students is planned in the form of scholarships.



*A section of the students who took the SSTSS test held in February 2011.*

*Being experimental, the initiative was first introduced in about 800 colleges of the Bangalore Division grouped under a few hub colleges acting as examination centres – covering rural, semi-urban and urban areas, drawing over 1,000 student enthusiasts, with finally around 700 writing the exam in February last. Of the 27 successful students more than 60% are from interior villages and more than 50% are girls. They would receive scholarship for 3 consecutive years of study in social sciences (Bachelor of Arts) accompanied by an annual orientation at ISEC. The programme will be expanded to cover rest of Karnataka and India in due course.*



### Seminars by Visitors

**National Security Paradigms** — Mr Sujan R Chinoy, Officer of Indian Foreign Service (July 5, 2010).

**Desertification Vulnerability Index Model: A Case Study of Bellary District** — Dr G S Sastry, ICSSR Senior Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (August 12, 2010).

**Indicators, Actionable Data, and Local Decision-Making: NEO CANDO as an Example for Similar Systems in India** — Dr Diwakar K Vadapalli, Doctoral Research Fellow, Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH 44106 (USA) (August 18, 2010).

**What Does the World Expect from India?** — Mr Stephen Knapp, Founder, World Relief Network, Detroit, USA (September 6, 2010).

**Developing Micro Platform for Carbon Credit Valuation** — Mr Anurag Rai, Manager, Bank of India, New Delhi and SRTT Visiting Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (October 8, 2010). (Project initiation seminar)

**India's Prospects for Furthering Trade Development with South Asia: Analysis for Bangladesh and Pakistan** — Ms. Amrita Saha, Research Fellow, Ministry of Commerce & Industry (GoI), and SRTT Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (October 8, 2010). (Project initiation seminar)

**Political Corruption: Implications for Democracy** — Justice N Santosh Hegde, Lokayukta, Government of Karnataka (October 20, 2010).

**Maternity Protection: A National Assessment** — Dr Maithreyi Krishnaraj, Honorary Visiting Professor, ISEC, Bangalore (November 16, 2010).

**The Origin and Evolution of Economics: 10000 BC to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** — Mr Shankar Jaganathan, Chartered Accountant, Consultant in Corporate Finance, Bangalore (November 23, 2010).

**Sustainable Transport Connectivity** — Dr Biswa Nath Bhattacharyay, Lead Professional & Adviser to Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Tokyo, Japan (December 21, 2010).

### Seminars by Faculty

**School Meal Programme in Karnataka: A Study of Delivery and Outcomes of Akshaya Patre Foundation in Primary Schools** — Prof M D Usha Devi, CHRD, ISEC, Bangalore (August 11, 2010).

**Rights-based Approaches to Poverty Alleviation and Social Development** — Dr V Anil Kumar, Assistant Professor, Centre for Political Institutions, Governance and Development, ISEC, Bangalore (August 24, 2010).

**Improving Social Access to Social Security among Unorganised Workers** — Prof D Rajasekhar, Professor and Head, Centre for Decentralisation and Development, ISEC, Bangalore (September 15, 2010).

**Caste Discrimination in the Indian Urban Labour Market: Methodological Development and Empirical Evidence** — Prof S Madheswaran, Centre for Economic Studies and Policy, ISEC, Bangalore (September 27, 2010).

### Seminars by Students

**State, Civil Society and Politics of Women's Health** — Ms Skylab Sahu, PhD Scholar, CPIGD, ISEC, Bangalore (July 14, 2010). (Pre-submission seminar)

**Reconceptualising Rights – A Study of Micro Social Movements in India** — Mr Patibandla Srikant, PhD Scholar, CPIGD, ISEC, Bangalore (September 13, 2010). (Pre-submission seminar)

**Monetary Policy Transmission: Significance and Sectoral Impacts of Channels in Indian Economy** — Mr Prashobhan Palakkeel, PhD Scholar, CESP, ISEC, Bangalore (September 14, 2010). (Pre-submission seminar)

### Research Projects

#### Completed Projects

1. **Preparation of Comprehensive District Development Plan for Ramanagara District (CDDP-Ramanagara Project)** (Prof D Rajasekhar and Dr M Devendra Babu)
2. **Magnitude, Dimensions and Causes of Child Labour** (Prof D Rajasekhar)
3. **Evaluation of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of Uruguay Round on Supply Chain: A Study on Tea Sector of Nilgiri Region of South India** (Prof K V Raju and Dr K Lenin Babu)
4. **Urban Influence on Rural and Peri-urban Landscapes: Socio-economic and Ecological Perspective** (Dr Sunil Nautiyal, Dr KG Gayathri Devi and Mr Bibhu Prasad Nayak)

5. **Climate Change, Agriculture, Poverty and Livelihoods: A Status Report** (Prof K N Ninan)
6. **Caste Discrimination in the Indian Urban Labour Market: Methodological Developments and Empirical Evidence** (Prof S Madheswaran)
7. **School Meal Programme in Primary Schools: A Study of Delivery and Outcomes of School Meal Programme by Akshaya Pathre Foundation** (Prof M D Usha Devi)
8. **Independent Budgeting and Planning at District Level** (Dr V Anil Kumar and Prof S N Sangita)
9. **Utilisation of Reservations for Scheduled Tribes in Government Jobs: A Critical Evaluation** (Dr Manohar S Yadav and Dr V Ramaswamy)
10. **Comprehensive District Development Plan (CDDP) (Bidar District)** (Dr S Erappa)
11. **Gender and Governance in Rural Services** [Dr K G Gayathri Devi, Dr Regina Birner (IFPRI) & Dr Madhushree Sekher (TISS, Mumbai)]
12. **Forest Resources and Economic Growth: An Enquiry into the Growth Linkages of Forest Cover in Indian States** (Dr Bibhu Prasad Nayak and Dr Sunil Nautiyal)
13. **Eco-threats of E-waste: A Case Study of Bangalore City** (Dr S Manasi and Dr Bibhu Prasad Nayak)
14. **Health and Livelihoods of Community and Traditional Medicinal Plants: SWOT of Two Agro-climatic Zones of India** (Dr Sunil Nautiyal and Dr K Lenin Babu)
15. **Towards improving Participatory Irrigation and Performance of Water Users Associations under JICA Assisted Irrigation Projects in India – Understanding the Institutional Dynamics, Performance and Benefits** (Dr S Manasi, Dr Bibhu Prasad Nayak and Dr K Lenin Babu)
16. **New Dimensions of Rural indebtedness in India** (Prof Meenakshi Rajeev and Ms B P Vani)
17. **Scheduled Castes and Panchayats: Continuing Social Exclusion and the Limits to Affirmative Action** (Dr Anand Inbanathan and Prof N Sivanna)
18. **Sample Validation Study of EMIS-DISE data 2008** (Prof G K Karanth and Dr V Ramaswamy)

## New Projects

1. **Improving Access to Social Security Benefits among Unorganised Workers** (Prof D Rajasekhar)
2. **Pilot BPL Census Survey in Karnataka RD & PR** (Dr M Devendra Babu)
3. **A Comparative Study of the Health Insurance Schemes in Karnataka** (Prof D Rajasekhar)
4. **Review of Developmental Programmes and Schemes of the Departments of Forest, Ecology and Environment Expenditure Reforms Commission** (Dr Sunil Nautiyal and Dr Syed Ajmal Pasha)
5. **Assessing the Environmental Burden of Disease of Air Pollution: A Case Study of Two Metropolitan Cities – Bangalore and Hyderabad** (Dr S Manasi and Dr Syed Ajmal Pasha)
6. **A Comprehensive Study on the Status of Scheduled Castes in Karnataka** (Prof S Madheswaran and Dr Manohar S Yadav)
7. **A Study on Nutrition and Childhood Diseases in Karnataka** (Dr R Mutharayappa)
8. **Evaluation of the Devadasi Rehabilitation Programme** (Dr V Ramaswamy)
9. **Evaluation of Housing Scheme for Devadasis under Devadasi Rehabilitation Programme of Karnataka State Women's Development Corporation** (Dr V Ramaswamy)
10. **Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI) Pilot Survey** (T N Bhat)

## Student News

### Students' Biannual Seminar Series

The 23rd Bi-annual seminars of PhD students were scheduled during December 6-13, 2010. In all there were 33 presentations; four of them were pre-submission seminars, nine proposal seminars and 20 were progress seminars.

Dr Neeraj Kaushal, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, Columbia University, New York; Professor Babu Nahata, Honorary Visiting Professor, ISEC; and Professor Srinivasan K, Honorary Visiting Professor, ISEC, served as Special Discussants.

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### PhD Awarded

**Dr R Santhosh** (Sociology) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore in 2010 for his thesis, *The Process of Religious Identity Formation: A Sociological Study of Religious Organisations in Kerala, South India*. Prof G K Karanth was his supervisor.

**Dr (Ms) Anitha V** (Political Science) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore in 2010 for her thesis, *Institutions and Changing Role of Bureaucracy – A Case Study of Higher Level Bureaucracy in Karnataka*. Dr Madhushree Sekher was her supervisor.

**Dr Sabuj Kumar Mandal** (Economics) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore in 2010 for his thesis, *Energy and Productivity Growth: A Study of Indian Cement Industry*. Prof S Madheswaran was his supervisor.

**Dr Biplab Dhak** (Development Studies) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore in 2010 for his thesis on *Gender Inequality in Health in India: Life Course and Neighbourhood Dimension*. Dr R Mutharayappa was his supervisor.

**Dr Satyasiba Bedamatta** (Economics) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore in 2010 for his thesis on *Economic Implications of Ecological Changes: A Study of Chilika Lagoon*. Prof R S Deshpande was his supervisor.

**Dr Naveen Kumar** (Economics) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore in 2010 for his thesis on *Micro-finance Institutions in Karnataka: An Analysis of Sustainability and Impact of Credit Plus Services*. Dr Veerashekharappa was his supervisor.

**Dr (Ms) Sarala R** (Sociology) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore in 2010 for her thesis on *Social Networking for Survival in Slums: A Case Study of Bangalore*. Dr K G Gayathri Devi was her supervisor.

## Publications

### Working Papers

#### An Overview

In all, 10 working papers were published during the period July-December 2010.

**Institutions and their Interactions An Economic Analysis of Irrigation Institutions in the Malaprabha Dam Project Area, Karnataka, India (WP 250)** by Durba Biswas and L Venkatachalam.

Institutions and institutional structures that are set up by individuals, groups and governments with the objective of organizing human activities tend to influence the outcome, such as of managing common pool resources like water for irrigation. However, it is also true that institutions established with a 'top-down' approach generate distortions in this process. Against this background, the authors have attempted to analyse the working of the institutions governing surface water allocation in the Malaprabha river basin in Karnataka. The analysis has shown that the so-called demand-side oriented institutional approach introduced by the government has not produced the desired outcomes. The study has proposed an alternative model of institutional arrangement-tradable water rights system within the regulated framework, the advantages being using the WUCs for water transfer from low-value to high value use; facilitating even small farmers to participate in the water trade which leads to effectively addressing the equity issues. The paper raises the concern that the success or failure of any innovative institutions, in this case, the tradable water rights system, is determined by the extent to which they are governed, by any single or a team of institutions including the individual users in the process.

#### **Performance of Indian SEZs: A Disaggregated Level Analysis (WP 251)** by Malini L Tantri.

This WP on the performance of Indian SEZs is undertaken within the framework of the Zone-Trade Performance Index, covering seven conventional SEZs for the period 1986-87 and 2007-08. The author analyses the performance at the disaggregate level to find variations across as well as within zones during the reference period, which are found to be statistically significant. The analysis further shows that the zones specifically located in economically developed states have performed better as compared to those in other states, thereby highlighting regional disparities in this context. The paper therefore concludes by demanding policy attention on the issue. Another outcome of the study is the reflection on equal sensitivity of the zones to external economic fluctuations. It underlines the need for caution while promoting SEZs: to diversify rather than concentrate on a few sectors. It emphasizes the need for documenting lessons learnt from performances over time and across zones. Policy prescriptions and guidelines are recommended to improve the successful ones and boost the performance of those lagging behind.

**Banking Sector Reforms and NPA: A Study of Indian Commercial Banks (WP 252)** by Meenakshi Rajeev and H P Mahesh.

Maintenance of Non-Performing Assets (NPA) has assumed importance in economic studies for the reason that a well-developed and healthy financial system is necessary to facilitate smooth flow of savings and investments; efficient allocation of resources across time and space; addressing inefficiencies resulting from market frictions and other socio-economic factors. Beyond a certain level, NPA become a cause for concern for all involved due to the importance of credit in ensuring economic growth. The recent global financial crisis has drawn the attention of policy-makers and academicians to the issue of NPA. This WP examines the trends of NPA in India covering various dimensions. It explains how a mere recognition of the problem and self-monitoring has been able to reduce it to a great extent. The paper discusses the role of Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) or Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in the context of loan recovery and shows that the public sector banks in India with certain welfare motives have an equally good record in reducing NPAs as done by their counterparts in the private sector. It recommends the SHG model to enable the poor to access loans and ensure repayment behaviour at least in some of the sectors.

**Government Policy and Performance: A Study of Indian Engineering Industry (WP 253)** by Rajdeep Singha and K Gayithri.

When India began liberalisation of its industrial policy in the mid-1980s, besides a general increase in efficiency, a further improvement in terms of innovative performance was also expected by the proponents of liberalisation. Based on extensive industrial studies and macro level data, the paper concludes that the above move in the field of industrial licensing and foreign technological collaborations has resulted in large-scale entry of new firms across different segments of the economy.

This Working Paper makes an attempt to review the promotion-oriented industrial policies of the Indian engineering industry. It has also traced industrial growth from 1950-51 onwards to observe that two main brakes (kinked points) occurred during this period, one in 1965-66 and the other in 1984-85. The analysis points to major shifts in the policies of the Government as factors associated with these brakes. The first was, the policy focusing on heavy industries (1965-66); and the second brake occurred due to

changes in policies of the restrictive kind (of mid-sixties and 'seventies) to liberalised ones (in the mid-eighties). The paper concludes by raising hope for devising an appropriate industry-specific policy in the Indian context.

**Reproduction of Institutions through People's Practices: Evidences from a Gram Panchayat in Kerala (WP 254)** by Rajesh K.

This paper is an analysis of the dynamics of the participatory institutions in Kodayathur Gram Panchayat in Kerala. It is an exploration into the different fields of society in the Panchayat which has internalised and reproduced these institutions through their actual practices. Adopting a relational methodology and linking the subjective stand-point of individuals or groups affiliated to institutions, with their objective position in the society, the paper applies methods like in-depth dialogues with informants along with group discussions and documented analysis. It concludes that institutions in the GP have largely failed in achieving their objectives, the reason being the apathetic approach of the political parties, aversion of the middle and upper-middle classes to them and inability of the marginalised groups in getting involved in such institutions. These have been identified by the study as the major hurdles before GPs to achieve their ideal objectives.

**Survival and Resilience of Two Village Communities in Coastal Orissa: A Comparison of Coping with Disasters (WP 255)** by Priya Gupta.

The crucial element in a disaster is the human component. In this paper, the author discusses the human factor with reference to a group's vulnerability, which is a concomitant of certain important attributes, such as occupation / livelihood of a group. The study points out that when a community or a group manages to survive disasters despite their vulnerabilities, it calls for a discussion on the various processes of resilience and coping mechanisms which have enabled such survival. It also suggests that perception of a disaster varies owing to the risks the community faces, which in turn vary across the communities. It also concludes that different social groups face disasters differently and bear different kinds of impact. They also tend to have different vulnerabilities which determine variations in their capacity to cope with and resist disasters. Thus, no umbrella plan of disaster mitigation will work unless the vulnerabilities and differences of different social groups are duly noted.



**Engineering Industry, Corporate Ownership and Development – Are Indian Firms Catching up with the Global Standard? (WP 256)** by Rajdeep Singha and K Gayithri.

Considering that the presence of multi-national corporations (MNCs) in the developing economies has enhanced efficiency across domestic firms to a certain extent compared with the advanced economies, this paper attempts to look into the extent of this convergence in the context of Indian engineering industry. It makes a comparison between foreign and domestic firms. Using a stochastic production function technique to evaluate the efficiency of two firms separately, the paper brings to the fore differences between productivity and efficiency. It establishes that the econometric models help in explaining not only the nature of convergence but also the factors underlying variations in efficiencies. Ownership of firms also significantly influences performance. The paper shows that domestic firms having achieved efficiency levels almost equal to foreign firms fare better than other firms. When viewed at the individual level, trade liberalisation impacts significantly on the efficiency of the firms. The convergence process between domestic and foreign firms in terms of technical efficiency is more pronounced in the later stages of globalisation (2000-03). However, the study seeks to look for a better methodology to analyse the convergence, since there is a decline in the efficiency of foreign firms while the domestic ones show no improvement in this regard. The study establishes a positive relationship between the international trade of firms and their technical efficiency. Imported input intensity is positive for firms thereby helping them to improve themselves.

**Schedule Castes, Legitimacy and Local Governance: Continuing Social Exclusion in Panchayats (WP 257)** by Anand Inbanathan and N Sivanna.

It is an established truth that the members of the Schedule Castes (SCs) are discriminated against, exploited and placed at the bottom of social hierarchy for long in our history. Of the many measures undertaken to address the situation, the 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment sought to overcome this humiliation and help the SCs access seats of political power by becoming members and heads of the Panchayats through the system of affirmative action. This was not an easy process, given the expected strong resistance from those already in power supported by the tradition. This paper looks at some of the

consequences of reserving the seats of heads of Gram Panchayats in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu for the members of the SCs elected to these GPs. It is based on the concept of legitimacy to document the perceptions of higher castes as well as the participation of SCs in Panchayats.

**Plant-Biodiversity Conservation in Academic Institutions: An Efficient Approach for Conserving Biodiversity across Ecological Regions in India (WP 258)** by Sunil Nautiyal.

This working paper is the outcome of a study undertaken to access biodiversity in academic institutions to understand their role in conserving biodiversity. ISEC in Bangalore was chosen to make this study in its 16-hectare campus adjudged as the best maintained campus in the city of Bangalore for three consecutive years. The campus is home to more than 400 plant species, including trees, shrubs, herbs, grasses and creepers, many of which are endangered. The study stresses the importance of conserving biodiversity as the threat of losing the various species at an alarming rate looms large. The paper recommends measures and efforts to save these precious natural resources and promote biodiversity, true to the objectives of the International Year of Biodiversity, 2010.

**WTO and Agricultural Policy in Karnataka (WP259)** by Malini L Tantri and R S Deshpande.

Following the Hong Kong round of WTO negotiations, many trade issues have been debated and subsidies and market access are brought under sharp focus. In the context of India, its trade policy continues to be a prerogative of the Central government, with the state government policies often taken for granted.

This paper attempts to review the impact of WTO through the state perspective and policy response. The state of Karnataka, with trade in agriculture posing as a strong growth buster, is taken as a case study to highlight the state-specific issues. The state also has shown a proactive role in international trade and prepared well for ascertaining the impact of WTO on its agricultural sector. The paper argues that this tempo has to be sustained in the future by fine-tuning the balance between domestic demand, exportable surplus and import trends delineating WTO's implications for its primary producers, traders and consumers. The study makes a SWAT analysis of the views of the stakeholders putting forth future policy paradigm. It suggests inbuilt solutions in the context of Karnataka's short- and long-term perspectives concerning the WTO.

**Monograph****An Overview**

**Monograph (No. 21) 'Dynamics of Population Change in Karnataka: An Overview'** by Dr C M Lakshmana.

The monograph is a revised version of the study report by the author on 'Population Change in Karnataka: A Decadal Overview' undertaken at the ISEC with the objective of tracing a micro analysis of population change in Karnataka, by taluks, and documenting the major changes and trends witnessed in the decades of 1981-1991 and 1991-2001. The study is set against the importance of demographic research caused by the processes of globalisation, economic liberalisation and privatisation and their impact on growth and distribution of population. It also sheds light on the impact of governmental and private initiatives to bring down birth rate and also fertility levels highlighting the relatively limited global surface area in India to sustain its growing population.

The other significant contributions of the study are the analysis of district- and region-wise situation of growth of population in the state of Karnataka and a comparison of general population and child population; and variation in growth of population among Scheduled Tribes in India with special reference to Karnataka.

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(with Manasi S, Ingrid Neishem, K J Joy, Suhas Paranjape, Nagothu Udaya Sekhar) 'Integrated Water Resources Management in Tungabhadra Basin'. In Gooch G D, A Riew-Clarke and P Stalnacke (eds), *Integrated Water Resources Management*. London: IWA Publishing, 2010.

## **Sangita, S N**

'Self-Regulatory Authorities, Professional Education and Inclusive Governance in India: Need for Reforms'. *Indian Journal of Public Administration*, 56 (3), July-September, 2010.

## **Singh, Shyam**

'Three Years of the BSP Government in Uttar Pradesh'. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 45 (38), September 18, 2010.

'Are We Missing the Morale of the Economy?'. *Mainstream*, 48 (33), August 7, 2010.

## **Sivanna, N**

'Decentralised Natural Resource Management: A Study of Watershed Development Project in Karnataka'. *Journal of Rural Development*, 29 (3), 2010.

## **Syamala, T S**

'Reaching the Unreached: Older Women and RCH Programme in India – The Challenges Ahead'. *Journal of Health Management*, 12 (3), September 2010.

## **Usha Devi, M D**

'Higher Education Reform in India: Sustaining Rural Degree Colleges amidst Rapid Expansions'. *University News*, 48 (51): 1-3, December 26, 2010.

'Reforming Higher Education: Challenges and Concerns'. In Shivaji Rao Kadam, B T Bawani *et al* (eds), *Perspectives on Governance & Higher Education*. Pune: Barati Vidyapeeth Deemed University. November 2010.

## Keynote/Presidential Addresses

## **Deshpande, R S**

'Approach to Research Methodology', in the Brainstorming Workshop on High Value Research Methods, organised by Shridevi Institute of Engineering and Technology, September 7, 2010, at Tumkur.

'Role of State Cadre Commercial Tax Officers in the Face of GST', in the inauguration of All-India Confederation of Commercial Taxes Associations, organised by Karnataka Commercial Taxes Services (Officers) Association and Karnataka Commercial Taxes Service 'C' and 'D' Group Employees Associations 'Joint Action Committee', October 3, 2010, at Bangalore.

'Micro-Finance, Sustainability and Livelihood: Some Unresolved Issues', in the inaugural function of National Seminar on 'Micro-Finance and Sustainable Livelihood Promotions in India', organised by Siddaganga Institute of Technology, Tumkur, December 15, 2010, at Tumkur.

## **Devi, K G Gayathri**

'Qualitative Research Methods', in the Workshop on High Value Research Methods, organised by Sridevi Institute of Engineering and Technology, Tumkur, September 8, 2010, at Tumkur.

## **Karant, G K**

'Imprints of Consumerism upon Emerging [Rural] Identities', in the National Seminar on Rural Consumers in Globalizing Market: Vulnerability and Choices, organised by Department of Sociology,

Kalyani University (West Bengal) and Centre for Consumer Studies, IIPA, New Delhi, December 12, 2010, at Kalyani.

**Kumar, Parmod**

Keynote address, in the Indian Society of Agricultural Marketing Conference, organised by ISAM and NAU, Navasari, Gujarat, November 23-25, 2010, at Navasari Agricultural University, Navasari, Gujarat.

**Ninan, K N**

'Global Deforestation – Extent, Causes and Consequences', in the Workshop as a follow-up event of APEC, Yokohama Students Forum, organised by Yokohama City and Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), December 18, 2010, at Yokohama, Japan.

**Rajeev, Meenakshi**

'Financial Sector Reforms and Beyond', in the Conference on Research and Studies in Contemporary India, organised by Institute for International Relations, Warsaw University, Poland, November 18-21, 2010, at Warsaw.

'Economic Reform and Labour Market – Contract Labour in India' in the Conference on Research and Studies in Contemporary India, organised by Institute for International Relations, Warsaw University, Poland, November 18-21, 2010, at Warsaw.

**Sivanna, N**

'Youth and Politics', in the Seminar organised by the Department of Political Science, Government First Grade College, Chickballapur, August 17, 2010, at Chickballapur.

'Questionnaire and Interview Method' in the Workshop on High Value Research Methods, organised by Sridevi Institute of Engineering and Technology, Tumkur, September 7, 2010, at Tumkur.

## Papers Presented at Conferences/Workshops/Seminars

**Bairagya, Indrajit**

Liberalization, Informal Sector and Formal-Informal Sectors' Relationship: A Study of India; at the 31<sup>st</sup> General Conference, organised by International Association for Research in Income and Wealth, August 22-28, 2010, at St. Gallen, Switzerland.

**Bansod, Dhananjay Wamanrao**

(with Lekha Subaiya) Demographics of the Indian Elderly; at the Workshop on Building Knowledge Base on Ageing in India: A Series of Programmatic and Research Studies, organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change, August 31-September 1, 2010, at Bangalore.

Inequality in Health and Health Care Utilization among Tribes and Non-Tribes in India; at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of IASP-2010, organised by Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP), November 28-30, 2010, at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Orissa.

(with T S Syamala) Linkages between Health and Work Force Participation of Elderly in India: An Investigation; at the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Population Association Conference (APA) 2010, organised by Asian Population Association, November 15-20, 2010, at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

**Bhat, T N**

Ageing among Scheduled Tribe Population in India; at the National Conference on Ethno-historical Development of Denotified Tribes (DNTs): Issues and Prospects, organised by Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy and Department of History, University of Mysore, December 23-24, 2010, at Mysore.

**Devi, K G Gayathri**

(with Sivanna N) Engendering Governance: A Study in the State of Karnataka; at the state-level workshop, organised by ISEC, Bangalore, September 20, 2010, at Bangalore.

(with Sivanna N) Engendering Governance; at the state-level workshop, organised by TISS, Mumbai, August 13-14, 2010, at Mumbai.

**Gayithri, K**

(with Subhashini) Health Sector Public Investments and Inclusive Growth in Karnataka; at the International Conference on Challenges to Inclusive Growth in the Emerging Economies, organised by Strategic Management Forum of India in association with IIM Ahmedabad, December 15-17, 2010, at Ahmedabad.

District Fund Flow under NRHM and Service Delivery – Some Insights from Karnataka; at the National Conference on Bringing Evidence into Public Health Policy, organised by Institute of Public Health, December 10-11, 2010, at Bangalore.



## **James, K S**

Deriving Reliable RCH Indicators from HMIS Data: A Case Study of Karnataka and Rajasthan; at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of IASP-2010, organised by Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP), November 28-30, 2010, at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Orissa.

## **Kannan, Elumalai**

Estimating PSE for Indian Dairy Sector; at the Workshop on Quantitative Modelling Approaches for Economic Policy Analysis in Agriculture, organised by National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NCAP), August 12-13, 2010, at New Delhi.

Export Advantage in India's Agro Food Products; at the Conference on Challenges and Way Forward for Agricultural Products Export, organised by APEDA and CII, November 10, 2010, at Hotel Le Royal Meridien, Chennai.

Agriculture and Rural Development in India; at the Seminar on Rural Development in India: Progress, Problems and Programme Effectiveness, organised by Department of Economics, Kerala University, December 2-3, 2010, at Trivandrum.

## **Karanth, G K**

Migrants as Targets of Hatred and Violence; at the National Seminar on Understanding and Responding to Violence, organised by Ecumenical Christian Centre, Bangalore, July 7, 2010, at Whitefield, Bangalore.

Private-Public Participation in [Dental] Health Care Services in India; at the XV IAPHD National Conference, organised by Indian Association of Public Health and Dentistry, December 2010, at Mysore.

## **Kumar, Parmod**

(with Surender Kumar) Valuing the Health Effects of Air Pollution from Agricultural Residue Burning; at the Seminar on Policy Options to Reduce Rice Stubble Burning, organised by ISEC, NCAER, ACIAR and Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, October 13-14, 2010, at Chandigarh.

(with Laxmi Joshi) Existing Legislation on Pollution in India/Punjab and Punjab Government Policy on Agriculture Waste Burning; at the two day Seminar on Policy Options to Reduce Rice Stubble Burning, organised by ISEC, NCAER, ACIAR and Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, October 13-14, 2010, at Chandigarh.

Environment-Friendly Waste Disposal Technology; at the seminar on Knowledge and Skill Upgradation in Textile Industry – Issues and Options, organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change and IIT Madras, October 29, 2010, at ISEC, Bangalore.

(with Surender Kumar) Valuing the Health Effects of Air Pollution from Agricultural Residue Burning; at the CERDI International Conference on Environment and Natural Resources Management in Developing and Transition Economies, organised by CERDI, France, November 18-19, 2010, at Clermont Ferrand, France.

Market Structure, Conduct and Performance: Empirical Findings from Six States in India; at the Indian Society of Agricultural Marketing Conference, organised by ISAM and NAU, Navasari, Gujarat, November 23-25, 2010, at Navasari Agricultural University, Navasari, Gujarat.

## **Kumar, V Anil**

Rights-based Approaches to Poverty Alleviation and Social Development; at the Fifth Annual International Conference on Public Policy and Management on 'Beyond the Macroeconomic Crisis- Towards Inclusive Growth and Sustainability', organised by the Centre for Public Policy (CPP), Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bangalore, August 8-11, 2010, at Bangalore.

## **Lakshmana, C M**

Linkages of Poverty, Pollution and Environmental Degradation and Its Impact on Health in India; at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of IASP-2010, organised by Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP), November 28-30, 2010, at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Orissa.

## **Lokesh, G B**

Agricultural Growth in India: Implications for Inclusiveness; at the National Seminar on Agriculture and Environment for Inclusive Growth, organised by Division of Agricultural Economics, IARI, New Delhi, December 14-15, 2010, at New Delhi.

## **Mutharayappa, R**

(with Manohar S Yadav) Reproductive Morbidity among Tribal Women in Karnataka; at the National Conference on Ethno-Historical Development of Denotified Tribes: Issues and Prospects, organised by Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Mysore, December 23-24, 2010, at Mysore.

## *Nanjundaiah, C*

Frontiers of Social Science Research: Emerging Areas, Designing Research Proposal and Funding Agencies; at the two-day State-Level Seminar on Quality Sustenance and Enhancement through Promotion of Research Culture in Colleges, organised by Sri Jagadguru Renukacharya College for Women, October 5-6, 2010, at Bangalore.

Unemployment and Employment in Government-Private Service Sectors; at the two-day National Conference on World Economic Crisis: Growing Unemployment and Alternatives, organised by Democratic Youth Federation of India, September 17-18, 2010, at Bangalore.

## *Nautiyal, Sunil*

Presentation on Climate Change: Linking Rural Karnataka to Global Problems; at the Workshop on Launch of BCCI-K, organised by BCCI-K and ISEC, October 23, 2010, at Vikas Saudha, Bangalore.

Energy and Economic Efficiency of Traditional and Introduced Crops in the Himalayan Region; at the Indo-German Partnering Workshop on Bio-economy, organised by Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Govt. of India, and Bio-economy Science Center (BioSC), Germany, November 23-24, 2010, at National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR).

(with K Bhaskar, T V Prasad and I V Saradhi) Structure and Composition of Plant-biodiversity in Arid Region in Gogi-Gulbarga-Karnataka; at the National Conference on Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Climate Change: The Challenge Ahead, organised by National Institute of Ecology, Jodhpur/Delhi, December 4-6, 2010, at National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFG), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Lucknow.

(with Boopalakrishnan, Venkateshalu) Faunal Diversity of Arid Region: A Case Study from Gulbarga and Yadgir Districts of North Karnataka, India; at the National Conference on Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Climate Change: The Challenge Ahead, organised by National Institute of Ecology, Jodhpur/Delhi, December 4-6, 2010, at National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFG), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Lucknow.

## *Ninan, K N*

The Economics of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services; at the United Nations University and Institute of Advanced Studies Seminar Series, organised by United

Nations University and Institute of Advanced Studies, Tokyo, Japan, August 20, 2010, at UNU-IAS, Yokohama, Japan.

## *Rajasekhar, D*

Improving the Quality of Services: Some Reflections on Choice, Technology and Information; at the National Consultation on Issues to be addressed in the Approach Paper to the XII Five-Year Plan, organised by UNDP (Solution Exchange), December 6, 2010, at New Delhi.

Responsible Lending; at the Seminar on Microfinance and Sustainable Livelihood Promotions in India, organised by Siddaganga Institute of Technology, December 15-16, 2010, at Tumkur.

Implementation of RSBY: Policy Lessons; at the International conference on Bihar Growth, organised by LSE, Oxford University and ADRI, December 17-18, 2010, at Patna.

## *Rajeev, Meenakshi*

(with Veershekharappa) Implementation of Revival Package for Short-term Cooperative Credit Societies - Andhra Pradesh; at the Stakeholders' Seminar, organised by ADB, World Bank, NABARD & Ministry of Finance, November 26, 2010, at New Delhi.

(with Veershekharappa) Implementation of Revival Package for Short-term Cooperative Credit Societies - Bihar; at the Stakeholders' Seminar, organised by ADB, World Bank, NABARD & Ministry of Finance, November 26, 2010, at New Delhi.

(with Veershekharappa) Implementation of Revival Package for Short-term Cooperative Credit Societies - Madhya Pradesh; at the Stakeholders' Seminar, organised by ADB, World Bank, NABARD & Ministry of Finance, November 26, 2010, at New Delhi.

(with B P Vani) India's Export of selected BPO Services; at the Conference on Research and Studies in Contemporary India, organised by Institute for International Relations, Warsaw University, November 18-21, 2010, at Warsaw.

(with Manojit Bhattacharya) Repayment of Short-term Loans: A Study of Selected Developed, Middle Performing and Less Developed States in India; at the International Conference on Financial Sector Reforms and the Indian Economy, organised by Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode; British Northern Universities India Forum, November 11-13, 2010, at IIM, Kozhikode.



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

Electoral Process and Inclusive Governance in India: A Critical Review; at the National Seminar on Electoral Reforms, organised by C Achutha Menon Study Centre and Library, July 8-10, 2010, at Trivandrum.

Decentralisation, Women Empowerment and Inclusive Growth: State and Civil Society Perspective; at the National Seminar on Women Empowerment, organised by Agrasree, August 19-20, 2010, at Tirupati.

## ***Sivanna, N***

(with K G Gayathri Devi) Engendering Governance: A Study in the State of Karnataka; at the state-level workshop, organised by ISEC, Bangalore, September 20, 2010, at Bangalore.

(with K G Gayathri Devi) Engendering Governance; at the state-level workshop, organised by TISS, Mumbai, August 13-14, 2010, at Mumbai.

Preparation of District Human Development Report; at the workshop organised by ISEC, Bangalore, December 24, 2010, at Bangalore.

## ***Subaiya, Lekha***

(with Dhananjay W Bansod) Demographics of the Indian Elderly; at the Workshop on Building Knowledge Base on Ageing in India: A series of Programmatic and Research Studies, organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change, August 31-September 1, 2010, at Bangalore.

## ***Syamala, T S***

Poor Primary Health Care in Tribal Areas of Andhra Pradesh: Issues about Skills and Training of Female Health Workers; at the Annual conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP), organised by Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP), November 28-20, 2010, at Utkal University, Bhubaneshwar.

Infertility in India: Its Levels, Determinants and its Impact on Family; at the Annual Conference of the Asian Population Association, organised by Asian Population Association, November 28-30, 2010, at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

(with Dhananjay W Bansod) Linkages between Health and Work Force Participation of the Elderly in India: An Investigation; at the Annual Conference of the Asian Population Association, organised by Asian Population Association, November 28-30, 2010, at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

## ***Tripathi, Sabyasachi***

Estimating Urban Agglomeration Economies for India: A New Geography Perspective; at the PhD Workshop on DIMETIC session 2, organised by DIMETIC European Doctoral School, July 5-16, 2010, at the University of Pecs, Pecs, Hungary.

Estimating Urban Agglomeration Economies for India: A New Geography Perspective; at the 8<sup>th</sup> GLOBELICS International Conference on Making Innovation Work for Society: Linking, Leveraging and Learning, organised by GLOBELICS, November 1-3, 2010, at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

## ***Usha Devi, M D***

Implications of RTE Act (2009) in regard to Panchayat Bodies and Primary Schools – Overburdening of Teachers and BEO; at the State-level Seminar on Right to Education, organised by Centre for Educational & Social Studies, Bangalore, November 02, 2010, at Mythic Society, Bangalore.

Effective Pedagogy; at the Regional Seminar on Seminaries of Senate of Serampore College, organised by Pedagogical Institute for Theological Colleges, Serampore University, September 16, 2010, at Gurukul Letheran Theological College, Chennai.

Significance & Methods of Lesson Planning; at the Regional Seminar on Seminaries of Senate of Serampore College, organised by Pedagogical Institute for Theological Colleges, Serampore University, September 17, 2010, at Gurukul Letheran Theological College, Chennai.

## ***Veerashekhharappa***

(with Meenakshi Rajeev) Implementation of Revival Package for Short-term Cooperative Credit Societies – Andhra Pradesh; at the Stakeholders' Seminar, organised by ADB, World Bank, NABARD and Ministry of Finance, November 26, 2010, at New Delhi.

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(with Meenakshi Rajeev) Implementation of Revival Package for Short-term Cooperative Credit Societies – Madhya Pradesh; at the Stakeholders' Seminar, organised by ADB, World Bank, NABARD and Ministry of Finance, November 26, 2010, at New Delhi.

**Yadav, S Manohar**

Positive Discriminatory Policy: Limitations Experienced by Ex-Untouchables of India; at the Seminar organised by Indian Institute of Public Administration, October 5, 2010 at Bangalore.

(with R Mutharayappa) Reproductive Morbidity among Tribal Women in Karnataka; at the National Conference on Ethno-Historical Development of Denotified Tribes: Issues and Prospects, organised by Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Mysore, December 23-24, 2010, at Mysore.

### Honours/Awards/Fellowships

**James, K S**

Nominated as a panel member of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) on 'New Challenges in Population and Development' for the period 2010-13.

**Nautiyal, Sunil**

Humboldt Renewed Research Fellowship Award from prestigious Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, to work as Visiting Scientist, at Centre for Environmental System Research, University of Kassel, Germany, December 1, 2010 to March 3, 2011.

**Ninan, K N**

Invited as Visiting JSPS Professor, at the University of Tokyo for 10 months from April 1, 2010.

**Prabhuswamy, P**

Awarded PhD degree by Bangalore University in Sociology for the thesis 'Socio-Cultural Practices of Yerava Tribe Relating to Health', December 31, 2010; under the guidance of Dr B Vijaya Raghava Rao, Former Head, Department of Sociology, St. Joseph's College, Bangalore.

**Rajeev, Meenakshi**

Member of the Expert group in formulation of course on MA in Contemporary India Business and Politics, Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw, Poland.

Acted as a jury member for Cosmar Competitive Conference, held at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, November 2010.

**Sangita, S N**

Expert Panel Member on Best Practices Documentation

& Awards Program 2009-10 of City Managers' Association, Govt. of Karnataka.

Visiting Professor, Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed University), one year from April 2010.

Visiting Fellow, Department of Political Science, Osmania University, 2010.

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

**Deshpande, R S**

Member, Committee formed to establish Dr D M Nanjundappa Economic Study Centre, Bangalore University, Bangalore.

Member, Mid-term Academic and Administrative Review Committee, Bangalore University, Bangalore.

Member, Committee constituted to give guidelines for establishing private universities in the State, Government of Karnataka.

Member, Task Force for the development of the University, Rani Chennamma University, Belagavi.

Member, Advisory Committee to look after the activities of the Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Mysore, Mysore.

Member, Research Programme Committee, The Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, Mumbai.

Head of the Sub-Group I, Committee on Statistics of Agriculture and Allied Sectors, Govt. of India, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Central Statistical Organisation, National Accounts Division, New Delhi.

**Gayithri, K**

Member (representing ISEC), Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute.

Member, Nominations Committee, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute.

**Karanth, G K**

Member, AAA Committee, Kuvempu University.

Peer Team Member, NAAC to several Universities and Colleges outside Karnataka.

**Kumar, Parmod**

Vice-Chairman, Library Committee, ISEC.



**Nautiyal, Sunil**

PhD Programme Coordinator, ISEC, from October 1, 2010.

**Rajeev, Meenakshi**

Member of the Expert Committee in Project Evaluation, Christ University.

**Usha Devi, MD**

Member, State-Level Advisory Committee for RMSA, GoK.

### Articles in Newspapers

**Kumar, V Anil**

'The Twin Guide to Telangana'. *The Financial Express*, September 12, 2010.

'A Tectonic Shift in Telangana'. *The Indian Express*, August 4, 2010.

**Rajasekhar, D**

Micro-Managing Micro Finance. *The Financial Express*, October 29, 2010.

### Miscellaneous

**Bansod, Dhananjay Wamanrao**

Attended 'Annual Review Meeting of PRCs' convened by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, July 26-27, 2010, at NIHFWS, New Delhi.

**Bhende, MJ**

Attended an Advisory Meeting on 'Cost of Cultivation', at the Directorate of Agriculture, GoK.

**Deshpande, RS**

Participated as Chief Guest, in the Book Release Programme, organised by Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), July 17, 2010, at Bangalore.

Participated as Judge for the 'B School Budget', a National-Level Finance Fest Arthayudh 2010,

organised by Christ University, Bangalore, September 15, 2010, at Bangalore.

**Lokesh, GB**

Attended the Karnataka Krishi Mission Meeting held at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad.

**Nanjundaiah, C**

Delivered invited lecture in Live Education Satellite Programme, organised by Pre-University Education Board, GoK, for PU College Lecturers of Karnataka State on 'Banking Sectors Reforms in India: A Special Reference to Narasimhan Committee Recommendations', on August 12, 2010.

**Ninan, KN**

'The Business of Biodiversity', Review of Mark Everard's book, *Ecological Economics*, 2010. (article in press, available online)

**Rajasekhar, D**

(with Erlend Berg, R Manjula, Sanchari Roy) Hospitalisation means India's Poor Go Hungry. *iiG Policy Brief*, No.13, Oxford University, July 2010.

**Umamani, KS**

Attended 'Technical Programme Discussion Meeting (TPDM)', at Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad, to present the progress and future plans in connection with the Project Baseline Study on Demographic Pattern and Health Profile around Proposed Uranium Mining area in Gogi, Karnataka, June 30-July 1, 2010, at Hyderabad.

Conducted Health Camp with a team of six members from Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bangalore, at Gogi PHC during November 10-11, 2010 to screen cancer patients from six villages in Core Zone.

**Yadav, S Manohar**

Coordinated the Ambedkar Memorial Public Lecture on 'Affirmative Action around the World: The Experiences of United States, India, Brazil and Malaysia' by Prof William Darity of Duke University, at the Jnana Jyothi Auditorium, Central College Campus, Bangalore, jointly organised by ISEC, NLSIU and BU, on December 30, 2010.



*Eminent theatre personality Smt Arundhati Nag delivering the Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture at ISEC on December 10, 2010. She enthralled the audience with a vivid account of her professional life in her lecture, 'My Journey in Theatre'.*



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