

## About Dr. Krishna Raj



Dr. Krishna Raj is Professor at Centre for Economic Studies and Policy, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore, India. Currently he is the Vice-Chairman (Dean) of Academic Programme Committee of ISEC. He has successful 25 years of service as a researcher, teacher, supervisor, policy advisor to central and state governments, and expert committee member of various committees. He obtained Ph D in Economics from University of Mysore. Before joining ISEC, Bangalore. Most of his work is in the field of Environmental Economics. His research focuses on inclusive growth, Climate Change, and sustainable development. His research includes Forests, Property Rights and Deforestation in Western Ghats, Climate Change and Efficiency of Water Supply and Demand Management in New York and Bangalore Cities, State action on climate change, economic instruments for environmental conservation, Ecotourism in Nagarahole and Bandipur National Parks, Urban Air Pollution and Economics of Traffic Congestion, Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) and so on.

Earlier he served as Indian Council for Cultural Relation (ICCR) Chair Professor on Indian Economy under the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFSS) Seoul, South Korea during 2011-12.

He was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, USA. He is awarded with Sir Ratan Tata Trust Research Fellowship for collaborative research with University of Wisconsin, USA during 2013-14

He received Sir Ratan Tata Trust (SRTT) research fellowship to undertake collaborative research with Watershed Institute, University of Wisconsin, USA.

He had undertaken collaborative research with University of Guelph, Canada on Water Conflicts in Cauvery River Basin. He also visited University of San Francisco, USA.

He is the visiting professor to IMPRI, New Delhi, Kannur University, Kannur, Kerala. Earlier he was a visiting faculty at Bangalore Dr B R Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bangalore.

He was invited to NITI Ayog Think Tank on G20 workshop for policy suggestion on “inclusive Trade for Growth and Prosperity.” Organized by the NITI Ayog, New Delhi.

He was Invited a distinguished delegate to speak on “Biodiversity and Climate Change” at the “Global Summit on LiFE Economy: From Principles to action” organised by the RIS, External Affairs Ministry, G20, government of India.

His research on Unaccounted for Water (Non-revenue Water) in Bangalore city received good academic and policy response.

Prof. Krishna Raj’s Study on “Socio-economic Analysis of Bangalore-Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Project” received high appreciation by the House Committee on BMICP and Karnataka Legislative Assembly.

He served as the expert committee member of Government of Karnataka for preparing the Report on Reservation in Promotion by identifying the compelling reasons which resulted in favorable Supreme Court verdict.

Currently he is the Consultant National Economist for Asian Development Bank, Philippines to undertake research on River Basin Planning in Karnataka.

He is the members of several expert committees which include, National Green Tribunal, Government of India, Karnataka State Wetland Conservation Authority, Government of Karnataka, Scientific Auditing of Karnataka Residential Education Institutions, Government of Karnataka, Karnataka State Ecological Monitoring Committee as Special invitee. Central and Karnataka State Pollution Control Boards and also expert trainee on Environmental damage and environmental compensation. He was the Expert committee member to study the Issues of Karnataka State Open University after the withdrawal of UGC recognition and helped to regain the UGC recognition.

He has submitted many reports to the Government of Karnataka which have socio-economic policy implications viz., Report on Socio-economic analysis of Bangalore Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Project, Unaccounted for Water in Bangalore, State of Environment Report for Bengaluru and Karnataka, Nava Karnataka Vision Document, 2025, Reservation in Promotion, and Report on issues of KSOU to mention a few, environmental damage assessment and compensation on UPCL among others.

He has been invited as a keynote speaker to more than 12 conferences, invited as expert panelist for about 30 panel discussions, and delivered over 100 invited lectures. Dr. Krishna Raj ’s research works have been featured in national and international print and electronic media. He is the invited expert writer in The Tribune News Paper, New Delhi on contemporary issues faced by India and he regularly writes in Deccan Herald, and other newspapers and also online Blogs.

His recent coauthored publication in 2023 is “Economic and Environmental Costs of Traffic Congestion in India” is published by Routledge publication, New Delhi. He is in the editorial board of a few journals and BOS members of a few Universities.

He has currently undertaken 13 ongoing research projects with policy relevance, completed 11 research projects, published 5 books, 29 research papers, 5 Book reviews, 10 Working papers, 36 popular articles in News Papers, also policy papers. He served as panel expert in Live Television programs on contemporary economic and environmental issues in Door Darshan, All India Radio and many Private TV channels. He was invited as expert for documentary film on Climate Change, "Red Hot Nation" produced by the Dark Horse Pictures, Mumbai. He has successfully guided and supervised theses of 10 Ph D Scholars who worked on diverse and contemporary research topics and currently 8 students registered under him for Ph D. He is teaching Microeconomics to the Pre-Ph D Students at ISEC.

He organized a convention on "Constitution and Unity of India" along with Government of Karnataka in commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> years of constitution of India.

Prof Raj through his teaching, research, and advocacy, continues to make meaningful contributions to the field of environmental economics and sustainable development.