



From the Director's Desk....



An important event during the first half of 2023 was the celebration to mark the conclusion of the Golden Jubilee of the Institute. On January 20, 2023, the year-long events relating to the Golden Jubilee were concluded. On this day, in the function organised to mark the conclusion of the Golden Jubilee events, Shri Basavaraj Bommai, the then Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, lauded Prof V K R V Rao's vision in establishing institutions such as ISEC that would address the socio-economic challenges in the years to come. He noted that ISEC has been carrying out independent and unbiased research on socio-economic change, human resource development and poverty reduction for the last 50 years for the benefit of people, and the governments of Karnataka and India. He urged the faculty and students of ISEC to undertake independent research and come up with out-of-the-box solutions for implementation at the micro level and to offer policy suggestions that will strike a balance between efficiency and equity.

As a part of the concluding function, ISEC has organised an exhibition during January 18-20, 2023, to showcase the Institute's achievements and contributions over the preceding five decades. The exhibition highlighted the ISEC's collaborative work with the State and Central Governments, and other organisations. ISEC has also organised the PhD students' Alumni Meet on January 19, 2023, which was attended

by retired faculty members of ISEC and its past PhD students. The ISEC alumni meet focused on the status of social sciences over the decades and the changes in social science research. A souvenir documenting the fond memories of the persons who were associated with the Institute in one capacity, or the other was released on Founders' Day on the January 20, 2023.

The Nineteenth Dr VKRV Rao Memorial Lecture was delivered on the 51st Founders' Day of the Institute by Dr JK Bajaj, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) on "Social Science Research in India" on January 20, 2023. In the lecture, Prof Bajaj made a few suggestions on themes that could be undertaken as a part of social science research.

In the first half of the year 2023, the following academic programmes were organised on the campus. (a) Golden Jubilee Conference on "Evolving Pathways for Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development" was organised by ADRTC during January 12-13, 2023. (b) Social Science Talent Search Scheme, a flagship programme of ISEC and Bangalore University, organised an orientation programme during February 11-12, 2023, to promote the interest of undergraduate students in social sciences and inspire them to pursue higher studies in social sciences. (c) A golden jubilee thematic seminar on "75 years of India's Demographic Change: Processes and Consequences" was organized by Population Research Centre, ISEC and the International Institute for Population Sciences Mumbai during February 23-25, 2023. (d) A training programme on "New Agricultural Marketing Strategies for Farming Communities"

was organized by the ADRTC during March 1-3, 2023, to the officials of government, PSUs, FPOs, academicians, scholars, policy makers, programme implementers, executive bodies like NABARD etc. (e) The Centre for Research in Urban Affairs (CRUA) at ISEC organised an international conference on “Cities and Citizens” with Christ University during April 17-18, 2023. (f) A conference on the theme of “Experience of Administrative Reforms in India” was jointly organised on April 29, 2023 by ISEC, Karnataka Administrative Reforms Commission-2 and IIPA-Karnataka Branch.

With regard to regular academic activities, ISEC faculty members completed twelve research projects covering themes such as human-wildlife conflict, financial inclusion and gender, online learning during the COVID, cost of milk production, cancer care in India, child malnutrition, spacing and limiting among young married women in India, Ayushman Bharath, impact of demographic change on environment and others. Seven new research projects covering themes of food security, allocation of funds by Grama panchayats for public goods, gender and monetary/ fiscal policy, minimum support prices, migration, and delivery of maternal and child health services were awarded to the faculty members during this period.

The members of the faculty have disseminated the findings of their research work in multiple ways. In all seven books were brought out by the faculty members through reputed publishers in areas such as caste discrimination and others. In addition, a total of twenty five papers have been published in reputed journals and edited books.

As far as the PhD programme is concerned, four PhD degrees were awarded during this period. A large number of PhD scholars have presented their work in progress during the Bi-Annual Seminars and obtained feedback for improvement of their theses.

Social media efforts of the Institute progressed well in the first half of 2023. There was a substantial growth in social media presence of ISEC publications and the events of the Institute. I am happy to inform that ISEC’s social media audience primarily serves core professionals of the Research and Education community, but in recent months it has also successfully attracted professionals from various fields such as Media, Consultatory, and Finance. Furthermore, ISEC’s followers have demonstrated geographical diversity, with growth in both domestic and international regions.

D Rajasekhar
Director

Golden Jubilee Events

The year 2021-22 is an important one in the history of ISEC, for as of January 20, 2022, the Institute has completed 50 glorious years. The year-long golden jubilee celebrations for 2022 started with a function on January 19, 2022, to inaugurate the golden jubilee celebration on Founders' Day. The concluding part of the golden jubilee at ISEC was celebrated during January 18-20, 2023.

Golden Jubilee Exhibition

ISEC organised exhibition as part of the momentous event of ISEC Golden Jubilee Celebration during January 18-20, 2023. The exhibition served as a platform to showcase the Institute's achievements and contributions over the last five decades. Dr Marchang Reimeingam was the coordinator of the exhibition committee; and Dr Pradeep Hegde, Mr B H Chandrashekara, Ms K Suma, Ms A Latha, Mr Thiruppathi P, Ms Riya Bhattacharya, Ms Ranjita Ghosh, and Ms Deyona Rose Saji were the members of the committee.

The exhibition commenced with a captivating still collage pictures display chronicling the history of ISEC from its inception to the present day. Archival photographs (still and video), research publications, and major events were showcased to highlight significant milestones, achievements, and transformative moments in ISEC's journey. ISEC's groundbreaking research projects and innovative contributions took centre stage of the exhibition. The exhibition highlighted the ISEC's collaborative work with state and central government, and other

organizations. A dedicated section in exhibition showcased the research publications (journal articles, books, edited books, ISEC working papers, ISEC monograph, ISEC journal, etc) and other academic activities (policy brief, newspaper articles, PhD theses, etc) of the faculties, PhD research scholars and alumni of the institution. The exhibition also showcased the Institutes' public engagement, social contributions and outreach programs conducted in the last five decades.

The ISEC Golden Jubilee Exhibition was a memoir of resounding success, providing a comprehensive overview of the Institution's journey, research endeavors, academic activities, and research achievements. It served as a testament to the Institute for Social and Economic Change's commitment to excellence in social science and allied fields of education and research. The exhibition showcased to visualise for reminiscing the journey of the past five decades of ISEC, and also laid the foundation for an exciting innovative future of social science education, research and progress.



ISEC PhD Students Alumni Meet

ISEC organised the PhD students' Alumni Meet on January 19, 2023 to commemorate the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Institute. The inaugural session of the ISEC alumni meet began with a warm welcome by Professor D Rajasekhar, the Director of ISEC. He acknowledged the presence of retired faculties, with 11 out of 37 attending, and warm-heartedly welcomed them. He also welcomed the alumni, mentioning that out of the 170 contacted, 56 could come to participate in the event. Professor Rajasekhar provided an overview of the PhD program at ISEC, mentioning the first PhD graduate and highlighting important developments, including increased admissions, upgraded facilities, and the introduction of awards for outstanding coursework and thesis. He shared the number of PhD theses produced each decade and the change in the composition of awarded degrees in various subjects. Professor Rajasekhar discussed ongoing efforts to improve the PhD program and bring ISEC up to international standards. Professor D Narasimha Reddy, Retired Professor and Dean of Social Sciences, Former Board Member, ISEC expressed gratitude and explained his personal connection to ISEC, highlighting its coursework-based training and his missed opportunity to become a PhD scholar there in its early years.

Following the inaugural session, the first session of the ISEC alumni meet focused on the status of social sciences over the decades and the changes in social science research. The speakers discussed various aspects, the origin and purpose of the institute, the need for original methodologies and competencies, the integration of economics with other social sciences, the decline in social science funding, the importance of interdisciplinary training, the challenges in making social science

research attractive to the youth, the need for policy implications in research, and the availability and authenticity of data. Overall, the speakers emphasized the importance of enhancing the quality of research, promoting interdisciplinary approaches, and addressing the challenges and limitations faced by social science research institutes. Eminent professors Prof R S Deshpande, former Director, ISEC, Prof G K Karanth, former Professor, ISEC, Prof K Gayathri, former student and Professor and Prof. Jose Chathukulam, former student, ISEC moderated the session. Several dignitaries such as Prof Vinod Vyasulu, Prof A S Seetharamu, Prof K N Ninan, Prof K N M Raju, former faculties ISEC and Prof N Bhanu Murthy, former student ISEC and currently Vice Chancellor, BASE, Bangalore and others graced the occasion.

Alumni of the ISEC PhD program interacted with current students, sharing their experiences, and offering advice. Prof Ganesh Bhatta highlighted the interdisciplinary nature of ISEC, emphasizing the importance of academic and personal well-being. Prof Parthasarathy expressed the need to destress the PhD process and foster a supportive environment. Prof Thangaraj emphasized the significance of the library and the careful selection of research topics. Prof Indira Mahendravada suggested updating the alumni database for improving the alumni network. Prof Jose Chatukulam encouraged gender inclusivity and collaboration, emphasizing the importance of publishing in peer-reviewed journals. The session concluded with recommendations to digitize alumni details, create a chat platform, and provide access to alumni PhD abstracts in the library. The Alumni meet was coordinated by Dr S Manasi, Dr Malini L Tantri and Dr Indrajit Bairagya, and supported by the staff and PhD students.



Souvenir

On the occasion of ISEC completing 50 glorious years as a premier research institute in undertaking research and training in social sciences, ISEC brought out a souvenir by documenting the fond memories of the persons who were associated with the Institute in one capacity or the other. ISEC reached out to past Chairmen, Directors and BoG members, Life Members, Chair Professors, Former Faculty, Former Registrars and non-academic Staff, and PhD Alumni and requested them to share a brief write-up encapsulating their experience or any memorable anecdotes. There was an overwhelming response to the request for contributions.

The Souvenir consists of messages from His

Excellency Sri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Sri Basavaraj Bommai, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka, Dr Ashwath Narayan C N, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, GoK and Dr J K Bajaj, Chairman of ICSSR. It includes the messages from Dr Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman, BoG, ISEC and Dr. D Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC.

All those messages and memories were put together and brought out as a souvenir. The printed version of the souvenir was released on Founder's Day on 20th January 2023. Dr. R. Manjula, Assistant Professor, Centre for Decentralisation and Development, ISEC, was the coordinator.

Dr V K R V Rao Lecture

The Nineteenth Dr VKRV Rao Memorial Lecture on the occasion of the 51st Founders' Day of the Institute was delivered by Dr J K Bajaj, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) on "Social Science Research in India" on Friday, January 20, 2023. Prof Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman, ISEC BoG, chaired the lecture, Prof D Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC, welcomed the guest and Prof Meenakshi Rajeev proposed vote of thanks.

On this occasion, Dr DM Nanjundappa Endowment Prize was awarded to Ms Abina V P and Mr T K Anil Kumar, IAS for best performance in Part-A of the Pre-PhD Coursework in Economics and development studies, respectively. Mrs Jameela Bibi Endowment Prize for 2021-22 was awarded to Ms Shwetha Harish Pai for her best performance in Part-A of the Pre-PhD Coursework.

The following books were released on the occasion: 1) Rajasekhar D, Manjula R and Devendra Babu M, *Decentralisation in Contemporary India: Status, Issues and the Way Forward*, published by Routledge, London; 2) Lakshmana C M, *Fifty Years of Development and Change in Tumkur District*, published by Shrihari Publications; 3) Lakshmana



C M, Tumakuru Zilleya Abhiruddi mathu Belavanige (in Kannada), published by Shrihari Publications; 4) Lakshmana C M, *Videshi Shaikshanika Pravasigala Anubhavagalu* (in Kannada), published by Shrihari Publications; and 5) Dasanuru Kusanna, *ವೀರಶೈವಜಂಗಮರು, ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಬ್ರಹ್ಮರಾಗ ಬೇಕೇ?*, published by Matanga Prakashana.

In addition, the special volume of the Journal of Social and Economic Development (published by Springer) on L S Venkataramanan lectures edited by R S Deshpande and Meenakshi Rajeev was also released.

Address by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka Shri. Basavaraj Bommai

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka Shri Basavaraj Bommai inaugurated Dr VKRV Rao Hostel Building on Friday, January 20, 2023. The tree plantation was done by Hon'ble Chief Minister at ISEC. Subsequently, the hon'ble Chief minister addressed the ISEC community. Welcome address was given by Prof Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairperson, BoG ISEC followed by remarks by Dr J K Bajaj, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). The Hon'ble Chief Minister addressed the gathering, and a vote of thanks was given by Prof D Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC.



Golden Jubilee National Conference on Evolving Pathways for Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development



The Agricultural Development and Rural Transformation (ADRT) Centre of the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru is one of the Agro-Economic Research Centres (AERCs) established in 1972 by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW), Government of India (GoI) with the objective of providing a continuous policy feedback to the Ministry and hence, adheres largely to the research agenda of the MoA&FW, GoI. As the ADRT Centre and the ISEC have been created at the same time, on the productive contributions of 50 years, both are celebrated in year 2022-23 as a Golden Jubilee Year. In this connection, keeping the work done (especially research) by the Centre in context over

the last fifty years, it has organized a two-day national conference on '*Evolving Pathways for Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development*' on January 12-13, 2023 at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) Bengaluru. The projects completed by the Centre have been categorized into six major issues/themes based on the research emphasis such as Dynamics of Agriculture & Allied Sectors and Emerging Issues (36%); Agricultural Policy Monitoring & Evaluation (29%); Agricultural Marketing & Agri Business Innovations (12%); Agriculture & livelihood Security (11%); Climate Smart and Sustainable Agriculture (8%); and Technological Innovations in Agriculture (4%). Hence, same themes were considered as the conference themes. The specific objectives of the conference are; to review the past research undertaken by the faculty of ADRT Centre since its inception; to discuss the research undertaken by scholars from different parts of India on the themes mentioned above; to obtain the perspective of stakeholders on priority areas of future research of the ADRT Center in consonance with the agenda of the Ministry, and; to get the advice, inputs and suggestions from seminar participants on thrust areas of future research of the Centre. The programmes in the conference were divided into invited talks, panel discussions and paper

presentations. There were about 150 participants participated in the conference which includes the invited speakers, session chairs and co-chairs, paper presenters, rapporteurs, ADRTC alumni, former professors, officials of government and public sector units, students and project staff across the

country. As part of the outcome of the conference, we have released a conference proceeding, and are planning to bring an edited book volume on the selected papers presented in the conference including the chapters on the work done by the centre, in association with reputed publishers.

XXVII National Seminar 2023 on “75 years of India’s Demographic Changes: Processes and Consequences”

In the past 75 years, India has undergone a remarkable socio-economic and demographic transition. The long-standing national goal of replacement level fertility has been achieved and life expectancy has more than doubled, yet we face several socio-economic, demographic, and environmental challenges. While commemorating 75 years of India’s Independence, there is a need to introspect on the processes of demographic transition and their implications for future generations. Despite the fact that the discipline of demography has contributed significantly to public policies which address population related challenges, there is a need for further cross-disciplinary learning, innovative approaches, and expansion of the learning horizon to address current and future challenges. In this context, the XXVII IIPS national seminar 2023 on “75 years of India’s Demographic Change: Processes and Consequences” organized by the International Institute for Population Sciences Mumbai (IIPS) and Population Research Centre, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) was conducted during February 23-25, 2023 at ISEC, Bengaluru as part of ISEC’s Golden Jubilee celebrations during the year 2022-2023. The focus of the XXVII IIPS national seminar was on the various drivers of population change and centered on the cross-cutting issues relating to population, health, environment, and development. The seminar brought together researchers, policy makers and civil society organizations working on issues of relevance to the country’s population and health. About 180 academicians, policy makers, and scholars from various organizations across



the country participated in the national seminar. There were 4 plenary sessions, 15 technical sessions and 2 poster sessions over the course of the three days. The plenary sessions were titled “75 years of India’s Demographic Change: Processes and Consequences”; “Nutritional Status in Karnataka: Policies and Programmes”; “Maternal and Neonatal Mortality Transition Framework in India and States”; “Population Research Centre’s Vision: Past to Future” and senior academicians and policy makers debated the issues and lively discussions followed. The technical sessions covered such topics as demographic transition, ageing, child health, migration, fertility and family planning, and nutrition, among others. Shri TK Anil Kumar, IAS, Secretary Health and Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka, inaugurated the national seminar and participated in the plenary session on nutritional status in Karnataka. T S Syamala, Lekha Subaiya and BP Vani coordinated the programme.

Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) Programme

Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) is an on-going flagship programme of Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) undertaken in collaboration with Bangalore University, Bengaluru (BUB). The participants of this programme are the meritorious students who are currently studying in first, second and third year Bachelors degree in social sciences from the colleges affiliated to Bangalore University. The main aim of this programme is to retain the interest of the meritorious students in social sciences and inspire them to pursue higher studies in social sciences.

For the year 2022-23, the first orientation programme was conducted during February 11-12 February 2023 at ISEC. Prof. D Rajasekhhar, Director, ISEC, inaugurated the programme and welcomed the students. Thereafter, Prof. R S Deshpande, former Director, ISEC, delivered a lecture on 'Prospects and Relevance of Social Sciences'. In all, there were 13 technical sessions, which aimed at imparting knowledge on various subjects of the social sciences. Subject experts from Bangalore University, ISEC



and other institutions were engaged to address the students. The topics covered were economics, urban issues, social change and intersections in Indian society, governance, history and mental health. The students were also oriented in computer skills and communication skills.

Prof D Rajasekhhar, Director, ISEC, was the Chief Coordinator of this program. Dr Channamma Kambara, Faculty, CRUA and Dr R Manjula, Faculty, CDD, were the Co-coordinators.

Training Programme on New Agricultural Marketing Strategies for Farming Communities

In the process of shifting from traditional to modern agriculture, marketing emerges as the biggest challenge because of production surpluses generated by the shift. It undergoes a series of exchanges or transfers from one person to another before it reaches the consumer. Traditionally, a majority of the agricultural produces in India are sold by farmers to moneylenders (to whom the farmers may be indebted) or to village traders. Products are sold in various ways. Recently, various governments, including the centre, have tried to adopt technologies and come up with modern marketing concepts, which are performing better than the traditional markets. Of course, there are a few challenges which need to be addressed to excel over a period. However, thanks to the development in technology, which has brought new ways of marketing agricultural produces. Further, the Covid 19 has given an opportunity,

wherein many institutions, technicians have come forward and found many ways and means of using technology in selling agricultural produces. The comprehensive suitable market, it's information among farmers will enrich the farming community with the Optimization of Resource Use Efficiency and Output Management, Increase in Farm Income, Widening of Markets, Growth of Agro-based Industries, Price Signals, Adoption and Spread of New Technology, Employment Creation, Addition to National Income, Better Living, and Creation of Utilities (Form Utility, Place Utility, Time Utility, Possession Utility). In this context, the training programme on New Agricultural Marketing Strategies for Farming Communities was organized by the ADRTC during March 1-3, 2023 to the officials of government, PSUs, FPOs, Academicians, Scholars, policy makers, programme Implementers, executive bodies like NABARD etc.

Conference on Experience of Administrative Reforms in India



The Karnataka Regional Branch of IIPA and the Centre for Political Institutions, Governance and Development, Institute for Social and Economic Change, in association with Karnataka Administrative Reforms Commission-2 organised a conference on the theme, *Experience of Administrative Reforms in India* on April 29, 2023 at ISEC, Bengaluru.

On the occasion, the Foundation Day Lecture of the IIPA- Karnataka Branch was delivered by Mr V Srinivas, IAS, Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. He spoke on 'Administrative Reforms – Lessons and Experiences 2019-2023' where he highlighted the essence of India's governance model today based on the theme, Maximum Governance, Minimum Government. The following papers were presented at the conference:

- *Administrative Reforms in Karnataka* by Mr T M Vijay Bhaskar, IAS (Retd.), former Chief Secretary of Karnataka and Chairman of Karnataka Administrative Reforms Commission-2;
- *Experience and Impact of Administrative Reforms Commissions in Kerala* by Ms. Sheela Thomas, IAS (Retd.), Chairperson and Managing Director, Kerala Rubber Ltd.;
- *Frontline Public Delivery Institutions in Karnataka – Recommendations for Improving Delivery of Services* by Prof Kala Sridhar, Ms B P Vani and Dr Indrajit Bairagya of ISEC; and

- *Localizing Governance – Strengthening the Role of Last Mile Institutions in Karnataka* by Dr Meena Nair, Head, Participatory Governance Research Group, Public Affairs Centre, Bengaluru.

Two publications of the Branch were released on the occasion, by Mr S Ramanathan, IAS (Retd.):

1. Text of the Foundation Day Lecture of the Branch delivered by Mr V Srinivas, IAS on *Administrative Reforms – Lessons and Experiences, 2019-2023*; and
2. *Forging Ahead – Annual Reports of the Branch from 2011-12 to 2022-23*.

The conference was chaired by Mr TM Vijay Bhaskar, Chairman of the Branch. Dr D Rajasekhar, Director of ISEC welcomed the guests. Mr S Ramanathan, Chairman-Emeritus of the Branch, inaugurated the conference with his opening remarks, Dr D Jeevan Kumar, Secretary of the Branch proposed a vote of thanks.

Participants at the conference, both in person and online, included serving and retired Faculty members and doctoral students at ISEC, office bearers and members of IIPA-KRB, officials of KARC-2 and serving and retired officers of the Indian Administrative Service and Karnataka Administrative Service.



International Conference on Cities and Citizens

ISEC's CRUA co-coordinated an International conference on cities and citizens with Christ University (MA in Public Policy) on April 17-18, 2023. It was a two-day conference with more than 30 papers presented. Dr Ashwin Mahesh, well known urban activist, delivered the inaugural keynote address. Dr Anupam Nanda, Professor of Urban Economics and Real Estate at the University of Manchester, delivered the valedictory keynote address. The various technical sessions of the Conference deliberated on municipal finances and service delivery along with their effects on urban growth. Several papers presented at the Conference discussed systemic complexities and the urban governance ecosystem in India focusing on citizen participation. With the threat of climate change looming, papers in the conference presented research on sustainable urban practices such as green buildings, solid waste management and digital governance along with the use of technology in India's cities. Social aspects such as urban inequality and welfare were discussed, including those focusing on street vending. Papers that were presented in this theme also focused on migration, access to basic services to the vulnerable groups, affordable housing and the contribution of edtech start ups in large Indian cities. There were related papers which were presented on urban poverty, and slum evictions in the Global South. A session focused on public health concerns in cities, emerging from the pandemic, and related challenges such as health insurance penetration. There was extensive media coverage of the conference. Prof Kala S Sridhar from ISEC and Dr Tarun Arora from Christ University (MA in Public Policy) were the coordinators of the Conference.

ISEC Golden Jubilee Lecture Series

Happiness among Subaltern Groups: Dalits in India and Blacks in South Africa – Prof Vani Kant Borooah, Emeritus Professor of Applied Economics, University of Ulster, Northern Ireland, UK (January 11, 2023). (ISEC Golden Jubilee Lecture 18)

Seminars by Faculty

Evaluation of Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka - Professor C M Lakshmana, PRC, ISEC Bengaluru (June 12, 2023). (Project completion seminar)

Seminars/Lectures by Visitors

Income Inequality in India and in Indian States - Dr Anupam Tyagi, Professor, Department of Economics, Alliance University, Bengaluru (March 17, 2023).

Democracy, Dissent and Disagreement - Dr Maidul Islam, Assistant Professor Political Science, CSSS, Kolkata (February 28, 2023).

Testing for Discrimination in Law Firms - Dr. Stéphane Mechoulam, Associate Professor, Public Administration, Dalhousie University, Canada (April 3, 2023).

The Added Value of Local Democracy: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Karnataka - Dr Vijayendra Rao, Lead Economist, Development Research Group, The World Bank (May 11, 2023).

Seminars by Students

Urban Environmental Movements in Addressing Environmental Challenges: A Study of Bengaluru - Mr Dipak Mandal, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (February 21, 2023). (Pre-thesis submission seminar)

Financial Literacy, an Essential Prerequisite for Financial Inclusion - An Empirical Analysis of southern districts in Tamil Nadu - Dr Alexander Antonysamay (May 18, 2023). (Post-doctoral research initiation Seminar)

The Right to Food, Aadhaar, and Policy Ethics in India - Dr O Grace Ngullie (May 4, 2023). (Post-doctoral research initiation Seminar)

Economic Impacts of Natural Disaster: A Study of Vulnerability and Coping Strategies of Farm

Households in Coastal Odisha - Mr Nirranjan Padhan, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bangalore (June 1, 2023). (Pre-thesis submission seminar)

Performance of the Indian Pharmaceutical Industry Under the New IPR Regime - Ms Supriya Bhandarkar, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bangalore (June 13, 2023). (Pre-thesis submission seminar)

Economic and Ecological Efficiency in Solid Waste Management: A Case Study of Bengaluru City - Ms Natasha Kalra, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bangalore (June 23, 2023). (Pre-thesis submission seminar)

Labour Force Participation of Married Women in India: A Study of Urban Delhi - Ms Jyoti Thakur, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bangalore (June 26, 2023). (Pre-thesis submission seminar)

Workers in Interactive Service Employment: A Study in Bengaluru, India - Ms Jina Sarmah, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bangalore (June 28, 2023). (Pre-thesis submission seminar)

Research Projects

Completed Projects

1. **Institutional and Economic Analysis of Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation in the Indian Coffee Plantations** (Dr A V Manjunatha)
2. **Financial Inclusion and Gender: A Study of Selected Developing Nations** (Prof Meenakshi Rajeev)
3. **Coping with the COVID-19 Pandemic and Dynamics of Online Learning in Primary Education in India** (Dr Indrajit Bairagya and Dr S Manasi)
4. **PIP Monitoring of 28 districts (9 districts of Karnataka, 16 districts of Telangana and 3 districts of Odisha)** (Dr Lekha Subaiya, Prof C M Lakshmana and Prof T S Syamala)
5. **Cost of Milk Production and Gross Return to Milk Producers** (Prof K B Ramappa, Dr Vilas Jadhav and Prof I Maruthi)

6. **Informed Choices and Affordability: Linkages of Doctor-Patient interaction, prescription practice and medical expenditure in cancer care in Karnataka** (Dr Sobin George)
7. **Child Malnutrition in India: Issues and Concerns** (Prof T S Syamala)
8. **Unmet need for spacing and limiting among young married women in India** (Dr Lekha Subaiya)
9. **An Evaluation and Appraisal of Ayushman Bharath – Arogya Karnataka (AB-ArK)** (Prof C M Lakshmana)
10. **Demographic Change and its Impact on Environment in India** (Prof C M Lakshmana)
11. **Prevalence of Post-partum Infections following Public Hospital Deliveries: A State Level Retrospective Evaluation** (Dr Lekha Subaiya, Prof C M Lakshmana and Prof T S Syamala)
12. **Understanding the implementation of PMNDP in India** (Dr Lekha Subaiya and Prof T S Syamala)

New Projects

Evaluation of NFSM from 2014-15 to 2020-21 in Karnataka (Dr Vilas Jadhav, Dr Ramappa K B and Dr Parmod Kumar)

Factors influencing Allocation of Funds to Public Goods Provision in the Jurisdiction of Grama Panchayats (Prof D Rajasekhar and Dr R Manjula)

Are the Impacts of Monetary and Fiscal Policies Gender-Neutral in India? Understanding from an Employment Perspective (Prof Meenakshi Rajeev)

Minimum Support Price Policy as Driver of Food Grain Production and Marketed Surplus in India (Dr Vilas Jadhav and Prof K B Ramappa)

Social Mobility of Northeast Migrant Workers in Bengaluru (Dr Marchang Reimeingam)

Knowledge, Attitude, Practices (KAP) – Baseline Survey Karnataka 2022 (Prof S Madheswaran and Ms B P Vani)

Maternal and Child Health Services delivery in Public Health facilities: A Comparative Study of South Indian States (Dr Lekha Subaiya and Mr Ramesha V)

Secondhand smoke exposure among Pregnant and Postpartum women in India (Dr Lekha Subaiya and Ms Madhu Bidari)

Student News

Biannual Seminar Series

The 47th Bi-annual Seminars were held from June 13-22, 2023 during which a total of twenty eight presentation were made by students. Three students presented pre-submission seminar, thirteen students presented pre-thesis colloquium and twelve students submitted their thesis.

PhD Degree Awarded

Dr Azhar Khan C A (Political Science): 'State Policies Towards Development of Religious Minorities: A Study in Karnataka' (Supervisor: Prof V Anil Kumar)

Dr Andrea Vincent (Development Studies): 'Vocationally Skilled Youth and Labour Market Outcomes in India' (Supervisor: Prof D Rajasekhar)

Dr Nayakara Veeresha (Political Science): 'Anthropolitics of Insurrection and Governance in Central India: Case Study of Chhattisgarh State' (Supervisor: Prof N Sivanna)

Dr Chandni Bhambani (Sociology): 'Delaying or Rejecting Parenthood: Decision-Making Process by Couples' (Supervisor: Prof Anand Inbanathan)

Publications

WORKING PAPERS

- Working paper No. 553:** 'Requiem to Enlightenment? Gadamer and Habermas on Tradition, Religion, Secularism and Post-Secularism' *Anil Kumar Vaddiraju*
- Working paper No. 554:** 'Estimation of Productivity Loss Due to Traffic Congestion: Evidence from Bengaluru City' *Vijayalakshmi S and Krishna Raj*
- Working paper No. 555:** 'Swachh Bharat Mission: Awareness Strategies, Implementation and Issues' *D Rajasekhar and R Manjula*
- Working paper No. 556:** 'Agriculture Value Chain Governance in the Context of Select Agricultural Export Products – Evidence from India' *Malini L Tantri*
- Working paper No. 557:** 'Human Capital and Economic Growth in India: A Time Series Analysis Using Educational Variables from 1982-2017' *Surendra Kumar Naik and Indrajit Bairagya*
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Working Papers – An Overview

In the context of the resurgence of religion as a major phenomenon in politics across the contemporary world, Anil Kumar Vaddiraju in the paper entitled **'Requiem to Enlightenment? Gadamer and Habermas on Tradition, Religion, Secularism and Post-Secularism'** (WP 553) examines the different theoretical lenses from which this phenomenon can be explored. In this paper, the terms religion and tradition are interchangeably used, as most traditions in the developing countries are religious traditions. Currently, there is the recrudescence of Hindu nationalism in India, radical Islam in West Asia and movements of radical Christianity across the Western hemisphere. In such contexts, this paper examines how the three political theories, namely Modernization, Marxism and Hermeneutics, earlier viewed the phenomenon of religion. Jurgen Habermas' attempts at dealing with the phenomenon in the light of the above three theories has been examined.

As an economy grows, mobility demand will surge due to the increased in personal income level which is often met by private vehicular ownership. Inadequate infrastructure, especially in a developing country like India, has led to severe traffic congestion, causing huge economic loss. The literature is profound in quantifying the direct economic losses of traffic congestion; mainly, there is an array of research established for estimation of the time cost of traffic congestion. In the effort to estimate the direct costs of traffic congestion, researchers have ignored the impacts of indirect cost, mainly on productivity. Apart from behavioral studies that assess the psychological impact of traffic congestion, there are very few studies which estimate the productivity loss due to traffic congestion. Vijayalakshmi S and Krishna Raj in their paper **'Estimation of Productivity Loss Due to Traffic Congestion: Evidence from Bengaluru City'** (WP 554) address the issue by estimating the productivity loss due to traffic congestion for a developing country's city of Bengaluru. The estimated loss of productive hours due to the late arrivals caused by traffic congestion was around 7.07 lakh hours with an estimated value of around Rs. 11.7 billion in 2018 for Bengaluru city. It is caused by a limited supply-side development of road network. And there is an urgent need of

demand-side management of traffic in the cities of developing countries.

Access to basic sanitation is fundamental to human development and central to the eradication of poverty and gender inequality. Sanitation as a comprehensive term means more than the construction of toilets. It includes measures to bring in behavioural change through Information, Education and Communication (IEC). Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), a flagship programme implemented in India since 2014, placed considerable emphasis on behavioural change among people in rural areas to promote good sanitation practices. The Indian government, however, noted that despite the centrality of IEC in SBM adequate attention is not given to the behaviour change through IEC and that state governments did not perform well in the expenditure of allocated funds leading to a detrimental impact on quality and quantity of the programme. Therefore, D Rajasekhar and R Manjula in their paper **'Swachh Bharat Mission: Awareness Strategies, Implementation and Issues'** (WP 555) review the implementation of IEC strategies for promoting sanitation activities in rural areas as part of SBM in Karnataka and provides policy suggestions that are required for sustainable sanitation practices. Using primary data collected from 30 Grama Panchayats, 60 villages (through focus group discussions) and 900 sample households in five representative districts of Karnataka, this paper concludes that the implementation of IEC activities varied across districts, GPs and villages, and the impact of IEC strategies at the household-level was mixed. Policy suggestions to improve the implementation of awareness of swachh bharat are made in the paper.

In the paper **'Agriculture Value Chain Governance in the Context of Select Agricultural Export Products – Evidence from India'** (WP 556), Malini L Tantri, using the governance framework, investigates the state of the agricultural value chain of select agricultural export products in India. While doing so, the existing institutions/regulatory frameworks and their coordination across departments were mapped. The paper, based on primary data, argued that there were numerous institutions in place to protect the interests of farmers, domestic traders, and those interested in entering the international market. However, the

real challenge lies in the coordination of various agencies and also information asymmetry, which results in higher transaction costs of doing trade.

Although a plethora of literature is available on the relationship between human capital and economic growth in the Indian context, however the empirical relationship between human capital and economic growth has ambiguity in the existing studies. In the paper **'Human Capital and Economic Growth in India: A Time Series Analysis Using Educational Variables from 1982-2017'** (WP 557), Surendra Kumar Naik and Indrajit Bairagya attempt to combine both input and output measures of human capital across all levels of education from the Indian context during 1982-2017. Subsequently, it examines the consistency of the results across all the educational measures of the human capital variable separately and compares them with various measures of human capital. The theoretical framework of the study is anchored in the Lucas growth model, which is empirically analysed using Johansen cointegration for examining the long-run relationship. Based on the Vector Error Correction Model (VECM), the short-run association between human capital and economic growth was investigated. The study, from the analysis, showed that human capital variables like Gross Enrolment Ratios (GER), Average Years of Schooling (AYS) and public education expenditure influence economic growth in the country. Interestingly, an analysis of public spending across different levels of education indicates that the tertiary level influences economic growth in a positive and significant manner in both the periods. Secondary public education expenditure also have a positive influences on economic growth in both the periods. Therefore, a specific focus on those levels of education is desirable to give further impetus to economic growth for a developing country like India.

Drawing on qualitative in-depth interviews conducted among cancer patients, their family members and oncologists from Bengaluru city, Sobin George, Mohamed Saalim P K, Omkar Nadh P and Divyashree H V in their paper titled **'How are Cancer Treatment Decisions Made? Insights from a Qualitative Study Conducted among Selected Cancer Patients in Bengaluru City (India)'** (WP 558) examine the factors that influence the cancer treatment decision making processes. The paper examines the pathways of treatment decision

making of cancer patients, which are influenced by both biomedical and non-medical factors including the initial coping with the diagnosis, socio-economic and cultural background, type of cancer and availability and accessibility to services. The paper notes that the initial treatment decision making is a combination of practitioner-led, family members/caregivers-led and patient-led pathways wherein factors such as affordability, age, gender, intimacies to the patient, convenience of family members/caregivers, availability of facilities, uncertainty of treatment outcomes and concerns of sufferings alone or jointly played a major role. These factors played a major role during treatment as well. Further, the paper notes that the cancer treatment is mostly practitioner-centric and there is a need to develop a patient-centric approach in cancer care in order to address their unmet needs pertaining to affordability, suffering and uncertainties of treatment outcomes.

Malini L Tantri in the paper **'Doing Business, Trade Facilitation and Agricultural Exports in India - The Case of Select Agricultural Products'** (WP 559), within the framework of the transaction costs approach, examines the issues of doing business and trade facilitation in the context of select agricultural exports. The paper, based on interaction with key stakeholders, argued that issues faced by exporters vary across select agricultural products in different Indian states. Given the perishable nature of goods, the corresponding loss faced by exporters is substantial and irreplaceable. Besides this, there are numerous challenges/issues flagged by stakeholders, which need policy attention to further fine-tune the Agricultural Export Policy.

India and Bhutan have had a relationship that has lasted for centuries. During the late 18th century, the East India Company's trade-centric approach, which was primarily focused on trading with Tibet, is what led to the relationship between India and Bhutan. After India's Independence in 1947, the focus changed away from trade and concentrated on geopolitical or strategic challenges. Therefore, Uttam Lama in the paper **'India and Bhutan: A Relationship before and After Independence'** (WP 560) highlights descriptively the transition of the Indo-Bhutan relationship from the past to the present (1774-2019) using secondary data, official statements, reports and literature etc. The study has divided Indo-Bhutan relations into pre- and post-

Independence periods to explain the relationship of Bhutan with British and Independent India respectively. It examines the historical treaties and agreements between India and Bhutan that categorically trace the purpose and policies of East India Company and Independent India. It highlights how the focus has shifted from cross-border trade to geopolitics relations between India and Bhutan. The historical transition of Indian and Bhutan relations shows that both countries have experienced rapport and disagreements with each other particularly on geopolitics and political-economy decisions. Despite many misunderstandings between the two countries, both have always backed each other at times of need. While most of the South Asian countries have been influenced by Chinese development policies, only Bhutan has stood with India's development policies. Bhutan, unlike other neighbouring countries, has never played the China card. As many countries are supporting Chinese development policies; therefore, India needs to update its foreign policy on development particularly with the neighbouring South Asian countries to maintain India as a hegemonic power and to reduce the influence of China among the South Asian countries.

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ISEC history showcased at golden jubilee celebrations

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) on Wednesday held a public exhibition on the occasion of its golden jubilee celebrations at its campus at Nagarabhatta. The exhibition showcased ISEC's journey from its inception in 1973 to its current status as a leading research and policy think tank.

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Madheswaran, S

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Rajasekhar, D

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Subaiya, Lekha

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Balasubramanian, M

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Marchang, Reimeingam

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Subaiya, Lekha

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Thiruppathi, P

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Gowda, Chandan

Delivered a lecture on 'The Constitution of India and Pluralism', at Interfaith Dialogue for Climate Justice, Fireflies, August 9, 2022.

Kumar, V Anil

Delivered a lecture on 'Gadamer and Habermas on Tradition, Religion Secularism and Post-Secularism', at Jain University.

Lakshmana, C M

Delivered a lecture on 'Public Health Schemes and Programs in India', for the SSTSS Program, organized by ISEC, May 20, 2023.

Madheswaran, S

Delivered two lectures on 'Applied Econometrics', in the Ten Days Research Methodology Course for the Research Scholars, at Department of Economics, Tumkur University, February 20, 2023.

Manjula, R

Delivered a lecture on 'Computer Skills to Social Science Graduates for Better Tomorrow', in the Social Science Talent Search Schemes Orientation programme, organised by ISEC, February 12, 2023.

Delivered a lecture on 'Migration: Causes and Consequences', at the Social Science Talent Search Schemes Orientation programme, organised by ISEC in collaboration with Bangalore University, May 21, 2023.

Delivered lectures on 'Public Economics' to undergraduate and post-graduate students of school of social sciences, MS Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, February-March 2023.

Nadkarni, M V

Speech on 'Where Lies the Greatness of India?', in the Inaugural Session of the National Conference on Jnana Sarita – Indian Knowledge Systems, organized by Kautilya International Foundation, New Delhi, and Sakshi Trust Bengaluru, at Amruta Institute of Engineering and Management, Bidadi, Bengaluru, February 13-19, 2023.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Delivered invited lecture on 'National Income Accounting', at Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Bangalore, January 27, 2023.

Delivered a lecture in the STS course of IISER Thiruvananthapuram, February 20, 2023.

Delivered a lecture on 'Endogenous Growth Theory', in the course on Intermediate Macroeconomics, at IIT Jammu, March 20-21, 2023.

Talk on 'Dethroning the Moneylender: Engendering Financial Inclusion through Grassroots Institutions', at IISER, Thiruvananthapuram, April 5, 2023.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Delivered a lecture on 'India's Urbanization and Environmental Challenges', in the Social Science Talent Search Scheme, organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, February 11, 2023.

Delivered a lecture on 'Do Urban Services Reach the Edge Resident in Centralizing Cities?', at School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal, March 24, 2023.

Newspaper Articles and Media

Gowda, Chandan

'Nadoja Sara Aboobacker', January 15, 2023.

'Dissent, Diversity Run Deep in Karnataka and in Indian Philosophy: A Conversation between Rahamath Tarikere and Chandan Gowda', *The Wire*, March 7, 2023.

'The Adventures of Puttakka', March 12, 2023.

Panelist, 'Tipu Sultan back in Focus Ahead of Karnataka Elections', *CNN-News 18*, March 25, 2023 (Repeat March 25, 2023).

Panelist, 'Breaking Views: Which Way Karnataka Elections', *Republic TV*, March 29, 2023.

Panelist, 'Breaking Views: Karnataka Elections 2023', *NDTV*, March 29, 2023.

'Karnataka Elections: 2023', *Scroll*, March 30, 2023.

'Can the BJP crack the Vokkaliga code in Karnataka this time?', *NDTV*, March 30, 2023 (<https://www.ndtv.com/opinion/can-bjp-crack-the-vokkaliga-code-in-karnataka-this-time-3906380>)

Panelist, 'Defections from the Congress'. *Times Now*, April 7, 2023.

'The Miracle of Shantinadu'. *Deccan Herald*, April 9, 2023.

Panelist, 'Karnataka Elections'. *CNN-News 18*, April 11, 2023.

Panelist, 'Karnataka Elections'. *CNN-News 18*, April 11, 2023.

Panelist, 'Why is Amul Facing Backlash in Karnataka?'. Morning Show, *Business Standard*, April 14, 2023.

Featured Guest, 'Karnataka Elections, 2023'. *CNN-News 18*, April 15, 2023 (Repeat April 16, 2023).

Panelist, 'The Issue of Corruption - Karnataka Elections'. *Times Now*, April 21, 2023.

'Who are the Vokkaligas?'. *NewsX*, April 22, 2023.

Panelist, 'Hindutva Politics not Making Headway in Karnataka'. *India Today TV*, April 27, 2023.

Panelist, 'Election Rhetoric: Local versus National'. *India Today TV*, April 27, 2023.

Panelist, 'Karnataka Assembly Elections 2023: A Discussion'. Centre for Policy Research, April 27, 2023.

'Battleground Karnataka'. Lead Essay, *Outlook*, May 1, 2023.

'2023 Karnataka Elections'. *The Quint*, May 4, 2023.

Panelist, 'Issues That Will Decide the Elections'. Bangalore International Centre, May 5, 2023.

'Another Chance for a Coalition'. *Deccan Herald*, May 6, 2023.

'Karnataka Elections'. *The Aidem*, May 8, 2023.

Panelist, 'Why Lingayats are key in Karnataka?'. *NewsX*, May 8, 2023.

Panelist, 'Decoding Karnataka'. *NDTV*, May 8, 2023.

Panelist, 'Karnataka Election: Exit Polls'. *NDTV*, May 10, 2023.

Panelist, 'Karnataka Election: Exit Polls'. *Republic TV*, May 10, 2023.

'UR Ananthamurthy: A Thinker and Storyteller'. *The Federal*, May 12, 2023.

'Three Possible Scenarios in Karnataka Election'. *The Wire*, May 12, 2023.

Panelist, 'Karnataka Election: Counting Day'. *NDTV*, May 13, 2023.

'A Congress Wave'. *The Quint*, May 13, 2023.

Decoding the Karnataka Verdict, Episode 193, South Asia Chat, National University of Singapore, May 16, 2023.

Panelist, 'Karnataka Elections: Power Sharing'. *India Today*, May 15, 2023.

'In Focus Podcast, Decoding the Karnataka Election Results'. *The Hindu*, May 16, 2023.

Panelist, 'Breaking Views: CLP Decisions'. *NDTV*, May 18, 2023.

'The Congress Forms the Government: Power Sharing Arrangements'. May 19, 2023, SION Kannada.

Panelist, 'Karnataka Election: Swearing in a New Government'. *NDTV*, May 20, 2023.

Panelist, 'Is Congress Divided?'. *Republic TV*, May 24, 2023.

'A Morale Booster'. Lead Essay, *Outlook*, May 28, 2023.

Panelist, 'Uproar over NCERT Syllabus Revisions'. *Republic TV*, June 1, 2023.

'To the new state government'. *Deccan Herald*, June 4, 2023.

Panelist, 'Repealing Anti-Cow Slaughter Ban in Karnataka'. *Republic TV*, June 6, 2023.

Panelist, 'Storm over Congress Functionary Chaiing'. *Republic TV*, June 13, 2023.

Panelist, 'Textbook Revisions in Karnataka'. *Republic TV*, June 15, 2023.

Manasi, S

'Wake up Bengaluru: City finds 95% of City lakes encroached upon polluted'. *Deccan Herald*, February 6, 2023.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

'Rural sector: Budget 2023 shows intention, but falls short on allocation'. Article in *Policy Circle*, February 3, 2023.

'Budget and the Rural Sector'. *Deccan Herald*, February 9, 2023.

Marchang, Reimeingam

'Low and declining economic participation and surging unemployment'. *The Sangai Express*, Imphal, April 13, 2023.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

'Budget 2023: 'Moola soukaryakke pooraka' (invited), *Vijayavani*, (<http://epapervijayavani.in/>), February 2, 2023.

'Right Push for Infra'. *The Hindu Business Line*, February 14, 2023.

(with V Sridhar) 'Can Chatbots Help Fix Potholes, Segregate City Waste?'. *Times of India* (<https://epaper.timesgroup.com/home>), February 17, 2023.

'Sanchara sudharanege soukaryadha mantra'. *Prajavani* (<https://epaper.prajavani.net/>), March 19, 2023.

(with V Sridhar) Why Social Science Research Matters More. *The Hindu Business Line*. (<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/>), April 8, 2023.

Policy Conflux: International Conference on Cities and Citizens, Christ University (MA in Public Policy and ISEC) covered in *Deccan Herald*, April 19, 2023. (<https://www.deccanherald.com/city/focus-bengaluru/bengaluru-conference-explores-urbanisation-sustainability-issues-faced-by-indian-cities-1210951.html>).

Airbnb has driven up rents in India. <https://thewire.in/urban/airbnb-has-driven-up-rents-in-india>, June 1, 2023.

Tantri, Malini L

Citation of research article and interview in *Deccan Herald*: 72% of kids of construction workers overweight; study blames it on junk food. Read more at: <https://www.deccanherald.com/city/top-bengaluru-stories/72-of-kids-of-construction-workers-overweight-study-blames-it-on-junk-food-1176841.html>

Seminars, Workshops, Training Programmes Organised/Coordinated

Kumar, V Anil

Coordinated ISEC Golden Jubilee Seminar on 'Governance and Development in Karnataka', sponsored by ISEC and partly sponsored by the IIPA- Karnataka Regional Branch, April, 26-27, 2022.

Coordinated National Conference on 'Administrative Reforms in India' in collaboration with IIPA-Karnataka Regional Branch at ISEC, April 29, 2023.

Lakshmana, C M

Conducted Orientation program on DH Ranking for Research staff of PRC Bhubaneswar and PRC, May 24, 2023.

Manasi, S

(with Malini L Tantri and Indrajit Bairagya) Coordinated the ISEC Alumini Meet, January 19, 2023.

Manjula, R

Coordinated Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) orientation programme, in collaboration with ISEC and Bangalore University, Bengaluru, February 11-12, 2023.

(with D Rajasekhar and Channamma Kambara) Coordinated Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) orientation programme, organized ISEC in collaboration with Bangalore University, Bengaluru, May 20-21, 2023.

Rajasekhar, D

Chief Coordinator for the Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) orientation programme, in

collaboration with ISEC and Bangalore University, Bengaluru, February 11-12, 2023.

(with Channamma Kambara and R Manjula) Coordinated Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) orientation programme, organized ISEC in collaboration with Bangalore University, Bengaluru, May 20-21, 2023.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Moderator for Lecture by Distinguished Scholar Prof. Tim Besley on "The Case for Phasing Out Coal-Fired Power: Evidence from Air Quality Dissatisfaction" as part of ISEC Golden Jubilee, organized by CESP, December 7, 2022.

Ramappa, K B

Organised a Golden Jubilee National Conference on Evolving Pathways for Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development, at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) Bengaluru, January 12-13, 2023.

Organised a programme of distribution of farm inputs to the farmers of our Adopted village, at Nittur, Gubbi, Tumkur in association with ICAR-Indian Institute of Seed Science, Regional Station, GKVK campus, March 9, 2023.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Coordinator, Seminar on Income Inequality in India and in Indian States, by Anupam Tyagi, Alliance University, Bengaluru, March 17, 2023.

Subaiya, Lekha

Coordinated the 27th National IIPS Seminar on 75 years of India's Demographic Change: Processes and Consequences, jointly organized by International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai and Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru conducted at ISEC, February 23-25, 2023.

Syamala, T S

Coordinated the 27th National IIPS Seminar on 75 years of India's Demographic Change: Processes and Consequences, jointly organized by International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai and Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru conducted at ISEC, February 23-25, 2023.

Honours/Awards/Fellowships

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Was in the top 10% of Authors on SSRN by total new downloads, February 2023.

Received an invitation to contribute an article to the Encyclopedia on Regional Science, **The World of Regional Science**, to be produced under the auspices of The Regional Science Academy, with Peter Nijkamp, Kingsley Haynes, Karima Kourtiti and Zeynep Elburz as editors which she has accepted, March 2023.

Best paper-Runner up award, (Fakih, Amrin and Kala S Sridhar) 'Effect of edtech startups on student performance: Selected evidence from Indian cities, in the Policy Conflux: International Conference on Cities and Citizens, organized by Christ University (MA in Public Policy) and Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, April 17-18, 2023.

Received invitation to contribute to the Encyclopaedia of Regional Science tentatively entitled the World of Regional Science, to be produced under the auspices of The Regional Science Academy, with Peter Nijkamp, Kingsley Haynes, Karima Kourtiti and Zeynep Elburz as Editors.

Visiting Fellow, Center for Social Science Research, Global South Hub, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA 22030, USA (June-July 2023)

Offices Held in Academic/Professional/ Administrative Bodies of Other Institutions

Balasubramanian, M

Member Board of Studies of Economics Department, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Affiliated Colleges, Tamil Nadu.

George, Sobin

Member, Ethics Committee, National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research, ICMR, Bengaluru.

Editor, ISEC Working Paper.

Gowda, Chandan

Member, Academic Council, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai (2021-2024).

Member, Academic Council (2022-25), Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru.

Member, Advisory Board, Nehru Research Centre, Mangalore University (2022-2025).

Kumar, V Anil

Editor, Social and Economic Change Monograph Series, ISEC.

Lakshmana, C M

Acting In-charge Head of PRC, Bhubaneswar, Orissa.

Monitoring Officer, Construction of Dr V K R V Rao hostel building.

Rajasekhar, D

Member of Selection Committee for faculty in NIRD, Hyderabad.

Member of 'The in Stem – Institutional Committee for Stem Cell Research (IC-SCR)'.

Member of an Advisory Group for establishment of a School of Excellence in Panchayati Raj at NIRDPR, Hyderabad.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Member, R & D Policy of Karnataka Task Force, Government of Karnataka.

Expert for the Committee on Shelter for Homeless, DAY-NULM, Government of Karnataka.

Expert Member of EGROW (Foundation for Economic Growth and Welfare, New Delhi).

Appointment to the Advisory Committee as a Mentor in the Economics Area of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Jammu.

Marchang, Reimeingam

Editor, ISEC Newsletter (from January 01, 2023 to December 31, 2025)

Public Information Officer (ISEC), (from 30th April 2021 to 31 May 2023).

Hostel Warden, ISEC (from 11.12.2021 to 10.12.2023)

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Member, Board of Studies, Development Studies, University of Mysore, December 2022-25 (attended meeting on February 7, 2023 in Mysore).

Managing Editor, *Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer)*, 2022-24.

Subaiya, Lekha

Nominated as External Expert Member to the Board of Studies, Department of Sociology and Social Work, School of Social Sciences, CHRIST University.

External Expert Member to the Board of Studies, Department of Sociology and Social Work, School of Social Sciences, CHRIST University.

Editor of ISEC Newsletter till April 2023.

Guest editor on Special Issue of Ageing in Journal of Social and Economic Development.

Library and Purchasing Committee, ISEC.

Syamala, T S

Editorial Board of Demography India.

Publications In charge.

Hostel Warden.

Member, PRC Scientific Advisory Committee

Member, Institutional Review Board Praxis India.

Member, Academic advisory Council, IIHMR, Bangalore.

External Expert Board of Studies, International Institute for Populations Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai.

Member, selection committee for the recruitment of Research Investigator in the Population Research Centre.

Miscellaneous

Balasubramanian, M

Reviewed an article for *Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer)*.

George, Sobin

Ongoing international collaboration of EQUIMOB Research project with the University of Utrecht, Manipal Institute of Higher Education and BRAC Bangladesh.

Reviewed two manuscript for *Journal of Social and Economic Development, Springer*.

Evaluation of an M Phil Thesis submitted to Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Gowda, Chandan

Expert member, Assessment Committee constituted to review the work of three faculty with the Inequality and Human Development Programme at National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru, June 23, 2023.

Kumar, V Anil

Reviewed articles for the following: *Review of Development and Change*; and *Journal of Social and Economic Development, Springer*.

Reviewed a full length book manuscript for Routledge.

Evaluated PhD thesis for the following: 1. Department of Political Science, School of Social Sciences, Central University of Hyderabad, along with conducting the Viva-Voce; 2. PhD thesis for Department of Political Science, Osmania University, Hyderabad; and 3. University of Mysore.

Active collaboration with IIPA- Karnataka Regional Branch.

Lakshmana, C M

Review two articles for the *Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer)*.

Conducted PhD thesis Viva-Voce examination of Ms Deepa, Punjab University February 27, 2023.

Evaluated PhD Theses of Ms Deepa, Punjab University for the award of Doctoral Degree from Chandigarh University.

Monitoring Officer, Construction of Dr VKRV Rao Hostel building.

Madheswaran, S

Reviewed articles for the following: *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, Springer; and *Indian Journal of Labor Economics*, Springer.

Manasi, S

Reviewed two articles for *Journal of Social and Economic Development (JSED)*, ISEC.

Guided two inters: Ms Himani Bakhda, Symbiosis School of Economics, Pune and Ms Joel Jose, St'Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Manjula, R

Reviewed an article for *Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer)* in April 2023.

Visit to University of Tsuda, Japan.

Visit to Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, Japan.

Collaboration with the researchers from universities of Tsuda, Hitotsubashi and GRIPS, Japan; and Researcher from the University of Bristol, UK and King's College, London.

Nadkarni, M V

Reviewed an article for *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*.

Rajasekhar, D

Visit to University of Tsuda, Japan.

Visit to Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, Japan.

Collaborations: 1. With the researchers from universities of Tsuda, Hitotsubashi and GRIPS, Japan, and 2. With researcher from the University of Bristol, UK and King's College, London.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Resource Person and to address the undergraduate students from Social Science discipline on Basic

Concepts of Macro Economics in the Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) at ISEC, February 11, 2023.

Expert Member of Interview Committee for CAS promotion of Dr P L Beena at Center for Development Studies, Trivandrum, February 15, 2023.

External Expert in Economics for the faculty interview panel for ICFAI Business School (IBS), Bangalore, March 29, 2023.

Resource Person for Post Budget Session at CHRIST (Deemed to be) University, February 4, 2023.

Reviewed articles for the following: one article for *Review of Development and Change*, Sage Journals, and one article for *Qeios*.

Doctoral Committee Member at ISEC.

Collaboration with Glasgow University, UK; University of Kassel, Germany; and NUPI, Norway.

Managing Editor of *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, Springer. As a managing editor of ISEC Journal, in a year, I review a minimum of 40 papers and desk reject. Rejection rate of JSED is around 65%. This is in addition to the papers sent to external reviewers for review purposes.

Chairperson: Grievance Redressal Committee, ISEC.

In-charge Director, ISEC, March 13-17, 2023.

Member of ISEC Investment Committee (3 Years from 1st January 2023).

Member of Committee for Redesigning of Website, February 8, 2023.

Presiding Officer of Internal Complaints Committee (Women Cell), ISEC.

Vice Chairman of Library Committee, ISEC.

Academic Staff member appointed to Board of Governors, 2022-2024.

Member of RPC.

Member of APC.

Member of Selection Committee for promotion of Associate Professor to Professor under Career Advancement Scheme, March 8, 2023, ISEC.

Member of Non-academic Staff Selection Committee, meeting on March 8, 2023.

Submitted report of Task Force to draw up R&D Policy for the state of Karnataka.

Ramappa, K B

Reviewed the report submitted by IEG, New Delhi as part of the AERC work of the Ministry and submitted the report on January 5, 2023.

An interaction session was organised in association with the Students Academic & Cultural Committee of ISEC on the topic 'New perspective on education: A brief outline' by Manohara M S, PhD Educator, February 20, 2023.

Reviewed articles for the following: *Journal of Social and Economic Development, Springer*; *Journal of Farm Sciences (Formerly Karnataka Journal of Agricultural Sciences) (JFS)*; and *Asian Journal of Agricultural Extension, Economics & Sociology*.

Evaluated a MSc Thesis of UAS, Raichur.

Marchang, Reimeingam

Reviewed articles for the following: one paper for *Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer)*; one paper for *Cogent Food and Agriculture (Journal/ Taylor and Francis)*.

Reviewed two research proposal for Post Doctoral Research Programme in ISEC, February and March 2023.

Member, Committee for inspection of furniture for the new hostel, from 12.01.2023.

External Expert to the Centre for Research in Urban Affairs, ISEC (March 1, 2023 to February 2025)

External Expert to the Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources, ISEC (March 1, 2023 to February 2025)

Member, Building Committee, ISEC, September 15, 2022 to September 14, 2024.

Member in Research Programme Committee of ISEC, January 2022 to December 2023.

Coordinator in the Exhibition – books, photos (people and places) for Golden Jubilee Celebrations at ISEC, 2022-23.

Attended Doctoral Committee meeting, March 24, 2023.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Reviewed articles for the following: *Journal of Regional Science*; *Journal of Social and Economic Development* and *Environment and Urbanization Asia*.

Conducted the pre registration colloquium of Shwetha Pai, March 2023.

Attended the pre-submission seminar of Dipak Mandal (February 2023) and DC colloquium of Roshan Thomas (March 2023).

PhD Scholar Ms Shwetha Pai received Jameela Bibi prize, January 2023.

Upon invitation, indicated the Centre's interest to collaborate with Kassel University, Germany (February 2023).

Obtained ethical clearance for KEA and another primary survey-based study with Zhumin Xu and Vishal, R (February 2023).

External Examiner for a TISS PhD thesis (June 2023)

Attended meeting with the PhD review committee, February 2023.

Attended special APC meeting on deemed university status to ISEC, January 2023.

Actively participated in the various Golden Jubilee events and facilitated their dissemination in press and media, January 2023.

Mentoring international PhD student (Aman Banerji), Cornell University, USA, as part of American Institute of Indian Studies, June 2023.

Participated in an ethical committee meeting with the University of Kassel and several other institutions across Bengaluru and the world on a

collaborative proposal to the German Research Foundation (June 30, 2023)

Participated in a meeting with City University of New York on a collaborative proposal to the US NSF (May 2023)

Met with Dr Matteo del Fabbro, a faculty at Politecnico Milano (June 2023).

Subaiya, Lekha

Reviewed articles for the following: *Journal of Social and Economic Development*; *Handbook of Ageing*, Springer; *Ageing International*.

Collaborations: Conversations on Ageing in India (CAN) with the University of Edinburgh; and EQUIMOB with researchers from Utrecht University; MAHE, Manipal; BRAC University, Bangladesh; and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.

Guiding two interns, one from FLAME University Pune and one from Indian Institute of Technology Madras.

Guest editor on Special Issue of Ageing in *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.

Section Co-Editor, Social Protection for the Elderly, *Handbook of Ageing*, Social Policy, Springer Nature.

Syamala, T S

External Examiner for the Ph D research proposal defence for a Ph D student at Amritha Vishwa Vidyapeeth, Bangalore, March 23, 2023.

Reviewed an article for *Journal of Social and Economic Change*.

Reviewed the revised manuscript for the *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.

Collaborations with Conversations on Ageing (CAN) with University of Edinburgh.

Editorial Board of *Demography India*.

Publications In charge, ISEC, Bangalore.

Hostel Warden, ISEC.

Member PRC Scientific Advisory Committee.

Member, Institutional Review Board Praxis India.

Member, Academic advisory Council, IIHMR, Bangalore .

External Expert Board of Studies, International Institute for Populations Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai.

Member, Selection Committee for the recruitment of Research Investigator in the Population Research Centre.

Tantri, Malini L

Reviewer articles for the following: *Journal of Social and Economic Development* and *Indian Journal of Human Development*

Department Curricular committee Member (DCC), for BBA in PES University, Bengaluru

Department Curricular committee Member (DCC) for School of Economics, PES University, Bengaluru

Guided two ISEC Intern and One Student from Mount Carmel.

Social Media Presence

The Institute of Social and Economic Change has created social media accounts to broaden its online presence and better engage with its stakeholders. We are regularly posting our research and academic activities in ISEC social media handles. In the last six months, the institution has posted various working papers, policy briefs, project reports and research publications to broaden the reach compared to the traditional means. We have marked substantial growth in number of post impressions and page

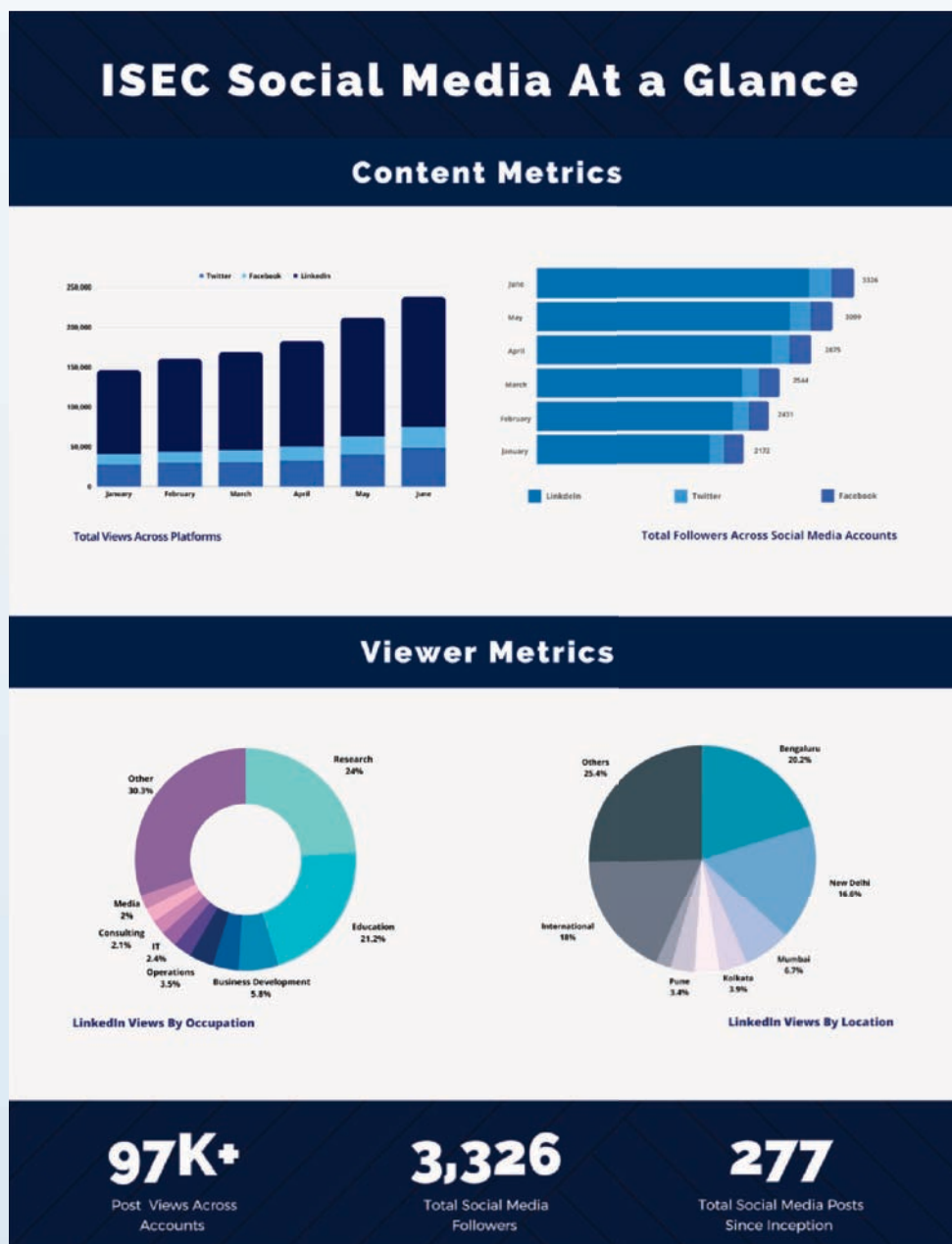
followers in last six months. In the coming months, the institute will be on better engagement in social media by posting latest publications and academic activities of ISEC.

The links for the account are shared below.

Facebook Link - ISEC Facebook

Twitter Link - ISEC Twitter

LinkedIn Link - ISEC LinkedIn





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