



From the Director's Desk....



The period July – December 2023 witnessed several important academic events on the ISEC campus. A national conference on 'Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude,

Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement' was organised in the Institute in collaboration with the Association of Academics for Social Justice and Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi. In the conference, a large number of research papers pertaining to the issues of intergroup inequality in our society were presented and discussed in 35 technical sessions. The valedictory address of the conference was delivered by Dr. H C Mahadevappa, Social Welfare Minister, GoK.

This period also witnessed a national conference on 'Chanakya's Philosophy and Its Relevance to 21st Century: Theories and Practices'. The inaugural address was delivered by Shri. Arif Mohammed Khan, Hon'ble Governor of Kerala, while Prof. Dhananjay Singh, Member Secretary, ICSSR, New Delhi, delivered the keynote address. Prof. K V Raju, Economic Advisor to the Chief Minister, Government of Uttar Pradesh, explained the significance of the conference.

The Institute has started a new initiative of 'Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture on Ethics' with funding from Prof. M V Nadkarni, Life Member of ISEC Society and Honorary Professor of the Institute. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Prof. Sundar Sarukkai,

Founder, Barefoot Philosophers, Bengaluru, on 'Ethical Praxis: Insights and Challenges from Gandhi, JRD Tata and Ambedkar'. Moreover, the Ramakrishna Hegde Memorial Lecture on 'Reimagining Panchayati Raj Governance and Social Welfare in India' was delivered by Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.

Additionally, the campus has witnessed the following academic events: Capacity Building Workshop on the 'Concepts and Techniques of Demography for Application in the Health System' was organised for the District M&E managers of the Health and Family Welfare Service, Government of Karnataka. The workshop aimed to equip these M&E managers to improve the quality of data on health status and health services delivery. Such capacity development workshops would go a long way in improving the health statistics in the state. The workshop on 'Concurrent feedback Survey on Flagship Programme' for the Ministry of Agriculture was organised to discuss the methods that can be adopted to assess the implementation status of important central government schemes. A two-week Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research was also organised by the Institute to provide training on advanced research in the field of Social Science.

As far as regular academic activities are concerned, ISEC faculty members have completed thirteen research projects. The themes of these research projects include shock-responsive social protection, old age income security, circular economy, utilization of bamboo resources for

livelihood promotion, food distribution in emerging markets, MGNREGS, credit for MSME sector, agricultural export zones, reforms in the election process in Karnataka, and survey of beggars in Karnataka. Five new research projects covering themes of MSMEs, child rights index, teacher training, meaningful mobility, and non-communicable disease clinics were initiated by the faculty members during the period.

The faculty members also disseminated the findings of their research work. Two books were published on the COVID and Regions, and Reason, Religion and Modernity through reputed publishers. In addition, a total of 36 research papers were published in reputed journals and as book chapters in edited books.

During the period, nine PhD degrees were awarded to ISEC scholars. A large number of

PhD scholars presented their work in progress during the bi-annual seminars and obtained feedback for improvement of their theses.

In the second half of 2023, social media posts of the Institute attracted over two lakh viewers. The number of followers also increased substantially. It is heartening to note that the viewers were primarily researchers and those pursuing higher education. Most of the viewers were from Indian cities such as New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Bengaluru among other cities. It is also inspiring to notice that the number of viewers from other countries has also surged. This shows that the research works of the Institute are well disseminated, and are considerably recognized and valued by scholars in India and overseas.

D Rajasekhar
Director

Capacity Building Workshop on the Concepts and Techniques of Demography for Application in the Health System

A capacity building workshop entitled “Concepts and Techniques of Demography for Application in the Health System” was conducted by the Population Research Centre (PRC) at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru for District M&E Managers of the Health & Family Welfare Services, Government of Karnataka during July 26-28, 2023. The workshop was financially supported by a training and capacity building grant-in-aid from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi. The aim of the workshop was to build capacity in demographic concepts, techniques and data use among technical staff of district level health departments across the state. Since substantial amount of data on health status and health service delivery is generated at the community and facility level, the technical knowledge and expertise of these health personnel has a direct bearing on the quality of data that is collected. The course comprised twelve sessions which were organised around (1) the understanding of basic concepts, (2) data principles and usefulness of data for the health system and (3) the analytical



Capacity Building Workshop on the Concepts and Techniques of Demography for Application in the Health System, organised by PRC, ISEC during July 26-28, 2023.

understanding of the data that is generated. The method of teaching included lectures and hands-on exercises. Thirty two district M&E managers and two state M&E managers attended it on all three days and gave positive feedback at the end of the workshop. Dr Shirish Darak from Prayas, Pune, Smt B P Vani from the Centre for Economic Studies and Policy (CESP), Dr Lekha Subaiya, Professor T S Syamala, and Ms Madhu Bidari from the PRC were the resource persons. Dr Lekha Subaiya coordinated the workshop.

National Conference on Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement

The National Conference on “Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement” was organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru and Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS), Delhi in collaboration with the Association of Academics for Social Justice (AASJ) during August 23-25, 2023. The conference had 35 technical sessions with 7 sessions dedicated to understanding



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intergroup inequality in Karnataka. About 200 researchers across the country and Karnataka government officials from the Social Welfare and Minority Department participated in the conference. Prof. Jodkha from JNU, New Delhi gave the inaugural address. The conference commenced with a thought-provoking presentation that delved deep into the Karnataka Human Development Index (HDI), offering a comprehensive analysis. The author embarked on pioneering territory by introducing a Karnataka specific HDI, which served to augment the conventional HDI. This underscored a critical contention: while the HDI provides a standardized measuring tool, its limitations are starkly evident in its inability to fully encapsulate the multifaceted developmental trajectories that unfold among the marginalized groups. In particular, the presentation brought to light the pressing disparities experienced by Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and religious minorities.

This compelled the audience to question whether the HDI, in its current incarnation, can holistically capture the nuanced landscape of development. The empirical findings not only underscored the stark disparities among different segments of the population but also highlighted the inherent socio-religious disparities. The outcomes laid bare a distinct divide, indicating that segments such as Hindus and the Hindu General category seemingly enjoy relatively privileged positions in comparison to marginalized groups, particularly Muslim minorities and Scheduled Tribes. This revelation prompted contemplation on the interplay of socio-religious dynamics and developmental trajectories. Moreover, Social Welfare Minister Dr. H C Mahadevappa delivered valedictory address. The presentation not only highlighted the importance of SCSP and TSP funds in driving development but also underscored the need for effective utilization and target achievement. The findings revealed both progress and challenges within Karnataka's SCSP/ TSP implementation. While the improvements in utilization rates were commendable, the existing gap in terms of target achievements raised concerns. The discrepancy between fund utilization and target

accomplishment indicated that a more holistic approach was required to ensure that the funds contributed to tangible development outcomes. The discussion following the presentation delved into the complexities of fund allocation, updating data, and the need for continuous monitoring and evaluation. It was acknowledged that a comprehensive analysis was crucial to understand whether the allocated funds were appropriately distributed based on SC/ST populations in the districts. Additionally, the session highlighted the role of data accuracy and updating in aligning fund utilization with development goals. The presentation thus shed light on the significance of continuous assessment and policy refinement to achieve equitable and effective utilization of SCP and TSP funds, ultimately driving holistic development across all segments of society. The president of the conference was Prof. S K Thorat, Chairman, BOG, ISEC and the local organising secretaries were Prof. D Rajasekhar, Director, Prof. S. Madheswaran, Smt. B P Vani, Prof. Krishnaraj from Centre for Economic Studies and Policy and Dr. A V Manjunatha from Karnataka Evaluation Authority, Government of Karnataka.

Conference on Chanakya's Philosophy and its Relevance to 21st Century: Theories and Practices

ISEC organised a conference on "Chanakya's Philosophy and its Relevance to 21st Century: Theories and Practices" during September 5-7, 2023 at the Institute in collaboration with Chanakya University, Bengaluru, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, Dr. B R Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru, Indian Knowledge Systems (GOI), Delhi and Central Sanskrit University, Delhi. The Arthashastra is a treatise on statecraft and economics attributed to Acharya Chanakya. Over the years, Chanakya's philosophy written in 3rd century BC is gaining importance across various sectors of development.

Both governance and development economists and philosophers, besides others, have been interested to debate on the relevance of it for 21st century for the benefit of the larger society. There is growing discussion about Indian Knowledge Systems at large and Chanakya's work in particular in discussions and writings. In this backdrop, the conference was organised. The key themes of the conference were determined on the basis of the themes that emerge from Chanakya's Arthashastra. Chanakya in his treatise has presented several ideas of governance, participation of stakeholders in policy implementation, legal aspects, political,



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administrative and fiscal decentralisation and community driven development for better policy implementation which were covered in the conference papers. The conference began with the introduction and welcome address by ISEC Director, Prof. D Rajasekhar. Prof. K V Raju, Economic advisor to the Chief Minister, Government of Uttar Pradesh spoke about the motivation and significance of the conference. He mentioned that Chanakya's philosophy written in 3rd century BC on governance, economics and philosophy is still relevant. The keynote speech was given by Prof. Dhananjay Singh, Member Secretary, Indian Council for Social Science Research. Prof. Singh highlighted the importance of ancient texts in Indian civilization which is characterised by an interplay of knowledge. Chanakya's book on Arthashastra disappeared in the 12th century and reappeared in the 20th century to mark an important text for Indian philosophy. He highlighted the importance of the book and how it is intelligently derived from Vedas, Upanishads and Buddhist philosophy. The inaugural speech of the conference was given by Hon'ble Governor of Kerala Arif Mohammed Khan. He highlighted that Chanakya is a pioneer in the field of politics and economics in India. Arthashastra and Niti Shastra are the works on economics, trade, war strategy, and guide to administration. The panel discussion included Prof. Jose Varghese, Former Vice Chancellor of Hidayatullah National Law University HNLU,

Prof. Ganti Surya Narayana Murthy, National Coordinator, Indian Knowledge Systems, GOI, Prof. Radha Krishna Pillai, Chanakya International Institute of Leadership Studies, University of Mumbai who deliberated on various dimensions of the Artha Shastra. Mr. Alok Prasanna – Co-Founder and Lead, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy gave the special address. Valedictory address was given by Prof. Bhanumurthy, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. B R Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru. Other dignitaries like Dr. Richa Sharma, Deputy Director, Research, ICSSR, New Delhi, Karnataka, Prof. Sandeep Shastri, Former Vice Chancellor, Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal, participated in the conference as Chairpersons and paper presenters. Twenty four papers were presented across 7 technical sessions and 5 themes. Presenters from across India covered various themes in the Arthashastra and related its relevance to our current times. The conference was designed to ensure that the paper writers discussed linkages between Chanakya's ideas and its relevance to current contexts. Thus, reviewing of policy designs and policy implementation, and generating improved policy designs and implementation techniques was the expected outcome of this conference. Further exploring how the options of these refined policies aid to improve policies for the better, is of key importance. The conference was coordinated by Prof. D Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC and Prof. S Manasi.

Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research

A two-week Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), organised by ISEC and coordinated by Dr. Thomas Felix, was conducted successfully during September 11-22, 2023. The course was designed to provide participants with advanced research methodologies and tools essential for conducting high-quality research in the field of social sciences. A total of 16 participants registered for this course, indicating a significant interest in advancing their research skills in the social sciences. Out of these, 5 were affiliated with ISEC, demonstrating the institute's commitment to fostering research excellence among its own community. The participants were categorized into two groups: "Outside participants" and "ISEC participants". Among the "Outside

participants", there was a diverse mix of academic disciplines, primarily in the social sciences. The participants were predominantly female. The disciplines represented included Political Science, Anthropology, Economics, Women's Studies,



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Development Studies, Sociology, and Agricultural Extension, showcasing a broad spectrum of interests within the social sciences. This diversity highlights the programme's appeal to individuals from various academic backgrounds, all seeking to enhance their research skills. On the other hand, the "ISEC participants" represented a mix of both male and female participants. Their disciplines included Population Sciences, Agriculture Marketing and Co-operation, Social Science, Rural Development, and Economics. This group also demonstrated diversity in academic interests. The course comprised 34 technical sessions, which covered a wide range of research methodologies and applications in social science research. These sessions were conducted by experienced faculty and experts in the field. A significant enhancement in this edition of CCMASSR was the introduction of data visualization techniques. Participants

were exposed to tools such as Tableau and Power BI, which are essential for effectively presenting research findings and insights through graphical representations. Participants were provided with hands-on training in extracting and analyzing National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) data using software tools like STATA and SPSS. This added a practical dimension to the course, allowing participants to work with real-world datasets. The course also introduced geospatial analysis using ARCGIS and QGIS. Geospatial data analysis is becoming increasingly important in social science research, and this module equipped participants with the skills needed to incorporate spatial data into their research projects. Overall, CCMASSR 2023 was a resounding success, and it is expected that the knowledge and skills acquired by the participants will contribute significantly to their future research endeavors in the social sciences.

AER Workshop 2023 on Concurrent Feedback Survey on Flagship Programmes of the MoA&FW

The meeting on Concurrent Feedback/Impact Assessment of Schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) was held during September 12-13, 2023, in Bengaluru under the Chairmanship of Dr. Promodita Sathish, Adviser, E&S Division, MoA&FW. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the status of selected schemes for concurrent feedback survey. The meeting commenced with a welcome address by Prof. D Rajasekhar, Director of the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), followed by a presentation about the workshop by Prof. K B Ramappa, Head of ADRTC, ISEC. Dr. Promodita Sathish provided an overview and objectives of the project. Discussions focused on finalizing the Sampling Framework for selected schemes. It was decided to conduct surveys in a phased manner, starting with PMFBY, KCC, SMAM, and PMKISAN. AIF scheme's feedback survey, already in progress, was to be completed urgently. The entire survey exercise was to be documented and completed within 45 days. Regarding Mode of Payment Disbursal (Agenda II), it was noted that the Ministry was seeking approval for funds from the finance division. Funds would be transferred to coordinating AERC/Us based on sample size, and they would further transfer funds to survey facilitating agencies. Scheme-wise separate accounts

were recommended for smooth fund flow. Agenda III involved discussions on scheme-wise methodology and mode of data collection. Each coordinating unit presented details about their respective schemes, including objectives, questionnaires, target population, sampling methodology, and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). Changes based on workshop suggestions were to be incorporated into questionnaires and KPIs. Several decisions and action points emerged from the meeting as follows: the feedback/impact assessment would be conducted in phases; five schemes would be surveyed in the first phase, while others would undergo User Acceptance Tests (UAT) initially; the entire survey exercise should be completed within 45 days after the receipt of; documentation of the survey process was emphasized; ERCs/Us were advised to create separate accounts for funds related to the evaluation; and recruitment for vacant positions at AERCs/Us was recommended. In summary, the meeting aimed to discuss concurrent feedback/impact assessment of agricultural schemes, covering various aspects such as sampling framework, mode of payment disbursal, methodology, and data collection. Decisions were made to ensure the smooth implementation of the survey process and to address logistical and financial considerations effectively.

Ramakrishna Hegde Memorial Lecture on Reimagining Panchayati Raj Governance and Social Welfare in India

The Ramakrishna Hegde Memorial Lecture for 2023-24 was delivered by Ashwani Kumar, Professor and Dean of School of Development Studies of Tata Institute of Social Sciences (Mumbai) at ISEC on July 31, 2023 on "Reimagining Panchayati Raj Governance and Social Welfare in India". It discussed how instrumental and strategic synergy between the institutions of Panchayati Raj and various social actors drives the trajectories of social welfare and subsequently, the realization of social rights at the grassroots. Using evidence from the implementation of welfare programmes in panchayats across six Indian states, Prof. Kumar argued that the specific nature of pro-poor politicization that ultimately shaped the autonomy and associational competencies of the local state and that the forces of decentralization and welfare



Ramakrishna Hegde Memorial Lecture on 'Reimagining Panchayati Raj Governance and Social Welfare in India', July 31, 2023.

crucially shaped the experience of democracy in India. Professor D Rajasekhar, Director of ISEC, chaired the session. Chandan Gowda, the RK Hegde Chair Professor, welcomed the speaker and the audience.

Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture on Ethical Praxis: Insights and Challenges from Gandhi, JRD Tata and Ambedkar

The Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture on Ethical Praxis: Insights and Challenges from Gandhi, JRD Tata and Ambedkar was delivered by Prof. Sundar Sarukkai at ISEC on October 4, 2023. Historically, there is an inherent tension in the idea of ethics as an overarching theory of morality. The clash of the theoretical and the practical in ethics is reflected in the common observation that in the domain of morals, action is more important than speech. Or that activism is more important than theorising about society. The talk dealt with the theoretical-practical tension within the domain of ethics and its impact on how ethics is understood across dominant

philosophical traditions. Ethics, subsumed as a discipline under philosophy in the Greek-European tradition, became more concerned with rational structures of argumentation as grounds for moral judgement. Thus, 'Western' tradition of ethics, most famously encapsulated in Kantian ethics, imposed a particular philosophical demand on moral action. In contrast, non-Western traditions ranging across Asia and Africa did not give into the impulse of reducing the power of ethics to rational argumentative structures. Well-known examples are the moral texts in Buddhism and Jainism, for instance, which were structured through stories and 'ordinary talk', and not as particular forms of logical arguments. In doing so, these ethical traditions were stating something interesting about the nature of ethics itself, which is that moral action is not merely a deliberate judgement of a particular kind, but an action that is produced through conditions, that is spontaneous, that has a relationship with experience. This difference in the way ethics was understood by different cultures led to the charge that ethics, as a 'theory' of morality, was exclusive to the West. Such a position was also an important part of the colonial discourse that was used to legitimise colonial power. However,



(from left to right) Prof M V Nadkarni, Dr Sundar Sarukkai, Prof D Rajasekhar, Prof Meenakshi Rajeev and Mr S Ashok Rao during Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture on 'Ethical Praxis: Insights and Challenges' on October 4, 2023.

the deeper challenge was to understand the nature of social change and social action, since they were intrinsic to moral action. Is an ethical discourse necessary for producing change? Or are general principles and manuals enough to guide human action? This tension between overarching theories and immediate, practical action is carried over to contemporary times. This lecture discusses three figures, Gandhi, JRD Tata and Ambedkar, in the context of this larger debate between theory and praxis. Gandhi's and Ambedkar's actions were fundamentally seen as ethical, but in what sense should we understand the basis of their ethical actions? Two specific ethical notions have been discussed: one, the principle of trusteeship that was such an important idea for Gandhi, and two, the idea of maitree/fraternity for Ambedkar. Trusteeship is not an abstract theory for Gandhi; rather it becomes a guiding principle for a series of practical actions. This principle of trusteeship deeply influenced JRD Tata and had a great impact on how JRD responded to, and understood, the very nature of business. Both Gandhi and JRD, through the emphasis on practical action, raise some fundamental challenges to ethics as a discipline. The lecture concluded with Ambedkar's critical response to Gandhi's notion of trusteeship, but points out that his view of social democracy can also be understood through appealing to a broader idea of trusteeship. All these three figures offer new insights into, and challenges for, understanding the nature of a global ethical praxis.

ISEC Macro Economic Seminar Series

Early Warning Systems for Financial Crisis: Theory and Evidence - Dr K P Prabheesh, Associate Professor, Department of Liberal Arts, IIT Hyderabad (August 4, 2023).

Post Pandemic Experience and Lessons for Macroeconomic Policy - Prof Ashima Goyal, Emeritus Professor, IGIDR; Former Member, PM-EAC; and Member, Monetary Policy Committee, RBI (October 26, 2023).

Macroeconomics of Farm and Nonfarm Sectors - Dr Manojit Bhattacharjee, Assistant Professor, Mahatma Gandhi Government Arts College, Mahe, Puducherry (October 6, 2023).

Seminars by Faculty

Urbanization in Tamil Nadu and Kerala - Professor V Anil Kumar, Head of the Centre for Political Institutions, Governance and Development, ISEC, Bengaluru (September 14, 2023).

Seminars/Lectures by Visitors

Voices from the margins: A perspective on praxis for water, climate change and local governance - Professor Satyajit Singh, Department of Global Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara (July 6, 2023).

Distributive Politics of the Central Governments with the Union Health Budget - Prof D Narayana, Former Director of Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation (GIFT), Thiruvanthapuram and Ms Aswathy M A, Research Scholar at GIFT (July 11, 2023).

The Alphabet of Ecosophy: Rethinking Modernity - Aseem Shrivastava, A Writer, Teacher and Ecological thinker (July 19, 2023).

Dynamic Reaction of Indian Macroeconomic Factors to Asymmetric Oil Price Shocks: NARDL Approach - Dr G Suresh, Professor P R Brahmananda Endowment Grant recipient; Associate Professor of Finance at Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Bangalore (July 20, 2023).

Book talk "Urban Undesirables City Transition and Street-Based Sex Work in Bangalore" - Dr Neethi P, Senior Consultant at Indian Institute for Human Settlements, Bengaluru and Dr Anant Kamath, Assistant Professor at National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru (August 10, 2023).

Voting Pattern among Dalits since the 1990s - Dr Rahul Verma, Fellow, Centre for Policy Research (CPR), New Delhi (October 3, 2023).

In Leveraging GIS Technology for Social Sciences Research - Dr Shyju Krishnan Kutty, Manager

– Presales, Esri India and Ms Sreebhadra H R, Engineer – Presales, Esri India (October 10, 2023).

COVID Response of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme In Vulnerability Reduction -A Study In Migration Hotspot Districts of Odisha - Dr Ghanashyam Sahu, a post-doctoral research initiation Seminar (October 18, 2023).

India's Paradox of 'Hunger Amidst Plenty' Has a Name: Caste-Based Discrimination and Exclusion - Professor Joseph Tharamangalam, Emeritus Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU), Halifax, Canada (November 2, 2023).

Relative Returns, Relative Output and Relative Price Change in a Two-Sector Search and Match Theoretical General Equilibrium Model - Dr Titas Kumar Bandopadhyay (November 2, 2023).

The Familiar Letter as a Document of a Humane Ethos - Prof Dorothea von Mücke, Professor of German and Comparative Literature, Columbia University (November 29, 2023).

Portfolio Approach to Public Policy: Healthcare in Singapore - Professor M Ramesh, National University of Singapore (December 6, 2023).

Seminars by Students

Risk Perceptions, Attitudes, and Management Strategies of Farmers in Flood Prone Area of Odisha - Ms Jayanti Mala Nayak, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (July 7, 2023). (Pre-thesis submission seminar).

Persisting Gender Inequality: Time Use for Paid and Unpaid Work - Ms Jyoti Thakur, PhD Scholar and Dr Marchang Reimeingam, Assistant Professor, CSSCD, ISEC (August 1, 2023).

Coping with Climate Shocks: Empirical Evidence from the Coastal Districts of Odisha, India - Mr Niranjan Padhan, PhD Scholar and Prof S Madheswaran, CESP, ISEC (August 14, 2023).

Consent and Dissent Formation: State, Religion and Capital in the Making/Unmaking of Vizhinjam International Seaport Kerala - Mr Abdul Raoof C K, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (August 21, 2023). (Pre-thesis submission seminar).

Socio-ecological Development and Natural Resources Management in Manas Landscape in Assam - Mr Michael Islary, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (September 4, 2023). (Pre-thesis submission seminar).

Telecom Service Industry in India: Structure, Contribution and Performance - Mr Prajeesh Karannon, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (September 5, 2023). (Pre-thesis submission seminar).

Demographic Transition and Familial Changes: A Study of Single Child Families - Mr N Pautunthang, Bengaluru (October 3, 2023). (Pre-thesis submission seminar).

Muslim Women in the Private and Public Sphere: Religious Practices and the Construction of Muslim Women-Subjects - Ms. Romica Vasudev, Bengaluru (October 17, 2023). (Pre-thesis submission seminar).

Crime, Women and Correctional Homes: A Case Study in West Bengal - Ms Shreejata Niyogi, Bengaluru (December 21, 2023). (Pre-thesis submission seminar).

Research Projects

Completed Projects

1. **Shock Responsive Social Protection in Karnataka** (Prof D Rajasekhar and Dr R Manjula)
2. **Financial Inclusion and Old age Income Security through Contributory Pension Schemes for Unorganised Workers** (Prof D Rajasekhar and Dr R Manjula)
3. **Prospects for Enhancing Circular Economy; Strategies for Policy Inclusion and Green Finances: A Case Study in Peri-Urban Landscape of India** (Prof Sunil Nautiyal)

4. **Utilisation of Bamboo Resources for Livelihood Development and Sustainability** (Prof Sunil Nautiyal, Prof S Manasi and Dr Bibhu Prasad Nayak)
5. **Assessment of Carrying Capacity of an Eco-sensitive Landscape of Western Ghats** (Prof Sunil Nautiyal and Prof S Manasi)
6. **Food Distribution in Emerging Markets: The Case of Indian Seafood** (Traders in Food Value Chain) (Prof Meenakshi Rajeev)
7. **MGNREGA Evaluation: Workers' Perspective and Issues in Implementation** (Ms B P Vani and Prof S Madheswaran)
8. **Pandemic and the Credit based Stimulus Package for the MSME sector: A Study of Selected Peri-Urban Regions of Bangalore** (Prof Meenakshi Rajeev)
9. **Doing Business and Trade Facilitation: The Case of Select Agricultural Export Zones** (Dr Malini L Tantri)
10. **Economic Impact on Households Working for more than 50 days under MGNREGA in Taluks of Kudligi, Huvina Hadagali and Hagari Bommanahalli** (Ms B P Vani and Prof S Madheswaran)
11. **Impact of PWDs Interventions in Motivating PWD Voters for Registration and Creating Awareness in the Election Process in Karnataka** (Prof S Madheswaran and Ms B P Vani)
12. **Beggars in Karnataka: A Survey and identification in Bengaluru metropolitan city** (Dr Sobin George, Prof S Madheswaran and Mr M Kusanna)
13. **PIP Monitoring of 21 Districts (16 districts of Karnataka and 5 districts of Rajasthan)** (Dr Lekha Subaiya, Prof C M Lakshmana, Prof T S Syamala)
3. **Impact of Teachers' Training through Constructive Approach on Students' Learning Outcomes** (Dr Indrajit Bairagya and Dr Stanzin Nouskit)
4. **Meaningful Mobility: A Novel Approach to Movement Within and Between Places in Later Life** (Dr Sobin George)
5. **Functioning of NCD Clinics under the National Programme for the Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases** (Dr Lekha Subaiya)

Outreach Projects

1. **Scaling up micro-irrigation reach for enhanced water-use efficiency to combat agricultural drought** (Prof Ramappa K B and Dr K Lenin Babu)
2. **Feedback on Concurrent Evaluation of Flagship Programmes of the DoA&FW, GoI during 2023-24** (Prof Ramappa K B, Dr Vilas Jadhav, Dr Thomas Felix and Dr Akshata Nayak)
3. **6th Round of National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6), II Phase, (2023-24) South Karnataka** (Prof C M Lakshmana)
4. **PIP Monitoring of 21 Districts (16 districts of Karnataka and 5 districts of Rajasthan)** (Dr Lekha Subaiya, Prof C M Lakshmana and Prof T S Syamala)
5. **Role of Literacy Programmes in the Empowerment of Women residing in the Slums of Bangalore** (Dr Stanzin Nouskit)
6. **Governance of Gig-Platform Economy in Metro Cities of India: A Paradigm Shift in Service Delivery** (Dr K C Smitha)

Student News

Biannual Seminar Series

The Forty eighth Bi-annual Seminars were held during 12th-19th December, 2023. In all, there were 28 PhD progress seminar presentations (11 Sessions). As many as 25 students sought exemption and 3 students did not seek permission from Bi-annual

New Projects

1. **MSMEs in India and Japan: Pandemic Impacts and Recovery** (Prof Meenakshi Rajeev)
2. **Child Rights Index in Karnataka 2023** (Prof S Madheswaran and Ms B P Vani)

seminars. A total of 8 students presented pre-thesis colloquium, 2 students presented pre-submission seminars, 12 students submitted thesis, 2 students were yet to conduct viva-voce, and 14 students were from the new batch of 2023-24.

PhD Degree Awarded

1. **Dr Geeta Sahu** (Anthropology): 'Maternal and Child Healthcare: Indigenous Practices and Modern Health Services among Jaunsari Tribe' (Supervisor: Prof Manohar S Yadav)
2. **Dr Shikha Subba** (Development Studies): 'Role of Local Governments in Dealing with Disasters: A Study of Landslide Prone Areas of the Himalayan Region' (Supervisor: Prof D Rajasekhar)
3. **Dr Ance Teresa Varghese** (Political Science): 'Agrarian Distress and State Response: A Case of Wayanad District, Kerala' (Supervisor: Prof V Anil Kumar)
4. **Dr Shikha Pandey** (Economics): 'A Study on System of Rice and Wheat Intensification for the Sustainable Agricultural Development of Bihar' (Supervisor: Prof Parmod Kumar)
5. **Dr Ramakrishna Nallathiga** (Development Studies): 'Finances and Service Delivery in Indian Cities: A Study of Select Urban Local Governments' (Supervisor: Prof Kala S Sridhar)
6. **Dr Dipak Mandal** (Development Studies): 'Urban Environmental Movements in Addressing Environmental Challenges: A Study of Bengaluru' (Supervisor: Prof S Manasi)
7. **Dr Mohamed Saalim P K** (Development Studies): 'Negotiating Health Vulnerabilities: A Critical Appraisal of Kerala's Health Response to In-migrant Workers' (Supervisor: Dr Sobin George)
8. **Dr Prem Shankar Mishra** (Development Studies): 'Barriers in Access to and Utilization of MCH Services: A Case of Uttar Pradesh' (Supervisor: Prof T S Syamala)
9. **Dr T Thangjahao Haokip** (Development Studies): 'Infrastructure and Human Development in North East India: A Study

of Manipur' (Supervisor: Dr Marchang Reimeingam)

Publications

WORKING PAPERS

1. **Working paper No. 561:** 'Making of a Muslim Woman: Different Pathways to Religious Practices' *Romica Vasudev* and *Anand Inbanathan*
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Working Papers – An Overview

In the paper **‘Making of a Muslim Woman: Different Pathways to Religious Practices’ (WP 561)** Romica Vasudev and Anand Inbanathan descriptively analyse the different pathways of religious practice taken by the Muslim women in their everyday lives. The analysis is based on how the Muslim women interpret, manifest and embody the concept of a Muslim woman and how their daily lives define their religious practices and their corresponding routines. The study has been contextualized in the Islamic reformist theological discourse and the emerging notions of piety. The Islamic reformist movements started in India around the British colonial period and were a response to Islam’s encounter with modernity. The resultant democratisation of Islamic theological discourse led to the redefining of piety. Contemporary Islam is to be expressed in people’s daily lives, in mundane activities that lie outside the boundaries of formal Islamic schools. Islam has become more than a code of moral conduct and is a set of rules and regulations that guide the followers in all situations of their lives. This study was conducted to explore the religious practices of Muslim women in their day-to-day lives, given the backdrop of reformist notions of piety. The study was conducted across two different income groups and various activity spheres. Forty-five respondents of two income groups were interviewed. The pathways to religious practice were identified based on what the respondents considered to be appropriate Islamic practices. The pathways that women took varied from expressing their religious identity in the public and private spheres, to celebrating just the cultural aspects of their religion. The experiences of the respondents also varied across income groups, geographies, and activity spheres.

The telecom services have remained as a major sub-sector within the communication sector over the years. The sector has attracted the attention of the policy makers evidently during post- 2000 due to its widening demand. Whether the sector deserves adequate policy attention is an empirical question. Prajeesh Karonnon and Meenakshi Rajeev’s paper on **‘The Role of Telecommunication Service Sector In Indian Economy- An Analysis of Output and Employment Linkages’ (WP 562)** aims at identifying the role of the sector in the growth of Indian economy by examining its linkage effects

with the rest of the economy. It is carried out by using Input-Output (I-O) analysis. Further, the study also examines the employment linkages of the sector to assess the ability of the sector in generating employment in the economy. Through the I-O analysis, it is found that the communication sector is one among the highly linked sectors in Indian economy. Sectors which are crucial to the economy, such as electricity, financial services, transport, and construction are reliant upon the communication sector. The sector has a large indirect employment generation potential, and the backward employment linkage of the sector is increasing over the years.

The telecom sector in India has undergone major policy shifts during the post 1990 period which have impacted the telecom sector in multiple ways. In the paper **‘Policy Impacts on Indian Telecom Services Industry: Sales, Connectivity and Usages’ (WP 563)** Prajeesh Karonnon and Meenakshi Rajeev analyse the impact of major policy shifts in the Indian telecom service sector, particularly from the opening up of the market in the 1990s to the recent introduction of fifth generation services. The policy impacts on three broad dimensions of the sector (usage, connectivity, and sales) are analysed using the secondary data. The analysis shows that the policy has been evidently successful in delivering its objectives up to a large extent in the post-2008 period. The trends in subscriber base, minutes of usage, rural and urban teledensity (though rural areas still lag behind), the Average Revenue Per User and the Minutes of Usage (ARPU) indicate the same. The success of these policies has been passed on to the customers in the form of tariff cuts and more connectivity. The analysis also showed that the increase in regulatory and access charges do not negatively affect the sales of the industry. Hence, more regulation of this nature may not significantly affect the industry negatively in terms of sales.

Instead of considering ports as one unit of analysis, Shafeeqe Abdul Kader and Malini L Tantri in the paper **‘Performance of Major Ports In India - Inter And Intra Port Analysis’ (WP 564)** explore the heterogeneity in their performance both at inter and intra-port levels through constructing a composite index of operational, financial, and trade indicators for the period 1990-91 to 2020-21. The empirical investigation helps us to argue that over the years, the performance of each port (intra-port) has

improved significantly but inter-port comparison presents a different picture. In particular, a few ports like JNPT stand out as outliers due to consistently better performance in all the parameters, whereas a few others like Haldia, Kolkata and Cochin ports lag far behind in the performance ladder due to consistently poor performance in at least two of the performance indicators.

The Food Processing Industry (FPI) plays a significant role in the pursuit of doubling the income of farmers and providing employment to the large labour base of the country. This requires a detailed and systematic understanding of the sector and course correction wherever required. It is against this background, through descriptive statistics, that the study on **'The Positioning and Performance of Organised Food Processing Industry in India- A National and Sub-National Level Analysis'**(WP 565) by Sibin Jerry Thomas and Malini L Tantri examines the performance of the food processing industry at both the aggregate and disaggregate levels. The analysis across phases based on ASI data for the period 1990-2020 helps us to argue that (a) although the industry has been on a growth path since the reforms in the agriculture sector were undertaken after 2000, there exists a varying pattern of size and development within the industry at the sub-category level. (b) Even though the food processing industry has a huge share in the majority of Indian states, there is a regional imbalance in the level of development of the industry, with certain states being exceptional performers while other states lag. (c) This, among others, is due to the availability or lack of raw materials, consumer base, infrastructure, and logistics facilities, as well as the policy support provided in the form of incentives and grants to the units in the industry.

The Common Services Centres (CSCs) programme, initiated by the Indian government in 2006, is an important avenue for both employment generation as well as improving the reach of government services. Women often take up these online-based activities as entrepreneurs, enabling them to achieve greater economic empowerment as well as improved social standing. However, the extent to which such a programme benefits women depends on their capabilities, which in turn is a function of the inputs they are given and the conversion factors that are present. The question arises as to which factors

limit the performance of women in this regard, especially in an urban setting where internet use is relatively more prevalent. Despite better internet access, are the skills for online entrepreneurship still limited among the population? What are the important inputs, conversion factors, and business strategies that foster success in these enterprises? Are there specific obstacles that women face that need to be addressed? To answer these queries, in the paper **'Livelihood, Gender, and Online Platform: A Case of CSCs in Karnataka'** (WP 566) Meenakshi Rajeev and Pranav Nagendran analyse data collected from 200 CSCs in urban Karnataka, using the capability framework and find that tangible assets are important inputs, and their effectiveness is mediated by family support. Traditional advertising methods were found to work best in attracting new customers. The onset of the Covid-19 pandemic had a severe effect on CSCs' functioning, but businesses recovered quickly, and provided significantly more income than even before the start of the crisis. Moreover, women are able to perform as effectively as men, indicating that these businesses are important avenues for women's empowerment.

Studying the trade interactions and engagements between India and Bhutan via various border corridors leads to an understanding of the critical role that border corridors play, particularly for landlocked nations like Bhutan. This research holds significant importance in the context of the need to promote economic cooperation and regional development between these two neighbouring countries. In the paper **'India and Bhutan: Challenges and Opportunities in Cross-Border Trade'** (WP 567) Uttam Lama traces the efforts towards sustainable economic development, towards diplomatic relationships, and to foster mutual prosperity. The central objective of this study revolves around conducting a comprehensive analysis of the diverse trade routes, infrastructure, and policies governing the movement of goods and services between India and Bhutan. Through an evaluation of the challenges and opportunities inherent in these corridors, the study seeks to identify opportunities for enhancement and optimization. Additionally, this research delves into the economic impact of trade on both nation-states, with a special emphasis on its potential for opportunity creation and income generation. Furthermore, this study places particular focus

on the Jaigaon-Phuentsholing border regions, recognising their direct and indirect influence on borderland development. It also emphasizes the socio-cultural factors that shape trade interactions between India and Bhutan, underscoring the significance of cultural exchanges and interpersonal connections in nurturing a conducive trade environment. Through a deeper understanding and enhancement of these trade corridors, both nation-states can aspire to achieve economic growth, elevate living standards, and ensure enduring regional stability and borderland development.

Anil Kumar Vaddiraju in the exploratory paper on **'Urbanisation and Governance in Tamil Nadu and Kerala: Aspects of Service Delivery' (WP 568)** examines the issue of urbanisation and urban governance with reference to Tamil Nadu and Kerala. The paper is a comparative study of these two states with case studies drawn from one district of each state. Urbanisation is a historical process which entails a fundamental structural transformation. Tamil Nadu and Kerala are two contiguous states within South India, undergoing rapid urbanisation. According to the 2011 census, the percentage of urbanisation in the case of Tamil Nadu amounts to 48.45 and in respect of Kerala about 48, much above the national average of 31.2. This is sufficient *raison d'être* for examining the nature and pattern of urbanisation and urban governance in these two states. This paper addresses the following questions: a) what is the nature of the urbanisation process taking place in Tamil Nadu and Kerala?; b) what is the status of urban decentralisation?; and c) are there specific urban governance issues emerging out of the urbanisation pattern in these two states of Tamil Nadu and Kerala, related to urban sanitation and drinking water?

In the paper **'Are Indian Cities Generating Sufficient Revenues? The Case of Bengaluru' (WP 569)** Sukanya Bhaumik and Kala S Sridhar estimate the revenue capacities for Bengaluru, based on the city's economy. It attempts to understand factors that affect the citizens' willingness to pay taxes and participate in governance through a survey-based approach. The paper finds that Bengaluru's revenue capacity from own sources was six times higher than its current revenue in 2018-19. In the citizen surveys conducted, it was reported that 70 per cent of the respondent households were willing

to pay 5-10 per cent higher in property taxes, if their recommended issue was resolved on a priority basis. In the expert interviews conducted, it was pointed out that the main impediments towards willingness to pay were the lack of transparency in use of funds, inaction against non-payers, and incorrect assessment of properties to ensure adequate property tax collection.

Recent years have seen a surge in the emergence of non-profit startups who are harnessing the power of technology in order to benefit the marginalised and under-privileged sections of society. Given their significance to society, Fakih Amrin Kamaluddin and Kala S Sridhar in their paper **'Contributions of Non-Profit Startups to Education and Health Sectors' (WP 570)** study the contributions of non-profit startups to social sectors—education and health. They take six cases and describe their impact on these two sectors. Interviews are supplemented with information on startups' websites. The findings in this research are that the non-profit startups create value for education and health sectors in diverse ways. Ed-tech startups create value by providing age-based competency to students and by exposing them to challenging experiments which push critical thinking, design and problem-solving skills. Healthtech startups create value by providing access to unused capacity, reduction in the workload of hospitals, reducing waiting time and kilometres travelled to seek consultation. Raising funds is a severe challenge for these ed-tech and healthtech startups which solely relied on government projects for survival, although they assist the government too.

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ಪದವಿ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ ಆರಂಭಿಸಲು ಅಭಿ. ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ ಮುಂದುವರಿಕೆ ಐಸಾಕ್ ಸಿಗಿದ ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠತೆಯ ಮಾನ್ಯತೆ



ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಪ್ರಧಾನಿ 61 ಯೋಜನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆಯಾಗುವ ಪರಿಶೋಧನಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅನುದಾನ ಶುಲ್ಕ

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- ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 26,400 ಮುಖಾಂತರ
- ಕೋವಿಡ್ ಬಳಿಯಾಡುವ ಮುಖಾಂತರ

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ಮಹಿಳಾ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಕೂಲ

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Papers Presented at Conferences/ Workshops/Seminars

Bairagya, Indrajit

Inter-Group Inequality in Educational Outcome in Karnataka; at the National Conference on Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and The Movement, organised by Association of Academics for Social Justice (AASJ), ISEC, Bengaluru and Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS), Delhi at ISEC, Bengaluru, August 23-25, 2023.

Balasubramanian, M

Impacts of Climate Change on Vulnerable Communities in Karnataka; at the three-day Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies, and the Movement, jointly organised by ISEC, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies and Association of Academic for Social Justice, Bengaluru, August 23-25, 2023.

Does Green Economy Conserve the Forest Ecosystem Services for the Human Well-being; at the two days National Seminar on Green Economy Concepts and Perspectives, organised by Department of Botany, Government College, Madappally, Kozhikode, Kerala, October 26-27, 2023.

Felix, Thomas

Impact of agrifood systems on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions- an econometric analysis; at the WCRP Open Science Conference, held in Kigali, Rwanda, October 23-27, 2023.

Jadhav, Vilas

(With K Thomas Felix, Ramappa KB, RSDeshpande) Social Inequality in Landholdings in Karnataka; at the National conference on Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement, August 23-25, 2023, at ISEC, Bengaluru.

Kambara, Channamma

Securing Dignity to Prostitutes: Critical Analysis of Chanakya's Approach and the Modern-day Scenario in India; at the Conference on Chanakya's

Philosophy and Its Relevance to 21st Century: Theories and Practices, organised by ISEC jointly with Chanakya University, Bengaluru, Dr B R Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru, Indian Knowledge Systems Division, New Delhi, Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi and National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, September 5-7, 2023 at ISEC, Bengaluru.

Kumar, V Anil

Religion, Tradition, Secularism and Post-Secularism; at the 6th Biennial Conference on Religion and Politics, Poland (Online).

Manasi, S

(With Rakshitha K) Perspectives from Chanakya's Arthasāstra for Contemporary City Governance; at the Conference on Chanakya's Philosophy and its Relevance to 21st Century: Theories and Practices, organised by ISEC jointly with Chanakya University, Bengaluru, Dr B R Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru, Indian Knowledge Systems Division, New Delhi, Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi and National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, September 5-7, 2023, at ISEC, Bengaluru.

Manjula, R

Gender Quota, Participation and Performance in Service Delivery; at the Seminar on Panchayati Raj in India: Are the Governments really concerned?; organised by AGRASRI, August 19, 2023, at Gandhi Bhavan, Bengaluru.

(With D Rajasekhar) Kautilya's Arthashastra and Local Government; at the Conference on Chanakya's Philosophy and Its Relevance to 21st Century: Theories and Practices, organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change, Chanakya University, Dr B R Ambedkar School of Economics University, Central Sanskrit University, India Knowledge Systems Division Ministry of Education GoI and National Law School of India University, September 5-7, 2023, at ISEC, Bengaluru.

Is Public Works Programme Participatory and Demand Based? Evidence from Karnataka; at the National Seminar on Good Governance Practices in MGNREGS, organised by National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayath Raj (Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India), Hyderabad, December 13-14, 2023.

Nouskit, Stazin

(with Prof Renu Nandatitle) Higher Education in Ladakh: Emerging issues and challenges; at the 13th Annual International CESI Conference, organised by Tezpur University Assam and Comparative Education Society of India on the theme Changing Dynamics of Education: Perspectives and Challenges from Global South, December 1-3, 2023.

Rajasekhar, D

30 years of Decentralised Governance and Development in India; at the Seminar on Panchayati Raj in India: Are the Governments really concerned?, organised by AGRASRI, August 19, 2023, at Gandhi Bhavan, Bengaluru.

Do Households Belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Participate in Panchayats Effectively and Benefit Equally? Evidence from Karnataka, at the National Conference on Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement, organised by Association of Academics for Social Justice (AASJ) in collaboration with ISEC, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS) and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, South Asia, August 23-25, 2023, at ISEC, Bengaluru.

(with R Manjula) Kautilya's Arthashastra and Local Government; at the Conference on Chanakya's Philosophy and Its Relevance to 21st Century: Theories and Practices, organised by ISEC, Chanakya University, Dr B R Ambedkar School of Economics University, Central Sanskrit University, India Knowledge Systems Division, Ministry of Education, GoI and National Law School of India University, September 5-7, 2023, at ISEC, Bengaluru.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Examining the Impact of Education on Formal Savings in India: Are there rural-urban differences?; at the 24th Biennial Conference of the Association of Indian Economic and Financial Studies (AIEFS) 2023, organised jointly with the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras, July 24-25, 2023.

Examining the Impact of Education on Formal Savings in India: Are there Rural-Urban Differences?; at the 24th Biennial Conference of the Association of Indian Economic and Financial Studies (AIEFS) 2023, organised jointly with the

School of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras, July 24-25, 2023.

Credit Exclusion Among the Socially Disadvantaged in Karnataka; at the three-day International Conference on Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement, August 23-25, 2023, at ISEC, Bengaluru.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Sustainable Finances for Karnataka's Cities and Service Delivery; at the Karnataka 5th State Finance Commission, ISEC, Bengaluru, December 12, 2023.

Syamala, T S

(with Chatterjee Madhubrota and T S Syamala) Living Arrangement and Care Needs among the Older Population in India; at the International Conference on Population and Development with Low Fertility, organised by China Population and Development Research Center (CPDRC), China Population and Development Studies (CPDS), and China Population Association (CPA) and organised by Hangzhou International Urbanology Research Center, and Center for Urban Governance Studies of Zhejiang Province, September 26-27, 2023. (online mode)

Participation in Seminars/Conferences/ Workshops as a Session Chairman, Discussant, Panel member, Speaker or Rapporteur

Bairagya, Indrajit

Participated as Discussant, in the Lecture-1 of GIDS Golden Jubilee Lecture Series on the topic 'Human Capital and Self Employment in India: An Empirical Analysis for different Cohorts' delivered by Prof. Saibal Kar, RBI Chair Professor of Economics Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, August 25, 2023.

Chaired a session on 'Intergroup Inequality in Education, Health and Housing, its Sources, Consequences and Policies, Privatization of Social Services and Discriminatory Access (Education)', (Session-22) in the National Conference on

Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and The Movement, organised by Association of Academics for Social Justice (AASJ), Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru and Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS), Delhi at ISEC, Bengaluru, August 23-25, 2023.

Local organising committee member of the National Conference on Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and The Movement, organised by Association of Academics for Social Justice (AASJ), Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru and Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS), Delhi at ISEC, Bengaluru, August 23-25, 2023.

Chaired a webinar on Public and Household Financing of Education in India: Are they Substitutes or Complements?, delivered by Dr Aswathy Rachel Varughese, Assistant Professor, at Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation, Trivandrum, Kerala, November 24, 2023.

Balasubramanian, M

Participated as Panelist, Research seminar on Unlocking the impact of Climate Change on Industry Total Factor Productivity, organized by Institute for Studies in Industrial Development November 17, 2023 (Online).

George, Sobin

Chaired a session on Issues Related to Law and Constitution and Legal Safeguards against Caste and Gender Discrimination, Limitations of Legal Safeguards, in the seminar on Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement, organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), August 23-25, 2023.

Kambara, Channamma

Chaired a session on 'Issues Related to Unequal Access to Civil Rights, Citizenship Including Caste and Gender Discrimination and Social Status', in the International conference on Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement, organised by Government of Karnataka, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Association of Academics and Social Justice (AASJ) and Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS), ISEC, Bengaluru, August 23-25, 2023.

Manasi, S

Participated as Chairperson, for session 'Psychological issues related to Caste, Ethnicity and Gender discrimination – Theories and Empirical perspectives', in the International conference on Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement, organised by Government of Karnataka, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Association of Academics and Social Justice (AASJ) and Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS), ISEC, Bengaluru, August 24, 2023.

Participated as Panel Member, 'Let's talk about C&D waste - Non-Bulk Generator perspective', at the Bangalore International Centre, Domlur, Bengaluru, organised by SAAHAS, Bengaluru, November 7, 2023.

Manjula, R

Chaired a session on 'Issues Related to Political Rights and Representation of Scheduled Castes, Tribes, Women and Religious Minorities', in the National Conference on Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement, organised by Association of Academics for Social Justice (AASJ) in collaboration with Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS) and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, South Asia at ISEC during August 23-25, 2023.

Marchang, Reimeingam

Session Chairperson, Session-13, National Conference on Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement, organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change, Association of Academics and Social Justice, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (South Asia), at ISEC, Bengaluru, August 24, 2023.

Rajasekhar, D

Chaired a session on 'Karnataka Session: Sources of Inequality', in the National Conference on Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement, organised by the Association of Academics for Social Justice (AASJ) in collaboration with Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS) and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, South Asia at ISEC, August 23-25, 2023.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Participated as Chairperson for Valedictory Session, in the National Workshop on Liangmai Nagas and Cognate Tribes in North East India: Origin, Identity Formation, Issues, and Challenges, organised by School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad, August 1-2, 2023.

Session Chair, in the seminar on Dynamic Reaction of Indian Macroeconomic Factors to Asymmetric Oil Price Shocks: NARDL Approach, by Dr G Suresh, organised by ISEC, Bengaluru, July 20, 2023.

Session Chair, for theme Economics of Education, at the 24th Biennial Conference of the Association of Indian Economic and Financial Studies (AIEFS) 2023, organised jointly with the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras, July 24-25, 2023.

Participated as Chairperson, for two sessions on Financial Markets and Economics of Education, at the 24th Biennial Conference of the Association of Indian Economic and Financial Studies (AIEFS) 2023, organised jointly with the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras, July 24-25, 2023.

Ramappa, K B

Chaired a session on Issues Related to Unequal Access to Civil Rights, Citizenship including Caste and Gender Discrimination and Social Status, in the National Conference on Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement, organised by the Association of Academics for Social Justice (AASJ) in collaboration with Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS) and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, South Asia at ISEC, August 24, 2023.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Chaired a Session on Intergroup Inequality in Income and Poverty and its Determinants and Related Issues, in the National Conference on Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement, organised by the Association of Academics for Social Justice (AASJ) in collaboration with Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Indian Institute of Dalit

Studies (IIDS) and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, South Asia at ISEC, August 23-25, 2023.

Chaired a Session, in the 74th Amendment & Karnataka's Cities' Progress in planning and governance, in panel discussion on Urban Governance in Karnataka, INHAF, CIVIC and Citizens' Agenda for Bengaluru, Bengaluru, August 12, 2023.

Participated as Discussant, of lecture on 'Issues in Urban Development', by Arup Mitra, Giri Institute of Development Studies Golden Jubilee Lecture Series (by zoom), November 24, 2023.

Participated as Speaker, in the seminar on Is your city too big? Causes of and alleviating urban primacy in India, organised by George Mason University Center for Social Science Research, Global South Hub, Fairfax, VA, USA (by zoom from Baltimore, MD, USA), July 7, 2023.

Subaiya, Lekha

Participated as Chairperson, for session Intergroup inequality in education, health, housing: Its sources, consequences and policies, Privatisation of Social services and discriminatory access (health), in the National Conference on Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement, organised by the Association of Academics for Social Justice (AASJ) in collaboration with Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS) and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, South Asia at ISEC, August 23-25, 2023.

Participated as Panel Member for the session on Population Ageing and Development, in the Odisha Vikas Conclave in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, organised by the Centre for Youth and Social Development, December 6-8, 2023.

Syamala, T S

Chaired a session on Intergroup Inequality in Education, Health and Housing, its Sources, Consequences and Policies, Privatization of Social Services and Discriminatory Access (Education), in the National Conference on Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement, organised by the Association of Academics for Social Justice (AASJ)

in collaboration with Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS) and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, South Asia at ISEC, August 23-25, 2023.

Seminar/Workshops/Symposia/ Conference/Training Programmes attended

Karthick, V

Attended New Faculty Orientation Programme, organised by the Center for Teaching and Learning in association with IQAC, VIT-AP University, Amaravati, India, August 22-30, 2023.

Attended Five-Day Online Faculty Development Programme on Enhancing Teaching Practices in Language and Literature, organised by the School of Social Sciences and Humanities (VISH), VIT-AP University, Amaravati, India, July 18-22, 2023.

Kambara, Channamma

Attended Women in Tech Event, organised by Australian Consul General of Bengaluru, Bengaluru, December 1, 2023.

Attended Workshop to Disseminate the Outcome of the ICSSR funded project 'Awareness, Utilisation and Socio-Economic Impact of PMBJP Kendra in the selected districts of State of Karnataka', organised by BNMIT, Banashankari.

Attended In-house Seminar 'Persisting Gender Inequality: Time Use for Paid and Unpaid Work', by Ms Jyoti Thakur and Dr Marchang Reimeingam, at ISEC, Bengaluru, August 1, 2023.

Attended Ramakrishna Hegde Memorial Lecture on 'Reimagining Panchayati Raj Governance and Social Welfare in India' by Ashwani Kumar, Professor and Dean, School of Development Studies, TISS, Mumbai, organised by ISEC, Bengaluru, July 31, 2023.

Attended Webinar on 'Status and Rights of Platform and Gig Workers', organised by KREA, October 10, 2023.

Attended a Webinar on 'Labour Codes and Labour Rights: Addressing Institutionalized Inequalities in

India' by Prof Ritu Dewan, organised by Bahai Chair for Studies in Development, DAVV, November 17, 2023.

Manjula, R

Attended Seminar on Local Governments in Kerala, organised by Local Self Government Department, Government of Kerala, November 4, 2023.

Nayak, Akshata

Attended two-day workshop to discuss all issues related to Feedback on Concurrent Evaluation of Flagship Programmes of the DoA&FW, organised by ADRTC, ISEC, Bengaluru, September 12-13, 2023.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Attended ISEC Macroeconomic Seminar on Early Warning Systems for Financial Crisis: Theory and Evidence, by Dr K P Prabeesh, Associate Professor, Department of Liberal Arts, Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad, organised by ISEC in collaboration with Department of Economics, CHRIST (Deemed to be) University and Department of Economics, St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, August 4, 2023.

Attended ISEC Macroeconomic Seminar on Macroeconomics of Farm and Nonfarm Sector, by Dr Manojit Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor, Mahatma Gandhi Government Arts College, Mahe, Puducherry, October 6, 2023.

Ramappa, K B

Attended Two-day Workshop on Capacity Building, organized by CMA, IIMA, Gujarat, India, January 4-5, 2024

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Attended online the **IHD Silver Jubilee Lecture** by Dr Indermit Gill, Chief Economist, World Bank, October 19, 2023.

Attended Conference on 'Chanakya's Philosophy and its Relevance to 21st Century: Theories and Practices', organised by ISEC in collaboration with Chanakya University, Bengaluru, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, Dr. B R Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru, Indian Knowledge Systems (GOI), Delhi and Central Sanskrit University, Delhi during September 5-7, 2023.

Attended Rahul Verma's talk on voting behaviour of Dalits at ISEC, Bengaluru, October 3, 2023.

Attended MG ethics lecture instituted by Prof MV Nadkarni, ISEC, Bengaluru, October 4, 2023.

Attended a GIS seminar at ISEC, October 2023.

Attended the discussion of the book titled 'Urban Undesirables City Transition and Street-Based Sex Work in Bangalore' authored by Dr Neethi P and Dr Anant Kamath, August 10, 2023, at ISEC.

Attended online the RK Hegde Memorial Lecture, at ISEC, Bengaluru, July 2023.

Subaiya, Lekha

Attended the seminar titled "Distributive Politics of the Central Governments with the Union Health Budget" by Prof D Narayana and Ms Aswathy M A, organised by ISEC, Bengaluru, July 11, 2023.

Attended the seminar titled "The Alphabet of Ecosophy: Rethinking Modernity" by Professor Aseem Shrivastava, organised by ISEC, Bengaluru, July 19, 2023.

Attended online the IEG Seminar on Assessing the National Surveys for its Representativeness: An Analysis of the Data Quality of the National Sample Survey (NSS), by Mudit Kapoor, ISI Delhi, conducted by IEG, New Delhi, July 21, 2023.

Attended the discussion of the book titled 'Urban Undesirables City Transition and Street-Based Sex Work in Bangalore' authored by Dr Neethi P and Dr Anant Kamath, August 10, 2023, at ISEC.

Attended the National Conference on 'Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and Management', organised by the Association of Academics for Social Justice in collaboration with ISEC, Indian Institute for Dalit Studies (IIDS) and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, August 23-25, 2023.

Attended 8th Knowledge Dissemination Workshop of PRCs (2022-23), organised by MoHFW, October 5-6, 2023, at Madurai.

Attended the interaction with Sudipta Kaviraj, Professor of Middle Eastern, South Asian and

African Studies, Columbia University, who discussed a paper titled, "What is Western about Western Thought?", November 16, 2023, at ISEC.

Ummalla, Mallesh

Attended the National Conference on 'Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, and the Movement', organised by the Association of Academics for Social Justice in collaboration with ISEC, Indian Institute for Dalit Studies (IIDS) and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, August 23-25, 2023.

Attended Conference on 'Chanakya's Philosophy and its Relevance to 21st Century: Theories and Practices', organised by ISEC in collaboration with Chanakya University, Bengaluru, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, Dr. B R Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru, Indian Knowledge Systems (GOI), Delhi and Central Sanskrit University, Delhi during September 5-7, 2023.

Attended the discussion of the book titled 'Urban Undesirables City Transition and Street-Based Sex Work in Bangalore' authored by Dr Neethi P and Dr Anant Kamath, August 10, 2023, at ISEC.

Attended ISEC in-house Seminar on 'Coping with Climate Shocks: Empirical Evidence from the Coastal Districts of Odisha, India' by Mr Niranjan Padhan and Prof S Madheswaran, at ISEC, Bengaluru, August 14, 2023.

Attended the seminar on 'Urbanization in Tamil Nadu and Kerala' by Professor V Anil Kumar, at ISEC, Bengaluru, September 14, 2023.

Attended The Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture on Ethics on the topic 'Ethical Praxis: Insights and Challenges from Gandhi, JRD Tata and Ambedkar' by Dr Sundar Sarukkai, organised by ISEC, Bengaluru, October 4, 2023.

Attended a talk on 'Macroeconomics of Farm and Nonfarm sectors' by Dr Manojit Bhattacharjee, at ISEC, Bengaluru, October 6, 2023.

Attended a Post-doctoral research initiation seminar 'COVID Response of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme In Vulnerability Reduction: A Study In Migration

Hotspot Districts of Odisha' by Dr Ghanashyam Sahu, at ISEC, Bengaluru, October 18, 2023.

Attended ISEC Macroeconomic Seminar 'Post-Pandemic Experience and Lessons for Macroeconomic Policy' by Prof Ashima Goyal, at ISEC, Bengaluru, October 26, 2023.

Invited Lectures/Talks

Bairagya, Indrajit

Delivered three lectures (a) 'Hands-on experience with statistical software (SPSS)', (b) 'Introduction to large-scale datasets' and (c) 'Use and Extraction of NSSO Datasets using SPSS', in the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), at ISEC, Bengaluru, September 11-12, 2023.

Delivered two lectures on (a) 'Introduction to SPSS' and (b) 'Exploring large-scale datasets using SPSS', in the workshop on Econometrics, organised by the Department of Economics, St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous), Bengaluru, September 23, 2023.

Conducted a workshop on SPSS and NSSO data and delivered four lectures (a) 'Introduction to SPSS', (b) 'Introduction to NSSO data', (c) 'NSSO data for analysis' and (d) 'Wrap-up: Issues and Concerns', at St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, November 4, 2023.

Delivered three lectures on (a) 'Theory, Descriptive and Inferential Statistics', (b) 'SPSS- Hands on Training-1', and (c) 'SPSS- Hands on Training-2', in the Seven days Faculty Development Programme for Young Faculty in Social Sciences, organised by Indian Council of Social Science Research - Southern Regional Centre in collaboration with Karnataka State Open University, Mysore, November 2, 2023.

Balasubramanian, M

Invited lecture on 'Case Study Research', in the two weeks Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), organized by ISEC, Bengaluru, September 11-12, 2023.

Jadhav, Vilas

Delivered two lectures on 'Introduction to statistics and econometrics', in the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), organised by ISEC, Bengaluru, September 11-12, 2023.

Kambara, Channamma

Delivered a lecture on 'Qualitative method - Interview and Questionnaire', in the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), organised by ISEC, Bengaluru, September 11-12, 2023.

Delivered a lecture on 'Relevance of Claudia Goldin's Work from Indian Perspective' under Nobel Insight Lecture Series 2023, at MES Institute of Management, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, December 15, 2023.

Manjula, R

Delivered a lecture to the participants of Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research, organised by ISEC, Bengaluru, September 13, 2023.

Delivered a lecture on 'The informal Sector and the Economy' to the Probationary Officers of Government of Karnataka in the CFC programme, organised by Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Mysore, December 7, 2023.

Delivered two lectures at 'Faculty Development Programme for Young Faculty in the field of Social Sciences', at Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysore, organised by ICSSR-SRC & KSOU, November 3, 2023.

Rajasekhar, D

Delivered a lecture on 'Decentralised Governance and Rural Development', in 56th Refresher Course in Economics, organised by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, October 19, 2023.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Talk on 'Financial Inclusion in India: A State Level Analysis', at University of Kerala Researchers' Fest 2023 and Annual Social Science Research Meet, June 19-22, 2023.

Delivered Special Lecture on 'Macro and Monetary Economics' at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati, August 17-18, 2023.

Invited Lecture on 'Measurement of GDP in India', at Vidyashilp University, September 5, 2023.

Delivered Inaugural Lecture 2023 of the Social Science Club, on 'Measurement of GDP in India', at Vidyashilp University, September 5, 2023.

Ramappa, K B

Invited as a Guest Speaker to deliver the lecture in MANAGE-RPCAUI collaborative training program on Agri Exports, organised by Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur Bihar, July 13, 2023.

Delivered two Lectures on 1) 'Selection of a research problem' and 2) 'Research design', in the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), organised by ISEC, Bengaluru, September 11-22, 2023.

Delivered a lecture in the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research at ISEC, September 19, 2023.

Invited as a Guest Speaker to talk about the contributions of 'Dr M S Swaminathan in the field of Indian Agriculture and Food-Security', at the Christ (Deemed to be University), Yeshwantpur Campus, Nalagaddanahalli, Peenya, Bengaluru, October 18, 2023.

Reimeingam, Marchang

Delivered two lectures on 'Probability Sampling Technique' and 'Non-Probability Sampling Technique', in the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research, organised by ISEC, Bengaluru, September 12, 2023.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Delivered a lecture on 'Tools and Techniques of Urban and Regional Research', in the Faculty Development Programme, organised by Karnataka State Open University, Mysore, November 3, 2023.

Delivered a lecture on 'Urbanization and Public Policy', in the SAMAH-2023 - First Dr TMA

Pai Student Research Conference, organised by Department of Public Policy, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Bengaluru, November 21, 2023.

Delivered a lecture on 'Unveiling the Uniqueness of Social Science Research and Its Lasting Impact', in the Faculty Development Program, organised by School of Law, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, December 8, 2023.

Subaiya, Lekha

Delivered two lectures on 'Basic concepts in Demography' and 'Qualitative/ Quantitative Data/ Variables', for the participants of the Capacity Building Workshop on Concepts and Techniques of Demography for Application in the Health System, organised by ISEC, Bengaluru, July 26-28, 2023.

Delivered two lectures for the common paper Basic Statistics on 'Introduction to Demography and Vital Statistics' and one the Research Methodology course on 'Feminist Approaches to Research Methods' for the pre PhD coursework at ISEC.

Syamala, T S

Delivered a lecture on 'Sources of Demographic Data', in the Capacity Building Workshop on Concepts and Techniques of Demography for Application in the Health System for district level M&E Managers from Karnataka Health & FW department, July 26, 2023.

Ummalla, Mallesh

Delivered lecture on 'Overview of Social Science Research', in the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), organised by ISEC, Bengaluru, September 11-12, 2023.

Newspaper Articles and Media

Manasi, S

'Women Pay More at Majestic's KSRTC Toilets'. October 5, 2023. (<http://thesoftcopy.in/2023/10/05/women-pay-more-at-majestics-ksrtc-toilets/>)

Marchang, Reimeingam

'Issues and Living Strategies of Reverse Naga Migrant Workers during the Pandemic'. *The Morung Express*, Nagaland, (Online/6 December)/Print, December 6, 2023.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Podcast interview on channel 'Dialogue with Manhar', on Digitising Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), other challenges facing the Indian economy, and what policymakers can do to address them, published on YouTube.

'Enabling Livelihood for Women through CSCs: A Digital India Programme'. G20 Compendium on *Women Led Development: Transform, Thrive and Transcend*.

'Common Service Centers: Bridging digital divide for rural women'. *Policy Circle*, September 18, 2023 (<https://www.policycircle.org/opinion/common-services-centre-csc-india/>)

Ramappa, K B

'The lack cultivation: A way to achieve prosperity' (<https://krishiscience.co.in/viewfullartical/3162>)

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

'The US is Sliding, India is Rising'. *The Hindu Business Line* (<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/>), August 2, 2023.

'Mahila sabalikaranakkeanukoola' (invited). *Vijayavani*, September 8, 2023. (<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:47f7a0c4-e554-4b89-a654-53f111e8a2ef>)

'Koramangala-Ejipura Flyover: Six years in the making'. *Times Property*, September 22, 2023.

'Metro cities to gain from reverse migration?'. *Times Property*, October 28, 2023.

Tantri, Malini, L

(with C Nalin Kumar). 'Karnataka's Industrial policy'. *Prajavani*, 2023. (<https://www.prajavani.net/op-ed/discussion/discussion-on-industrial-policy-and-industrial-growth-of-karnataka-2559368>)

Seminars, Workshops, Training Programmes Organised/Coordinated

Bairagya, Indrajit

Conducted a Workshop on SPSS and NSSO data, at St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, November 4, 2023.

George, Sobin

Member, Local organising committee of the seminar 'Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement, at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), August 23-25, 2023.

Jadhav, Vilas

(with Prof Ramappa K B, Dr K Thomas Felix and Dr Akshata Nayak) Coordinated Workshop on Concurrent Evaluation Study Methodology workshop, Sponsored by Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, September 12-13, 2023.

Manasi, S

(with Prof D Rajasekha) Coordinated the Conference on Chanakya's Philosophy and its Relevance to 21st Century: Theories and Practices, organised by ISEC jointly with Chanakya University, Bengaluru, Dr. B R Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru, Indian Knowledge Systems Division, New Delhi, Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, supported by ICSSR and ISEC, September 5-7, 2023.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Organised Workshop on Advanced Macroeconomics at ISEC in collaboration with Christ (Deemed to be) University, October 9-13, 2023, at Christ (Deemed to be) University.

Ramappa K B

Organised a Village-Level Workshop on Scaling up micro-irrigation reach for enhanced water-use efficiency to combat agricultural drought, at Yadgir, Karnataka, September 6, 2023.

Organised State-Level Round Table on State Funding to Combat Agricultural Drought, at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) Bengaluru, November 28, 2023.

Organised a Sensitization Programme on Village Survey Study, at Menasagere village (Grama Panchayat), Maddur Taluk, Mandya district, December 20, 2023.

Subaiya, Lekha

Organised a Capacity Building Workshop on Concepts and Techniques of Demography for Application in the Health System, for district level M&E Managers from Karnataka Health & FW department supported by ICSSR and conducted at the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, July 26-28, 2023.

Honours/Awards/Fellowships

Nadkarni, M V

'Lifetime Achievement Award', by the Forum of Former Vice-chancellors of Karnataka, (FVCK), Bengaluru, September 5, 2023 (Teachers' Day), in the premises of FVCK Building, Central College Campus, Bengaluru.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Visiting fellow at Center for Social Science Research, Global South Hub, George Mason University, Fairfax Virginia, USA, during June-July 2023

Was an invited participant, Seminar on 'Local governments in Kerala', Keraleeyam 2023, Thiruvananthapuram, November 4, 2023.

Honorary Visiting Professor, Impact Policy and Research Institute (IMPRI), New Delhi, December 2023-current.

Offices Held in Academic/ Professional/Administrative Bodies

Bairagya, Indrajit

Coordinator, ISEC Internship programme.

Coordinator, ISEC Policy Brief.

Kumar, V Anil

Editor, Social and Economic Change Monograph Series, ISEC.

Marchang, Reimeingam

Advisory Panel Member of Public Affairs Centre, Bengaluru (from August 2023).

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.

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

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

Expert for 56th Annual Convention of ORSI and 10th International Conference on Business Analytics and Intelligence, during December 18-20, 2023.

Managing Editor of *Journal of Social and Economic Development* (Springer).

Vice Chair-person, Library Committee, ISEC.

Chairperson, Internal Compliance Committee, ISEC.

Chairperson, Grievance Redressal Committee, ISEC.

Panel member in EGROW webinar on Financial Inclusion, April 21, 2023.

W20 Panel Member.

Ramappa, K B

External Expert, in the Synopsis Presentation of Ms Arti Das, a PhD Scholar in Management, under the Supervision of Prof (Dr) Ajay Prakash, Director, IMCE, December 15, 2022.

External Examiner, for the Evaluation of Project Reports & Viva-Voce Exam of MBA (Agribusiness Management) Students for the Academic Year 2021-23 of RPCAU, Pusa, Samastipur, Bihar.

External Expert, to evaluate the PG students' presentations of UAS, Bengaluru during PG Science Week-2023, during August 21-24, 2023.

Invitee as a member of the selection committee to Prof R S Deshpande Award for the best Research paper in Agricultural Economics with a donation received from Prof R S Deshpande.

As an External Member Conducted the First Colloquium of MBA (ABM) and MSc.Ag. Maco. Institute of Agribusiness Management, CoA, UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru, December 13, 2023.

Expert for the PhD Half-yearly Progress Review Meeting-8 of the Research Scholars Ms Archana J R (1RN19PBA04) & Ms Aarthi Meena (1RN19PBA02) students of VTU from RNSIT, Bengaluru.

Vice Chair-person, Library Committee.

Member of Sub-Committee constituted by MoA&FW, DES, AERC/Us.

Member, Purchasing Committee, ISEC.

Member, Space Committee, ISEC.

Smitha, K C

Resource Person, Department of Public Policy (DPP), Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Bengaluru Campus), Bengaluru, Karnataka, India.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Managing Editor, *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.

Subaiya, Lekha

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

Member of Advisory Committee for working group relating to development of knowledge products on demography and development of Odisha.

External Expert for RAC of student's proposal for PhD in the Department of Sociology and Social Work, Christ Deemed University, November 28, 2023.

Syamala, T S

Subject Expert in the interview board for the selection of Assistant Chief, Population Research Centre Gandhigram, November 1, 2023.

Subject Expert in the Board of Studies meeting for International Institute for Populations Sciences, Mumbai, December 1, 2023.

Member, Editorial Board of *Demography India*.

Publications In charge, ISEC, Bengaluru.

Hostel Warden, ISEC, Bengaluru.

Member, PRC Scientific Advisory Committee.

Member, Institutional Review Board Praxis India.

Member, Academic advisory Council, IIHMR, Bengaluru .

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

Member, coordination committee for the National Conference on "Intergroup Inequality in India society: Magnitude, Nature, sources, Policies and the Movement" held at ISEC, Bengaluru, during August 23-24, 2023.

Ummalla, Mallesh

Hostel Warden of the PhD students' hostel from February 7, 2024.

Miscellaneous

Bairagya, Indrajit

Reviewed nine manuscripts for the *Journal of Social and Economic Development* (Springer); one manuscript for *Aarthika Charche: FPI Journal of Economics & Governance*; one manuscript for *Indian Economic Journal* (Sage).

Reviewed two Post-Doctoral research proposals of ISEC.

Attended Board of Studies Meeting, Department of Economics, Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru, October 3, 2023.

Attended Board of Studies Meeting, Department of Economics, St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, October 19, 2023.

Attended pre-submission seminar as a Doctoral Committee member of a PhD student at NIAS, Bengaluru.

Guided two intern students.

Guiding a post-doctoral student (Shobha M).

As a panelist attended a pre-submission seminar.

Balasubramanian, M

Participated as expert in one-day national level workshop on Protected Forest in Urban Landscapes, organised by Indian Institute of Forest

Management, Bhopal, November 23, 2023.

Participated as expert in the two-day expert consultation on Actioning incentives for biodiversity and landscapes, organised by International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, Kathmandu, November 29-30, 2023.

Reviewed papers for *Journal of Social and Economic Development*; *Journal of Cleaner Production*; *Frontier Ecology and Evolution*; *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*.

Guided two interns, August and September 2023.

The Senate of Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has nominated as a member of the Comprehensive Examination Board of Mr Sam Sundar Singh E, a research student in the Department of Management Studies registered for the PhD degree of the Institute.

Interview/quoted in media, Studies highlight local perception of ecosystem services <https://india.mongabay.com/2023/07/studies-highlight-local-perception-of-ecosystem-services/> (Mongabay, News & Inspiration from Nature's Frontline in India).

Felix, Thomas

Served as a resource person during the residential training programme on New Agricultural Marketing Strategies for Farming Communities on the topic Optimizing Agricultural Marketing Strategies for FPO, sponsored by the CCS National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM), conducted by the ISEC Bengaluru in association with the College of Forestry, Ponnampet, Kodagu from November 30 to December 2, 2023.

George, Sobin

Reviewed 2 articles for the *Journal of Social and Economic Development*; one for *Economic and Political Weekly*; one for *Infectious Diseases of Poverty*.

Jadhav, Vilas

Reviewed 7 articles for the *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.

Reviewed a report of AERC.

Guided intern student Jayadev Nayak (Assessment of Environmental and Health Effects of Pesticides Use: Evidence from India).

Kambara, Channamma

Reviewed four articles for the *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.

Evaluated three PhD theses for Department of Development Studies, Kannada University, Hampi and was external expert for two viva voce.

Supervised two interns.

Conducted the DC meeting of one student and attended DC meetings of 7 other students.

Invited as an expert in Brand Bengaluru Conference, organised by Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru, October 9, 2023.

Karthick, V

Reviewed one article for the *MGM Journal of Medical Sciences*.

Invited as a resource person on National Level Household Level Survey Data NSSO, IHDS, etc. – extraction and application through STATA during August 9-11, 2023, at Madras Institute of Development Studies.

Kumar, V Anil

Reviewed three articles for *Journal of Social and Economic Development*; one for *Indian Economic Journal*.

Evaluated PhD thesis for Osmania University.

Manasi, S

Reviewed six articles for the *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.

Supervised 2 interns: Ms Joel Jose and Ms Himani Bakhda.

Organised cultural programme along with Prof Meenakshi Rajeev during the International Conference on Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies and the Movement, Government of Karnataka, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Association of Academics and Social Justice (AASJ) and Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS), ISEC, Bengaluru, August 23-25, 2023.

Manjula, R

Reviewed articles for: *International Journal of Rural Management* (Sage); *Millennial Asia: An*

International Journal of Asian Studies (Sage); *Asian Ethnicity* (Routledge); *Journal of Social and Economic Development* (Springer).

Reviewed two proposals submitted to Post Doctoral Research Programme of ISEC in September and October 2023.

Meeting with the members of 5th State Finance Commission at ISEC and presented findings of the research on (1) Own Revenue Mobilisation by Grama Panchayats in Karnataka; (2) Issues in the delivery of Public Services by Grama Panchayats in Karnataka and implications for devolution of funds, December 12, 2023.

Marchang, Reimeingam

Reviewed articles for: *The Indian Economic Journal* (Sage); *Environment, Development and Sustainability* (Journal/ Springer).

Guided an Intern Student Ms Hirvani Mahesh Chaudhari (Symbiosis School of Economics, Pune).

Nadkarni, M V

Reviewed few articles submitted to the *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*.

Participated in several Doctoral Committee Meetings and in Bi-annual seminars as Panelist at ISEC, and also acted as an External Expert in a few PhD Viva Voce examinations at ISEC.

Reviewed an ISEC Working Paper.

Member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.

Instituted "Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lectures on Ethics" at ISEC by making an endowment. The first Annual Lecture under the series was delivered by Prof Sundar Sarukkai on "Ethical Praxis: Insights and Challenges from Gandhi, JRD Tata, and Ambedkar", October 4, 2023.

Nayak, Akshata

Reviewed three articles for the *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.

Resource person in training programme on New Agriculture Marketing Strategies for Farming Communities on the topic Post-Harvest Management of Agricultural Commodities.

Nouskit, Stazin

Reviewed one article for the *Journal of Social and Economic Development* (Springer), ISEC Journal in December 2023.

Reviewed a research proposal for Post Doctoral Research Programme in ISEC, August 2023.

Collaboration of ICSSR major research project with the University of Ladakh.

Rajasekhar, D

Presented findings of the research on 'Own Revenue Mobilisation by Grama Panchayats in Karnataka' and 'Issues in the Delivery of Public Services by Grama Panchayats in Karnataka and Implications for Devolution of Funds', in a meeting at ISEC, December 12, 2023.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Evaluation of thesis for the Central University of Tamil Nadu, September 27, 2023.

Member of Board of Examiners for Jharna Bhadule, PhD Student at Indian Institute, December 13, 2023.

Member of Academic senate for student of Indian Institute of Science, December 20, 2023.

Collaborations: Glasgow University, UK; University of Kassel, Germany; and NUPI, Norway.

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

Ramappa, K B

Reviewed articles for: *SN Business & Economics Journal* (Springer); *Sugar Tech Journal* (Springer); two articles for the *Indian Economic Journal*.

Reviewed 4 articles for the 32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE) ICAE 2024.

Reviewed one research project submitted by CMA, IIMA to the MoA&FW.

Participated in One Day Consultation Workshop at MANAGE for brainstorming the concept on Environmental, Social & Economic impact of Crop Insurance Scheme, July 6, 2023.

Participated as a member in the 4th meeting of Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of the

MoA&FW at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DA&FW, July 19, 2023.

Meeting held on 1st August 2023 under the Chairpersonship of Adviser (AER) with the Heads of AERCs.

Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DA&FW to discuss the status of selected schemes for concurrent feedback survey, Krishi Bhawan, August 22, 2023.

Meeting of National Level AERC-Us Workshop on feedback survey at ISEC, September 12-13, 2023.

Advisory / Administrative Committee meeting of ADRTC (with the Ministry Officials), September 14, 2023.

Meeting of Sub-Committee with Adviser, AER, October 18, 2023.

Meeting held under the Chairpersonship of Adviser AER to discuss the mobile application interface for Concurrent Feedback of Schemes survey, November 23, 2023.

Guided seven intern students: Ms Vidhyashree, H S, Mr Bhargav, N B, Ms Chandrima Biswas, Ms Payal Karfa, Ms Brindhapaulsamy Rebak, Ms Vanditha, M M, Ms Pulagiri Rithika.

Evaluated thesis for Master of Science (Agriculture) in Agricultural Marketing and Cooperation of the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, November 17, 2023.

Evaluated thesis for Master of Science (Agri.) in Agricultural Economics of the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, November 13, 2023.

Evaluated thesis for Doctor of Philosophy, in the faculty of social science (Department of Rural Economics and Co-operative Management), T M Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur, Bihar.

Offered Professional Attachment Training Programme (PAT) to Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) selected Scientists in Agricultural Economics.

Smitha, K C

Reviewed articles for *Journal of Social and Economic Development (JSED)*, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru (2023).

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Reviewed articles for: *Regional Studies*; Sage journal, *Urbanisation*.

Attended meeting with Higher Education Minister (Sri M C Sudhakar), July 2023.

Attended a Research Advisory Committee meeting of Fiscal Policy Institute, July 2023.

Attended meetings with Bangalore University as part of the Managing Council, August 2023.

Conducted viva (online) as external examiner for a TISS PhD thesis, December 2023.

Reviewed a proposal for ISEC's Post Doctoral Research Programme, August 2023.

Reviewed several applications for the Fulbright Nehru fellowship, September 2023.

Guided two interns: Abhinav Subramanian and Arnav Channahalli.

Evaluated a PhD thesis for TISS Mumbai, December 2023.

In-person meetings held with Dr Manjusha Nair of George Mason University, USA, online meeting with Dr Anjali Mahendra (of WRI, Washington, online), Prof Karen Seto (Yale University) and Bhartendu Pandey (Princeton University) and Dr Zhumin Xu of McGill University, Canada, July 2023.

Meeting held with the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (Dr Srishti Chouhan and Akanksha Arora), upon their invitation, regarding her work on urbanization, August 2023.

Attended Ease of Living expert consultation organised by IIPA and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Govt of India (online zoom), November 7, 2023.

Introduced Poet Dr Shivaprakash as part of the Rajyotsava Extension Lecture, ISEC, Bengaluru, December 6, 2023.

Subaiya, Lekha

Participated in the meeting to discuss Annual Report and Budget conducted under the chairpersonship of the DDG (Stats), MoHFW, GoI (online), July 26, 2023.

Participated in online meeting with collaborators from University of Edinburgh, Queensland University of Technology and Cranfield University, UK on the project “Conversations to Ageing in India – Mapping to Stories”, August 3, 2023.

Participated in the virtual meeting to discuss current status/ action taken on the initiation of recruitment process for filling up of vacant posts under the chairpersonship of the DDG (Stats), MoHFW, GoI, September 5, 2023.

Participated in the virtual meeting to resolve issues and queries relating to Utilisation Certificates of PRCs under the chairpersonship of the Director (Stats), MoHFW, GoI, September 5, 2023.

Participated in meeting of working group relating to development of knowledge products on demography and development in the context of Odisha organised by Centre for Youth and Social Development and UNFPA, August 28, 2023.

Reviewed articles for *Journal of Social and Economic Development*; *Indian Economic Journal*, *Social Forces*.

Guided two interns: one from FLAME University Pune and one from Indian Institute of Technology Madras.

Conversations on Ageing in India (CAN) – Mapping to Stories project with the University of Edinburgh, Queensland University of Technology and Cranfield University, UK.

EQUIMOB project with researchers from Utrecht University; MAHE, Manipal; BRAC University, Bangladesh; and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.

Syamala, T S

Reviewed articles for; three for *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, one for *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*.

Examiner for a PhD thesis submitted to International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai.

Examiner for a PhD thesis submitted to Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

Participated in the Annual General Body meeting of Praxis India, September 23, 2023.

Conversations on Ageing in India (CAN) with the University of Edinburgh.

Evaluated the research proposals for minor and major projects submitted to ICSSR, November 23-24, at ICSSR office, New Delhi.

Participated in online meeting with collaborators from University of Edinburgh, Queensland University of Technology and Cranfield University, UK on the project “Conversations to Ageing in India – Mapping to Stories”, August 3, 2023.

Participated in the virtual meeting to discuss current status/ action taken on the initiation of recruitment process for filling up of vacant posts under the chairpersonship of the DDG (Stats), MoHFW, GoI, September 5, 2023.

Tantri, Malini L

Reviewed articles for: *Indian Economic Journal* and *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.

Departmental Curriculum Committee members of School of Economics, PES university, Bengaluru.

Guided two ISEC interns.

Member of the Jury for the Finals of Ecofluence- IBA Economics Research Championship, December 9, 2023.

Ummalla, Mallesh

Reviewed articles for: *Journal of Social and Economic Development*; and *The Indian Economic Journal*.

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. The Institute is regularly posting its research and academic activities in ISEC social media platforms. In the last six months, the Institute has posted various working papers, policy briefs, project reports and research publications to broaden the reach compared to the traditional means. The Institute has recorded substantial growth in the

number of post impressions and page followers in the last six months. In the coming months, the Institute will further improve its engagement in social media by posting latest publications and academic activities of ISEC.

The social media platform links are as follows:

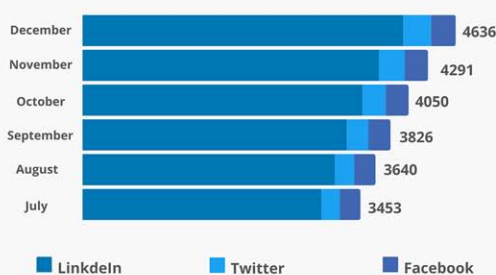
Facebook Link - ISEC Facebook

Twitter Link - ISEC Twitter

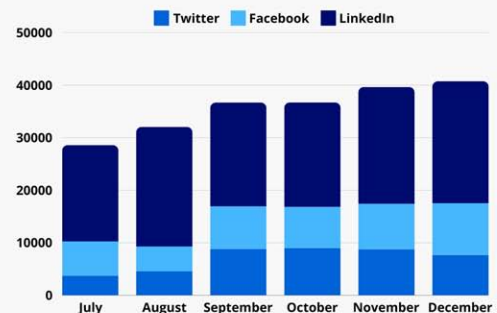
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ISEC Social Media At a Glance

Content Metrics

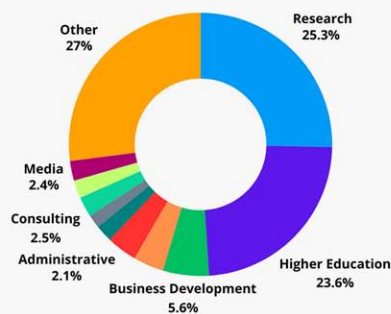


Total Followers Across Social Media Accounts

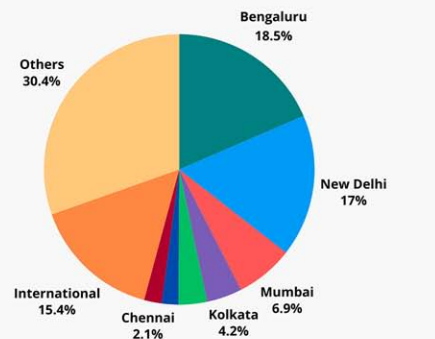


Monthly Views Across Platforms

Viewer Metrics



Views By Occupation



Followers By Location

208K+

Post Views Across
Accounts

4,636

Total Social Media
Followers

343

Total Social Media
Posts Since Inception



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