



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



Several academic events of considerable importance were held on the ISEC campus during the first half of the calendar year 2024. An important one was Prof V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture on “Determinants of Reported Taxable

Income: Do the Wealthy Underreport their Income?”, delivered by Prof Ram Singh, Director and Senior Professor, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, on January 20, 2024. In his lecture, Prof Ram Singh argued that income tax should be proportional to the wealth owned by an individual.

This lecture was a part of the Annual Founders' Day celebrations. On the occasion, awards were presented to PhD students who secured the highest marks in the pre-PhD coursework during the academic year. A newly instituted award titled Prof R S Deshpande Award for Agricultural Economics was also presented. Three books, published by ISEC faculty, were also released on Founders' Day.

The eighteenth Professor L S Venkataramanan Memorial Lecture on “Livestock and Agri-Food System Transformation”, was delivered by Prof Pratap Singh Birthal, Director, ICAR - National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (ICAR-NIAP), New Delhi, on January 23, 2024. Prof Birthal noted that livestock transforms agri-food systems, and contributes to food security, nutrition, and livelihoods in developing countries.

Another event of importance during this period was a national conference on “Driving

Agriculture Growth: Contemporary Issues and Future Perspectives”. The conference explored multifaceted challenges and opportunities in Indian agriculture. It was attended among others by Dr Ramesh Chand, Member of NITI Aayog, Prof Vijay Paul Sharma, Chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) and Mr Arun Kumar, Senior Economic and Statistical Adviser at the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India.

A meeting of the 'PRC Scientific and Advisory Committee (PSAC)' was held at ISEC. The purpose of the meeting was to review the research studies to be conducted by the faculty and research staff of the 18 PRCs under the Annual Work Plan 2024-25. Another significant event was the state-level training (Phase 2) for conducting National Family Health Survey – 6 in south Karnataka. This training programme aimed to provide in-depth knowledge to recruited investigators and other staff on effective and qualitative data collection from January 25, 2024 to February 21, 2024.

National Statistical Systems Training Academy (NSSTA) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI), GoI, requested the Institute to organise a training programme on Applied Econometrics for the 45<sup>th</sup> Batch ISS Probationary Officers. The training programme was held for 27 probationary officers from February 19-March 1, 2024.

Given the uneven distribution of drinking water and local shortages in Bengaluru, a one-day Workshop on “Achieving Water Security in Bangalore” was organised on April 19, 2024. The workshop brought together several stakeholders for a comprehensive exchange of knowledge and perspectives on the theme of water security in Bengaluru.

A two-day National Seminar titled 'Sustainability: Sustainable Development in an Unequal World: Public Policy Paths' was organised from June 5-6, 2024. The seminar focused on the themes of environmental sustainability, economic sustainability and social sustainability, and 25 papers by scholars from different parts of India presented papers relating to these themes.

Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS), a flagship programme of ISEC, conducted a two-orientation programme for undergraduate students pursuing degrees in social sciences in April 2024. These programmes aimed to retain the interest of the meritorious students in social sciences and inspire them to pursue higher studies in social sciences.

Prof Kaliappa Kalirajan, Dr VKRV Rao, Chair Professor, ISEC, Bengaluru, delivered a lecture on "Gains and Hurdles for China to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)" on June 10, 2024. Prof Sathish Deshpande, and Prof M N Srinivas, Chair Professor at ISEC, delivered two public lectures on January 30, 2024 and March 7, 2024. While the first lecture was on "Massification Minus Mobility: The Coming Crisis of Indian Higher Education", the second one was on "Caste After Counting: The Reshaping of Graded Inequality in the Age of Enumeration".

Regular academic activities were also undertaken on the ISEC campus. In all, 13 research projects were completed by ISEC faculty members. The themes of these research projects include soil health cards and micro-irrigation for improving agricultural productivity, skill development for non-farm employment promotion, the contribution of the informal sector to the national economy, effective online training to teachers during COVID, maternal

and child health services in PHCs, exposure to smoke among pregnant women, old age income security and the association between gram sabha participation and public goods allocation. Thirteen new research projects covering themes of onion exports, energy poverty, Kisan Credit Card, millet value chain, rejuvenation of rice fallow lands, aspirational districts, special economic zones, evaluation of finances, circular economy and NGO efforts in promoting education were initiated by the faculty members during the period.

The faculty members have also disseminated the findings of their research work. Four books were published on governance and development in Karnataka, the economic and environmental cost of traffic congestion, vachanas of devotees of Shiva and agricultural marketing. In addition, six research papers have been published in reputed journals and as chapters in edited books. During this period, 11 working papers and two policy briefs were also published.

ISEC PhD programme was also vibrant during the period. Six PhD degrees were awarded to ISEC PhD scholars. All the PhD scholars convened doctoral committee meetings to discuss the progress of their work and obtain feedback to improve the quality of their dissertations. Students have also presented their works at the biannual seminars and obtained academic inputs to improve their theses.

ISEC has been posting research output on social media for wider dissemination. In the first half of 2024, there was substantial growth in social media coverage; ISEC received over 2.2 lakh impressions for its posts and 32,610 followed ISEC social media pages across all the platforms.

**D Rajasekhar**  
Director



## Founders' Day



51st Founders' Day was celebrated on January 20, 2024.

Founder's Day was celebrated on January 20, 2024, at ISEC with life members, faculty members, staff, students, personnel from research projects, former employees of ISEC and residents attending the programme.

The programme started with the garlanding of the bust of Dr VKRV Rao by the Director. As a part of Founder's Day celebrations, the Prof RS Deshpande Award for Research in Agricultural Economics was

presented to Dr Prem Chand and his co-authors for their research paper on "Irrigation water policies for sustainable groundwater management in irrigated northwestern plains of India" published in Current Sciences. Dr D M Nanjundappa endowment prizes were presented to Ms Geeta Mahapatra and Mr Mehul Kumar for their best performance in part A of pre-PhD coursework in economics and non-economics, respectively. Mrs Jameela Bibi endowment prize was presented to Ms Gowri Prasad K for her performance in part A of pre-PhD coursework.

The following three books were released as a part of the Founders' Day celebrations: (1) Scheduled Castes in the Indian Labour Market Employment Discrimination and its Impact on Poverty (Oxford University Press) by Sukhadeo Thorat, S Madheswarn, and B P Vani; (2) Another India (Simon & Schuster Publications) by Chandan Gowda; and (3) Economic and Environmental Cost of Traffic Congestion in India (Routledge India publications) by Vijayalakshmi S and Krishna Raj.

## National Conference on Driving Agriculture Growth: Contemporary Issues and Future Perspectives

The III National Conference of the AERC Network, on the theme 'Driving Agriculture Growth: Contemporary Issues and Future Perspectives', was inaugurated at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) in Bengaluru from January 23-25, 2024. This event aimed to address and explore the multifaceted challenges and opportunities in Indian agriculture. Distinguished dignitaries graced the occasion, including Shri Ramesh Chand, Member of NITI Aayog, as the Chief Guest; Prof Vijay Paul Sharma, Chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP); Prof Pratap Singh Birthal, Director of ICAR-NIAP; and Mr Arun Kumar, Senior Economic and Statistical Adviser at the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India. Their valuable insights from their respective fields significantly enhanced the conference's depth and relevance. The theme of the conference was especially pertinent, reflecting the

diverse areas and dimensions of agriculture represented by 21 projects approved by the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of the Ministry during



(from left to right) Prof K B Ramappa, Shri Arun Kumar, Prof Vijay Paul Sharma, Shri Ramesh Chand, Prof D Rajasekhara and Prof Pratap Singh Birthal during National Conference on Driving Agriculture Growth: Contemporary Issues and Future Perspectives, January 23-25, 2024.

2021-22. These projects included 14 all-India coordinated studies and 7 state-specific or AERC-coordinated studies, addressing contemporary challenges and future possibilities in agriculture. The sub-themes explored during the conference included Bridging the Agro-Economic Divide: Farmers' Well-being and Policy Solutions; From Ports to Plates: Tracing the Journey of Agricultural Imports and Exports of India; Plate and Pantry: Changing Consumption Patterns; Pulses Production and Trade: An Exploration of Self-Sufficiency; and Innovation in Agriculture Mechanisation: Skill Gaps and Labour-Saving Technologies.

The conference featured a mix of research paper presentations, round-table discussions, invited lectures, and a field visit, all aimed at fostering meaningful conversations and collaborations, promoting knowledge exchange, and addressing pertinent challenges in the agricultural landscape. The event underscored the importance of involving AERC/Us and invited renowned academicians and researchers in agriculture to contribute to the discussions. The chairperson emphasised the significance of the conference in advancing agro-economic research and development, serving as

a vital platform for showcasing key results from the AERC Network, facilitating collaboration, and addressing contemporary issues in agriculture. A highlight of the conference was the eighteenth Professor LS Venkataramanan Memorial Lecture delivered by Prof Pratap Singh Birthal on "Livestock and Agri-Food System Transformation". He highlighted the critical role of livestock in transforming agri-food systems, addressing the increasing demand for animal-sourced foods, sustainable livestock production practices, and the challenges posed by climate change. The conference reaffirmed the commitment to understanding, innovating, and propelling agriculture towards sustainability, resilience, and prosperity. It brought together representatives from AERC/Us, renowned academicians, researchers, and students, creating a melting pot of ideas to shape the narrative of agricultural growth and progress. Overall, the III National Conference of the AERC Network successfully provided a comprehensive platform for discussing the contemporary challenges and future perspectives in agriculture, facilitating the exchange of ideas, fostering collaborations, and aiming to leave a lasting impact on the future of agriculture in India.

## National Family Health Survey-6 State-Level Training (Phase-2) South Karnataka

### Mapping and Listing Training

National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6) in South Karnataka was carried out by Population Research Centre, Institute for Social and Economic Change Bangalore. The survey was conducted under the stewardship of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. The core team



National Family Health Survey-6 (NFHS-6) in South Karnataka was organised by the Population Research Centre, ISEC during August 26-31, 2024.

(Aruna Vijaya and Devindra) attended the Training of Trainers (ToT) organised by International Institute of Population Science Mumbai at Lonavala from August 26-31, 2023. After completion of the ToT, the team conducted training for field investigators for mapping and listing activities at ISEC Bangalore from September 11-16, 2023. There were about 80 field investigators recruited and trained to carry out listing and mapping activity in 660 Primary Sampling Units (PSUs) across 15 districts of south Karnataka. The mapping and listing activities started in September, 2023 and completed in December 2023. The districts covered were Bangalore Rural, Bangalore Urban, Mandya, Ramanagara, Mysore, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, Tumakuru, Chitradurga, Chikballapur, and Kolar. The entire listing and mapping activity was led by Devindra, Listing and Mapping Co-coordinator, PRC, ISEC.



### NFHS-6 Main Survey Training

The Training of Trainers (ToT) for the main survey was organised by International Institute of Population Science Mumbai at Varanasi from November 29 – December 17, 2023. A core team consisting of the Project Director, Prof C M Lakshmana, Demographer, Ramesha, IT Coordinator, Aruna Vijaya and Health Coordinator Dr Ramya attended the main survey ToT. In order to carry out the main survey activities, PRC recruited 42 female investigators, 28 male investigators, 28 health investigators and 3 district coordinators.

The core team conducted the main survey training during January 25, 2024 – February 21, 2024 at ISEC, Bengaluru. The training consisted of class room illustrations, mock interviews and field practice sessions for three days in rural and urban PSUs. Additionally, five invited lectures by experts were arranged in the training to help participants better understand the concepts. At the end of the training, IIPS administered a test for all the investigators to assess their knowledge and 90% of the investigators cleared the test with good marks. For the remaining 10% of the investigators a six day re-orientation sessions were organised.

### Training Course in Time Series and Applied Econometrics for Indian Statistical Service – Probationers

The Centre for Economics Studies and Policy (CESP), ISEC, organised a training programme on Applied Econometrics for 45<sup>th</sup> Batch ISS Probationary Officers, Government of India sponsored by the National Statistical Systems Training Academy (NSSTA) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI), GoI, during February 19 - March 1, 2024. As many as 27 probationary officers participated

in this training programme. During the first week of the course, participants were introduced to the basic econometric techniques and the second week concentrated on advanced time series techniques and panel data models with hands-on experience through Eviews and STATA. The special lecture on the Stochastic Production function was delivered by Prof Shanmugam, Director, Madras School of Economics. The resource persons for the course



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were drawn from within the institute and experts from other institutions like Madras School of Economics, Central University of Hyderabad, IIT Hyderabad and Central University of Pondicherry.

Prof D Rajasekhar Director, ISEC, welcomed the course participants and delivered a lecture on issues in Evidence-based Policymaking. Prof Alok Kumar, Central University of Hyderabad delivered the valedictory address and distributed the certificates to the participants. Feedback on academic and administrative aspects of the course was collected

from the participants by circulating a structured feedback form designed for the training. The training was rated as Excellent by the ISS officers. The NSSTA, under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI), appreciated the effort and quality of training imparted by ISEC over the period. Currently, ISEC is the Nodal agency to impart training in applied econometrics to ISS probationary officers. The training programme was coordinated by Prof S Madheswaran and Smt B P Vani, Centre for Economic Studies and Policy, ISEC.

### Workshop on Achieving Water Security in Bangalore

A One-Day Workshop on “Achieving Water Security in Bangalore” was Organised by Prof Krishna Raj and Dr Pankaj Kumar Sampath, Centre for Economic Studies and Policy, ISEC, Bengaluru, on April 19, 2024. The workshop, conducted over offline and online platforms, brought together national and international scholars, multidisciplinary subject experts, a diverse group of planners, government officials, academia, industries, non-governmental organisations and research scholars. The discussions were structured across three sessions, fostering a comprehensive exchange of knowledge and perspectives. More than 55 participants were involved in the discussion. Prof Krishna Raj welcomed the participants and opened the workshop by highlighting the water security challenges faced by Bengaluru. He observed that even though the situation may not be a full-blown water crisis yet, there are concerning signs of uneven water distribution and localised shortages. Prof R S Deshpande, former Director of ISEC, delivered the opening speech, emphasising the importance of integrated water management and strengthening institutions to address these challenges effectively.

The second session delved deeper into the complexities of Bengaluru’s water woes. Experts raised key issues and the recommendations that emerged included: BWSSB’s Master Plans forecasts for water availability have been overtaken by population growth, leading to insufficient water availability from traditional surface sources like

rivers and lakes. The alarmingly low number of wells in the city necessitates effective groundwater management strategies. Experts stressed the critical role of wastewater reuse in achieving water security. Projects like Arkavathi-V Valley for indirect potable water reuse were highlighted as successful examples. Public awareness campaigns and improved drainage networks were identified as crucial aspects for promoting wider adoption. Maximizing rainwater harvesting and storage capacity, considering the limitations of traditional methods. Experts emphasised the need for water balance studies and the protection of existing streams and water bodies to create a more sustainable water management approach. Concerns regarding the sustainable expansion of Bengaluru and its dependence on other regions for water resources were raised. Balancing water needs with economic development requires careful planning and policy interventions. The suggestions included the adoption of appropriate sensors, Internet of Things (IoT) devices, and high-precision instruments for effective water management. These technologies can provide real-time data and insights for optimising water usage and distribution. The need to revise existing legal frameworks to promote water conservation and a “One Water” approach was emphasised. Additionally, streamlining data collection and sharing and strengthening institutional capacity were felt crucial for effective water governance. Experts stressed the importance of a basin-level planning approach, with the “One Water” concept



considering all water sources (surface water, groundwater, rainwater, and treated wastewater) as interconnected resources.

The valedictory address was given by Dr Ramprasth Manohar V, Chairman of BWSSB. He emphasised the six dimensions of water security: Adequacy, Accessibility, Affordability, Quality, Technology and Public Participation. He also highlighted BWSSB's efforts in demand-side management, which aims to reduce water consumption through

public awareness campaigns and promote water-efficient appliances.

In conclusion, it was felt that addressing Bengaluru's water security challenges requires a collective effort from government institutions, academia, industries, and the public. Implementing the recommendations from this workshop, combined with cutting-edge technologies and fostering a culture of water conservation, can ensure a sustainable water future for Bengaluru.

### Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) Orientation Programme

The Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) is an ongoing flagship programme of the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC). The participants of the programme are meritorious students who are currently pursuing their first, second and third-year bachelor's degree in social sciences from the colleges. This programme is conducted mainly to retain the interest of meritorious students in social sciences and inspire them to pursue higher studies in social sciences. This programme also intends to build the capacity of the students.

The first and second orientation programs for the 2023-24 year took place on consecutive weekends

in April, specifically on the 20-21 and 27-28, at ISEC. Prof D Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC, inaugurated the programme and welcomed the students. A total of 15 technical sessions were held aimed at imparting knowledge on various subjects of social sciences. Subject experts from Bangalore University, ISEC and other institutions were engaged to address the students. The topics covered were FDI and its current trends in India, Indian economy, women and digital inequality in India, governance, policy and administration, public distribution system and its importance in India, relevance of NSSO data in social sciences, English communication and writing, basic statistics, emotional intelligence,



*Orientation programme of Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) was organised at ISEC during April 27-28, 2024.*



climate change, macroeconomics perspective, green architecture, assessing environmental and ecosystem value, tourism in India, and labour participation across income groups in India. All the sessions were interactive.

The valedictory programme was held on April 28, 2024. Prof D Rajasekhar and the Chief Coordinator of

this programme chaired the session. He addressed the students and distributed the certificates to the final-year degree students for successfully completing the three-year SSTSS programme. The two coordinators, Dr Channamma Kambara, Faculty, CRUA, and Dr R Manjula, Faculty, CDD, welcomed the gathering, presented the information about SSTSS and also delivered a vote of thanks during both programmes.

### Meeting of the PRC Scientific and Advisory Committee (PSAC)

The Meeting of the PRC Scientific and Advisory Committee (PSAC) 2024-25 was conducted by the Population Research Centre (PRC) with the support of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India during May 14-15, 2024 at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru. The purpose of the meeting was to review the research studies to be conducted by the faculty and research staff of the 18 PRCs under the Annual Work Plan 2024-25. The two-day meeting was attended by eight members of the advisory committee chaired by Professor T V Sekher from the International Institute for

Population Studies (IIPS), Mumbai, 32 members from the various PRCs and MoHFW officials including DG (Stats) Mr Rakesh Kumar Maurya and Director (Stats) Mr Kumar Sundaram, among others. A total of six multi-centric studies and 13 study proposals pertaining to FY 2024-25 were presented by the participants followed by a vibrant discussion of the scope and relevance of the studies. The comments and suggestions made by the advisory committee and other participants served to sharpen the focus and design of each study. The programme was coordinated by Dr Lekha Subaiya, Associate Professor and Head, PRC.



*Meeting of the PRC Scientific and Advisory Committee 2024-25 was organised by Population Research Centre (PRC), ISEC during May 14-15, 2024.*



## Two-day National Seminar on 'Sustainiti: Sustainable Development in an Unequal World: Public Policy Paths'



*Two-day National Seminar on 'Sustainiti: Sustainable Development in an Unequal World: Public Policy Paths' was organised by CPIGD, ISEC in collaboration with DPP, MAHE and IIPA-KRB during June 5-6, 2024, at MAHE, Bangalore.*

With the partial support of the SRTT a two-day National Seminar was successfully conducted during June 5-6, 2024 by the Centre for Political Institutions, Governance and Development (CPIGD), ISEC in collaboration with the Department of Public Policy (DPP), MAHE (Manipal Academy of Higher Education) Bangalore and the Indian Institute of Public Administration- Karnataka Regional Branch (IIPA-KRB), titled 'Sustainiti: Sustainable Development in an Unequal World: Public Policy Paths'. Professor V Anil Kumar from CPIGD, ISEC, Professor Jeevan Kumar from the IIPA-KRB and Dr Harini Santhanam from the DPP, MAHE coordinated the seminar along with their respective faculty members.

The seminar focused on the themes of environmental sustainability, economic sustainability and social sustainability. The main questions that the seminar papers addressed were as follows: (1) What constitutes sustainable development in a world marked by socio-economic disparities and ecological degradation? (2) Is it feasible to achieve sustainable and egalitarian economic development simultaneously? (3) What are the policy implications for enhancing healthcare, education, and access to basic amenities while fostering participatory development and gender equity? (4) How can public policies effectively address the trade-offs

between ecological sustainability and equitable development? and (5) How can inclusive growth strategies mitigate inequality while promoting sustainable development?

With the rubrics of the above questions, many sub-themes were explored during the seminar. Following the announcement of the seminar, as many as 65 abstracts were received for presentation of which 50 abstracts were shortlisted for paper presentation. After which 25 papers were presented in the two-day National Seminar. The participants were from diverse disciplines as well as regional backgrounds within India.

On June 5, 2024, the seminar began on a high note with an inaugural session in which Professor D Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC, was the chief guest speaker, Professor M V Nadkarni delivered the Keynote Address and Professor Madhu Veeraraghavan, pro-Vice Chancellor, MAHE, presented the inaugural address. Sri TM Vijay Bhaskar, IAS Retd. from IIPA-KRB Chaired the inaugural session and provided the Chairperson's remarks at the end. The inaugural was followed by a panel discussion after which the 25 participants presented their papers on June 5 and 6. On June 6, 2024, the seminar concluded on a high note again with a panel discussion and valedictory function. The Valedictory address was given by Dr A Ravindra, IAS Retd. and former Chairpersons of the Board of Governors of ISEC. The session was chaired by Sri T M Vijay Bhaskar, the current Chairperson of the IIPA-KRB.



### Twentieth Professor V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture

Twentieth Prof V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture on “Determinants of Reported Taxable Income: Do the Wealthy Underreport their Income?” was delivered by Prof Ram Singh, Director and Senior



*Professor Ram Singh, Director and Senior Professor, Delhi School of Economics delivered the twentieth Professor VKRV Rao Memorial Lecture on ‘Determinants of Reported Taxable Income: Do the Wealthy Underreport their Income?’ on January 20, 2024.*

Professor, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, as a part of Foundation Day celebrations held at ISEC on January 20, 2024.

Prof Ram Singh began his lecture with a debate on the legitimacy of income tax. He then discussed the determinates of income tax behaviour and argued that income tax should be proportional to the wealth owned by a person. However, in reality, he showed that wealthier the individual lesser is the income tax paid. He discussed the mechanisms that enable opulent groups to report partial income and the consequences of the same on the progressivity of the Indian Tax regime.

The lecture was presided over by Prof Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairperson, Board of Governors, ISEC. The welcome address was delivered by Prof D Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC, while Prof T S Syamala, Professor, PRC, ISEC, proposed a vote of thanks.

### Eighteenth Professor L S Venkataramanan Memorial Lecture

The eighteenth edition of Professor L S Venkataramanan Memorial Lecture was held on January 23, 2024, concurrently during the National Conference on ‘Driving Agriculture Growth: Contemporary Issues and Future Perspectives’ during January 23-25, 2024. This distinguished event took place at the ISEC, continuing the tradition of honouring the legacy of Professor L S Venkataramanan, a notable figure in agricultural economics. The lecture, entitled ‘Livestock and Agri-Food System Transformation’, was delivered by Prof Pratap Singh BIRTHAL, Director, ICAR - National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (ICAR-NIAP), New Delhi. Prof. BIRTHAL is renowned for his extensive research and contributions to the field of agricultural economics, particularly in areas of livestock and food systems.

In his lecture, Prof BIRTHAL highlighted the critical role of livestock in transforming agri-food systems. He underscored how livestock contributes significantly to food security, nutrition, and

livelihoods, particularly in developing countries like India. Prof BIRTHAL discussed the evolving dynamics of the livestock sector, addressing issues such as the increasing demand for animal-sourced foods, the need for sustainable livestock production practices, and the challenges posed by climate change and resource constraints. He emphasised



*Professor Pratap Singh BIRTHAL, Director, ICAR – National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi delivered eighteenth Professor L S Venkataramanan Memorial Lecture on ‘Livestock and Agri-Food System Transformation’ on January 23, 2024.*



the importance of integrating livestock with crop production systems to enhance overall agricultural productivity and sustainability. He pointed out that such integration could lead to better resource use efficiency, improved soil health, and increased resilience to climate variability. He also discussed the potential of technological innovations, such as precision livestock farming, in driving productivity gains and environmental sustainability. The lecture covered the policy implications of transforming agri-food systems through livestock. Prof BIRTHAL called for supportive policies that promote investments in research and development, extension services, and infrastructure to facilitate the growth of the livestock sector. He also highlighted the need for policies that ensure equitable access to resources and markets for smallholder farmers, who form the backbone of the livestock sector in India.

The National Conference on 'Driving Agriculture Growth: Contemporary Issues and Future Perspectives,' within which the lecture was held, provided a comprehensive platform for discussing various challenges and opportunities in the agricultural sector. The conference featured sessions on topics such as sustainable agriculture, technological advancements, policy frameworks, and market dynamics. It brought together researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and stakeholders from various segments of the agricultural sector to share insights and explore collaborative solutions for driving agriculture growth. The Memorial Lecture was well-received, drawing a diverse audience of academics, students, policymakers, and industry professionals. It facilitated a rich dialogue on the transformative potential of livestock in agri-food systems and underscored the ongoing relevance of Professor Venkataramanan's vision for agricultural development.

Overall, the lecture series serves as a vital platform for addressing critical issues in agriculture and economics, fostering informed discussions and promoting innovative solutions to advance the sector. The insights shared by Prof BIRTHAL during this lecture are expected to contribute significantly to shaping future research and policy directions in the field of livestock and agricultural development.

## Lectures of Prof M N Srinivas Chair

**First Public Lecture of Prof M N Srinivas Chair: Massification Minus Mobility: The Coming Crisis of Indian Higher Education** - Prof Sathish Deshpande, Prof M N Srinivas, Chair, ISEC, Bengaluru (January 30, 2024).

**The Second Public Lecture of Prof M N Srinivas Chair: Caste After Counting: The Reshaping of Graded Inequality in the Age of Enumeration** - Prof Sathish Deshpande, Prof M N Srinivas, Chair, ISEC, Bengaluru (March 7, 2024).

## Seminars by Faculty

**Urban Form in India 1975-2015: Have India's Cities Become Flat?** - Prof Kala Seetharam Sridhar, Professor and Head, Centre for Research in Urban Affairs, ISEC, Bengaluru (April 5, 2024).

**Gains and Hurdles for China to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)** - Prof Kaliappa Kalirajan, Dr VKRV Rao, Chair Professor, ISEC, Bengaluru (June 10, 2024).

## Seminars/Lectures by Visitors

**State of India's Digital Economy** - Prof Deepak Mishra, Director and Chief Executive, Indian Council of Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi, India (March 20, 2024).

**Adapting to Flood Risk: Evidence from a Panel of Global Cities** - Dr Sahil Gandhi, Assistant Professor (Lecturer) in Real Estate & Urban Economics, University of Manchester and Dr Vaidehi Tandel, Lecturer, Department of Planning Property & Environmental Management SEED, The University of Manchester (March 26, 2024).

**Monetary and Fiscal Policy during Covid: Lessons from India** - Prof Charan Singh, CEO, EGROW

Foundation, Former Senior Economist, IMF and Former RBI Chair Professor, IIM Bangalore (April 5, 2024).

**Religion and Politics: Can They Be Separated?** - Dr A Ravindra, IAS, Former Chairman, BOG, ISEC. (May 30, 2024).

### Pre-Thesis Submission Seminars by Students

**Fiscal Gaps in Cities: The Case of Select ULBs in India** - Ms Sukanya Bhaumik, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (January 25, 2024).

**Trade Agglomerations Genesis and Determinants** - Mr J Chakradhar, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (March 18, 2024).

**Impact of Medicinal Plants on Livelihoods in India: An Institutional Approach** - Ms Meenakshi Negi, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (April 16, 2024).

**Domestic Violence against Women and Its Impact on Women and Child Health in West Bengal** - Ms Anamika Das, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (April 30, 2024).

**Performance of Unorganised Food Processing Industry in India** - Ms Padmavathi N, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (May 02, 2024).

**Identifying the Urban Poor, their Deprivations and Coping Strategies: A Study in Bengaluru City** - Mr Jamadar Mudassar Mahamad, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (May 17, 2024).

**Spatiality in a Borderland: Studying the Developmental Dynamics of Indo-Bhutan Border** - Mr Uttam Lama, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (May 27, 2024).

**Accessibility to and Quality in Higher Education in Kerala: A Grounded Theory Study of Barriers and Privileges Experienced by Youth** - Ms Rosemary George, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (May 28, 2024).

**Skill Development Programme and Marginalised Sections: A Study in Bengaluru City** - Ms Zeenat Husain, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (June 7, 2024).

**A Socio-economic Analysis of Start-ups in India-A Study of Selected Sub-sectors** - Ms Fakiha Amrin Kamaluddin, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (June 24, 2024).

**Employability among Management Graduates: A Case Study of MBA in Bengaluru** - Ms Dinu Raj R, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (June 25, 2024).

### Research Projects

#### Completed Projects

1. Increasing Enrolment and Savings in a Long-term Pension Savings Product (**Prof D Rajasekhar and Dr R Manjula**)
2. A Study on the Effectiveness of Online Training to Teachers during COVID Times (**Dr Indrajit Bairagya and Prof S Manasi**)
3. Estimating the Contribution of Informal Sector in India (**Dr Sobin George and Dr Indrajit Bairagya**)
4. The Status of Dombaro Community in Karnataka: An Ethnographic Study (**Dr Sobin George and Dr Channamma Kambara**)
5. Maternal and Child Health Services Delivery in Public Health Facilities: A Comparative Study of South Indian States (**Dr Lekha Subaiya and Mr Ramesha V**)
6. Secondhand smoke exposure among Pregnant and Postpartum Women in India (**Dr Lekha Subaiya and Ms Madhu Bidari**)
7. Impact Evaluation of Pilot Project "Development of Model Villages under Soil Health Card Scheme" implemented during 2019-20 in Karnataka Report (**Prof K B Ramappa, Dr Thomas Felix and Prof I Maruthi**)



8. Impact Evaluation of Pilot Project “Development of Model Villages under Soil Health Card Scheme implemented during 2019-20 across the country – consolidated Study (**Prof K B Ramappa, Dr Thomas Felix and Prof I Maruthi**)
9. Skill Gap in the Area of Micro-irrigation / Assessing Skill Gap in Micro Irrigation Across India – Karnataka State Report (**Prof K B Ramappa, Prof I Maruthi and Dr Lenin Babu**)
10. Determinants of Farmers’ Participation within Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), including BharatiyaPrakritik Krishi Padhati (BPKP) – Karnataka Report (**Prof K B Ramappa, Prof I Maruthi and Dr Lenin Babu**)
11. Factors Affecting Micro Irrigation Strategies in Karnataka / Scaling up Water Use Efficiency Measures in Karnataka through Evaluation of its Micro Irrigation Strategies (**Prof K B Ramappa and Prof I Maruthi**)
12. Participation in Grama / Ward Sabha Meetings and Public Goods Allocation (**Prof D Rajasekhar and Dr R Manjula**)
13. Role of Skill Development for Promotion of Rural Non-farm Self-employment in India (**Dr Indrajit Bairagya**)
- Jadhav, Dr Thomas Felix, Dr Akshata Nayak and Dr T M Gajanana**
5. A Detailed Analysis of Millets Value Chain in India – The Production, Processing, Consumption, processing, Consumption and Export (**Dr Vilas Jadhav, Prof Ramappa K B, Dr Thomas Felix, Dr T M Gajanana**)
6. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PMKISAN): Problems, Prospects and Needed Improvements (**Dr Thomas Felix, Prof Ramappa K B, Dr Vilas Jadhav, Dr Akshata Nayak, Dr T M Gajanana**)
7. Rejuvenating Rice Fallow Land: An All India Study using Remote Sensing and GIS (**Dr Thomas Felix, Prof Ramappa K B, Dr Vilas Jadhav, Dr Akshata Nayak and Dr T M Gajanana**)
8. An Empirical Study of Farming Community Development under Aspirational Districts Programme of India (**Dr Akshata Nayak, Prof Ramappa K B, Dr Vilas Jadhav, Dr Thomas Felix and Dr T M Gajanana**)
9. Inclusive Growth and Special Economic Zones: Perspective from Migration and Employment (**Dr Malini L Tantri**)
10. Evaluation of Finances of State of Karnataka (**Prof D Rajasekhar, Prof Meenakshi Rajeev, Prof Kala S Sridhar, Smt B P Vani, Dr Indrajit Bairagya, Dr Thomas Felix, Dr R Manjula and Dr Khalil Shaha**)
11. Assessing the Impact of Voluntary Efforts of Non-Governmental Organisations on Educational Outcomes: A Case Study of Agastya Foundation’s Interventions (**Dr Indrajit Bairagya, Dr StanzinNouskit and Prof S Manasi**)
12. Exploring the Scope of Circular Economy in Textile Waste for Enhancing Sustainable Development (**Prof S Manasi and Dr Channamma Kambara**)
13. Assessing the Potential for Community-driven

### New Projects

1. Production and export performance of Indian Onion (**Dr Akshata Nayak**)
2. Does Financial Inclusion Reduce Energy Poverty in India: An Empirical Analysis (**Dr Mallesh Ummalla**)
3. Comprehensive Impact Assessment Study for PMFBY / RWBCIS (**Prof Ramappa K B, Dr Vilas Jadhav, Dr Thomas Felix, Dr Akshata Nayak and Dr T M Gajanana**)
4. Study of KCC in India with special reference to Animal Husbandry and Fisheries: A Realistic Assessment (**Prof Ramappa K B, Dr Vilas**

Climate Actions in Peri-urban Areas of Western Ghats (**Prof S Manasi and Dr Channamma Kambara**)

## Student News

### Biannual Seminar Series

The Forty-ninth Bi-annual Seminars were held during June 11-19, 2024. In all, there were 28 presentations comprising 10 theme presentation, and 18 progress seminars (12 Sessions). A total of 7 students presented pre-thesis colloquium, and 4 students presented pre-submission seminars.

### Thesis Submission

A total of 17 PhD students of ISEC have submitted their thesis.

### PhD Degree Awarded

The following students were awarded PhD degrees by the University of Mysore for their theses. The names of the scholars' respective supervisors are given in parentheses:

**Dr Pooja Thapa** (Sociology): 'The Bhutias and Lepchas of Sikkim: A Study in Religion and Development' (Supervisor: Dr Anand Inbanathan).

**Dr Neelakandan M** (Development Studies): 'Access to and Impact of Post Offices on Financial Inclusion: A Case study of Mandya District in Karnataka State' (Supervisor: Prof I Maruthi).

**Dr Niranjana Padhan** (Economics): 'Economic Impacts of Natural Disaster: A Study of Vulnerability and Coping Strategies of Farm Households in Coastal Odisha' (Supervisor: Prof S Madheswaran).

**Dr Natasha Kalra** (Development Studies): 'Economic and Ecological Efficiency in Solid Waste Management: A Case Study of Bengaluru City' (Supervisor: Prof D Rajasekhar).

**Dr Jyoti Thakur** (Development Studies): 'Labour

Force Participation of Married Women in India: A Study of Urban Delhi' (Supervisor: Dr Marchang Reimeingam).

**Dr Michael Islary** (Development Studies): 'Socio-ecological Development and Natural Resources Management in Manas Landscape in Assam' (Supervisor: Prof Sunil Nautiyal).

## Publications

### Working Papers

1. **Working paper No. 571:** 'Who are the Urban Poor? An Inquiry into the Identification of Urban Poor' by Mudassar Mahamad Jamadar
2. **Working paper No. 572:** 'Education and Social Environment: Online Classes and Secondary School Education in Rural Karnataka' by Sudhamani N, Anand Inbanathan and K G Gayathri Devi
3. **Working paper No. 573:** 'Contextualising Child Rights Governance: Genealogical Study of the Integrated Child Protection Scheme' by Biplaw Kumar Singh
4. **Working paper No. 574:** 'Navigating the Shifting Tides: A Critical Assessment of International Trade Theory and Policy in the Era of Emerging Trade Agglomerations' by Jadhav Chakradhar and A V Manjunatha
5. **Working paper No. 575:** 'The Poor Way to Fight Poverty: A Study of Coping Strategies Practised by the Urban Poor in Bengaluru, India' by Mudassar Mahamad Jamadar and Kala Seetharam Sridhar
6. **Working paper No. 576:** 'Does Human Capital Matter for the Economic Growth of Indian States? A Dynamic Panel Data Analysis' by Surendra Kumar Naik and Indrajit Bairagya
7. **Working paper No. 577:** 'Understanding Marginalisation of Muslim Women: A Study in Bengaluru City' by Zeenat Husain



8. **Working paper No. 578:** 'Integrated Child Protection Scheme and Neoliberal Governmentality: A Textual Analysis' by Biplaw Kumar Singh
9. **Working paper No.579:** 'Making Youth Employable: Analysis of Skill Development Policy in India with Special Reference to Karnataka' by Zeenat Husain
10. **Working paper No.580:** 'Traditional Tribal Governance Systems and Formal Gram Panchayats of Madhya Pradesh in the Context of the PESA Act, 1996' by Prakash M Philip
11. **Working paper No.581:** 'Employers' Perception of Skills and Learning Mismatch of MBA Graduates in Bangalore' by Dinu Raj R and Marchang Reimeingam

### Working Papers – An Overview

The increasing urbanisation of poverty has raised serious concerns in recent times. However, historically, governing agencies have neglected the development of identification mechanisms to locate the urban poor. Similarly, academia has misrepresented urban poverty by limiting their research scope to slum areas. The paper **"Who are the Urban Poor? An Inquiry into the Identification of Urban Poor"** (WP 571), by Mudassar Mahamad Jamadar, examines the mechanism to enhance the current process in the Indian setting to bridge the gap in recognising the urban poor. The Hashim Committee (2012) recommendations have been critically analysed to build a comprehensive identification mechanism. The critical review follows Pare's typology, which includes identifying debates, determining scope, aggregating evidence, and developing an existing framework. The proposed mechanism also has three stages of inquiry, namely automatic exclusion, automatic inclusion, and scoring index. The study addresses contemporary and representative conditions of urban poverty with a special focus on residential, social, and occupational vulnerability. New developments have been supported by empirical evidence to maintain methodological robustness. The study concludes that poverty has multiple

dimensions and addressing all those aspects is practically unfeasible. The present study can be considered a starting point in discussing identification issues of urban poverty.

In the context of rural Karnataka, the intersection of education and social environment took centre stage with the advent of online classes in secondary schools. Sudhamani N, Anand Inbanathan and K G Gayathri Devi, in the paper **"Education and Social Environment: Online Classes and Secondary School Education in Rural Karnataka"** (WP 572), examine the learning process and educational situation in the schools of rural Karnataka from 2020 to 2022, shedding light on the transformative impact resulting from the transition from conventional classroom learning to virtual modes during the Covid-19 pandemic induced lockdowns. With the educational institutions remaining shut for an extended period of 18 months, it is necessary to examine students' experiences in rural areas, particularly their capacity to engage with education via online platforms. The paper examines the availability of devices among students and teachers to switch over to online learning, the teachers' knowledge level on the use of the online medium to teach students, and awareness about the guidelines regarding internet safety. The study also looked into the parents' economic and educational backgrounds, to discern their capacity to buy electronic devices, and also to monitor the students' online classes. Parents' loss of jobs during the lockdown had delayed the purchase of these devices, and they faced significant challenges for access to electricity and internet connectivity. In rural areas, the minimal exposure to online learning prior to the pandemic deepened the digital divide and disparities between urban and rural areas, as well as between affluent and underprivileged families.

The experiences of three Childcare Institutions (CCIs) functioning in the programmatic setup of the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) in India complicates and contextualises some of the macro-social characterisations of child rights as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on Rights of Children (UNCRC). Following the anthropological approach to governance, Biplaw Kumar Singh, in the paper **"Contextualising**

**Child Rights Governance: Genealogical Study of the Integrated Child Protection Scheme” (WP 573)**, captures the everyday practices and perceptions of actors and agencies running three CCIs. In doing so, it problematises the discursive binary of universal and localised ideas of child rights. Although the three CCIs examined here are rooted in the same schematic (ICPS), temporal, and spatial (Karnataka) setting, surprisingly they interpret, understand, and materialise very different conceptualisations of child rights in their daily practices. These differences not merely reflect the turbulent ways in which the universal idea of child protection is being translated, contested, and indigenised, but also exhibit the ‘multiple identities of local’ competing, collaborating, and strategising to construct a heterogeneous understanding of child rights governance.

In recent decades, significant changes have fundamentally altered the global trade landscape. In the paper **“Navigating the Shifting Tides: A Critical Assessment of International Trade Theory and Policy in the Era of Emerging Trade Agglomerations” (WP 574)**, Jadhav Chakradhar and A V Manjunatha examine the comprehensive trade theories, spanning classical theories like comparative advantage to modern perspectives incorporating economies of scale, trade costs, product differentiation, imperfect competition, and new economic geography. Categorising these theories into traditional, new, and 21<sup>st</sup>-century paradigms, their theoretical and empirical developments are explored in detail. The motivations behind regional trade agreements are depicted from a trade policy perspective. The established gravity model is critically examined, considering theoretical and recent advancements. Further, the diminishing significance of distance and critiques associated with the gravity models are discussed. Finally, the concept and operations of trade agglomeration emerging in world trade are illustrated, offering a nuanced perspective on the dynamic landscape of global trade theories and their applications.

In the paper **“The Poor Way to Fight Poverty: A Study of Coping Strategies Practised by the Urban Poor in Bengaluru, India” (WP 575)**, Mudassar

Mahamad Jamadar and Kala Seetharam Sridhar investigate the coping mechanisms practised by the urban poor, with special emphasis on shocks. The study is based on a primary survey of 300 poor households identified in six localities of Bengaluru in the post-pandemic period. Five themes emerged from the quantitative and qualitative content analysis: coping during (i) shocks/ crises, (ii) economic distress, (iii) social distress, (iv) health distress, and (v) education. We find various coping mechanisms practiced by the urban poor, such as skipping meals, selling assets, pulling family members to the job market, postponing expenditures, and compromising food quality. The results show that shocks triggered food insecurity among poor urban families. As part of a planned effort to fight poverty, 62% of households started savings, anticipating expenditures during emergencies (25%), & for business (29%). Friends & relatives are approached the most (85%) to tackle social distress, and 43 per cent of urban poor rely on home remedies to cut down health expenses. This study concludes that short-term coping strategies during shocks give instant relief from the crisis but make them vulnerable to falling into poverty in the long run. Safety nets should cover adversaries of shock and crises to interrupt the perpetuation of poverty among the urban poor.

Although there are several studies examining the role of human capital in economic growth, studies at the sub-national level examining this relationship are found scanty, especially from the Indian context. Filling this research gap, Surendra Kumar Naik and Indrajit Bairagya, in the paper **“Does Human Capital Matter for the Economic Growth of Indian States? A Dynamic Panel Data Analysis” (WP 576)**, analyse the relationship using various measures of human capital for 15 major states in India from 1994 to 2018. Based on the static and dynamic panel data analysis using the Generalised Method of Moments, the critical role of Average Years of Schooling, Gross Enrollment Ratios, and financing for different educational levels in augmenting the economic growth of the Indian states is established through this study. Besides examining the relationship between economic growth and current human capital in static and dynamic panel models, the



authorshave examined the relationship between economic growth and past human capital factors with their five-year lag values. Results reveal that the enrolment ratio of higher education influences economic growth more than other levels of education in both models. Moreover, although current public spending at the higher education level does not statistically and significantly affect economic growth, past public spending at the higher educational level has a significant impact on economic growth, perhaps because it takes a few years for individuals after completion of education to join the labour market, which makes a significant contribution to economic growth. Therefore, public spending policies should be thoughtfully devised to meet the twin objectives of egalitarian distribution of education and augmentation of economic growth.

Seven decades have passed since India gained its Independence from British colonial rule. Yet, women in the Muslim community could not reap the benefits from the earlier decades of planning or with the advent of liberalisation. In the paper **“Understanding Marginalisation of Muslim Women: A Study in Bengaluru City”** (WP 577), Zeenat Husain attempts to understand the factors which have led to the marginalisation of Muslim women. To have an in-depth understanding of the current situation of Muslim women in India, an analysis of literature has been done for a period before and after India gained Independence from British rule. The issues resulting in the marginalisation of Muslim women have been discussed in detail in the contemporary period. An assessment is done based on secondary and primary data showing the socio-economic conditions of Muslim women. The paper concludes by asserting the factors leading to the marginalisation of Muslim women.

The content analysis of the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) unsettles and questions the settled normative understanding of ICPS rooted in welfare logic. Anchoring the analysis in the shared temporal landscape of ICPS and Post Washington Consensus (PWC), the paper **“Integrated Child Protection Scheme and Neoliberal Governmentality: A Textual**

**Analysis”** (WP 578), by Biplaw Kumar Singh, shows the strong linkages of ICPS’ normative grid with the basic tenets of PWC. Drawing the inferences from the analytics of governmentality, this study exposes the ICPS’s biases toward a market-oriented solution to child protection that invisibilises the structural constraints. Therefore, it indicates that ICPS aims to realise the rights of children through neoliberal mechanisms and strategies. In this process, the welfare goal and structure of ICPS uniquely blend with neoliberal operationalisation.

India’s largenumber of youth, who, when employed, can be a dividend for the country. Initiatives such as the Skill Development and Training Programme (SDTP) were introduced to make the youth more employable. Zeenat Husain, in the paper **“Making Youth Employable: Analysis of Skill Development Policy in India with Special Reference to Karnataka”** (WP 579), explores with the help of secondary and primary data how far the programme has succeeded. It further examines the factors which led to the success or failure of the programme. Data analysis has been done for the state of Karnataka to understand the outcome of SDTP. Finally, concluding observations weremade and suggestions given to improve the programme.

The PESA Act of 1996 is a testament to the political dedication to empowering tribal communities and reshaping power dynamics. Its core objective is to grant tribal communities the ability to self-govern and preserve their beliefs, values, and way of life. Although the PESA Act originates from a Central Legislation, the onus of ensuring its effective implementation rests upon the states. A thorough analysis of governance within the framework of PESA reveals a spectrum of preparedness among Gram Panchayats to embrace progressive governance reforms. While some Gram Panchayats swiftly adjust to the evolving landscape, effectively wielding their newfound powers and responsibilities, others progress at a more gradual pace. Concurrently, a third category of Panchayats grapple with comprehending the extent of powers and duties delegated to them, often continuing with their established modes of operation. The focal

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point of the paper “**Traditional Tribal Governance Systems and Formal Gram Panchayats of Madhya Pradesh in the Context of the PESA Act, 1996**” (WP 580) by Prakash M Philip is to delve into the interplay between the PESA Act and the tribal/customary governance systems in Scheduled Areas. This exploration aims to shed light on the intricate dynamics shaping the coexistence of formalised governance structures and traditional tribal practices, providing critical insights into the challenges faced by Gram Panchayats and emphasising the imperative of aligning the administrative structures with the cultural fabric of tribal communities for meaningful and sustainable empowerment. The findings underscore the necessity of aligning administrative structures with the cultural fabric of tribal communities for meaningful and sustainable empowerment, emphasising the need for targeted capacity-building initiatives, community awareness, and inclusive decision-making processes.

The mismatch between skills and learning has been an area of academic interest in India. The paper “**Employers’ Perception of Skills and Learning Mismatch of MBA Graduates in Bangalore**” (WP 581), by Dinu Raj R and Reimeingam Marchang, examines the skill and learning mismatch prevailing among MBA graduates in the city of Bangalore. The employers’ perceptions of the MBA graduates’ skill possession are captured in this study and also consider the required skills by the MBA graduates that the employers are looking for based on primary data collected from the employers in Bangalore. The MBA programme, its curriculum, and syllabus are taken into consideration to bring in a few recommendations. The need for and importance of these issues is to be inculcated in the minds of the MBA graduates so that they can work on their area of improvement and also the MBA institutions and universities to bring in the necessary changes in the curriculum and monitoring the implementations of these changes in the institutions and Universities. This will be a win-win situation for the graduates and for employers as per their requirements.

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**Nadkarni, M V**

Delivered keynote address at the Inaugural Session of National Seminar on Sustainable Development in an Unequal World – Public Policy Paths, organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Manipal University and Indian Institute of Public Administration, Karnataka, at the Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Bangalore campus, June 5, 2024.

**Rajasekhar, D**

Delivered a valedictory address on ‘Decentralised Governance and Women Leadership’, in the International Workshop on Globalising Life World and Sustainable Development in Indian States, organised by Sikkim University and Hiroshima University, Japan, held at Gangtok, Sikkim, March 17, 2024.

Delivered a keynote address, in the inaugural ceremony of the One-Day Research Symposium on Unleashing Thoughts and Nurturing Ideas, organised by Seshadripuram College, Bengaluru, April 29, 2024.

Delivered keynote address on ‘Externally-Funded Social Science Research Projects and Quality Publications: Some Thoughts’, in the Capacity Building Workshop on Externally-Funded Research Projects: What, Why, How & Where? Enhancing High Quality and Impactful Publications, for college lecturers, organised by Bangalore University, June 14, 2024.

**Raj, Krishna**

Delivered keynote address on ‘Mercantilism to the Intriguing Realm of Quantum Economics: A

Journey into the Hallmarks of Econo-physics', in the One-day National Conference, organised by the Department of Economics, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, March 16, 2024.

Delivered keynote address (online) on 'Buddha and Life Management', in the Round Table discussion on Buddhism and Life Management, organised by the Society for Empowerment, Bihar, January 13, 2024.

Delivered keynote address on 'Non-Governmental Organisations and Rural Development', in the UGC-sponsored One-day Workshop on Development of Rural Development, organised by Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, March 13, 2024.

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### **Bairagya, Indrajit**

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Quality of Employment in the Indian Manufacturing Sector: Is it Changing Overtime?, at the National Seminar on Revisiting the Issue in the Indian Unorganised Manufacturing Sector, organised by the Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur, March 21-22, 2024.

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### **Balasubramanian, M**

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(with Saptarshhee Mandal) Gross Ecosystem Product (GEP) Accounting for Ecological Services: A Review and Methodological Framework; at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Conference, organised by Indian Association for Research in National Income and Wealth, National Institute of Bank Management, Pune, March 8-9, 2024.

Gross Ecosystem Product (GEP) and Policy Initiatives in India; at the Natural Capital Symposium, organised by Wood Institute for The Environment, Stanford University, USA, June 4-7, 2024.

### **Kambara, Channamma**

(with Nagarjun K B) The Street Vendors Act 2014 and Female Street Vendors: With Reference to Bengaluru City; at the National-Level Multidisciplinary Conference on Field Learning, organised by Centre for Field Learning (CFFL), together with Impact and Policy Research Institute (IMPRI) and Interdisciplinary Institute of Human Security and Governance (IIHSG), (online), June 10-11, 2024.

### **Kumar, V Anil**

Towards Industrial Modernity or Ecological Post-Modernity: Some Questions Concerning India; at the National Seminar on SUSTAINITI: Sustainable Development in an Unequal World, organised by CPIGD, Institute for Social and Economic Change in collaboration with MAHE, Bangalore, and IIPA-KRB, at MAHE, Bangalore, June 5-6, 2024.

### **Nayak, Akshata**

(with Ramappa K B, Vilas Jadhav, Thomas Felix, Rashtrarakshak and G Shivakumar Nayka)



Economic Analysis of Coconut Farming in Karnataka; at the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Conference of Agro Economic Research (AER) Network on Driving Agricultural Growth: Contemporary Issues and Future Perspectives, organised by the Agricultural Development and Rural Transformation Centre (ADRTC), Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, on behalf of the AER Network, based on the projects approved by the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW), January 23-25, 2024.

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(with Ramappa K B and Lenin Babu) Barriers to the Sustainability of Organic Farming: A Case Study of Karnataka Farmers; at the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Conference of Agro Economic Research (AER) Network on Driving Agricultural Growth: Contemporary Issues and Future Perspectives, organised by the Agricultural Development and Rural Transformation Centre (ADRTC), Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, on behalf of the AER Network, based on the projects approved by the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW), January 23-25, 2024.

#### ***Nouskit, Stanzin***

NEP 2020: Challenges and Issues in Higher Education; at the One-day National Seminar on Transforming Higher Education through NEP 2020 for a Future-Ready India, organised by P.G. Department of Education, University of Jammu, June 7, 2024.

#### ***Paul, Geetu***

Economic Impacts of Climate Change: A Study on the Coastal States of India; at the 16<sup>th</sup> Doctoral Thesis Conference (Hybrid Mode), organised by ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Hyderabad, at ICFAI School of Social Sciences, May 9, 2024.

(with Abina V P) Climate Change and Sustainability: Understanding India's Coastal States; at the National Seminar on SUSTAINITI: Sustainable Development in an Unequal World, organised by CPIGD, Institute for Social and Economic Change in collaboration with MAHE, Bangalore, and IIPA-KRB, at MAHE, Bangalore, June 5-6, 2024.

#### ***Raj, Krishna***

Climate Resilient Agriculture (CRA) for Food and Livelihood Security and Sustainability in India; at the One-day International Conference (ICRTED 2024), organised by the Department of Economics, The Gandhigram Rural Institute, Tamil Nadu, March 22, 2024.

#### ***Reimeingam, Marchang***

(with R Lusome Raman) Northeast Migrants: Inferences from Periodic Labour Force Survey, 2020-21; at the International Conference on North East Indian Christians and Migration: Prospects and Challenges, organised by the Department of English, Department of Christian Studies, and Gurukul Lutheran Theological College and Research Institute, at University of Madras, Chepauk Campus, Tamil Nadu, January 9-10, 2024.

Public and Household Expenditure on Higher Education to Enhance Labour Employability in India; at the International Seminar on Financial Resource Management in Higher Education, organised by NIEPA at India Habitat Centre, Delhi, February 13-14, 2024.

Youth Migration in India; at the National Seminar on Building Inclusive Communities: Integration and Empowerment of Migrants and Refugees, organised by the Department of Social Work, Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru, Karnataka, February 23, 2024.

Decent Work Deficit in Regular Salaried and Casual Wage Employment among Social Groups in India, at the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of CPPG's International Labour Conference on The Elephant in the Room: Generating Jobs and Imparting Skills for the Future: In the Context of India's Labour Market, organised by the **Centre for Public Policy & Governance**, at the Goa Institute of Management, In Hybrid Mode – via Zoom and on Campus at GIM in CR 12, Sanquelim, Goa, June 13, 2024,.

#### *Smitha, K C*

Development-Induced Rehabilitation of Slums in Bengaluru: Tracing Gender Sensitivity and Agency; at the National Seminar on SUSTAINITI: Sustainable Development in an Unequal World, organised by CPIGD, Institute for Social and Economic Change in collaboration with MAHE, Bangalore, and IIPA-KRB, at MAHE, Bangalore, June 5-6, 2024.

#### *Sridhar, Kala S*

Are Cities Culprits or Victims in the Post-Pandemic World? India's Carbon Footprint Beyond 2020, at the Online Session on Shaping Policies for Healthy, Livable, and Resilient Cities – Reflecting on the lessons from COVID-19 and preparing for future challenges, organised by Asian Development Bank Institute, Tokyo, January 24, 2024.

Urban form in India 1975-2015: Have India's Cities Become Flat?; at the Eighth Urbanisation and Poverty Reduction Research Conference, organised by World Bank, Washington, DC, March 7-8, 2024.

#### *Syamala, T S*

(with Ghosh Ranjita) Estimation of Mean Menopausal Age and its Variations across India: Evidence from Large Scale Surveys; at the PAA Applied Demography Conference (online), February 8, 2024.

(with Chatterjee Madhuborta) Living Arrangement and Caregiver Dynamics: Implications for Health and Functional Care of Older Adults in India; at the Annual Meeting of Population Association of America, at Hyatt Regency, Columbus Ohio, USA, April 17-20, 2024.

#### *Tantri, Malini L*

(with Ivin Mothi) Agriculture Cluster and their Export Performance – A Demand Side Approach; at the National Conference on Driving Agriculture Growth: Contemporary Issues and Future Perspectives, organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, January 23-25, 2024.

### Invited Lectures/Talks

#### *Felix, K Thomas*

Delivered a lecture on 'Significance of Assessing Environmental and Ecosystem Value in our Daily Lives', at the Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS), organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, April 27, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on 'Interlinking Data and Communication in Public Policymaking for Sustainable Development', at the National Seminar on SUSTAINITI: Sustainable Development in an Unequal World, organised by CPIGD, Institute for Social and Economic Change in collaboration with MAHE, Bangalore, and IIPA-KRB, at MAHE, Bangalore, June 6, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on 'Unlocking the Potential: Transforming Barren Land into Productive Farms in India', at the Executive Course-Strategic Management and Leadership Cohort, organised by the Republic of Indonesia Defence University, Indonesia, June 13, 2024.

#### *Gowda, Chandan*

Delivered a lecture on 'Reading a Protest Episode', at Celebrating One Hundred Years of Sociology in India - An International Conference, organised by the Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, April 2, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on 'Another India': Decolonisation, Humanistic Legacies, and Social Science Practice', at the Centre for Historical Enquiry and Social Sciences, Yale University, April 15, 2024.



Delivered a lecture on 'Routes of Decolonisation: Democracy and Dissent in Contemporary India', at Ramapo College, April 18, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on 'Living Humanisms and the Tasks of Social Research', at Mattoo Centre for Indian Studies, State University of New York, Stonybrook, April 25, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on 'Another India: A Lecture', at Asian and Asian-American Studies, Department of Sociology and Labor Center, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, May 7, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on 'Living Humanisms and the Decolonisation Imperative', at the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, June 17, 2024.

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

Delivered a lecture (Online) on 'Ethics in Research and Publication', at the Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CRISSE) for faculty and doctoral scholars, April 15, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on 'Ethics in Research and Publication', at the Department of Political Science, Bangalore University, April 27, 2024.

#### ***Lakshmana, C M***

Delivered lectures on a) 'Content, Coverage and Quality Assurance Mechanisms in NFHS-6'; b) 'Household Assets and Amenities (Q 31-78)'; c) 'Children's Nutrition (Section 4)'; d) 'Household Relations for Women (Section 11)'; e) 'Man's Questionnaire Identification Details, Consent and Background Characteristics', and f) 'Attitudes Towards Gender Roles (Section 5)', in the State-level Training on Field Investigators of the NFHS-6 Main Survey, organised by PRC, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, January 25 to February 21, 2024.

#### ***Manjula, R***

Delivered a lecture on 'Basic Computer Application Skills for Social Sciences', at the Orientation Programme of Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS), organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change, April 26, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on 'Decentralisation and Development: Citizens Participation in Village Assembly Meetings in Karnataka', at the Training Programme for the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayath Raj Fellows, organised by the Abdul Nazir Sab State Institute of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Mysuru, June 15, 2024.

#### ***Nayak, Akshata***

Delivered a guest lecture on 'Meta Data Analysis', to 1<sup>st</sup> Year PhD ABM students of the University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, March 9, 2024.

Delivered three lectures (Online) on 'Agricultural Economics', for IV BSc Hons. (ABM) students as a part of ICAR-JRF Coaching, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bangalore, March 5, March 6, and March 13, 2024.

#### ***Nouskit, Stanzin***

Delivered a lecture on 'National Education Policy-2020', in the Ladakh Youth Conclave-2024, organised by Ladakh Science Foundation, at Tibetan Youth Hostel, Bangalore, January 27, 2024.

#### ***Raj, Krishna***

Delivered expert talk on 'Climate Financing for Rural Development', at the Regional Advisory Group (RAG) meeting of NABARD, organised by the NABARD, Regional Office, Bengaluru, January 31, 2024.

Delivered Dr Avinandra Bhat Memorial lecture on 'Macroeconomic Policies and Viksit Bharat by 2047', at the Department of Economics, Karnatak University, Dharwad, February 28, 2024.

Delivered two lectures on 'How to conduct Systematic Review of Literature – Effective methods of presenting Review of Literature' and 'Identifying Research Gaps and Framing Research Questions', at the Ten-day Research Methodology Workshop for PhD/PDF scholars in Social Sciences, organised by the Department of Economics, Central University, Pondicherry, March 5, 2024.

Delivered a special lecture on 'Research Methodology and Data Analysis for Social Science Research', at the Department of Economics, Yogi

Vemana University, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh, March 18, 2024.

Delivered a special lecture as chief guest on 'Dr B R Ambedkar's Vision on Constitution and Democracy', on the occasion of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar, organised by Bharat Electronics Limited, Ministry of Defence, GOI, April 14, 2024.

#### **Rajasekhar, D**

Delivered a lecture on 'Rural Sustainability', at the National Seminar on SUSTAINITI: Sustainable Development in an Unequal World, organised by CPIGD, Institute for Social and Economic Change in collaboration with MAHE, Bangalore, and IIPA-KRB, at MAHE, Bangalore, June 5, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on 'Factors Influencing Development through Decentralised Governance: Evidence from Karnataka', at the Training Programme for the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayath Raj Fellows, organised by the Abdul Nazir Sab State Institute of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Mysuru, June 15, 2024.

#### **Reimeingam, Marchang**

Delivered a lecture (Online) on 'Migration in Megacities of India: (Un)wavering Job Tale of Northeast Migrants', at OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, Assam, March 6, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on 'Labour Participation across Income Groups in India', at the Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) Orientation Programme, organised by ISEC, at ISEC, April 27, 2024.

#### **Smitha, K C**

Delivered a lecture on 'Governance, Policy and Development: Conceptual Understanding and Contextualising in India', at the Orientation Programme of Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS), organised by ISEC, April 20, 2024.

#### **Sridhar, Kala S**

Delivered a lecture on 'Land Use Regulations and Effects on Urban Growth', at the Department of Economics, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore, March 5, 2024.

#### **Ummalla, Malleesh**

Delivered a lecture as a resource person on 'Economics in Day-to-Day Life: Macroeconomics Perspective', at the Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) Orientation Programme, organised by ISEC, April 28, 2024.

### Newspaper Articles and Media

#### **Balasubramanian, M**

'K'takaFast Becoming Most Arid State & Nothing in Sight to Water Hopes', April 21, 2024. <https://www.deccanherald.com/india/karnataka/karnataka-fast-becoming-most-arid-state-nothing-in-sight-to-water-hopes>.

#### **Gowda, Chandan**

'It's our Democracy, Stupid'. Lead Column, *Deccan Herald*, April 7, 2024.

'Same Actors, Different Games'. Lead Op-Ed, *The Times of India*, April 23, 2024.

Panelist, 'Political Scandal in Karnataka'. *News 18*, April 30, 2024.

Panelist, 'The Investigation of Neha's Murder'. *Republic TV*, May 1, 2024.

Panelist, 'Will the Prajwal Revanna Scandal Impact the Third Phase of Polls?'. *Editorji*, May 4, 2024.

'Moves of the South'. Special Issue: Lok Sabha Elections 2024, *Outlook*, June 14, 2024.

Panelist, 'Revisions in NCERT Textbooks'. *News 18*, June 22, 2024.

Panelist, 'Caste Census: Politically Tricky' and 'Post-Poll Change in Power Equation in Karnataka'. *NDTV*, June 27, 2024.

'Imagining a Sane Economy'. Lead Column, *Deccan Herald*, June 30, 2024.

Panelist, 'Disruption of Parliament Proceedings'. *Republic TV*, June 30, 2024.



**Kambara, Channamma**

Quoted in online 'The Big Fat Indian Wedding Has Become Too Big for Comfort', June 27, 2024. <https://www.ndtv.com/opinion/the-big-fat-indian-wedding-has-grown-too-big-for-comfort-5981255>

**Kumar, V Anil**

'Wither Modernity in India?'. *Deccan Herald*, January 15, 2024.

'Can the Indian Middle-Class Stand Up to its Task?'. *Deccan Herald*, February 24, 2024.

**Raj, Krishna**

'Need of the Hour for Green GDP'. Newsletter published by the Society for Empowerment, Bihar, January 1, 2024.

Participated in Hello Geleyere Live Phone in Programme on "Vikasith Bharath Sankalp Yatre". *Doordarshan Chandana*, January 30, 2024.

Participated as a subject expert in the live discussion on Interim Union Budget. *News 1<sup>st</sup> Kannada channel*, February 1, 2024.

Participated as subject expert for Karnataka State Budget 2024 - 2025 Analysis, *DD Chandana*, February 16, 2024.

Discussion on Parliamentary Election Malpractices Live in *Zee News Kannada*, April 16, 2024.

**Sridhar, Kala S**

Invited panelist, Pre-budget discussion, *BTV Kannada News*, February 16, 2024. <https://www.facebook.com/btvnewslive/videos/6965004613552624>

(with Sukanya Bhaumik) 'BBMP can generate 6 times more revenue: Study'. *Deccan Herald*, April 28, 2024. <https://www.deccanherald.com/india/karnataka/bengaluru/bbmp-can-generate-6-times-more-revenue-study-2998114>

(with Mudassar Jamadar) 'Bengaluru's Urban Poor Face Stark Choices Post-Pandemic'. *Deccan Herald*, June 23, 2024.

'What Next for Our Cities?'. *The Hindu Business Line*, June 27, 2024. <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/>

**Tantri, Malini L**

(with C Nalin Kumar) 'Budget Analysis'. February 2, 2024. <https://www.prajavani.net/business/budget/union-budget-2024-budget-announcements-budget-analysis-by-malini-tantri-and-nalin-kumar-2667971>

### Seminars, Workshops, Training Programmes Organised/Coordinated

**Kambara, Channamma**

(with R Manjula) Organised two SSTSS Orientation Programmes, at ISEC, April 20-21 and April 27-28, 2024.

**Kumar, V Anil**

Organised National Seminar on 'SUSTAINITI: Sustainable Development in an Unequal World', CPIGD, Institute for Social and Economic Change in collaboration with MAHE, Bangalore, and IIPA-KRB, at MAHE, Bangalore, June 5-6, 2024.

**Lakshmana, C M**

Conducted a 'Debriefing Session of the Main Survey NFHS-6, South Karnataka, for Field Investigators', at the Taluka Panchayat Training Centre in Yalanduru, Chamarajanagara District, February 5, 2024.

Conducted a 'Debriefing Session of the Main Survey NFHS-6, South Karnataka, for Field Investigators', at the District Training Centre, Mandya, February 7, 2024.

Conducted a 'Debriefing Session of the Main Survey NFHS-6, South Karnataka, for Field Investigators', at the District Training Centre, Ramanagar, February 11, 2024.

**Manjula, R**

(with Channamma Kambara) Organised two SSTSS Orientation programmes, at ISEC, April 20-21 and April 27-28, 2024.

**Nayak, Akshata**

Coordinated 3<sup>rd</sup> National Conference of Agro-Economic Research (AER) Network on Driving Agricultural Growth: Contemporary Issues and Future Perspectives, sponsored by Ministry of

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GOI, January 23-25, 2024.

**Raj, Krishna**

Organised a Two-day Convention on 'Constitution and Unity of India' on behalf of the Government of Karnataka, Bangalore, February 24-25, 2024.

Organised Panel discussion on 'Dr B R Ambedkar's Vision on Constitution and Democracy' on the occasion of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar, Bangalore, April 18, 2024.

Organised a Special Workshop on 'Water Security in Bengaluru', at the Institute for Social and Economic Change, April 19, 2024.

**Smitha, K C**

(with Anil Kumar V) National Seminar on 'SUSTAINITI: Sustainable Development in an Unequal World', CPIGD, Institute for Social and Economic Change in collaboration with MAHE, Bangalore, and IIPA-KRB, at MAHE, Bangalore, June 5-6, 2024.

**Sridhar, Kala S**

Coordinated a talk by Dr Sahil Gandhi and Dr Vaidehi Tandel of the University of Manchester, on 'Adapting to Flood Risk: Evidence from a Panel of Global Cities', at the Institute for Social and Economic Change, March 26, 2024.

## Honours/Awards/Fellowships

**Nadkarni, M V**

The Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE) awarded the title of INSEE Fellow during its Biennial Conference at the BML Munjal University, Kapriwas, Haryana, January 31-February 2, 2024. An Award Plaque was presented as a token of the honour.

**Sridhar, Kala S**

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

Honorary Fellow, Stanford University's Center for South Asia, June-August 2024.

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

**Bairagya, Indrajit**

Coordinator, Policy Brief, Institute for Social and Economic Change.

Internship Coordinator, Institute for Social and Economic Change.

**George, Sobin**

Member, Ethics Committee, ICMR - National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research, Bengaluru, (ICMR), Bangalore.

Editor, ISEC Working Paper.

Member, ISEC Grievance Committee.

Chairperson, ISEC Campus Residents' Welfare Committee.

**Gowda, Chandan**

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

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

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

**Nouskit, Stanzin**

Assistant Warden of PhD students' hostel, 2024-2025.

Member of Book Discussion Club, Institute for Social and Economic Change.

Member of Academic Programme Committee (APC), Institute for Social and Economic Change.



Member of Task Force Committee under the State Education Policy Commission, Karnataka.

Member of Board of Studies, Department of Education, University of Ladakh.

***Raj, Krishna***

Vice-Chairperson (Dean), Academic Programme Committee (APC), Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, July 1, 2022-June 30, 2024.

Visiting Professor, Impact and Policy Research Institute (IMPRI), New Delhi.

Visiting (Adjunct) Professor, Department of Economics, Kannur University, Kerala teaching 'Environmental Economics'.

Expert Member of the task group constituted by The Karnataka State Education Policy Commission (KSEPC), Government of Karnataka, to study the status of implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Expert Committee Member of Research and Development Committee of KSPCB, Government of Karnataka, to promote research, technology and development.

Special Invitee for Karnataka State Ecological Monitoring Committee, Department of Forests, Government of Karnataka, to prepare a comprehensive Baseline data of biodiversity of Western Ghats.

Member of the Expert Committee to Conduct Scientific Auditing of Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions, Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST), Government of Karnataka.

***Reimeingam, Marchang***

Editor, ISEC Newsletter.

Member, Building Committee, Institute for Social and Economic Change.

Member of SRTT sub-committee.

External Expert to the Centre for Research in Urban Affairs.

External Expert to the Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources.

Member, Library Committee, Institute for Social and Economic Change.

Member, Research Programmes Committee (RPC), Institute for Social and Economic Change.

Advisory Panel Member of Public Affairs Centre, Bengaluru.

***Smitha, K C***

Member of Research Programme Committee (RPC), January 2024 to December 2025.

Coordinator of Social Science Talent Search Programme (SSTSS) – in collaboration with Bangalore University, May 15, 2024 to May 14, 2026.

Visiting Faculty, Department of Public Policy (DPP), Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Bangalore Campus), Bengaluru, Karnataka, India, January-February 2024.

***Sridhar, Kala S***

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

***Subaiya, Lekha***

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

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.

***Syamala, T S***

Vice-Chair Person, Research Programme Committee, Institute for Social and Economic Change.

Publication in charge, Institute for Social and Economic Change.

Member of a Committee in the Labour Department to discuss the Menstrual Leave Policy in Karnataka.

Member, Editorial Board, *Demography India*.

Member, Academic Advisory Committee, Indian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR), Bangalore.

Member, Board of Governors, Praxis India.

#### **Ummalla, Mallesh**

Member, Book Discussion Club, Institute for Social and Economic Change.

Hostel Warden of PhD Students' Hostel.

Sports Coordinator of 51<sup>st</sup> Founder's Day, January 2024.

### Miscellaneous

#### **Bairagya, Indrajit**

Reviewed articles for the following: two articles for the *Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer)*, and one article for *Economic and Political Weekly*.

Guiding a post-doctoral student (Shobha M)

#### **Balasubramanian, M**

Reviewed articles for the following: *Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer)*, *Journal of Cleaner Production*, *Frontier Ecology and Evolution* and *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*.

The Senate of the 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.

#### **George, Sobin**

Evaluated PhD thesis for Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Reviewed two Post-doctoral proposals.

Evaluated two Proposals for the Institutional Ethics Committee, NCDIR-ICMR.

Attended the IEC meeting of ICMR-NCDIR, Bengaluru, March 27, 2024.

Coordinated the course titled 'Contemporary Development Debates in Indian Society', at ISEC.

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

#### **Gowda, Chandan**

As External Reviewer, evaluated a doctoral thesis submitted at the Centre for Political Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

As Member of the Post-doctoral Fellows Selection Panel, helped to choose four PhD candidates for the award of post-doctoral fellowships at Moturi Satyanarayana Centre for Advanced Study, Krea University, June 10-11, 2024.

#### **Kambara, Channamma**

Reviewed articles for the following: *Review of Development and Change (Sage)* and *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*.

Guiding an intern, May 2024-onwards.

Appointed as DC member in St Joseph's University for two PhD scholars for three years starting from May 9, 2024.

#### **Karthick, V**

Reviewed articles for the following: *Sustainability Science, Int. J. of Global Environmental Issues, The Indian Economic Journal*, two articles for *Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer)*.



Resource Person for the two sessions, in the National Training Workshop on Microeconometrics for Survey Data as part of its Golden Jubilee Celebration at Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Chennai, March 13-15, 2024.

Guiding an intern Ms Harshitha Tommala from CUTN, Tamil Nadu.

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

Reviewed articles for the following: Four articles for the *Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer)*, one article for the *Indian Economic Journal*, and one article for *Economic and Political Weekly*.

Evaluated PhD Thesis for the Department of Political Science, Osmania University in 2024.

Evaluated PhD thesis for the Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Visit to the Department of Political Science, Bangalore University.

Visit to Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Bangalore.

#### **Lakshmana, C M**

Evaluated thesis submitted for A N Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna.

Evaluated thesis for Defence and Research Institutions Section, Jawaharlal Nehru University. New Delhi.

Evaluated thesis and conducted Viva-Voce, IIPS, Mumbai.

Attended the two-day meeting of the PRCs Scientific and Advisory Committee 2024-25, at ISEC, Bengaluru, May 14-15, 2024.

Supervising one intern.

Activities under the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6) in South Karnataka, ISEC Bangalore:

1. Delivered a lecture as a resource person on 'State-level Training on the Main Survey of the National Family Health Survey NFHS-6', organised by PRC, ISEC, Bangalore, January 25-February 21, 2024.
2. Conducted the Debriefing Session of the Main Survey NFHS-6, South Karnataka, for Field Investigators, at the Taluka Panchayat Training Centre in Yalanduru, Chamarajanagara District, February 5, 2024.
3. Conducted the Debriefing Session of the Main Survey NFHS-6, South Karnataka, for Field Investigators, at the District Training Centre, Mandya, February 7, 2024.
4. Conducted the Debriefing Session of the Main Survey NFHS-6, South Karnataka, for Field Investigators, at the District Training Centre, Ramanagar, February 12, 2024.
5. Attended team moment plan meeting of the NFHS-6 Main Survey under the chairpersonship of the Joint Director and State Demographer, along with District Health Officers (DHOs), Reproductive and Child Health Offices (RCH), and Taluk Health Officials of Kolar District, via the Internet, May 21, 2024.
6. Attended the review meeting of the NFHS-6 main survey with the Commissioner, Department of Health and Family Welfare Services, Government of Karnataka, through virtual mode at ISEC Bangalore, June 6, 2024.
7. Attended the review meeting of the NFHS-6 main survey. Under the chairpersonship of Dr Dhananja Bansod, Principal Investigator of NFHS-6 South Karnataka, and Professor IIPS Mumbai, through virtual mode at ISEC Bangalore, organised by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GoI, New Delhi, June 11, 2024.

#### **Manasi, S**

Reviewed three papers for the *Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer)*.

(with Channamma Kambara) Coordinated Part B PhD Coursework – Indian Urban Development Studies.

#### **Manjula, R**

Reviewed articles for the following: *Review of Development Change (Sage)*, and *Journal of Rural Development*.

(with D Rajasekhar) Coordinated two papers as Part-B of PhD coursework: 1. Decentralised Governance and Development, and 2. Decentralisation in India: Status and Issues.

*Collaborations:* 1) With the researchers from the universities of Tsuda, Hitotsubashi and GRIPS, Japan, and 2) With researchers from the University of Bristol, UK and the University of Exeter.

Participated in a discussion meeting with Prof Masayuki Kitagawa, Kobe College, Japan, related to research work on 'Democratic Decentralisation in Karnataka', March 27, 2024, at ISEC.

Resource person in a consultation meeting convened by the National Commission for Women, Government of India, April 12, 2024.

Guided one intern on Decentralised energy systems as part of the ISEC summer internship programme.

#### **Nadkarni, M V**

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

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer)*.

#### **Nouskit, Stanzin**

Reviewed one manuscript for the *Review of Development and Change Journal (Sage)*

Reviewed Post-Doctoral Research proposal (ISEC).

Attended Board of Studies meeting, University of Ladakh, May 16, 2024.

Attended Karnataka Task Force (State Education Policy Commission, Karnataka) on Special

Problems of Social Groups meeting, April 23, May 9, May 27, June 12, and June 15, 2024.

Supervising an intern student.

#### **Rajasekhar, D**

*Collaborations:* 1) With the researchers from the Universities of Tsuda, Hitotsubashi and GRIPS, Japan, and 2) With researchers from the University of Bristol, UK and the University of Exeter.

Participated in a discussion meeting with Prof Masayuki Kitagawa, Kobe College, Japan, related to his research work on 'Democratic Decentralisation in Karnataka', at ISEC, March 27, 2024.

Guided one intern on e-governance as part of the ISEC summer internship programme.

#### **Raj, Krishna**

Coordinated Microeconomic Theory Course for the Pre-PhD Students at ISEC, Bangalore.

#### **Reimeingam, Marchang**

Reviewed articles for the following journals: two papers for *Applied Economics (Taylor and Francis)*, one paper for *Cogent Social Science (Taylor and Francis)*, one paper for the *IASSI Quarterly*, one paper for *Asian Ethnicity (Taylor and Francis)* and three papers for *The Indian Economic Journal (Sage)*.

PhD course coordinator for the paper "Labour and Development".

Doctoral Committee member for PhD student (Tirtha Sarathi Mohapatra) of NLSIU, Bengaluru.

Guiding an intern (Tiya James Maliyekal) for 2 months (from June 6, 2024).

#### **Smitha, K C**

Supervised one intern between May and June 2024.

Coordinated Part A of PhD coursework on 'Governance and Development' and 'Public Policy Analysis'.

Coordinated Part B of PhD course work on 'Comparative Politics and India'.



**Sridhar, Kala S**

Reviewed one article for the *Journal of the European Economic Association*, February 2024.

External examiner, for a thesis, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, February 2024.

Guided an intern, Arnav Channahalli, Babson College, Boston, from December 2023-January 2024.

Under the supervision, Ms Sukanya Bhaumik, PhD Scholar, submitted her thesis to the University of Mysore.

Under the supervision, Mudassar Jamadar, PhD Scholar, submitted his thesis to the University of Mysore, June 3, 2024.

Guided Aman Banerji, a PhD scholar at Cornell University, January 2024.

Guided an intern, May-June 2024.

Guiding a post-doctoral Dr Swarupa Deb, April 2024-current.

Gave a testimonial for *Development Charges: Funding Urban Infrastructure in India and the Global South*, by Shishir Mathur, published by Cambridge University Press, March 2024.

Guidance to the CRISIL team for their proposal to the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority, February 2024.

Attended Dr Arvind Virmani's talk on 'Viksit Bharat', at the Goa Institute of Management, February 2024.

Visited Stanford University's Center for South Asia and met Dr Lalita du Perron, Associate Director, and Dr Jessica Leno, Executive Director, Stanford University's King Center for Global Development, June 21, 2024.

As an external examiner, submitted comments for a PhD thesis to the JNU, May 2024.

As Managing Editor, made decisions regarding

several MSs for the *Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer)*, April-June 2024.

Coordinated Part B Course Fundamental Urban and Regional Studies, Jan-March 2024.

Attended Ethics Committee Meeting for clearing several questionnaires, May 2024.

Had an online meeting with Prof Kaliappa Kalirajan, VKRV Rao Professor, at ISEC, June 2024.

Had an online meeting with Prof Genevieve Giuliano, Professor of Urban Planning, University of Southern California, Price School of Public Policy, June 2024.

Met Prof Michael Spence, Economics Nobel Laureate, and attended his lecture on "Artificial Intelligence in the Age of Uncertainty", Bengaluru, February 15, 2024.

Attended an interaction with the Union Finance Minister Mrs Nirmala Sitharaman in Bengaluru, February 28, 2024.

**Subaiya, Lekha**

Reviewed articles for the following: *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, and one for *Global Social Welfare*.

Participated in the meeting for selection of candidates under the Meaningful Mobility project as a subject expert, February 9, 2024.

Conducted the introductory meeting for participating PRCs to discuss the multi-centric study on "Functioning of NCD Clinics under the National Programme for the Prevention and Control of NCDs", February 22, 2024.

Conducted the online meeting for participating PRCs to introduce the methods and tools for data collection for the multi-centric study on "Functioning of NCD Clinics under the National Programme for the Prevention and Control of NCDs", February 26 and 29, 2024.

*Collaborations:* 1. Conversations on Ageing in India (CAN) – Mapping to Stories project with the University of Edinburgh, Queensland University of Technology and Cranfield University, UK; and 2. 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 the following: one paper for *Economic and Political Weekly*, and one paper for *Global Social Welfare: Research Policy and Practice (Springer)*.

Evaluated a doctoral thesis and submitted it to the International Institute for Social Sciences, Mumbai.

Participated in the online introductory meeting to discuss the Multi-centric Study on the Functioning of NCD Clinics, February 22, 2024.

Participated in the online meeting to discuss Questionnaire for the Multi-centric Study on the Functioning of NCD Clinics, February 26, 2024.

Participated in a meeting to discuss Menstrual Leave Policy in Karnataka, at Christ University, March 1, 2024.

Participated as an external subject expert in the Board of Studies (BOS) meeting of the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, May 8, 2024.

Examiner for a Ph D thesis submitted to the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai.

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University of Edinburgh, Queensland University of Technology and Cranfield University, UK.

Reviewed all the draft AWP proposals as a member of the PRC Scientific Advisory Committee during the virtual meeting PRC Scientific Advisory Committee for the screening of the AWP (2024-25), April 18-19, 2024.

Reviewed all the final AWP proposals as a member of PRC Scientific Advisory Committee during the PRC Scientific Advisory Committee meeting for the screening of the AWP (2024-25), at ISEC, Bengaluru, May 14-15, 2024.

### **Tantri, Malini L**

Reviewed articles for the following: *Indian Journal of Human Development*; *Journal of Social and Economic Development*; *Journal of South Asian Development*; *Research in Globalisation*; and *Journal of Agricultural Science and Technology*.

JSED Special issue Guest Editor on Industrial Policy and Trade Policy in the Evolving New Global Order.

### **Ummalla, Mallesh**

Articles reviewed for the following: Six manuscripts for the *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, one manuscript for *The Indian Economic Journal* and one manuscript for *OMEGA - Journal of Death and Dying*.

Evaluated Two PhD thesis from the Department of Economics, Osmania University, Hyderabad.

(with Karthick V) Course Coordinator of Applied Econometrics, Part-B, ISEC.

(with S Madheswaran and B P Vani) Course Coordinator of Advanced Econometrics, Part-B, ISEC.



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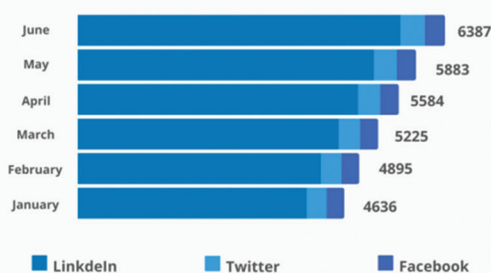
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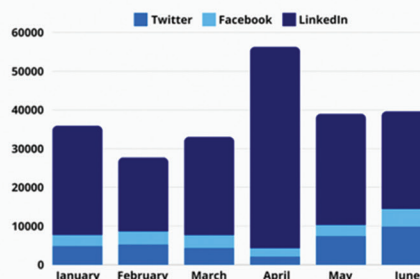
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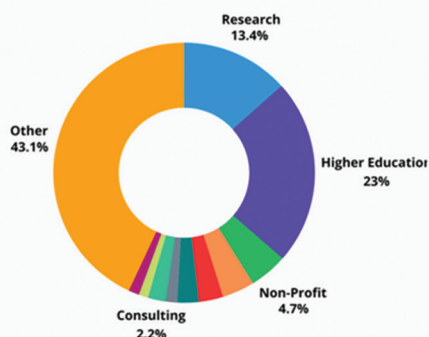


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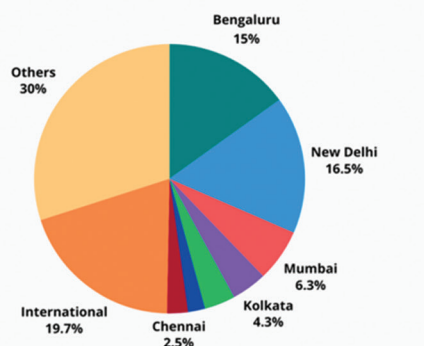


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