# From the Director's Desk....



The ISEC campus was vibrant in the second half of 2024 with the organization of several research and academic one-day events. A workshop on "Value and Moral Education in School and Higher Education: **Issues** related to content.

pedagogy, teacher and institutional preparedness" was organised on September 8, 2024. This workshop focused on the significance of value and moral education in shaping responsible citizens and the role of educational institutions in this endeavor. The workshop also focused on the challenges in implementing moral education policies, the need for contextualization in pedagogy and the importance of inclusivity.

A two-day workshop on "the Indian Model: Special Economic Zones (SEZs) beyond China" was organised during July 15-16, 2024. In this workshop, participants discussed operation, functioning and issues in the expansion of SEZs in the country.

An event of considerable importance for reducing the impact of disasters on the vulnerable was the workshop on "Shock Responsive Social Protection, Disaster Management and Humanitarian Cash Transfers in Karnataka" organised in collaboration with the Karnataka government and UNICEF. The workshop focused on policy changes, programme interventions and the challenges in introducing humanitarian cash transfers.

Another significant event was the organisation of a symposium on "Urban Ethnography and Bangalore" during December 12-13, 2024, in collaboration with

the Ethnography Lab at Vidyashilp University. This interdisciplinary symposium aimed to bring a conversation with the different ethnographic research and practice engagement with the city of Bangalore.

Two events were organised at the Institute to develop capacity among social science researchers. A national level ten-day workshop on "Research Methodology and Quality Writing Skills for social science research" was organised during August 19-30, 2024. This workshop, organised in collaboration with ICSSR, focused on PhD scholars and postdoctoral fellows, and covered various aspects of writing of quality research publications. Another event was the two-week certificate course in "Methods and Applications in Social Science Research" held during September 2-13, 2024. This course aimed to provide participants with advanced research methodologies and tools essential for high quality research in social sciences.

The second Mahatma Gandhi Memorial lecture on ethics was organised on October 16, 2024. Prof R S Deshpande, former Director of ISEC, delivered a lecture on "Ethics in Buddhism and Gandhian Values". Moreover, a Swedish delegation consisting of the leading universities in Sweden came to ISEC to discuss the possibilities of collaboration between ISEC and these universities on November 13, 2024.

On November 8, 2024, ISEC set up a census workstation with support from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI, New Delhi, to provide researchers in social sciences access to anonymised and comprehensive micro-level population data free of cost. Another significant milestone was the setting up of the Digital Population Clock at ISEC with support from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on the

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same day. The clock gives real-time estimates of population of India and Karnataka using an inbuilt satellite connection for precise time keeping.

Regular academic activities were also undertaken on ISEC campus. In all, five research projects were completed by ISEC faculty members. The themes of these research projects included ageing, microirrigation strategies, leather artisans, and electoral literacy clubs. Fifteen new research projects covering themes such as welfare schemes for scheduled castes and tribes, gender disparity in the selection of higher education streams, small towns, social exclusion in credit markets, geographical indication and rural development, bamboo cultivation, ecosystem services, health infrastructure, control of fluorosis, interface between elected women representatives and self-help groups were initiated by the faculty members during the period.

The faculty members also disseminated the findings of their research work. One book was published on women's leadership, decentralised governance and development through Springer Publishers. In addition, two special volumes *-Journal of Social and Economic Development and Journal of Rural* 

*Development*- were edited. The faculty members published 39 research papers in reputed journals and as book chapters in edited books. During this period, 11 working papers and two policy briefs were also published.

The ISEC PhD programme was vibrant during the period. Twelve 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 also presented their work in bi-annual seminars and obtained academic inputs for the improvement of their theses.

ISEC has been posting research output on social media for wider dissemination. In the first half of 2024, ISEC posted working papers, policy briefs, project reports and research publications on it. The social media posts also included books authored by the faculty and insightful testimonials from former faculty members. ISEC received over 1.85 lakh impressions for its posts. The follower base was 7055 across social media platforms of LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter (X).

D Rajasekhar Director Two-day Workshop on The Indian Model: Special Economic Zones Beyond China (July 15-16, 2024;Coordinators: Dr Malini L Tantri, CESP and Dr S Manasi, CRUA)

Dr Malini L Tantri (CESP) and Dr S Manasi (CRUA) from the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) and Dr Charlotte Goodburn (KCL) and Dr Jan Knoerich (KCL) from King's College London organised a two-day international conference on the theme of The Indian Model: Special Economic Zones beyond China, at ISEC, Bangalore, during July 15-16, 2024. The workshop was held in a hybrid format. The conference brought together the perspectives of academics, policymakers and bureaucrats with respect to the operation, functioning and issues in the expansion of SEZs in the country. The major attendees at the workshop included Mr Bipin Menon (IAS), DC, NSEZ, Mr Alex Paul Menon (IAS), DC, MEPZ, Prof Irudaya Rajan, Prof Vijaya Bhaskar, Mr K Unnikrishnan (Joint Director General, Southern Region Head,



FICCI), Mr Srikanth Badiga, Regional Director, Asia for World Free Zones Organisation.

The event was covered in Deccanherald: <a href="https://www.deccanherald.com/india/karnataka/bengaluru/global-trades-dependence-on-us-eurozone-impacting-indias-export-fieo-official-3108265">https://www.deccanherald.com/india/karnataka/bengaluru/global-trades-dependence-on-us-eurozone-impacting-indias-export-fieo-official-3108265</a>

A National Level Ten-Day Workshop on Research Methodology and Quality Writing Skills for Social Science Research (August 19-30, 2024; Coordinators: Dr Karthick V and Dr Mallesh Ummalla, CESP)

Until the last couple of decades, there was a plethora of theories, but a dearth of data to prove the facts, and this, therefore, called for a shift to a large-scale factual analysis. However, the lack of adequate research skills among researchers in conducting good quality research and analysing the facts resulted in poor outcomes of social science research. Also, there was a lack of skills among social scientists to make use of modern technologies and software to collect and use empirical data. Only a small number of social scientists conducted quality research by conducting scientific surveys, collecting appropriate data, and using appropriate methodology and that resulted in various policy formulation across the country. Although advanced techniques and the latest developments in social science research are available nowadays, and their usage is also gradually increasing, the basics of the research methodology are fading away. All these show that there is a need for proper research methodology courses to be conducted for the diverse group of social scientists.

Additionally, the quality of writing of the research outcomes is missing in the social science research currently. Due to the PhD thesis submission requirements, researchers tend to publish low-quality articles in predatory journals, and this affects their employability in the job markets. This resulted in increasing the demand for good quality manuscripts for high-level/ top-rated publications. Despite the fact that AI could replace the writing of the research outcomes, good quality writing can come only through a human interface.

Therefore, this course was designed specifically for PhD scholars and postdoctoral fellows in social science, aiming to enhance their research capabilities and methodologies and good-quality writing skills. We received 671 applications, out of which only 30 participants were selected. The preference was given to participants from rural backgrounds, females and statefunded universities. In addition to the ISEC faculties, we invited resource persons from various institutes like the University of Hyderabad, Madras Institute of Development Studies, and Delhi School of Economics. The participants expressed overall satisfaction with the course, highlighting its structured approach and relevance to their academic and professional growth. Most attendees appreciated the interactive sessions, practical applications, and exposure to diverse research methodologies. Participants described the programme as well-structured, informative, insightful, and comprehensive. The resource persons received highly positive feedback, with participant ratings ranging between 85% and 100%. Although separate feedback was not collected from the resource persons, their responses to our thank-you email speak volumes about the programme. One of the resource persons mentioned that every component of the event

was conducted in a highly systematic manner, while another stated that it was professionally executed and provided valuable learning opportunities. Some even highlighted the active involvement, efficient coordination, and effective management, which contributed to the event's success.

NFHS-6 Thanksgiving Programme to Health Officials of Govenrment of Kanrataka and NFHS-6 Field Staff (August 30, 2024;Coordinator: Prof C M Lakshmana, PRC)



The Field Agency of Population Research Centers (PRC), ISEC, Bangalore, successfully completed the nation-wide Demographic and Health Survey of NFHS-6 in South Karnataka as per the deadline given by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare by July 31, 2024. As part of the successful completion of the project, a Thanks giving Programme was arranged for the Health Officials of the Department of Health and Family Welfare Services, Government of Karnataka, as well as for the Field staff, on August 30, 2024, at Mahatma Gandhi Auditorium, ISEC, Bangalore.

Mr. D. Ranadeep, IAS, Principal Secretary Department of Personal Administration Reforms Government of Karnataka and Commissioner (I/C) Health and Family Welfare Services GoK. Ms. Prameela, Joint Director and State Demographer, Health and Family Welfare Services GoK. Prof. Dhananjay Bansod, Principal Investigator, NFHS-6, South Karnataka, IIPS

Mumbai, were the chief guests of the programme. Prof. S. Madheswaran, Head CESP and RBI Chair Professor at ISEC, Mr Ashok Rao, Registrar, ISEC, Ms. A.N. Lakshmi, Accounts Officer ISEC, Dr. S. Dany; Aparna P., and Dr. Jayanthi S., Station Junior Research Officers of the NFHS-6, South Karnataka, IIPS Mumbai were present in the programme.

Dr. C. M. Lakshmana, Professor and Head PRC, ISEC, and Project Director of NFHS-6, South Karnataka, gave a presentation on "NFHS-6, Journey in South Karnataka" by PRC, ISEC.A total of 120 field staff received certificates and appreciation for their work during the fieldwork. The field staff of NFHS-6 shared their experiences of field visits in 15 districts of South Karnataka during the Thanksgiving programme. The programme was concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. C. M. Lakshmana, Professor and Head of PRC, ISEC.



Workshop on Value and Moral Education in School and Higher Education: Issues Related to Content, Pedagogy, Teacher and Institutional Preparedness (September 8, 2024;Coordinators: Prof S Madheswaran and Ms B P Vani, Centre for Economic Studies and Policy, ISEC

India, a diverse and pluralistic nation, has a long and multifaceted history of value and moral education. The Constitution of India, promulgated in 1950, stands as a visionary document embedded in the tenets of secularism, religious freedom, and equality of all religions, providing the foundational framework for the country's educational system. The Constitution of India, steadfast in its dedication to secularism, religious freedom, and equal treatment of all religions, plays a crucial role in shaping how value, moral and religious education are imparted within the nation. The constitutional provisions are notably included in Article 25, Article 28, and Article 30, which directly impact religious education. They delve into the principles of secularism, religious freedom, and the freedom to establish and administer educational institutions while critically analysing how these constitutional tenets intersect with religious education.

The need for value and moral education has been expressed right from the First Education Commission of 1882, and later commission before independence, and after independence by Radhakrishna Commission, 1948, Kothari Commission, 1964/65, 1986 Education Policy, and 1992 Programme of Education and now by the National Education Policy. In this context, the ISEC organised a one-day workshop on 8th September 2024.

Prof D Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC, commenced the session emphasising the significance of value and moral education in shaping responsible citizens and the role of educational institutions in this endeavour. Prof. S. Madheswaran, RBI Chair Professor, Professor and Head of CESP, ISEC, provided an overview of the round table

discussion. He outlined the objectives, highlighting key issues such as curriculum content, pedagogical approaches, teacher preparedness, and institutional responsibility in integrating moral education. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman, BOG, ISEC, and Chairman, SEPC, GOK, delivered the keynote address. He discussed the issues related to moral education in school and higher education in India. His speech underscored the challenges in implementing moral education policies, the need for contextualisation in pedagogy, and the importance of inclusivity in moral instruction.

The workshop included representatives from the Ministry of Education, Government of India, academicians and education policy experts, school and higher education administrators, teachers and curriculum designers, civil society representatives, representatives from teacher training institutes, policy analysts and researchers and student representatives from higher education institutions. The areas such as overview of constitutional provisions on value and moral education, historical evolution of moral and value education in India, challenges and controversies in implementation, course content and pedagogical approaches, teacher sensitisation and institutional preparedness, and recommendations and action plan were discussed in the workshop. The coordinators of the programme were Prof S Madheswaran and Ms BP Vani, CESP, ISEC.

Two-week Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR) (September 2-13, 2024; Coordinator: Dr. Thomas K Felix)

A Two-Week Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR) was conducted by ISEC during September 2-13, 2024. The course aimed to provide participants with advanced research methodologies and tools essential for high-quality research in social sciences.

A total of 20 participants registered for the course, with 19 from outside the ISEC campus. The participants, predominantly female, were from diverse academic disciplines including Political Science, Sociology, Economics, Business Management, Water Science and Governance, Interdisciplinary Humanities, and English. This diversity highlights the programme's broad appeal and its ability to attract participants from various academic and professional backgrounds.

### **Course Highlights:**

- **Technical Sessions:** The course comprised 38 technical sessions covering a wide range of research methodologies and applications in social science research. These sessions were conducted by experienced faculty and experts.
- Data Visualisation: Participants were introduced to data visualisation techniques using tools like Tableau and RStudio, essential for presenting research findings effectively.
- NSSO Data Extraction: Hands-on training in extracting and analysing National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) data using software tools like STATA and SPSS was provided.
- Digital Data Survey: The course included training on designing questionnaires using the Kobo

platform for digital data surveys.

- **Statistical Software:** Participants received handson training in STATA, SPSS, and RStudio.
- Reference Management: Training in reference management using Mendeley software was also provided.

The CCMASSR 2024 course was an enriching experience for all attendees, offering a thorough understanding of research methodologies and introducing participants to the latest tools and techniques essential for modern research. ISEC's dedication to fostering research and academic excellence was evident in the course's success, attracting a significant number of participants.

Participants felt that the course was well-designed and effectively executed. They suggested that future iterations could benefit from more hands-on sessions



in qualitative methods, additional time for library research, an advanced version of CCMASSR, and the inclusion of activity-based teaching assignments.

Overall, CCMASSR 2024 was a tremendous success, and the knowledge and skills gained by the participants are expected to greatly enhance their future research efforts in the social sciences.

# Inaugural Program of Digital Population Clock and Census Data Research Workstation

### **Inaugration of Digital Population Clock**

A Digital Population Clock set-up jointly by Institue for Social and Economic Change and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India is installed at the entrance of ISEC. It was inaugurated by Mr. Kal Singh, Director General (Statistics) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on November 8, 2024 in the presence of Mr. Rakesh Maurya, Deputy Director General (Statistics) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairperson, BoG, ISEC, Prof. D Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC and Prof. C M. Lakshmana, HoD, Population Reasearch Centre, ISEC. The population Clock gives real-time estimates of the population of Karnataka and India using an inbuilt satellite connection for precise time-keeping. The clock updates the estimated population every two seconds for India and every one minute and ten

# First digital population clock to be inaugurated in city today

It has been set up with the objective of creating awareness about the population growth and providing authentic data



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seconds for Karnataka. The clock is the first of its kind in the region.

#### **Inaugration of Census Data Workstation**

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population data which is available to all researchers free of cost. The workstation enables in-depth analyses and research on demographic trends and their implications besides highlighting the need for sustainable development policies in the light of rapid population growth.

# Visit of Delegation of Swedish Universities to ISEC

A Swedish delegation consisting of the leading universities in Sweden such as Uppsala University, Södertörn University, and Stockholm University came to ISEC to discuss possibilities of collaboration on November 13, 2024. Dr Per-Arne Wikstrom, Head of Section, Office of Science and Innovation, Embassy of Sweden, New Delhi led the delegation. Other members of the delegation were Mia Sonja Marie Ljungblom, University Lecturer and Programme Director, Civil and Industrial Engineering, Swaminathan Ramanathan, University Lecturer & Researcher, Department of Civil and Industrial Engineering, Quality Science, Åsa Petri, International Coordinator,

Stockholm University, and Zakia Elisabeth Khan, International Coordinator, Södertörn University. Ms Geeny George Shaju, Senior adviser, Office of Science and Innovation, Embassy of Sweden, New Delhi, coordinated with Prof Kala Sridhar to conduct the event. Prof D Rajasekhar, the Director of ISEC, made a few welcome remarks, and a brief presentation about ISEC and its various centres, followed by a presentation by Dr Per-Arne Wikstrom. Then there was an open discussion regarding the possibilities of collaboration across the two sides. The meeting ended with a note of thanks to everyone present by Prof Kala S Sridhar of ISEC.

# Workshop on Shock Responsive Social Protection, Disaster Management and Humanitarian Cash Transfers in Karnataka (November 20, 2024; Coordinator: Dr R Manjula, CDD)

Two workshops were organised to present the study findings with the representatives of the civil society and disaster management department in Hotel Radisson Blu, Bengaluru, and with the representatives of government departments at Secretariat Office, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru, on November 20, 2024. The main objective of organising these workshops was to disseminate the findings of the studies on "Shock Responsive Social Protection, Disaster Management and Humanitarian Cash Transfers" undertaken by Prof D Rajasekhar and Dr R Manjula from ISEC with support from UNICEF.

The first workshop aimed to gather civil society inputs on making social protection shock-responsive and the role of Grama Panchayats in disaster management. The second workshop focused on policy changes, programme improvements, and the challenges of introducing humanitarian cash transfers, which was chaired by the Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka. These two workshops were organised by Centre for Decentralisation and Development of ISEC, UNICEF and Government of Karnataka and were coordinated by Dr R Manjula.

### First workshop

Disasters significantly increase societal vulnerability, pushing the poor into extreme poverty, with children being the most affected. Prioritising child welfare through social protection measures—such as immunisation, early nutrition, social benefits, and secondary education for girls—is crucial. Adequate financing for disaster management is essential.

Government, typically, works in silos and achieving convergence is not easy. Convergence can be achieved through the creation of task forces. Access to untied funds is crucial for the local governments. Extreme weather events can cause disruptions to daily life. Therefore, responsiveness is essential and there is a need to move from last-mile delivery to first-mile delivery, ensuring that no one is left behind. A localised response approach is needed, where action plans are nimble and quick. The benefits to people should have a mix of both cash and kind.

The following were the group discussion points:

 Hurdles in local government functioning at the grassroots level, including uniform SOPs for beneficiary selection, roles of different levels of government, and coordination with district authorities in allocation and implementation.

- Disbursement of funds decided by the state rather than the district. For district level allocation, district should inform the need, and coordination between decision-makers and grassroot level workers at GP and logistics preparation for disaster preparedness.
- Emphasis on the need for delegation of authority to GPs or Taluks and developing disaster contingency plans and funds.
- Importance of local awareness and outreach to disaster-affected people.
- The need for child-sensitive schemes at the GP level and capacity building for local governments.
- Emphasis on legal empowerment of local governments for spending and local action initiatives.

#### Second Workshop

The meeting was attended by mid-level and field level officials representing different departments of the

government. The gist of the discussion is provided below.

Drawing from Machiavelli's saying, "In times of peace, prepare for war," disaster management requires robust preparation to handle crisis shocks. Strengthening local governance with multi-sectoral responses—covering gender, health impacts on children, and climate resilience—is essential. Therefore, child-tailored systems across different sectors with a holistic approach are needed.

Need to have clear working definition of 'shocks' and 'social protection' across all the stakeholders. Typically, aftershocks, emphasis is given on rebuilding infrastructure rather than invisible aftershocks. Hence, need for comprehensive SOP, which is also inclusive in nature. The disaster response support should not be on case to case, it should be built into to the system as disaster response. Provision of Rs.25,000 funds to GP for disaster management, which was carried forward upon non-utilisation. There is a need for district and taluk officials training on how to protect vulnerable groups during disasters.

# Symposium on Urban Ethnography and Bangalore (December 12-13, 2024;Coordinator: Dr Sobin George, CSSCD)

Ethnography Lab at Vidya shilp University, in collaboration with ISEC organised a symposium on urban enthnography and Bangalore during December 12-13, 2024.

This interdisciplinary symposium aimed to bring into conversation the different ethnographic research and practice engagements with the city of Bangalore. It also aimed to open this discourse beyond academic interests towards an ethnographic praxis among a community of activists, conservationists, heritage researchers, independent scholars, and artists. The hybrid event, spanning over two days, included a series of presentations that provided new understanding about living, researching, and writing about Bangalore. The presentations from the local

and international participants included a community of activists, conservationists, heritage researchers, independent scholars, academicians, and artists. The event consisted of 15 presentations, with 50odd participants from across India. The symposium included three panel sessions, a keynote speech, an ethnography walk through Malleshwaram, and two exhibitions. The event convenors were Dr Ranjana Raghunathan, Assistant Professor, School of Liberal Arts & Design Studies, Vidya shilp University, and Dr Prajwal Nagesh, Senior Research Associate, ISEC. The event coordinators were Prof Radhika Lobo, programme chair, School of Liberal Arts and Design Studies, Vidya shilp University, and Dr Sobin George, assistant professor, Centre for Study of Social Change and Development (CSSCD), ISEC.

# Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture on 'Ethics'

The Second Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture on Ethics was held at the Mahatma Gandhi Auditorium in ISEC on October 16, 2024. Prof RS Deshpande, Former Director and Member, Board of Governors, ISEC delivered a lecture on "Ethics in Buddhism and Gandhian Views". Prof D Rajasekhar, Director of ISEC, presided over the session.

## **Seminars by Faculty**

Living Arrangements and Caregiver Dynamics: Implications for Health and Functional care of Older Adults in India- Ms Madhubrota Chatterjee and Prof T S Syamala, ISEC, Bangalore (September 2, 2024).

# **Seminars/Lectures by Visitors**

Dynamic Reaction of Indian Macroeconomic Factors to Asymmetric Oil Price Shocks: NARDL Approach - Dr G Suresh, (Professor P R Brahmananda Endowment Grant 2022-23 recipient) Associate Professor of Finance at Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Bangalore (July 5, 2024).

PDRP Initiation Seminar - Exploring the Socio-Economic Status of Seasonal Migrant Sugarcane Harvesting Workers- Dr Praveen Yadav (July 12, 2024).

Nature, Society and Crony Capitalism - Prof Madhav Gadgil (Ecologist from India and recipient of Padma Shri award in1981 and Padma Bhushan award in 2006), Professor (Retired), Centre for Ecological Sciences Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru (July 29, 2024).

Macroeconomics and Economic Management: Lessons from India- Prof Charan Singh, CEO, EGROW Foundation, Former Senior Economist, IMF and Former RBI Chair Professor, IIM Bangalore (August 12, 2024).

Does Participation in Village Assembly Meeting Lead to Improved Public Good Allocation? Evidence from Karnataka - Prof Takashi Kurosaki (Hitotsubashi University) (August 13, 2024). Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in Vulnerability Reduction in the Context of Covid-19: A Study in Migration Hotspot Districts of Odisha - Dr Ghanashyam Sahu (August 14, 2024).

Unveiling Heterogeneous Effect of Unconditional Cash Transfer on Farm Productivity: Evidence from India? - Neeraj Katewa, a 5<sup>th</sup>year PhD student at IIM Lucknow (August 30, 2024).

PDRP Completion Seminar - Strengthening Financial Inclusion of Women Led MSMEs in the context of Covid 19 Pandemic - Dr Anand Philip Kurian (October 16, 2024).

Monetary Policy Transmission in India -Prof Debashis Acharya, Professor, School of Economics, University of Hyderabad (October 23, 2024).

Natural Resources Conservation Management through Digital Agricultural Application: Opportunities and Risks - Prof Kaliappa Kalirajan, Dr V.K.R.V. Rao Chair Professor, ISEC, (December 19, 2024).

# Pre-Theses Submission Seminarsby Students

Human Capital and Economic Growth: An Empirical Study at the National and Sub-national Levels in India - Mr Surendra Kumar Naik, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (July 2, 2024)

Governance and Development Outcomes: A Comparative Study of PESA and Non-PESA Areas in Madhya Pradesh - Mr Prakash Menakel Philip, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (July 3, 2024)

Neoliberal Governmentality, New Paternalism and Subjectivities: A Study of Integrated Child Protection Scheme in Karnataka - Mr Biplaw Kumar Singh, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (July 11, 2024)

Social Security for Construction Workers in Bengaluru: Needs Issues and Accessibilities - Mr Sandeep Kumar Chaurasia, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (July 19, 2024)

Barriers to Girls' Secondary School Education: The Role of Family and Community in Karnataka - Ms Sudhamani N, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (August 5, 2024)

# **Research Projects**

### **Completed Projects**

- Conversations on ageing in India An Online Event (Prof Lekha Subaiya, Prof T S Syamala and Ms B P Vani)
- 2. Scaling Up Micro-Irrigation Reach for Enhanced Water-use Efficiency to Combat Agricultural Drought (Prof Ramappa K B)
- 3. Socio-Economic Status of Scheduled Castes LeatherArtisans in Karnataka: An Assessment (Mr M Kusanna, Prof S Madheswaran and Ms B P Vani)
- 4. Impact of Electoral Literacy Clubs in creating Electoral Awareness and Active Involvement to Fits Members in the Election Process in Karnataka (Prof S Madheswaran and Ms B P Vani)
- 5. **Knowledge, Attitude, Practices (KAP) Baseline Survey Karnataka 2022** (Prof S Madheswaran and Ms B P Vani)

### **New Projects**

- 1. **Impact Assessment of SCSA/TSA Schemes** (Prof S Madheswaran, Ms B P Vani, Dr Karthick. V and Mr M Kusanna)
- 2. Risk Factors and Health Behaviour Among Younger Adults in Karnataka (Prof C M Lakshmana)
- 3. Health Infrastructure of Primary Health Care Institutions: A Study in Karnataka (Mr Devindra)
- 4. Hypertension treatment cascade among urban and rural poor adults in India: Analysis of National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21) (Ms Madhu Bidari)
- Economic & Business Viability Study of the Drone Operations: An All-India Study (Prof Ramappa K B and Prof Parmod Kumar)
- 6. Interlinkages between Geographical indication and Rural development: Empirical Evidence from Selected States of South India (Prof K B Ramappa and Dr MaliniL Tantri)

- 7. Bamboo Cultivation for Value Addition and Income Generation of Farmers: A Study of Select States of India (Prof Parmod Kumar and Dr Vilas Jadhav)
- 8. Elected Women Representatives of Grama Panchayats in Karnataka: Does the Previous Experience in Self-help Groups Matter (Dr R Manjula)
- 9. Valuing Forest Ecosystems Services from different forest types of Tamil Nadu (Dr Balasubramanian M and Mr Nihar Ranjan)
- 10. **Social Exclusion in the Rural Agricultural Credit Market: A Study of Karnataka** (Dr Karthick V and Prof S Madheswaran)
- 11. Revisiting the Debate on Gender Disparity in the Selection of Higher Education streams and its effect on Labour market outcomes in India (Dr Indrajit Bairagya)
- 12. Can Small Towns in India Benefit from Urbanisation? (Prof Kala S Sridhar)
- 13. Health infrastructure and service delivery at Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs): An investigation in selected District Hospitals in Karnataka (Prof C M Lakshmana)
- 14. Assessment of the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) in the Southern States of India (Prof Lekha Subaiya, Prof T S Syamala, Mr Ramesha V, Mr Srikant and Ms Madhu Bidari)
- 15. National Programme for Prevention and Control of Fluorosis: Evolving Strategies, Initiatives and Prospects in Two Fluoride Endemic Districts of Karnataka (Ms Madhu Bidari)

#### **Student News**

#### PhD Programme 2024-25

The PhD Programme 2024-25 was advertised in the month of April - May 2024. The total number of applications received was 84. The Screening Committee in its meeting held on 31st May 2024 screened 77 applications. The number of candidates who appeared for the Written Test was 54. The number of candidates who qualified in the Written

Test was 24. Out of 24 candidates, as per centre-level ranking and roster, the number of candidates selected was 16 (12 Full Time - 4 Part Time Students).

#### **Biannual Seminar Series**

The Fiftieth Bi-annual Seminars were held during December 11-19, 2024. In all, there were 27 presentations comprising 11 Proposal seminars, 16 progress seminars (11 Sessions). 26 students sought exemption, and 4 students did not seek permission for exemption from Bi-annual seminars. Two (2) students presented pre-thesis colloquium, 16 students submitted theses, 1 student PhD Notification was awaited, and 16 students are from the new batch.

#### PhD Degree Awarded

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

**Dr Prajeesh Karonnon** (Economics): 'Telecom Service Industry in India: Structure, Contribution and Performance' (Supervisor: Prof Meenakshi Rajeev).

**Dr Supriya Bhandarkar** (Economics): 'Performance of the Indian Pharmaceutical Industry Under the New IPR Regime' (Supervisor: Prof Meenakshi Rajeev).

**Dr Jina Sarmah** (Development Studies): 'Workers in Interactive Service Employment: A Study in Bengaluru, India' (Supervisor: Dr Indrajit Bairagya).

**Dr N Pautunthang** (Development Studies): 'Demographic Transition and Familial Changes: A Study of Single Child Families' (Supervisor: Prof T S Syamala).

**Dr Abdul Raoof C K** (Sociology): 'Consent and Dissent Formation: State, Religion and Capital in the Making/Unmaking of Vizhinjam International Seaport Kerala' (Supervisor: Dr Sobin George).

**Dr Romica Vasudev**(Sociology): 'Muslim Women in the Private and Public Sphere: Religious Practices and the Construction of Muslim Women-Subjects' (Supervisor: Dr Anand Inbanathan).

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- Working Paper No. 583: 'The Evolution and Status of Tribal Sub Plan Through Local Self Government Institutions: Reflections from Kerala's Experience' by Vidya J Mathew.
- 3. **Working Paper No. 584:** 'Urban Primacy in Southern India: Industrial Policies and Outcomes' by Kala Seetharam Sridhar.
- 4. Working Paper No. 585: 'Climate Change Vulnerability Index for Karnataka: Adaptive Capacity, Exposure and Sensitivity for the Districts of Karnataka' by Karnika A and Krishna Raj.
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#### Working Papers - An Overview

The global pursuit of gender equality in education has identified several barriers that hinder girls' access to and completion of education. The paper "Breaking Barriers: Schemes Enhancing Girls' Educational Opportunities" (WP 582), by Sudhamani N and Anand Inbanathan, examines various schemes and initiatives aimed at overcoming these barriers and enhancing educational opportunities for girls in Karnataka. By analysing some of the schemes to provide free uniforms, books, mid-day meals, scholarships, bicycles, sanitary pads etc, this paper highlights the transformative impact of these schemes in promoting girls' enrolment, and continuation in school. It also explores geographical disparities that

affect educational access. Through empirical evidence, this paper emphasises the importance of coordinated efforts among governments, NGOs, and communities in breaking down systemic barriers and creating inclusive educational environments for all girls.

The paper "The Evolution and Status of Tribal Sub Plan Through Loca Self Government Institutions: Reflections from Kerala's Experience" (WP 583) by Vidya J Mathewaims at comprehending the history of Tribal Development programmes in pre and post independent India with special reference to Tribal Sub Plan programmes in Kerala state. The focus of this paper is to trace the changes in Tribal Sub Plan through Local Self Government Institutions after the historic 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Acts. The observations made in the paper point towards the declining role of Local Self Government Institutions in comparison with Scheduled Tribes Development Department with respect to Tribal Sub Plan programmes in Kerala during the period of 2007-2024.

The southern states of India are more urbanised than their northern counterparts. The newly carved state of Telangana in southern India has severe urban primacy as the biggest city there (Hyderabad) is nearly 10 times the size of the second biggest city (Warangal). Karnataka too is characterised by severe primacy given that Bengaluru is more than 10times the size of the second biggest city, Mysuru. Tamil Nadu, the most urbanised state of India, has less severe primacy with its capital city Chennai being four times the size of its second biggest city. Given their urban primacy, the research questions Kala Seetharam Sridhar answer in the paper "Urban Primacy in Southern India: Industrial Policies and Outcomes" (WP 584) are: (1) What has been the policy approach of these states to industrial development? (2) Is the urban primacy observed in the population of the largest city in these states reflected in terms of the spatial dispersion of employment and industry across these states, as an outcome of their industrial policies? To answer question, one, we reviewed the industrial policies of the three southern states— Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Telangana. Our examination of the policies of the government of Tamil Nadu over time shows that balanced regional development was recognised as a goal for a long time. Karnataka did recognise balanced regional development as a vision, but its industrial policies included a lot of emphasis on Bengaluru too, in addition to that on the smaller cities. We found the industrial policy statements of the government

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of Telangana do not make any reference to balanced regional development as a goal. And to answer question two, we review the full spatial distribution of industry and employment in the southern states characterised by high primacy, beyond the top cities. We find that while Tamil Nadu has been somewhat successful, Telangana is moderate, but Bengaluru is the worst in terms of economic primacy. The policy suggestions are given in the summary.

Climate change is a global phenomenon that will have a long-lasting effect. These effects, however, differ according to the regions and sectors. The objective of thepaper "Climate Change Vulnerability Index for Karnataka: Adaptive Capacity, Exposure and Sensitivity for the Districts of Karnataka" (WP 585) by Karnika A and Krishna Raj is to study the intensity of climate vulnerability across the districts in different climatic zones in Karnataka through the construction of a climate change vulnerability index, and to analyse the climate vulnerability among socio-economic groups in the districts of Karnataka. The focus of the study has been on the region of Karnataka and its districts for analysing their level of vulnerability and studying their socio-economic backgrounds that explain this vulnerability to climate change. Data was collected from several state and central government reports, various census reports, ICRISAT, IMD reports, etc. Principal Component Analysis and Factor Analysis have been done to arrive at conclusions. A choropleth map has also been designed to indicate the scale of vulnerability of the districts. It was found that the vulnerability of a district is influenced not just by its location but also by its demographic and socio-economic background. The computation for the vulnerability index has been done by estimating the exposure, sensitivity and adaptive capacity indexes, a framework suggested by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), 2007. The districts having very high vulnerability index to climate change have been observed on average to have high sensitivity, high exposure, and low adaptive capacity and the districts with low vulnerability index are found to have high adaptive capacity with low exposure or low sensitivity. The index levels are studied in the background of various socioeconomic, demographic and agricultural indicators for the districts; hence, the level of intensity of climate change in the districts may differ from one another. Ballari, Raichur, Gulbarga, and Yadgir are found to have climate vulnerability compared to other districts and are also observed to have high levels of poverty, female-male sex ratios, and scheduled caste and scheduled tribe populations. The foremost priority outlined in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, 2015, underscores the need for a comprehensive understanding of multidimensional disaster risk. In the light of this, Abina V P and Meenakshi Rajeev in the paper "Examining the Severity of Natural Disasters: A Study of Lower Middle-Income Countries" (WP 586) examine the disaster risk profiles of Lower Middle-income Countries (LMCs), which account for the largest share in terms of the human cost of natural disasters. By combining three immediate impact indicators, i.e., the percentage of people killed, percentage of people affected and damage cost as a percentage of GDP, an overall disaster severity index was constructed for LMCs for the period 2000-2023, with weights assigned to these indicators following the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) framework developed by Alkire & Foster (2011). The study has found that over time, these countries have faced a wide range of natural disasters, with flooding and storms being the most common among them. Further, the convergence of economic and geographical vulnerabilities is found to have magnified the overall severity of natural disasters faced by LMCs. It has been found that 40% of the countries with a very high natural disaster severity accounted for a GDP per capita of less than \$4,000. Furthermore, 66% of them have experienced medium density of natural disasters, with more than 20 events occurring in the past five years. Additionally, 40% of these nations exhibit poverty rates exceeding 30% with all of them sharing a coastal territory. Notably, 60% of them are island countries with high elevation and a significant coastal population. By adopting this comprehensive approach, our research seeks to provide a more accurate and holistic understanding of the severity of natural disasters, which enables a fairer comparison of countries facing different types of natural disasters. Moreover, an understanding of the various dimensions of risk can help policy makers to reduce the future natural disaster risk.

In the paper "India's Trade in Processed Food Products - Emerging Trends and Challenges" (WP 587), Sibin Jerry Thomas and Malini L Tantri critically examine the dynamics of India's trade participation in processed foods. The analysis, based on descriptive statistics using the UN COMTRADE database for 2000-2020, indicates that trade in FPI is largely concentrated in developing markets. India seems to be losing its competitiveness in processed food exports. Besides this, the exports from the sector are mainly of products whose global demand is declining,

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questioning the sustainability of exports. Thereby, the study highlights the need for a very product-specific approach to boost processed food exports from India in the pursuit of doubling farmers' income.

Maternal morbidity and mortality rates are still high among different socio-economic groups and regions in India. Access and utilisation of maternal healthcare services drastically vary among these groups and various factors influence them. Against this backdrop, Sampriti Bhattacharjee, T K Anil Kumar and Krishna Raj in the paper "Impact of Socioeconomic Factors on Utilisation of Maternal Healthcare: Evidence from Karnataka" (WP 588) aim to determine the impact of socioeconomic factors on the utilisation of maternal healthcare in Karnataka and the administrative districts of Karnataka. This paper uses the recent data from Round five of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) for Karnataka state. The regional analysis shows that amongst the four administrative divisions, Bangalore performed the best in this measure, followed by Mysore, Belgaum, and Kalaburagi. Wealth index and education emerged as the most significant predictors of utilisation of maternal healthcare services.

The paper "The Concept of Human Nature in Chanakya's Arthashastra and Machiavelli's The Prince" (WP 589), by Anil Kumar Vaddiraju, aims to compare the understanding of human nature in Chanakya's Arthashastra and Machiavelli's The Prince from the perspective of the Comparative Political Theory. Both these political thinkers belong to varied continents of time and place. While Chanakya belonged to ancient India, Machiavelli belonged to the period of the Renaissance, but both have clear and lucid portrayal of human nature in their works, which is comparable. Both portray human nature as cynical. And both have at their heart the well-being of the state and the welfare of the people. And both use this concept of human nature to advise the prince/raja on matters of state craft. For both, the consolidation of the state and its maintenance are chief concerns. This leads both the thinkers to a stark 'realism' in thinking in terms of domestic and interstate relations. The ends in question for both are the strength of the states in question and the well-being of the people. While discussing this, one should keep in mind that Chanakya was not the first philosopher to advise the rajas. He built upon the ideas of others who came before him. The same is true of Machiavelli. In Machiavelli's time, it was a trend among many scholastic writers to write pietistic advice to Italian princes. What, however, distinguishes Chanakya in the Indian context and Machiavelli in the Italian context is that they radically break with their predecessors in advising the rajas/princes in terms of what is expedient according to the context.

The paper "Economic Implications of Natural Gas Allocation on the Indian Economy" (WP 590), by Alok Aditya and Krishna Raj analyses the economic implications of natural gas allocation on the Indian economy. It explores the optimal priority order for natural gas allocations based on its economic linkages with other sectors. Using input-output modelling, the study assesses the quantitative economic impacts of natural gas on output, income, and employment in India. The backward linkage analysis revealed that the natural gas sector's high import dependency generates ₹0.357 demand from other sectors per additional rupee of output. Despite lower backward linkage scores compared to crude petroleum and coal, the natural gas sector exhibited strong forward linkages, influencing ₹1.957 across various sectors. The investment in the natural gas sector exhibited a production-induced effect of 1.357, indicating a positive impact on economy-wide output. Moreover, changes in final demand for natural gas had a notable effect on household income and employment, further showcasing the sector's significant contributions to the overall economy.

The paper, by KC Smitha and Barun Dev Pal, "Urban Development Induced Rehabilitation of Slums in Bengaluru: Tracing Gender Sensitivity and Agency" (WP 591), explores the impact of developmentinduced resettlement policy implemented by the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) metro project evicting two slums and eventually displacing them in the city of Bengaluru. The main objective of the study is to assess the impact of relocation on slum dwellers, particularly women. Some of the key parameters examined include socio-economic conditions, livelihood status, and employment and socio-economic mobility. The key focus of the study area includes two slums, namely Basaveshwaranagar and Jai Bheema Nagar, which were affected by the implementation of the BMRCL project (Phase I) in the city. The study applies the "before and after" framework to capture their socioeconomic conditions, livelihood status, and mobility issues. Both qualitative and quantitative methods were used to collect the data. Findings from the study clearly show that spatial relocation to new areas has seriously affected women's occupational

and economic mobility, particularly among those who are uneducated and elderly. As a result, women's contribution to the family's income has drastically reduced, thereby exacerbating the spatial reproduction of urban poverty. Hence, one can state that spatial relocation reinforces the economic and social marginalisation of urban poor and in particular women by curtailing their socio-economic mobility. Moreover, any changes in the relocation caused by developmental activities, such as the metro-rail project (infrastructure), perpetuate spatial inequality. An inescapable truth is that the gender dimension in governance, urban development, and planning stands virtually ignored. Embedding a gender perspective into urban governance is imperative for creating an inclusive city.

As against the existing set of studies on Indian ports, Shafeeqe Abdul Kader P K and Malini L Tantri in the paper "The Changing Landscape of Economic Reforms and Major Ports Performance - Evidence from India" (WP 592) provide a comprehensive analysis of their performances by capturing all the relevant elements and dimensions. This study outlines whether their performance has changed against the backdrop of the changing landscape of economic reforms pertaining to the sector. The analysis is based on data collected from Port statistics for the period 1990-91 to 2020-21, which comprises the pre- and post-reform period of the port sector.

The advent of WTO regulations, the internet revolution, and improvements in logistics have reshaped the traditional view that geographical distance is the primary determinant of trade relationships. As a result, countries, for various reasons—regardless of the distance—have started to form closer ties. In this context, the paper "Assessing and Explaining Trade Agglomeration in the Context of Global Trade" (WP 593), authored by Jadhav Chakradhar and A V Manjunatha, first defines the concept of trade agglomeration. It empirically investigates the factors influencing trade patterns among 15 countries identified for their trade agglomerations, from 1995 to 2022. The results show that factors such as GDP, population, trade openness, globalisation, FDI, internet penetration, and average governance indicators have a significant and positive impact on trade flows. In contrast, trade policy uncertainties, tariffs, and the real exchange rate have a significant and negative impact on trade. Countries like Denmark, Turkey, the Philippines, Portugal, and Romania stand out with a predicted trade-to-total trade ratio above one, indicating a relatively higher

potential for trade expansion. Interestingly, the analysis finds that at higher quantiles, the impact of trade policy uncertainties on trade flows is significant and negative, whereas at lower quantiles, it has no significant effect. The findings suggest that countries agglomerate for trade based on shared interests driven by political and economic gains.

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ಕಸ್ತೂರಿರಂಗನ್ ವರದಿ ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಅನಿವಾರ್ಯತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರ। ಪರ್ಯಾಯ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲಹೆ ವಯನಾಡು ಭೀಕರ ದುರಂತ ರಾಜ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಪಾಠವಾಗುವುದೇ?

ಹಾಡಾಮವಾಣೆ ಜನಪ್ರನಿಧಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತೆ ಸಭೆ ನಿವೃತ್ತ ಐಎಎಸ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಕೆ.ಪಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್ ನೇತೃತ್ತ ಕ್ಷೂರಂಡ್ ಚರಜುಜ್ಜು ಸರ್ವತ್ರಗಳು

# ಆಸ್ತಿ ನಗದೀಕರಣ ಅವಕಾಶ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗೆ ಐವರ ಸಮಿತಿ



He was speaking on the second day of a two-day workshop held at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), in collaboration with the Lau China Institute, King's College London (KCL).

EB TON ಶುಕ್ರವಾರ, 06 ಸೆಪ್ರಂಬರ್, 2024

# ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳ ಕೊರತೆ





ධ්සී**ಟ**ಲ್ සබ්ස්රණ ಗಡಿಯಾರ ಅನಾವರಣೆ

'ಮಾನವ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಅಗತ್ಯ'

ಗದಂತೆ ನೋಡುಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಜ ಎಲರದ್ದಾಗಿದೆ' ಎಂದು

# **ಪ್ರಜಾ**ಹವಾಣಿ

# ಹನ್ನೊಂದು ತಿಂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಟುಂಬ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಮೀಕ್ಷೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: 'ಹನ್ನೊಂದು ತಿಂಗಳ ಆವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಕುಟುಂಬ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಮೀಕ್ಷೆ (ಎನ್ಎಫ್ಎಚ್ಎ-

ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಪ್ರಾಧ್ಯಾಪಕ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಎದುರಿಸಿದ ಸಮಸ್ಥೆ ಸಿಎರಿ. ರಕ್ಷಣ ಕಳಿಸಿದರು. ಕೇಂದ್ರವು ನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಂಡ ಸರಿ ಹಲಾ ಹೋ ಪ್ರಕ್ಷೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಕೊಂಡು ನಿವರ ನೇಡಿದ ಆವರು. ರಕ್ಷಣ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆಯೂ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ನಡೆಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಪ್ರಾಥಾಗಳು ಮಿದ್ದ ಪ್ರಕ್ಷೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಪ್ರಕ್ಷೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಸಲಾಗಿ ನೀಡಿ ಪ್ರಕ್ಷೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಹೀತೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿತ್ತು ಎಂದು ನೀಡಿ. ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಕಲೆಕಾಕಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಮಿರುಪಿದರು. ಪ್ರಕ್ಷೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಹೀತೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿತ್ತು ಎಂದು ನೀಡಿ. ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಕಲೆಕಾಕಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಮಿರುಪಿದರು. ಪ್ರಕ್ಷೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಹೀತೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿತ್ತು ಎಂದು ಮಾತ್ರದ ಸಮೀಕ್ಷೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು ವಿಶೇಷ. ಕೋಡಿದ್



ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿಗೂ ಸಮಸ್ಥೆ

**ಪ್ರಜಾ≟ವಾಣಿ** ಆರನೇ ಸುತ್ತಿನ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಕುಟುಂಬ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಮೀಕ್ಷ ಪೂರ್ಣ ● ನೀತಿ ನಿರೂಪಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಹಕಾರಿ

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# ಸಂಪನ್ನೂಲ ಹೆಚ್ಚಳ ಸಾಧ್ಯತೆ ಪತ್ತೆಗೆ ತಜ್ಞರ ಸಮಿತಿ ರಚನೆ

ಚಂಗಳೂರು: ಗ್ಯಾರಂಟಗಳ ಜಾರಿಯಿಂದ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಹೊರೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗುತ್ತಿಯವ ಬೆನ್ನಲ್ಲೇ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರಕಾರವು ಸಂಪನ್ನೂಲ ಹೆಚ್ಚಳ್ಳರುವ ಸಾಧ್ಯಕೆಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವಿಶೇಷ ಗಮನ ಹರಿಸಿದ್ದು, ತರಿಗೆಯೇತರ ಆದಾಯ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಕ್ಕರುವ ಅವಕಾಶಗಳ ಪಕ್ಷೆಗೆ ಬವರು ತಜ್ಜರ ಸಮಿತಿ ರಚಿಸಿದೆ. ನಿವೃತ್ತ ಐಎಎಸ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಕೆ.ಪಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್

ನೇವೃತ್ತದ ಸಮಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರೀಯ ಪರೋಕ್ಷತೆಂಗೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸಿದ್ಧಪಡಿಸಲು ಅಗತ್ಯ ಶಿವ್ಧಾರ್ಯ ಬಳಗೊಂಡ ವರಿದಿ ನೀಡುವಂತೆ ಸುಂಕ ಮಂಡಳಿ (ಸಿಬಿಐಸಿ) ಮಾಜಿ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ನಿಜೀಚ್ ಶಾ. ನಿವೃತ್ತ ಸಮಿತಿಗೆ ಸರಕಾರ ಸೂಚಿಸಿದೆ. ವರದಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಕೆಗಾಗಿ ಸಮಿತಿಗೆ ಎಸ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಎಚ್. ಶತಿಧರ್, ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ



ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷ ಕಾಲಾವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ನಾನಾ ವಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆಸ್ತಿ ನಗದೀಕರಣದ ಅವಕಾಶಗಳನ್ನು ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸಹಭಾಗಿತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಜಾರಿಗೊಳಸಲು ಸೂಕ್ತ ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಮಿತಿಗೆ ಸರಕಾರ ಸೂಚಿಸಿದೆ. ವರದಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಕೆಗಾಗಿ ಸಮಿತಿಗೆ

# [ S E C Papers Presented at Conferences/Workshops/Seminars

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# **Working Papers Published Outside ISEC**

*Balasubramanian, M* – 'Eco-budget in Karnataka: Opportunities and Challenges'. July 2024. <a href="https://www.ideasforindia.in/topics/environment/eco-budget-in-karnataka-opportunities-and-challenges.html">https://www.ideasforindia.in/topics/environment/eco-budget-in-karnataka-opportunities-and-challenges.html</a>

# Papers Presented at Conferences/ Workshops/Seminars

#### Bairagya, Indrajit

Diversity of Quality of Employment within the Manufacturing Sector in India: A Comparative Analysis of Formal and Informal Segments; at the Second National Conference on India's Industrial Transformation, organised by the ISID, New Delhi, November 21-23, 2024.

#### Felix, Thomas

Transformation Towards Sustainable Agri-Food Systems; at the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Agricultural Economists, held at the NASC Complex, New Delhi, India, August 2-7, 2024.

Fruit Frenzy: Evolving Consumption and Demand Trends in South India; at the 84th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics (ISAE), organised by the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, PAJANCOA & RI, Karaikal, Puducherry, November 11-13, 2024.

#### Jadhav, Vilas

(with B V Chinnappa Reddy) Impact of Horticulture Development on Farmers Livelihood Security-Field based Evidence from Karnataka; at the AERC Platinum Jubilee Conference on Sustainability of Agricultural Sector: Issues, Challenges and Policy Matrix, organised by Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, December 23-24, 2024.

#### Manasi, S

(with Kambara, Channamma, Vijayalakshmi S) Perceptions about Green Buildings in a Metropolitan city: A Case of Bengaluru; at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Social Science Institutions (IASSI), organised by BITS, MESRA, October 25-27, 2024.

#### Manjula, R

(with D Rajasekhar, Takashi Kurosaki and Yuko Mori) Does Participation in Village Assembly Meeting Lead to Improved Public Good Allocation? Evidence from Karnataka; at ISEC, August 13, 2024.

Simplifying Delivery of Social Security Benefits in Karnataka, for the participants of UGC Refresher course in Social Science on the theme Linking Governance, Development and Technology - Challenges and Strategies, organised by UGC-MMTTC and Bangalore University, Bengaluru, September 26, 2024.

Are Karnataka Local Governments Receiving Adequate Funds? Analysis of Devolution of Funds and Service Delivery Status at the Local Level; at the National Seminar on 16<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission and Cooperative Federalism in India: Issues, Challenges and Concerns, organised by the Public Policy Research Institute & School of Development Studies, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, October 22-23, 2024.

(with D Rajasekhar) Shock Responsive Social Protection, Disaster Management and Humanitarian Cash Transfers in Karnataka; at the two workshops held at Hotel Radisson Blu and at Vikasa Soudhaon November 20, 2024.

#### Nayak, Akshata

Peeling whorls of onion price- A GIS based market integration study in India; at the International Conference on Next-Gen Supply Chain: Trends, Innovations, and Best Practices (NGSC-2024), November 22-23, 2024, at IIM Jammu.

#### Nouskit, Stanzin

(with Renu Nanda) Gandhian Technological Innovative Pedagogical Interventions for Female Education: An experiment in Jammu district of Jammu and Kashmir State in India; at the 18<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Comparative Education Societies, International conference, organised by Cornell University, USA, July 22-26, 2024. (Hybrid mode)

Adult Literacy Programs and their Impact on Women's Lives: A Case Study of Bengaluru's Slums (India); at the 11<sup>th</sup> LSME International Research Conference on the theme 'Re-visioning Practice in Education, Health Care and Business amidst Global Challenges', organised by The London School of Management Education, November 12, 2024 (Online).

# [ S E C Papers Presented at Conferences/Workshops/Seminars

(with Daibiduti) Perspective of Post Graduate Students on the National Education Policy 2020: A Case Study of Bangalore; at the International Conference on Teacher Education in the 21st Century, organised by the Department of Education, Aligarh Muslim University, Uttar Pradesh, November 23-24, 2024 (Hybrid mode).

#### Rajasekhar, D

(with R Manjula, Takashi Kurosaki and Yuko Mori) Does Participation in Village Assembly Meeting Lead to Improved Public Good Allocation? Evidence from Karnataka; at ISEC, August 13, 2024.

(with R Manjula) Shock Responsive Social Protection, Disaster Management and Humanitarian Cash Transfers in Karnataka; at the two workshops held at Hotel Radisson Blu and at Vikasa Soudhaon November 20, 2024.

#### Ramappa, KB

Transformation Towards Sustainable Agri-Food Systems; at the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Agricultural Economists, at NASC Complex, New Delhi, India, August 2-7, 2024.

Evaluating the Impact of Soil Health Card Scheme on Nutrient Management in Major Crops of Karnataka; at the AERC Platinum Jubilee Conference on Sustainability of Agricultural Sector: Issues, Challenges and Policy Matrix, December 23-24, 2024.

(with Felix, Thomas) Estimating the Impact of Technical and Allocative Efficiency on Cost and Input Demand in Major Millet Production-a Primal Approach; at the 32<sup>nd</sup> ICAE. IAAE, August 2024.

(with Shahin Alam, Christoph Dittrich, Eva Schlecht, Neda Yousefian) Navigating Therise of A2 and Desi Milk in Urban India: Production, Sales and Consumer Prespectives; at the Sustainable Food Systems Symposium 2024, Paulinerkirch, Europe, September 17-18, 2024.

#### Reimeingam, Marchang

Analysing the Changing Structure of Land Use to Achieve Sustainable Development in Manipur; at the Two-day National Seminar on Land, Development, and Identity Politics in North East India, organised by the Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, July 23-24, 2024.

#### Syamala, TS

Maternal and Child health Status of the Urban-Poor

in Comparison to Rural-Poor in India; at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the IASP, December 12-14, 2024, **at** CSRD, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

#### Tantri, Malini L

(with Manasi S) SEZ and Stakeholder - through the lens of Conflict framework; at the Workshop on The Indian Model: Special Economic Zones beyond China, organised by ISEC and the Lau China Institute, King's College London (KCL), July 15-16, 2024.

(with Manasi S) SEZ and Urbanisation through the lens of GIS; at the Workshop on The Indian Model: Special Economic Zones Beyond China, organised by ISEC and the Lau China Institute, King's College London (KCL), July 15-16, 2024.

(with Manasi S) Environmental Sustainability, Waste Management, and SEZ – Mundra; at the Workshop on The Indian Model: Special Economic Zones Beyond China, organised ISEC and the Lau China Institute, King's College London (KCL), July 15-16, 2024.

## **Keynote/Presidential Addresses**

#### Gowda, Chandan

Delivered a Keynote Address on 'Ethnography on Bangalore: Possible Routes', in A Symposium on Urban Ethnography and Bangalore, organised by Vidyashilp University in collaboration with ISEC, December 12, 2024.

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

### Bairagya, Indrajit

Participated as an Invited Panelist for a panel discussion on Skill Development and Training for Urban Street Vendors; at the State Level Award Ceremony 'Utkrishata ki Ore Badhte Kadam – Celebrating Achievements, Inspiring Excellence 2023-24', orgnised by Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Department, Government of Karnataka, August 22, 2024.

#### George, Sobin

Participated as a Discussant, in the EQUIMOB

international conference, organised by MAHE, Manipal, October 23-24, 2024.

#### Gowda, Chandan

Organiser and Discussant, Mahakaal, Bangalore International Centre, August 17, 2024.

Participated as Discussant, Rajendra Chenni's State Matters: Kannada Sub-Nationalism and State Formation, Santa Shishunala Research Centre, Tumkur University, Tumkur, December 13, 2024.

#### Manjula, R

Presentation on 'India's Social Protection Programmes: Key Issues for Citizen Welfare' in a Panel discussion on 'Livelihood Support and Social Insurance', in the Workshop on Re-imagining India's Social Protection System, organised by Tata-Cornell Institute (TCI) at New Delhi, August 8, 2024.

Discussant to a paper on 'Empowerment of Local Governments: Horizontal and Vertical Fiscal Devolutions Need Revamping', in the National Seminar on 16<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission and Cooperative Federalism in India: Issues, Challenges and Concerns, organised by the Public Policy Research Institute & School of Development Studies, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, held at Kerala, October 23, 2024.

Panelist in the session on 16<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission: Does an Alternative Paradigm Exist? in the National Seminar on 16<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission and Cooperative Federalism in India: Issues, Challenges and Concerns, organised by the Public Policy Research Institute & School of Development Studies, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, October 22, 2024.

#### Manjunatha, A V

Presented on Karnataka's Surya Raitha's Experiment at the IWMI-Tata Partners' Meet 2024, September 19, 2024, at NDDB Campus, Anand, Gujarat.

#### Reimeingam, Marchang

Participated as a Panelist, in the panel discussion on Assessing Development: SDG Challenges in the North-East, in the webinar series on Navigating Progress: Assessing Development Challenges and Roadmaps in the North-East of India, organised by Belongg, and EastMojo (a digital news platform based in Assam), September 3, 2024: Online Zoom.

#### Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Participated as Discussant of 'Governing Urban India: Policy and Practice' by Dr A Ravindra, Book Discussion, ISEC, Bengaluru, September 24, 2024.

Frontline Public Delivery Institutions in Karnataka: Recommendations for Improving Delivery of Services, UGC Refresher course on the theme: Linking Governance, Development and Technology - Challenges and Strategies for UG and PG teachers, organised by UGC-MMTTC, Bangalore University, Bengaluru, ISEC, Bengaluru, September 26, 2024.

Participated as Panelist, Session on Sustainability, Discrimination and Urbanisation. Ecofluence 24-International Conference on Economics and Public Policy and Economics Research Championship, organised by Indus Business Academy, Bangalore and Indian Economics Association, December 6, 2024.

Participated as Distinguished Expert Resource Person, Urban Environmental Promotion and Tackling Climate Change Towards Viksit Bharat - Developed India@2047 (online), Impact Policy and Research Institute (IMPRI) Urban Policy and City Planning Course Cohort 2.0 Theme: Towards Viksit Bharat-Developed India@2047, July 17, 2024.

#### Subaiya, Lekha

Participated as Moderator on session 'Mobility and Intersectionality', in the EQUIMOB International Conference on Mobility, Ageing and Health, organised by Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, October 23-24, 2024, at Manipal.

Participated in the meeting of the PRCs Programme Management Unit 2024-25, organised by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and PRC Pune and presented a multi centric proposal on District Mental Health Programme, August 22-23, 2024, at Gokhale Institute, Pune.

#### Syamala, TS

Chaired, ISEC in-house seminar on 'Living Arrangements and caregiver Dynamics: Implications for Health and Functional care of Older Adults in India', by Madhubrota Chaterjee and T S Syamala, September 2, 2024.

Co-chair for the session Nuptiality, Fertility, Infertility and Family Planning, in the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the IASP, December 12-14, 2024, at CSRD, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

#### Tantri, Malini L

Participated as Panelists in Invited Session titled India's Growth Story, in the Ecofluence 2024 - IBA-IEA Conference on Economics and Public Policy and Economics Research Championship, December 6, 2024.

Resource person for ICSSR Sponsored A National Level Ten Days Workshop on Research Methodology and Quality Writing Skills for Social Science Research, organised by Centre for Economic Studies and Policy, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru, August 19-30, 2024.

Resource person for the Refresher Course in Commerce, Economics and Management at UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (Formerly Human Resource Development Centre) lecture hall, Karnataka University, Dharwad, November 8, 2024.

# Seminar/Workshops/Symposia/ Conference/Training Programmes attended

#### Manjula, R

Participated in the Training Programme on Building Competencies for Personal Excellence, organised by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, November 4-8, 2024.

#### Nayak, Akshata

Attended Interaction Meeting on Namo Drone Didi Scheme, November 30, 2024.

#### Nouskit, Stanzin

Attended a Workshop on Values and Moral Education in School and Higher Education: Issues related to Content, Pedagogy, Teacher, and Institutional Preparedness, organised by Centre for Economic Studies and Policy, ISEC, September 13, 2024.

#### Ramappa, K B

Participated in the Two-day Workshop on Capacity Building, January 4-5, 2024 at CMA, IIMA, Gujarat.

#### Shah, Khalil

Attended a special lecture on "Error Correction Models and their Applications" by Prof Kaliappa Kalirajan, Crawford School of Public Policy, The Australian National University Canberra, Australia, at ISEC, December 10, 2024.

Attended a special lecture on "Error Decomposition Models and their Applications" by Prof. Kaliappa Kalirajan, Crawford School of Public Policy, The Australian National University Canberra, Australia, at ISEC, December 19, 2024.

Attended Dr VKRV Rao Chair Professor Public Lecture on "Natural Resources Conservation Management through Digital Agricultural Application: Opportunities and Risks" by Prof. Kaliappa Kalirajan, Crawford School of Public Policy, The Australian National University Canberra, Australia, ISEC, December 19, 2024.

#### Smitha, K C

Attended Workshop on Nature, Society and Crony Capitalism by Prof. Madhav Gadgil, Professor (Retired), Centre for Ecological Sciences Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, July 29, 2024.

Attended Book Discussion on 'Governing Urban India: Policy and Practice'. Dr. A. Ravindra, IAS (Retd.), Former Chairman, BoG, ISEC, September 24, 2024.

Attended Workshop on Neeti Habba 2024, at the Infosys Science Foundation, Bengaluru, organised by Centre for Budget and Policy Studies, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru, November 22-23, 2024.

Attended a Panel Discussion- Conversations on Indian Constitution: Empowering Citizens for a Stronger Democracy, organised by ISEC, Bangalore, November 26, 2024.

#### Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Attended an ICSSR training program on using a database EBSCO, August 2024.

#### Subaiya, Lekha

Participated in the Seminar on Demographic transition and Gender Equity: Is India Different?, by Prof KS James, on the occasion of World Population Day organised by IMAD, July 11, 2024. (online)

Attended the seminar on Does Participation in Village Assembly Meeting Lead to Improved Public Good Allocation? Evidence from Karnataka, by Prof Takashi Kurosaki (Hitotsubashi University), August 13, 2024 at ISEC.

#### Syamala, T S

Attended the seminar on Does Participation in Village Assembly Meeting Lead to Improved Public Good Allocation? Evidence from Karnataka, by Takashi Kurosaki (Hitotsubashi University), August 13, 2024, at ISEC.

# **Invited Lectures/Talks**

#### Bairagya, Indrajit

Delivered two lectures on (a) Introduction to Large-Scale Datasets in Social Science Research and (b) Data Preparation and Cleaning Techniques for Large Datasets & Analysing NSSO Unit Level Data: Techniques and Tools, in the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), organised by ISEC, September 6, 2024.

Delivered three lectures (a) Measures of Central Tendency, Measures of Dispersion, Frequency Distribution, Tabulation, Graphical Presentation and (b) Statistical Inquiries in Social Science Research through SPSS, in the National Level Ten Days Workshop on Research Methodology and Quality Writing Skills for Social Science Research, organised by Centre for Economic Studies and Policy, ISEC, August 19-30, 2024.

Delivered two lectures (a) Preparation of frequency table, diagrammatic and graphical representation of data, types, uses and limitations and (b) Central tendency: Mean, Median and Mode, for PhD course work of Karnataka State Open University, Mysore, November 18, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on 'Frontline service delivery-Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Hostels', as part of the UGC Refresher course in Social Science on the theme 'Linking Governance, Development and Technology - Challenges and Strategies', for UG and PG teachers, organised by UGC-MMTTC, Bangalore University, Bengaluru, September 26, 2024.

#### Felix, Thomas

Delivered two lectures on 'Measures of Dispersion' (covering topics such as Range, Quartile, Standard Deviation, Coefficient of Variation, and Correlation (Karl Pearson's Rank Correlation)), and 'Regression and Chi-Square Test' (including their relevance and limitations), to the research scholars of the Department of Sociology at KSOU, Mysore University on November 23, 2024,.

Delivered three lectures on 'Introduction to Statistical Software like SPSS, STATA, RStudio,

etc.,'; 'Introduction to Tableau: Creating Interactive Dashboard' and 'Digital Survey using Kobo Tool and Visualisation', in the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), organised by ISEC, September 2-13, 2024.

#### George, Sobin

Delivered two lectures on 'Analyzing and Interpreting Qualitative Data Using Grounded Theory Approach' and 'Ethical Considerations in Social Science Research', in the National Level Ten Days Workshop on Research Methodology and Quality Writing Skills for Social Science Research held at ISEC, August 21, 2024.

#### Gowda, Chandan

Delivered a lecture on 'Localism, Self-reliant Livelihoods and Policies', in the NIAS-DST Training Programme on Policy for Science and Science for Policies, organised by National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru, December 17, 2024, at JRD Tata Auditorium.

Delivered a lecture on 'Living Cosmologies and the Practice of Social Science', organised by Department of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University, October 16, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on 'Another India – Opening Lecture', Book Adda, organised by Saxena Center for Contemporary South Asia, Brown University, October 10, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on 'Living Cosmologies and the Tasks of Social Research', organised by South Asia Institute, University of Texas, Austin, October 4, 2024,

Delivered a lecture on 'Another India: Reflections on Ethics, Politics and the Everyday', organised by South Asia Institute, Columbia University October 2, 2024.

#### Jadhav, Vilas

Delivered a lecture on 'Research Designs: Experimental, Quasi experimental, and Non-Experimental', in the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), organised by ISEC, September 3, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on 'Introduction to Statistical Analysis: Descriptive Statistics, Inferential Statistics, and Econometric Models using Software Tools', in the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), organised by ISEC, September 5, 2024.

#### Karthick, V

Delivered Guest Lecture on 'Role of Agriculture in Economic Development' through online to VITAP University students, November 15, 2024.

#### Manjula, R

Delivered two lectures on 'Survey Research and Questionnaire Design Techniques' and 'Sampling Techniques and Principles of Inference in Social Science Research', in the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research, September 3, 2024.

Delivered two lectures on 'Application of Software Programmes and Uses of Internet in Social Research' and Basics and uses of computer applications - Office package and Application of Software Programme – SPSS for the PhD students organised by Karnataka State Open University, Mysore, November 23, 2024.

#### Manjunatha, A V

Delivered Invited Lecture to senior GoK officers on 'Developing Monitoring Mechanism Evaluation Output/outcome framework', at Fiscal Policy Institute, GoK, July 16, 2024.

Delivered Invited Lecture to senior GoK officers on 'Public Expenditure Tracking, Monitoring and Evaluation of Schemes Expenditure in Government of Karnataka', at Fiscal Policy Institute, GoK, July 22, 2024.

Delivered Invited Lecture to senior GoK officers on 'Gender Budget with Reference to SDG Indicators', at Fiscal Policy Institute, GoK, September 19, 2024.

Delivered Invited Lecture to senior GoK officers on 'Public Expenditure Monitoring and Evaluation', at Fiscal Policy Institute, GoK, September 27, 2024.

Delivered Invited Lecture to senior GoK officers on 'Output and Outcome Framework: The Karnataka Experience', at Fiscal Policy Institute, GoK, September 27, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on 'Structure of Paper, Report and Book: Differences in Writing', at the National Level Ten-days Workshop on Research Methodology and Quality Writing Skills for Social Science Research, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), August 27, 2024.

Delivered Invited Lecture on 'Public Policy' for the GoK officers at Administrative Training InstituteGoK, Mysore, November 21, 2024.

#### Nayak, Akshata

Delivered a lecture on 'Application of Meta-Analysis in Social Science Research', as part of the certificate course on Methods and Applications in Social Science Research, organised by ISEC, September 5, 2024.

#### Nouskit, Stanzin

Delivered a lecture on 'Research Proposal: Structure and Guidelines', in the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), at ISEC, Bangalore, September 2-13, 2024.

Delivered two lectures on (i) 'Principles, planning and types of report writing and documentation' and (ii) 'Report Writing' for PhD course work of Karnataka State Open University, Mysore, November 24, 2024.

#### Rajasekhar, D

Delivered two lectures on 'Survey Method, Concept and Construction of Questionnaire' and 'Writing a paper for a good journal', in the Ten-day Research Methodology Course for PhD Students in Social Sciences, organised by the ICSSR, Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad, August 7, 2024.

Delivered lecture on 'How to get your paper published in a good journal? Some suggestions', in the ICSSR-sponsored National Level Ten-Day Workshop on Research Methodology and Quality Writing Skills for Social Science Research, organised by ISEC, August 29, 2024.

#### Ramappa, K B

Delivered a speech on 'Profitability Analysis', in the Thematic Session on Supporting Sustainable and Regenerative Agriculture Production; at the Food Systems Summit: Marketplace for Ideas', October15-17, 2024, at the India International Centre, New Delhi.

Delivered a speech on 'How Skillfully We Can Write Research Reports', in the 14th National Level Conference on Value Driven and Techno-powered Governance in Science, Socio-Economics& Management, organised by Anekant Institute of Management Studies (AIMS), Baramati, Maharashtra (Online mode presentation), October 26, 2024.

#### Shah, Khalil

Delivered a lecture on 'Fundamentals of Data Visualization and Importance in Social Science

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Research' in the Certificate Course on Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), at ISEC, Bangalore, on November 12, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on "Data Visualisation in Excel: Advanced Techniques and Tips" in the Certificate Course on Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), at ISEC, Bangalore, on November 12, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on "Methods of Data Collection: Sources of Data, Methods of Collecting Primary Data" in Social Science Research Methodology Ph.D. Course (Part A), at ISEC, Bangalore, on October 1, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on "Interviewing: Panel Method, Mail Survey & Projective Technique" in Social Science Research Methodology Ph.D. Course (Part A), at ISEC, Bangalore, on October 4, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on "Classification and Coding of Survey Data, Data Consistency, Concepts of Variable and Level of Measurement & Some Practical Exercise on Data Tabulation, Graphical Representation" in Social Science Research Methodology Ph.D. Course (Part A), at ISEC, Bangalore, on October 4, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on "Data Management in Social Science Research" at Ph.D. Course Work Program of Department of Studies & Research in Sociology, Karnataka State Open University, Mysore on November 24, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on "Relevance and Limitation of Internet in Social Research" at Ph.D. Course Work Program of Department of Studies & Research in Sociology, Karnataka State Open University, Mysore on November 24, 2024.

#### Smitha, K C

Delivered three Invited Lectures on (a) Identification of Research Gaps and Formulating Research Questions, (b) Critical Readings and Evaluation of Research Literature, and (c) Evaluation & Monitoring: Research Issues in Public Policy, for Certificate Course on Methods & Application in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), organised by ISEC, Bangalore, September 3, 6, 11, 2024.

#### Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Delivered a lecture on 'Tools and techniques of urban and regional research', in the Certificate Course on Research Methodology and Applications for Social Science Research, organised by ISEC, Bengaluru, September 2, 2024.

#### Subaiya, Lekha

Delivered two lectures for Basic Statistics, and one each for Social Science Research Methodology and Development Studies for ISEC PhD scholars, 2024.

## **Newspaper Articles and Media**

#### Felix, Thomas

Published a Newspaper article titled 'Unlocking the Potential: Transforming Barren Land into Productive Farms in India'. *The Print*. August 2024. (https://theprint.in/yourturn/subscriberwrites-unlocking-the-potential-transforming-barren-land-into-productive-farms-in-india/1791163/)

### Gowda, Chandan

'Of Ash and Ashirvad'. Outlook, July 29, 2024.

'Trains, not Planes'. Lead Column, *Deccan Herald*, July 28, 2024.

'Wendell Berry turns 90'. Lead Column, *Deccan Herald*, August 25, 2024.

'The Radiant Vision of Tagore'. Lead Column, *Deccan Herald*, September 29, 2024.

'In Praise of Plurinational Revolutions'.Lead Column, *Deccan Herald*, October 20, 2024.

'Nehru and the World Order'. Lead Column, *Deccan Herald*, November 17, 2024.

'Suleiman Charitra, Or a Bible Story in Sanskrit'. Lead Column, *Deccan Herald*, December 15, 2024.

#### Kumar, V Anil

'The Crisis of the Post-Colonial State'. *Deccan Herald*, December 23, 2024.

#### Ramappa, K B

'Unlocking the Potential: Transforming Barren Land into Productive Farms in India'. *The Print*, August 2024. (https://theprint.in/yourturn/subscriberwrites-unlocking-the-potential-transforming-barren-land-into-productive-farms-in-india/1791163/)

#### Reimeingam, Marchang

'Changing Structure of Economy and Employment in Manipur'. *The Sangai Express*, Imphal, November 30, 2024, p.4.

#### Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

(with V Sridhar) 'Digital Journeys'. *The Hindu Business Line*. August 7, 2024. https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/.

'Karnataka Brand Agathya'. *Vijayavani*, November 1, 2024. http://epapervijayavani.in/.

# Seminars, Workshops, Training Programmes Organised/Coordinated

#### Felix, Thomas

Conducted a two-week Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), organised by ISEC, from September 2, 2024 to September 13, 2024, at ISEC.

#### Manjula, R

Two workshops on 'Shock Responsive Social Protection, Disaster Management and Humanitarian Cash Transfers in Karnataka', organised for Civil Society Representatives and Government Officials, organised by CDD, ISEC in collaboration with UNICEF and the Government of Karnataka, November 20, 2024, held at Hotel Radisson Blu and Vikasa Soudha.

#### Ramappa, KB

Organised a National level Training on Survey CTO for Drone Study, December 2, 2024, at ISEC.

Organised 3<sup>rd</sup> National Conference of Agro Economic Research (AER) Network on 'Driving Agricultural Growth: Contemporary Issues and Future Perspectives', January 23-25, 2024, at ISEC.

#### Tantri, Malini L

Workshop on The Indian Model: Special Economic Zones Beyond China, organised by ISEC in collaboration with Kings College London, July 15-16, 2024, at ISEC.

# Honours/Awards/Fellowships

#### George, Sobin

Prof K Mahadevan Award for the Best Publication

paper titled" (Im) Mobile Ageing: Risks of Exclusion in Later Life in Liminal Urban Peripheries" authored by P Nagesh, A Bailey, S George, M Hyde, L Subaiya, published in Aging & Society byIndian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH), 2024.

#### Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

An *Honorary Fellow* affiliated with Stanford University's Center for South Asia during June-August 2024

# Offices Held in Academic/Professional/ Administrative Bodies

#### Felix, Thomas

Member of Library committee, ISEC, May 2024.

Member of Book Discussion Club (BDC), ISEC.

Member of Research Programmes Committee (RPC) from January 2024.

Warden of the PhD Students Hostel.

#### George, Sobin

Member, Institute Ethics Committee, NCDIR-ICMR.

Editor, ISEC Working Paper Series

#### Gowda, Chandan

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

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

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

As Member of the jury for the Malcolm Adiseshiah Award for Distinguished Contributions to Development Studies, 2024, helped decide the choice of the awardee for the year 2023-24.

#### Jadhav, Vilas

Coordinator, Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS)

Academic Programme Committee (APC)

#### Manjunatha, A V

Board of Directors, Vananlok Foundation,

VANAVIKAS Building,  $18^{th}$  cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560003.

Member, Economic Cell of Karnataka Economic Survey 2024-25. Director (Evaluation) and Additional Chief Evaluation Officer (I/C), Karnataka Monitoring and Evaluation Authority, GoK.

Nodal officer for Karnataka, Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office of NITI Aayog (DMEO-NITI), GoI.

Member of Various Committees of Karnataka Monitoring and Evaluation Authority, Government of Karnataka.

BoS member, Kannada University, Hampi.

Advisory Board Member- Dataworx, A digital services company, Bengaluru.

Member of Library and Building Committees, ISEC, Bengaluru.

Member of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC). Analysis of the Gender Budget of Karnataka and Kerala. Fiscal Policy Institute, GoK.

#### Nayak, Akshata

Library Committee-Member

#### Nouskit, Stanzin

Assistant Warden of PhD Students' Hostel (2024-2025)

#### Ramappa, KB

Vice Chairman of Library committee.

Member of Research Programme Committee (RPC)

Member of Academic Programme Committee (APC)

Member of Purchase Committee

Head of the Centre of ADRTC & CDD

Member of Joint Consultative Committee of ISEC

#### Reimeingam, Marchang

Member, Board of Governors, ISEC, notified on 27.12.2024 (2025-2027)

#### Subaiya, Lekha

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

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

Internal Complaints Committee (Women's Cell) at ISEC

PhD Programme Coordinator

#### Syamala, TS

External subject expert in the Board of Studies (BOS), International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai.

Publications-in-charge, ISEC.

VC RPC, ISEC

Member, PRC Scientific Advisory Committee

Member, Institutional Review Board Praxis India

Member, Managing Committee, Praxis India

Member, Academic Advisory Council, IIHMR, Bangalore

#### Miscellaneous

#### Bairagya, Indrajit

Attended BOS Meeting of Department of Economics & Public Policy, Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru, October 18, 2024.

Reviewed a manuscript for the *Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer)*, ISEC journal.

Guided an intern student

Guiding a post-doctoral student

Guiding three PhD Students

Coordinator of Basic Statistics Course of the ISEC pre-PhD coursework

External examiner of a PhD Viva-voce at IGIDR, Mumbai, August 9, 2024.

External examiner of a PhD Pre-submission at

Department of Commerce, University of Kerala, Kariavattom Campus, July 24, 2024.

#### Balasubramanian, M

Reviewed articles for the following: one article for *International Journal of Frontiers in Earth Science*; two articles for *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.

Attended Dialogue on the Nomination of Experts and Fellows for the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), November 5, 2024. (online)

Research Workshop Meeting on 'Cultural Knowledge Exchange between Indigenous People from Northern Australia and Adivasi (tribal) People from Southern India', August 7 2024. (online)

#### Felix, Thomas

Reviewed articles for the following: *Journal-Discover Sustainability (Springer)*, October 2024 and *Journal, Safety in Extreme Environments (Springer)*, November 2024.

Conducted two classes for PhD students (Part A) as part of the course 'Development Studies: Theories and Policies' (ADRTC, CDD, CESP, CEENR, CRUA, and CSSCD), November 2024.

#### George, Sobin

DAC Meeting of Mr Sanjay M, Department of Public Policy, MAHE, September 18, 2024.

Visited Department of Human Geography, Utrecht University, The Netherlands on October 14-18, 2024.

Resource Person for the Workshop on Occupational Safety and Health in Agriculture Sector, organised by National Alliance of Agriculture Workers, September 13-14, 2024.

Primary Evaluator of the Research Proposal Submitted to NCDIR-ICMR, August 22, 2024.

Reviewed articles for the following: *International Journal for Equity in Health (BMC-Springer);* and *Journal of social and economic development (Springer).* 

External Reviewer for a Research Proposal for Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF).

Reviewer of ISEC Post-doctoral proposal

Guiding 5 PhD Scholars.

(with T S Syamala) Coordinated PhD Course work on 'Development studies: Policies and Practices'

Collaborations: 1. EQUIMOB project with researchers from Utrecht University; MAHE, Manipal; BRAC University, Bangladesh; and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology; 2. Meaningful Mobility with University of Groningen The Netherland.

#### Jadhav, Vilas

Reviewed articles for Ethiopia

Guiding one intern

Coordinated course on 'Development studies Theories and Policies- Agriculture Production Economics and Farm Management'

Coordinated course on 'Agricultural Policy-Development Studies'

Evaluated MBA theses in Agri-Business Management of the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore.

#### Karthick, V

Reviewed the Manuscript for *The Indian Economic Journal*.

Conducted classes on violation of CLRM to the PhD students as part of Basic econometric course.

#### Kumar, V Anil

Best PhD Thesis Award for student Dr Rajiv Tiwari.

Supervising 8 PhD scholars and Supervised 1 intern

Taught and coordinated the Perspectives on Social and Economic Change Paper.

Currently teaching Modern Western Political Philosophy paper.

Taught 3 classes in Research Methodology paper.

#### Lakshmana, C M

Organised and conducted the inaugural program of Digital Population Clock and Data Census Research Workstation, on November 8, 2024 at ISEC Bangalore.

Organised the review meeting of the Population Research Centre under the chairpersonship of Mr Kal Sing, Director General, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, on November 8, 2024 at ISEC Bangalore.

Attended a Meeting with the Director of Census Operations, Karnataka, at Kendriya Sadana Koramangala, Bengaluru, on November 4, 2024.

Attended Virtual Meetings on NHM-PIP Monitoring schedules for field monitoring, on October 22, 2024, at ISEC, Bangalore.

Conducted the Review Meeting of the Director General Mr Kal Singh, at ISEC, September 5, 2024.

Organised and conducted Thanks Giving Program to Health Officials of Karnataka and the Field Staff of NFHS-6, at ISEC, on August 30, 2024.

Presentation on "National Family Health Survey-6, South Karnataka" to Mr Harshagupth, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Health, and Family Welfare Services, Government of Karnataka, Arogya Sudha, Bangalore, August 21, 2024.

Attended the Selection Committee for selection of field investigator to PRC at ISEC, July 11, 2024.

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

Supervised one intern - Mr Mayura Mishra, on the topic "Socio-economic Disparities in Antenatal Care Utilization in India: A Multi-Level Analysis Using NFHS Data and Analyzing the Trend from Existing Literature."

Supervised two ISEC PhD students.

Conducted pre-colloquium seminar for final registration of PhD of Mrs Meenakshi, University of Mysore, August 31, 2024.

Evaluation of PhD thesis and submission to Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, October 1, 2024.

Examiner of Viva-Voce of Examination of the Research scholar Mr. Mahesh Kumar T.

Reviewed PhD theses and submitted to A.N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna.

Evaluated theses for Jawaharlal Nehru University. New Delhi.

Theses evaluation and Viva-Voce conducted, IIPS, Mumbai.

PhD Viva-voce examiner of Mr Madhusudan Nag, submitted to JNU, New Delhi, through CDS, Kerala, July 9, 2024.

Field monitoring and back check in the selected villages primary sampling units (villages) in Sira and Tumakur taluks, July 1-3, 2024.

Field monitoring and back check in the selected villages of Kolar District, July 10, 2024.

Field monitoring and back check in the selected primary sampling units (villages) in Tipaturu and Tumakur taluks, July 14-15, 2024.

Field monitoring and back check in the selected Primary Sampling Units (Blocks) in Bangalore Urban District, July 26, 2024.

#### Manasi, S

Reviewed 3 papers for Journal of Social and Economic Development.

Attended DCs of 10 students and conducted DCs of 4 students.

Guided 1 ISEC intern, 3 interns from Mount Carmel college and 1 intern from Christ University – July to September 2024.

(with Dr Channamma) participated in the discussion with Mr Thomas George and his team from Glenser company along with Dr Malini and Prof Manasi regarding the project on migrant construction workers' children.

#### Manjula, R

Meeting at the National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka during September 16-17, 2024 and participated in a workshop on training modules at NCCSL.

External expert for an inception workshop of the research study on good governance and service delivery, organised by National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD & PR), Hyderabad, on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

Reviewed articles for the following: *Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer)*; and *Indian Journal of Gender Studies (Sage)*.

Guided one intern on 'Decentralised Solar Energy Systems' as a part of ISEC summer internship programme during June to August 2024.

Involved in teaching PhD students for Part A coursework.

Collaborations: with researchers from universities of Tsuda, Hitotsubashi and GRIPS, Japan and with researchers from the University of Bristol, UK and University of Exeter.

Provided inputs for the research proposal on the panchayat finances for Public Affairs Centre, Bengaluru.

Provided inputs on the questionnaire prepared for the research study on financial literacy undertaken by Christ University, Bengaluru.

#### Manjunatha, A V

Reviewed an article for the *Economic and Political Weekly*.

Reviewed reportson Evaluation of Schemes commissioned by KMEA-GoK, to third party agencies.

Inviteee at the India AI Summit, Sheraton Grand, Brigade Gateway, Bengaluru, Elets Techno media Pvt. Ltd., July 11-12, 2024.

Invitee for the Climate Leadership Summit, The Capitol Hotel, Raj Bhavan Road, Bangalore, Centre for Sustainable Development, Bengaluru, November 26, 2024.

Experts Consultation on the Training Module on Karnataka State Action Plan on Climate Change (KSAPCC) monitoring for district-level officials, September 23, 2024.

Teaching in PhD courses 'Environmental Studies/ Sustainable Development & Environmental Economics'.

Finalised5+ToRson Evaluation of Schemes at Government of Karnataka at KMEA, GoK.

Contributed to 9th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog, July 27, 2024.

#### Nayak, Akshata

Participated as Subject Expert: Interview for the post of Research Assistants (temporary) in the ADRTC Centre, November 19, 2024.

Participated as Subject Expert: PhD-2024-25 Centre Level Interview

Supervisor (Internship): Ms. Syeda Gazala

Doctoral Committee Member: Mr. Manjunath CN and Ms. Minal M Shinde

PhD programme conducted: Farm Management and Production Economics; Development studies -Agricultural Policy; Handled one class on Practical Approaches for Sustainable Farming in Indiafor PhD students in Development Studies: Theories and Policies (ADRTC,CEENR,CHRD,CRUA,CSSCD and PRC, 2024), November 19, 2024.

Conducted an orientation session about ISEC for the Agricultural Agro-Industrial Attachment (AIA) program, intended for final-year BSc (Hons) Agriculture Students from the College of Sericulture, Chintamani on December 9, 2024, at ADRTC, ISEC.

Coordinated the visit of staff and students from the Department of Economics and Rural Development, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu, December 21, 2024.

#### Nouskit, Stanzin

Attended Karnataka Task Force on Special Problems of Social Groups Meeting, July 5-6, 2024.

Revieweda Manuscript for the Review of Development and Change (Sage), journal.

Coordinator of the course work paper VI on 'Social and Comparative Perspectives of Education' for second semester.

Member of Creche Committee, ISEC (October 2024-October 2026).

Member of Library committee, ISEC (October-2024-October 2025).

Delivered two lectures for the PhD coursework (paper-IV Development Studies: Theories and Policies).

#### Rajasekhar, D

Meeting at the National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka during September 16-17, 2024 and participated in a workshop on training modules at NCCSL.

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

Involved in teaching to PhD students for Part A coursework.

Collaborations: with researchers from universities of Tsuda, Hitotsubashi and GRIPS, Japan; and with researchers from the University of Bristol, UK and University of Exeter.

Provided inputs for the research proposal on the panchayat finances for Public Affairs Centre, Bengaluru.

#### Ramappa, K B

Served as a resource person for the AICTE sponsored FDP on Innovating Agritech for Sustainable Tomorrow: Aligning with SDG Goal, organised by KLS IMER, Belagavi, Karnataka, December 2-7, 2024.

Interactive Meeting with Stakeholders from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana, in relation to "Economic and Business Viability of Drone Operations", November 30, 2024.

Participated in a Technical Committee Meeting in Connection with the Ministry Commissioned Study – ADRTC/227: An Empirical Study of Farming Community Development Under Aspirational Districts Programme of India, November 22, 2024.

Participated in an online meeting to discuss the budget bifurcation and the action plan for completing the survey, November 18, 2024.

Participated in Meeting on Research Project Finalization (Health Problems in Pre-cocoon Sector), November 14, 2024, at CSB-Bengaluru.

Participated in an interaction meeting with Swedish delegation, at ISEC, November 13, 2024.

Participated in In-person meeting with Senior Principal Advisor & Advisor, AER Unit MoA&FW, GoI on the studies from Workplan of 2021-22, August 29, 2024.

Participated and presented a paper on Evaluating the Impact of Soil Health Card Scheme on Nutrient Management in Major Crops of Karnataka, in the AERC Platinum Jubilee Conference on Sustainability of Agricultural Sector: Issues, Challenges and Policy Matrix, December 23-24, 2024.

Participated as an External Expert for guiding the PhD students Ms Archana J R (1RN19PBA04) and Ms Aarthi Meena (1RN19PBA02) pursuing at RNSIT-MBA & Research Center under the Supervision of Dr GVM Sharma, Professor and

Head during May and August 2024.

Participated as an External Member of the Selection Committee for interviewing candidates for the position of Junior Research Fellow (JRF) under the ongoing Research Project MTS13002MI: Impact Assessment of Mulberry Sericulture Technologies in India on July 5, 2024.

Served as External Examiner for the examinationevaluation of project work and to conduct the Viva-Voce Examination of students of MBA-Agribusiness (Session: 2022-23), SAB&RM, RPCAU, Pusa, Bihar, November 12, 2024.

Reviewed articles for the following: 4 for *The Indian Economic Journal (IEJ - Sage Publications)*; 3 for *Journal of Social and Economic Development*; 2 for SN Business & Economics (Springer Publications); Asian Journal of Agricultural Extension, Economics & Sociology; and Review of Development and Change.

Reviewed a PDRP proposal and submitted.

Guided two interns from Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Gadag.

Dr Pravin Vitthal Yadav: PDRP student at ISEC, Exploring the Socio-Economic Status of Seasonal Migrant Sugarcane Harvesting Workers.

#### Reimeingam, Marchang

Reviewed articles for the following: Economic and Political Weekly (Sameeksha Trust); International Journal of Rural Management (Sage); Humanities and Social Sciences Communications (Springer); and Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer).

PhD Guidance: 2 students submitted their theses in July 2024.

One Intern (Tiya James Maliyekal, MA Economics, St Joseph University, Bengaluru) completed internship programme.

Member, Library Committee, ISEC.

Special Invitee, Purchase Committee.

Member of Selection Committee, Interview for the Post of Field Investigator, PRC/ISEC.

Doctoral Committee member for PhD students of ISEC and NLSIU (July-December 2024)

Attended and participated in several seminars and meetings organised by ISEC and others (July-December 2024).

#### Smitha, K C

Conducting Coursework Part A & Part B for Research Scholars – batch 2024-2025.

Coordinator for Coursework Papers titled (a) Governance & Development and (b) Comparative Politics and Indian Politics.

#### Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Cleared and Approved the title change of a PhD scholar of the University of Mysore, August 2024.

Approved the synopses of 3 PhD scholars, as a Member of BoS, IDS, UoM, November 2024.

Reviewed a paper for the following: JSED's special issue on Trade and Industrial Policy, Cities (Elsevier), for Regional Science Policy & Practice (Elsevier) and Letters in Spatial and Resource Sciences (Springer Verlag).

Guided an intern Darshini Sreenivasan, June-September 2024.

Guiding a post doc scholar, Dr Swarupa Deb who has obtained ICSSR Post Doc fellowship.

Sukanya Bhaumik, defended her thesis successfully on August 20, 2024.

Amrin Fakih submitted her thesis under the guidance, to the University of Mysore in July 2024.

Basabdatta Jana, did her pre-registration colloquium, September 19, 2024.

Cleared and approved the synopsis of 13 PhD scholars, as a member of the BoS, UoM, August-September 2024.

Conducted the DCs of all her 3 students, October 2024.

Attended the DCs of all the 13 students on which she is a member.

(with Malini Tantri) coordinated *Social Science Research Methodology* Part A of PhD program, at ISEC in August-December 2024.

Collaborated with CDD faculty Prof Rajasekhar and Dr Manjula to send a proposal to the UNICEF which

was presented to them (October and November 2024)

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

Advisory Committee Member. Ecofluence 24-International Conference on Economics and Public Policy and Economics Research Championship, Indus Business Academy, Bangalore and Indian Economics Association, December 5-7, 2024.

Shared the ARC 2 report to 5<sup>th</sup> SFC, after getting permission from the ARC 2 secretariat, August 2024.

#### Subaiya, Lekha

Participated in online meeting held under the chairmanship of DD General (Statistics), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India to review and discuss AWP 2023-24 research studies, October 9, 2024.

Participated in the online Training Programme on the Revised Schedule for Field Monitoring of National Health Mission (NHM) Programme, organised by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, October 22, 2024.

Participated in the review meeting held during the visit of Mr Kal Singh, Director General (Statistics) and MrRakesh Kumar Maurya, DG, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, to inaugurate the Census Station and Population Clock at ISEC, November 8, 2024.

Interacted with the Swedish delegation visiting ISEC to explore possibilities of cooperation and collaboration, November 13, 2024.

Participated in review meeting held during the visit of Mr Kal Singh, Director General (Statistics), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, September 5, 2024, at ISEC.

Participated in the selection committee for post of Field Investigator in PRC, July 12, 2024.

Participated in the screening and selection committee meetings held for PRC posts of Data Assistant and Research Fellow in October and December 2024, respectively.

Reviewed two papers for the Journal of Social and Economic Development.

∫S **E C** Miscellaneous

Supervised one ISEC Intern.

Supervising 6 ISEC PhD students; 2 ISEC students awarded PhD degree.

Evaluated thesis for PhD scholar from Centre for Studies in Economics and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Central University of Gujarat.

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

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

#### Syamala, TS

Attended the reflection meeting of Praxis activities at Tharavad, Praxis Training Centre, Panayur, Kerala, November 13-14, 2024.

Participated as external subject expert in the Board of Studies (BOS) meeting of International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, August 5, 2024.

Attended the Annual General Body Meeting and Management Committee Meeting of Praxis India, September 23, 2024, at Bangalore.

Attended the Review Meeting of the Director General Mr Kal Singh at ISEC, September 5, 2024.

Participated in the Selection Committee for Post of Field Investigator in PRC, July 12, 2024.

Reviewed three papers for the *Journal of Social and Economic Development* and one paper for *Economic and Political Weekly*.

Supervised four ISEC PhD students.

(with Sobin George) Coordinator of PhD coursework titled 'Development studies: Policies and Practices'.

Examiner for four PhD theses submitted to International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai.

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

#### Tantri, Malini L

External Expert for PhD Admission Interview for School of Management, PES University, Bengaluru.

BoS member of the School of Economics and Public Policy, R. V. University, Bengaluru.

Articles reviewed for the following: Journal of Sustainable Forestry; Indian journal of Human development; Journal of Social and Administrative science – Willey; and Journal of Social and Economic Development.

Coordinator of Social Science research Methodology course for ISEC PhD Students.

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