

About the Guest Speaker



Dr A Ravindra, served as an IAS officer in various capacities in government before retiring as Chief Secretary to the Government of Karnataka at the end of 2002. Holds a PhD in Development Studies and has specialisation in the urban sector including water management. He was responsible for introducing several governance reforms such as rationalizing property tax system through the Self Assessment Scheme and mobilizing resources for urban infrastructure through municipal bonds. He was instrumental in initiating the Cauvery Water Supply Project (Stage IV) and the Metro Rail Project for Bangalore. After retirement, Dr. Ravindra has served as Deputy Chairman, Karnataka State Planning Board and Sr. Visiting Fellow at IIM, Bangalore. He was Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC, Currently, he heads the Centre for Sustainable Development, a non-profit organization. Dr. A. Ravindra has published several papers and articles on urban and public policy issues. His books include Urban Land Policy, Dance of Democracy and a monograph on Cauvery Water Dispute.



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Third Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture on Ethics

by

Dr. A. Ravindra, IAS, (Retd)

Former Chairperson, Board of Governors, ISEC,
Former Chief Secretary, GoK

on

“Ethics in Governance and Politics”

Tuesday, 14th October 2025 at 3:30 p.m.

in the Seminar Hall -2 of the Institute

Chair

Dr Ashok Dalwai, IAS, (Retd)

Chairperson, Board of Governors,
Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru

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PROGRAMME

- Welcome Address : **Prof. Parmod Kumar**
Acting Director, ISEC
- About the Lecture : **Prof. M.V. Nadkarni**
Honorary Professor, ISEC
- Introduction of the Guest Speaker : **Prof. Sunil Nautiyal**
Professor, Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources, ISEC
- Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture on Ethics : **Dr A. Ravindra, IAS, (Retd)**
Former Chairperson,
Board of Governors , ISEC,
Former Chief Secretary, GoK
- Remarks of the Chair : **Dr Ashok Dalwai, IAS, (Retd)**
Chairperson,
Board of Governors, ISEC
- Vote of Thanks : **Smt. Vidyashree Chandaragi, K.A.S**
Registrar, ISEC

Brief background about Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture Series on Ethics



Prof. M.V. Nadkarni (Mangesh Venkatesh Nadkarni), born on February 23, 1939, a well-known Economist by training and profession, has deep interest in other social sciences as well as also in religion and philosophy. His contribution to Economics and other social sciences has been mainly in the areas of Agricultural Price Policy, Problems of Drought Prone Areas, Farmers' Movements, Political Economy of Forest Use and Management, Economics of Pollution Control, and Integrating Ethics into Economics, Decentralised development, and the 'Broad-basing Process'. He is a well-known Gandhian Scholar. Prof. M.V. Nadkarni, has instituted the Lecture Series on Ethics in Honour of Mahatma Gandhi to be held every year in the month of October at ISEC. The first lecture was delivered by Dr Sundar Sarukkai, Founder, Barefoot Philosophers & Formerly Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru on October 4, 2023 The Topic was "Ethical Praxis: Insights and Gandhi, JRD Tata and Ambedkar". The Second Lecture was delivered by Prof. R S Deshpande, Former Director, ISEC, Former Member, Board of Governors, ISEC, on October 16, 2024. The Topic was "Ethics in Buddhism and Gandhian Views"