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From the Director's Desk....



In the first half of 2025, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) conducted various policy relevant research and academic activities. ISEC in collaboration with Labour Department, GoK organised the 65th Annual Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE) Conference during January 9-11, 2025 at ISEC. An International Seminar on "The Peasants and Workers in Structural Transformations: Perspectives on the Challenge of Industrialisation in the Global South" was organized by Institute for Human Development and ISEC, during January 7-8, 2025, as the pre-conference events of this ISLE conference in honour of late Professor Ajit Ghose. Themes of the conference include landscape of self-employment: assessing structures, status and work quality; dynamics of changing industrial relations, evolving employment dynamics and work patterns; and service sector employment, and structure, trends and implications.

A one-day research and policy forum on addressing domestic and sexual violence was organised by ISEC in association with Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia, at ISEC on January 13, 2025. Further, The Twentieth Dr V.K.R.V. Rao Memorial Lecture was organized by ISEC on the 52nd Founders' Day of ISEC. Prof. Ram Singh, Director, Delhi School of Economics and Head, School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Delhi, delivered the lecture on "Determinants of Reported Taxable Income: Do the Wealthy Under-report

their Income" on January 20, 2025. Furthermore, an academic reading and writing workshop was organized by ISEC during January 23-28, 2025.

In addition, a pre-budget consultative and dissemination one-day workshop on "Review of SCs and STs Welfare Programs in Karnataka: A Consultative and Dissemination Workshop" was organised by ISEC on February 3, 2025. Besides, the INET-YSI South Asia Regional Conference on Social Change on the topic "Understanding and Addressing Emerging Inequalities in the 21st Century in South Asia" was organised by the ISEC during February 24-26, 2025. Also, a workshop on "Migration, Informality and Development" was jointly organised by Work Fair and Free (WFF), Aajeevika Bureau, and ISEC during March 3-7, 2025. The workshop contextualised migration within broader discussions of informality and development.

ISEC also jointly organized seminar with the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research, Dharwad on "Caste Census in Contemporary India: Relevance, Challenges, and Policy Implications" during June 19, 2025. The seminar deliberated on the topic from historical evolution and rationale for caste enumeration in India to political economy and societal perceptions related to caste enumeration.

Importantly, ISEC organised the Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) in two phases during February 22 and 23, and March 8 and 9, 2025. This programme was conducted primarily to retain the interest of the meritorious students in social sciences and inspire them to pursue their higher studies.

Moreover, ISEC conducted an outreach programme on “Stakeholder Engagement and Book Release as Part of EQUIMOB Project” on May 5, 2025. Additionally, public lectures were delivered by M N Srinivas Chair Professor during the first half of 2025.

ISEC continues to undertake regular academic activities. A total of twenty-six research projects were completed by ISEC faculty members. The themes of these research projects include nutri cereal, local government, disaster management, humanitarian cash transfers, social auditing of major irrigation schemes, adult literacy programmes, modernity and democracy, i-RTC and RTC wallet, public health cadre, social mobility, health infrastructure and service delivery at nutritional rehabilitation centres, coconut processing, farmers suicide, land titling and agricultural productivity, new agricultural marketing strategies, climate smart livelihood and socio-ecological development, sustainable livelihood, human development, urban primacy, environmental problems and congestion, risk factors and health behaviour, health infrastructure, and hypertension treatment.

As much as twelve new projects were newly initiated by the ISEC faculty on the theme such as skills gap, decent work deficit in regular wage employment, healthy ageing, NHM-PIP, prevalence of health problems, paddy cultivation and its economic impacts, assessing imagination, rural-urban transition, Maram Naga PVTG, informed decision making, community-driven climate actions in peri-urban areas, and circular economy in textile waste.

The faculty members have also disseminated the findings of their research work through publications and seminars. Two books were published on ‘Statistical System and Various Data Sources’ by Nashik: Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open

University and ‘Indian Cities or Suburbs? Trends and Causes of Suburbanization’ through Oxford University Press publisher. The faculty members published 31 research papers in reputed journals and as book chapters in edited books. Nine working papers were published by students and faculty. Seven policy briefs and 25 Newspaper articles were published by the faculty. Seventeen papers were presented at conferences and seminars. Faculty also delivered 40 invited lectures and talks. They have organised 20 seminars, workshops and training programmes. A faculty member received a fellowship to Stanford University for the period March-August 2025.

ISEC Ph.D programme was vibrant during the first half of 2025. Ten PhD degrees were awarded by the University of Mysore for their theses on the areas of urban poor, trade agglomerations, skill development, crime, women and correctional homes, domestic violence against women, frailty, injuries and disability among older persons, neoliberal governmentality, new paternalism and subjectivities, governance and development outcomes, borderland, human capital and economic growth. Moreover, seven pre-thesis submission seminars were convened by PhD students. ISEC PhD students presented their research progress work in the Bi-annual Seminars during June 10-17, 2025. Additionally, four PDRP initiation seminars and one PDRP completion seminars were held during this period in ISEC.

ISEC continues posting research output in the form of working papers, policy briefs, project reports and research publications on social media for wider dissemination. The social media posts also included insightful testimonials from former faculty members. ISEC received over 2.97 lakh impressions for its posts. The follower base was 9589 across social media platforms of LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter (X).

Parmod Kumar
Acting Director

**65th Annual Conference of the
Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE)
(January 9-11, 2025)**

The Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE) organised its 65th Annual Conference at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru, India during January 9-11, 2025. The Conference was organised by the ISEC, in collaboration with Labour Department, Government of Karnataka. Professor Lakhwinder Singh, Visiting Professor at the Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi and Former Professor of Economics, Punjab University, Patiala, Punjab, presided over the Conference. Prof S Madheswaran, Professor, ISEC, and Dr G Manjunath, Additional Labour Commissioner, Government of Karnataka, were the Organising Secretaries of the Conference. Smt B P Vani, Associate Professor, ISEC; Dr Sobin George, Associate Professor, ISEC; Dr Indrajit Bairagya, Associate Professor, ISEC; Dr V Karthick, Assistant Professor, ISEC; Dr A V Manjunatha, Associate Professor, ISEC; and Dr Khalil Shaha, Assistant Professor, ISEC were the Joint Organising Secretaries of the Conference.

The three-day long deliberations, spread over Plenary Sessions, Technical Sessions, Parallel Panel Discussions, Roundtable Discussion and Memorial Lectures on issues involving the three themes of the Conference. Apart from the Inaugural and Valedictory sessions, 4 plenary sessions and a plenary panel were held during the Conference. In addition, 10 parallel panel discussions, and a roundtable discussion along with two memorial lectures were organised during the course of two and half days of the Conference.

As part of the pre-conference events of the conference, an International Seminar – “The Peasants and Workers in Structural Transformations: Perspectives on the Challenge of Industrialisation in the Global South” was organized, during January 7-8, 2025, in Honour of Late Professor Ajit Ghose. The pre-conference events were organised by IHD and ISEC, Bengaluru. The Ajit Ghose Memorial Lecture on “Agrarian, Labour and Social Questions in Structural Transitions: Comparative Reflections on Resolutions and Mutations” was delivered by Ashwani Saith, Emeritus Dean, School of Liberal Studies, BML Munjal University.

The Conference delegates and participants included more than 800 distinguished academics, representatives of industry, policymakers, researchers and scholars. During the Conference’s technical sessions, 275 papers were presented on the three themes of the Conference, namely;

- a. Landscape of Self-Employment: Assessing Structures, Status and Work Quality
- b. Dynamics of Changing Industrial Relations, Evolving Employment Dynamics and Work Patterns
- c. Service Sector Employment, and Structure, Trends and Implications.

Based on the three conference themes, keynote papers titled a. the Landscape of Self-employment in India: Trends, Constraints and Policy Prescriptions, b. International Perspectives on the Futures of Work, Industrial Relations and People Management in a World of Artificial Intelligence and, c. The (Forgotten) Promise of Services-Led Growth were delivered by Farzana Afridi (Indian Statistical Institute), Greg Bamber (Monash University) and Gaurav Nayyar (The World Bank) respectively.

The V.V. Giri Memorial Lecture titled “Viksit Bharat’ and the Middle-Income Trap’ was delivered by Indermit Gill (The World Bank) while the V.B. Singh Memorial Lecture titled ‘A Short History of Economics and What Might the Future Hold?’ was delivered by Kaushik Basu (Cornell University). The Sheila Bhalla Memorial Lecture on the topic of ‘Fair Compensation: Labour Capital Tussle Prospects’ was delivered by Ajit Ranade, eminent economist. The Plenary Panel on ‘The Employment Challenge in India’ was chaired by Deepak Nayyar, President, ISLE.

In a significant recognition of ISEC’s contribution to the Conference and to the area of Labour Economics, Prof S Madheswaran of ISEC, who is currently the Vice President of ISLE, was named as the President of ISLE’s 67th Annual Conference.

Research and Policy Forum on Addressing Domestic and Sexual Violence in India, (January 13, 2025)



A one-day Research and Policy Forum on Addressing Domestic and Sexual Violence was held on January 13, 2025. This was organised by ISEC in association with Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia, at ISEC. In view of domestic violence becoming a major threat in society globally, this forum was deemed to be important to address the issue from various perspectives. The programme started with an introduction to the forum by Dr Lata Satyen, Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia and the structure of the forum was introduced by Dr Channamma, ISEC, Bengaluru. The inaugural address was delivered by Dr Nagalakshmi Chaudhary, Chairperson, Karnataka State Commission for Women, Bengaluru. The keynote address was delivered by Ms. Corinne Kumar, CEO and Founder, Vimochana. Special remarks were

expressed by Prof Parmod Kumar, Registrar I/C, ISEC.

There were two sessions following the inaugural programme where four papers were presented by Dr Lata Satyen, Associate Professor, School of Psychology, Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia Dr Tulika Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor & Acting Dean, School of Humanities, St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, Prof. Sapna S, Associate Dean, School of Law, Christ University, Bengaluru and Dr Channamma Kambara, Assistant Professor, ISEC, Bengaluru. This was followed by detailed group discussion on domestic violence by the participants who represented the victims, NGOs, academic and medical field, Santwana centres and students. It was highlighted that the women lack awareness about the laws that protects them from violence. As a result, help seeking behaviour is low. The society also needs to be aware about the impact of domestic violence and support the women. It was also noted that even children are the victims of violence and awareness must be created to encourage them to seek help.

The programme ended with a note to create awareness among the women and children about domestic violence and the help/assistance that are extended by the government for their safety. The vote of thanks was given by Dr Channamma Kambara, Assistant Professor, ISEC, Bengaluru.

Founders' Day (January 20, 2025)



The Twentieth Dr V.K.R.V. Rao Memorial Lecture on the occasion of the 52nd Founders' Day of the Institute

was delivered by Prof. Ram Singh, Senior Professor and Director, Delhi School of Economics and Head, School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Delhi, on the topic "Determinants of Reported Taxable Income: Do the Wealthy Underreport their Income" on January 20, 2025. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman, ISEC, Board of Governors, chaired the lecture, Prof. D. Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC welcomed the guest and Prof. T.S. Syamala, Professor, Population Research Centre, ISEC proposed vote of thanks.

On this occasion, Prof. R.S. Deshpande, Award for Research in Agricultural Economics was awarded to Dr. Surendra Singh Jatav and Dr. Kalu Naik. Dr. D.M. Nanjundappa Endowment Prize was awarded

to Ms. Vishaka V.Warrier and Mrs. Jameela Bibi Endowment Prize was awarded to Ms. L. Namrata Singh respectively.

The following books were released on the occasion: 1) Prof. D. Rajasekhar and Dr. R. Manjula (eds), 'Women Leadership, Decentralised Governance and Development: Perspectives from Indian States' published by Springer, Singapore, 2024. ISBN 978-981-97-3709-3; 2) Dr. Krishna Raj (ed), 'Social Justice and Empowerment' published by Writers Choice Publications Pvt Ltd.; 3) Prof. Anil Kumar Vaddiraju (ed), 'Reason, Religion and Modernity, Gadamer – Habermas Debate' published by Springer Briefs in Philosophy; 4) Prof. V Anil Kumar and D Jeevan Kumar (eds), 'Governance & Development in Karnataka: One State, Many Worlds' published by

Writers Choice Publications Pvt Ltd.; and 5) Prof. Parmod Kumar (ed), 'The Quality Brew' published by Routledge.



Academic Reading and Writing Workshop (January 23-28, 2025)



An academic Reading and Writing Workshop was held during January 23-28, 2025. The workshop covered sessions by Prof Satish Deshpande on academic reading, writing and publication in journals. The Workshop was also facilitated with the help provided by the Academic Section, and the Library staff. The number of participants this year was 15. Dr Sobin George and Prof Lekha Subaiya from ISEC coordinated the event along with Prof Deshpande.

One-day Workshop on Review of SCs and STs Welfare Programs in Karnataka: A Consultative and Dissemination Workshop (February 3, 2025)

A pre-budget consultative and dissemination workshop was held at ISEC on February 3, 2025. Prof Krishna Raj, organiser of the workshop provided a detailed presentation on "SCSP and TSP schemes and their performance since its inception in 2013. Several academicians, Dalit leaders, retired officers, activists, attended the workshop and provided the following constructive suggestions for the inclusive growth and welfare of SCs and STs were given. India is celebrating 78th year of Indian constitution, however, socio-economic empowerment and inclusive growth of SCs and STs remain elusive as about 33 per cent of them live in absolute poverty. Therefore, the government should identify the landless labourers and provide 2 acres of land as 10 per cent of SCs and STs are landless.

The government should identify the reasons (within the city limit) and amend the relevant Land Reforms Acts and sub-sections which hinder to issue the land rights to Bagar Hukuk cultivators (SCs and STs) who have owned the land for last 50 years. SCs and STs even today are living in an inhuman condition without access to basic services, especially houses in cities and rural areas, therefore, identify the eligible houseless poor people to distribute the houses. Identify every year 5000 entrepreneurs and provide them financial assistance of Rs 1 crores for each as per their eligibility and qualification. Create 1000 women entrepreneurs by identifying the poorest of the poor, widows, single women, landless labourers with financial support of Rs 1 Crores. Enhance the Food

allowance for SCs and STs hostel students to provide balanced diet food for their cognitive development as per the CFTRI report from current price of Rs 58.33 to Rs 100 for pre matric and from Rs 61 to Rs 150 for post matric and for residential schools. For better supervision and management of the hostel students, recruit one hostel warden per 100 hostel students maintained by the Social Welfare department hostels as standardised in the backward class hostels. Gradually convert all the hostels maintained by the Social Welfare Department, as KRIES schools to provide standard education to SCs and STs students. Enhance and ensure pre and post matric scholarships to all the SCs and STs students who study both public and private schools. The following suggestions were

offered to set up a Monitoring and Evaluation of SCSP and TSP expenditure. A SCSP/TSP vigilance committee should be set up to implement the programmes as per the SCSP/TSP Act. Even though SCSP/TSP Act has been implemented since 2014, however, there is lack of awareness about the Act and also welfare programmes, therefore, SCSP/TSP awareness programme should be implemented all over the Karnataka. Convene the special legislative assembly to discuss and review the socio-economic and political backwardness of the SCs/STs as 75th years of adoption of Indian constitution. All SCs/STs households should be covered with health insurance and provide basic subsistence assistance of Rs 10 lakhs in case of hospital death due to chronic disease.

INET-YSI South Asian Regional Conference on Social Change, Understanding and Addressing Emerging Inequalities in the 21st Century in South Asia (February 24-26, 2025)



The INET–YSI South Asia Regional Conference on Social Change on the topic “Understanding and Addressing Emerging Inequalities in the 21st Century in South Asia” was organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru, during February 24–26, 2025. The conference was jointly convened by ISEC and Young Scholars Initiative (YSI) of the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), New York. It aimed to complement intergenerational conversation through plenary sessions of discussion of topics varying from ageing and well-being, governance and law, access to digital and information, and spatial inequalities, to agricultural, ecological, and environmental issues, specifically focusing on women, rural poor, and low-income groups disproportionately impacted.

The conference team members: Dr V Karthick, Assistant Professor, CESP, ISEC, Dr Arun Balachandran, Postdoctoral Research Scientist, Columbia University, New York, Ms Christina Kujur, Doctoral Scholar, ISEC, and Mr Bikram Barman, Doctoral Scholar, ISEC and Utrecht University, and the advisory committee members: Prof Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC, Prof Madheswaran, RBI-Chair Professor and Head, CESP, ISEC and Ms Nair-Bidkar, Director, South Asia, INET, New York.

The two-and-a-half-day conference includes a half-day Pre-Conference Workshops on 24 February 2025. This was aimed to sensitise young researchers to inequality studies by senior researchers Prof S Madheswaran, Dr Prajwal Nagesh, Prof Sanjay G Reddy, The New School for Social Research, and Prof Barbara Harriss-White, University of Oxford. The keynote address was presented by Dr Ashok Dalwai, Chairperson, BoG, ISEC.

The inaugural session of the conference held on 25 February 2025 consisted of welcome addresses by Prof D Rajasekhar, introductory thoughts by Ms Sunanda Nair-Bidkar, and Prof S Madheswaran. The keynote lecture was presented by Prof Sanjay G Reddy, who emphasised the need to place inequality research within broader global discourse and yet keep in view from the South Asian perspective. The lecture was opened by Ms Christina Kujur, and the vote of thanks was moved by Dr V Karthick.

Over the course of the three days, four plenary sessions set the intellectual agenda for the conference. The panellists are Prof A K Enamul Haque, UCSI University, Prof M K Ramesh (Rtd), NLSIU, Dr Pijush Kumar Dutta, Azim Premji University, Ms Anita Gurumurthy, IT for Change, Prof Sony Pellissery, NLSIU, Mr L Janardhan Rajan, Tech Mahindra, Prof Amitabh Kundu (Rtd), JNU, Prof Kripa Ananthpur (Rtd), MIDS, Chennai, Dr Aabha Chaudhary, Chairperson and Founder, Anugraha, Dr Mala Kapur Shankardass, Independent Consultant, and Dr Rajani Parthasarathy, Psychiatrist and Deputy Director, DHFW, GoK. The sessions were presided over by ISEC faculties Prof Madheswaran, Prof Satish Deshpande, Prof Chandan Gowda, and Prof Lekha Subaiya.

One of the conference highlights was the eight Young Scholar Sessions, which showcased the richness and diversity of South Asian scholarship and benefited from careful feedback from session chairs and discussants, who offered useful methodological and theoretical suggestions.

The valedictory lecture was presented by Prof Barbara Harriss-White, and chaired by Prof V Anil Kumar, CPIGD, ISEC. The conference ended with a few words of reflection by Prof D Rajasekhar, Ms Sunanda Nair-Bidkar, and the organising team, who reiterated the need for cross-disciplinary research and youth scholarship to tackle deep-seated inequalities.

Workshop on Migration, Informality and Development (March 3-7, 2025)

A workshop on “Migration, Informality and Development” jointly organised by Work Fair and Free (WFF), Aajeevika Bureau, and the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) from March 3-7, 2025. Through interdisciplinary approaches, this workshop tried to contextualise migration within broader discussions of informality and development. It aimed to develop a nuanced understanding of labour migration in India, including the historical context, labour market dynamics, diverse experiences and vulnerabilities of the migrant and informal workforce, exclusionary urban imaginations, and the emerging challenges of climate change, platforms, and technology-mediated work. The workshop also critically examined the legal and policy frameworks regulating migration and foregrounds the labour movement strategies to achieve a dignified world of work.

The workshop was conducted in-person and blended interactive lectures, group discussions, guided learning activities, case study analyses, and film screenings. A total of 37 participants, including PhD scholars, early-career researchers, and development practitioners, participated in the workshop. The workshop offered a unique platform to engage with the complexities of labour migration in India. It aimed to equip participants with insights and skills to contribute to informed policymaking, advocacy, research, and field

interventions that can improve the lives of millions of migrant workers.

A total of 20 sessions were conducted during the five days of the workshop. The sessions offered by researchers and practitioners of WFF and faculty members of ISEC with decades of research and teaching experience. Guest speakers, including distinguished academics and practitioners, have shared their expertise and insights. The sessions mainly focused on exploring migration in India through various themes, such as theoretical frameworks to understand migration, informality and development, empirical trends of internal migration in India, the relationship between caste, gender, and migration, migration in the context of climate change, urbanisation and service provisioning, occupational safety and health, migrant workers and platform and technology-mediated work, and addressing precarious migration through advocacy, social protection policies, and worker collectivisation. The workshop also included sessions that build skills for research and advocacy on how to use public data sources to describe migration patterns and apply qualitative methods to understand contemporary migration. The workshop was jointly coordinated by Dr Tara Nair, Director, Work Fair and Free & Aajeevika Bureau; Dr Geeta Thatra, Associate Director, Work Fair and Free; and Dr Indrajit Bairagya, Assistant Professor, Centre for Human Resource Development, Institute for Social and Economic Change.

Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) (February 22-23 and March 8-9, 2025)



The Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) is an on-going flagship programme implemented by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC). The participants of the program constitute meritorious students who are currently pursuing their first, second and third year bachelor's degree in social sciences drawn from the colleges affiliated with Bangalore University. This programme is conducted mainly to retain the interest of the meritorious students in social sciences and inspire them to pursue their higher studies. The aim of the programme is to build the academic and research capacity of the students.

The first and second orientation programme for the year 2024-25 were conducted on the weekends spread across the months of February and March 2025. The first set of SSTSS programme was conducted on February 22 and 23, and the second set was conducted on March 8 and 9 2025 respectively at ISEC. Prof D Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC, inaugurated the programme and welcomed the students. In all, there were 20 technical sessions held, aiming to impart knowledge on various

subjects related to the social sciences. Subject experts were drawn from Bangalore University, ISEC and other institutions. The topics covered during the programme include: Importance of agriculture in Indian Economy, Challenges of Urbanisation in India, The Power of Emotional Intelligence, Human Development, Horticulture in India, Youth Migration in India, Sustainable Development Goals, Scientific Status of Social Sciences, The Role of Media, Agriculture from Green Revolution to 'Amrit Kaal', Urban Governance: Institutions and Policy Issues, Acquiring English Language Skills and Competence, Why we need to Study Social Science?, Expanding Sanitation Access for Rural Development, Daily Value of Ecosystems, Agri-Entrepreneurship and the Role of Startups in Indian Agriculture, Relevance of Large Data in Social Sciences Research, Evolution and History of India's Education System, Sustainable Development, and Skills required and potential job opportunities in different domains. All these sessions were interactive.

The valedictory programme was held on March 9, 2025. Prof N Nagaraj, BoG, ISEC, Bengaluru and Prof. Pramod Kumar, Professor and Head, ADRTC, ISEC chaired the session. They addressed the students and distributed the certificates to the final year degree students for successfully completing the three-year SSTSS programme. Dr Vilas Jadhav, Faculty, ADRTC and Dr KC Smitha, Faculty, CPIGD, coordinators from ISEC welcomed the gathering, shared the information about SSTSS programme and presented the vote of thanks during both the programmes.

Caste Census in Contemporary India: Relevance, Challenges, and Policy Implications (June 19, 2025)

The debate surrounding on 'Caste Census' in India has gained renewed attention in recent years. While the caste enumeration was a traditional feature of census exercise during British rule from 1881 to 1931. However, with the first census of independent India in 1951, the government chose to discontinue

the practice, except for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) with an intention to promote national unity and give up the divisive approach for overall development. By 1961, the central government permitted the states to conduct their own surveys and compile state-specific lists of Other

Backward Classes (OBCs), because of the socio-political dynamics and need for accurate information on castes to identify the disadvantaged groups and bring them to the forefront of policy making. The decision by the Union government to go in for caste enumeration as part of the forthcoming census was due to growing demand by the political parties as well as civil society forces, different caste groups and their organisation. On the political front, the Congress party demanded Bharat Jodo Nyaya Yatra. While on the caste groups side, different OBC castes/ caste groups, their organisations. The recent demand by several state governments and civil society organizations for a full-scale caste census has sparked discussions on its implications for social justice, affirmative action, governance, and evidence-based policy formulation.

Beyond statistics, the caste census has deep social and political implications. According to activists, the data could help redesign affirmative action policies, improve representation, and address entrenched inequalities. Given the significance of caste as a socio-economic determinant and its role in shaping developmental outcomes, there is an urgent need to explore the feasibility, methodology, and utility of conducting a caste census. The inclusion of caste data could provide a robust empirical foundation for more equitable policy design and improve the targeting of welfare programs. At the same time, concerns

about social divisiveness, data quality, and political sensitivities remain critical challenges.

The seminar aims to bring together scholars, policymakers, civil society actors, and media representatives to deliberate on the following:

- Historical evolution and rationale for caste enumeration in India.
- Empirical and methodological challenges in conducting a caste census.
- Comparative experiences from other countries on ethnicity/social group data collection.
- Potential implications of caste census data for policy design in education, employment, and social welfare.
- Legal and constitutional perspectives on caste-based data collection.
- Political economy and societal perceptions related to caste enumeration.

The seminar was jointly conducted by Prof T Brahmanandam of Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad and Prof V Anil Kumar from the Centre for Political Institutions, Governance and Development, ISEC. Prominent Participants were Professor K. Srinivasulu of formerly Osmania University, Professor Nagaraju G from the University of Hyderabad and other luminaries and elites besides the faculty and students of ISEC

Stakeholder Engagement and Book Release as Part of EQUIMOB Project (May 5, 2025)

Bus Stories, or Bussina Kathegalu, a bilingual book, was released to the public on May 5, 2025 at an event in Ashirvad Centre on St Mark's Road, Bangalore. The event was attended by project stakeholders, the public, civic group representatives, journalists and transport-related bureaucrats, which included a BMTC representative. Following the launch, a live reading session was arranged for the audience. The young researchers who collected the stories narrated the context and read aloud the stories. Alongside, they reflected on their training sessions at ISEC and their experiences on the field. In the

last session, a discussion was organised with our stakeholders – Bengaluru Bus Prayanikara Vedike (BBPV), Samvada, ISEC and Utrecht University, along with other attendees. This discussion focused on the future of bus transportation in Bangalore and ways in which equity can be furthered. A copy of the book was handed over to the Managing Director of BMTC, which will be placed in BMTC's in-housed library. The open-source book, of 52-pages is available in Kannada and English. Dr Sobin George and Prof Lekha Subaiya from ISEC coordinated the event.

Public Lecture of Prof M N Srinivas Chair

Third Public Lecture of Prof M N Srinivas Chair: Profiling Discrimination: Contemporary Challenges in Indian Higher Education - Prof Sathish Deshpande, Prof M N Srinivas Chair, ISEC, Bengaluru (January 21, 2025).

Fourth Public Lecture of Prof M N Srinivas Chair: Caste and Indian Capitalism: Revisiting 'Modes of Production' in the Twenty-First Century - Prof Sathish Deshpande, Prof M. N. Srinivas Chair, ISEC, Bengaluru (April 15, 2025).

Seminars by Faculty

Panel discussion on the Union Budget - Prof Charan Singh, CEO, EGROW Foundation, Former Senior Economist, IMF and Former RBI Chair Professor, IIM Bangalore, Dr K J Joseph, Director, Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation, Thiruvananthapuram, Prof Achin Chakraborty, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata, and Prof Parmod Kumar, Professor and Head, ADRTC, ISEC, Bangalore (February 12, 2025).

The Janus and the Juggernaut: Modernity and Democracy in India - Prof V Anil Kumar, Prof and Head, CPIGD, ISEC, Bangalore (May 20, 2025).

Paid to Learn: Proposing a New Type of Social Protection for India – Prof D Rajasekhar, Director and Dr R Manjula, Assistant Professor, CDD, ISEC, Bangalore (May 22, 2025).

Pre-Thesis Submission Seminars by Students

Inclusivity of Public Spending on HealthCare in India: An Analysis of Select States - Mr Aboobacker T P, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (January 6, 2025).

Decentralized Governance and Inclusive Development of Tribals: A Study of Tribal-Sub Plan in the Selected Panchayats of Kerala - Ms Vidya J Mathew, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (January 28, 2025).

Electoral Accountability in Health and Education: Comparative Study of The States of Odisha and West Bengal - Mr Debajit Goswami, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (March 6, 2025).

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Performance Analysis of Major Ports: Evidence from India - Mr Shafeeqe Abdul Kader P K, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (June 6, 2025).

PDRP Initiation Seminars

National Education Policy 2020: Stakeholder Perspective Analysis in the Context of Higher Education - Dr Bhargavi V R (February 4, 2025).

Climate Change and Livelihood Impacts of the Vulnerable Communities: A Case Study of Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra - Dr Prakash Priyadarshi (February 17, 2025).

Measurement of Time Use Pattern of Households: A Comparative Gender Study of Prayagraj District in Uttar Pradesh - Dr Rukmini Devi (May 27, 2025).

Semantic Landscapes and Contested Identities: An Exploration through the Intersection of Toponymy, Place Attachment, and Community Displacement in Attappady, Kerala - Dr Manjusha K A (May 30, 2025).

PDRP Completion Seminars

Women Empowerment through Skill Development: A Study of Food Processing Companies in Bangalore - Dr S Sriranjani Mokshagundam (February 3, 2025).

Research Projects

Completed Projects

1. **Strategies to Scaling-up India's Nutri Cereal Production, Consumption and Trade** (Dr Thomas Felix and Prof K B Ramappa)
2. **Local Government, Disaster Management and Humanitarian Cash Transfers in Karnataka** (Prof D Rajasekhar and Dr R Manjula)
3. **Social Auditing of Major Irrigation Schemes of Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited (CNL) under SCSP and TSP** (Prof Krishna Raj)
4. **Social Auditing of Major Irrigation Schemes of Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigama (KBJNL) under SCSP and TSP** (Prof Krishna Raj)
5. **Social Auditing of Major Irrigation Schemes of Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited (KNNL) under SCSP and TSP** (Prof Krishna Raj)
6. **Role of Adult Literacy Programmes in the Empowerment of Women Residing in the Slums of Bangalore** (Dr Stanzin Nouskit)
7. **Modernity and Democracy in India** (Prof V Anil Kumar)
8. **Evaluation Study on Impact of i-RTC and RTC Wallet – Land Record (RTC) through Internet – A Study of e-Governance Initiative in Karnataka** (Prof S Manasi, Dr Malini L Tantri and Dr Channamma Kambara)
9. **Desirability of a Public Health Cadre in the States of India** (Dr Sobin George)
10. **Social Mobility of Northeast Migrant Workers in Bengaluru** (Dr Marchang Reimeingam)
11. **Health infrastructure and service delivery at Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs): An investigation in selected District Hospitals in Karnataka** (Prof C M Lakshmana)
12. **Estimation of Coconut Processing, Transportation and Marketing Costs in India – Karnataka Report** (Prof K B Ramappa, Dr Vilas Jadhav and Dr Thomas Felix)
13. **Estimation of Coconut Processing, Transportation and Marketing cost in India- consolidated Pan India Study** (Prof K B Ramappa, Dr Vilas Jadhav and Dr Thomas Felix)
14. **Farmers Suicide: Causes and Policy Prescription in India Karnataka Report** (Prof K B Ramappa and Dr Vilas Jadhav)
15. **Farmers Suicide: Causes and Policy Prescription in India – Consolidated Pan India Study** (Prof K B Ramappa and Dr Vilas Jadhav)
16. **Land Titling and Agricultural Productivity – Karnataka Report** (Prof Parmod Kumar and Prof K B Ramappa)
17. **Land Titling and Agricultural Productivity A Consolidated All India Study** (Prof Parmod Kumar and Prof K B Ramappa)
18. **Training program on “New Agricultural Marketing Strategies for Farming Communities”** (Prof K B Ramappa)
19. **Climate Smart Livelihood & Socio-ecological Development of Bio-diversity Hotspots of India** (Prof Sunil Nautiyal and Prof S Srikantaswamy, University of Mysore)
20. **How Effective are Training Programmes in Providing Sustainable Livelihood Options for Women: A Study of DAY-NULM Programme in Karnataka** (Prof Meenakshi Rajeev)
21. **Human Development across Socio-Religious Groups: Diversity Index** (Prof S Madheswaran and Ms B P Vani)
22. **Is your City too Big? Urban Primacy in India** (Prof Kala S Sridhar)
23. **Environmental Problems and Congestion: Evolving Sustainable Solutions for Bengaluru's Developments** (Prof Kala S Sridhar, Prof Krishna Raj, Prof V Anil Kumar, Prof S Manasi and Dr Channamma Kambara)
24. **Risk Factors and Health Behaviour among younger adults in Karnataka** (Prof C M Lakshmana)
25. **Health Infrastructure of Primary Health Care Institutions: A Study in Karnataka** (Mr Devindra)

26. **Hypertension treatment cascade among urban and rural poor adults in India: Analysis of National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21)** (Ms Madhu Bidari)

New Projects

1. **Bridging the Skills Gap: A Longitudinal Study on the Effectiveness of ITIs and IMCs in Aligning Vocational Training with Industry Needs** (Dr A V Manjunatha and Prof S Madheswaran)
2. **Decent Work Deficit in Regular Wage Employment among Religion, Social and Income Groups in Karnataka, India** (Dr Marchang Reimeingam)
3. **A Systems Approach to promoting Healthy Ageing in India** (Prof Lekha Subaiya, Prof T S Syamala and Ms B P Vani)
4. **NHM-PIP Monitoring of 30 Districts (6 Districts of Madhya Pradesh and 24 Districts of Arunachal Pradesh)** (Prof C M Lakshmana, Prof T S Syamala and Prof Lekha Subaiya)
5. **Studies to Find Out Prevalence of Health Problems Faced by the Stakeholders Involved in pre-Cocoon Sector of Mulberry Sericulture** (Dr Joycy Rani D, Scientist-C, CSB-Central Sericultural Research and Training Institute, Mysuru, Prof K B Ramappa)
6. **Unlocking Efficiency: A Comprehensive Study of Paddy Cultivation and Its Economic Impacts in Karnataka among Conventional Methods, Direct Seeded Rice (DSR), and the System of Rice Intensification (SRI)** (Dr Thomas Felix and Prof K B Ramappa, Dr Vilas Jadhav and Dr Akshata Nayak)
7. **Preparation and Validation of a Questionnaire for Assessing Imagination** (Dr Indrajit Bairagya and Dr StanzinNouskit)
8. **Rural-Urban Transition in Karnataka: A Study of Four Villages** (Prof V Anil Kumar)
9. **Changing Structure of Population, Education and Employment through Modernization, Infrastructure and Government Policies: A Case of Maram Naga PVTG of Manipur** (Dr Marchang Reimeingam and Dr Stanzin Nouskit)

10. **Evidence and Gap Map for Informed Decision Making: Visualizing the Impact of SDGs in LMICs** (Dr Sobin George)

11. **Assessing the Potential for Community-Driven Climate Actions in Peri-Urban Areas of Western Ghats – Phase II** (Prof S Manasi and Dr Channamma Kambara)

12. **Exploring the Scope of Circular Economy in Textile Waste for Enhancing Sustainable Development - Phase II** (Prof S Manasi and Dr Channamma Kambara)

Student News

Biannual Seminar Series

The Fifty First Bi-annual Seminars were held during June 10-17, 2025. In all, there were 34 presentations comprising of 12 Theme Presentation, 22 progress seminars (12 Sessions). 3 students presented pre-thesis colloquium, and 10 students submitted Thesis.

PhD Degree Awarded

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

Dr Jamadar Mudassar Mahamad (Development Studies): 'Identifying the Urban Poor Their Deprivations and Coping Strategies: A Study in Bengaluru City' (Supervisor: Prof Kala S Sridhar)

Dr J Chakradhar (Economics): 'Trade Agglomerations: Genesis and Determinants' (Supervisor: Dr A V Manjunatha)

Dr Zeenat Husain (Development Studies): 'Skill Development Programme and Marginalized Sections: A Study in Bengaluru City' (Supervisor: Prof M Devendra Babu)

Dr Shreejata Niyogi (Sociology): 'Crime, Women and Correctional Homes: A Case Study in West Bengal' (Supervisor: Prof Manohar S Yadav)

Dr Anamika Das (Development Studies): 'Domestic Violence against Women and Its Impact on Women and Child Health in West Bengal' (Supervisor: Prof C M Lakshmana)

Dr Ankit Anand (Development Studies): 'Frailty, Injuries and Disability among Older Persons in India: An Empirical Application of Ecological Framework of Ageing' (Supervisor: Prof T S Syamala)

Dr Biplaw Kumar Singh (Sociology): 'Neoliberal Governmentality, New Paternalism and Subjectivities: A Study of Integrated Child Protection Scheme in Karnataka' (Supervisor: Dr Sobin George)

Dr Prakash Menakel Philip (Development Studies): 'Governance and Development Outcomes: A Comparative Study of PESA and Non-PESA Areas in Madhya Pradesh' (Supervisor: Prof M Devendra Babu)

Dr Uttam Lama (Development Studies): 'Spatiality in a Borderland: Studying the Developmental Dynamics of Indo-Bhutan Border' (Supervisor: Prof I Maruthi)

Dr Surendra Kumar Naik (Development Studies): 'Human Capital and Economic Growth: An Empirical Study at the National and Sub-national Levels in India' (Supervisor: Dr Indrajit Bairagya)

Publications

Working Papers

- Working Paper No. 594:** 'Urban Service Delivery in India: Status and Issues' by Riya Bhattacharya
- Working Paper No. 595:** 'Disparities in Educational Outcome Among Informal Migrant Workers' Children: Evidence from Bengaluru, India' by Manasi S, Malini L Tantri, Channamma Kambara, Indrajit Bairagya, Vijayalakshmi S
- Working Paper No. 596:** 'Political Communication of Dravidian Parties in Tamil Nadu: Activism, Populism, and Welfare: A Review of Literature' by Thiruppathi P and V Anil Kumar
- Working Paper No. 597:** 'Electoral Accountability in Education: A Comparative Study of Educational Support/Scholarship Programmes of Odisha and West Bengal' by Debajit Goswami and V Anil Kumar
- Working Paper No. 598:** 'Do Urban Men and Women Define Housing Affordability Differently? Primary Evidence from Bengaluru' by Nagarjun K B and Kala Seetharam Sridhar
- Working Paper No. 599:** 'Assessing the Status of Tuna Fishery in India: A Study with Special Reference to Lakshadweep' by Muhammed Luqman O P, Thomas Felix K and Ramappa K B
- Working Paper No. 600:** 'Disparities in Educational Attainment Across Socio-Economic Groups in India and Karnataka: An Exploration of NSSO Findings (2007-08 To 2022-23)' by P Manivannan
- Working Paper No. 601:** 'Adult Literacy and Women's Engagement: Insights from Bangalore Slums' by Stanzin Nouskit

Working Papers – An Overview

Urban areas in India are perpetually struggling to meet the services demanded by the proliferating population. However, policies and studies are traditionally focused on a few metropolitan cities. Conversely, population growth and economic activities began concentrating towards urban peripheries and areas beyond class-I towns. These cities are undeniably crippled with various spatial, socio-economic, and political challenges that hinder local governments from effectively delivering basic services. Even after three decades of decentralisation, studies and reports reveal that urban local governments perform poorly in terms of providing basic service. In this context, Riya Bhattacharya in the paper "**Urban Service Delivery in India: Status and Issues**" (WP 594), reviewed various reports and studies to highlight that the present condition of service delivery in urban areas in general is rather ineffective while smaller cities in peripheries are performing worse and are subjected to various factors that differ across cities. Therefore, the paper further emphasises the need for a city-based study to help local bodies assess the peculiarities of each city, thereby aiding in the effective formulation and implementation of policies and plans.

In the paper "**Disparities in Educational Outcome Among Informal Migrant Workers' Children: Evidence from Bengaluru, India**" (WP 595), Manasi S, Malini L Tantri, Channamma Kambara, Indrajit Bairagya, Vijayalakshmi S investigate the educational disparities among children of informal migrant workers in Bengaluru, focusing on three sectors: construction, garment, and domestic work. Using a mixed-method approach, the research integrates quantitative data from national and state surveys with insights from interviews conducted with 656 migrant workers who migrated to Bengaluru with

their children. Findings reveal marked differences in educational outcomes among these children, highlighting substantial heterogeneity tied to several factors. Parental education levels emerge as a crucial determinant, exhibiting positive correlation between their education and educational outcome of their children. Additionally, language barriers present significant challenges, limiting children's access to effective learning environments and hindering integration into local school systems. Awareness and access to government schemes also vary, with some families lacking knowledge of resources designed to support migrant children's education. These combined factors contribute to the widening educational gap, creating a cycle of limited opportunities for migrant children. The study underscores the need for targeted policies to improve educational support for migrant communities. It suggests that tailored interventions addressing language, awareness, and access to educational resources could help mitigate these inequalities.

Thiruppathi P and V Anil Kumar in their paper **“Political Communication of Dravidian Parties in Tamil Nadu: Activism, Populism, and Welfare: A Review of Literature” (WP 596)**, through a systematic review of literature, analyse the dynamic reciprocity existing between populism, welfare programs, activism and political communication at play in Tamil Nadu's political terrain. It narrates the historical antecedents and contemporary communication strategies adopted by Dravidian parties through a review of academic literature. Further, it emphasizes the significance of political communication in the construction of public discourse, policy agendas, and election campaigns as a 'bridge' between politicians and citizens. Further, the work delves into the social and political context of Tamil Nadu, highlighting how and why regional identity, linguistic politics, and cultural symbols have gained such traction in voter mobilization and party rhetoric. It also studies the role of digital media technologies in political communication as well as their effects on public participation and opinion.

The paper **“Electoral Accountability in Education: A Comparative Study of Educational Support/Scholarship Programmes of Odisha and West Bengal” (WP 597)**, by Debajit Goswami and V Anil Kumar, explore the crucial aspects of promissory representation in India, particularly attempting to analyse the degree of electoral accountability in the domain of education, as manifested by the BJD (Biju Janata Dal) and TMC (Trinamool Congress), two

incumbent regional parties in the states of Odisha and West Bengal. Political parties make numerous electoral pledges when contesting elections; however, after forming the government, there is a perceived lack of political will and effective policy formulations to fulfil the pledged promises, thus eroding the notion of electoral accountability. This paper undertakes a survey research approach with the collection and analysis of responses from a sample of 200 beneficiaries of the educational accessories' support / scholarship programmes (Gangadhar Meher Shiksha Manukbrudhi Yojana and Kanyashree Prakalpa) of the two states. By investigating the party's degree of fulfilment of electoral pledges, and the consequent beneficiaries' perception of the party's accountability, this paper endeavours to provide insights on the relation between accountability in education, the degree of political awareness of voters and their consequential relation to the electoral accountability of parties. This in turn reflects the status of accountable governance in Odisha and West Bengal, from which broader generalisations may be drawn for the Indian context.

Gender has a significant impact on the understanding of affordable housing, especially in urban areas. Nagarjun K B and Kala Seetharam Sridhar in their paper **“Do Urban Men and Women Define Housing Affordability Differently? Primary Evidence from Bengaluru” (WP 598)** attempt to integrate housing ownership and its interaction with gender, especially in an urban household, and attempts to answer the questions: Is there a gendered distinction regarding housing and property ownership? How do gender roles and perception issues contribute to the urban affordable housing debate, and what are its implications for Bengaluru? This paper uses a 'gender lens' framework to analyse various aspects that contribute to affordable urban housing. Bengaluru, which is considered inclusive and liberal, along with a large section of its inhabitants constituting the working urban middle-income group, is the area of focus for this study. Given the absence of secondary data, the methodology for this research involved primary surveys that reveal female home owners have different considerations when deciding about an affordable home, when compared with their male counterparts. Several interactions from the field are analysed to provide insights into the perceptions of various facilities by gender that constitute an urban household's decision-making regarding an affordable home.

In the paper “**Assessing the Status of Tuna Fishery in India: A Study with Special Reference to Lakshadweep**” (WP 599), Muhammed Luqman O P, Thomas Felix K and Ramappa K B investigate the status of tuna fisheries in India, with a particular emphasis on Lakshadweep. Despite India’s abundant oceanic tuna resources, the country has historically lacked organised commercial tuna fisheries, except for artisanal fisheries in Lakshadweep and a few parts of Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Employing Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) and Composite Entropy Index (CEI), this study analyses the trends and diversification in Indian tuna fisheries from 1997 to 2022. The findings indicate a positive growth trend (CAGR: 3.08%) but a recent decline in diversification (CEI: 0.65-0.77). Lakshadweep demonstrates a favourable growth rate (CAGR: 3.80%) yet faces challenges such as overdependence on skipjack tuna and low diversification (CEI below 0.5). This study aims to elucidate the trends and dynamics of tuna fishing in India, with a special reference to Lakshadweep’s role and scope, and recommends suitable measures to address challenges to enhance the potential of India’s tuna fishery while ensuring ecological sustainability.

The study on “**Disparities in Educational Attainment Across Socio-Economic Groups in India and Karnataka: An Exploration of NSSO Findings (2007-08 To 2022-23)**” (WP 600), by P Manivannan, analyses the disparities in educational attainment by socio-religious groups in India and Karnataka, using data from different NSS rounds (2007-08, 2017-18, and 2022-23). In general, although overall literacy and educational attainment have improved, disparities persist, particularly among Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), and Muslims. At the national level, illiteracy has declined, and secondary and graduate-level education has expanded, but SCs and STs remain disadvantaged. Karnataka follows a similar trend, with Hindu, General and OBC groups recording higher educational attainment, especially in higher education. Muslim educational progress is concentrated in urban areas, while STs and SCs remain the most disadvantaged in rural and urban Karnataka. Female educational attainment has increased, particularly at the primary and secondary levels, although SC, ST, and Muslim females lag in higher education. Attainment across expenditure quintiles shows that higher quintiles perform better, especially in higher education. Across Karnataka’s administrative divisions, Bengaluru Division leads in attainment, while Gulbarga lags, especially with respect to educational attainment by SCs and STs. Logit model estimation results show that STs and

SCs have the lowest probability of attaining primary-and-above education, while urban residence and household income positively influence attainment. The study shows that Karnataka has made progress in education but at a slower pace than India as a whole, particularly in reducing illiteracy and improving higher education among marginalised communities like STs, SCs, and Muslims. While India’s overall illiteracy declined faster during 2007-08 to 2022-23, Karnataka’s ST population remains significantly behind national trends. Though Muslims in Karnataka showed better primary education growth, STs, SCs, and Muslims underperformed at the higher education levels. Rural SC males, urban SC males, Muslim males, and ST females face substantial educational disadvantages. Economic disparities persist, with lower literacy and retention across all income levels, particularly in secondary and higher education. Policy recommendations to address the disparities include the launch of additional targeted programmes for disadvantaged groups, especially SCs, STs and Muslims in rural areas, enhancement of financial aid / scholarships to these communities, and integrating education-lined incentives in poverty alleviation / self-employment programmes.

Adult Literacy Programs for women in slum areas play a vital role in equipping them with essential skills in reading, writing, and numeracy. Due to socio-economic challenges, early marriage, and household responsibilities, many women in these communities have limited access to formal education. These programs not only improve their ability to comprehend important information but also enhance their confidence and decision-making abilities. Gaining literacy skills opens better employment opportunities, allowing them to contribute to household income and break the cycle of poverty. Furthermore, educated women are more likely to prioritize their children’s education, creating a lasting positive impact on future generations. Stanzin Nouskit in the paper “**Adult Literacy and Women’s Engagement: Insights from Bangalore Slums**” (WP 601) examines the role of adult literacy programs on the lives of women residing in Bangalore’s slums. It employs a qualitative approach and focuses on neo-literate women between the ages of 15 and 50 years. The sample comprises 120 women actively participating in adult literacy programs. Data was collected using an interview schedule and an achievement test. The findings highlight that these initiatives have been both impactful and transformative, considerably

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Stalin woos youth, says DMK govt working for their uplift

Says Will Give Laptops To College Students

Chennai: Chief minister M K Stalin made a strong pitch to youth towards DMK in the upcoming assembly elections. He announced the govt would start giving laptops to college students, countering AIADMK's charges of DMK

JOB'S CREATED BY DMK SCHEMES

Category / Source	Jobs Created
Government exns (NPSC, TRB, MRB, etc.)	1,08,111
Naan Mudhalvan job camps	3,28,393
Labour & employment exchange camps	2,65,253
Youth & Sports Development (athletes)	84
Naan Mudhalvan-trained (Central govt jobs)	89
Naan Mudhalvan-trained (MNC jobs)	18

through Naan Mudhalvan scheme while another 2.65 lakh govt employment through job camps organised through the department.

Scooter subsidy & insurance cover for gig workers

Chennai: State govt has sanctioned two welfare measures for gig workers—subsidies for electric scooters and a group insurance scheme. A total of Rs 200 crore was allotted on Wednesday to provide a subsidy of Rs 20,000 each to 2,000 registered gig workers under the TN platform based gig workers welfare board for purchasing new electric scooters.



Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre, Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, and others with a bicycle at an event organised to mark Environment Day at Vidhana Soudha, I Satish B

analyst A Ramachandran said, "The govt's support to such as Naan Mudhalvan and economic groups. These targeting youth a party cannot be seen as an economic and social safety net where there are no jobs in the industrial sector."

helping TN remain on top," he said. Efforts have begun for generation of more jobs in the IT sector after 2026, he added.

COMMUTES, CONVERSATIONS, NOSTALGIA

Book released on Bengaluru's affair with BMTC rides

BENGALURU: Bussina Kathagalu (Bengaluru's Bus Stories), which captures the memories associated with the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) buses, was released on Monday. A collaborative effort of the comes is the Information Technology, the city's infamous traffic, Silk Board Signal. But we hardly get to see anything related to BMTC buses, Bengaluru's lifeline," said Prajwal, a PhD Scholar from ISEC and Utecha University, who coordinated for the project from EQUIBOMB. "Like Kolkata or other cities, Bengaluru didn't have trains for local commute. All we had was the BMTC (then Bangalore Transport Service). BMTC buses, which played a pivotal role in Bengaluru's making, have largely remained neglected in its development story. Except for some scenes in a Kamal Hassan movie and in other Kannada movies, BMTC buses are hardly seen," Prajwal said. "Though every one of us has travelled in BMTC and has a lot of memories associated with it, it is not being recorded, he said, adding that the book has stories associated with the bus, he added. The organisers said the e-book will be uploaded on EQUIBOMB website soon, and hard copies will be distributed among the BBVP community organisations and various government departments.

News Trail

India's growth paradox

Why Viksit Bharat needs more than mere ambition

By Anand Gopal

India's growth paradox is not just a matter of numbers, but of the quality of growth. While the country has achieved remarkable economic growth over the past few years, the benefits have not been evenly distributed. The gap between the rich and the poor is widening, and the quality of infrastructure and public services is still poor. To achieve the vision of Viksit Bharat, the government needs to focus on creating more jobs, improving the quality of infrastructure, and ensuring that the benefits of growth are shared by all.

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Guj man held information w

By Anand Gopal

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

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Revamping city boundaries will reveal true growth, aid economies and enable smarter planning

CITY CITY, BANG BANG

By Anand Gopal

Urban legend... (Text discusses the challenges of urbanization in Bengaluru and the need for better planning and infrastructure.)

ಬಿಜ್ಜವಾಣಿ

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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ಪರಿಸರ ಪತ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಸರ ಸಂಬಂಧಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ: ಸಿಎಂ... (Text provides details about the information shared by the Chief Minister regarding the family of the deceased.)

ವಾರ್ತಾ ಭಾರತಿ

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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ಜೂನ್ 17: ಪಾಸ್ಪಿಕ್ ಬಾಟಲಿ ತಾಡು ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆಗೆ ಸಮಿತಿ ರಚನೆ: ಸಿದ್ದರಾಮಯ್ಯ ಆದೇಶ... (Text reports on the formation of a committee to manage the Pashupathi Temple.)

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ಕೂಡಿಗೆ: ಗ್ರಾಮ ಮಟ್ಟದ ವಸಾನ ಉತ್ಸವ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳು ನಗರ ದಂಚಿನ ಸಮುದಾಯಗಳ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾಗಿ ಬಲವರ್ಧನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತಮವಾಗಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ (ಬಿಎಸ್) ಸಂಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಶ್ರೀ ವಿಷಾಯಕ ಯುವಕ ಸಂಘ ಚಿಕ್ಕತ್ತೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಗಳ ವಾರ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಗ್ರಾಮಸ್ಥರಿಗೆ ವಿವಿಧ ತಳವು ಹಾಗೂ ಹಣ್ಣಿನ ಗಿಡಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡಲಾಯಿತು. ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನೆಯನ್ನು, ಕೂಡಮಂಗಳ

ಡಿವರು, ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಷಾಯಕ ಯುವಕ ಸಂಘದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಸಿ ಸಿ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಹಲವು ಸಲಹೆಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡಿದರು. ನಗರ ಸಂಘದಲ್ಲಿ ಉಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಡಾ.ಎಸ್.ಮಾನಸು, ಪೈಪೆಸರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರು ನಗರಗಂಟಿ ಪದಾಧಿಯನ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ಸಿ ಸಿ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಶ್ರೀ ವಿಷಾಯಕ

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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ಜೂನ್ 17: ಪರಿಸರ ಪತ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಸರ ಸಂಬಂಧಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ: ಸಿಎಂ... (Text provides details about the information shared by the Chief Minister regarding the family of the deceased.)

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Rajasekhar, D

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Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Expert Session Address on ‘Urban Primacy in Southern India: Industrial Policies and Outcomes’, in the International Conference on Land, Soil and Territory in the Souths of the World, organised by ABMSP’s Anantrao Pawar College of Engineering & Research, Pune, and School of the South of the World, Milan, Italy, February 20-21, 2025. (Online)

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Bairagya, Indrajit

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Do Noncognitive Skills Influence the Quality of Education? An Analysis of School Education in India; at the Bridging the Gap: Gender Inequality, Education, and the Pursuits of Sustainability in Emerging Economies, organised by the Department of Economics, St. Joseph’s University in collaboration with Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, March 17, 2025.

Beyond Academics: The Role of Non-cognitive Skills for Improving Learning Outcomes; at the Symposium on Estimating the Requirements of Schooling in the 21st Century, organised by the Centre of Excellence in

Teacher Education (CETE), School of Education, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai), June 5, 2025, at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru.

Balasubramanian M

Gross Ecosystem Product (GEP): Indicators for Measuring Ecological Sustainability; at the One day National Seminar on A Strategic Approach for Enhancing Sustainable Development in India, organised by Department of Economics, Aditanar College of Arts and Science, Tiruchendur, January 8, 2025.

Felix, Thomas K

Unveiling the Pattern and Trends: A Comprehensive Analysis of Real Rural Agricultural Wages in Tamil Nadu; at the First Edition of the Annual Development Conclave on Changing Dynamics of the Labour Market in India, organised by the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Scholar Forum, March 10-11, 2025.

Jadhav, Vilas

(with Parmod Kumar) Impact of Climate Change and Coping Methods to Overcome Risks and Uncertainties - A Case Study of Arecanut Based Cropping System; at the National Symposium on Building Climate-Resilient Forestry for Ecosystem Restoration, Sustainable Utilization, and Community Prosperity, organized by Conservator of Forests Canara Forest Circle, Sirsi, at Hotel Supriya International, Sirsi, May 29-30, 2025.

Kambara, Channamma

(with Nagarjun K B) A Decade of Street Vendors' Act: Impact on Self-employment on the Streets of Bengaluru; at the 65th Annual Conference, The Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE), organised by ISEC and Department of Labour, Government of Karnataka, January 11, 2025, at ISEC, Bengaluru.

(with S Manasi and Chaitra) Identity of the City: A Study of Two Popular Urban Festivals of Bengaluru; at the International Conference on Religion and Cities, jointly organised by Department of Christian Studies, University of Madras and The Centre for the Study of Religion, Culture and Society, Elon University, USA, March 11-12, 2025, at University of Madras.

Lakshmana, C M

Risk Factor and Health Behaviors Among Younger Adults in India: Analyses using Sage Data Wave-1and 2 in the oral category; at the XXIX IIPS National Seminar 2025 on India's Evolving Demographics: Challenges

and Implications for Human Development, organised by the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, March 19-20, 2025.

Manjula, R

(with Erlend Berg and D Rajasekhar) Paid to Learn: Proposing a New Type of Social Protection based on Evidence from India; at the Hitotsubashi Summer/Spring Institute (HSI) International Conference of Development Economics on 'Economic Development Issues in South Asia', March 27, 2025.

Manasi, S

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Philip, Megha Susan

Distributional Effects of Public Spending on Select Economic Sectors/Programs in Kerala; at the 1st Kerala Economic Conference, organized by Kerala Economic Association at Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation, Thiruvananthapuram, February 14-16, 2025.

Rajasekhar, D

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Reimeingam, Marchang

Magnitude of Decent Work Deficit in Regular Wage Employment in Karnataka; at the International Conference on All You Imagine as Light: Strengthening Labour Institutions and Amplifying Worker Voice for Decent Employment, organised by Centre for Public Policy & Governance at the Goa Institute of Management, In Hybrid Mode – Via Zoom and on Campus at GIM in CR 12, at the Goa Institute of Management, Sanquelim, Goa, June 5, 2025.

Shaha, Khalil

Intersectionality of Marginalisation: Discrimination and Deprivation of Scheduled Castes in the Rural Karnataka; at the two-day conference on Intersecting Identities and Economics of Discrimination, organised by School of Economics, University of Hyderabad, January 23-24, 2025.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Economics of Urban Mobility: Evidence from Bengaluru and Lessons for Other Cities; at the Workshop on Sustainable Urban Mobility, organised by Symbiosis Centre for Urban Studies, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), February 10, 2025. (Online)

Evaluation of Urban Finances, Subsidies and Development Objectives of the Government of Karnataka; at the 16th Central Finance Commission, Government of India, New Delhi, March 11, 2025. (by Webex from California)

Invited Lectures/Talks

Bairagya, Indrajit

Delivered a lecture on 'Use of NSSO data for Labour and Migration', in the workshop on Migration, Development and Informality, jointly organised by Work Fair and Free Foundation, Aajeevika Bureau, and ISEC, March 3-7, 2025, at ISEC.

Conducted two sessions, as a part of the three-week Refresher Course/Capacity Building Training Programme on the Use of Modern Tools in Social Science Research, organised by Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, February 27 to March 19, 2025.

Delivered an online talk on the topic 'The Importance of Noncognitive Skills on Students' Learning Outcomes', at Mahatma Gandhi Government Arts College, Mahe, April 7, 2025.

Balasubramanian, M

Invited lectures on 'Environmental Economics Research Methods and Applications', in the Three-Week Refresher Course/Capacity Building Training Programme on the Use of Modern Tools in Social Science Research, organized by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, March 17, 2025.

Felix, Thomas K

Delivered two lectures on 'Techniques for Data Collection, Cleaning, Pre-processing, and Transformation & Designing Surveys with Online Tools for Data Collection', in the On-campus Training Program on Mastering Data: Techniques and Tools for Research Excellence, at the ICAR – Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Kochi, Kerala, January 6, 2025. This program was organised as part of the Tribal Sub-Plan Program (TSP) flagship scheme of ICAR-

CIFT (Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India).

Delivered two lectures on 'Introduction to SPSS Interface, Data Entry, and Data Types' and 'Exploring Data Distributions, Calculating Basic Statistics, and Identifying Outliers', at the National Level Workshop on Basic Statistical Data Analysis Using SPSS. organised by the Department of Agricultural Economics at SRM College of Agricultural Sciences, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai, February 8, 2025.

Delivered a lecture on 'Unlocking Nature's Wealth: Real-Life Case Studies and Research on the Daily Value of Ecosystems', at the Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS), organized by ISEC Bengaluru, March 8, 2025.

Delivered a lecture on 'Challenges for e-Market in India', in the National Training on Agricultural Market Information System in the Modern Era, organized by Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi, and the National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad, March 18, 2025. (Virtual Mode)

Delivered a lecture on 'Economic Systems in the world', for B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture students for the subject Fundamentals of Agricultural Economics, at the VIT School of Agricultural Innovations and Advanced Learning (VAIAL), March 28, 2025.

Jadhav, Vilas

Delivered a lecture on 'Agriculture from Green revolution to Amrit Kaal: A Lesson and way forward for Agriculture', in the SSTSS orientation programme, organized by ISEC, Bengaluru, February 23, 2025.

Delivered a lecture on 'Secondary Agriculture', in the SSTSS orientation programme, organized by ISEC, Bengaluru, March 8, 2025.

Kambara, Channamma

Delivered a lecture on 'Sustainable Development', in the 2nd Orientation Programme, SSTSS, organized by ISEC, Bangalore, March 9, 2025.

Karthick, V

Invited lecture on '75 Years of Constitution in India: Whether Constitutional Rights and Public Policies Eliminated the Discrimination in The Case of Agricultural Credit Market?', organised by Centre for Dalit Studies, Hyderabad & Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi, March 19, 2025.

Kumar, V Anil

Delivered Invited lecture on 'Public Policy as a Policy Process', at CSPR, Christ University, March 20, 2025.

Lakshmana, C M

Delivered a lecture on 'Regional Linkage of Population, Development, and Environment in India', at the Department of Economics, Tumkur University, March 13, 2025.

Manjula R

Delivered a lecture on 'Decentralisation and Development: Citizen Participation in Village Assembly Meetings in Karnataka', at the Training Programme for the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayath Raj Fellows, organised by Karnataka Panchayat Raj Commissionerate, Bengaluru, March 6, 2025.

Delivered a lecture on 'Clean Futures: Expanding Sanitation Access for Rural Development', at the Orientation Programme of Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS), organised by ISEC, March 8, 2025.

Manjunatha, A V

Delivered lectures on 'Regression Diagnostics and Qualitative Response Models', in the Capacity Building Training Programme in Applied Econometrics for Macroeconomics, Organized by RBI Chair Professor in collaboration with Jain University, at JAIN Knowledge Campus, Bengaluru, March 25-29, 2025.

Delivered two lectures on 'GB Analytical Frameworks', in the District Level Training Programme on Gender Budgeting, for Officers of GoK, sponsored by MWCD, Government of India scheduled, at the Fiscal Policy Institute, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru, February 10, 2025.

Delivered a lecture on 'Infrastructure for Human and Economic Development of Kalyana Karnataka', at the Training Programme on Socio-Economic Development of Kalyana Karnataka Region: Challenges and Pathways for development, jointly organized by Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad and Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, UAS, Raichur, March 5, 2025.

Delivered two lectures on 'Qualitative Response Regression Models', in the ICSSR sponsored Ten-days Research Methodology Course for the M.Phil., Ph.D. and PDF Research Scholars, at the Department

of Studies and Research in Economics, Tumkur University, March 18, 2025.

Delivered two lectures on 'Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning: Schemes and Projects', at the Three-Week Refresher Course/Capacity Building Training Programme on the Use of Modern Tools in Social Science Research for faculty members and PhD scholars, organized by Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, March 19, 2025.

Nayak, Akshata

Delivered a lecture on 'Agri-Entrepreneurship and the Role of Startups in Indian Agriculture', in the Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS), Organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru, March 8, 2025.

Delivered a guest lecture on 'Application of Meta-Analysis in Agricultural Research' to I Year PhD ABM students of the University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, June 4, 2025.

Nouskit, Stanzin

Delivered a lecture on 'A New Vision for Secondary Education: Curriculum and Pedagogical Changes Under NEP 2020', in the National Seminar on Transforming Secondary Education: NEP 2020 Vision for Quality Assurance, organized by College of Teacher Education, Bhawanipatna, Kalahandi, Odisha, February 28, 2025.

Delivered a lecture on "The Evolution and History of India's Education System" as part of the Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS), organized by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru, on March 9, 2025.

Ramappa, K B

Delivered a lecture on 'Building a Resilient Mind: The Power of Emotional Intelligence', in the Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS), organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC).

Delivered a lecture on 'Advanced Research Skills and Methodologies for Academic Excellence', in the 5-day Faculty Development Program, at Hindustan College, Mysore, January 13-18, 2025.

Reimeingam, Marchang

Delivered one lecture on 'Cross-sectional analysis of reasons for youth migration in India', in the Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) Orientation Program, organised by ISEC, February 22, 2025.

Shaha, Khalil

Delivered a lecture on 'What are the Data Requirements in doing social science research', at Three Week Refresher Course/Capacity Building Training Programme on the Use of Modern Tools in Social Science Research for Faculty Members and PhD Scholars, Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, March 3, 2025.

Delivered a lecture on 'Conducting Social Science Research: Major Challenges of Survey Data Operations', at Three Week Refresher Course/Capacity Building Training Programme on the Use of Modern Tools in Social Science Research for Faculty Members and PhD Scholars, Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, March 3, 2025.

Delivered a lecture on 'Why We Need to Study Social Science?', in the Second Orientation Programme of Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS), organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru, March 8, 2025.

Delivered a Guest lecture on 'Introduction to Descriptive Statistics', at Doctoral Programme on Quantitative Research Methods for Doctor of Business Administration (DBA), Aston University, UK, March 12, 2025.

Delivered a Guest lecture on 'Introduction to Parametric and Non-Parametric & Bivariate Statistics', at Doctoral Programme on Quantitative Research Methods for Doctor of Business Administration (DBA), Aston University, UK, March 12, 2025.

Smitha, K C

Invited lecture on 'Urban Governance: Institutions and Policies', in the Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) Programme, organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, February 23, 2025.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Delivered a lecture on 'Migration, Urbanization, and Informal Economies, in the Workshop on Migration, Informality and Development, Work Fair and Free (WFF), organised by Aajeevika Bureau and Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, March 4, 2025.

Delivered a lecture on 'Challenges of Urbanization in India', in the Social Science Talent Search Scheme, organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, February 22, 2025.

Delivered a lecture on 'Understanding Housing in Indian Cities: Effect of Land Use Regulations and Technology', at California State University-Sacramento (as part of course FIN 149), April 29, 2025. (by Zoom from Bakersfield, California)

Newspaper Articles and Media**Gowda, Chandan**

'Being Rajalakshmi N. Rao'. January 19, 2025.

'A Workshop and a Declaration'. March 2, 2025.

'Melas: A Celebration of Community'. *Outlook*, March 15, 2025.

'The Pleasures of the Mappilla Ramayana'. April 6, 2025.

Panelist, 'Cong Govt Delays Caste Census'. *Republic TV*, January 16, 2025.

Interview of Vanamala Vishwanatha on her translation of Kuvempu's *Bride in the Hills*, *Out of Print*, February 5, 2025.

Panelist, 'Siddaramaiah versus DK Shivakumar again'. *NDTV*, February 14, 2025.

Panelist, 'Language Wars', and 'USAID Politics'. *Republic TV*, February 23, 2025.

Panelist, 'Parliament Uproar over Quota for Muslims'. *NDTV*, March 24, 2025.

Panelist, 'Politics over Vikas?'. *Republic TV*, April 6, 2025.

Jadhav, Vilas

'Bamboola Nagadi Puranacha Dharja Dhanarahai'. *Sakal Marathi News paper*, April 26, 2025.

Kumar, V Anil

(with K C Smitha) 'India's Gig Jobs: Potential Awaits a Plan'. in *Deccan Herald*, January 14, 2025.

'Reinventing Caste: Can Survey's Help?'. in *Deccan Herald*, February 7, 2025.

Lakshmana, C M

'Study Suggests States Should Fill Nutritional Staff Vacancies'. *Deccan Herald*, February 3, 2025.

'Arogy Khetrada Sudharane' – Shared insights on the Union Budget 2025-26. *Vijayavani, Kannada newspaper*, February 26, 2025.

'Maternal Mortality and India's Multifold Challenges'. *Deccan Herald*, central article in comment column.

Manasi, S

(with Sridhar, Kala S and Channamma Kambara) 'Study Finds 10 Major Traffic Junctions in Bengaluru Prone to Flooding'. *The Hindu Bureau*, in *The Hindu*, May 21, 2025. <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/study-finds-10-major-traffic-junctions-in-bengaluru-prone-to-flooding-during-monsoon/article69597609.ece#:~:text=Among%20these%20are%20Kumaraswamy%20Layout,Circle%2C%20Banashankari%20Signal%20and%20Kadubeesana-halli>

Nayak, Akshata

'Karnataka Budget 2025: Sowing Seeds of Progress in Agriculture and Rural Economy'. *Agrinews*, March 13, 2025. <https://agrinews.in/karnataka-budget-2025-sowing-seeds-of-progress-in-agriculture-and-rural-economy/>

Shaha, Khalil

(with R S Deshpande) 'Siddu Managing Fiscal Health among Promises'. *The New Indian Express*, March 8, 2025.

Smitha, K C

Published a newspaper article titled 'India's Gig Jobs: Potential awaits a plan'. *Deccan Herald*, January 14, 2025. Access from: ([https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/india-s-gig-jobs-potential-awaits-a-plan-3353805#:~:text=According%20to%20the%20NITI%20Aayog,million\)%20by%202029%2D30](https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/india-s-gig-jobs-potential-awaits-a-plan-3353805#:~:text=According%20to%20the%20NITI%20Aayog,million)%20by%202029%2D30))

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

(with Anjali Mahendra) 'Higher FAR and Metro Can Boost Urban Jobs'. *Deccan Herald*, February 4, 2025. (<https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/higher-far-metro-access-can-boost-urban-jobs-3387603>).

'City City Bang Bang'. *The Economic Times* (<http://www.Economictimes.com>), May 27, 2025.

(with S Manasi and Channamma Kambara) 'Study Finds 10 Major Traffic Junctions in Bengaluru Prone to Flooding'. *The Hindu Bureau*, in *The Hindu*, May 21, 2025. <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/study-finds-10-major-traffic-junctions-in-bengaluru-prone-to-flooding-during-monsoon/arti>

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Tantri, Malini L

'Budget Anaysis'. *Prajavani*, February 2, 2025: https://www.prajavani.net/business/budget/budget-analysis-emphasis-on-ppp-more-priv-ileges-needed-for-job-creation-3150387?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=socialshare

'India's Trade Triumph: The Hidden Environmental Toll'. *Deccan Herald*, April 22, 2025 <https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/india-s-trade-triumph-and-its-environmental-toll-3503542>

Seminars, Workshops, Training Programmes Organised/Coordinated

Bairagya, Indrajit

Joint Organising Secretary, 65th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE), organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru and Department of Labour, Government of Karnataka, January 9-11, 2025.

Coordinator of the workshop on 'Migration, Development and Informality', jointly organised by Work Fair and Free Foundation, Aajeevika Bureau, and ISEC, March 3-7, 2025, at ISEC.

George, Sobin

Joint Organising Secretary, 65th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE), organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru and Department of Labour, Government of Karnataka, January 9-11, 2025.

(with Lekha Subaiya) Coordinated Academic Reading and Writing Workshop organised during January 23-28, 2025 led by Prof Satish Deshpande, M N Srinivas Chair Professor, ISEC, Bengaluru.

(with Lekha Subaiya) Coordinated Stakeholder Engagement and Book Release as part of EQUIMOB project, May 5, 2025 at Ashirvad Centre, Bengaluru.

Gowda, Chandan

Co-organiser with Pipal Tree, Climate Change and Gram Panchayats, Fireflies Intercultural Centre, Bengaluru, February 24-25, 2025.

Jadhav, Vilas

First Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) orientation programme, Sponsored by Institute for Social and Economic Change [ISEC], Bengaluru, February 22-23, 2025.

Second Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) orientation programme, Sponsored by Institute for Social and Economic Change [ISEC], Bengaluru, March 8-9, 2025.

Kambara, Channamma

Organised Research and Policy Forum on Addressing Domestic and Sexual Violence in India, Organized by Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India and Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia, January 13, 2025.

Karthick, V

Joint Organising Secretary, 65th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE), organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru and Department of Labour, Government of Karnataka, January 9-11, 2025.

Organised INET-YSI South Asian Regional Conference, February 24-26, 2025.

Manjunatha, A V

Joint Organising Secretary, 65th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE), organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru and Department of Labour, Government of Karnataka, January 9-11, 2025.

Organised Training Programme on Evaluation of Schemes to the staff of Karnataka Monitoring and Evaluation Authority as a resource person, January 4, 2025, at MS Building, Bengaluru.

Nayaka, Akshata

Conducted a Training Programme for Farmers in Menasgere village, Mandya District, June 5-6, 2025.

Raj, Krishna

Organised a Special Workshop on 'Water Security in Bengaluru', at ISEC, April 19, 2024.

Ramappa, K B

Organised an All India Interactive Meeting on the "Economic and Business Viability of Drone Operations, at ISEC, Bengaluru, February 28, 2025.

Organised a Stakeholder Meeting on Geographical Indications and Rural Development, organised at

ISEC as part of the ICSSR Project at ISEC, Bengaluru, March 14, 2025.

Shaha, Khalil

Joint Organising Secretary, 65th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE), organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru and Department of Labour, Government of Karnataka, January 9-11, 2025.

Smitha, K C

Coordinator, Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) Programme, February 22-23, 2025 and March 8-9, 2025.

Tantri, Malini L

Joint Organising Secretary, 65th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE), organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru and Department of Labour, Government of Karnataka, January 9-11, 2025.

Honours/Awards/Fellowships

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Visiting Fellow, Stanford University's Center for South Asia, March-August 2025

Offices Held in Academic/Professional/ Administrative Bodies

Bairagya, Indrajit

Coordinator for ISEC Policy Brief.

Member of Internal Complaint Committee.

Member of Campus Welfare Residence Committee.

Internship Coordinator till February 2025.

Balasubramanian, M

Lead Guest Editor, *Frontiers in Conservation Science*.

George, Sobin

Ethics Committee Member, Indian Council of Medical Research-National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research.

Editor, ISEC Working Paper Series

Gowda, Chandan

Member, Academic Council, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai.

Member, Academic Council, Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru

Member, Board of Studies, Department of Sociology and Social Work, Christ University.

Jury Member, Hindustan Times Centennial Debates, Bengaluru, January 29, 2025.

Member, Faculty Selection Committee, Eswari School of Liberal Arts in the Department of Sociology & Anthropology, February 4, 2025.

Karthick, V

Member, Purchase Committee, ISEC, Bangalore.

Kumar, V Anil

Conducted CAS Promotion Interview at CMDR Dharwad as Nominee of the ICSSR.

Lakshmana, C M

Appointed as a Liaison Officer at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru, for a period of three years, effective from February 12, 2025.

Manjunatha, A V

Member, Economic Cell of Karnataka Economic Survey 2024-25, Government of Karnataka.

Board of Director, Vananlok Foundation, VANAVIKAS Building, 18th cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.

Nayak, Akshata

Member, Library Committee, ISEC, Bangalore.

Member, Allocation of Office Space, Quarters and Students' Hostel Rooms Committee, ISEC, Bangalore.

Nouskit, Stanzin

Assistant warden of PhD students' hostel (2024-2025).

Reimeingam, Marchang

Member, Board of Governors, ISEC (2025-2027).

Member, Gratuity Trust of ISEC, 2025-2027.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

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

Subaiya, Lekha

PhD Programme Coordinator, ISEC, Bangalore.

Member, Internal Complaints Committee (Women's Cell), ISEC, Bangalore.

Publications in Charge.

Miscellaneous

Bairagya, Indrajit

Articles reviewed for the following: *Economic and Political Weekly* and *Journal of Social and Economic Development (JSED)*, Springer.

Guiding a post-doctoral student.

Coordinator of the coursework paper V "Economics of Education" for second semester.

Reviewed a post-doctoral proposal.

External Examiner of a Post-Graduate Dissertation Presentation at St. Joseph's University, April 12, 2025.

External Examiner of a Post-Graduate Dissertation Presentation at Madras School of Economics, May 16, 2025.

PhD Scholar, Mr Surendra Kumar Naik, has successfully defended his thesis under my guidance, May 21, 2025.

Presently guiding three PhD students.

Guiding a post-doctoral student

Felix, Thomas K

Reviewed articles for the following: *Journal of Social and Economic Development (JSED)*; *Nature Communications Journal*; *Journal of Quantitative Economics*; and *Discover Applied Sciences Journal*.

Conducted a Course on 'Farm Management and Production Economics', for ADRTC PhD students under Part B, January 6 -February 28, 2025.

Appointed as the Public Information Officer (PIO) of ISEC for a two-year term, effective from June 1, 2025.

George, Sobin

Coordinator of PhD Part B coursework titled 'Contemporary Development Debates in Indian Society', January-March 2025.

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

Invited Speaker: Planetary Health, at the Prasanna School of Public Health (PSPH), May 2, 2025. (Online)

Kick off online workshop of the outreach project titled Evidence Gap Map for Informed Decision Making: Visualizing the Impact of SDGs in LMICs, May 19, 2025.

Reviewed 2 articles for Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer) and one for Anthropode.

Primary Reviewer of the ICMR-NCDIR research proposal (one) submitted to IEC.

Under the supervision Mr Biplaw Kumar Singh and Ms Divya S Patil awarded PhD from University of Mysore.

Guiding two PhD Scholars, two postdoctoral fellows and one intern.

Jadhav, Vilas

Participated in One Day All India Stakeholders Meeting on Namoo Drone Didi Scheme, organized by MoA&FW, M&T Division and ADRTC, February 28, 2025.

Article reviewed for the following: *Current Context of Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability* and *International Journal of Frontier in Sustainable Food System*.

Evaluated two theses and submitted them to the University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bengaluru.

Kambara, Channamma

Attended Doctoral Committee meeting of two students from St Joseph's University, Bengaluru as the Doctoral Committee member, January 7, 2025.

Attended the Synopsis Examination of PhD Scholar as an external examiner, at Economics Department, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, January 17, 2025.

Attended a DC of a student from St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

(with V Anil Kumar and Mallesh Ummalla) Coordinator of Part A, Paper II, Perspectives on Social and Economic Change.

(with S Manasi) Coordinator of Part B, Paper VI: Indian Urban Development Studies.

Karthick, V

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

Resource Person, 'Use of Econometric Models in Social Science Research', in the Three-Week Refresher Course/Capacity Building Training Programme on

the Use of Modern Tools in Social Science Research for faculty members and PhD scholars, Organised by Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Research, Dharwad, Karnataka, March 3, 2025.

Resource Person, 'Relevance of Large Data in Social Sciences Research', at the Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) Orientation Program, organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, Karnataka, March 9, 2025.

Resource Person, One Day Training Programme on Research Methodology on Social Science Research for Graduate Students, June 26, 2025.

Guiding 3 interns.

Kumar, V Anil

Dr Rajeev Tewari who has completed PhD under my guidance has received the Best PhD thesis award in Political Science.

Successfully completed Post-Doctoral thesis supervision of Dr. O Grace Ngullie.

Supervised an Intern namely Ms. Raginya Raina from Goa International Institute of Law.

Coordinated the course 'Modern Western Political Philosophy' for Part-B of the PhD course work.

Lakshmana, C M

Evaluated PhD thesis of the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, February 21, 2025.

Manasi, S

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

Coordinator: IUDS – Part B course.

Manjula, R

Reviewed articles for the following: *Discover Public Health (Springer)*; and two articles for the *Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer)* in February 2025.

Coordinator for Summer Internship and Project Assisted Internship Programme in Social Sciences w.e.f. March 3, 2025.

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

Reviewed a proposal submitted to Post Doctoral Research Program (PDRP) of ISEC in April 2025.

Guiding two interns – one as a part of ISEC summer internship programme and another one as an unpaid intern.

Manjunatha, A V

Course coordinator, Environmental studies/ Sustainable Development, Part B PhD Coursework 2025, ISEC, Bengaluru.

Reviewed PDRP proposal, March 7, 2025.

Involved in the Project titled Estimating the Potential Value of Ecotourism and Other Cultural Services of Forest Ecosystems in Uttarakhand as team member, 2025.

Nayak, Akshata

Article reviewed for the Journal *Applied Economics Letters*.

Coordinator for the PhD course work on 'Farm Management and Production Economics', and 'Development studies -Agricultural Policy'.

Nouskit, Stanzin

Reviewed a manuscript for *Indian Journal of Extension Education*.

Coordinator of the PhD coursework paper VI 'Social and Comparative Perspectives of Education' for second semester.

Guiding an Intern student (Prashant Singh)

Member, Academic Programme Committee (APC)

Member of Creche Committee.

Member of Library committee.

Member Book Club

Rajasekhar, D

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

Reimeingam, Marchang

Reviewed one paper for *The Indian Economic Journal (Sage)*, May 2025.

Attended Doctoral Advisory Committee of Tirtha Sarathi Mohapatra, IPP/NLSIU, Bengaluru, February 21, 2025.

Coordinated 'Labour and Development', PhD Part-B course, January to March 2025.

Member, Purchase Committee, March 8, 2025 to March 7, 2027.

Member, Board of Governors, ISEC, 2025-2027.

Member, Library Committee, ISEC, October 3, 2024 to October 2, 2025.

Coordinator, Founders' Day Sports Committee, January 13-20, 2025.

PhD Guidance of three (3) ISEC students.

Guidance of intern Sonia Das (MA Economics, University of Hyderabad) from May 26, 2025 to July 25, 2025.

Attended and participated in several seminars and meetings organized by ISEC and others.

Shaha, Khalil

Articles reviewed for the following: one for *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*; three for *Indian Economic Journal, Sage*.

Member, Organising Committee on Rapporteurship, 65th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE), January 9-11, 2025, at ISEC, Bangalore.

Member, State-Level Economics Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting, Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik, 2024-25.

Supervision an intern Ms. Aamgoth Mothi Disha Pawaar, University of Hyderabad.

Smitha, K C

Articles Reviewed for the following: three for the *Journal of Social and Economic Development* and one for *Journal of Annals of the American Association of Geographers*.

Course Coordinator for the Papers titled (i) Governance & Development, (ii) Comparative Politics and Indian Politics.

Reviewed Post-Doctoral Research Programme proposal application– January 2025.

Supervising Internship student Ms Anshira – IIT Madras, May to July 2025.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Reviewed articles for the following: *Sustainable Cities and Society (Elsevier)*, *Annals of Regional Science* and *Journal of Urban Management*.

Reviewed a PDRP proposal.

Reviewed a book proposal for Springer.

Under the supervision Mudassar, PhD Scholar defended his thesis successfully, January 2025.

As a member of BoS, UoM IDS, approved the panel of examiners of two PhD theses and a synopsis of a permanently registered thesis, March 2025.

coordinated a course titled 'Fundamental Urban and Regional Studies', Part B of ISEC's PhD program, January-February 2025.

Urban Primacy, Mobility and Urban Finances in Karnataka, Karnataka 5th State Finance Commission, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, January 24, 2025.

VC, Academic Programme Committee.

(with D Rajasekhar, Meenakshi Rajeev, B P Vani, Indrajit Bairagya, R Manjula and Khalil Musa Shaha) Evaluation of State of Finances of the Government of Karnataka, Presentation to the 16th Central Finance Commission, Government of India, New Delhi, March 11, 2025. (by Webex from California)

Guided a Post-Doctoral Scholar (Dr.Swarupa Deb).

Guiding an intern, Vipin Yadav, from BHU during June-July 2025.

Subaiya, Lekha

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

Participated in book release of 'Bussina Kathegalu' (Bus Stories), May 5, 2025, at Bengaluru.

Supervising 5 ISEC PhD students.

Collaboration: 1. A Systems Approach to Healthy Ageing in India project with researchers from the University of Edinburgh and 2. EQUIMOB project with researchers from Utrecht University; MAHE, Manipal; BRAC University, Bangladesh; and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.

Syamala, T S

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

Participated in the Selection Committee for the post of Temporary Research Associate/Assistant in the project A Systems Approach to Promoting Healthy Ageing in India, February 17-21, 2025.

Participated in the Selection Committee for the Post of Registrar, ISEC, March 5, 2025.

Coordinated a paper on 'Dynamics of Population change and its Implications' for ISEC PhD Students.

Collaborations: A Systems Approach to Healthy Ageing in India project with researchers from the University of Edinburgh, Queensland University of Technology and Cranfield University, UK.

Attended as a subject expert on the Selection Committee to interview Assistant Professor, Research Investigator, and Field Investigator in the Population Research Centre, Baroda.

Attended the Year-End Review Meeting of Praxis India, April 16-17, 2025 at Tharavad, Praxis Training Centre, Panayur, Kerala.

Supervising two ISEC PhD students

Tantri, Malini L

Articles Reviewed for the following: *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, *Indian Journal of Human Development*, *China Report*, *Journal of Economic and Administrative Sciences*, and *ANTYAJAA: Indian Journal of Women and Social Change*.

Reviewed PDRP proposal.

Guided two interns - One each from Christ University, Bengaluru and BASE, Bengaluru.

Two PhD Students submitted thesis to University of Mysore.

Editor to Special Issue of JSED (Springer Nature) on Global value Chain, Trade and industrial Policy. Along with Dr Amitendu Palit, NUS, Singaopre, Dr C Veeramani, Director, CDS, Trivendrum, Dr Shailaja Singh, IIFT, Delhi, Dr Surendar Singh Jindal University, Delhi.

Attended CHRDC Centre meeting as an external expert.

Reviewed Book proposal to Palgrave MacMillan.

Member, SRTT Sub Committee meeting.

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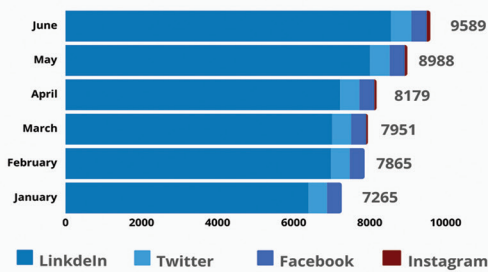
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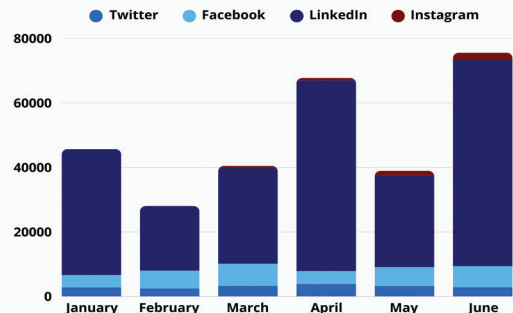
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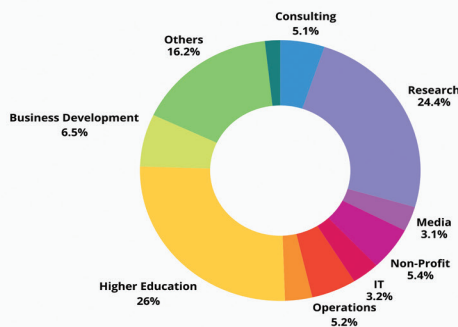


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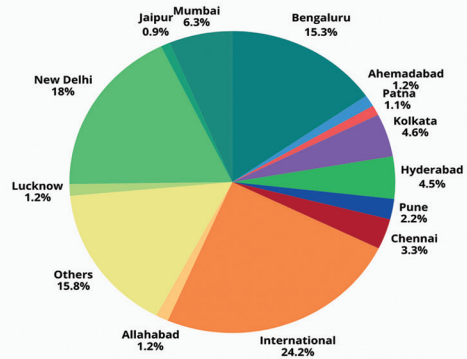


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