



## From the Director's Desk ...



Starting from July 8, 2007, the Institute has been celebrating the birth centenary of its illustrious founder the late Dr V K R V Rao. Preparations are almost complete for the final event, the International Seminar on the Institutional Structure of Social Science Research, to be held during July 6-8, 2008. His Excellency Shri Rameshwar Thakur, Governor of Karnataka and the President of ISEC

Society, and Honourable Shri B S Yeddyurappa, the Chief Minister, have consented to grace the occasion. Professor Sukhdeo Thorat, UGC Chairperson, and Professor Javeed Alam, ICSSR Chairperson, will be delivering the Inaugural and Valedictory Addresses respectively. Two volumes to mark the occasion – *Passionate Humanitarian* and *Footprints of Development* – will be released during the Inaugural function. As the co-ordinator of the programme, Professor R S Deshpande has been working tirelessly to ensure that the event will be a grand success. In the meanwhile, under the monthly public lecture series, launched in July 2007 as part of the centenary celebrations, the four concluding lectures were delivered during the first half of 2008.

The Founder's Day was celebrated with much gaiety in the Institute on January 20, 2008. His Excellency Shri Rameshwar Thakur, the Governor of Karnataka, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour, and Professor André Bêteille, the then Chairperson of ICSSR, delivered the Fifth Professor V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture. Dr Varun Sahni of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and Dr Gobinda Prasad Samanta of the Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai, were awarded Dr V K R V Rao prizes in Social Sciences for the year 2006. The anthology titled *Development in Karnataka – Challenges of Governance, Equity and Empowerment*, edited by G K Kadekodi, Ravi Kanbur and Vijayendra Rao, was released on the occasion.

The last six months have been academically hectic. Two national-level seminars – 'Micro Finance Needs of Vulnerable Groups' and 'Globalisation and the Management of Vulnerabilities' – were organised by the Institute. In collaboration with the Karnataka State Planning Board, a one-day Seminar was organised on 'Water Resources in Karnataka: Emerging Challenges and Options' as part of the World Water Resources Day; and in association with the Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce and Ramaiah Institute of Management Studies, a panel discussion was held on 'Budget 2008-09 – An Analysis'. A two-day NFHS-3 data users' workshop was jointly organised with the International Institute of Population Studies, Mumbai.

The Institute also organised two important international events: an International Round-Table on 'Indicators of School Quality: Towards Gender-Friendly Schooling Environment', in association with the Commonwealth Secretariat, London, the Commonwealth Foundation, London, and the Commonwealth of Learning, Vancouver; and an International Seminar on 'Diversities in the Indian Diaspora: Nature, Implications and Responses', in

partnership with the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla.

As part of the Institute's outreach activities the Centre for Human Resources Development collaboration with the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) Mission of the Government of Karnataka organised a two-day state-level 'Workshop for Developing Handbook on Research and Evaluation within SSA Framework'; and the faculty of the Centre of Ecological Economics and Natural Resources handled a teaching module on Natural Resource Management for the post-graduate students of KIIT School of Rural Management, Bhubaneswar.

As many as 12 seminars by visiting scholars and 11 seminars by the Institute's faculty were organised on a variety of interdisciplinary topics. Among the visiting scholars who gave seminars included Nikhiles Guha of Kalyani University (West Bengal), Madhav Badami of McGill University (Canada), V N Balasubramanyam of Lancaster University (UK), N R Vasudeva Murthy of Creighton University (USA), Daniel Brockington of the University of Manchester (UK) and Geoffrey Pleyers of the University of Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium). Among other scholars/academic administrators visiting the Institute included Vivek Bhandari (Ahmedabad), John M. Beaton (Australia), Christoph Woiwode (Germany), Gerald Lemos and Francis Bacon (UK), and Frits van Merode and Krista Knopper (The Netherlands). A French delegation consisting of Lucie Cheynar, Michel Eddi, Hervé Guyomard, André Torre, Alban Thomas, and Yves Griveau.

The faculty members have been very active in research work: they have completed 15 projects during this period, and have embarked upon 15 new projects. The Institute published seven Working Papers (Nos. 188-194) and one Monograph (13). Faculty publications during this period include three books and 50 papers. Seven papers were presented at conferences. Three doctoral scholars Shri T Kannan (Sociology) and Ms Pratyusna Pattanaik (Sociology) (both guided by Dr Anand Inbanathan) and Shri Badri Narayan Rath (Economics; guided by Prof S Madheswaran) were awarded PhD degrees. I congratulate the candidates and their guides.

Prof K V Raju has joined the Government of Karnataka as its Economic Adviser, and Prof G K Karanth has assumed charge as the Director of the Centre for Multi Disciplinary Research, Dharwad. I congratulate both of them and wish them best in their new positions. Dr G Sathyanarayana Sastry (Associate Professor), Shri H K Govinda Rao (Assistant Registrar - GA), Shri H S Shama Rao (Carpenter), Shri Kalusingh (Watchman), and Shri D Venkataiah (Sweeper) superannuated. I wish them all a healthy and peaceful retired life. Dr Sunil Nautiyal (Associate Professor), Dr Manasi (Assistant Professor), Dr K Prakash (Deputy Librarian), Shri Yekanath Ningappa (Assistant Librarian), and Shri V Venkata Hanumaiah (Driver) joined the Institute. I welcome them to the ISEC family.

**N Jayaram**  
Director



## Founder's Day Celebration

Like in the previous years, the Founder's Day was celebrated with much gaiety in the Institute on January 20, 2008. His Excellency Shri Rameshwar Thakur, the Governor of Karnataka and Ex-officio President of ISEC Society, was the Guest of Honour. Shri S L Rao, Chairman, ISEC Board of Governors, presided over the function.

Director of the Institute Dr N Jayaram welcomed the gathering. The participants included, among others, distinguished Members of Board of Governors, Founder/Life Members of ISEC Society, academicians from various universities and institutions, administrators, ISEC residents, general public, staff and students of the Institute.

The celebrations included Professor V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture and distribution of Dr V K R V Rao prizes in Social Sciences for the year 2006:



*ICSSR Chairman Professor Andre Beteille (left) and Karnataka Governor Shri Rameshwar Thakur (right) being welcomed to the Founder's Day celebrations by ISEC Director Dr N Jayaram and ISEC Board of Governors Chairman Shri S L Rao on January 20, 2008.*

### Professor V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture



*Professor Andre Beteille delivering the Professor V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture on 'The Present Significance of Caste' at ISEC on the Founder's Day.*

The fifth Professor V K R V Rao Memorial Lecture on the topic 'The Present Significance of Caste' was delivered by Professor Andre Beteille, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.

### Dr V K R V Rao Prizes in Social Science

The following were awarded Dr V K R V Rao prizes in Social Sciences for the year 2006:

1. Dr Varun Sahni, Professor in International Relations Theory, Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (Political Science);
2. Dr Gobinda Prasad Samanta, Assistant Adviser, Department of Statistical Division, RBI, Mumbai (Economics).

A book titled 'Development in Karnataka – Challenges of Governance, Equity and Empowerment', edited by Dr G K Kadekodi, Dr Ravi Kanbur and Dr Vijayendra Rao, was released on the occasion.



## NFHS-3 Data Users' Workshop

A two-day NFHS-3 data users' workshop was jointly organised by the Population Research Centre (PRC) of ISEC and IIPS, Mumbai, on January 3-4, 2008. The major objective of the workshop was to acquaint the researchers with the NFHS-3 data and to facilitate further analysis of the data. Those who participated in the workshop were introduced to the NFHS-3 data files, their management and generation of selected indicators on population, health and nutrition. A total of 31 members representing various academic, governmental and non-governmental organisations of the four southern states participated in the workshop.

## Budget 2008-09: An Analysis

ISEC, in association with the Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC) and Ramaiah Institute of Management Studies (RIMS), organised a seminar on 'Budget 2008-09 – An Analysis' on March 1, 2008, at the hotel Taj Residency, M G Road, Bangalore. Professor Meenakshi Rajeev of ISEC was involved in organising the seminar. Shri S L Rao chaired the seminar.

Faculty members from ISEC and selected members of BCIC made presentations on various aspects of the Budget.



*Professors R S Deshpande and Meenakshi Rajeev during the seminar on 'Budget 2008-09 – An Analysis'.*

## Micro Finance Needs of Vulnerable Groups

ISEC has undertaken a study on 'Assessing the Micro Finance Needs of Vulnerable Groups' in collaboration with New Entity for Social Action (NESA). The study, carried out by the Centre for Decentralisation and Development of ISEC in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, covered a large sample from the five vulnerable groups – Dalits, Adivasis, the transgendered (Aravanis), Muslim women and sex workers – in the project areas of NGOs supported by NESA. The draft report of study has been completed.

It is in this context that a two-day national seminar on 'Micro Finance Needs of Vulnerable Groups' was organised at ISEC during March 11-12, 2008. The purpose of the seminar was to disseminate the study findings, discuss the micro-finance needs of vulnerable groups emerging from the study, and to identify the strategies, approach and activities to meet these needs. In all, 47 persons representing the government, academic institutions, banks, NGOs and donors attended the seminar. The seminar was coordinated by Dr D Rajasekhar with the assistance of Ms R Manjula and Ms Suchitra J Y.

## National Seminar on Globalisation and the Management of Vulnerabilities

The Institute organised a two-day National Seminar on Globalisation and the Management of Vulnerabilities on March 26-27, 2008. The seminar aimed to contribute to the ongoing debate on globalisation. While there is some minimum consensus that globalisation has exacerbated inequalities within and among nations, the exact nature of this relationship and its wider implications remain little explored, inadequately systematised and theorised. The seminar sought to address some of these gaps.



(From left) ISEC Director Professor N Jayaram, Professors D Rajasekhar and K V Raju, and Shri V Sridhar of The Hindu during the National Seminar on Globalisation and the Management of Vulnerabilities held at the Institute.

The seminar theme was introduced by Professor N Jayaram, Director, ISEC, and the valedictory address was delivered by Professor Michael Walton, VKRV Rao Chair Professor, ISEC. In all, eight papers were presented in the seminar. Professors M V Nadkarni, V M Rao and Abdul Aziz participated in the panel discussion chaired by Shri S L Rao, Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC. The seminar was coordinated by Professors N Jayaram and D Rajasekhar.

## Water Resources in Karnataka: Emerging Challenges and Options

The Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources of our Institute in association with the Karnataka State Planning Board organised a one-day Seminar on 'Water Resources in Karnataka: Emerging Challenges and Options' as part of the World Water Resources Day. The objective of the Seminar was to discuss the key issues and challenges facing the water sector and to evolve policy alternatives for adoption by the stakeholders. The seminar was held at Conference Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.

His Excellency Shri Rameshwar Thakur, the Governor of Karnataka, inaugurated this seminar and Shri Sudhakar Rao, Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, delivered the keynote address. Shri S L Rao, Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC, explained the focus of the seminar. The participants in the seminar included Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/Heads of the departments concerned, academicians, NGOs, user groups and other stakeholders in the water sector.

Three Sessions focused on (1) Drinking Water, (2) Agriculture and Irrigation, and (3) Industry, Energy and Environment. These Sessions were chaired by Professor R S Deshpande, Head, ADRTC, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC); Professor Gopal Naik, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, and Dr Samuel Paul, Chairman, Public Affairs Centre, Bangalore, respectively. Papers were presented by Shri K Jairaj, Principal Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department; Shri Jawaid Akthar, Managing Director, Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation; Shri S Vishwanath, Rainwater Club; Shri A K M Nayak, Principal Secretary to the Governor of Karnataka; Shri M D Sathyamurthy, Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited; Professor R S Deshpande, Head, ADRTC, ISEC; Shri V P Baligar, Principal Secretary, Industry and Commerce Department; Shri L V Nagarajan, Former Managing Director, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd; Shri A N Yellappa Reddy, Environmentalist and former Secretary, Forests and Ecology Department.

The panel discussion was chaired by Dr A Ravindra, Chief Secretary (Retd), Government of Karnataka. Professor K V Raju, Head of CEENR, ISEC, presented the summary. Members of the panel were: Dr S S Meenakshi Sundaram, Deputy Chairman, State Planning Board; Shri Krishna Kumar, Advisor to the Governor of Karnataka; and Shri Gopal K Kadekodi, former Director, ISEC.

Professor N Jayaram, Director, ISEC, proposed a vote of thanks in the inaugural session and Smt Lakshmi Venkatachalam, Principal Secretary, Planning Department, delivered the vote of thanks at the end of the seminar.



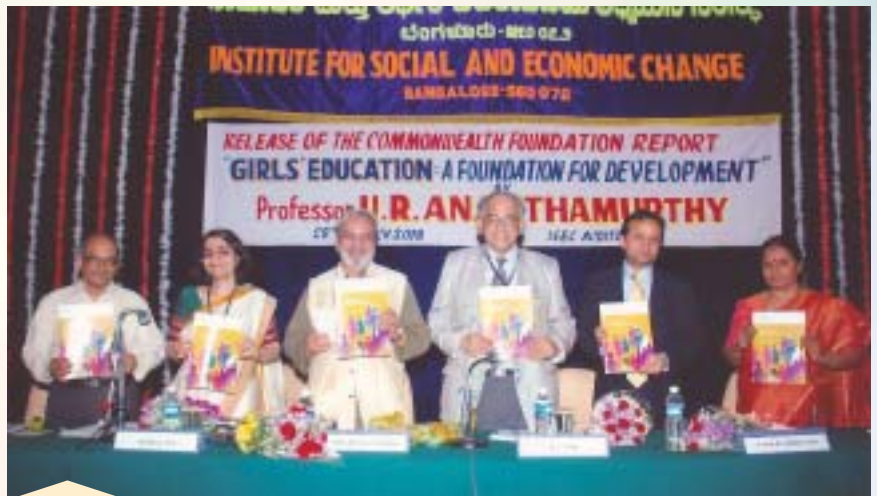
## International Round-Table on Gender-Friendly Schooling

An International Round-Table on 'Indicators of School Quality: Towards Gender-Friendly Schooling Environment' was organised during March 26-29, 2008, jointly by the ISEC, the Commonwealth Secretariat, London, the Commonwealth Foundation, London, and the Commonwealth of Learning, Vancouver.

The objective of the Round-Table was to develop indicators of school quality which could be used by school management

committees/boards and communities. Shri P Prabhu, Advisor to the Governor of Karnataka, inaugurated the Round-Table on March 26. On March 28, Professor U R Ananthamurthy released the Commonwealth Foundation Report on 'Girls' Education: A Foundation for Development,' at a special session chaired by Shri S L Rao, Chairman, Board of Governors of ISEC. Mr Vijaya Krishnarayan, Deputy Director, Commonwealth Foundation, participated in the session.

More than 30 delegates, many of whom were from South Asian countries, participated in the Round-Table. Delegates from other than the South Asian countries and from Bangalore and nearby places also participated in it. The organising bodies were represented by Dr Tanyss Munro, Dr Mohan Menon, Ms Jyostna Jha, Ms Anisha Rajapakshe. Professor P K M Tharakan, R K Hegde Chair Professor, ISEC, coordinated the local organisational matters while Dr Munro was the coordinator for the external organisational matters. Professor M D Usha Devi and Professor S N Sangita were the joint convenors.



The Commonwealth Foundation Report being released during the International Round-Table held at ISEC.

## International Seminar on Diversities in the Indian Diaspora: Nature, Implications and Responses



Historian Dr Ramachandra Guha being felicitated by ISEC Director Prof N Jayaram during the inauguration of the International Seminar on Diversities in the Indian Diaspora: Nature, Implications and Responses, held on May 7, 2008.

In partnership with the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla, the Institute organised an International Seminar on 'Diversities in the Indian Diaspora: Nature, Implications and Responses' during May 7-9, 2008. The seminar was coordinated by ISEC Director Professor N Jayaram. About 30 national and international delegates participated in the seminar.

The seminar was inaugurated by historian and biographer Dr Ramachandra Guha. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IIAS, explained the objectives and orientation of the larger 'Diversities' project under which the seminar was conceived. Professor N Jayaram welcomed the delegates and presented a thematic introduction.



Dr K Puttaswamaiah, Chief Secretary (Government of Karnataka) and a Founder-Member of the ISEC Society, presided over the inaugural function.

In all, 18 full-length papers were presented in six thematic sessions. Among the paper presenters were scholars specialising in the study of Indian diaspora – Vijay Agnew, Chandrashekhar Bhat, Kamala Ganesh, Vinesh Hookoomsingh, Prakash C Jain, Ravindra K Jain, Parmjit S Judge, M A Kalam, T Marimuthu, Aparna Rayaprol, and Constantino Xavier – and Ambassadors who have shown keen interest in the Indian diaspora – I S Chauhan, Paramjit S Sahai, J C Sharma. As part of the seminar, a film, *Jahaji Music: India in the Caribbean*, produced and directed by Tejaswini Niranjana, was screened and discussed.

Professor Yogesh Atal delivered the valedictory address. He not only summarised the entire proceedings of the seminar, but also delineated the lines on which future research could proceed. Professor Peter deSouza presided over the valedictory function and Professor Jayaram proposed the vote of thanks.



*Distinguished delegates participating in the International Seminar on Diversities in the Indian Diaspora.*

The seminar discussed the various aspects of 'the Indian diaspora' by focusing on the diversity of the phenomenon covered under the rubric. To start with, the period of the initial immigration of the Indians abroad (that is, colonial or post-independence) and the nature of their immigration (that is, under the indentured labour system or voluntary) makes for diversity in the courses and consequences of the Indian diaspora. The magnitude of the populations involved and the nature of their economic status and

political predicament in different diasporic situations are diverse. The economic, political, social and cultural experiences of the immigrant Indians in the country of their settlement have been varied. Furthermore, the fact that the socio-cultural diversity in India has been carried abroad by the diasporic Indians further complicates the situation. Not surprisingly, therefore, the orientation of the Indians in the diaspora towards India and Indian nationals, and that of India and the Indian nationals towards the Indian diaspora is also varied.

The themes covered included the manifestation of institutional and socio-cultural diversities in the Indian diaspora; management/leveling of diversities and the assertion of *Indian-ness* (other than in citizenship terms) in the diaspora; host country's response to the diversity of the Indian diaspora: multiculturalism and assimilation models or what citizenship implies; civilisational moorings of the diaspora and the host country's socio-cultural and political reality; the religious, caste, regional, and linguistic associations of the diaspora; the role of the electronic media in reinforcing diversities; and problematising 'India', 'Indians' and 'the Indian diaspora' as analytical constructs.

The seminar highlighted that 'the Indian diaspora' is *not* a homogenous phenomenon. This has an important policy implication in that a realistic policy must take into account the differential interests and expectations of the heterogeneous diaspora and differentially address the issues of the different diasporic Indian communities, instead of mistaking the PIO (people of Indian origin) for the Indian diaspora. The uncritical use of the phrase 'the Indian diaspora' has, it was observed, unwittingly hindered both our understanding of the phenomenon and the possibility of a realistic policy towards Indian communities abroad.



## Integrated Course on Natural Resource Management

The CEENR faculty delivered a 31-session module on Natural Resource Management for the post-graduate students of KIIT School of Rural Management, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar. Dr K V Raju, Professor, CEENR; Dr N Sivanna, Associate Professor, CPIGD; Mr K H Anantha, PhD student; and Dr S Puttaswamaiah, Lecturer, Bangalore University, handled different sessions of the module. The sessions were held during March 31-May 3, 2008.

## State-Level Workshop for SSA Handbook

The CHRD in collaboration with the State Project Office, SSA Mission, GoK, organised a two-day, state-level 'Workshop for Developing Handbook on Research and Evaluation within SSA Framework' on March 6-7, 2008, at ISEC. The aim of the workshop was to familiarise the officials at the state, district and sub-district levels to identify key research issues, research design and techniques to undertake suitable studies relating to access, quality, monitoring and supervision and community involvement under the SSA framework. Dr M D Usha Devi, Professor and Head, CHRD, provided academic and logistic support apart from being a resource person in the workshop. The inaugural address was delivered by Smt Vandita Sharma, IAS, State Project Director, SSA Mission, GoK, and the valedictory address was delivered by Sri T M Vijayabhaskar, Secretary, Primary and Secondary Education, GoK. There were altogether 32 participants in the workshop which included key resource persons in the field of education, the State Project Officers, SSA Mission, Deputy Directors of Public Instruction, DIET Principals and faculty, officers from the DSERT, and Block Resource and Cluster Resource Persons.

## ISEC Public Lectures

**ISEC Public Lecture – VII** was delivered by Professor M V Nadkarni, Honorary Visiting Professor, ISEC, Bangalore, Chairman, CMDR, Dharwad and former Vice-Chancellor, Gulbarga University, on '*Gandhian Approach to Religion*' at the Jnanajyothi Seminar Hall, Central College Campus, Bangalore – 560 001 on January 25, 2008. Dr L C Jain, Former Member, Planning Commission, presided.

**ISEC Public Lecture – VIII** was delivered by Professor Nikhiles Guha, SRTT Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore, and Professor of History, Kalyani University, on '*Tipu Sultan and the Beginning of Nationalist Consciousness in Bengal*' on February 29, 2008. Professor P K Michael Tharakan, Shri Ramakrishna Hegde Chair Professor, ISEC, Bangalore, presided.

**ISEC Public Lecture – IX** was delivered by Professor D Rajasekhar, Professor and Head, Centre for Decentralisation and Development, ISEC, Bangalore, on '*Social Security for Unorganised Workers*' on April 25, 2008. Professor Narendra Pani, Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, and Member, Board of Governors, ISEC, Bangalore, presided.

**ISEC Public Lecture – X** was delivered by Professor M D Usha Devi, Professor and Head, Centre for Human Resource Development, ISEC, Bangalore, on '*Secondary Education for Emerging Economy: Issues and Concerns*' on May 30, 2008. Shri B K Bhattacharya, Chief Secretary (Rtd.), Government of Karnataka, presided.



## Seminars by Visitors

**Rise of Hindu Nationalism and its Implications for Indian Polity and Society** — Professor Nikhiles Guha, Kalyani University, West Bengal, and SRTT Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (January 29, 2008).

**Insurrection in Mysore (1830-31)** — Professor Nikhiles Guha, Kalyani University, West Bengal, and SRTT Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (February 18, 2008).

**Employees in Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES): Socio-Cultural Implications** — Dr R Rajesh, SRTT Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (February 23, 2008).

**Natural Resource Depletion and Rural-Urban Migration** — Dr Hansa Jain, SRTT Visiting Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (March 3, 2008).

**Urban Transport in India: Beyond the Nano and the Metro... and Back to the Basics** — Professor Madhav Badami, Professor, McGill University, Canada (March 10, 2008).

**Differing Approaches to Development: The Case of the Four South Indian States** — Prof V N Balasubramanyam, Professor of Development Economics, Department of Economics, Lancaster University, UK (March 14, 2008).

**Incidence of Poverty among Social Groups in Rural India: Why do SCs/STs Experience Greater Incidence of Poverty?** — Dr R R Biradar, SRTT Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (March 25, 2008).

**Women's Participation and Decentralisation** — Ms Nageena Khaliel, Communication Officer, Singamma Sreenivasan Foundation, Bangalore (April 4, 2008).

**Are there Any Statistically Discernible Structural Breaks in the Indian Economy Due to Economic Liberalisation? An Empirical Exploration** — Prof N R Vasudeva Murthy, Professor of Economics, Department of Economics and Business, Creighton University, USA, and SRTT Visiting Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (April 9, 2008).

**Powerful Environmentalisms: Celebrity, Conservation and Capitalism** — Dr Daniel Brockington, Senior Lecturer, School of Environment and Development, University of Manchester, UK and Visiting Fellow, ATREE, Bangalore (April 10, 2008).

**Institutionalised Decentralisation and Local Movements for Autonomy** — Dr Geoffrey Pleyers, Research Fellow of the Belgian Foundation of Scientific Research and Associated Professor at the University of Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium) (April 28, 2008).

**Human Interference with the Carbon Cycle** — Mr Sagar Dhara, CERENA Foundation, Hyderabad (May 26, 2008).

## Seminars by Faculty

**India's Agricultural Trade in Post-Liberalisation Period: Review of Some Issues** — Prof R S Deshpande, Professor and Head, ADRTC, ISEC, Bangalore, Dr Dhanamanjari Sathe and Ms Mithila Binewale (January 23, 2008)

**Theorising the Political Practice: An Attempt to Understand the Impact of Environmental Struggles on Political Theorising on Justice, Rights, and Citizenship** — Dr T Kannan, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, CISED, ISEC, Bangalore (January 30, 2008)

**Andhra Pradesh Community-Based Tank Project: Environmental and Social Assessment Study** — Prof K V Raju, Professor and Head, CEENR, Prof R S Deshpande, Professor and Head, ADRTC and Dr Lenin Babu, CEENR, ISEC, Bangalore (February 19, 2008)

**Technical, Social, Economic and Environmental Study of Sujlam Suphalam Project** — Prof K V Raju, Professor and Head, Dr S Puttaswamy and K Lenin Babu, CEENR, ISEC, Bangalore (February 20, 2008)

**Scheduled Castes and Panchayats: Continuing Social Exclusion and the Limits to Affirmative Action** — Dr Anand Inbanathan, Associate Professor, CSSCD and Dr N Sivanna, Associate Professor, CPIGD, ISEC, Bangalore (February 22, 2008)

**Decentralisation under Paramountcy: Case Histories of Mysore and Thiruvithamkoor** — Prof P K Michael Tharakan, Shri Ramakrishna Hegde Chair Professor in Decentralisation and Governance, ISEC, Bangalore (February 27, 2008)





**Environmental Beliefs and Practices: A Comparative Study of Scarcity and Contamination in Two Districts of Rural West Bengal in India** — Dr Pradip Swarnakar, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Environment and Development (CISED), ISEC, Bangalore (March 13, 2008)

**Competitiveness of India's Agricultural Exports in Post-WTO Period** — Dr B H Nagoor, SRTT Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore and Prof R S Deshpande, Professor and Head, ADRTC, ISEC, Bangalore (April 1, 2008)

**Affordability of Drinking Water Supply Services by Gram Panchayats in Karnataka** — Prof D Rajasekhar, Professor and Head, Centre for Decentralisation and Development, ISEC and Ms Manjula R, Centre for Decentralisation and Development, ISEC (May 7, 2008)

**Economic Reforms and Political Decentralisation: A Comparative Study of Some Selected Indian States during Post-Reform Period** — Dr V Anil Kumar, Assistant Professor, Centre for Decentralisation and Development, ISEC, Bangalore (May 12, 2008)

**Freedom Mortgaged and Future Abandoned: Bonded Child Labour in Karnataka's Silk Industry** — Prof G K Karanth, Dr K G Gayathri Devi, Prof D Rajasekhar and Prof S Madheswaran, ISEC, Bangalore (June 30, 2008)

## Research Projects

### Completed Projects

1. **Rating Assessment of Water User Associations in Kurnool-Cuddapah Canal Modernisation Project** (Dr R S Deshpande)
2. **Pre-service Secondary Teacher Education for Secondary Stage Education in Emerging Diverse Education Context in Karnataka/India** (Dr M D Usha Devi)
3. **Social Capital and Participative Public Service delivery: With Special Reference to Self Regulatory Authorities** (Dr S N Sangita)
4. **The practice of Untouchability: An Analysis of its Contextual Variations** (Dr Manohar Yadav)
5. **Gender Differentials in Health Among Children in Karnataka** (Dr T S Syamala)
6. **Lifestyle and Health of the Elderly in Karnataka** (Dr R Mutharayappa)
7. **The Performance of SHGs-Bank Linkage Programme in India: A Comparative Study of Karnataka and Gujarat** (Dr Veerashekharappa and H S Shylendra)
8. **Viable Entrepreneurial Trades of Women in Agriculture: Karnataka** (Dr M Mahadeva)
9. **Affordability of Water Supply Services by Grama Panchayats in Karnataka** (Dr D Rajasekhar)
10. **Urban Water Supplies: Emerging Alternatives – Case Study of the Extent of Ground Water Use and its Implications in Hubli, Dharwad and Belgaum Cities** (Dr K V Raju)
11. **Trends and Patterns of Migration: Interface with Education – A Case of the North-Eastern Region** (Dr M D Usha Devi and Dr U A Shimray)
12. **Determinants of Maternal Health Care Service Use: A Regional Analysis in Karnataka** (Dr M Sivakami)
13. **Awareness of HIV/AIDS in Karnataka: Analysis of RCH-II Data** (Dr K S Umamani)
14. **Demographic Transition and Economic Development in Kerala: The Role of Emigration** (Dr K S James)
15. **Globalisation and Urban Growth in India** (Dr M R Narayana)

### New Projects

1. **Migration from North-East Region: A Study of Educated Youth from NER in Bangalore and Delhi** (Dr M D Usha Devi and Dr U A Shimray)
2. **Functional Review of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike** (Dr N Sivanna)
3. **The Documentation of the Experiences of SDC-CAP DECK Programme** (Dr P K Michael Tharakan)



4. **Infertility in India: Levels, Trends, Determinants and its Impact on Family and Fertility** (Dr T S Syamala)
5. **The Population Dynamics and the Deprivation in Crude Literacy among Scheduled Tribes in India** (Dr C M Lakshmana)
6. **Risk Perception and Behaviours Among Youth in High HIV Prevalent States in Southern India** (Dr Dhananjay W Bansod)
7. **Pre-Marital Sex in India: Issues of Class, Gender and Power** (Dr Lekha Subaiya)
8. **The Impact of Integrated Child Services (ICDS) on Maternal and Child Health Care in India** (Dr M Sivakami)
9. **Mid-Term Appraisal of DBT-RBRC Project Implemented by University of Agricultural Sciences** (Dr R S Deshpande)
10. **Evaluation of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of Uruguay Round on Supply Chain: A Study on Tea Sector of Nilgiri Region of South India** (Dr K V Raju and Dr K Lenin Babu)
11. **Gender and Governance in Rural Services** (Dr K G Gayathri Devi, Dr Regina Birner and Dr Madhushree Sekher)
12. **Reservation for Scheduled Tribes in Government Jobs: A Critical Evaluation** (Dr Manohar Yadav and Dr V Ramaswamy)
13. **Demographic Change and Familial Relationship in India** (Dr K S James)
14. **Functioning of Janani Suraksha Yojane (JSY) in Karnataka: An appraisal** (Dr K S Umamani)
15. **A Study of Care and Support Centres Working for PLWHA in Karnataka** (Dr C S Veeramatha)

## Student News

### Students' Biannual Seminar Series

The Biannual Seminars of PhD fellows were held during June 16-21, 2008. Professor Michael Walton, Dr V K R V Rao Chair Professor, participated in the seminars as additional expert. In all, there were 34 presentations, of which two were pre-submission seminars, 21 were progress report seminars and 11 were theme presentations. Each session had two subject experts to offer academic inputs.

### PhD Awarded

**Mr T Kannan** (Sociology) by the University of Mysore in 2008 for his thesis on 'Formation of Dalit Identity among the 'Untouchables' of Tamil Nadu: A Sociological Study from a Human Rights Perspectives'. Dr Anand Inbanathan was his Supervisor.

**Ms Pratyusna Pattanaik** (Sociology) by the University of Mysore in 2008 for her thesis on 'Decentralisation and Political Power – A Sociological Study of Representation and Participation in the Panchayats of Orissa'. Dr Anand Inbanathan was her Supervisor.

**Mr Badri Narayan Rath** (Economics) by the University of Mysore in 2008 for his thesis on 'Wage Structure and Productivity in Manufacturing Sector in India'. Prof S Madheswaran was his Supervisor.

## Publications

The Institute has published seven Working Papers and one Monograph during the last six months.

### WORKING PAPERS

#### An Overview

The paper by Poulomi Bhattacharya on '**Comparative Study of Traditional Vs. Scientific Shrimp Farming in West Bengal: A Technical Efficiency Analysis**' (WP 188) examines technical efficiency and its determinants in both scientific and traditional shrimp farming systems by applying a Stochastic Production Frontier to farm-level data from shrimp farmers in West Bengal, India. Based on the empirical results the author observes that there is a high degree of technical inefficiency among the shrimp farmers at household



level. It is further observed that the scientific shrimp farmers have a higher technical efficiency than their traditional counterparts. In this context, the paper suggests that there is need for government policy initiatives and extension programmes to help the shrimp farmers, especially the traditional ones of the state to utilise the best of their resources and enhance their production substantially. The government should also give adequate attention to small shrimp producers by providing them credit and other extension facilities.

K C Smitha and S N Sangita in their paper entitled '**Urban Governance and Service Delivery in Bangalore: Public-Private Partnership' (WP 189)** explore the public-private partnership in the light of persistent state failure, institutional constraints, and systemic weakness, which impede the service delivery. The key issues addressed in the paper include: whether public-private partnership facilitate innovation, and thereby enhance quality services, and essentially pro-poor reflecting equity concerns. The paper examines various types of partnerships at work for service delivery in metropolitan Bangalore.

S N Sangita in his paper '**Social Capital in Forest Governance Regimes' (WP 190)** examines the relations between social capital (cooperation for collective action) and natural capital (sustainable use of community forestry resources) in three regimes with a view to understand the role of state and civil society. The paper argues that the government in Joint Forest Management (JFM) regime has adopted legal instruments (rules/constitutional status), individual or group incentives and training for accumulating social capital among villagers for developing and protecting the forests. While the social capital in Community Forest Management (CFM) has come mainly from the initiatives of the local communities, youth clubs, NGOs and network. In the Village Forest Panchayat (VFP), deepening of representative democracy with constitutional status and enlightened leadership is responsible for collective action.

The paper by R S Deshpande and Malini Tantri, '**Agriculture in Karnataka: A Historical View after the Fall of Serirangapatana' (WP 191)**, argues that not many authors have analysed the economic history of Karnataka and rarely there is any systematic account of agriculture in the available historical material. Dr Francis Buchanan's travelogue provides excellent material for this. Dr Buchanan traveled through the Mysore State after the fall of Tippu Sultan with a mandate from the British Governor to understand the people, culture and agriculture of the region under Sultan's regime. Buchanan, being a botanist and a medical practitioner, had a penchant for details and the three volumes he drafted during the year of his travel bring out these details quite succinctly. These are about agriculture, people and culture of the erstwhile Mysore State. The focus of this paper is to understand agricultural organisation that prevailed during that period through a lens of present day's agriculture. The paper opens with an objective to unravel the historical details as provided by Dr Buchanan and reaches to compare the situation with today's structure. It brings out quite a few interesting issues like land tenure, organic farming, crop diversity and learning from the history of agriculture.

The paper '**Personality Traits and Administrators' (WP 192)** by Anitha V analyses the significance of behavioural influence on the bureaucratic functioning and throws light on the two groups of administrators possessing two different dominant natural preferences (extroversion and introversion) and their contribution to the administrative efficiency through empirical analysis. It is argued administration is the art of getting tasks done by utilising the resources and coordinating the people. Administrators give trigger to the administration by coordinating, and directing all parts of an organisation by managing the tangible and intangible resources of the organisation. The qualities of leadership are therefore a critical determinant of organisational success. The theories of leadership (Trait to Transformational Leadership theory) have strived to look into the aspects that make successful leadership. Though the outcomes of each leadership theory are overlapping to certain extent; it has contributed to enhance the wisdom about leadership.

V M Rao in his paper, '**Sustainability of Indian Agriculture: Towards an Assessment' (WP 193)**, presents a systemic framework to look at the prospects for sustainability of Indian agriculture. The framework is based on trends, indicators and assessment by experts spanning three domains which are the principal influences shaping the growth, efficiency and stability of agriculture. The domains are: natural resources covering land, water, climate and environment; human development comprising the characteristics of farmers as producers and entrepreneurs; and, technology and institutions which provide the development thrust and means for harmonising growth, social justice and adjustment to globalisation. The paper concludes with three scenarios ranging from scary to desirable. Nor surprisingly, the prospects for agriculture are seen to depend in the final analysis not so much on nature or factors beyond control but on friendliness of the policy regime towards farmer, agriculture and rural communities.

The paper by G S Sastry, '**Emerging Development Issues of Greater Bangalore' (WP 194)**, argues that rapid urbanisation has been posing a serious threat to urban development caused by lack of preparedness in terms of planning infrastructure availability in the cities of developing countries. Bangalore, one such city



of India with global importance as IT and BT capital, has been experiencing acute urban problems due to rapid urbanisation, area expansion, and lack of planning and associated infrastructure. In addition, the recent initiative by the Government of Karnataka in the formation of Greater Bangalore by increasing the municipal area of the city by almost more than two times the existing area with the objective to improve the administrative system and infrastructure, has given rise to innumerable problems of development. This paper analyses the historical development of Bangalore and its capabilities, and hence, underlines the need for a through understanding of the city's location-specificity in the context of its 500-year-old history in promoting development.

## MONOGRAPH

### An Overview

The Monograph (13) entitled, **Government Spending on Selected Public Health Services in India: Central, State and the Local Governments**, by Puttaswamaiah and Shashanka Bhide specifies the following objectives for the study:

- compile the expenditures on Basic Public Health (BPH) services at different levels of government;
- examine the trends and patterns in government expenditure on BPH services across different types of services and across states;
- examine the government expenditures on BPH services in Karnataka in rural and urban areas separately; and
- examine the expenditure by the grass-root local governments at the village level in two selected districts in Karnataka.

In order to provide public health services, which are largely in the nature of 'public goods', the Constitution of India has assigned various functions to different levels of government, i.e., Central, state and local. Although all three layers of the government are involved, the state governments have a major responsibility of providing public health services because they are responsible for providing technical support in the provision of services and also in the transfer of resources obtained from the Centre to the lower levels of government.

The study analyses the current status of basic public health services and their health impact to provide a context for examining the expenditure. The exercise reveals key issues relating to access and availability of water supply and sanitation services across rural and urban areas and the incidence of vector and water-borne diseases. A review of the data on safe drinking water sources shows that tube wells are the major source followed by tap water connection and the proportion of households collecting drinking water from these sources has increased over the period. However, tap water connection, considered a safe drinking water source, was yet to reach the majority of households. There was a wide disparity in the coverage across rural-urban areas, which has highlighted the need for action. Further, the available data did not indicate quality of water supplied, adding to the difficulty in assessing the adequacy of services.

Sanitation facilities, such as toilet, wastewater outlets, drainage, etc., constitute an integral part of public health delivery system. However, only about 36 per cent of households had toilet facilities during 2001. There was wide disparity of sanitation services across rural and urban areas, as only about 22 per cent of the rural households had toilet facilities, whereas the proportion was 75 per cent among the urban households. Across the states, availability of household latrines varied significantly, from about 15 per cent of households in Orissa to 84 per cent in Kerala. Although the per cent of households with toilet facility rose between 1991 and 2001, a large number of households (64 per cent) lacked this basic facility in India.

Access to drainage facility, a crucial means of removing wastewater, is highly inadequate in the country, as over 53 per cent of the households do not have drainage connection. This means that such households let off wastewater on open ground or to the streets, a source of unhygienic surroundings and breeding vectors.

Analysis of the past trends of the Central government expenditure on BPH services shows that although it is on the increase in absolute terms, its relative share in the social services declined. Even among the BPH services, while there was larger share spent on water supply and sanitation, spending on medical and public health received a very small share. At the state level, many individual states were observed to have a very low level of per capita expenditure on BPH services and the inter-state variation was very high. Public expenditure in Karnataka on BPH services analysis has revealed that the state government's share in the total is substantial as the central contribution is only 16 percent of the total. However, the distribution of



resources between the urban and rural areas is a cause for concern as the former has experienced an impressive increase while the latter has experienced a decline. In terms of achievements, while there has been an impressive achievement in providing access to drinking water, the authors feel the supply of water is still not adequate in terms of quantity and quality. An analysis of BPH related public expenditure in two districts (Raichur and Tumkur) reveals that the Gram Panchayats did not have adequate manpower to carry out the water supply and sanitation related works. It was also observed that the expenditure incurred for BPH services was inadequate especially for controlling the vectors and the village sanitation.

An important issue that emerged with respect to expenditure was the balance between creating new assets and their maintenance. The analysis of Plan and non-Plan expenditures revealed that all states taken together were spending more on Plan expenditure than on creating new assets.

The authors argue that while increased expenditure on water supply and sanitation is a welcome sign, public health programmes also need to be addressed considering the morbidity pattern. This is in view of the fact that states that are spending less on these services also happen to have low coverage of public health services, which indicates that these states need to increase their expenditure on creation and maintenance of the assets that provide BPH services. In view of the fact that rural areas lag behind the urban areas with regard to availability of the services and also in terms of expenditure, there is a need to fill such gap by improving public health facilities among the rural population. The paper also observes that the major shift effected in the BPH functions to local government organisations, has not made much difference on the expenditure front. The local government organisations, particularly in rural areas, are allocating small financial and manpower resources for delivering BPH services.

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'Irrigation Management Transfer: Strategies and Best Practices from International and National Experiences': Asian Development Bank, February 2008.

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### ***Devi, K G Gayathri***

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**Gayithri, K**

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**Kumar, V Anil**

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**Lakshmana, C M**

'Changes in Occupational Structure for Selected Urban Centres in Karnataka'. *Annals of National Association of Geographers India*, 2008.

**Lele, Sharachchandra**

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**Mahadeva, M**

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**Narayana, M R**

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**Ninan, K N**

'Conserving the Biodiversity of the Western Ghats-The Economic Perspective'. In T R Anantharam et al, *Dr K Ulhas Karanth, Sri Nagesh Hegde and Dr H R Krishnamurthy Felicitation Volume*. Sankula, 2008.



## **Pattanaik, Sarmistha**

'Indian Environmentalism and Gandhian Values: The Relevance of Satyagraha in Contemporary Environmental Movements in India'. *Journal of Gandhi Marg*, 29 (4), January-March 2008. (Special Issue on Satyagraha)

## **Rajasekhar, D**

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'Micro-Level Water Conflicts: A Review'. In K J Joy, Biksham Gujja, Suhas Paranjape, Vinod Goud and Shruti Vispute (eds), *Water Conflicts in India: A Million Revolts in the Making*. Routledge Taylor and Francis Group, 2008.

## **RoyChowdhury, Supriya**

'Slums and Civil Society: Limits of Activism'. *Inside the Transforming Urban Asia: Processes, Policies and Public Action*. New Delhi: Concept Publication, 2008.

## **Sangita, S N**

'Information Communication Technology, Governance and Service Delivery in India: A Critical Review'. *The Indian Journal of Public Administration*, LIV (1), January-March 2008.

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## **Suchithra, J Y**

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(with D Rajasekhar, S Madheswaran, G K Karanth) 'At Times when Limbs may Fail: Social Security for Unorganised Workers in Karnataka'. In Gopal K Kadekodi, Ravi Kanbur and Vijayendra Rao (eds), *Development in Karnataka: Challenges of Governance, Equity and Empowerment*. New Delhi: Academic Foundation, 2008.

## **Tharakan, P K Michael**

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## **Thippaiah, P**

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**Usha Devi, M D**

'Alternate Education for the Vulnerable & Marginalised Children: Concern & Challenges'. *Journal of the Institute for Research in Social Sciences & Humanities*, III (1), January 2008.

**Vadivelu, G Anand**

'Choosing 'not' to Participate - Evidence from Drought-Prone Area Programme (DPAP) in Chitradurga, Karnataka'. In Gopal K Kadekodi, Ravi Kanbur and Vijayendra Rao (eds), *Development in Karnataka, Challenges of Governance, Equity and Empowerment*. New Delhi: Academic Foundation, 2008.

**Yadav, Manohar S**

'Dalit Movements in Karnataka: An Analysis of its Past and Present Realities'. In M Thangaraju (ed), *Dalit Movements in South India: Problems and Challenges*. Chennai: Madras University, 2007. (Released in 2008)

## Keynote and Presidential Addresses

**Deshpande, R S**

Social Discrimination and Buddhism, in the National Seminar on Buddhism and Social Equality for Dalits, organised by Centre for Dalit Studies, March 15, 2008 at Hyderabad.

Globalisation: Perspectives and Challenges to Food Processing Sector in India, in the National Workshop on Strategies for Processing and Marketing of Dairy & Food Products, organised by Association of Food Scientists & Technologists (India), Bangalore Chapter, February 7, 2008 at Bangalore.

Indian Women: A Saga of Discrimination, in the National Seminar on Empowerment of Indian Women in the Contemporary World- Array of Approaches and Strategies, organised by Nagindas Khandwala College of Commerce, Arts and Management Studies and Shantaben Nagindas Khandwala College of Science, February 15-16, 2008 at Mumbai.

**Jayaram, N**

The Role of Communication in Agricultural Development, in the National Seminar on Agricultural Communication and Sustainable Development, organised by Department of Sociology, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, February 26-27, 2008.

The Study of Migration: Conceptual, Thematic and Methodological Issues, in the National Level Seminar on Migration: Issues, Challenges and Implications, organised by St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa and the International Centre, Dona Paula, Goa, April 1-2, April 2008.

**Lele Sarachchandra**

From Environmental Economics to Ecological Economics to an Interdisciplinary Environmental Enquiry, in the Professor G T Hutchappa Memorial Lecture, organised by Department of Economics and Cooperation, University of Mysore, March 27, 2008 at Manasagangotri, Mysore.

**Nadkarni, M V**

Infrastructure Development – Current Scenario and Future Challenges; at Kuvempu University, February 15, 2008.

**Tharakan, P K Michael**

The Port, City and Bazaar of Kochi in the Making of Modern Keralam, in the Third Professor N Parameswaran Nair Memorial Lecture, organised by Sree Narayana Guru Institute of Science and Technology (SNGIST), January 2, 2008 at North Parur, Kerala.

Rethinking Democratic-Popular Representation in Decision Making and Governance: A Discussion in the Context of Decentralisation, in the Public Lecture, organised by Bangalore International Centre, February 25, 2008 at Bangalore.

**Usha Devi, M D**

The Best Practices in Rural Degree Colleges for Quality Improvement and Sustenance; at the National Seminar on Higher Education, organized by Karnatak University/New Arts College, B L D E Associations, January 5-6, 2008.





## Papers Presented at Conferences/Workshops Abroad

### *James, K S*

Understanding Demographic Perspectives on HIV/AIDS; at the Workshop on Interdisciplinary Research on Development, organised by Global Development Network, January 27-28, 2008 at Brisbane, Australia.

### *Ninan, K N*

The Economics of the Global Loss of Biodiversity-Indian Perspectives; at the International Workshop on The Economics of the Global Loss of Biological Diversity, organized by European Commission and Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany, March 5-6, 2008 at Brussels, Belgium.

## Awards/Fellowships

### *Gupta, Pankaj H*

Golden Deer trophy for Best Short Film (*Apna Aloo Bazaar Becha*), Ecofilms Festival, Rodos, Greece, June 24-29, 2008.

### *Narayana, MR*

Excellence in Professional Works 2004-07: Rated "Excellent" in professional works and accomplishments through external peer evaluation by the ISEC

### *Rajeev, Meenakshi*

Visiting Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, May 2008.

## Offices Held in Academic/Professional/Administrative Bodies

### *Deshpande, R S*

Member, Editorial Board, Indian Development Review, New Delhi.

Member, Management Council, National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy, ICAR, New Delhi.

Member, National Defence College.

Vice-Chairman, WTO Cell, Government of Karnataka.

Member, Management Council, Department of Economics, Mumbai University, Mumbai.

Expert, Special Assistance Programme in Economics, Shivaji University, Kolhapur.

Member, Review Committee, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram

Member, Review Committee, Gujarath Vidyapith, Ahemedabad

Member, Advisory Committee, Centre for Studies in Social Exclusion, Mysore University, Mysore

### *Devi, K G Gayathri*

Member, Advisory Committee, Karnataka State Open University, Manasagangotri, Mysore.

### *Jayaram, N*

Managing Editor, Sociological Bulletin, Journal of the Indian Sociological Society

Editor, Journal of Social and Economic Development, Institute for Social and Economic Change

Member, Editorial Board, ICFAI Journal of Organisation Behaviour, ICFAI Business School

Member, Editorial Advisory Committee, The Rajagiri Journal of Social Development

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Journal of Educational Planning and Administration

Member, National Cadre of Assessors, National Assessment and Accreditation Council

Member, Joint Advisory Committee, Centre for Advanced Studies and ASHIS, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi

Member, Steering Committee, International Network on the Role of Universities in Developing Areas

Member, Department Advisory Board, Department of Education in Social Sciences and Humanities, National Council of Educational Research and Training

The X Educational Research and Innovations Committee (ERIC), National Council of Educational Research and Training



Member, Board of Governors, Indian Plywood Industries Research and Training Institute

Member, Departmental Advisory Board, Department of Education in Social Sciences and Humanities, National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi

Member, Consultative Committee to Prepare the Tertiary Education Policy for the Royal Government of Bhutan.

**Rajeev, Meenakshi**

Member, State Level Coordination Committee for Conduct of IV Census on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Government of Karnataka, 2008.

Member, Board of Studies, Mount Carmel College, Bangalore, 2008.

Member, Board of Studies, St. Joseph's College, Bangalore, 2008.

**Narayana, MR**

Member, Suvarna Karnataka Gazetteer's Special Advisory Committee, Government of Karnataka.

Member, Academic and Administrative Audit Committee, University of Mysore.

Member, Core Group of Experts on Design of New Industrial Policy 2006-11, Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Karnataka.

Member, Scientific Advisory Committee, Foundation for the Prevention of Disability.

Member, Economic Affairs Committee, Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Member, Board of Post-Graduate Studies and Research in Economics, Bangalore University.

**Ninan, K N**

Vice-Chairman, Research Programme Committee

**Tharakan, P K Michael**

Member, Executive Committee, Kerala Council of Historical Research, (KCHR), Trivandrum.

Member, Kerala State Educational Advisory Board, Government of Kerala, Trivandrum.

Member, Advisory Committee, Centre for Studies in Gender Concerns, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrisur, Kerala

**Usha Devi, MD**

Chairperson, Sub-committee on Research & Development, State Research & Advisory Committee, SSA, GoK.

Member, State Research & Advisory Committee, SSA, GoK.

Member, State Expert Committee for Evaluation of Research Proposals on Mid-Day Meals.

## Miscellaneous

**Gayithri, K**

Acted as a Chairperson in a National Seminar on 'Infrastructure Development: Current Scenario and Future challenges' at Kuvempu University, Shimoga, February 15-16, 2008

Provided training on issues relating to budget reforms and Programme Performance Budgeting to the district level officers in Udupi (18-19, February) and Mysore (28-29, February) in association with the USAID REFORM programme.

Participated in the design of Institutional Reforms for Improving Service Delivery in West Bengal with special reference to the design of outcome budgeting framework for improved financial accountability in GoWB in association with the Department for International Development (DFID), New Delhi, in May and June 2008

Resource person at the Reserve Bank of India-College of Agriculture Business, Pune for the Training of Trainers (ToT) Program on District Planning and Human Development, June 2008.

**Gupta, Pankaj H**

Directed a documentary film 'Apna Aloo Bazaar Becha' telecast on the Doordarshan National channel, April 19, 2008.

**Jayaram, N**

Participated in the Panel Discussion on Looking Back, Looking Forward: Contributions and Indian Sociology held at Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, January 6, 2008.



Chaired the session: Community Mobilisation and Community Participation, in the National Seminar on Community and School Linkages: Principles and Practices, organised by National University of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi, March 17-19, 2008.

Chaired a thematic session, in the National Seminar on The Contemporary Indian Family: Change and Continuity, organised by Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi, March 18-19, 2008.

Chaired a thematic session, in the National Level Seminar on Migration: Issues, Challenges and Implications, organised by St Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa and the International Centre, Dona Paula, Goa, April 1-2 April 2008.

Chaired Panel 1: Minority Access, in the Hurst Seminar on Higher Education and Equality of Opportunity: Cross National Perspectives, organized by Ben Gurion University of the Negev and the International Network on the Role of Universities in Developing Areas, June 3-5, 2008 at Hotel Hod Hamidbar, Dead Sea, Israel.

**Rajasekhar, D**

Only Cooked Meals Serve Local Needs, *Financial Express*, March 31, 2008.

**Rajeev, Meenakshi**

Acted as a Resource Person for the National Law School of India University in their PhD programme.

**Raju, K V**

Participated as a Project Director in the Mid-term Workshop on 'STRIVER Project: Strategy and Methodology for Improved IWRM – An Integrated Interdisciplinary Assessment in Four Twinning River Basins', organised by NIVA, Norway, during January 22-25, 2008, at Institute of Geography, Vietnam, Academy of Science and Technology, Hanoi, Vietnam.

Participated in the Stakeholder meeting, organised by International Water Management Institute, on February 12, 2008, at Bangalore.

Participated in the special talk on 'Climate Change - Impacts and Implications to Society' by Dr Peter Rayner, Laboratory for the Science of Climate and Environment, CNRS, France, organised by Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre in association with Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute, February 21, 2008 at Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.

Participated as a Secretary in the Executive Committee and Special General Body Meetings, organised by Indian Society for Ecological Economics, Delhi, on March 12, 2008 at Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi.

Visited Phen Phenomphen, Cambodia, in connection with the STRIVER Project from May 4 to 24, 2008.

Currently on deputation to Government of Karnataka as Economic Adviser (with effect from June 16, 2008)

**Ninan, K N**

Reviewer for Ecological Economics, *European Journal of Development Research* and *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*.

**Syamala, T S**

Attended the annual meeting of the Population Research Centres, June 26-27, 2008, at Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.

**Tharakan, P K Michael**

Participated as Chief Guest in the International Seminar on Identity, Emotion and Culture: Languages and Literature of the Sub-Continent, AD 900 to 1971, organised by Southern Regional Centre, Indian Council of Historical Research, January 7, 2008, at Bangalore.

Delivered two lectures on the Kerala Model of Development at Centre for Political Institutions Governance and Development (CPIGD), ISEC, February 14-15, 2008.

**Thippaiah, P**

Participated as a Steering Committee Member in the Development Convention 2008 on 'Rethinking India's Growth Strategy: Services Vs Manufacturing', organised by Institute of Public Enterprise, February 20-22, 2008 at Hyderabad.

**Usha Devi, M D**

Participated in PAB Meeting of the MHRD/Gol for Approval of Annual SSA Plan at Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi, February 27, 2008.



*ISEC is celebrating the Birth Centenary of its founder the Late Professor VKRV Rao this year (July 8, 2007 – July 8, 2008).*



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