

About Dr. Krishna Raj

Dr. Krishna Raj is Professor at Centre for Economic Studies and Policy, Institute for Social and economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore, India. He obtained Ph D in Economics from University of Mysore. Before joining ISEC, Bangalore, He was permanent faculty at Kuvempu University, Shivamogga. Most of his work is in the field of Environmental Economics particularly on Forests, Property Rights and Deforestation in Western Ghats, Climate Change and Efficiency of Water Supply and Demand Management in New York and Bangalore Cities, Ecotourism in Nagarahole and Bandipura National Parks, Urban Air Pollution and Economics of Traffic Congestion, Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) and so on.

Earlier he served as Indian Council for Cultural Relation (ICCR) Chair Professor on Indian Economy under the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS) Seoul, South Korea during 2011-12.

He was a Visiting Scholar at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, USA. He is awarded with Sir Ratan Tata Trust Research Fellowship for collaborative research with University of Wisconsin, USA during 2013-14

He received Sir Ratan Tata Trust (SRTT) research fellowship to undertaken collaborative research with Watershed Institute, University of Wisconsin, USA.

He had undertaken collaborative research with University of Guelph, Canada on Water Conflicts in Cauvery River Basin. He also visited University of San Francisco, USA.

He is the visiting professor to Kannur University, Kannur, Kerala. Earlier he was a visiting faculty at Bangalore Dr B R Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bangalore.

His research on Unaccounted for Water (Non-revenue Water) in Bangalore city received good academic and policy response.

Prof. Krishna Raj's Study on "Socio-economic Analysis of Bangalore-Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Project" received high appreciation by the House Committee on BMICP and Karnataka Legislative Assembly.

He served as the expert committee member of Government of Karnataka for preparing the Report on Reservation in Promotion by identifying the compelling reasons which resulted in favorable Supreme Court verdict.

Currently he is the Consultant National Economist for Asian Development Bank, Philippines to undertake research on River Basin Planning in Karnataka.

He was Expert committee member to study the Issues of Karnataka State Open University after the withdrawal of UGC recognition and helped to regain the UGC recognition.

Currently he is the expert committee member of National Green Tribunal, Government of India, Expert committee member of Karnataka State Wetland Conservation Authority, Government of Karnataka, Expert committee member to conduct Scientific Auditing of Karnataka Residential Education Institutions, Government of Karnataka, Member of Karnataka State Ecological Monitoring Committee as Special invitee. Expert committee member of Central and Karnataka State Pollution Control Boards and also expert trainee on Environmental damage and environmental compensation.

He has submitted many reports to the Government of Karnataka which have socio-economic policy implications viz., Report on Socio-economic analysis of Bangalore Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Project, Unaccounted for Water in Bangalore, State of Environment Report for Bengaluru and Karnataka, Nava Karnataka Vision Document, 2025, Reservation in Promotion, and Report on issues of KSOU to mention a few.

He has been invited as a keynote speaker to more than 10 conferences, invited as expert panelist for about 30 panel discussions, and delivered about 100 invited lectures. Dr. Krishna Raj's work has been featured in national and international print and electronic media. He is the invited expert writer in The Tribune News Paper, New Delhi on contemporary issues faced by India and he regularly writes in Deccan Herald, and other newspapers and also online Blogs.

He is in the editorial board of a few journals and BOS members of a few Universities.

He has currently undertaken 11 ongoing research projects with policy relevance, completed 11 research projects, published 5 books, 29 research papers, 5 Book reviews, 9 Working papers, 35 popular articles in News Papers, also policy papers. He served as panel expert in Live Television programs on contemporary economic and environmental issues in Door Darshan, All India Radio and many Private TV channels. He was invited as expert for documentary film on Climate Change, "Red Hot Nation" produced by the Dark Horse Pictures, Mumbai. He has successfully guided and supervised theses of 9 Ph D Scholars who worked on diverse and contemporary research topics and currently 8 students registered under him for Ph D. He is teaching Microeconomics to the Pre-Ph D Students at ISEC.