



Institute for Social and Economic Change

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**Nomination (including self nomination) is invited for Dr V K R V Rao
Chair Professor at ISEC, Bengaluru, India for 2018-2020.**

About VKRV Rao Chair Professorship for 2018-2020

This is a visiting Chair Professor Position and will be offered to a Professor of eminence in Social Sciences. Interested Professors may kindly send their intent with CV by email to The Director (director@isec.ac.in) on or before 30th June 2018.

The choice will be made from eminent persons from within and outside India and need not be confined to persons of Indian origin.

The offer of the Chair Professor will be made by the Chairperson, Board of Governors of ISEC, in the event of the acceptance of the offer by the candidates. The Director will contact the candidate to check on his/her availability during the period and on the conditions as given below.

The Chair duration will be for a period of two years during which the Chair Professor will make at least two visits a year to ISEC lasting two to four weeks each time during December and June during the period of Biannual seminar given by Ph.D students of ISEC.

The Chair Professor will be paid an honorarium of 1,00,000/- (Rupees One lakh only) per annum during the stay at ISEC.

ISEC will normally pay economy class return fares from normal place of residence to ISEC for each visit; provide suitable accommodation on campus, and transport to visit the city when required.

His/her presence will add to the prestige of the Institute and generate new work culture. The Chair Professor may get involved in guiding the work of the Centre/s that he/she is interested in; produce a paper on a subject of his/her choice that will be published by ISEC; present two Seminars over the duration of the Professorship; deliver one public lecture in Bangalore; and give help and advice to the Director on matters of concern to ISEC. The Background information about ISEC is attached for your reference.

Srinath P S
Registrar



Professor V K R V Rao
Founder Director

About Institute for social and Economic Change

After establishing two world-class research institutions, late Professor VKRV Rao, the dynamic visionary, took a significant step to establish Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), an all-India institute for inter-disciplinary research and training in the Social Sciences in the southern part of the country. This being the third among the research institutions started by Professor VKRV Rao, he paid significant attention to develop its research agenda. The passion of Professor Rao was matched by the earnest desire of the then Government of Karnataka and other eminent academics to establish a centre of excellence in social sciences research in the state. The Government of India also responded in equal measure by granting funds for the institute. Professor Rao swiftly mobilised a strong team of premier researchers to fulfil the primary needs of a premier research institution. Thus ISEC began functioning from January 1972 from a small rented bungalow in Bangalore as an autonomous research organisation.

With the help from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), which took over the financial responsibilities, and supported by the Government of Karnataka, it was a mission accomplished by Professor Rao, to move ISEC into its present 16-hectare sylvan campus. Over the years, ISEC has carved a place of pride in the social science research map of India by the research contributions of its distinguished faculty and guidance of eminent members of the Board of Governors. Today, it is the largest research institution, established under ICSSR, a premier research institution for inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary research and training in social sciences achieved through both macro- and micro-level studies.

Activity Portfolio

ISEC's audience includes students, teachers, doctoral and post-doctoral scholars, government officials, legislators, non-governmental organisations, other research institutions and staff of national and international organisations. This is reflected in the following diversified activity portfolio with a purpose of impacting society in significant ways.

Contributing to the understanding of economy, polity and society, and dissemination of such knowledge through research publications.

Collaborating with other similar research institutions and universities in research and training in India and abroad.

Imparting research training to the students through a rigorous and structured academic programme leading to a degree of Doctor of Philosophy in all disciplines in social sciences and similar other courses in social sciences leading to other credits.

Imparting training to government officials and workers of non- governmental organisations (NGOs) in relevant subjects from time to time to enable them to understand the philosophy and rationale behind design and implementation of various policies.

Imparting advanced training to university and college teachers and social scientists to help them keep ahead in the latest developments in their respective fields and to impact on the quality of teaching and research; training the functionaries of Panchayati Raj institutions.

Undertaking comprehensive training programmes for the functionaries of decentralised government, public representatives in panchayats at all the three levels and officials in development related departments.

Assisting and advising, particularly at the State and local levels, in the design and implementation of policies through policy research and evaluation studies.

Directly influencing the government policies in the capacity of members and chairpersons of various commissions, committees and working groups.

Interacting with the NGOs to bring about action-orientation to research and to train the functionaries to enable them improve their own task.

Working closely with the private sector, helping the Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Confederation of Indian Industry and other organisations of entrepreneurs and acclimatise them to the emerging business environment and issues.

Organising public lectures by eminent social scientists on important political, social and economic issues confronting the country and the region.

Thrust Areas of Research

The Institute formulates its research agenda on a five-year basis. The current thrust areas of research are:

Theoretical and applied research on micro and macroeconomic issues in Indian economy; Public expenditure and taxation; National income accounting, banking and finance;

Information and communication technology; Small and medium enterprises; Globalisation and urban economic growth; Social security and discrimination; Labour sector reforms; Decentralised planning; Poverty and income studies; Health, education and environment

Indian agricultural policy; Decision-making at micro and macro levels; Horticulture; Floriculture; Animal husbandry/dairy, Poultry and fisheries; Stabilising farm incomes; Risk of uncertainty; Input and output markets; Reforms in irrigation sectors; Viability and efficiency of developmental programmes; Rural, urban – employment, migration; Dryland technologies and extension; Rural development strategies and instruments

Human development process and indicators; Social Services; Role of Viability; Primary and Higher Education; Challenges, Dynamics and Prospects; Education and Development; Gender and Development

Development politics; Governance (Democracy and Decentralisation); Globalisation; Ethics in public life; Development Politics and Development Administration; Role and Responsibilities of Civil Society

Decentralisation efforts by the government; People, donors and civil society institutions; Institutions in rural and urban development; Opportunities and challenges for good governance

Emerging changes in the social systems concerning gender and vulnerable sections; Politics of empowerment; Freedom and justice; Impact of the initiatives in decentralisation and other democratic processes

Analytical studies on demographic processes and their inter-linkages with development in policy perspective; Reproductive Child Health; District level health indicators; Studies on Migration; Population and Social Issues

Sustainable development – Sustainable use and management of natural resources; Valuation of ecosystem vices and biodiversity; Economic and Institutional aspects of biodiversity conservation; Urban environment; People governance and environment; Climate change; Production and usage of bio-fuels and bio-energy; Environment and State Policy.
