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From The Director's Desk



Many people wonder why the Director should add a page to ISEC News, when all that has to be said is already there in the pages to follow. There must be a happy medium somewhere between 'being totally informed and blissfully unaware'. I play that simple role in this page.

The six months that went by were the memorable ones in many respects. Having completed a major report on the state of development in Karnataka, we had an interactive Round Table meeting with Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission. Addressing a conclave of our faculty colleagues, Shri S L Rao and Dr. B K Chandrasekhar, he appreciated some of the visions and policy imperatives that emerged from such a major study report. Currently, the report is under consideration for publication.

Dr. Ravi Kanbur, our VKRV Rao Chair Professor, visited ISEC in December and spent, as usual, considerable amount of time with our faculty and student fraternity. His most recent article: 'Pareto's Revenge' in our journal amply makes it clear that as a policy it is extremely important to reach the end of the line 'poor', rather than driving policies targeting the 'average poor'. I am very pleased to inform all of you that just when his term as VKRV Rao Chair Professor came to an end, he was invited as an Honorary Professor at ISEC. Furthermore, we are waiting to welcome Prof. James Manor from IDS, Sussex, as the new VKRV Rao Chair Professor for the next two years.

This year, the Rajyotsava function in November was celebrated with some distinction. Prof. T V Ramakrishnan, DAE-Homi Bhabha Professor at Banaras Hindu University, delivered the Rajyotsava lecture on the theme: Investing in Higher Education and Research. The function was also marked as a major award giving ceremony, honouring four distinguished academicians with the prestigious VKRV Rao Prizes. The recipients were: Professors Sugata Marjit, Shivganesh Bhargava, Kalpana Kannabiran and M J Manohar Rao. The Utsava had an added colour with a rich music recital by Prof. Sugata Marjit.

There has been an increasing felt need to disseminate ISEC's research works for better use by policy makers and society at large. Having completed a major policy document on 'Agriculture, Food Security and Rural Development', jointly with NCAP, we organized a Policy Retreat at New Delhi in November 2005. Representatives from ADB, USAID and several donor agencies, central and state government departments, media, NGOs and select academicians attended the Retreat. Likewise, several other outreach activities - such as those on 'Life at Risk: Problems of Declining Child Sex-Ratio', 'Redesigning a Viable Public Health Delivery System', 'The Prospects of BPO Sector', 'Designing a

Social Security System for the Unorganised Sector', and 'Effective Micro-Financing System' - were organised. Being 'argumentative Indians', an expression I borrow from Amartya Sen, we hope that these outreach activities are useful to the policy makers, society and academic communities. But I am always reminded of what Sarvajna, a Kannada poet of around 15-16 century, said in one of his poems: One who gives out without speaking about is the best, one who speaks about while giving out is next, one who speaks about but does not deliver it is the worst.

ISEC continues to carry out capacity-building activities of various types for our faculty, students and researchers. Under the SRTT-supported activities, as many as four capacity-building research studies have been commissioned. Several of our colleagues were enabled to make presentations of their research works in national and international conferences. Prof. Alice W Clark from the Notre Dame de Namur University and Prof. Subhash Ray from the University of Connecticut visited the Institute and provided research and teaching supports. Along with these, ISEC, on its own, has undertaken several capacity-building training programmes such as those for Block Level Educational Officers and Faculty of the District Institutes of Education and Training, Research and Training Programme in Environmental Economics under the SANDEE Programme and such others.

In the recent past, ISEC has undertaken several studies of direct social relevance. Some of them are: 'Social Impact of Tele-Medicines System', 'Lives at Risk: Vulnerable Daughters in a Modern Society', on child labour, social security for the unorganised sector, on problems of beedi workers, urban infrastructure, contract labour and several others.

After over five years of well-managed publication programme, ISEC has recently reorganised the Publications Committee. Prof. R S Deshpande and Dr. M D Ushadevi are the new Managing Editors in place of Prof. G K Karanth for the Journal of Social and Economic Development. Dr. T V Sekher is the new Editor in charge of the ISEC News in place of Prof. D Rajasekhar, who moves in as the Editor of the Monograph series. Prof. K V Raju continues as the Editor of the Working Paper series. I hope that our valuable readers will continue to give support and advice to the new editorial committee of our publications. With several books, articles in journals, working papers and monographs published by our faculty and students, we wish to continue to service the reader community. It reminds me of Dr. S Radhakrishnan, President of India during 1962-67, who broke all protocols during his official visit to London in 1963 to visit the bookstore of Allen & Unwin to see the books there. Apart from publications, we have completely put out our library electronically on-line, making it easy for the users to visit our library information and data bank system.

As 2006 dawns, I wish you all the very best and a prosperous new year.

Gopal K Kadekodi
Director



Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture and Programme

The Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture was delivered on November 19, 2005 by Prof. T V Ramakrishnan, DAE-Homi Bhabha Professor, Banaras Hindu University, on “Investing in Higher Education and Research”. Dr. G Thimmaiah, former Member of the Planning Commission, presided.

The following books published recently were released on the occasion: “Poverty Reduction in an Elite-driven Democracy: The Case of India” by Dr. V M Rao; “Fiscal Federalism in India” by Dr. Hemlata Rao; “Information Technology and Economic Growth” by Dr. R G Desai; and “Orissa Vision 2020” edited by Shri Sachidananda Satpathy.

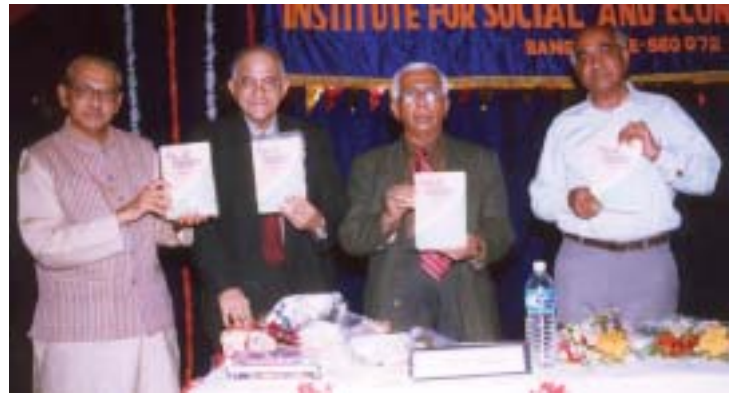
During the day-long programme, Dr. D M Nanjundappa Prizes were awarded to the following Ph D students of the Institute, who secured the highest marks in their Pre-Ph D Examination: Shri. Patibandla Srikant and Shri. Mainak Majumdar.

A cultural programme was also organised in the evening with Prof. Sugata Marjit presenting a Hindustani vocal recital and Shri Trilochan S Kampli playing tabala solo.

Shri S L Rao, Chairman, members of the Board of Governors, Founder/Life Members, invitees and faculty, staff, students and residents of the campus participated in the function.



Prof. T V Ramakrishnan



ISEC Director Dr. Gopal K Kadekodi, Chairman of the Board of Governors Shri S L Rao, former Member of the Planning Commission Dr. G Thimmaiah and DAE-Homi Bhabha Professor Dr. T V Ramakrishnan releasing a book during the Rajyotsava Extension Lecture programme.

In his thought-provoking Extension Lecture, Prof. Ramakrishnan emphasised on the need for us to invest in and develop higher education and research with greater focus on universities.

Lauding the Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, for recognizing this pressing need (while launching the Knowledge Commission), Prof Ramakrishnan said the country should “invest imaginatively and largely in education”. Quoting Dr. Singh, he said: “At the bottom of the knowledge pyramid, the challenge is one of improving access to primary education. At the top of the pyramid, there is a need to make our institutions of higher education and research world class.... The time has come for India to embark on a second wave of nation building”.

Prof. Ramakrishnan suggested reintegration of higher education and research as it would “enable us to face and address our specific large problems scientifically and substantially, and have an exemplary effect”.

Course on Environment and Natural Resource Economics and 10th Biannual Research and Training Workshop

The Institute, in association with South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE), organised a course on “Environment and Natural Resource Economics” and 10th Biannual Research and Training Workshop from July 1 to 26, 2005. The Course was conducted as part of SANDEE's capacity development and research support goals. The Course was hosted by IUCN, the World Conservation Union, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Some of the faculty and staff of our Institute participated in the programme. Dr. S Madheswaran was the Coordinator from the Institute along with Shri Manik Duggar from the SANDEE.



Round Table on Issues of Development in Karnataka and Policy Imperatives

A Round Table was organised on August 27, 2005 at Hotel Atria, Bangalore, with Shri. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, on “Issues of Development in Karnataka and Policy Imperatives”. This was based on the outcome of the Karnataka Development Report (KDR) sponsored by the Planning Commission.

Shri S L Rao, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Institute, welcomed the gathering. Prof. B K Chandrasekher delivered the opening remarks on the Status of Development in Karnataka. Dr. Gopal K Kadekodi, Director of the Institute, presented a brief summary of the outcome of the KDR. Discussants included Dr. Chiranjib Sen of the IIM, Dr. R S Deshpande and Dr. D Rajasekhar of ISEC.

Shri. Ahluwalia appreciated the work being done by the Institute as a nodal agency. He stressed on the need to concentrate on methodologies for getting correct information on investments and to link infrastructural development to private partnership.

Workshop on ‘Lives at Risk: Vulnerable Daughters in a Modernising Society’

The ISEC and Lund University, Sweden, jointly organised a two-day workshop at the Institute on September 28 and 29, 2005. The workshop, sponsored by the Swedish Research Council, deliberated on the reasons for and implications of declining child sex-ratios in India. Fourteen research papers were presented highlighting the experiences from different states. Distinguished demographers, sociologists, gender experts, NGO representatives and administrators attended the workshop.



Prof. Neelambar Hatti, Shri P Padmanabha, Shri S L Rao, Prof. R S Deshpande and Dr. T V Sekher at the workshop.

Shri P Padmanabha, former Registrar-General of India, delivered the keynote address and Shri S L Rao, Chairman of the Board of Governors, ISEC, presided over the inaugural session. Prof. P N Mari Bhat, Director, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, delivered the valedictory address. Dr. T V Sekher of the Population Research Centre, ISEC, and Prof. Neelambar Hatti of the Department of Economic History, Lund University, jointly coordinated the workshop.

Understanding Community-Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) in South Asia



The workshop in progress

The Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Environment and Development (CISED), a Centre of Excellence promoted by the ISEC, organised a two-day workshop on Understanding Community-Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) in South Asia on December 13th and 14th, 2005.

The primary purpose of the workshop was to discuss the draft report of a research project carried out by the Centre on the topic. Among the notable persons who attended the workshop were



Sumi Krishna, Sara Ahmed, Shri. Mohammed Cheema (IUCN Pakistan), Neelima Khaitan (Seva Mandir), Shri Sudarshan Iyengar (VC, Gujarat Vidyapeeth) and Shri Rajendra Singh (Tarun Bharat Sangha).

There were detailed discussions on the specifics of CBNRM in the four break-out sessions -- (a) Multiple Visions: NGO-driven CBNRM, (b) Strategies: Challenges, Dilemmas and Tradeoffs in CBNRM, (c) CBNRM and Community, and (d) CBNRM, the State and the Politics of Development. The reports of the break-out group discussions were discussed and debated in a common session.

The workshop ended with a Plenary Session, which called for more in-depth and detailed examination of the subject, in particular, re-examining the very concepts of community and natural resource management.

Apart from academics, NGO practitioners and social and environmental activists from India, Pakistan, Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka attended the workshop.

Two Capacity-Building Workshops for the Block Education Officers of Karnataka

As part of a major capacity-building exercise under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Scheme in Karnataka, two workshops of two day duration for the Block Education Officers of the State were held at the Institute during 6th and 7th October and 14th and 15th November 2005. The number of participants in the two Workshops were 47 and 43, respectively. It was proposed to complete the series with two more workshops in January 2006.

Prof. A S Seetharamu, Head, Education Unit designed, planned and coordinated both the workshops. A manual on Block Level Planning was also prepared by the Institute and jointly published by the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan Mission, Karnataka and the Institute for Social and Economic Change.

Combined Research and Student/Faculty Exchanges Programme - Lund University

The Institute for Social and Economic Change continues the tie-up with the Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies, Lund University, Sweden, for a combined research and student/faculty exchange programme on a case-by-case basis.

A four-week course of lectures on research methodology and related topics were organised and the programme was co-ordinated in the ADRT Unit by Prof. R S Deshpande.

Workshop on Lab-Area Approach to Reforms in School Education

Universalisation of Elementary Education as well as quality improvement of school education requires systematic research in localised contexts by treating their area of schooling as laboratory capacities for field research needs to be built among the faculty of District Institutes of Education and Training (DIET's - Elementary Education) and Centres of Teacher Education (CTE - Secondary Education) for engaging in Lab-Area Research. With these objectives of the SSA Mission, the Government of Karnataka requested the Institute to organise a three-day workshop for the faculty across all the districts of the State during December 19-21, 2005. As many as 38 participants attended the workshop. Resource persons were drawn from NIEPA, New Delhi, NCERT/RIET, Mysore and Education Unit, ISEC. Prof. A S Seetharamu coordinated the workshop.



ISEC Director Dr. G K Kadekodi, SSA Mission Project Director Shri Rajkumar Khatri, IAS, and Prof. A S Seetharamu at the workshop.



India's Export of Selected BPO Services: Understanding Strengths and Weaknesses

Meenakshi Rajeev and B P Vani

This research work evaluates and brings out the strengths and weaknesses of India as a player in BPO service segment vis-à-vis its competitors. The strengths are: wage advantage, availability of skilled manpower, good work ethics, technology know-how and time advantage; and the weaknesses are: inability to market, attrition rate, lack of cultural affinity and higher telecom costs.

Policy Suggestions:

- While the major strength of Indian BPO industry is the availability of cost-effective manpower, ironically, it has been observed that the major challenges faced by the industry in India are also mainly HR-related. This industry requires youth, specifically trained through focused educational curriculum, and not mere degree holders. This area needs to be strengthened.
- A determined effort is necessary to reduce infrastructural bottlenecks like roads, uncertain power supply or high costs of telecommunication. Bandwidth tariffs are still much higher compared to our competitors.
- Development of two- and three-tier cities is extremely important. The survey reveals that the cost of operating from such smaller locations can be even 40 per cent lower than the metros.
- Lack of data protection laws in the country is also restricting Indian access to the market.
- Today, off-shoring services provided by India are mostly rule-based low-end call centre and data processing work. Outsourced work in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) -intensive areas such as clinical research, engineering design and legal research is way ahead for Indian BPO companies.
- On the international front, some of the barriers India faces in this segment are mode-4 (immigration) related constraints and recognition barriers. Most BPOs send their employees abroad for training and face visa-related problems.

Design of Social Security Benefits for the Unorganised Workers

D Rajasekhar and Suchitra J Y

In the context of the vast and growing unorganized sector in the country, and the absence of sufficient and reliable social security for workers in this sector, a study was undertaken to assess the social security needs of the workers, their current risk management mechanisms and their willingness to participate in contributory social security mechanisms. Based on the study findings, the following have been the policy suggestions provided to the Department of Labour, Government of Karnataka:

- Unorganised workers have diverse needs - a product combining contingencies (old-age health and death benefits) is thus desirable. The schemes should be savings-cum-insurance-oriented, since workers tend to view any financial contributions as savings, available when they are in need.
- Based on the capacity to contribute, the scheme be classified as: social assistance dependent, subsidy dependent, and limited dependent.
- Sector-specific needs have to be factored in the policy since different occupational groups have different needs.
- The government cannot be the sole actor in the provision of social security to the unorganised workers. Given the diversity and informality, a public-private partnership is ideal.
- Given that construction workers are the most willing to contribute towards social security, the policy may be initiated for this sector first before gradually extending it to others.
- More than unemployment benefits, there is a need for doles for continuous employment and decent wages, which would ensure a steady income-flow. Public interventions such as the Employment Guarantee Act are thus crucial and urgent.
- Registration mechanisms are to be introduced and strengthened. The formation of and/or utilisation of the existing SHGs are important.



- Unorganised workers switch jobs and employers often, and many migrate frequently. Social security numbers are thus to be assigned to the workers at the national level, but for a start, a state-level initiative in this direction must be taken up.
- Since contributions from employers are difficult, if not impossible, the government should explore the possibility of imposing a cess as a part of house tax, building permit, etc., in lieu of their contributions. This would also take care of those workers who are self-employed.

Restructuring Public Health Services for Better Outcomes: Blueprint for District Pilot in Karnataka

Shashanka Bhide, T V Sekher and Veerashekharappa

The Context:

A fundamental objective of health systems is to improve the health outcomes to foster healthier populations with minimum avoidable morbidity and mortality. Much of the ill-health in India is due to poor environmental sanitation, that is, unsafe water, polluted soil, unhygienic disposal of human excreta and refuse, leading to a high burden of water-, fecal- and vector-borne diseases. With this broad perspective, this World Bank sponsored study assesses the current system of delivery of Population-based Preventive Public Health Services (PPPHS) in the state of Karnataka and recommends a restructuring of the system of delivery.

Institutional Framework for Basic Public Health Services:

There are three main elements to the proposed changes in the institutional structure in the delivery of PPPHS: principle of separation of supervision of service from the provision of service; need for an internal audit of the service provision to the service provider; and need to keep in view of the progressive decentralization of governance in which public health services are assigned to local government bodies.

a. The Directorate of Public Health Services:

A separate directorate of public health services within the Health Department needs to be developed for planning and for providing technical support for improving public health services in the state.

b. State Public Health Council and Public Health Boards:

At the state level, there should be a political institution of 'State Public Health Council' (SPHC), which will be responsible for policy on public health issues in the state. At the state level, there will be an executive body, 'the State Public Health Board' (SPHB) with Chief Secretary as the Chairperson.

☞ At the District level, there will be a District Public Health Board (DPHB) headed by the Deputy Commissioner and having jurisdiction over both rural and urban areas of the District.

☞ A unified Public Health Act is needed to provide overall framework for the institutional mechanisms that will provide a uniform state-wide regulatory framework.

c. Community Public Health Plan:

The aim of the Community Public Health Plan (CHP) is to improve the health standards in the community significantly and quickly. The plan should be drawn up by the Neighbourhood Public Health Associations (NPHAs) and Ward Sabhas in the villages, and NPHAs in the urban areas. In the rural areas, the government should examine the possibility of organising NPHAs by Grama Panchayats under the provisions of Section 61-A of Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act.

d. The Regular Monitoring of the State of Public Health Services:

The study has developed formats for monitoring the status of water quality, sanitation, vector control and food safety in both rural and urban areas. The blueprint also suggests measures for resource mobilization, creation of information centres, and forums for inter-sectoral coordination.

POLICY RETREAT

Policy Research Networking to Strengthen Policy Reforms

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) sponsored a project on Policy Research Networking to Strengthen the Policy Reforms focusing on the thematic cluster 'Agriculture, Food Security, and Rural Development'.



The project was coordinated by two hubs, viz., National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NCAP), New Delhi, and Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore. Wide-ranging issues like Sustainable Water Use, Rural Employment, Land Policy, Food Security, Research and Extension, Disaster Management, Capital Formation, Marketing and Diversification of Agriculture were addressed. Highly acclaimed academicians selected by the two hubs prepared relevant policy papers.

The Advisory Committee of the project was headed by Prof. V S Vyas and had members from ADB as well as the Planning Commission, Government of India. The final Policy Retreat was held in New Delhi on November 28, 2005 in which all paper contributors presented the policy briefs. Prof. V M Rao and Prof. K C Hiremath prepared the syntheses paper and presented as the lead papers. Officers from the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, Indian Council for Agricultural Research and other departments attended the discussion.

Among the dignitaries who attended the Policy Retreat and participated in the discussion were Prof. Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission; Dr. Hiranya Mukhopadhyaya; Kum. Anuradha and Kum. Kavita Iyengar from ADB; Prof. Mruthyunjaya, DDG, ICAR; representatives from USAID, officers from the Ministry of Finance, and Dr. Deepak Ahluwalia from the World Bank. Prof. Gopal K Kadekodi, Director, ISEC, and Prof. Ramesh Chand, Acting Director, NCAP, co-ordinated the Policy Retreat.

OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

Teaching Assignment at Bangalore University

On a request by the Department of Environmental Science, Bangalore University, the Ecological Economics Unit of our Institute has been organising a semester long course in environmental economics. With such activities, the ISEC canvas in neighbourhood institutions in capacity-building and outreach activities have been increasing.

This year, the unit designed a 32-session model involving several faculty members of the ISEC. The teaching session was spread over two-and-a-half months (from September till mid-November 2005). Prof. K V Raju, Professor and Head, Ecological Economics Unit coordinated this module. Prof. K V Raju, Dr. M J Bhende, Dr. G S Sastry and Dr. L Venkatachalam handled different sessions of this module, 2005.

Does Micro-Finance Reduce Vulnerability to Debt Bondage?

Suchitra J Y and D Rajasekhar

The workshop on Effectiveness of Micro-Finance Programmes (MFPs) in Reducing Vulnerability to Debt Bondage mentioned earlier enabled ISEC to reach out to the concerned civil society and micro-finance institutions in a number of ways. The major findings to be noted are: (a) the coverage of households under MFPs varied across villages, (b) MFPs included both the poor and the non-poor, (c) MFPs did not include the very poor households due to their inability to save and repay loans, migration and other livelihood pressures, (d) savings were collected only as collateral for the credit, (e) maximum volume and amount of credit through MFPs were towards income-generation activities (IGAs), (f) IGAs were not always sustainable, many were loss-making and terminated, (g) MFPs seldom met the emergency needs of the households, (h) vulnerability to debt bondage was lower among group members as compared to those outside groups, and varied across different income, land-owning, caste and other groups, as well as across villages.

Seminars by Visitors

Irreversibilities, Non-Convexities and Poverty - *Dr. Partha Dasgupta, FRS, Frank Ramsay Professor, Cambridge University, delivered two lectures on July 19, 2005.*

Human Development: An Asian Perspective - *Dr. Shanta Devarajan, Chief Economist, South Asia Division, World Bank, delivered a talk on July 19, 2005.*

Indian Insurance Industry - *Dr. Tapen Sinha, ING Chair Professor of Risk Management, ITAM, Mexico, Special Professor, University of Nottingham, UK, July 21, 2005.*



Foreign Aid and Its Relevance Today - *Dr. Gurushree Swamy, The World Bank, Washington D.C., July 28, 2005.*

Ethics, Welfare and the Market - *Dr. Arne Hallam, Professor and Chair, Department of Economics, IOWA State University, Ames, USA, August 9, 2005.*

Fetal Origin of Adult Discores and Childhood Obesity - *Dr. P. Raghupathy, MD, DCh, FRCP (London), Former Professor and HOD, Department of Pediatrics, CMC, Vellore and Currently, Consultant Pediatrics Endo Craniologist, Sagar Apollo Hospital, Bangalore, August 29, 2005.*

Sectoral Exchange Rate Pass Through: Testing the Impact of Policy Reforms in India - *Dr. Sushanth Kumar Mallick, Department of Economics, Lough Borough University, UK, September 16, 2005.*

The Emerging Tripolar World: India, USA and China - *Dr. Arvind Virmani, Director and Chief Executive, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, New Delhi, September 19, 2005.*

Rural Health in India: From Rhetoric to Reality - *Dr. Ashish Bose, Honorary Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi, October 4, 2005.*

Globalisation, Liberalisation and Regional Disparity with Reference to Education - *Professor Ad de Bruijne, Professor Emeritus, University of Amsterdam, October 11, 2005.*

Conflict Resolution - *Professor Ashok Panikkar, Director, Meta-Culture, Bangalore, October 27, 2005.*

Changing Attitudes Towards Sexuality: Socio-Historical Perspectives on India - *Professor Alice W. Clark, Faculty, Notre Dame de Namur University, Belmont, California, and De Anza Collage, Cupertino, California, USA, and SRTT Visiting Fellow at ISEC, November 7, 2005.*

International and Intra-National Trade: A Continuum Approach - *Professor Sugata Marjit, City University of Hong Kong, and Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata, November 18, 2005.*

Data Envelopment Analysis - *Professor Subhash Ray, Professor in Economics, University of Connecticut, USA, and SRTT Visiting Professor, ISEC, conducted a four-day workshop from December 12-16, 2005.*

Interstate Variations in Total Factor Productivity in India: An Analysis of Selected Industries - *Professor Subhash Ray, Professor in Economics, University of Connecticut, USA, and SRTT Visiting Professor, ISEC, December 15, 2005.*

Game Theory - *Professor Sayantan Ghosal, Department of Economics, University of Warwick, UK, December 19, 2005.*

Defeating Poverty by Reducing Its Creation - *Dr. Anirudh Krishna, Sanford Institute of Public Policy, Duke University, USA, December 21, 2005.*

Globalisation and Changing Labour Markets - *Professor Gerry Rodgers, Director, International Institute of Labour Studies, Geneva, December 29, 2005.*

Seminars by Faculty

Decentralized Planning: A Study of Functional and Financial Aspects in Karnataka - *Dr. M Devendra Babu (July 1, 2005).*

Life After Land Acquisition - *Dr. V Ramaswamy (July 8, 2005).*

Contract Farming in Karnataka: A Boon or a Bane - *Dr. S Erappa (July 27, 2005).*

Population Changes in Karnataka: A Decadal Overview - *Dr. C M Lakshmana (August 30, 2005).*

Trend and Pattern of Internal Female Migration in India - *Dr. Brinda Viswanathan (August 31, 2005).*

Credit Linkage Between Formal and Informal Credit Institutions: A Comparative Study of Karnataka and Gujarat - *Dr. Veerashekharappa (September 1, 2005).*

Governance Reforms and Service Delivery in Karnataka - *Prof. S N Sangita (September 30, 2005).*

An Alternative Strategy for Rural Development, Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation: One Cluster One Product Approach - *Prof. Hemlata Rao (October 11, 2005).*



Research Projects

Completed

Evaluation of Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) in Karnataka (Dr. R S Deshpande, Dr. M J Bhende and Dr. P Thippaiah)

Urban Governance in India: Mapping Partnerships in Public Service Delivery (Dr. Madhushree Sekher)

A Comprehensive Study on the Status of Beedi Industry in Karnataka (Dr. S Madheswaran, Dr. D Rajasekhar and Dr. K G Gayathri Devi)

Human Development, Environment-Policy Nexus in India (Dr. G K Kadekodi and Dr. L Venkatachalam)

Reproductive Morbidity of Women in Karnataka: Evidence from National Family Health Survey-2 and Reproductive and Child Health Survey -1998-99 (Dr. R Mutharayappa)

Perspectives on Telemedicine in India (Dr. G K Karanth and Dr. H Sudarshan)

Panchayats and Watershed Development: An Assessment of Institutional Capacity (Dr. N Sivanna and Dr. M Gopinath Reddy)

Institutional Alternatives for Participatory Natural Resource Management: Lessons from User-Groups, Self-Initiatives in Forest Conservation (Dr. Madhushree Sekher and Dr. Madhu Verma)

Urban Infrastructure Imperative and Rainwater Harvesting - Opportunities and Challenges (Dr. Syed Ajmal Pasha and Dr. K V M Varambally)

Design and Management of Social Security Benefits in Karnataka State: An Exploratory Study (Dr. D Rajasekhar, Dr. G K Karanth and Dr. S Madheswaran)

New Development Model and Implications for the Human Rights of Vulnerable Groups (Dr. Ajay Gudavarthy)

Labour and Industrial Conflict: Case Studies from Bangalore (Dr. Supriya RoyChowdhury)

Use of Contractual Labour in Selected Manufacturing Enterprises in Karnataka (Dr. Meenakshi Rajeev and Dr. Supriya RoyChowdhury)

New

Governance and Service Delivery in Karnataka (Dr. S N Sangita)

A Study of Karnataka Schemes and Policies for Rural Development, Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation (Dr. Hemlata Rao and Dr. Devendra Babu)

Study of Factors Affecting Achievement of Students at the End of Grade IV and Assessment of the Level of Literacy and Numeracy Attained (Dr. A S Seetharamu)

Changing Scenario of Child Population and Health Care Infrastructure in Karnataka - A Study (Dr. C M Lakshmana)

Sex Differentials in Nutritional Status and Morbidity among Children in Karnataka (Dr. T S Syamala)

Rural-Urban Differentials in Levels and Determinants of MCH in Karnataka: A District Level Study (Dr. M Sivakami)

Role of NGOs in the Prevention of HIV/AIDS - A Study in Karnataka (Dr. C S Veeramatha)

Hariyalli Guidelines and Watershed Development: The Role of Panchayats in the Implementation Process (Dr. N Sivanna)

Affordability of Water Supply Services by Grama Panchayats in Karnataka (Dr. D Rajasekhar)

Revenues of Grama Panchayats in Karnataka (Dr. D Rajasekhar)

Drinking Water Supply and Rural Institutions in Karnataka: A Study from Rights Perspective (Dr. V Anil Kumar)



Fuelling Fire or Dampening the Flames? Conflict Management by Karnataka's Grama Panchayats (Dr. K G Gayathri Devi)

Construction of National Transfer Accounts for India (Dr. M R Narayana)

Reforms in Urban Water Supply Sector in Developing Countries: A Critique of Existing and Alternative Approaches (Dr. L Venkatachalam)

Water Pricing and Productivity - A Review of Evidences with Special Reference to India (Dr. K N Ninan)

Urban Water Supplies - Emerging Alternatives: A Case Study of the Extent of Groundwater Use and Its Implications in Hubli, Dharwad and Belgaum Cities (Dr. K V Raju)

Tank Systems in the Mid-Godavari Basin - Valuation of Ecological, Economic and Social Services (Dr. K V Raju)

Making Decentralisation and Local Governance Work for the Rural Poor: Lessons from India (Dr. K V Raju and Dr. Madhushree Sekher)

Performance of Elementary Education in Karnataka as Revealed Through Census Illiteracy Data (Dr. M D Ushadevi)

HIV/AIDS Awareness and Its Trends in Karnataka (Dr. K S Umamani)

Lifestyle and Health of the Elderly in Karnataka (Dr. R Mutharayappa)

India's Agricultural Trade in the Post - Liberalisation: A Review of Some Issues (Dr. Dhanmajiri Sathe and Dr. R S Deshpande)

STUDENT NEWS

Ph D Awarded

The following students were awarded the Ph D degree:

Ms. Deepika M G (Economics) by the Bangalore University in 2005 for her thesis on 'Changing Trade Scenario in Agriculture and Its Implications for the Indian Economy.' Dr. R. S. Deshpande was her supervisor.

Mr. Purna Chandra Parida (Economics) by the University of Mysore in 2005 for his thesis on 'Currency Devaluation, Trade Balance and the Balance of Payments in India.' Dr. Maathai K M was his supervisor.

Ms. Shalini Sharma (Development Studies) by the University of Mysore in 2005 for her thesis on 'Development Support Organisation: A Study in Karnataka.' Dr. G K Karanth was her supervisor.

Mr. Nagesha (Political Science) by the University of Mysore in 2005 for his thesis on 'Lending Policies of the World Bank: A Study of Policy and Administrative Aspects for India with Special Reference to Karnataka.' Dr. N Sivanna was his supervisor.

Ms. Deepthi S (Sociology) by the University of Mysore in 2005 for her thesis on 'Aspirations and the Process of Social Mobility: The Case of Professionals in Bangalore City.' Dr. G K Karanth was her supervisor.

Students' Biannual Seminar Series

The Ph D Fellows' biannual seminars were held during 5-9 December 2005. There were 23 presentations in all, which included three pre-submission seminars. Dr. Ravi Kanbur, Dr. VKRV Rao Professor, and Dr. Stephen Klonner from Cornell University and several other peer reviewers participated and offered their valuable comments and suggestions during the seminar.

Ph D Programme - 2005 Batch

The 2005 batch Ph D Programme with 10 students was inaugurated in August 2005. The discipline-wise break-up of the students is: Economics - four; Education - two; Political Science - one; and Population Studies - three. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. D N Dhanagere, Member, Board of Governors, ISEC. In his



address, Prof. Dhanagere elaborated on the relevance of social science research and social science as a coping strategy. Many of the social science research findings are not acceptable to governments. He advised the young researchers to be systematic and objective in their research and publications.

WORKING PAPERS

An Overview

The Institute published two Working Papers in the last six months: one on political participation of elected representatives in the panchayats of Orissa and the other on the role of micro-finance groups in the economic amelioration of the deprived sections of the population in Wayanad district of Kerala.

The paper on 'Affirmative Action and Political Participation: Elected Representatives in the Panchayats of Orissa' by Pratyusna Patnaik examines the participation of elected representatives, especially those belonging to weaker sections, in the functioning of panchayats. The objective of the paper is to study the extent to which the numerical representation of these sections has been successful in actually exercising power.

Relying on empirical data collected from four grama panchayats in Orissa, the paper concludes that affirmative action in decentralisation has not been successful in ensuring proper and effective representation of disadvantaged groups in the policy-making process.

The paper on 'Significance of Income-Generating Activities under Micro-Finance: A Study of Micro-Finance Groups in Wayanad District, Kerala' by Emil Mathew assesses the importance of income-generating activities (IGAs) being promoted by micro-finance groups in the backward district of Wayanad in Kerala.

Underscoring the importance of IGAs which enable the poorer sections to get cheaper credit under group-borrowing schemes, the study cautions that efforts to improve the financial condition of the poor should not result in their future indebtedness.

WP 166: Affirmative Action and Political Participation: Elected Representatives in the Panchayats of Orissa - Pratyusna Patnaik

WP 167: Significance of Income-Generating Activities under Micro-Finance: A Study of Micro-Finance Groups in Wayanad district, Kerala - Emil Mathew.

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

An Overview

The tenth Monograph titled 'Role of NGOs in promoting Non-Formal Environmental Education: A Case Study' was the result of an intensive field study done by Dr. K Yeshodhara as an SRTT Visiting Fellow at ISEC.

Basing her project on the premise that non-governmental organisations have a pivotal role to play in spreading awareness about the need to promote sustainable development and environment protection, Dr. Yeshodhara asserts that the NGOs should join hands with government agencies and help mould environment-friendly life-styles and attitudes among the people.

In this study, an attempt has been made to analyse how successful the case study NGOs have been in promoting environmental awareness among different sections of the society. It has also focused on the NGOs' association with schools to promote environmental education among the children.

While identifying the problems faced by the NGOs in their efforts to spread environmental awareness, the study has come up with suggestions for all those involved in how to fight environmental degradation, one of the greatest challenges the humanity is facing today.

K Yeshodhara (2005). Role of NGOs in Promoting Non-Formal Environmental Education: A Case Study. *Social and Economic Change Monograph Series*. No 10. Bangalore: Institute for Social and Economic Change.



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Desai, R G

Information Technology and Economic Growth. Jaipur: Rawat Publications, 2005.

Rao, Hemlata

Fiscal Federalism: Issues and Policies. New Delhi: New Century Publications. October 2005.

Rao, V M

Poverty Reduction in an Elite-Driven Democracy: The Case of India. New Delhi: Institute of Human Development, 2005.

Satpathy, Sachidananda

(Ed.) Orissa Vision 2020. Cuttack: New Age Publisher, 2005.

Articles Published in Journals/Edited Books

Babu, M Devendra

'Role of Panchayats in Rural Health Delivery Services (in Kannada)'. In Panchayats and Child Rights: Birth Registration as the First Child Right (in Kannada), edited by K Subha, B S Bhargava and Mangala A Nayak. Bangalore: Institute of Social Sciences, 2005.

'Management of Irrigation Tanks under Decentralised Governance: The Karnataka Experience'. In Functioning of Panchayat Raj System, edited by Yatindra Singh Sisodia. Jaipur: Rawat Publications, 2005.

Deshpande, R S

(Nagesh Prabhu) 'Farmers' Distress: Proof Beyond Doubt', Economic and Political Weekly, October 29, 2005.

'Development and Land Problems' (Hindi), Sharad Krishi, 1(11), November 2005.

'Planning, Marketing Process and Land Policy in Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture'. In Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture for Asian Countries, edited by Food and Agricultural Organisation and PNASF. Food and Agriculture Organisation, 2005.

(Neha Chaturvedi) 'Climate Change and Differential Impact Across World'. In Impact, Adaptation and Vulnerability of Horticultural Crops to Climatic Change, edited by Indian Institute of Horticultural Research. Bangalore: Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, 2005.

'Liberalisation and Agricultural Sector in India and Karnataka'. In Rural Transformation in India: The Impact of Globalisation, edited by A. Vinayak Reddy and G. Bhaskar. New Delhi: New Century. 2005.

'Inter-Disciplinarity in Educational Research: A Review of Processes'. In Indian Economy: Education, Health and Development, edited by M J Manohar Rao, V G Kalyankar and J B G Tilak. Mumbai: Himalaya. 2005

Karanth, G K

(K G Gayathri Devi) 'Audyameekaranada Saamaajika Parinaamagalu' (in Kannada), in Bengalooru Darhsana edited by L S Seshagiri Rao. Bangalore: Udayabhanu Kala Sangha, 2005.

Kumar, Anil V

'Policy Processes and Policy Advocacy'. Published in electronic journal www.esocialsciences.com, November 20, 2005.

Lélé, Sharachchandra

(Richard Norgaard) 'Practising Interdisciplinarity', BioScience, 55(11): 967-75, November 2005.

Lingaraju, M

(M Johnson Samuel) 'Rural-Urban Linkages: Does Impermanent Migration to Cities Help the Rural Poor'? Nagarlok, XXXVII (1), January - March 2005.



Madheswaran, S

'Caste Discrimination in the Indian Urban Labour Market'. In Reservation and Private Sector, edited by Sukhadeo Thorat. Jaipur: Rawat Publications, 2005.

Ninan, K N

(Jyothis Sathyapalan) 'The Economics of Bio-diversity Conservation-A Study of a Coffee Growing Region in the Western Ghats of India', Ecological Economics, 55 (1), October 2005.

(Jyothis Sathyapalan) 'Ecological and Economic Aspects of Bio-diversity Conservation in a Protected Area, India'. In Biodiversity and Quality of Life, edited by Nirmal Sengupta and J Bandyopadhyay. Macmillan India, 2005.

Rajasekhar, D

(S Madheswaran) 'Statutory Benefits to Beedi Workers in Karnataka', Indian Journal of Labour Economics, 48 (4), October-December, 2005.

(Gagan Bihari Sahu) 'Urban Bias in the Flow of Funds and Deposit Mobilisation: Evidence from Karnataka, India', Savings and Development, XXIX (4), 2005.

'Micro-Finance: A New Poverty Mantra'. In Handbook of Poverty in India: Perspectives, Policies and Programmes, edited by R Radhakrishna and Shovan Ray. Oxford University Press, 2005.

(Sachidananda Satapathy) 'Functions Undertaken by Grama Panchayats in Karnataka'. In Rural Development in India: A Multi-Disciplinary Analysis, edited by C Narasimha Rao, New Delhi: Serials Publications, 2005.

Raju, K V

'Water Management in India', Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics, 60(1), January-March 2005.

Ramana, M V

(Zia Mian) 'Feeding the Nuclear Fire', Economic and Political Weekly, XL (35), August 27, 2005.

'Nuclear Power: Expensive and Unsafe', Electrical India, 45 (11), November 2005.

Ramaswamy, V

(G K Karanth) 'At Loggerheads or Towards Sustainability? Changing rural Livelihood Systems and Natural Resource Management'. Monograph No.9, April, 2005.

Roychowdhury, Supriya

'Labour and Economic Reforms: Disjointed Critiques'. In Politics of Economic Reforms, edited by Jos Mooji. New Delhi: Sage Publications, 2005.

Sangita, S N

'State, Society and Sustainable Development', IDS Journal, Oct-Dec.2005.

'State and the Civil Society Dynamics: Towards a Sustainable Synergy'. In Public-Private Partnership in Nation Building, edited by P. Jeghadish Gandhi and M.J. Joseph. Deep and Deep Publications, 2005.

Sastry, G S

'A Model for Sustainable Development of Mountainous Region', Indian Journal of Regional Science, 37 (2), December 2005.

Sekher, Madhushree

'Keeping Our Cities Clean: Urban Solid Waste Management in Karnataka', Journal of Social and Economic Development, 6 (2), 2005.

Sekher, T V

'Socio-Economic Dimensions of Old-Age Security in India: With Special Reference to Karnataka', Journal of Social and Economic Development, 7 (1), 2005.



'Demographic and Economic Profile of Bangalore City'. In Bangalore Darshana, edited by L S Seshagiri Rao and Suryanath Kamath, Bangalore: Udaya Bhanu Kala Sangha, 2005.

Shah, Esha

'Local and Global Elites Join Hands: Development and Diffusion of Genetically Modified Bt Cotton Technology in Gujarat', Economic and Political Weekly, XL (43), October 22, 2005.

Sivakami, M

(T.S Syamala) 'Menopause: An Emerging Issue in India', Economic and Political Weekly, XL (47): 19-25, November 2005.

Syamala, T S

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Thippaiah, P

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Veerashekarappa

'State and Community Participation in Rural Sanitation: A Case Study of Karnataka'. In Rural Development in India: A Multi Disciplinary Analysis, edited by C Narsimha Rao. New Delhi: Serials Publications, 2005.

Venkatachalam, L

'Demand-side versus Supply-side Approach: The Case for Sustainable Management of Water Supply in Developing Countries: A Case Study'. In Business of Water Supply and Sustainable Development, edited by Jonathan Chenoweth and Juliet Bird. Sheffield, United Kingdom: Greenleaf Publisher, 2005.

Viswanathan, Brinda

(J V Meenakshi) 'Calorie Deprivation in Rural India, 1983-1999/00: Evidence from Unit Record Data'. In Poverty in India: A Global Challenge, A Global Debate, edited by Valerie Kozel and Angus Deaton. Macmillan India. 2005

Keynote and Presidential Addresses

Deshpande, R S

'Economics of Peace' (Main Speaker) at Dr J C Kumarappa Memorial Lecture, organised by the JCK Memorial Trust, Karnataka Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi, Bangalore, December 4, 2005.

'WTO and Agriculture: New Issues' at the workshop (Keynote Address) on WTO-Outreach Workshop, organised by the T A Pai Management Institute, October 2, 2005.

'Rubber in WTO Scenario: A Focus on IPR Issues' at the Seminar (Keynote Address) on WTO and Plantation Sector, organised by the Indian Institute of Plantation Management, Bangalore, October 28, 2005.

'Emerging Issues under WTO and IPR Regime (Chairman)' at the workshop on Emerging Issues under WTO and IPR Regime, organised by the Dept. of Economics, Mysore University, Mysore, October 22, 2005.

'Intellectual Property Rights: A Travelogue from Techno-Economy to Political Economy' at the Seminar (Session Chairman) on Intellectual Property Rights: Its Different Facets, organised by the Department of Studies in Political Science, Mysore University, Mysore, October 27, 2005.

'Indian Agricultural Statistics: System and Reforms' at the Conference on International Biometric Society's Biannual Conference, organised by the Indian Statistical Institute and University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, October 4, 2005.

'Indian Agriculture under Globalisation' at the seminar on Prospects and Problems of Indian Agriculture in the Era of Globalisation, organised by the Erode College, Bhartiyyar University, Erode, September 22, 2005.



Kadekodi, K Gopal

‘Environmental Linkages with HD, Population and Development (Inaugural Address)’ at the National Seminar on Environment and Natural Resources, organised by the M S University, Baroda, December 1, 2005.

‘Some Lessons from Socio-Economic Approaches on Land Management (Keynote Address)’ at the National Conference on Natural Resource Management for Eco-Development and Livelihood Security in Southern India, organised by the Central Soil Conservation Training and Research Institute, Ooty, November 24, 2005.

‘Linkages between Population and Environment: Some Evidences from India (Inaugural Address)’ at the National Seminar on Population Environment Nexus, IIPS, Mumbai, October 21, 2005.

Rajasekhar, D

‘Decentralised Planning in India: Provisions and Practices’ at the workshop on Local Governance in Rural India, organised by the German Agro Action, Bangalore, November 30-December 1, 2005.

Sangita, S N

‘Indian Democracy at Crossroads: What Needs to be Done’? At the seminar organised by the Indian Academy of Social Sciences, Karnataka Branch, Bangalore, November 6, 2005.

‘Politics, Governance and Development in Karnataka’ at the seminar organised by the Indian Institute of Public Administration, Karnataka Branch, Bangalore, December 7, 2005.

Papers Presented at Conferences/Workshops Abroad

Bhende, M J

‘Resource Use Efficiency for Major Food and Cash Crops in Karnataka’ at the Conference organised by the Asian Society of Agricultural Economics, University of Sistan and Baluchestan, Zaheda-Iran, August 29-31, 2005.

Biswas, Durba

‘Economic Instruments for Efficient, Sustainable and Equitable Water Demand Management: Lessons for Developing Countries’, 15th Stockholm Water Symposium, Stockholm, Sweden, August 21-27, 2005.

Manjula, R

(D. Rajasekhar) ‘Do Women Groups Promote More Equity As Compared to Men Groups? Evidence from Karnataka’ at the Workshop on Gender and Collective Action organised by CAPRI/IFPRI, Chiang Mai, Thailand, October 17-21, 2005.

Mukherjee, Sarbani

‘Role of Watershed Development Programmes in Augmenting Groundwater Resources through Recharge’ at the World Water Week Symposium held at Stockholm International Water Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, August 21-27, 2005.

Narayana, M R

‘Revitalizing and Globalization: Lessons from Bangalore (India)’ at the International Conference for Revitalization and Globalization of Daegu-Gyeongbuk: Learning from Abroad, organised by the Republic of Korea, Daegu, November 9-10, 2005.

‘Policy Reforms for the SME Development in the State of Karnataka’ at the Conference on Policy Reforms for SME Development in SAARC Countries organised by SMED, Colombo, Sri Lanka, December 2-3, 2005.

Ninan, K N

‘The Economics of Biodiversity Conservation - A Study of a Coffee Growing Region in the Western Ghats of India’ at a Special Seminar organised by the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, May 19, 2005, and also at Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, February 18, 2005.



Rajasekhar, D

“Design of Social Security Benefits for Unorganised Workers” at the Workshop on Micro Insurance organised by the ILO/STEP, Paris, July 11-15, 2005, France.

(R Manjula) “Do Women Groups Promote More Equity As Compared to Men Groups? Evidence from Karnataka” at the Workshop on Gender and Collective Action organised by CAPRI/ IFPRI, Chiang Mai, Thailand, October 17-21, 2005.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

“Contract Labour Act: A Pragmatic View” at the International Conference on First Annual Meeting of the Asian Law and Economics Association organised and held at Seoul National University, Korea, June 24-25, 2005.

Raju, K V

Conference on World Water Week organised by the Stockholm International Water Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, August 21-27, 2005.

Ramana, M V

“India's Nuclear Enclave and the Practice of Secrecy” at the Workshop on Culture, Society and Nuclear weapons in South Asia organised by the Social Science Research Council, New York, Washington, D.C., August 28-29, 2005

“An Estimate of India's Uranium Enrichment Capacity” at the 17th International Summer Symposium on Science and World Affairs organised by Princeton, July 23-31, 2005.

Sekher, T V

(Neelambar Hatti) “Discrimination of Female Children in Modern India: From Conception through Childhood” at the XXV International Population Conference organised by IUSSP, Tours, France, July 18-23, 2005.

“Influenza Pandemic of 1918: Health Administration in Princely Mysore” at an International Conference on Indian Princely States, organised by the University of Southampton and Wellcome Trust, Southampton, U.K., July 8-10, 2005.

“Reproductive Health Status of Adolescents in India: Emerging Issues” at the Conference on Comparative Perspectives on Adolescent Development in a Globalised World at CASBS, University of Stanford, Stanford, USA, August 4-6, 2005.

(Neelambar Hatti) “Vulnerable Daughters in a Modernising Society: From Son Preference to Daughter Discrimination in India” at an International Conference on Female Deficit in Asia: Trends and Perspectives organised by CEPED-CICRED-INED, Singapore, December 5-7, 2005.

Veerashekarappa

“Community Contribution for Sanitation Services: A Myth and Reality” at the Workshop on Sanitation and Wastewater Management, organised by the Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines, September 18-23, 2005.

Venkatachalam, L

“Population, Poverty and Environment Nexus in India” at the XXV International Population Conference organised by IUSSP, Tours, France, July 18-23, 2005.

Viswanathan, Brinda

(J V Meenakshi) “Changing Pattern of Undernutrition in India: A Comparative Analysis Across Regions” at the Workshop on Hunger and Food Security organised by the World Institute for Development Economics, Helsinki (Finland), October 12-14, 2005.



Awards/Fellowships

Kadekodi, Gopal K

Karnataka Rajyotsava Award, November 2005.

Bhende, M J

Visiting Fellow, Cornell University, Ithaca, USA, November 1-12, 2005.

Ninan, K N

Visiting Professor at the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, The University of Tokyo, Japan, October 1, 2004-September 30, 2005.

Rath, Badri Narayan

Award for best paper in Economics at COSMAR-2005 organised by the Department of Management Studies, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, September 2005.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Visited POSRI Research Institute, POSCO, South Korea, June 2005

Sekher, T V

Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Southampton, United Kingdom, July 6 -18, 2005.

Sukumar, Vellakkal

Sastri Indo-Canadian Institute Doctoral Research Fellowship, University of Calgary, Canada, April-October 2005.

Yadav, Manohar

Visiting Fellow, Cornell University, Ithaca, USA, Nov 1-12, 2005.

Offices Held in Academic/Professional/Administrative Bodies

Deshpande, R S

Advisor, Sharad Krishi (Hindi), a magazine for farmers, Centre for International Trade in Agriculture, New Delhi.

Member, Editorial Committee, Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics, Mumbai.

Member, Task Force on Reviewing the Recommendations of Various Committees on Agriculture, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.

Madheswaran, S

Member, Industrial Relations Committee, Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bangalore.

Technical Adviser, South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics, Nepal.

Narayana, M R

Member, Core Group of Experts on Design of New Industrial Policy beyond 2006, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.

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

Sekher, T V

Member, Research Network on Adolescents set up by Jacobs Centre for Productive Youth Development, University of Zurich and CASBS, Stanford University, USA.

Member, Population Association of America (PAA).

Ushadevi, M D

Member, State Advisory Committee for Lab Area and Multi-Centric Studies, SSA Mission, GoK, Bangalore.

Miscellaneous

Devi, K G Gayathri

Member, Advisory Committee, Suvarna Karnataka Gazette, GoK, Bangalore.

Nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, Mysore University, to the Committee to revise the syllabus for MA Sociology Course (in the existing capacity as a Member of the Board of Studies, PG, in the Department of Sociology, Manasagangotri, Mysore).

Kadekodi, Gopal K

Chief Guest, Teachers' Day Celebrations of Sri Sarvajna D.Ed and B.Ed College, Vijayanagar, Bangalore, 24.9.2005

Mahesh, H P

Attended the CFS Summer School "Empirical Research in Banking and Corporate Finance" organised by Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany, August 15-22, 2005.

Raju, K V

Presented draft findings in Rapid Assessment of Performance of Participatory Irrigation Management in AP, Water Resources Department of AP, Hyderabad, 7.11.2005.

Participated in Regional Meeting on 'Solution Exchange for the Water and Environmental Sanitation Network' held at Alwarpet, Chennai, 8.11.2005.

Rao, Hemlata

Member, Advisory Committee, Suvarna Karnataka Gazetteer, GoK, Bangalore.

Sastry, G S

Was interviewed for Asian Water, a leading monthly on water and wastewater and related technologies in Asia, on the theme "Bangalore - Will its boom cause a waterless doom?" This appeared in the July/August 2005 issue (Volume 21 and Number 6).

Shah, Esha

Teaching Social Science Research Methodology to M. Sc. Wildlife Students at the National Centre for Biological Research, Bangalore.

Obituary

Dr. D M Nanjundappa

Dr. D M Nanjundappa, renowned economist and former Vice-Chancellor, passed away on September 26, 2005. His death was consoled by the ISEC fraternity.

A recipient of Indira Gandhi National Unity award in 1989, Dr. Nanjundappa had also been honoured with the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award for his distinguished services to the State. He had won the Sir Hugh Daly Gold Medal for distinction in Economics.

Dr. Nanjundappa headed the Committee on Redressal of Regional Imbalances, which was set up by the State government for the development of north Karnataka. He also headed the national-level committee on rail tariffs. He was a member of the Board of Governors, ISEC, and was closely associated with the Institute for many years.

Dr. Nanjundappa had written more than 22 books on subjects like public finance, surplus rural manpower, development with social justice, and income redistribution. Besides, he has published more than 100 research papers in professional journals and 600 policy papers as reports and monographs for policy making.

Dr. Nanjundappa was Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore and Karnataka Universities. He was also the Chairman of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi. As an Economic Advisor and Vice-Chairman of the State Planning Board, he played an important role in economic planning and educational administration of Karnataka.



Rajyotsava Award to Prof. Gopal K Kadekodi



Prof. Gopal K Kadekodi, Director, ISEC, receiving the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award from the then Chief Minister, Shri N Dharam Singh, on November 1, 2005. The then Deputy Chief Minister Shri M P Prakash looks on.

Workshop on 'Micro-Finance Programmes and Reduction in Vulnerability to Debt Bondage'

The Centre for Decentralisation and Development (CDD), ISEC, in collaboration with Poverty Learning Foundation (PLF), Hyderabad, completed a study on the Effectiveness of Micro-Finance Programmes (MFPs) in Reducing Vulnerability to Debt Bondage in Andhra Pradesh, with support from ILO. A one-day workshop was organised at the institute on December 23, 2005. Representatives from NGOs working in the areas of micro-finance and/or debt bondage, representatives from the government and the academia were present at the meet.



(Left to right): Joint Labour Commissioner Shri. Manjunath Sastry, Prof. G K Karanth, Prof. V M Rao, Prof. D Rajasekhar, Prof Gopal K Kadekodi, and Shri. Prem Maini (of ILO, Hyderabad), during the workshop.

Prof. G K Kadekodi presided over the inaugural session, while Prof. G K Karanth chaired the technical session. Mr. Prem Maini, National Project Coordinator, Preventing, Eliminating Bonded Labour in South Asia (PEBLISA), ILO, delivered the inaugural address drawing attention to the ILO's persistent efforts and interventions in the area of debt bondage in South Asian countries.

In the technical session, presentations on the findings relating to the reach of MFPs to the poorest households, the extent to which MFPs had reduced the vulnerability to debt bondage of members, and the best practices for MFPs based on the study findings, were made by Shri N L Narasimha Reddy, PLF, Kum. Suchitra J. Y., CDD, ISEC, and Prof. D Rajasekhar, CDD, ISEC, respectively.

This was followed by group discussions and presentations by the participants in the plenary. Prof. D Rajasekhar co-ordinated the workshop.

Dr. V K R V Rao Awards

The VKRV Rao Awards in Social Science Research were instituted by the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, with the main objective of recognising the contribution of young social scientists to the development of knowledge.

The VKRV Rao Awards for the year 2003 were presented to the following academicians on November 19, 2005, at a function held at ISEC:

Prof. Sugata Marjit (Economics), Prof. Shivganesh Bhargava (Management), Prof. Kalpana Kannabiran (Social Aspects of Law), Prof. Manohar Rao (Economics—presented posthumously).



Prof. Sugata Marjit



Prof. S Bhargava



Prof. Kalpana Kannabiran



Prof. Manohar Rao

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