



ISEC News

Vol. 18

July-December 2011

No. 2



From the Director's Desk . . .

I am satisfied with this pace... but that does not necessarily reflect our true potential. I am convinced that we can do far better than this and we are striving hard to keep that promise.... Faculty colleagues, staff and students are participating with a strong zeal in this process of reaching academic excellence.

*T*aking a periodic review of the activities in the Institute helps in understanding the direction and pace of academic work as well as identifying the problem areas to be tackled in the course of development of the Institute. This exercise should not be taken as a routine drill but it should provide us a path for comparative understanding of our own accomplishments and shortfalls. I am happy that during the past six months, the activities in the Institute have sustained the earlier pace and pattern. An important task of faculty evaluation has been completed satisfactorily and provided good inputs for the faculty members and the Board of Governors. All the faculty colleagues cooperated and participated in the process of evaluation wholeheartedly and, I hope, they were able to pick up a few threads to move further towards excellence. I am quite pleased to record here the activities undertaken in the past six months with a sense of fulfillment, happiness as well as to kindle our thinking for future.

During the last six months, the faculty and staff of the Institute were busy with a number of seminars, research projects and other academic activities. In this period, we organised 22 seminars at the Institute, averaging almost three events a month. These were attended by the faculty members as also invitees from outside. There were eight important events including a Training Programme in Econometrics for officers belonging to Indian Statistical Services; an International Post-Graduate Course on 'Approaching the Environment in India – Issues and Methods in the Study of the Nature-Economy-Society Interface' for the students from Nordic countries; another Training Workshop organised jointly with the University of Groningen, the Netherlands, on 'Qualitative Data Analysis on Population Studies'. Above all these, we organised the most prestigious International Conference on 'Adaptive Management of Ecosystems: The Knowledge Systems of Societies for Adaptation and Mitigation of Impacts of Climate Change' jointly with The International Humboldt Kolleg. This was a strong interdisciplinary event to mark close ties between India and Germany. In this Kolleg natural scientists along with social scientists debated many crucial issues for over two days. We have now successfully opened a long-awaited interface with sciences and plan to proceed further. Another important participation of ISEC in current policy debates came through the Mid-Term Appraisal of the 11th Five-Year Plan of Karnataka sponsored by the Planning Department of the Government of Karnataka at ISEC. Discussions covered all the important sectors of the State economy. The discussions were well attended by policy-makers and academicians.

This year's Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture was delivered by the most illustrious literary giant Dr Chandrashekhara Kambara, Jnana Peetha Awardee of the State. Prof U R Ananthamurthy, another celebrated academican and Jnana Peetha Award winner, delivered a public lecture on 'Ethics for our Times – Essays in Gandhian Perspective' while releasing the book written by Prof M V Nadkarni, Honorary Visiting Professor of ISEC. There were a few more public lectures arranged during the period. But overall the pace of public lecture series has gone down and needs a boost.

Research projects are one of the most important activities of the faculty members. The usual flow of the projects and research studies is maintained. However, the pace of the completed projects has slowed down slightly due to the density of other activities. During

the last six months we could complete 10 research projects and undertook eight new research studies. Among the completed studies, analysis of the state budgetary resources allocated to agricultural sector across the states in India and the impact of macro management of agriculture provided important pointers. It was noted that across states, the share of budgetary resource to agriculture has been shrinking. Unfortunately, this is true even about the predominantly agriculture-dependent state economies and that sounds a warning bell for the sector. The impact of the macro-management projects is varying across regions and incidentally the point of worry is Karnataka. Another study on 'Estimation of Public and Private Investments and Consumption of Goods and Services in Karnataka' evoked significant interest among the policy-makers in the State. It was well received in the policy circles. An ethnographic study on Kaniyan and Kanyan castes of Karnataka will make an impact on understanding of Karnataka's typical caste groups. Among the new projects, we are focusing on only socially relevant issues such as Problems of Child Labour, Status of Women, Land Policy Administration and issues in Agricultural Marketing. It is a point of pride to report that Prof P G Chengappa has joined the Institute as ICAR National Professor and he has taken up a very innovative research agenda focusing on 'Changing Consumption Pattern in India – Need for Market Intervention'. He is also leading a few researchers in new areas of research.

The Institute had initiated a few orientation courses to build the capacity of young researchers. As a part of this initiative the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR) was held in November. The participants were drawn from universities, research and capacity-building institutions, technocrats and young researchers.

Another initiative, Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS), was continued with the support of and in collaboration with Bangalore University, Karnataka Knowledge Commission and the Department of Pre-University Education. An orientation was organised for 25 students who excelled in the competitive exam and won scholarships.

During this period, the faculty members have demonstrated a good publication record with 8 books and 35 research articles of which 21 research articles were in reputed journals. We have also published 8 Working Papers and the demand for our Working Papers and Monographs is steadily increasing. I am happy that some of these papers and our research inputs have been referred to in wider academic circles across countries. ISEC had kept up its participation in various academic, professional and administrative bodies. The interface with policy comes out very clearly when one looks at the membership of our faculty members on many important policy bodies. Our representation is not just as one of the many but provides quite a few policy pointers and changes.

The Biannual Seminars of PhD students were held during the period. A number of academicians from Bangalore and students attended the Biannual Seminars. Prof Ashutosh Varshey, VKRK Rao Chair Professor, also could spend time with the PhD students. Prof Sandeep Shastry (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Jain University), Prof P Hanumantha Rayappa, Prof S Bisaliya (former Vice-Chancellor, the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore) and Prof K K Seethamma (Department of Economics, Bangalore University) participated in the seminars as Special Discussants and provided useful feedback to the students. During this period, four students obtained PhD degrees from the University of Mysore.

Recent debates on the World Social Science Report 2010 brought Social Science Research to the centre-stage of discussions among academicians all over. There is now a strong recognition of development of institutions in Social Science Research both at the input level as well as in terms of quality of research and its social relevance. Attracting good talent in the field of Social Science Research is a major challenge and more than that those who are continuously busy in enhancing this have to worry about keeping the quality and emerging issues at the centre-stage. Three significant changes are noted in the recent past, viz., globalisation and its impact, emerging new social science organisations including Non-Governmental Organisations and the role of new technologies and technologists. All these are together bringing forth new challenges to all of us. ISEC is trying to negotiate with these challenges while keeping the pace and quality of researches in tune with the changing world. ISEC faculty had participated significantly in the process of analysing these changes as well as debating the strategy and path of improving Social Science Research. We are also becoming participants in the process of internationalisation of Social Science Research in order to keep pace with the changing world of social science and participate in the process of bridging the gap created through knowledge divide by collaborating with different institutions and individuals in the country and across the world.

I am satisfied with this pace compared with a few peer institutions but that does not necessarily reflect our true potential. I am convinced that we can do far better than this and we are striving hard to keep that promise. Critically viewing our shortcomings helps us to bridge those crucial divides and move forward. Faculty colleagues, staff and students are participating with a strong zeal in this process of reaching academic excellence. There are bottlenecks of many types and the journey is not so smooth. There are many opportunities to surge ahead and we need to pick them with our strengths in view. We need to take on the challenge most optimistically. We are also happy to note that we have effected quite a few changes and moving forward in the right direction.

R S Deshpande
Director

1. ISEC-NCI International Post-Graduate Course on 'Approaching the Environment in India – Issues and Methods in the Study of the Nature-Economy-Society Interface'

The Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources (CEENR), Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) in association with the Nordic Centre in India (NCI), Sweden, organised a four-week inter-disciplinary course on **Approaching the Environment in India – Issues and Methods in the Study of the Nature-Economy-Society Interface** for post-graduate students from Nordic countries. Totally 19 students from universities in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland participated in the course which is equivalent to 10 or 7.5 ECTS (European Union Credits).

The first week of the course introduced the participants to People, Culture, Environment, Ecological History, Polity and Governance in India. This was followed by topics on Environmental/ Ecological Economics, Valuation of Environmental Goods and Services, Population, Demography and Health Issues, Economics and Institutional Aspects of Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development with Indian Perspective.

In the second week, the students learnt about Growth and Environment – The Environmental Kuznets Curve, Indian Agriculture, Conservation and Management of Forest Ecosystem under different Regimes, CPRs, Social Forestry and Joint Forest Planning and Management (JFPM), Groundwater Use and Abuse, Water Institutions and Water Sector Reforms, Conservation and Development of Watersheds, Sewage and Solid Waste Management and Treatment.

The third week covered themes on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), Ecological Architecture and Sustainable City, Rainwater Harvesting, Livestock–Environment Interactions, Gender and Environment, Conservation and Development of Lakes in Bangalore, Environmental Governance, Environmental Policy – (Land, Water and Pollution-related Policies), Natural Resource Management through Decentralized Governance and Environmental Law and Administration.

The fourth week dealt with themes on Climate Change, Urbanisation and Environment, Fiscal Policy and Environmental Governance and Environmental Movements in India.



ISEC Director Prof R S Deshpande and CEENR faculty members with the students from the Nordic countries.

The students were taken to two field visits – (a) Natural Farming (Kollegal), Sacred Groves (Coorg) and Sewage and Solid Waste Management and Treatment Plant (Mysore) (b) Watershed Development Project – Hassan and Chickballapur districts. The participants were also taken for a half-day visit to green buildings and lakes in and around Bangalore.

The field visits were meant to practically make the students aware of various aspects related to the environmental problems and solutions in India.

The course participants were assessed based on the assignments, book reviews, their participation in classes and seminar presentations. The resource



(From Left) Dr Syed Ajmal Pasha, Associate Professor, CEENR; Professor G K Karanth, Director-in-Charge, ISEC; and Prof K N Ninan, Head, CEENR, giving away the course certificates to participants during the valedictory held on August 5, 2011.

persons for the course were drawn both from within the Institute as well as from outside.

Prof R S Deshpande, Director, ISEC, welcomed the course participants and Prof G K Karanth, Professor, Centre for Study of Social Change and Development, ISEC, addressed the participants on 'Environmental Issues in India'.

At the valedictory function, Prof G K Karanth, Director In-Charge, ISEC, and Prof K N Ninan,

Head, CEENR, ISEC, distributed the certificates to the course participants. Representative from NCI, India, Mrs Christabel Royan, was present at the valedictory function. Feedback on both academic and administrative aspects of the course was obtained from the participants by circulating a structured feedback form, designed for the course.

Dr Syed Ajmal Pasha, Associate Professor, CEENR, ISEC, coordinated the course.

2. Non-Residential Course on 'Administrative, Managerial and Engineering Training for Engineers from BWSSB'

The Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources (CEENR), Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), in association with the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), Bangalore, organised a one-week training course on **Administrative, Managerial and Engineering Training for Engineers from BWSSB** to the newly recruited Assistant Engineers from BWSSB. Totally 25 engineers participated in the course.

The resource persons for the course were drawn both from within the Institute and outside.

A day's field visit was arranged to the project area, where issues related to systematic approach to project management were addressed. After the field visit, the participants made presentations in groups covering project design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

Prof R S Deshpande, Director, ISEC, welcomed the course participants. Sri A R Panduranga, KAS, Chief Administrative Officer-cum-Secretary, BWSSB, was the chief guest.

At the valedictory function, Sri Narayana, Chief Engineer, Cauvery, BWSSB, delivered the valedictory



Sri Narayana, Chief Engineer, Cauvery, BWSSB; and ISEC Director Prof R S Deshpande distributing certificates to the course participants.

address. The Director distributed the certificates to the course participants. Feedback on both academic and administrative aspects of the course was obtained from the participants by circulating a structured feedback form, designed for the course.

Dr Syed Ajmal Pasha, Associate Professor, CEENR, ISEC, coordinated the course.

3. Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS)

In continuation of the Institute's Social Science Talent Scheme, 25 successful students of the 2011-12 batch were provided an orientation at ISEC for two days on August 6-7, 2011. Several distinguished persons from academics, media and senior officials of the Government of Karnataka addressed the students about the importance of social science education for purposes of knowledge-building, career and policy-making. The orientation was carried out under the guidance of Professor R S Deshpande, Director, ISEC.

Dr K G Gayathri Devi and Dr M Lingaraju coordinated the programme.



Students chosen for scholarships under the SSTSS seen with ISEC Director R S Deshpande, Faculty members Dr K G Gayathri Devi and Dr M Lingaraju and others.

4. Workshop on Qualitative Data Analysis for Population Studies

The Population Research Centre of ISEC, Bangalore, and the University of Groningen, the Netherlands, jointly organised a Training Workshop on 'Qualitative Data Analysis for Population Studies' during August 16-20, 2011 at ISEC, Bangalore. Nineteen participants attended the workshop.

The objective of the workshop was to introduce the qualitative research cycle framework for conducting qualitative research and to refresh the knowledge

about qualitative methods and data management. The programme included demonstration of use of qualitative data analysis package. One whole session was devoted to writing of qualitative data.

The workshop was inaugurated by Prof R S Deshpande, Director, ISEC. The resource persons for the workshop were Dr Ajay Bailey, Dr Shrinivas Darak from Groningen University and Prof K S James from ISEC, Bangalore.

5. International Conference on Adaptive Management of Ecosystems: The Knowledge Systems of Societies for Adaptation and Mitigation of Impacts of Climate Change

The International Humboldt Kolleg (IHK), titled **Adaptive Management of Ecosystems: The Knowledge Systems of Societies for Adaptation and Mitigation of Impacts of Climate Change**, was organised at ISEC during October 19-21, 2011, with support from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. The event was to commemorate the 60th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries with the theme *Germany and India – Infinite Opportunities*. The IHK was convened by Dr Sunil Nautiyal (Humboldt Fellow) who is currently an Associate Professor at the Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources, ISEC.

The IHK was inaugurated by the Governor of Karnataka, Dr Hans Raj Bhardwaj, and the Chief Minister of the state, Shri D V Sadananda Gowda. In his address, Dr Bhardwaj stated that the bilateral relations between Germany and India were characterised by mutual respect, understanding and support and therefore, a year-long Germany-India celebration assumes a special significance. He lauded the great contribution of Alexander von Humboldt to nature, science and society. He said the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation had been promoting academic cooperation between scientists and scholars not only in Germany but also elsewhere. Shri Sadananda Gowda appreciated the theme of the IHK being organised at ISEC pointing out that the climate changes the world was witnessing today were going to affect the poor more. To leash this problem, there was an urgent need to invest more and more in technology and ensure a clean and green human world, he added.

The keynote lecture on 'The Climate Change Challenge: The Common Destiny for the North and the South' was delivered by eminent scholar Prof Juergen P



Karnataka Governor Dr Hans Raj Bhardwaj (centre) being received by ISEC Director Prof R S Deshpande and ISEC Board of Governors Chairman Prof K R S Murthy at the International Humboldt Kolleg (IHK) held at the Institute during October 19-21, 2011.

Kropp, Head, North-South Research Group, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Germany. A panel discussion was held by Professors S L Rao, B K Chandrashekar, M V Nadkarni, Ravindranath and K G Saxena on the theme, 'Ethical Analysis of Climate Dilemma! How to Solve'. Three special lectures were given during the conference. Prof R S Deshpande spoke on 'Social Dimensions of Climate Change

Adaptation' while Prof Judith Schildt's lecture 'Exzellenz weltweit: Be Part of a Worldwide Network' focused on the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's pursuit to advance the dialogue between the East and the West. Prof B K Chandrashekar spoke on 'People with us on Climate Change'. The IHK was spread over 18 technical sessions under seven different themes where eminent scholars presented their research findings.

The response of researchers from many countries to IHK 2011 was very encouraging. We have received more than 400 abstracts and after rigorous review process 120 abstracts were finally selected for the presentation in IHK, ISEC. In the three-day IHK, a total of 104 papers were presented in 18 technical sessions (under 7 different themes). Under the themes 1-6 there were 3 parallel sessions each and under theme 7 there were 4 parallel sessions. About 175 delegates from India, Germany, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Australia and Switzerland participated.

The three-day conference discussed a wide range of issues – from sustainable development,



Dr Sunil Nautiyal, Associate Professor, ISEC, welcoming the gathering at the International Humboldt Kolleg (IHK). On the dais are (from left) ISEC Director Prof R S Deshpande; Prof Juergen P Kropp, an authority on climate changes; Karnataka Chief Minister Shri D V Sadananda Gawda; State Governor Dr Hans Raj Bhardwaj; Prof K R S Murthy, Chairman, ISEC Board of Governors; and Prof Judith Schildt.

climate change, bio-diversity conservation, equity and governance to vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, human-environment interactions and political economy of climate change, nuclear science, Biochemical toxicology, Environmental toxicology, Environmental biology etc.

6. Certificate Course in Methods & Applications in Social Science Research

In continuation of its on-going CCMASR Programme launched in 2010, the Institute organised the third residential course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research during November 14-25, 2011. The participants hailing from different parts of India comprised social science degree holders (two of them with doctoral degrees and working as associate professors in university colleges, one a bio-technology expert and one a mechanical engineer from Infosys, Bangalore). They sought to keep abreast of the recent developments in social science research methodology. In all, the two-week course consisted of 25 sessions; each lecture was followed by an interesting discussion. The sessions were interspersed with 'hands-on exercises' on preparing data gathering sheets, check-lists and data analysis. The course ended with a valedictory session at which ISEC Director Prof R S Deshpande distributed certificates to the participants.



ISEC Director R S Deshpande, Registrar Sri Narayanan, Faculty members Dr K G Gayathri Devi and Dr M Lingaraju during the valedictory session of the Certificate Course.

Dr K G Gayathri Devi, Associate Professor, CEENR, co-ordinated the course with assistance from Dr M Lingaraju, Assistant Professor, CHRD, and Sri K S Narayana, Assistant Registrar (Acad), ISEC.

7. Workshop on Mid-Term Appraisal of the 11th Five-Year Plan of Karnataka

A workshop on 'Mid-term Appraisal of the 11th Five-year Plan of Karnataka' was organised on November 17, 2011 at ISEC. Findings of two studies that were undertaken, 'Study of monitorable indicators in Karnataka' and 'Performance of flagship programmes in Karnataka' at the instance of Planning Commission, Government of India, were discussed at the workshop. There were two sessions in the workshop: the first was chaired by Prof Deshpande, Director, ISEC. Mr Basith, Senior Director, Planning Department, Government of Karnataka spoke about the study. Prof Madheswaran, Project Coordinator, ISEC, spoke about the workshop. Prof Mihir Rakshit, eminent economist and Director,

Monetary Research Project, ICRA Ltd., Kolkata, presented the inaugural address followed by a brief discussion. The session ended with a vote of thanks by Dr K Gayithri.

The second session was chaired by Mr Basith, Senior Director, Planning Department, Government of Karnataka. The session included presentations by Prof Parmod Kumar, Prof S Madheswaran, Prof M D Usha Devi, Ms B P Vani, Prof K S James and Dr K Gayithri on both the studies. This was followed by a fruitful discussion. Participants included officers from Planning and line departments, Government of Karnataka, and ISEC faculty and students. The studies were coordinated by Prof S Madheswaran and Dr K Gayithri.

8. Two Weeks of Econometrics Training Programme for ISS Officers at ISEC

The Centre for Economics Studies and Policy (CESP), ISEC, organised an econometrics training programme for ISS officers. Totally, 16 officers participated in the training programme. During the first week of the course, participants were introduced to Basic Econometric Techniques while the second week focused on Advanced Time Series Techniques. The resource persons for the course were drawn both from within the Institute and from other institutions like Indian Statistical Institute, Madras School of Economics, Pondicherry University etc.

Prof R S Deshpande, Director, ISEC, welcomed the course participants and distributed certificates to the participants in the valedictory session. Feedback on both academic and administrative aspects of the course were obtained from the participants by



ISEC Director Prof R S Deshpande flanked by CESP faculty members (left) Ms B P Vani and (right) Prof S Madheswaran during the Econometrics Training Programme for ISS officers.

circulating a structured feedback form, designed for the course. The course was well appreciated by the participants.

9. Annual Meeting of the Directors of the ICSSR Research Institutes

The Annual Meeting of Directors of ICSSR Research Institutes was successfully held in the Institute during December 22-23, 2011. Prof R S Deshpande, Director, welcomed the members. Prof KRS Murthy, Chairman, Board of Governors, was the Chief Guest. Prof S K Thorat, Chairperson, ICSSR, provided opening remarks. The Directors/representatives of ICSSR institutions made presentations regarding their academic achievements during the current year. The recommendations/observations of Government of India's Review Committee Report pertaining to ICSSR Research Institutes were discussed. A follow-up one-day colloquium discussed issues in Social Science Research as decided in the last meeting



Prof S K Thorat, Chairperson, ICSSR, opening the Annual Meeting of Directors of ICSSR Research Institutes held at ISEC during December 22-23, 2011.

of the Directors held at Lucknow. The meeting discussed the 12th Five-Year Plan Proposal relating to Research Institutes which was presented by ICSSR to

MHRD. The meet also discussed utilisation of funds by research institutes. As part of the meet, a cultural programme was organised in the Institute.

10. Seminar on Citizenship, the State and Expanding the Boundaries of Democracy

The Centre for Political Institutions, Governance and Development of the Institute organised a one-day seminar on **Citizenship, the State and Expanding the Boundaries of Democracy** on December, 28, 2011. The main theme of the workshop was citizenship. The main ideas that informed the seminar are: Citizenship is often viewed as legal citizenship. While citizenship within a nation-state finds its basis in legality, the concept is also crucially linked to larger society. Social citizenship is far more complex and is related to the phenomenon of social hierarchies and social difference. The latter two have a crucial bearing on citizenship in any democracy. In this context, the major debates on citizenship have been around broadening the citizenship from formal-legal one to a broader and more expansive social citizenship. Scholars such as Naila Kabeer call it inclusive citizenship, in the sense that the expansive concept specifically makes an attempt to theorize and describe the inclusion in the citizenship of those who are outside its substantive purview; this may often be owing to social, economic or political marginalisation. In this context, the question of juxtaposing the formal legal concept with the issues of class, gender, caste and ethnicity have been prominent. The role of civil society too has been both to expand the scope of citizenship and broaden the arena of democracy.

Keeping this context in background, this seminar dealt with the relationship between the state and citizenship, the ways of defining citizenship, class and citizenship, gender and citizenship, expanding rights as a means of expanding citizenship and the role of civil society in both expanding citizenship and broadening democracy. The seminar debated some of these issues in the backdrop of evolving standard formats and identities for citizenship and engaged in a broad ranging participation on how we elaborate and understand citizenship in today's India. The main speakers in the seminar were Professor Rowena Robinson from IIT, Bombay, Mumbai, Professor Arun Kumar Patnaik, from University of Hyderabad, Dr R Ramakumar, from TISS, Mumbai, Dr Manohar S Yadav, ISEC, and Dr V Anil Kumar, ISEC. Professor Rowena Robinson spoke on minorities and citizenship, Professor Arun Kumar Patnaik spoke on citizenship, subject and development, Dr Ramakumar spoke on Adhar (UIDAI) and citizenship, Dr Manohar S Yadav spoke on Dalits and citizenship and Dr V Anil Kumar spoke on civil society and citizenship. The seminar involved intense debates on the multi-dimensional concept of citizenship and its significance in contemporary Indian democracy and society.

11. Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture



Dr Chandrashekhara Kambar, Jnanapeeth Award winner, delivering the Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture on December 29, 2011.

Dr Chandrashekhara Kambar, Jnanapeeth Award winner, delivered the Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture on December 29, 2011 in the Institute.

During the lecture Dr Kambar found fault with the mindset of most Indians who tried to imitate the styles of foreign litterateurs instead of striving to imbibe the rich heritage of the native scholars. In his inimitable style, Dr Kambar enthralled the ISEC faculty members, staff and other invitees who attended the Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture.

Dr Kambar was felicitated on the occasion.

Lectures

ISEC Public Lecture

Prof U R Ananthamurthy, Jnanapeeth Award winner and well-known writer, delivered a public lecture on the topic "Ethics for Our Times – Essays in Gandhian Perspective" on July 12, 2011, at Jnanajyothi Seminar Hall, Central College Campus, Bangalore – 560 001. Prof C T Kurien, Visiting Professor, ISEC, and former Director and Chairman of MIDS, participated as the Chief Guest. Prof N Prabhu Dev, Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University, presided.

Seminars by Visitors

Right to Education in India — Prof Anil Sadgopal, Professor of Education, Delhi University (July 8, 2011).

Talk on Problems of Higher Education in India — Prof G Hargopal, Professor of Political Science, Central University of Hyderabad (July 8, 2011).

Furthering India's Trade Prospects with South Asia: An Analysis of India's Trade Policy Issues with Bangladesh — Dr Amrita Saha, SRTT Visiting Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (July 18, 2011).

Financial Crisis and After: India's Tentative Recovery — Mr Rajrishi Singhal, Head, Policy & Research, Government Banking Group, Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd., Mumbai (July 22, 2010).

Privilege and Prejudice: Negotiating Difference and Performing Transnationality in a Multinational Corporation — Dr Ranji Devadason, British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, Sociology, Politics and International Studies (SPAIS), University of Bristol, England, and Affiliate Postdoctoral Fellow with ISEC (July 26, 2011).

The World in Transition: Strategic Challenges in the 21st Century — Prof Gautam Sen, Member Board of Trustees, Indian Institute of Education, Pune (August 3, 2011).

Revealed Comparative Advantage of the Indian Fruits – A Study — Dr P Balamurugan, Research Associate, LBSRC, New Delhi, and SRTT Visiting Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (August 5, 2011).

Economic Spaces, Transition Cost and Peasant Migrations: An Explanatory Analysis — Dr R Vijay, Reader in Economics, University of Hyderabad, and SRTT Visiting Fellow, ISEC, Bangalore (August 5, 2011).

Implementing Right to Education Act (RTE) – Stakeholder's Perceptions and Challenges — Dr Satya S, Professor, Management Studies, Acharya Institute of Technology, Bangalore (August 19, 2011).

Madmen, Specialists and Preceding the Seminar — Prof Sanjeev Jain, DPM, MD, Molecular Genetics Laboratory, Department of Psychiatry, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Hosur Road, Bangalore (October 13, 2011).

Technology Interfacing the Social Sciences — Dr Wiebe Bijker, Professor of Technology & Society, Maastricht University, Netherlands (October 24, 2011).

External Trade and Internal Geography: Lessons from Research on Europe, China and India — Dr Arne Melchior, Senior Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Oslo, Norway (December 1, 2011).

Seminars by Faculty

Some Aspects of Agricultural Credit Policy in Karnataka — Dr Elumalai Kannan, Associate Professor, ADRTC, ISEC, Bangalore (July 01, 2011).

The Economics of Conserving Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services — Prof K N Ninan, Head, CEENR, ISEC, Bangalore (July 19, 2011).

Impact of NREGA on Wage Rate, Food Security and Rural-Urban Migration in Karnataka — Prof Parmod Kumar, Head, ADRTC, ISEC, Bangalore (August 1, 2011).

Crisis in Coir Industry in Karnataka and the Challenges Ahead — Dr C Nanjundaiah, Associate Professor, CESP, ISEC, Bangalore (August 10, 2011).

Urban Poverty: Competing Paradigms — Prof Supriya RoyChowdhury, Head, CPIGD, ISEC, Bangalore (August 16, 2011).

Semi-Arid Landscapes: From Biodiversity to Eco-diversity — Dr Sunil Nautiyal, Associate Professor, CEENR, ISEC, Bangalore (August 22, 2011).

Urban Governance and Planning in Karnataka — Dr V Anil Kumar, Assistant Professor, CPIGD, ISEC, Bangalore (August 24, 2011).

India within Seven Billion: Demographic Change and Its Implication — Prof KS James, Professor and Head, PRC, ISEC, Bangalore (October 31, 2011).

Seminars by Students

Economic Performance of Informal Sector during Liberalisation Period: An Empirical Study of India — Mr Indrajit Bairagya, PhD Scholar, CESP, ISEC, Bangalore (October 26, 2011). (Pre-submission Seminar).

Institutions and Practices: A Study of People's Planning Campaign and Kerala Development Programme — Mr Rajesh K, PhD Scholar, CSSCD, ISEC, Bangalore (December 17, 2011). (Pre-submission Seminar).

Research Projects

Completed Projects

1. **State Budgetary Resources and Agriculture Development (Consolidated Report) (Part-2)** (Dr G B Lokesh)
2. **The Impact of Macro Management of Agriculture: Schemes in Karnataka** (Dr Komol Singha)
3. **Preparation of Comprehensive District Development Plan for Chickaballapura District (CDDP-Chickaballapura Project)** (Prof D Rajasekhar and Dr M Devendra Babu)
4. **Pilot BPL Census Survey in Karnataka RD & PR, GoK** (Dr M Devendra Babu)
5. **Review of Developmental Programmes and Schemes of the Departments of Forest, Ecology and Environment. Expenditure Reforms Commission** (Dr Sunil Nautiyal)
6. **An Evaluation Study on Various Programmes/ Schemes Implemented At Various Coir Production Centers** (Dr C Nanjundaiah)
7. **Estimation of Public and Private Investments and Consumption of Goods and Services in Karnataka** (Prof M R Narayana and Ms B P Vani)
8. **District-level Funds Flow and Expenditure Analysis under NRHM in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu** (Dr K Gayithri)
9. **Kaniyan, Kanyan of Karnataka: An Ethnographic Study** (Dr V Ramaswamy)
10. **Development of Primary Health Care Systems and MCH Services in Karnataka** (Dr T N Bhat)

New Projects

1. **Population and Development: Transition in Southern States of India** (Dr C M Lakshmana)
2. **Land Policy and Administration** (Dr Manasi)
3. **Tariff Fixation for the Bangalore Metro Rail Project** (Prof R S Deshpande)
4. **Competitive Assessment of Onion Markets in India** (Prof R S Deshpande and Prof P G Chengappa)
5. **Status of Women in Karnataka – A Monograph** (Dr KG Gayathri Devi and Dr Lekha Subaiya)
6. **An Analysis of the Quality of HMIS Data in Karnataka: An Investigation using Portal and Field Data** (Prof K S James, Dr T N Bhat, Dr R Mutharayappa, Dr C M Lakshmana and Dr Dhananjay W Bansod)
7. **Quality of HMIS Data: A Study of Chamaraj Nagar and Udupi Districts in Karnataka** (Prof K S James, Dr T N Bhat, Dr C M Lakshmana and Dr Dhananjay W Bansod)
8. **A Study on Child Labour in Bangalore Urban District of Karnataka** (Dr R Mutharayappa)

Student News

Students' Biannual Seminar Series

The 25th Bi-annual Seminar series was conducted during December 12-17, 2011. In all, there were 34 presentations comprising one pre-submission seminar, 15 proposal seminars and 18 progress seminars. Prof V M Rao, Prof P H Rayappa, Prof C S Nagaraju, Prof Sandeep Shastry (Pro-Vice Chancellor, Jain University) and Prof K K Seethamma (Department of Economics, Bangalore University) participated in the seminars as Special Discussants.

PhD Awarded

Mr Patibandla Srikant (Political Science) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore for his thesis on 'Reconceptualising Rights: A Study of Micro Social Movements in India'. Prof Supriya Roy Chowdhury was his supervisor.

Ms Durba Biswas (Economics) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore for her thesis on 'Economic Valuation of Irrigation Water using Stated Preference Method: A Case Study in Malaprabha Basin, Karnataka, India'. Dr L Venkatachalam was her supervisor and Dr C Nanjundaiah was her co-guide.

Mr Rajdeep Singha (Economics) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore for his thesis on 'Multinational Corporations and Spillover Effects in the Indian Engineering Industries'. Dr K Gayithri was his supervisor.

Mr Jagannath Mallick (Economics) was awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore for his thesis on 'Private Investment and Economic Growth in India: An Empirical Analysis'. Prof M R Narayana was his supervisor.

Publications

Working Papers

An Overview

In all, 8 working papers were published during the period July-December 2011.

Nature and Dimensions of Farmers' Indebtedness in India and Karnataka (WP 267) by **Meenakshi Rajeev, B P Vani and Manojit Bhattacharjee** examines the nature and extent of farmers' indebtedness in India by using the unit record data from the 59th round of NSSO. It provides a comparative picture of the major Indian states and an in-depth analysis of Karnataka. The study has shown that Karnataka, though better placed than many other states in terms of access to credit, lags behind the states of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Punjab and Kerala. Moreover, it is the informal sector that is the source of credit up to fifty per cent, particularly in the case of poorer farmers, that too for income generating activities (IGA) and who end up paying higher rates of interest. This is in contrast to the situation in states like Maharashtra, Kerala, Orissa and West Bengal where more than 70 per cent of loan is availed by SC households, using a larger proportion of loan for IGA purposes. The first states with Gujarat have shown more gender sensitivity in this with more than 70 per cent of credit going to women headed households, thus setting a trend to be followed by the other states.

Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Elementary Education Delivery in Madhya Pradesh (WP 268), by **Reetika Syal** is a study of the elementary education system in the state of MP, where the involvement of CSOs began with individual efforts for curriculum innovation in the 1970s. The study shows that it is the persistent efforts of the civil society that culminated in their formal inclusion in the decentralised education structure in the later

years. The paper indicates that the CSOs not only work under a private-public partnership mode but this integration has led to many positive results such as a rise in attendance and retention rate, with the introduction of activity-based teaching-learning material in classrooms. It has also led to increased awareness and participation of parents and members of the village community in the delivery of elementary education within the school system. The paper makes a few policy suggestions in this regard recommending for a higher use of the CSOs in improving the delivery of elementary education to the maximum.

Amrita Ghatak and S Madheswaran's working paper (269) on **Burden of Income Loss due to Ailment in India: Evidence from NSS Data**, aims at investigating into the impact of health on labour productivity surrogated by income at the household level. The paper has used data from a nationally representative survey in the country, showing that the burden of income loss due to ailment is expectedly high among the poorest of the poor in both rural & urban areas. Not just this, it also forms a geographic contiguity across the six states of eastern and central India, a result of institutional failures to improve or ensure better quality of access to public health. Significant determinants of this state of affairs have been policy level variables (amenities, gender composition of the household or sex ratio of working members, literacy status) besides other socio-demographic factors like religion, age composition and social groups. The paper ends by emphasising that the health status of rural poor needs to be examined at the close of the NRHM this year to look for any improvements such as reduction in out of pocket expenditure and the loss of productivity affecting income earned by the poor.

In their working paper **Progressive Lending as a Dynamic Incentive Mechanism in Microfinance Group Lending Programmes: Empirical Evidence from India (270)**, **Naveen Kumar K and Veerashekhara** go beyond the established truth that microfinance through joint liability or group lending plays the key role in delivery of financial services to the excluded and vulnerable population and draw further attention to the principle of progressive lending as playing a vital role in sustaining the micro-finance groups in the delivery of services to their members. The authors show that group lending works with various dynamic incentives. Terming it as progressive lending, the paper shows that a typical borrower receives very small loan amounts initially and gains the opportunity of receiving larger

(Continued on page 14)

Manual scavenging still prevalent in two districts

ISEC study finds practice thrust upon poor Mehtars, Mangarodis

BANGALORE: Manual scavenging is still practised in many parts of the State with the condition of these social groups continuing to be pathetic and inhuman. This has been revealed by a new research study on the lives and problems of safai karmacharis.

ural Resources of the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore, found that manual scavenging has not been totally eradicated

families, "debunking a theory propounded by a section of sociologists who argue that non-SCs and non-Bhangis are attracted to get into such activities." Numerically small sub-castes of the Mehtars and Mangarodis, found in Gulbarga and a few other districts, are exclu-

logical perspective specifically focusing on understanding the intricate social relationship and socio-economic mobility among the scavenging social groups. It has come to light that most of the safai karmacharis are women but a majority of them lend their services on behalf of

are the bread winners in a majority of those households, but still remain unsung and marginalised not only by outsiders but also by their own kind and kin," says Gayathri Devi. The study also highlights that the government efforts are not focused on the community from a holistic, integrated per-

son or determined by whether the karmacharis are able to organise themselves or not. The study has also highlighted a positive trend. "The experience of being in the government service as safai karmacharis has resulted in occupational mobility for the sons of a few of them in terms of bus-

Imbalance: N-K yet to catch up with progress seen in rest of the State Census lesson: Think beyond B'lore

Vijesh Kamath

BANGALORE: It has been a year since the Directorate of Census Operations began releasing Census-2011 data for Karnataka.

The data released so far presents a picture of the evolving economic activity, literacy and education, urbanisation, fertility and mortality rate in the State providing the government with valuable information for policy intervention and for fine-tuning various programmes.

The data throws light on a number of aspects like what Karnataka has achieved in the last 10 years, since the last census in 2001, where it stands in terms of development and progress and the government's response to the data.

The latest census data reveals that the urban-rural divide is still wide open. Districts of North Karnataka continue to lag behind. This despite the State government earmarking thousands of crores of rupees in successive budgets for talukas under the jurisdiction of Bangalore Division of the Department of Pre-university Education. These colleges are located in the districts of Bangalore Urban, Bangalore Rural, Chikballapur, Kolar and Ramnagar.

Statistics speak. Karnataka may be above the national average in terms of literacy rate, but most parts of the State, especially areas in North Karnataka, have a lot of catching up to do in terms of raising the level of literacy. Bangalore may be the global showpiece of Karnataka, but the same State has districts such as Yadgir with a female literacy rate of 41.31 per cent, which is much below the national average of 65.46 per cent.

Mixed bag
Prof K S James of the Population Research Centre, Institute of Social and Economic

lagging behind for a long time and it would take some time for them to catch up, he points out. James feels the trend of big-city cities expanding further would lead to concentration of investment there and smaller cities being ignored. A case in point is Bangalore. The State capital has been growing like never before clocking one of the highest decadal growth among metros in the country.

The total population of BBMP areas, as per the 2011 census, stands at 84.25 lakh up from 57.01 lakh 10 years ago. But, unlike many other states, Karnataka does not have tier-II 'boom' cities.

The State has now 20 cities with a population of more than one lakh, but as per the census data not a single city has shown the potential of emerging as a popular employment destination and economic hub.

James says the State government should take serious note of the census data and take remedial steps.

Unhealthy trend
Another renowned population expert and former professor at ISEC, K M Raju, points out that the census figures reflect that Karnataka has lagged behind in implementing various programmes compared to neighbouring states. "In the initial years, Karnataka started off well, being ahead of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh on the health front. Both the states have now caught up with Karnataka. Poor implementation of programmes reflect lack of political will," Raju said.

On the positive side, Raju said the penetration of cellular phones and television into rural areas has been remarkable. This would help rural people to connect with the world, he



PRECARIOUS: With government's focus fixed on the North Karnataka continue to remain backward.

Statistics

- Seven districts contribute 66 per cent of the 81 lakh increase in population since 2001
- Bangalore Urban with 15.69 per cent share of the population is the most populous district
- Only three districts - Bangalore, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi have achieved the 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12) target of crossing 85 per cent literacy level.
- Eight districts - Bagalkot, Bellary, Koppal, Bijapur, Gulbarga, Chamarajanagar, Raichur and Yadgir have female literacy rate below 60 per cent
- Bangalore has the lowest sex ratio of 908 females for every 1000 males

'PM's rehab package not reaching deserving farmers'

BANGALORE: Implementation of the Prime Minister's Rehabilitation Package for farmers in suicide-prone districts in the State has come a cropper.

The government has failed to spend allocations made for the payment of ex gratia amount to distressed families of farmers and distribution of certified seeds, according to an evaluation study.

The study conducted by professors M J Bhende and P Thiappaiah of the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore, has also noted that the government has disbursed the ex gratia amount to 'rich farmers' and not to the actual beneficiaries. The study was conducted in Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Maharashtra too.

The report says the State government has disbursed Rs 1.77 crore of the total allocation of Rs three crore towards ex-



"Some of the beneficiaries were either office-bearers of milk cooperative societies or had some connections with officials in the Karnataka Milk Federation or the officials from the Animal Husbandry Department," the study said.

The experts said that most of the farmers in the suicide-prone districts benefited from one or the other scheme of the PM package. However, "the existing policy 'penalises' the borrowers who promptly repay loans. The government should not waive the loans of all the borrowers and should pursue policy of selective loan waiver based on socio-economic condition of the farmer," they suggested.

The entire package involved Rs 16,978.69 crore consisting of Rs 10,579.43 crore (62.31 per cent) subsidy/grants and Rs 3,399.26 crore (37.69 per cent) as loans. A sum of Rs 9,650.55 crore (56.84 per cent) was allotted to Andhra Pradesh, Rs 2,689.64 crore (15.84 per cent) to Karnataka, Rs 765.24 crore (4.51 per cent) to Kerala and Rs 3,873.26 crore (22.81 per cent) to Maharashtra.

DN News Service

For grants' sake, rural

The level of urbanisation in Karnataka increased from 33.99 per cent in 2001 to 38.57 per cent in 2011, while the rural population declined from 66.01 per cent to 61.43 per cent in absolute terms, while 3.75



Social Science Talent Search

Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, offers the Social Science Talent Search Scheme to rejuvenate and foster social sciences in India. The main purpose is to identify talented students to get into social sciences and nurture them, so as to produce bright torchbearers for future policy making in the state and the country.

The 25 students selected...

VIEW FROM THE TOP



We don't have a practice of citizens' budget in the country. The central government doesn't ask states while framing Union budget, state governments don't seek needs of districts while making state budgets; similarly BBMP does not ask its citizens what they need in their city budget. This is a sheer lack of political will. A budget has two components—routine works determined by the administrative officers and developmental works which should emerge from the citizens' needs. There should be a discussion between the corporators, engineers, citizens and experts on infrastructure to downsize the lists as per the need and feasibility of the municipal corporation to fulfil those needs."

- RS Deshpande | DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE

'State-run universities facing threat'

DNA Correspondent • BANGALORE

Director of Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Ram Deshpande, said state-run universities are crippled by the commercialisation of education. "We may come to a stage where private institutions call the shots and state-run institutions become centres of mediocrity," he said. He was partic-

ipating in a round-table discussion on whether private universities are a boon or a bane organised by ABVP on Wednesday.

Professor HA Ranganath, director of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), said students should opt for private universities only if state-run institutions fail to meet expectations.

(Continued from page 11)

sums of loan as a result of good repayment record. Based on a primary survey conducted in Karnataka, it establishes a link between theoretical and empirical relationship between this and its determinants in joint liability lending approach. It establishes that the groups with high institutional and financial sustainability will also increase progressive lending and influence thereby the sustainability of the groups in the long run. Thus, the gap between the inaccessible low cost formal banking sector and the accessible high cost informal sector is bridged.

Decentralisation and Interventions in Health Sector: A Critical Inquiry into the Experience of Local Self-Governments in Kerala (WP 271) by **M Benson Thomas and K Rajesh** is an analysis of the process of transition in the healthcare sector in the last two decades. This is set against the Kerala model of decentralization launched with an emphasis on people's planning campaign in 1996 following the 73rd and 74th constitutional amendments and the passing of the Kerala Panchayat Raj Nagara Palika Act. The new system aimed at strengthening the public health care system with improvement in the quality of service delivery. The paper upholds that decentralization led to improvement in infrastructure facilities, outreach, accessibility by the needy, better accountability and widening of the delivery of health care services. However, the study has also drawn attention towards certain failures such as addressing nutritional imbalances, social security of the aged, diseases caused by lifestyle and changes in morbidity. The paper calls for a comprehensive health policy that ensures functional autonomy for these decentralized bodies to address the anomalies and continued exclusion in certain respects or functions.

The Working Paper **Determinants of Migration and Remittance in India: Empirical Evidence (272)** by **Jajati Keshari Parida and S Madheswaran** is an attempt to study migration behaviour of Indian internal migrants combining both Todaro's individual utility maximizing behaviour and Stark's household approach. It is based on the theoretical model referring to the joint utility maximization principle with the migrant and his family members as the two agents, who try to maximize their utility in two different situations: one, where the migrant stays outside one's home as a migrant and second, where he stays at home or returns. Using the NSS data for 2007-08, the model is used to empirically estimate determinants of migration in both cases. The study has shown that

individual characteristics like age, marital status and human capital endowments, household characteristics of caste, land possession and so on have immense influence on migration decision and remittances.

Repayment of Short-Term Loans in the Formal Credit Market: The Role of Accessibility to Credit from Informal Sources is the working paper (273) by **Manojit Bhattacharjee and Meenakshi Rajeev**. It attempts to link the problem of non-repayment in formal credit market with accessibility to credit from informal sources. While the studies have hitherto shown that poorer households often became victims of usurious rates of interest charged by informal lenders and even lose their valuable properties, this study sheds light on the fact that more unfavourable were the terms of loan from a moneylender compared to a formal agency, better was the chance of a borrower making timely repayment and be eligible to a formal loan on a recurring basis. The paper establishes the theoretical conditions for this based on NSSO (India), database and examines the impact for short term loans.

Malini Tantri's working paper (274) **Special Economic Zones in India: Are these Enclaves Efficient?** addresses the question of economic utility of SEZs in India. It argues that the emphasis in the contemporary debate on SEZs is much more on the issue of establishment and sanctioning procedures and land grabbing etc, while the question of improving the efficiency of trade and tradable goods to attract foreign exchange is almost forgotten. The paper analyses the above issue within the framework of stochastic production frontier technique. It shows that there is scope for improvement in the efficiency of the existing enclaves and that there is a widening gap between zones earning better export value and those which are efficient, thereby posing a challenge to policy makers. The study recommends that there is scope for further disciplining and revamping the structure of SEZs for better efficiency.

Books Published/Edited

Deshpande, R S

'*Water and Livelihood*'. Hyderabad: Centre for Economic and Social Studies, September 2011. (Monograph)

Devi, K G Gayathri

(with D Rajasekhar and V Anil Kumar) '*Institutional Design for Tackling Child Labour Problem*'. New Delhi: Concept Publications, 2011.

Kumar, V Anil

(with D Rajasekhar and K G Gayathri Devi) 'Institutional Design for Tackling Child Labour Problem'. New Delhi: Concept Publications, 2011.

(with Sathyanarayana Sangita) 'Decentralised Governance and Planning in Karnataka, India'. Cambridge Scholar's Publishing, September 2011.

Lakshmana, C M

'Population Change and Health Care'. New Delhi: Rawat Publications

Nautiyal, Sunil

'Development of Rural and Peri-urban Landscapes: Socioeconomic and Ecological Perspectives of Urbanization in India'. Germany: Lambert Academic Publishing, October 2011.

Rajasekhar, D

(with K G Gayathri Devi and V Anil Kumar) 'Institutional Design for Tackling Child Labour Problem'. New Delhi: Concept Publications, 2011.

Sangita, S N

(with Anil Kumar V) 'Decentralised Governance and Planning in Karnataka, India'. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, July 2011.

Syamala, T S

'Menopause: An Emerging Issue in India'. Germany: Lambert Academic Publishing GmbH, September 2011.

Umamani, K S

'Mate Selection and Age at Marriage among Rural Females: A Study of the Vokkaliga Community in Karnataka'. USA & UK: Lambert Academic Publishing, July 2011.

'NRHM at Crossroads: An Appraisal from Karnataka, India.' USA & UK: Lambert Academic Publishing, July 2011.

Articles Published in Journals/ Edited Books

Bhat, T N

(with R Mutharayappa) 'Demographic Situation and Morbidity: Among the Elderly in Karnataka'. *Indian Journal of Humanities*, 1 (3), July-September, 2011.

Deshpande, R S

'Asoka Mehta: Legendary Economic Visionary'. *Janata*, 66 (41), November 13, 2011.

Bansod, Dhananjay Wamanrao

(with M Lingaraju) 'Karnataka's Development in Health Sector: An Overview'. In Jayasheela, V B Hans, Ravindra Kumar and Vilas Kadrolkar (eds), *Service Sector in India: A Sector Analysis*. New Delhi: Global Research Publications, 2012. (Published in December 2011)

Gayithri, K

(with Rajdeep Singha) 'Role of Infrastructure in the Industrial development of Karnataka'. In Rudra P Pradhan (ed), *Strategy of Infrastructure Finance*. Delhi: Macmillan - Advanced Research Series, 2011.

James, K S

'India's Demographic Change: Opportunities and Challenges'. *Science*, 333 (576): 576-80, July 2011.

(with K M Sathyanarayana) 'Demographic Changes, Age Structure Transition and Ageing in India: Issues and Challenges'. *Yojana*, 55: 28-31, July 2011.

Kumar, V Anil

'Inequality and Exclusion: As if the System Mattered'. *Economic and Political Weekly*, XLVI (44-45), November 2011.

'Interpreting the World in a World of Interpretation'. *My Society: Bi-Annual Refereed Arts Journal of the University of Mysore*, 1-4, August 2011.

Lakshmana, C M

'Linkages of Poverty, Pollution and Environmental Degradation: A Geographical Experience of India'. *Annals of the National Association of Geographers*, 30 (1), July 2011.

'Health Care Infrastructure in Karnataka: Status and Concerns'. In Jayasheela, V B Hans, Ravindra Kumar and Vilas Kadrolkar (eds), *Service Sector in India: A Sector Analysis*. New Delhi: Global Research Publications, 2012. (Published in December 2011)

Mutharayappa, R

(with Bibplab Dhak) 'Gender Differential in Obesity in India: Its Interaction with Socio-Economic Status, Food Consumption and Life Style'. *Indian Journal of Humanities*, 1 (1), April-June, 2011.

(with T N Bhat) 'Demographic Situation and Morbidity: Among the Elderly in Karnataka'. *Indian Journal of Humanities*, 1 (3), July-September, 2011.

Narayana, M R

'Telecommunications services and economic growth:

Evidence from India'. *Telecommunication Policy* (published by Elsevier), 35 (2), 2011.

'Globalization and Urban Economic Growth: Evidence from Bangalore, India'. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* (published by Wiley-Blackwell), 35 (6), 2011.

'Lifecycle Deficit and Public Age Reallocations for India's Elderly Population: Evidence and Implications Based on National Transfer Accounts'. *Journal of Population Ageing* (published by Springer), 4 (4), 2011.

(with L Ladusingh) 'The Role of Familial Transfers in Supporting the Lifecycle Deficit in India'. In Ronald Lee and Andrew Mason (eds), *Population Aging and the Generational Economy*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2011.

Nautiyal, Sunil

'Can conservation and development interventions in the Indian Central Himalaya ensure environmental sustainability? A socioecological evaluation'. *Sustainability Science*, 6 (2) 151-167, July 2011.

'Plant Biodiversity and Its Conservation in Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) Campus, Bangalore: A Case Study'. *Journal of Biodiversity*, 2 (1) 9-26, July 2011.

(with Navaneethan, P, Rajasekaran, C) 'Cross-cultural Ethno-botany and Conservation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in the Nilgiris, Western Ghats: A Case Study'. *Medicinal Plants, International Journal of Phytomedicine and Related Industries*, 3 (1), 2011.

'Macro to Micro Viewpoint of Climate Change – Linking Karnataka to Global Issue'. *Natural Resources*, 2: 22-27, 2011.

(with R K Maikhuri, K S Rao, K G Saxena) 'Livelihood and Natural Resources in Asian Cold Desert: A case study from selected villages in Central Himalaya, India'. In K G Saxena, Luohui Liang, Xian Xue (eds), *Global Change, Biodiversity and Livelihoods in Cold Desert Region of Asia*. Dehradun: Bishen Singh Mahendra Pal Singh, 2011.

Ninan, K N

(with Poulomi Bhattacharya) 'Social Cost-Benefit Analysis of Intensive versus Traditional Shrimp Farming - A Case Study from India'. *Natural Resources Forum - A United Nations Sustainable Development Journal*, 35 (4): 321-33, November 2011.

'The Business of Biodiversity, review of Mark Everard's Book'. *Ecological Economics*, (Elsevier), 70, 2011.

Rajasekhar, D

(with R Manjula) 'Magnitude, Dimension and Causes of Child Labour in Karnataka: A Secondary Source Review'. *Indian Journal of Rural and Urban Development*, 1 (1), April-September 2011.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

(with B P Vani, M Bhattacharya) 'Credibility of Equal Access to Credit: Does Gender Matter?'. *Economic and Political Weekly*, XLVI (33), August 13, 2011.

'Financial Inclusion, Micro Finance and Poverty Alleviation: Myth and Reality'. *Canada Watch*, Fall Issue, 2011.

Sangita, S N

'Governance of Self-Regulatory Authorities in India: Autonomy, Inclusiveness and Accountability'. *Social Science in Perspective*, 3 (2), April-June 2011.

'Self-Regulatory Authorities, Professional Education and Inclusive Governance in India: Need for Reforms'. *The Indian Journal of Public Administration*, LVI (3), July-September 2011.

'Corruption Clean-Ups: Approaches and Strategies'. *Critique*, VI (2), May-September 2011.

Singha, Komol

(with Lingchen Dorji) 'Rural Health Scenario in Bhutan: The Social and Institutional Experiences'. *Prime University Journal of Multidisciplinary Quest*, 5 (1), July 2011.

'Infrastructure and Regional Disparity- A Case of North Eastern Region of India'. *Journal of Social and Development Sciences*, 2 (4), October 2011.

'Does Population Growth Matter in Bhutan's Economic Development?'. *International Journal of Economics*, 5 (2), December 2011.

'Entrepreneurship Development in Manipur- A Task Ahead'. In A K Agarwal and Bhartendu Singh (eds), *Understanding India's North East*. DVS Publisher, 2011.

'Rubber Industry in the Hill Villages of NEI: An Observation'. In R K Mandal and A I Singh (eds), *Industry, Trade and Economic Development*. New Delhi: Mittal Publications, 2011.

Yadav, S Manohar

'Exclusivist Conundrums on Concerns for Social Inclusion in India'. *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, 13 (2), July-December 2011.

Keynote/Presidential Addresses

Deshpande, R S

Financial Econometric Modeling, in the Workshop on Financial Econometric Modeling, organised by Christ University, Bangalore, August 25, 2011, at Bangalore.

Inaugural Address of the Special Session on 'Agricultural Development Perspective and Strategy Planning for the Twelfth Five Year Plan with Special Reference to Karnataka, in the 71st Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics (ISAE), jointly organised by University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad and ISAE, November 4, 2011, at Dharwad.

Micro-Finance: A New Economic Outlook, in the National Seminar on 'Micro-Finance Sector in India – Challenges and Opportunities' organised by GITAM School of International Business, GITAM University, Visakhapatnam, September 10, 2011, at Visakhapatnam.

Ushadevi, M D

MEd Course of the Department of Post-Graduate Studies; at the Valedictory Function, organised by Bangalore University, July 8, 2011, at Bangalore.

New Text-Book Validation by Experts; at the Validation Function on NCF, 2005, organised by DSERT, GoK, October 21-22, 2011, at Bangalore.

Young Lives Project on International Study of Childhood Poverty; at the Seminar, organised by CESS, October 29, 2011, at Hyderabad.

Papers Presented at Conferences/ Workshops/Seminars

Babu, M Devendra

(with D Rajasekhar and R Manjula) Role of Grama Sabha in the Implementation of MGNREGS: Field Insights from Karnataka; at the National Workshop on Grama Sabha in India: Role and Significance in Decision Making at the Grassroots, organised by AGRASRI, August 20, 2011, at Tirupathi.

Fiscal Devolution to Panchayats in Karnataka: Situation in Pre- and Post-73rd Amendment Period; at the Seminar on 'Panchayats and Rural Development in India: Historical Perspective', organised by Indian Institute of Public Administration, September 24, 2011, at Bangalore.

Devolution to Panchayats - SFC or State Directed? The Case of Karnataka; at the Seminar on Local Self-Governance: Fiscal and Service Delivery Dimensions, organised by Department of Economics, Nirmala College, November 5-6, 2011, at Ernakulam, Kerala.

Bansod, Dhananjay Wamanrao

Declining Child Sex Ratio in India: Evidences From Census 2011; at the XXXIII Annual Conference of IASP-2011, organised by Indian Association for the Study of Population, November 11-13, 2011, at Lucknow.

Family Support and Social Adjustment of Elderly in Later Life: A Situational Appraisal of Rural Maharashtra, India; at the Seminar on Ninth Asia/Oceania Regional Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics (GERO2011), organised by ICMS Australia, October 23-27, 2011, at Melbourne, Australia.

Bhat, T N

An Analysis of the Quality of HMIS Data in Karnataka: An Investigation using Portal and Field Data; at the State-Level Workshop on HMIS and Mother & Child Tracking System (MCTS), organised by Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka, August 19-20, 2011, at Koppal, Karnataka.

Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services in India: Progress and Challenges; at the National Conference on Multilevel Interventions for Health Care: Framing New Inclusive Health Policies, organised by Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), University of Mysore, September 8-9, 2011, at Mysore.

Primary Healthcare Systems and MCH Services in Karnataka; at the 33rd Annual Conference of IASP, organised by the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP), November 11-13, 2011, at Lucknow.

Devi, K G Gayathri

Water and Decentralised Service Delivery: Towards Eradicating Manual Scavenging in India; at the International Seminar on 'Responding to Global Changes: Water in an Urbanising World' - World Water Week, organised by Swedish International Water Institute (SIWI), August 20-28, 2011, at Stockholm, Sweden.

(with Regina Biner, Madhushree Sekher and Katharina Raabe) Reforming the Public Administration for Better Service Provision: A Comparative Study of Five Rural Services in Karnataka, India; at the Conference

on Tropical and Subtropical Agricultural and Natural Resource Management (TROPENTAG), organised by the University of Bonn, Germany, October 3-7, 2011, at Germany.

(with Anil Kumar V) State Child Labour Project in Karnataka: Lessons from Evaluation; at the Seminar on Eradication of Bonded Labour and Child Labour in Karnataka, organised by Department of Labour, Department of RDPR and Human Rights Commission, December 17-18, 2011, at Bangalore.

Gayithri, K

Tracking NRHM Funds Flow to District Sector in Karnataka: Issues and Concerns; at the National Seminar on Local Self-Governance: Fiscal and Service Delivery Dimensions, organised by Nirmala College in collaboration with Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation, November 5-6, 2011, at Trivandrum.

District-level NRHM Funds Flow and Expenditure: Sub-national evidence from the State of Karnataka; at the Conference on Knowledge-Evidence-Action: Striving towards Better Health Outcomes, organised by Health Economics and Policy Association, November 18-19, 2011, at New Delhi.

Inbanathan, Anand

Disadvantaged Groups and Political Presence in the Panchayats; at the Conference on Role of panchayat bodies in rural development since 1959, organised by Indian Institute of Public Administration, Karnataka Regional Branch, September 24, 2011, at Bangalore.

James, K S

Demographic Change in India: Current Pattern and Future Implications; at the International Seminar on New Challenges in Population and Development, organised by IUSSP Scientific Panel, June 14-15, 2011, at CEDEPLAR, UFMG, Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

Convergence of Health Indicators in India: A Measure of Inclusive Development; at the National Conference on Health, Gender and Inclusive Development, organised by Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH), November 24-25, 2011, at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.

Kumar, V Anil

State Child Labour Project in Karnataka: Lessons from Evaluation; at the Seminar on Eradication of Bonded Labour and Child Labour in Karnataka, organised by Department of Labour, Department of RDPR and Human Rights Commission, December 17-18, 2011, at Bangalore.

Lakshmana, C M

Regional Issues of Population, Development and Environment: A Geographical Experience of India; at the 33rd Annual IASP Conference, organised by Indian Association for Study of Population (IASP), New Delhi, November 11-13, 2011, at Lucknow.

Lingaraju, M

Indian Rural Markets: A Competitive Edge in Tapping the Potentiality of Rural India; at the National Conference on Agricultural Marketing in India: Directions for Development, organised by PG Department of Economics, Tumkur University, December 1, 2011, at Tumkur.

Impermanent Migration to Urban Areas: Its Causes and Consequences with Special Reference to Bangalore City; at the National Conference on Sustainable Rural Development: The Politics of Identity and Development (SRDPID), organised by P-G Department of Political Science, Tumkur University, December 8, 2011, at Tumkur.

Mutharayappa, R

Reproductive Morbidity and Treatment Seeking Behaviour of Women in Karnataka; at the South Asian Conference on Reproductive morbidity and treatment seeking behaviour, organised by the Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata, December 15-16, 2011.

Primary Health Care Strategy: Need for Inclusive Growth in Karnataka; at the national conference on Multilevel Interventions for Health Care: Framing New Inclusive Health Policies, organised by Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Mysore, September 8-9, 2011, at Mysore.

History of Demographic Studies in Karnataka; at the Anthropological Survey of India Golden Jubilee Conference on Facets of Anthropological Research, Teaching and Training in Karnataka, organised by the Anthropological Survey of India and Karnatak University, Dharwad, August 9-10, 2011, at Dharwad.

Narayana, M R

Impact of population ageing on India's public finance: New evidence and implications; at the 8th Global Conference on National Transfer Accounts: Intergenerational Approaches to Social and Economic Policy, organised by CEDA/EWC/CEDEPLAR, December 4-12, 2011, at Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

Construction of Generational Accounting for India; at the 8th Global Conference on National Transfer Accounts: Intergenerational Approaches to Social and Economic Policy, organised by CEDA/EWC/CEDEPLAR, December 4-12, 2011, at Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

(with L Ladusingh) Old Age Consumption, Lifecycle Deficit and Support System in India; at the NTA Book Release and NTA Country Brief Seminar, organised by International Institute for Population Sciences, November 4, 2011, at Mumbai.

Nautiyal, Sunil

(with H Kaechele, A Babu, K V Raju) Confronting the climate change challenge: Discussing the role of rural India under cumulative emission budget approach; at the International Humboldt Kolleg on Adaptive Management of Ecosystems: The Knowledge Systems of Societies for Adaptation and Mitigation of Impacts of Climate Change, organised by Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and Institute for Social and Economic Change, October 19-21, 2011, at ISEC, Bangalore.

(with K Bhaskar, Venkateshalu, Y D Imran Khan and R Tamil Selvan) Biodiversity monitoring and climate change in semi-arid environment: A case study from North Karnataka; at the International Humboldt Kolleg on Adaptive Management of Ecosystems: The Knowledge Systems of Societies for Adaptation and Mitigation of Impacts of Climate Change, organised by Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and Institute for Social and Economic Change, October 19-21, 2011, at ISEC, Bangalore.

(with K V Raju and R S Deshpande) Natural Resource Management and their Sustainable Use; at the Workshop on Identifying the Elements of Heritage of Development Thinking in India, organised by ISEC and Development Foundation, October 29, 2011.

Baseline Study of Flora Fauna at proposed uranium mining site at Gogi, Gulbarga district, Karnataka; at the Technical Programme Discussion Meeting (TPDM) for Review of Research, organised by Radiation & Environment Sub-committee, NRFCC, BRNS, November 17-18, 2011, at ANGRAU, Hyderabad.

Ninan, K N

(with Architesh Panda) Adaptation Actions to Climate Variability and Change among Farmers: Insights from Western Orissa, India; at the Conference on Adaptive Management of Ecosystems: The Knowledge Systems of Societies for Adaptation and Mitigation of Impacts

of Climate Change, organised by CEENR, ISEC, in association with Alexander Humboldt Foundation, Germany, October 19-21, 2011, at ISEC, Bangalore.

Rajasekhar, D

(with R Manjula) Revenues of Grama Panchayats in Karnataka; at the Prelude Conference on Role of Panchayat Bodies in Rural Development since 1959, organised by IIPA, Karnataka Regional Branch, September 24, 2011, at Bangalore.

(with R Manjula, Erlend Berg, Maitreesh Ghatak and Sanchari Roy) Motivating Agents to Spread Awareness; at the Conference on IGC-ISI India Development Policy, organised by International Growth Centre, UK, December 19-20, 2011, at Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi.

(with M Devendra Babu and R Manjula) Role of Grama Sabha in the Implementation of MGNREGS: Field Insights from Karnataka; at the National Workshop on Grama Sabha in India: Role and Significance in Decision Making at the Grassroots, organised by AGRASRI, August 20, 2011, at Tirupati.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Financial Inclusion and Banking Sector in India; at the Conference on India: Emerging Economic Power - Quest for EU and World Economic Order, organised by Centre for Contemporary India Research and Studies, Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw and University of Hyderabad, November 2-4, 2011, at Hyderabad.

RoyChowdhury, Supriya

Women Workers in Ready-made Garments Export Industry; at the Equality Means Business: Using UN Global Compact/ UN Women's Principles to Promote Gender Equality at Work, organised by Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad, September 14, 2011, at Hyderabad.

Sangita, S N

Police, Corruption and Human Rights in Karnataka: Initiatives and Outcomes; at the National Seminar on the Role of Police and Human Rights Mechanisms in Criminal Justice Administration, organised by Centre for Human Rights, University of Hyderabad, and sponsored by Bureau of Police Research & Development, New Delhi, August 12-13, 2011, at Hyderabad.

Governance, Common Property Resources and Climatic Change: State and Civil Society Perspective; at the International Humboldt Conference (Kolleg):

Strengthening Cooperation between Germany and India on Adaptive Management of Eco-systems: The Knowledge Systems of Societies for Adaptation and Mitigation of Impacts of Climatic Change, ISEC, organised by ISEC, Bangalore, October 19-21, 2011, at Bangalore.

The Karnataka Guarantee of Services to Citizens Bill, at the Panel Discussion on The Karnataka Guarantee of Services to Citizens Bill, organised by CIVIC, Bangalore, December 3, 2011, at Bangalore.

Singha, Komol

(with Krishanu Pradhan) Tourism, Environment and Development in Bhutan; at the International Humboldt Kolleg on Adaptive Management of Ecosystems: The Knowledge Systems of Societies for Adaptation and Mitigation of Impacts of Climate Change, organised by CEENR, ISEC Bangalore, October 19-21, 2011, at ISEC, Bangalore.

Subaiya, Lekha

Does she have a say? Women's participation in household decision-making in India; at the VI Annual International Conference on Public Policy and Management, organised by Centre for Public Policy, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, December 28-29, 2011, at Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore.

Syamala, T S

(with Angan Sengupta) Health of the Urban Poor: Do Averages Mask Realities?; at the Annual conference of Indian Association for the Study of Population, organised by IASP, November 11-13, 2011, at Lucknow.

Infertility in India: Its levels, determinants and its impact on family; at the 6th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights (APCRSHR), organised by APCRSRHR, October 20-22, 2011, at Gadjamada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

Umamani, K S

(with Manasi S) Water Conservation in Urban Areas – A Case of Rain Water Harvesting Initiative in Bangalore city; at the Seminar on Adaptive Management of Ecosystem: The Knowledge Systems of Societies for Adaptation and Mitigation of Impact of Climate Change, organised by ISEC, Bangalore,

and Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation, October 19-21, 2011, at Bangalore.

(with Manasi S) Water Conservation Initiative in Bangalore-Problems and Prospects; at the XXXIII Annual Conference of IASP, organised by Department of Biostatistics and Health Informatics, Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, November 11-13, 2011, at Lucknow.

Ushadevi, M D

(with K Padmalatha) English Language Teaching in Rural Schools of Karnataka: Policy Perspectives and Implementation Problems; at the One Day National Conference on Teaching English Language in the Contemporary Context, organised by Department of English, Tumkur University, October 21, 2011, at Tumkur.

Leadership for Building Quality Institutions; at the Seminar on Strategic Planning and Execution of Total Quality Management in Secondary Teacher Training Colleges in Karnataka, organised by Kanara College Society in Kamala Baliga College of Education, November 9-10, 2011, at Kumta.

Yadav, S Manohar

Globalisation: A Dalit Historical Perspective; at the National Workshop on Globalisation and Social Movements in the Context of Karnataka, organised by Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, National Law School of India University, July 25-26, 2011, at National Law School of India University, Bangalore.

Dalit Movement in Karnataka: Some Past and Present Impressions; at the Conference on Facets of Anthropological Research, Teaching and Training, organised by the Anthropological Survey of India during its Golden Jubilee Celebrations, August 9-10, 2011, at Karnatak University, Dharwad.

Affirmative Action – Sharing of Best Practices; at the Workshop on 'Affirmative Action in India', organised by Confederation of Indian Industries, November 15, 2011, at Bangalore.

Dalit Citizenship in India: A Critical Reflection; at the Seminar on Citizenship, the State, and Expanding the Boundaries of Democracy, organised by Centre for Political Institutions, Governance and Development, Institute for Social and Economic Change, December 28, 2011, at Bangalore.

Honours/Awards/Fellowships

Deshpande, R S

Bharath Ratna Sir M Visvesvaraya Global Leadership Award for Excellency in Environment-Social Work-Education and Health, selected by the Power Development and Energy Research Institute, Bangalore, and Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belgaum, July 4, 2011.

Life Time Achievement Award conferred by The Indian Society of Agricultural Economics (ISAE), Mumbai, November 3, 2011.

Offices Held in Academic/Professional/ Administrative Bodies

Babu, M Devendra

Member, Board of Examiners for 2011-12 Examinations of PG Diploma in Rural Management, Centre for Rural Development Studies, Bangalore University.

Deshpande, R S

Member, Advisory Committee, Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), Bangalore.

Member of the Working Group on Social Sciences constituted by ICSSR to look into concerns of ICSSR and convey them to MHRD, Govt. of India.

Member, Advisory Committee, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Mysore, Mysore.

Member, Sub-Group on Research Programme and Research Projects to be taken up/supported during the 12th Five-Year Plan, constituted by ICSSR, New Delhi.

Member, Standing Committee on 'Universities with Potential for Excellence' (UPE) Scheme during XI Plan Period, constituted by University Grants Commission, New Delhi.

Member, Selection Committee for selection to the posts of Director and Deputy Director, constituted by ICSSR, New Delhi.

Member, shortlisting panel of advisors committee for selecting right candidates for the award of visiting fellowships, Dr DC Pavate Memorial Foundation, Karnatak University, Dharwad.

Senior Expert, Global Top 500 New Energy Companies and Global New Energy Business Leaders Selection, China Energy News.

Member, Committee constituted to identify the location and extent of land required for establishment of the proposed School of Economics, Bangalore University.

External Member, Karnataka State Audit Advisory Board, Indian Audit and Accounts Department, Bangalore.

Member, Search Committee for selecting Vice-Chancellor, University of Pune, Pune.

Member, Search Committee for selecting the Chair Professor (Rajiv Gandhi Chair), University of Mumbai, Mumbai.

Member, High-Power Steering Committee, Karnataka State Training/ Parishat/Academy, Government of Karnataka, to oversee and for guiding the work performance to implement the State Training Policy.

Member, Adhoc Board of Studies in Masters Course in Area Studies (MA in Area Studies) (Post-graduate), University of Mysore, Mysore.

Member, Research Programme Committee, The Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, Mumbai, with effect from 6.11.2011 until the next AGM of the Society is held.

Devi, K G Gayathri

Member of the Board of Studies, Department of Social Sciences, Kannada University, Hampi, Bellary.

Co-opted Member, Board of Studies in Sociology, Vijayanagar Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Bellary.

Member, Board of Studies in Sociology, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bangalore.

Member, Board of Studies in Sociology, Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), Bangalore.

James, K S

Executive Council Member of Indian Association for the Study of Population.

Executive Council Member of Indian Association of Social Science and Health

Lingaraju, M

Member, Board of Examiners for UG/PG in Rural Development, Bangalore University, Bangalore.

Nautiyal, Sunil

Editorial Board Member: Natural Science, Scientific Research Publishing, USA

Editorial Board Member: Ecology (The Scientific World Journal, New York, USA)

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Member of the Research Cell, FKCCI, GoK, Bangalore.

Member of the Banking and Finance Committee, FKCCI, GoK, Bangalore.

Sangita, S N

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, ISDA Journal, Thiruvananthapuram

Member, Board of Studies, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram

Member, Syllabus Committee, 4-year BA Course, Bangalore University

Executive Member, Indian Society for Environmental Studies, Bangalore

Executive Member, Indian Academy of Social Sciences, Allahabad

Executive Member, Indian Institute of Public Administration, Karnataka Branch, Bangalore

Executive Member, International Institute of Information Law, Bangalore

Life Member, Indian Political Science Association, New Delhi

Life Member, Indian Public Administration Association, New Delhi

Ushadevi, M D

Nominated as a Member by Bangalore University for BoS, Social Science (5-year MA Integrated Course in Social Sciences) from 2011 for three years.

Nominated as a Member for the State Advisory Committee on Reformation of the SSLC Examination Question Paper, Karnataka State Secondary Education Board, Govt. of Karnataka

Nominated as a Member for the State Advisory Committee of the SSA/GoK to prepare roadmap for mobilising NGOs in the Implementation of the RTE Act, 2009

Yadav, S Manohar

Member, Board of Examiners, Board of Advisors, at the Universities of Mysore, Bangalore and Karnatak

University, at the Departments of Sociology, the Centre for Rural Development, and IDS.

Articles in Newspapers***James, K S***

'Demographic Change in India: Boon or Bane'. *Deccan Herald*, November 5, 2011.

Miscellaneous***Babu, M Devendra***

Coordinated Paper V for the Pre PhD Course on 'Institutions and Development under Development Studies', August 18, 2011 to December 30, 2011, at ISEC, Bangalore.

Devi, K G Gayathri

Participated as Lead Speaker, in the National Conference on Globalisation and Society: Policies and Perspectives', on the topic 'Marginalised Groups, NGOs and Social Change', Technical Session II, organised by Tumkur University and the Karnataka State Higher Education Council, September 12, 2011, at the Office of the Karnataka State Higher Education Council, Bangalore.

ISEC representative on studies undertaken by ISEC, in the National Workshop on Bonded Child Labour and Child Labour, organised by National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi, Department of Labour & RDPR, GoK, December 17 and 18, 2011, at Vikas Soudha, Bangalore.

Participated as a Resource Person, in the Workshop on Evaluation of Kutumbashree programme in Kerala, organised by Centre for Media Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, November 9-10, 2011, at Trivandrum, Kerala.

Nautiyal, Sunil

External Examiner for examining students in Practical for the MSc I / Sem. I – Physical Environmental and Ecology of Solapur University on November 23, 2011.

(with S Manasi) Meeting with GIZ on Summary ToR for Technical Cooperation Project Appraisal Mission, Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in India under TEEB approach, Sept 2011 and made presentation on Centre's research activities.

Coordinated the visit of German delegates on August 24, 2011.

Ninan, K N

Reviewed 4 articles for Ecological Economics and one article for Environmental Science and Policy submitted to these journals for being considered for publication.

Reviewer for papers submitted to the 28th International Conference of Agricultural Economists, August 2012, Brazil.

Gave inputs for a short-term consultancy assignment on 'Socio-economic Vulnerability and Adaptive Capacity Assessment: An Analytical Study' from the World Bank which was undertaken by Dr Syed Ajmal Pasha. The duration of the study was from January 24, 2011 to June 29, 2011.

Delivered the following lectures (i) Economic and Institutional Aspects of Biodiversity Conservation with Case Studies (2 Lectures) (ii) Climate Change – Economics, Environmental Public Policy (2 Lectures) at the ISEC-NCI International Post-Graduate Course on 'Approaching the Environment in India – Issues and Methods in the Study of the Nature-Economy-Society Interface', for students of Nordic countries from July 10 to August 6, 2011, organised by CEENR, ISEC, in association with Nordic Centre in India.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Resource Person, Centre for Development Studies (for PhD programme).

Referee for RBI - Occasional paper series.

RoyChowdhury, Supriya

Doctoral degree was awarded to Ms Skylab Sahu, PhD Fellow in Political Science, for her thesis on 'State, Civil Society and Politics of Women's Health'.

Syamala, T S

Attended the data entry workshop for the project on the building knowledge base on ageing in India at ISEC, Bangalore, during August 1-2, 2011.

Participated in the National Consultation Meeting on Building Knowledge base on Ageing in India

held at Tata Institute for Social Sciences, Mumbai, on December 15-16, 2011.

Participated in a two-day workshop on Chapter, Tabulation and Analysis Plan on Building Knowledge Base on Ageing in India, September 26-27, held at ISEC, Bangalore.

Umamani, K S

Invited as an expert to attend Technical Programme Discussion Meeting for the Review of "Protocol for Demography and Health Status" organised by BARC, September 24, 2011, at AERB, Mumbai.

Presented Interim Progress Report of the Project 'Baseline Study on Demographic Pattern and Health Profile around the Proposed Uranium Mining area at Gogi, Karnataka', at Acharya N G Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU), Hyderabad, Rajendranagar, November 18, 2011.

Ushadevi, M D

Participated in the 28th Executive. Committee Meeting of the SSA, GoK on August 02, 2011 at the State Project Office, SSA, GoK.

Participated in the State-Level Meeting of the RMSA Advisory Committee of the SSA, GoK, on Sept. 08, 2011 at State Project Office, SSA, Bangalore.

Attended Meeting of the BoS of the 5-Year MA Integrated Course in Social Sciences of Bangalore University on Sept. 23, 2011 at Jnanabharathi Campus, Bangalore University, Bangalore.

Presented outcomes of MDM Monitoring conducted by ISEC in the Progress & Review Meeting of the MDM Programme in Karnataka convened by the Commissioner of Public Instruction, GoK, on November 29, 2011 at Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.

Participated in a Meeting of the State Advisory Committee for identifying strategies for inclusion of NGOs in the implementation of RTE Act (2009) convened by the Commissioner for Public Instruction, GoK, on November 07, 2011 at the State Project Office, GoK, Bangalore.

New learning, new experience!



Students from Nordic countries, who had taken part in an inter-disciplinary course in July-August 2011 at ISEC, were enthralled by the 'Dollu Kunitha' performed by artistes from Mysore at the end of their four-week course.



The Newsletter of the Institute for Social and Economic Change

Vol. 18

July-December 2011

No. 2

Editor

Dr K G Gayathri Devi

Printed & Published By

The Registrar

Institute for Social and Economic Change

Dr V K R V Rao Road, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore-560072

Phone : 23215468, 23215519, 23215592

Fax : (00)91-(0)80-23217008

Email: adm@isec.ac.in

Web: <http://www.isec.ac.in>