



From The Director's Desk



The first half of the year 2002 has seen significant upgradation of infrastructure facilities in the Institute. This has become possible thanks to significant additions to the Corpus fund. We have been able to renovate the guest house and appreciably upgrade the facilities in the seminar block. Efforts are under way to strengthen the building. The Institute now has state-of-the-art infrastructure facilities. It is my fond hope that the facilities will be optimally used to create and disseminate knowledge in the social sciences in the coming years.

Upgradation of infrastructure facilities is only a necessary condition for achieving excellence. The sufficient conditions lie in improving the capacity of the faculty in undertaking quality research, its dissemination and teaching. The future of the Institute depends on how the faculty augments its research capacity. While the members of the Institute have certainly made a commendable contribution over the years, achievement of excellence requires continuous upgradation of research capacity. This, however, involves the human element, and the urge on the part of the faculty itself to reach greater heights in the academic sphere. As in many other areas, it is important to save us from ourselves and this requires realisation of our strengths and weaknesses. While it is certainly necessary to provide incentives to the faculty to progress in their career path, the urge to excel in the pursuit of knowledge by them is essential. It is hoped that in the next one year, the Institute will be able to consolidate the gains achieved so far in strengthening the physical infrastructure and lay the foundation for achieving excellence in research and teaching in the future.

One of the major achievements during the period has been to secure a generous endowment grant from the Ford Foundation for the creation of a Centre for Decentralisation and Development in ISEC. Thanks to the high quality of work on decentralisation done at ISEC right from its inception, the Ford Foundation, as a part of its 50th year of operation in India, has given an endowment grant of US \$500,000 for the creation of the Centre at ISEC. With this, ISEC has been able to institute one of the Centres envisaged in the Vision Document. I am grateful to the Ford Foundation for this generous endowment, and hope that in the years to come, the

Centre will blossom into making significant contributions towards both policy and institutional changes in empowering local governments to empower people.

Mention must also be made of the continuous support by Sir Rattan Tata Trust (SRTT). The Trust has added Rs.75 lakhs to the corpus. Improvement in infrastructure, library computerisation and faculty upgradation have become possible mainly because of the endowment by the Trust. I would like to express the gratitude of the faculty and staff of ISEC to SRTT for this generosity.

There have been a number of important activities during the last six months in the Institute. One of the important events during the period was the seminar on 'State of the Indian Farmer: a Millennium Study,' in which several eminent agricultural economists from all over the country participated. Another important event was the Workshop on Electoral Reforms conducted at the Institute in collaboration with Lok Satta, a non-partisan movement for democratic reforms based in Hyderabad. This workshop, attended by eminent political scientists and administrators, has helped to formulate strategies and actions aimed at exerting public pressure to reform the electoral system. Although all political parties are trying to scuttle reforms requiring the candidates to declare their assets, and to exclude candidates with criminal background from contesting elections, initiated by the Election Commission, ISEC is proud to be part of this collaborative initiative along with Lok Satta. The workshop was conducted with funding income from the Sir Ratan Tata Trust Endowment Fund.

Another notable achievement of ISEC in pursuit of its mission is the starting of the audio-visual programme on Reproductive and Child Health for the members of village panchayats. ISEC has prepared 13 modules, and the Health Department of Karnataka State has prepared the programme. These are telecast by Doordarshan. Representatives of six NGOs have been trained and deputed to the designated panchayats to explain and clarify the various issues relating to Reproductive and Child Health to the panchayat members when the programmes are telecast. I am grateful to the Population Foundation of India for funding the programme, to Doordarshan for telecasting it in time and to the NGOs for their co-operation. The Population Research Unit of ISEC co-ordinates the programme, and I would like to compliment them.

M Govinda Rao
Director



Review Seminar on 'State of the Indian Farmer: A Millennium Study'

Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, has launched a mega study on the 'State of the Indian Farmer: A Millennium Study.' This study was planned in three phases. In the first phase, a series of sectoral papers were commissioned on various topics in Indian Agriculture. The second and third phases involved analysis of the data being collected through a nationwide NSS survey. Commissioning and organising the sectoral papers on the pre-decided themes formed the major part of the first phase. These were in the nature of status papers, based on existing data sources and research output generated during the last fifty years. To implement the first phase, the Ministry of Agriculture formed a consortium, which included Prof. Ashok Gulati, IEG, Prof. R S Deshpande, ISEC, and Prof. Samar Datta, IIM Ahmedabad.



Prof. M. Govinda Rao, Director, ISEC, addressing the participants in the inaugural session of the Review Seminar on 'State of the Indian Farmer: A Millennium Study'. To his right are Sri J N L. Srivastava, Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, Government of India; Sri R C A Jain, Additional Secretary; Seminar Coordinator Dr R S Deshpande, Professor and Head, ADRT Unit, ISEC.

The Review Seminar covering the status papers commissioned during the first phase was organised at ISEC during January 30-31, 2002. Critical comments were obtained from the discussants before the seminar, and the papers were discussed in four parallel sessions over two days. The sessions covered eight broad topics, namely: Natural Resources, Agricultural Inputs, Agricultural Marketing, Production Systems, Economics of Agriculture, Special Groups in Agriculture, Risks in Agriculture, and Organisational Mechanism. There were twenty-six papers prepared by experts in the area concerned.

Shri J N L. Srivastava, Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, GOI, inaugurated the seminar. Dr. Govinda Rao, Director, ISEC, chaired the inaugural session. Shri R C A Jain, Additional Secretary, was the chief guest. The discussions were quite lively and brought forth a number of issues concerning the agricultural sector.

Prof. R S Deshpande co-ordinated the seminar. About 150 delegates, including academicians, policy makers and bureaucrats, participated. The participants' response suggests that the Review Seminar was a significant step forward in the project.

Workshop on Evaluating Poverty Reduction and Progress Towards the Millennium Development Goals

ISEC and the Operations Evaluation Department



Prof. M. Govinda Rao, Director, ISEC, addressing the opening session of the workshop. To his right is Honourable Justice M N Venkatachaliah, former Chief Justice of India and Chairperson, National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution. To his left are Sri T R Satish Chandran, Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC, and Dr Reuben Lamdany, Manager, OEDCR, The World Bank.

(OED) of the World Bank co-hosted a workshop on June 26 and 27, 2002. The workshop aimed to develop the focus, approach, and design for OED's proposed update of its Poverty Reduction Evaluation, for which a report is due in the year 2005. This evaluation is expected to review Bank assistance over the last five years (1999-2003) to assess the extent to which Bank assistance has contributed to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in selected countries. The workshop, attended by several prominent development experts in the country, generated many ideas and options for conceptualising and formulating the evaluation design, as well as on potential collaborations in conducting the evaluation. OEDCR has agreed to share with the workshop participants, within a few weeks, an Approach Paper for the evaluation that takes into consideration the feedback and suggestions received at the workshop.



Seminar on Role of Women's Studies in Recasting Academic Disciplines

On the occasion of Women's Day (March 8), the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Environment and Development (CISED) and ISEC organised a seminar on the 'Role of Women's Studies in Recasting Academic Disciplines.' Dr. Janaki Nair, Visiting Fellow, ISEC, spoke on 'Remaining Indisciplined: Feminism as Critique.' She discussed the manner in which 'Women's Studies' as a discipline has evolved in India, the significant contribution of women's studies centres across the country to social change in contrast to the limited effect they have had on the theoretical frameworks underpinning mainstream social science disciplines. Dr. Tejaswini Niranjana, Senior Fellow, Centre for Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore, spoke on 'Gender and Interdisciplinarity.' She criticised the tendency to 'take care of' the gender angle by commissioning a stereotyped study of 'Women in ...' in any research project. She emphasised the need for an interdisciplinary approach to women's studies and called for a move from 'study of women by women' to full-fledged gender studies.

Workshop on Electoral Reforms

ISEC, in collaboration with Lok Satta, Hyderabad, an NGO and a non-partisan movement for democratic reforms, organised a workshop on electoral reforms on March 14, 2002, at the Institute. The prime objective of the workshop was to generate public opinion for electoral reforms. It was also aimed at mobilising active citizens to take up governance reform work in Karnataka. The workshop focussed on polling irregularities, unaccountable use of money power, criminalisation, and political party regulations. The background papers on these themes were presented by Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan, Prof. Amal Ray, Prof. Pai Panandikar, Dr. Mallar, and Dr. Sandeep Shastri. The workshop was attended by eminent personalities representing political parties, administration, academics, social service, NGOs, and the media.



Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, Campaign Coordinator, Lok Satta, Hyderabad, speaking at the workshop. To his right are Prof. Amal Ray, Dr. P V Shenoi, Former Director, ISEC, and (partly hidden) Mr. A P Venkateswaran, former Foreign Secretary, Government of India. To his left are Sri T R Satish Chandran, Prof. M Govinda Rao and Prof. V A Pai Panandikar, Former Executive Director, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi.

The participants included Mr. T R Satish Chandran, Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC, Dr. M Govinda Rao, Director, ISEC, Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan, Campaign Coordinator, Lok Satta, Hyderabad, Dr. P V Shenoi, Former Director, ISEC, Mr. B K Bhattacharya, Former Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, Dr. L C Jain, Former Member, Planning Commission, Prof. K H Cheluvu Raju, Former Vice-Chancellor, Gulbarga University, Dr. G. Thimmaiah, Former Member, Planning Commission, and Prof. V A Pai Panandikar, Former Executive Director, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi. The workshop was sponsored by Sir Ratan Tata Trust, Mumbai, and co-ordinated by Dr. N Sivanna and Dr. Madhushree Sekher.

Orientation Workshop for NGOs



(From right to left) Dr. K Srinivasan, Executive Director, Population Foundation of India, Prof. M Govinda Rao, Director, ISEC, and Dr. T V Sekher, Assistant Professor, PRC, ISEC.

ISEC has undertaken an innovative action project to empower the members of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) on population and health issues through the mass media. In six districts of Karnataka, ISEC will collaborate with NGOs in bringing the PRI members to the TV sets for group viewing and will facilitate discussions. The Handbook on RCH, prepared by ISEC, will serve as ready reference material for volunteers in undertaking this task.

To familiarise the NGOs on various RCH components and also to discuss the implementation of



the project, a two-day orientation workshop was organised at ISEC on May 9 and 10, 2002. Dr. K Srinivasan, Executive Director of Population Foundation of India, New Delhi, the project sponsor, inaugurated the workshop, and Prof. M Govinda Rao, Director of ISEC, presided over it. Representatives of NGOs, officials of State Health Department, and health education experts participated in the programme. Dr. T V Sekher, Assistant Professor, PRC Unit, ISEC, co-ordinated the workshop.

Twelve episodes of health education programmes pertaining to Reproductive and Child Health issues, prepared by India Population Project - IX, will be telecast from Bangalore Doordarshan Kendra through DD-I Channel on Thursdays from June 20, 2002.

Seminars by Visitors

Environmental Impacts of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle — *Dr. M V Ramanna*, Research Staff, Programme on Science and Global Security, Princeton University (January 3, 2002)

Measuring Consumption Inequality — *Prof. Krishna Pendakur*, Simon Fraser University, Canada, (January 4, 2002)

Anti-Dumping Reforms — *Prof. Mathew Tharakan*, Dept of Economics, University of Antwerp, Belgium (January 31, 2002)

Gender and Economic Policy — *Dr. Gurushree Swamy*, Consultant, The World Bank (February 14, 2002)

Seminars by Faculty

Industrial Incentives in Karnataka: A Study of Capital Investment Subsidy (Two Studies): (Gulbarga and Bangalore Divisions) — *Mr. M Vivekananda and Dr. K Gayithri* (February 11, 2002)

Panchayat Jamabandi in Karnataka: An Evaluation Study — *Dr. N Sivanna and Dr. M Devendra Babu* (March 1, 2002)

Micro Finance, Poverty Alleviation and Empowerment of Women — *Dr. D Rajasekhar* (March 7, 2002)

Causes and Remedies for Farmers' Distress — *Prof. R S Deshpande* (March 7, 2002)

WTO Agreements and Small-Scale Industries in Karnataka State: An Explorative Study of Current Policy Issues and Interventions, and Future Policy Alternatives — *Prof. M R Narayana and Prof. Jayagovind* (March 16, 2002)

Energy Use and Policy in France and Lessons for India — *Dr. K N Ninan* (March 21, 2002)

Economic and Environmental Impact of Policy on Transportation Subsidy to Wood-Based Industries in Andaman and Nicobar Islands — *Dr. S A Pasha* (March 28, 2002)

Evaluation of Udyogini and Manebelaku Schemes in Karnataka — *Dr. K G Gayathri Devi* (April 3, 2002)

Functional Review of Departments of Education and Health in Karnataka — *Prof. A S Seetharamu and Dr. T V Sekher* (April 11, 2002)

Administration of Health Services in Karnataka — *Dr. T V Sekher* (April 11, 2002)

Institutions for Self-Governance of Community Forestry Resources: Experiences from Three Indian States — *Prof. S N Sangita* (April 17, 2002)

Building Up of an Efficient Marketing System to Obviate the Need for a Large-Scale State Intervention — *Mr. M Vivekananda* (April 18, 2002)



Sustainability in Practice: Explaining Innovation in Domestic Solid Waste Management in India — Prof. Abdul Aziz and Dr. N Sivanna (April 29, 2002)

Flow of Credit to Small and Marginal Farmers in Karnataka — Dr. M J Bhende (May 9, 2002)

Issues in Pension Reforms — Mr B K Bhattacharya, Honorary Visiting Fellow, ISEC, and Former Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka (June 6, 2002)

Floriculture in Karnataka: Performance, Problems and Prospects — Dr. P Thippaiah (June 19, 2002)

Visitors

Prof. V R Panchamukhi, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, visited the Institute on April 9, 2002. A meeting of all faculty and students was arranged with him.

Ph D Awarded

Mr. Mohamed Khaizer Ahmed (External, Part-time, Economics, 1992–93) was awarded the Ph D degree by University of Mysore on January 21, 2002, for the thesis 'Economics of Silk Reeling with reference to Production and Marketing in Karnataka'. Prof. Abdul Aziz was his supervisor.

Mr. G Nagaraju (Economics, 1990) was awarded the Ph D degree by Osmania University, Hyderabad, on February 16, 2002, for the thesis 'A Critical Evaluation of Macro-Econometric Models for India with Special Emphasis on Explanatory Power and Forecasting Ability.' Prof. T Krishna Kumar and Dr. S Kishen Rao were his supervisors.

Ms. Uma S (External, Part-time, Economics, 1993–94) was awarded the Ph D degree by University of Mysore on April 3, 2002, for the thesis 'Problems and Prospects of Priority Lending by Commercial Banks (A Case Study of Small-Scale Industries in Bangalore District).' Prof. Abdul Aziz was her supervisor.

Mr. B S Venkatesh (Economics, 1989, Economics) was awarded the Ph D degree by Bangalore University on May 24, 2002, for the thesis 'Problems and Prospects of Development of Backward Region: A Study of Karnataka State.' Prof. Hemlata Rao was his supervisor.

Research Projects

Completed

Evaluation of Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS): Case Study of Two Districts in Karnataka (Dr. S Erappa)

Concurrent Evaluation of the Hirehalla Watershed Project (Dr. K V Raju)

National Family Health Survey-2 (Prof. K N M Raju)

Assessing the Existing Training and Testing Facilities for Farm Machinery in Karnataka (Dr. K V Raju)

Fiscal Marksmanship in Karnataka (Prof. M Govinda Rao)

Evaluation of Capacity Building Programmes for Village Education Committees (Dr. M D Ushadevi)

Women Polytechnics and Women in Polytechnic Education (Dr. M D Ushadevi)

New

Causes and Remedies for Farmers' Distress in Karnataka (Prof. R S Deshpande)

Fiscal Decentralisation in Karnataka (Prof. M Govinda Rao)

Roles of Local Organisations in Development Projects (Dr. D Rajasekhar)



Energy Use and Policy in France and Lessons for India (Dr. K N Ninan)

Economic and Environmental Impact of Policy on Transportation Subsidy to Wood-Based Industries in Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Dr. Syed Ajmal Pasha)

Economic and Fiscal Impact of Royalty Rates on Coal and Lignite: Study of Selected Indian States (Dr. Hemlata Rao)

Socio-Economic Survey of SC/STs in Karnataka: A Critical Analysis (Dr. Manohar Yadav)

Evaluation of Manebelaku Udyogini Schemes in Karnataka (Dr. K G Gayathri Devi)

Working Papers

- WP 101. *Tackling Society's 'Detritus': Stakeholder Partnerships and Urban Service Delivery in India* — Madhushree Sekher
- WP 102. *Gender Accountability and Political Representation in Local Government* — V Vijayalakshmi
- WP 103. *Working of Gram Sabhas in Andhra Pradesh: Problems and Prospects* — M Devendra Babu
- WP 104. *Nexus Between Fiscal Deficits, Money Supply and Price Level in India: A VAR Approach* — Purna Chandra Parida, Hrushikesh Mallick, Maathai K Mathiyazhagan
- WP 105. *Participatory Institutional Structures in Decentralized Management of Elementary Education in Karnataka* — M D Usha Devi
- WP 106. *Authority, Powerlessness and Dependence: Women and Political Participation* — V Vijayalakshmi and B K Chandrashekar

PUBLICATIONS

Books Published

Babu, M Devendra

(with Abdul Aziz, N Sivanna, Madhushree Sekher and C Charles Nelson) *Decentralised Governance and Planning: A Comparative Study in Three South Indian States*, Macmillan India Ltd., New Delhi, 2002.

Karanth, G K

(with Ghanasham Shah) *Dalit Identity and Politics*, Sage Publications India Ltd., 2002. (Second in the series 'Cultural Subordination and Dalit Challenge.' Editors: S R Charsley (University of Glasgow) and G K Karanth (ISEC).)

Lele, Sharachchandra

(with Gopal Kadekodi and Bina Agarwal). *Interdisciplinarity in Environmental Research*, Indian Society for Ecological Economics, Delhi, May 2002.

Raju, K V

(with Rakesh Hooja and Ganesh Pangare) *Users in Water Management*, Rawat Publications, April 2002.

Rao, Hemlata

Value Added Tax: Tax Design and Policy Issues, Sun Publications, Bangalore, February 2002.

Saleth, R Maria

Water Resources and Economic Development, Edward Elgar, Cheltenham, U.K., December 2001 (Released in January 2002).



Sekher, T V

(with Dr. M Ramakrishna Reddy and Mr. N M N Murthy). *Handbook on Reproductive and Child Health*, Government of Karnataka, January 2002.

Articles Published

Babu, M Devendra

'Report of the Karnataka State Finance Commission: Status and Implications,' *The Indian Journal of Economics*, LXXXII, No.326, January 2002.

'Role of Voluntary Organisations in the Eradication of Child Labour: A Case Study in Karnataka,' *Artha - Journal of Social Sciences*, Vol. 1, No.1, March-August 2002.

Deshpande, R S

(with S K Thorat). 'Caste System and Economic Inequality: Economic Theory and Evidence.' In Ghanashyam Shah (ed.), *Dalit Identity and Politics*, Sage, New Delhi, 2001.

'Managing Groundwater Resource on Deccan Plateau: Pani Panchayat as an Institution of Collective Action.' In D K Marothia (ed.), *Institutionalizing Common Pool Resources*, Concept, New Delhi, 2002.

Gayithri, K

'Industrial Co-operatives: Problems and Prospects.' In Abdul Aziz and Mahadeva (ed.), *Co-operatives at Cross Roads*, Chetana Publishers, Mysore, 2002.

Karant, G K

Economics and Sociology — Staying on or Merging the Borders? Reflections on the Sociology Side of the Border.' In Lele, Sharachandra, Gopal Kadekodi and Bina Agarwal (ed.), *Interdisciplinarity in Environmental Research: Concepts, Barriers and Possibilities*, New Delhi: Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE).

Mutharayappa, R

'Is Culture Influencing Family Planning Acceptance?' *Man in India*, 81, (3&4), 2001 (Released in February 2002).

'Quality of Health and Family Planning Services Provided by the Female Health Workers in Kolar Districts of Karnataka,' *Journal of Indian Anthropological Society*, Vol. 37, No.1, March 2002

Narayana, M R

'Budgetary Subsidies of the State Government to Higher Education: Evidence from Karnataka State,' *Journal of Indian School of Political Economy*, Vol.13, No.3, 2001.

Ninan, K N

'Economic Liberalisation and Rural Poverty Alleviation — The Indian Experience.' In G H Peters and Prabhu Pingali (ed.), *Tomorrow's Agriculture — Incentives, Institutions, Infrastructure and Innovations*, IAAE, University of Oxford, Ashgate, 2001.

Rajasekhar, D

'Where Local Organisations Do Not Work: Problems of Poverty Reduction in Tamil Nadu, India.' In Neil Webster and Lars Engberg-Pedersen (ed.), *In the Name of the Poor: Contesting Political Space for Poverty Reduction*, Zed, England, 2002.

'Impact of Micro Finance Programmes on Poverty and Gender Equality: Some Evidence from Indian NGOs.' In Shahra Razavi, Kumarian (ed.), *Shifting Burdens: Gender and Agrarian Change under Neoliberalism*, Bloomsfield, USA, 2002.



Raju, K V

(with Ruth Meinzen-Dick and Ashok Gulati) 'What Affects Organisation and Collective Action for Managing Resources ? Evidence from Canal Irrigation Systems in India,' *World Development*, April 2002.

(with Tushaar Shah). 'Rethinking Rehabilitation: Socio-Ecology of Tanks in Rajasthan, North-west India,' *Water Policy*, 3(2001), May 2002.

'Participatory Irrigation Management in Andhra Pradesh, India: A Way Forward.' In Rakesh Hooja, Ganesh Pangare, K V Raju (ed.). *Users in Water Management*, Rawat Publications, 2002.

Rao, M Govinda

'Fiscal Adjustment and the Role of State Governments in India,' In Satu Kahkonen and Anthony Lanyl (ed.). *Institutions, Incentives and Economic Reforms in India*, New Delhi: Sage Publications, 2000.

Saleth, R Maria

'Introduction,' In *Water Resources and Economic Development*, Edward Elgar, Cheltenham, U.K., December 2001 (Released in January 2002).

Sangita, S N

'Political Parties and Ethics in Governance,' *Young Indian*, December 29, 2001-January 4, 2002.

Seetharamu, A S

'Status of Elementary Teachers in India: A Review,' In R Govinda (ed.), *India Education Report*, NIEPA, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2002.

Sekher, T V

'Empowering Grassroots Leadership on Health: A Training Experiment in Karnataka,' In S P Jain (ed.). *Emerging Institutions of Decentralized Rural Development*, National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad, 2002.

Usha, M N

'Women's Education Through the Ages in Western Ghats Region of Karnataka,' *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XXXVII, No. 21, May 25, 2002.

'Does School Size Matter in School Quality?' *ARTHA, Journal of Social Sciences*, Vol. 1, No. 1, March-August 2002.

Veerashekhharappa

'Community Participation in Rural Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation: A Case Study of Karnataka,' *Journal of Indian Water Works Association*, Vol. XXXIV, No. 1, April 2002.

PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS

Papers Presented in Seminars, Conferences, Workshops

Deshpande, R S

'WTO and its Impact on Indian Economy' organised by Christ College of Management, Bangalore, on February 12, 2002.

'Contradictions and Issues in Contract Farming' at the National Business Seminar on **Agricultural Reforms—The Next Phase**, organised by Maharashtra Economic Development Council, on April 20, 2002, in Mumbai.

'WTO and Its Impact on SMEs,' at a workshop on **WTO and its Impact on SMEs**, organised by Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry, on April 29, 2002, in Bangalore.

'Agricultural Policy Statement and Imperatives' at a seminar on **National Agricultural Policy**, organised by Institute of Agricultural Technologists, Bangalore, on May 18, 2002.



'Integrating the Land Issues in the Broader Development Agenda: A Case Study of India,' at the Regional Workshop on **Land Issues in South and East Asia**, organised by The World Bank, during June 4-6, 2002, at Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Jeena, T S

'Economic Valuation of Wetlands: The Case of Cochin Backwater, Kerala' at University of Namur, Namur, Belgium, on February 15, 2002.

'State Regulation and the Possibilities of a Collective Action for the Management of Local-Level Common Property Resources: The Case of Cochin Estuarine Fisheries in Kerala, India,' at the Beijer Research Seminar on **Property Rights**, organised by Beijer International Institute of Ecological Economics, The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Sweden, during May 28-30, 2002, in Durban, South Africa.

Jyothis, S

'De facto Access Right and People's Preference to Conserve Bio-diversity at Micro level: A Study from India' at the **Second World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists**, organised by American and European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE & EAERE) and coordinated by University of California Berkeley, Monterey, USA, during June 24-27, 2002.

Mini, G

'Water Users Association and Irrigation Management with special reference to Environmental Problems' at the **World Bank-Aided Environmental Economics Capacity Building Workshop for Ph D Scholars**, organised by Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, during February 15-19, 2002.

'Soil-Related Problems and Farmers' Management Strategies: A Case Study of a Major Irrigation Project in Karnataka' at a workshop on **Matching Technology and Institutions**, organised by Wageningen Agricultural University, The Netherlands, during April 15-17, 2002, in Kathmandu.

Narayana, M R

'Collegiate Education in Karnataka: Current Status and Select Policy Reforms with reference to General Degree Colleges' at the State Level Academic Conference on **Equity, Quality and Empowerment in Collegiate Education**, organised by Federation of Degree College Principals' Associations-Karnataka, during February 28-March 1, 2002, at Mount Carmel College, Bangalore.

'Methodology of Estimation of Demand for Telecommunication Services,' on April 28, 2002, at the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India, New Delhi.

Pasha, Syed Ajmal

'Role of Gram Sabha and Village Panchayats in Effective Protection and Management of Forests,' at a workshop on **Linkage between Panchayat Raj Act and Joint Forest Management**, organised by Regional Centre, National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, on February 7, 2002, at Andhra Pradesh Forest Academy, Dullapally, Hyderabad.

Rajasekhar, D

'Savings Products for the Poor' at a seminar organised by NABARD in Bhubaneshwar, in February 2002.

Raju, K V

(with Tushaar Shah) 'Rejuvenation of Minor Irrigation Tanks in Rajasthan: A Socio-Ecological Approach,' at a seminar on **Annual Review of IWMI-TATA Programme**, organised by International Water Management Institute, Colombo, during February 19-20, 2002, at Anand, Gujarat.

'Rejuvenation of Tanks in Karnataka: Why It Should Be a Community-Based Approach,' at the South Asia Workshop on **Minor Irrigation Tanks**, organised by SASTAC of Global Water Partnership and DHAN, during March 5-8, 2002, in Madurai.

(with Ashok Gulati). 'Pricing and Institutional Reforms in Indian Irrigation Sector' at the South Asia Workshop on **Trade and Agricultural Reforms**, organised by International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington D.C., and ICRIER, New Delhi, during April 25-26, 2002, at New Delhi.



(with V Ramaswamy). 'Rejuvenating Water Bodies in South India: What Best We Can Do,' at a workshop on **Water Resources Management**, organised by Oxfam India during June 18–19, 2002, in Bangalore.

Ramaswamy, V

(with Dr. K V Raju) 'Rejuvenation of Water Bodies in South India: An Overview' at a workshop on **Water Management in South India**, organised by Oxfam India, Bangalore, during June 18 and 19, 2002, at ISI, Bangalore.

Rao, M Govinda

(with Dr. Nirvikar Singh). 'Fiscal Transfers in a Developing Country: The Case of India,' at a conference on **Comparative Fiscal Federalism**, organised by University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, during January 16–18, 2002.

'State Level Fiscal Reforms in India,' at a conference on **Indian Economy: Problems and Prospects**, organised by Cornell University, USA, during April 19–20, 2002.

'Dynamics of Indian Federalism' at a conference on **Indian Economic Reforms**, organised by Centre for Research on Economic Development, Stanford University, during June 3–4, 2002, Stanford University, USA.

'Fiscal Decentralisation in India and China' at the **Second China-India Research Institutes Round Table**, organised by Centre of Asian Studies, University of Hong Kong, during June 27–29, 2002.

Saleth, R Maria

'Water Institutions and Water Sector Performance' organised by International Water Management Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka, on April 1, 2002.

Sangita, S N

'Political Parties and Constitution Reforms' at a seminar on **Review of the Indian Constitution**, organised by Department of Political Science, Bangalore University, on May 1, 2002, in Bangalore.

Sekher, T V

(with M N Shivakumar) 'Reproductive Health Status and Fertility Level in India' at the International Conference on **Population Stabilisation and Development**, organised by The Universe during February 8–10, 2002, at Cuttack, Orissa.

'Women Panchayat Members and RCH: Lessons from Chitradurga Experiment in Karnataka' at **Silver Jubilee Seminar of Indian Association for the Study of Population**, organised by IASP, Mumbai, during February 11–13, 2002.

Ushadevi, M D

'Gender Segregation in Higher Education in India and Canada — Similarities and Differences in Patterns and Trends' at a seminar on **Women in Higher Education**, organised on November 9, 2001, by Department of Educational Studies, Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Veerashekhharappa

'Agricultural Economy and Causes of Distress in Karnataka' at a national seminar on **Gathering Agrarian Crisis and Farmers' Distress**, organised by Department of Economics, Kakathiya University, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh, during March 9–10, 2002.

Seminars, Training Programmes Organised

Deshpande, R S

Seminar on **The Status of Indian Farmer: A Millennium Study** during January 30–31, 2002, sponsored by Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, New Delhi.



Sekher, T V

Orientation Programme for NGO Volunteers, May 9–10, 2002, sponsored by ISEC and Population Foundation of India.

Training Programme for RCH Field Staff, May 22–28, 2002, Kochi, sponsored by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

Participation in Seminars, Conferences, Workshops as Chairman, Discussant, Rapporteur

Deshpande, R S

Participated as Resource Person in a workshop on **Methodology for Cost of Cultivation**, organised by Commission on Agricultural Costs and Prices, Government of India, New Delhi, on February 21, 2002.

Mutharayappa, R

Participated as Resource Person in a training programme for a) **House Listers and Mappers Under Reproductive and Child Health**, organised by Institute of Development Research and Policy during April 28–29, 2002, in Bangalore; b) **Investigators and Supervisors Under Reproductive and Child Health**, organised by Population Research Centre, J S S Institute of Economic Research in Dharwad, during May 20–25, 2002.

Rao, M Govinda

Chaired a session 'Process, People and Outcome Issues in Public Governance and Tomorrow's Public Organisations' at a national conference on **Public Governance**, organised by Bangalore Management Association in Bangalore, on May 9, 2002.

Acted as Resource Person for the modules on (1) 'Assigning and Delivering Services', and (2) 'Decentralisation and Poverty' in a course on **Decentralization and Intergovernmental Fiscal Reform** targeted at World Bank staff working in countries undertaking intergovernmental reform and decentralisation, sponsored by the Decentralization Thematic Group and WBI, World Bank, at Washington D.C., during May 13–15, 2002.

Acted as discussant of a paper 'Fiscal Federalism, Global Integration and Policy Reform in Australia' by John Madden at a conference on **Federalism in a Global Environment**, organised by Stanford University, USA, from June 6–7, 2002.

Saleth, R Maria

Participated as Resource Person in **Final Consultation on the World Bank's Water Resources Sector Strategy**, organised by World Bank in New Delhi, on May 20, 2002.

Sangita, S N

Participated as Resource Person, at a workshop on **Village Forest Act**, organised by Andhra Pradesh NGOs and OXFAM in Hyderabad, on February 26, 2002.

Seminars, Conferences, Workshops, Meetings Attended

Babu, M Devendra

Conference on **Panchayats, Women and Food Security**, organised by Institute of Social Sciences, on April 24, 2002, Yavanika, in Bangalore.

Lele, Sharachchandra

Round Table on **Water Policy**, organised by Indian Society for Ecological Economics in Delhi, May 10, 2002.

Mini, G

South Asia Ph D Network meet, organised by SACIWATERS, Hyderabad, during April 20–21, 2002, in Kathmandu.

Narayana, M R

Seminar on **WTO and India —The Tasks Ahead**, organised by XIME and the Greater Mysore Chamber of Industry, in Bangalore, during January 18–19, 2002.

National workshop on the **Karnataka Education Sector**, organised by Government of Karnataka in Bangalore, on February 22, 2002.



Ninan, K N

Consultative workshop on **People's Biodiversity Plans**, organised by Centre for Environmental Education, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India in Bangalore, on February 12, 2002.

Ramaswamy, V

Multisectoral Development Plan-Seminar for **Creating Awareness Among the Minority Communities in Bijapur District**, organised by Devaraj Urs Research Institute, Bangalore, in Bijapur, on February 27, 2002.

Rao, M Govinda

Meeting convened by Finance Minister, Government of India, as part of the pre-budget 2002 consultations in New Delhi, on January 10, 2002.

Workshop on **Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation in India**, organised by The World Bank in New Delhi, during January 11-12, 2002.

Workshop on the **Privatisation Strategy Paper on Distribution Margin Methodology Concept**, organised by Energy Department, Government of Karnataka; Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation and Karnataka Power Corporation in Bangalore, on January 22, 2002.

National seminar on **Reforming the Urban Property Tax**, organised by Government of Karnataka in Bangalore, during February 14-15, 2002.

Conference on **Federalism In a Global Environment**, organised by Stanford University, USA, during June 6-7, 2002.

Rao, Hemlata

Property Tax Seminar, organised by Commercial Tax Office, Karnataka State, in Bangalore, on February 14, 2002.

Sangita, S N

Seminar on **Linkage between Panchayat Raj Act and Joint Forest Management**, organised by Regional Centre-National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board and Andhra Pradesh Forest Academy, in Hyderabad, on January 7, 2002.

Usha, M N

Meeting on Education Planning Based on Sectoral Studies, organised by Commissioner of Public Instruction, in Bangalore, on June 28, 2002.

Ushadevi, M D

National-level workshop, **EDUVISION**, organised by The World Bank, MHRD, GOI and the DPEP, Government of Karnataka, in Bangalore, on February 22, 2002.

Gender Sensitisation Workshop for Senior AOs, AOs, AAOs, SOs, organised by RTC, Accountant General's Office in Bangalore, on April 24, 2002.

Keynote and Presidential Addresses

Deshpande, R S

'Tax Reforms from a State's Perspective' (**Late Professor V V Borkar Memorial Lecture**), organised by Marathwada Economic Association, Aurangabad, at Nanded, on February 27, 2002.

Rajasekhar, D

'Challenges for Indian NGOs into the 21st Century' at a workshop on **Micro Finance, Empowerment and Accountability: Challenges for Indian NGOs**, organised by Oxfam CAA - Australia, at ECC, Whitefield, Bangalore, during March 1-2, 2002.

Rao, M Govinda

'Technology and Future of Economic Growth in India,' (Convocation Address) at the **8th Annual Convocation** of the Institute for Technology and Management, Bangalore, on April 28, 2002.



Lectures, Talks Delivered

Babu, M Devendra

Two lectures on 'Finances and Budget Preparation by Panchayats in Karnataka', at Institute for Youth and Development, Bangalore, on May 29, 2002.

Deshpande, R S

Lecture on 'WTO: Tasks Ahead' at Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship, Bangalore, on January 18, 2002.

Lecture on 'WTO and Food Security' at Nutrition Society of India, Bangalore Chapter, on February 5, 2002.

Narayana, M R

Two lectures on 'Public Financing of Higher Education in Karnataka' at UGC Orientation Programme for College Teachers at Academic Staff College, Bangalore University, on February 9, 2002.

Two lectures on 'WTO and SSIs in Karnataka State' at UGC Refresher Course in Economics for College Teachers at Academic Staff College, Bangalore University, on February 20, 2002.

Rao, M Govinda

Lecture on 'Macroeconomic Management of the Indian Economy' in a course on **Managing India's Diversity for Senior Executives**, at National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, on January 8, 2002.

Lecture on 'Value Added Tax at Karnataka Council for Technology Upgradation' (Fourth meeting on Sectoral Consultative Advisory Group in respect of SSSIs) in Bangalore, on January 15, 2002.

Addressed the participants (Law Teachers) at the Valedictory Session of the Academic Staff College Refresher Course for Law Teachers, organised by the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, on February 21, 2002.

Lecture on 'Capacity Building for Implementing VAT in India' at a workshop on **Value Added Tax**, organised by Canara Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mangalore, on March 9, 2002.

Lecture on 'Reforms in Banking Industry: Emerging Challenges' at Department of Economics, Mangalore University, Mangalore, on March 10, 2002.

Lecture on 'Parliament and Public Expenditure Accountability' at a workshop on **The Indian Parliament: A Comparative Perspective**, at Centre for Public Affairs & Konard Adenauer Foundation, in New Delhi, on March 27, 2002.

Lecture on 'Sub-national Lending and Quality of Fiscal Adjustment' at a workshop on **Sub-national Lending**, at World Bank, New Delhi office, during June 17-18, 2002.

Lecture on 'Fiscal Reforms — Present Economic Scenario' at Department of Personnel and Administration Reforms, organised by Government of Karnataka and Indian Institute of Public Administration, Bangalore Chapter, in Bangalore, on June 24, 2002.

Rao, Hemlata

Orientation given to IAS Probationary Officers (2000 Batch), Karnataka Cadre, on April 26, 2002.

Saleth, R Maria

Two lectures on 'Law and Economics in Resource and Environmental Economics Context' at National Law School of India University, Bangalore, on April 23, 2002.

Sangita, S N

Lecture on 'Criminalisation of Politics and Governance' at Ecumenical Christian Centre, Bangalore, on May 15, 2002.

Sastry, G S

Four lectures on 'Quantitative Methods in Economics' at Post-Graduate Centre in Economics, Maharani's College, Bangalore University, on March 22 and 23, 2002.

Ushadevi, M D

Two lectures on 'Comparative Research Methods Perspective for Studying Gender Segregation in Higher Education in India and Canada: Some Issues' at Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C. Canada, on January 14, 2002.



Fellowships Awarded

Bhende, M J

Faculty Research Fellowship by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Calgeri, Canada, and visited University of Ottawa and University of Guelph, during May 19-June 24, 2002.

Jeena, T S

Short-Term Overseas Fellowship under the World Bank-aided India Capacity Building Project for the year 2001-02 at University of Namur, Belgium, during January 15 - March 15, 2002.

Narayana, M R

Visiting Fellowship under India-China Cultural Exchange Programme at Institute of Quantitative and Technical Economics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China, during April 15-May 14, 2002.

Ushadevi, M D

Women and Development Pilot Project Fellowship under Development Studies for 2000-2001 at Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute/University of British Columbia, B.C., Canada, during October 2001-January 2002.

Miscellaneous

Pasha, Syed Ajmal

Was a Resource Person to conceptualise and guide the implementation of Indo-Norwegian Environment Programme-Phase II (INEP-II) in Karnataka, Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCS&T), Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

Rao, M Govinda

Participated in a panel discussion on the **Union Budget-2002** organised by the Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship, Bangalore, on February 4, 2002, in Bangalore.

Offices Held in Academic / Professional / Administrative Bodies

Deshpande, R S

Member, Think Tank on WTO and Agriculture Related Issues, constituted by the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India, New Delhi.

Member, Working Group on Situation Assessment Survey of Indian Farmers, constituted by NSSO for Collecting Information on Farmers, New Delhi.

Participated as a member of the delegation led by the Minister of State for Rural Development, Govt of India, to discuss issues of mutual interest with the Minister of Land Resources and Minister of Rural Development, Kingdom of Cambodia, Phnom Penh, on June 5, 2002.

Vice-President of the Indian Society of Labour Economics, New Delhi.

Lele, Sharachandra

Elected to Executive Committee (2002-2004) of Indian Society for Ecological Economics.

Narayana, M R

Member, Research Methodology Group, Department of Telecommunication, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

Raju, K V

Vice-Chairman, Governing Body, Seva-in-Action, Bangalore.

Hon. Advisor, Committee to suggest alternative development strategies in Karnataka.

Rao, M Govinda

Appointed Member, Revenue Reforms Commission, Government of Karnataka, March 2002.

Saleth, R Maria

Regional Editor, *Water Policy* (Elsevier)

Member, Editorial Board, *Technological Forecasting and Social Change* (North-Holland)

Member, International Water Resources Association

Member, Indian Society of Agricultural Economics

Symposium on 'Private-Public Mix in Health Development in India: Lessons from Canadian Experiences'

The second symposium on 'Private-Public Mix in Health Development in India: Lessons from Canadian Experiences,' sponsored by the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute in New Delhi, was held at ISEC during March 27-29, 2002. Its main objective was to discuss the framework for a sustainable private-public mix in health development for Rural India through empirical analysis and the lessons from Canadian experiences. Its specific objectives were (a) to give the Indian researchers exposure to health-care reforms, (b) to promote research on Canadian Studies Development Program, (c) to learn lessons from the Canadian health-care system and (d) to develop capacity building for Indian researchers in Canadian health studies.



Sri Bhagwan Dua, Vice-President of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (second from left) and Sri Robert Anderigo, Deputy High Commissioner of Canada (third from right). Others in the picture are (from right to left) Prof. G K Karanth, Head, Sociology Unit, Prof. A S Seetharamu, Head, Education Unit, Sri T R Satish Chandran, Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC, and Dr. Maathai K Mathiyazhagan, Assistant Professor, Economics Unit.

There were sixteen technical sessions on health-care systems in India and Canada. There were twenty-five participants, along with sixteen resource persons. The network of Private-Public Mix in Health Development in India and Canadian Studies on Development Program, which has been formed, identified various research issues on sustainable private-public mix in health development and lessons from Canadian experiences. It was decided that next year's symposium would focus on issues in Decentralisation and Health in India: Lessons from Canadian Experiences. The network members will carry out research on Decentralised Health in India and Canada. Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute will publish the proceedings of this symposium.

Mr. Robert Anderigo, the Deputy High Commissioner of Canada, inaugurated the symposium and delivered the keynote address. Dr. Bhagwan Dua, Vice-President of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, delivered the inaugural address. Mr. T R Satish Chandran, Chairman of ISEC, presided over the symposium. Professor A S Seetharamu, Director-in-charge, ISEC, welcomed the gathering. Professor G K Karanth, Vice-Chairman, Academic Committee, ISEC, gave the vote of thanks. Dr. Maathai K Mathiyazhagan, Assistant Professor, Economics Unit, co-ordinated the symposium.

Panel Discussion on Knowledge, Institutions and Social Change

The Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Environment and Development (CISED) and ISEC organised a public panel discussion on 'Knowledge, Institutions and Social Change' on January 21, 2002. The panelists were Dr. Tushaar Shah (of the International Water Management Institute and ex-Director of IRMA), Smt. Medha Patkar (activist with Narmada Bachao Andolan and Magsaysay Award winner), and Professor Richard Norgaard (Energy & Resources Group, University of California, Berkeley, and President, International Society for Ecological Economics). Prof. M Govinda Rao, Director, ISEC, moderated the discussion. Dr. Shah described the findings from a study on the performance of institutions of higher knowledge in India. Professor Norgaard emphasised the need to



(From right to left) Dr. Tushaar Shah, of the International Water Management Institute and ex-Director of ITMA; Prof. M Govinda Rao, Director, ISEC; Smt. Medha Patkar (activist with Narmada Bachao Andolan), and Prof. Richard Norgaard (Energy & Resources Group, University of California, Berkeley, and President, International Society for Ecological Economics).



think about knowledge and power in a rapidly globalising economy. Smt. Patkar drew attention to the need to legitimise informal knowledge, to provide easy access to formal knowledge and information generated by publicly funded researchers, and to carry out socially committed research.

The event attracted more than seventy-five persons from various institutions across Bangalore, including the National Law School of India University, Indian Institute of Science, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, and ATREE.

Workshop on Centre for Decentralisation and Development

The Ford Foundation has provided an endowment grant to set up a Centre for Decentralisation and Development at ISEC. In this connection, a brainstorming session was organised at the Institute on March 26, 2002, to seek the guidance and help of academicians, government officials, panchayat functionaries, political leaders, representatives of donors and NGOs in identifying the core activities of the Centre. Specifically, the workshop sought guidance on thrust areas of research for the Centre, capacity-building activities, and ways and means of disseminating the research findings. The discussion centred on three themes (thrust areas of research, capacity building and dissemination) in three sessions, chaired by Mr T R Satish Chandran, Dr. K S Krishnaswamy, Former Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India, and Dr. Samuel Paul, Former Executive Director, Public Affairs Centre, Bangalore, respectively. Prof. M Govinda Rao, Director, ISEC, and Prof. Peter D'Souza, representing the Ford Foundation, made opening remarks. In all, 54 persons attended the workshop, which was co-ordinated by Dr. D Rajasekhar and Dr. N Sivanna.

Renovation Programme at ISEC

A thing of beauty is a joy forever. So sang the bard, who could well have been referring futuristically to the renovation programme undertaken by ISEC! Today, our two recently renovated and air-conditioned seminar halls and committee room, together with the refurbished guest house, testify to the process of change with continuity tailored to the needs of the Institute.



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