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From the Director's Desk....



The period July to December 2022 encompassed the second half of the golden jubilee year at ISEC and was a very busy time academically. During this spell, the Institute organised a number of seminars, lectures,

training programmes, book discussion meetings, policy advocacy meetings and other academic events.

In the Golden Jubilee Lecture series, we were privileged to hear from intellectuals of international repute such as Professor Kunal Sen, Professor KS Rangappa, Professor R Indira, Professor Sukhadeo Thorat, Professor N Jayaram, Professor William Darity, Professor Janaki Nair and Professor M V Nadkarni on various topics of contemporary relevance including India's sustainable development, conservation efforts, power and inequality, and spirituality. The speakers all stand out for their contributions to the social sciences and challenged us by their broad understanding of the state of the world and their provocative debates.

The eighteenth Dr V K R V Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr C Rangarajan, former Governor of Reserve Bank of India, on "India's Economic Journey since Independence". In the lecture, Dr Rangarajan traced the history of economic development in the country since Independence up to the current goal of Indian the government to make India a five trillion economy.

Seven thematic seminars were organised as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations on the following important themes; i) Women Leadership

in Decentralised Government; ii) Cities on the Move: Inclusive Transport and Mobility for South Asian Cities; iii) Gender and Development; iv) Estimates of GSDP – Current Practices and Possible Improvements; v) Covid-19 and Cities: Is it Merely a Short-term Crisis or has it Changed Our Cities Forever?; vi) Facets of Covid-19 on Migration and Informal Sector workers; and vii) Transformations due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic: Exploring the Possibilities of a Better Tomorrow.

In addition to the Golden Jubilee lecture series, two lectures by distinguished scholars were held during this time, one on "Climate Change: Science and Policy" by Professor NH Ravindranath (Retd.), Centre for Sustainable Technologies (CST), Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru and the other on "The Case for Phasing Out Coal-Fired Power: Evidence from Air Quality Dissatisfaction" by Professor Tim Besley, Department of Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science, London.

During this period ISEC organised two important programmes. The training programme on Time Series and Applied Econometrics for Indian Statistical Service Probationers, Government of India focused basic econometric techniques, panel data models, advanced time series techniques with hands-on experience through Eviews and STATA. The Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research provided training in social science research methods.

The second half of 2022 also witnessed many other academic events on campus. ISEC faculty members organised two policy advocacy workshops by involving key stakeholders. A state level stakeholders workshop was held on "Scaling up of Water Use Efficiency Measures in Karnataka through Evaluation of Its Micro Irrigation

Strategies". Likewise, another workshop was held on "Voices of Farmer Champions as Advocacy Tool for Alternative Crops to Tobacco: Sharing Best Practices among Fellow Farmers". Both the workshops provided important policy suggestion that government support to farmers is needed to switch from tobacco to alternative crops, and to achieve water use efficiency.

With regard to regular academic activities, ISEC faculty members completed six research projects covering themes such as access to social security among SC/ST households, access to credit in the city and its periphery, urban governance and local democracy, improving e-governance, and livelihood uncertainty among north-east migrants during the Covid19 pandemic. As many as fifteen new research projects have been initiated by the faculty during this period. The themes covered in these research studies include aspirational districts, micro-irrigation strategies, transport subsidies, agricultural trade, modernity and democracy, an ethnographic study on the community of Dombaru, health insurance, improvement of public health infrastructure, humanitarian cash transfers to the disaster affected through local government, tackling of congestion in cities and urbanisation and the environment.

The members of the faculty have disseminated the findings of their research work in multiple ways. In all three books were brought out by the faculty

members through reputed publishers in areas such as decentralised governance and development, ethics and environment. Discussion sessions were held on two books - Handbook of Decentralised Governance and Development in India published by Routledge, London and New York and Public Expenditure in India: Policies and Development Outcomes published by Oxford University Press. In addition, a total of twenty seven papers have been published in reputed journals and edited books.

As far as the PhD programme is concerned, as many as five PhD degrees were awarded during this period. A large number of PhD scholars presented their work in progress during the Bi-Annual Seminars and obtained feedback for improvement of their theses.

Social media efforts of the institute progressed well in the latter half of 2022. There was substantial growth in social media presence with 205 posts of the publications and events of the institute garnering as many as 88,000 views and 2172 followers. I am happy to inform that ISEC's social media audience primarily serves core professionals of the Research and Education community, but in recent months it has also successfully attracted professionals from various fields such as Media, Consulting, and Finance. Furthermore, ISEC's followers have demonstrated geographical diversity, with growth in both domestic and international regions.

D Rajasekhar
Director

Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR)

The Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR) was organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru during July 11-21, 2022. It was coordinated by Dr Marchang Reimeingam, Assistant Professor, ISEC. A total of 10 candidates (5 each male and female), from Karnataka and other states of India, have successfully participated in the course. The course contained 32 sessions including Formulation of Research Proposal and Research Design, Review of Literature, E-Resources for Social Science Research, Nature of Knowledge and Theory, Identifying Variables, Qualitative vs Quantitative Research: Theory and Application, Tools and Techniques in Urban and Regional Research, Survey Research, Qualitative Method - Interview and Questionnaire, Probability Sampling Technique, Theoretical Approach to Social Science Research, Non-Probability Sampling Techniques, Hermeneutics and Interpretative Method, Correlation Analysis, Ethnographic Studies, Randomised Controlled Trial Method, Game Theory, Empirical Research, Exploratory Research and Descriptive Research, Gender Issues in Social Sciences, Research: Current Issues in Social Sciences, Action Research: Meaning, Issues and Experience, Use and Extraction of NSSO Datasets using SPSS, Use and Extraction of NSSO Datasets using SPSS, Feminist Methods in Social Science,



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Scientific Observation in Research Methodology, Case Studies and Interpretation of Qualitative and Quantitative Data, Coding and Data Analysis using SPSS, Writing Research Proposal/Paper/Thesis and Referencing/Bibliography, Ethics in Social Sciences Research, and Research in Social Sciences: Relevance and Critical Issues. The lectures were delivered by 21 resource persons from ISEC as well as from other organisations. All candidates provided positive feedback of the relevance of the course and benefits from it. Senior resource persons also complimented and applauded the contents of the course.

Book Release Ceremony on Public Expenditure in India: Policies and Development Outcomes

A book release function of the book entitled '*Public Expenditure in India: Policies and Development Outcomes*' authored by Prof K Gayithri and published by the Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2022 was organised on July 22, 2022 at the Institute for Social and Economic Change. The program was chaired (virtual) by Prof Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman, ISEC, Board of Governors. Sri B K Bhattacharya, Former Chief Secretary and Chairman, Expenditure Reforms Commission, Government of Karnataka was the Chief Guest who presided over the program. Prof D Rajasekhar

gave the welcome address followed by an overview of the book by Prof K Gayithri. The book was discussed by Prof R S Deshpande, former, Director of ISEC. Appreciating the comprehensive coverage of public expenditure issues provided in the book, he referred to the immense usefulness of the book to the students of Public Finance, academicians and policy makers. Among the other dignitaries who addressed the audience were Prof M V Nadkarni, Prof Devendra Babu, Prof N R Bhanumurthy, Vice Chancellor BASE, Dr Nageswar Rao and Prof Abdul Aziz. Sri B K Bhattacharya in his presidential

remarks highlighted the policy relevance and usefulness of the book. Prof Thorat complimented the author for the rich academic contribution and also suggested an extension of the work to examine

outcomes of public spending. The book release function was concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr Ashok Rao, Registrar, ISEC.

Golden Jubilee National Conference on Transformations due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic: Exploring the Possibilities of a Better Tomorrow

The ISEC Golden Jubilee National Conference on the topic *Transformations Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Exploring the Possibilities of a Better Tomorrow* was conducted during July 26-27, 2022 at ISEC, Bengaluru. The conference was sponsored by the ICSSR and partly supported with financial assistance from the SRTT fund of ISEC. The participants engaged with various themes including the economy, labour, education, health, environment, and technological advancements in the six technical sessions. The participants came from different regions of India, belonging to different disciplines of study such as economics, development studies, political science, sociology, public policy, law, management, and urban studies. Delegates from all over India, faculty and students attended the inaugural and the technical sessions that followed.

The conference was inaugurated by Prof Narendar Pani (NIAS, Bengaluru), who delivered an illuminating inaugural address on the topic "Covid and the Method of Economics". The inaugural session was chaired by Prof D Rajasekhar (Director, ISEC). Dr Indrajit Bairagya (Coordinator of the Conference) outlined the importance of the conference and highlighted how the two-day national conference was structured into various sessions centred around the impact of COVID-19 on the chosen broad themes. He explained that around 89 abstracts were submitted for the conference, out of which 29 papers have been selected for presentation. The presentations were categorized into six technical sessions, which were distributed theme-wise.

In addition to the paper presentations the conference included a panel discussion on the topic "Social Protection during COVID-19 Pandemic and After". The session was moderated by Prof D



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Rajasekhar and the invited speakers were Prof R S Deshpande (Former Director, ISEC), Prof Supriya Roychowdhury (Visiting Professor, NIAS, and Senior Fellow, Max Weber Stiftung, New Delhi) and Prof Saumya Chakrabarti (Visva-Bharati University, West Bengal).

The valedictory session was chaired by Prof D Rajasekhar who addressed the participants, followed by Dr Channamma Kambara introducing the Chief Guest of the function Dr Shalini Rajneesh, IAS (Additional Chief Secretary to Planning Department, Govt. of Karnataka). In her address, Dr Shalini Rajneesh, highlighted the various issues that the pandemic has brought to light and discussed the responses adopted by the government to deal with them. The conference was concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr Indrajit Bairagya. The conference was coordinated by Dr Indrajit Bairagya, Centre for Human Resource Development (CHRD), ISEC, along with Dr S Manasi and Dr Channamma Kambara, Centre for Research in Urban Affairs (CRUA).

Seminar on Pandemic and Lockdowns: Governance Strategies and Community Responses for Covid-19 in Shanghai

This online seminar was given by Dr Zhumin Xu, Max Bell School of Public Policy, McGill University, Canada on August 17, 2022, who was visiting the Centre for Research in Urban Affairs (CRUA) virtually from June to August 2022. The seminar was focused on the following with respect to Shanghai, China: the lock-down strategies in the city; the characteristics of ongoing policy responses to the crisis; and the assessment of the consequences of lock-down policy including impacts on citizens, and vulnerable groups.

In Shanghai, the government dealt with a zero-Covid strategy, relied on mass testing, mobilization

and social surveillance for preventing the further spread. Further, close contacts of infected people moved to neighbouring provinces. During the lockdown there, there was group purchase for grocery. It was also found that in Shanghai, citizens who trust the government are more likely to display compliant behavior toward policies, laws, and regulations. The talk concluded that governments cannot resort to lockdown as a strategy, as Covid is becoming endemic.

The seminar was chaired by Professor D Rajasekhar, and moderated by Professor Kala S Sridhar.

Book Discussion Session on Handbook of Decentralised Governance and Development in India

On the eve of completion of 25 years of decentralisation reforms (73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts), the Centre for Decentralisation and Development wanted to organise a seminar on the theme. Three-day seminar on "25 years of Decentralised Governance in India: Status, Issues and the Way Forward" was organised during August 28-30, 2018 with partial funding support from ICSSR. Of several papers presented in the seminar, those providing historical perspective are included in this volume on Handbook of Decentralised Governance and Development in India" with a few additional papers.

This volume, edited by Prof D Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC, examines 25 years of decentralised governance and development in India, and provides historical overview of developments since the introduction of decentralisation reforms (73rd and 74th CAAs) and critically assesses the measures initiated to strengthen decentralised institutions and deepen democracy. It also discusses the status of service delivery and identifies the issues and challenges involved in achieving development at the local level. The handbook is also first of its kind with chapters contributed by distinguished researchers and well-known experts in decentralisation.



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The book discussion session was organised by the Centre for Decentralisation and Development on August 2, 2022. The meeting was chaired by Prof Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman, BoG. Prof Rajasekhar made a presentation on the book. This was followed by presentations from Dr S S Meenakshi Sundaram, Prof M V Nadkarni, Prof N Jayaram and Prof Oommen. The discussion meet was coordinated by Dr R Manjula, Assistant Professor, CDD, ISEC.

ISEC Golden Jubilee Workshop on Gender and Development

While the development process in general and economic development in particular has thrown new challenges for people across the globe, these challenges and their impacts are felt differently by men and women. Though experiences of various countries, both developed and developing display that economic advancement aids to attain gender equality to some extent, in several areas gender differences are not easy to remove. Given the importance of gender in the context of development a one-day workshop was organised on September 2, 2022 at ISEC as a part of Golden jubilee events of the Centre for Economic Studies and Policy.

Distinguished scholars working on gender studies from various disciplines of the social sciences participated as invited panelists to shed light on pertinent issues on gender and development. These deliberations also focused on different regions of India.

Prof D Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC delivered the welcome address and Prof Meenakshi Rajeev, Head, CESP introduced the speakers.

The invited speakers included Prof Ashwini Deshpande, Professor of Economics Founding Director, Centre for Economic Data and Analysis (CEDA), Ashoka University; Prof Sonalde Desai, Distinguished University Professor, Department of Sociology University of Maryland College Park; Professor and Centre Director, National Data Innovation Centre National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi; Prof Biswajit Ghosh, Professor of Sociology The University of Burdwan, Burdwan; Prof Ajailiu Niumai, Professor of Sociology and Head Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, School of Social Sciences University of Hyderabad; Prof Kade Finoff, Professor, Azim Premji University.

In addition, PhD scholars from ISEC and other institutions such as IIT Mandi also made short presentations on their work in progress and got inputs from experts who include in addition to the panelists Prof Arijita Dutta from University of Calcutta and Dr Lekha Subaiya from ISEC.

The event was organised by Prof Meenakshi Rajeev, CESP, ISEC.

EQUIMOB and ISEC Golden Jubilee International Seminar on Cities on the Move: Inclusive Transport and Mobility for South Asian Cities

In recent years, South Asian cities have grown denser and broader due to the significant increase in population. However, evidence shows that the people have struggled to commute in these busy cities in their everyday lives. The poor accessibility to transport services adversely affects the labour market participation and access to healthcare of vulnerable sections of the population in the cities of the Global South. Further, often transport planning and policies undermine socio-spatial inequalities thus excluding marginalised and vulnerable sections of the population. There is also evidence that inadequate and non-inclusive transport infrastructure unfavourably re-organise the urban transport landscape in the cities with significant implications for health, social exclusion and access to livelihood and services, traffic congestion and overall urban wellbeing. Of late researchers have

taken a keen interest in using an intersectional and people-centric lens to understand the mobility issues. They have initiated discussions on how people belonging to different groups based on class, gender, ethnicity, age, and disability could impact - the degree of ease, affordability, comfort, flexibility, and safety of their movement. Inline, the recent policy impetus such as smart cities, silent streets and green mobilities and their transport-related interventions need a critical rethink. Given these, the seminar offered a platform to connect such diverse, disparate urban scholarship that engages with transport from a humanities frame. The seminar had four sub-themes that include gendered access to urban transport, interfaces of safety, disability, and mobility, round table discussion on art for decolonising mobility research, transport as cultural embedding and

barriers and enablers to urban transport. A total of 21 papers were presented. Participants from various Universities and Research Institutes including Utrecht University, the Netherlands, National Institute of Technology Calicut, University College London, UK, University of Asia Pacific, Bangladesh, University of Auckland, New Zealand, Peninsular Research Operations, Chennai, Breakthrough, New Delhi, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Bangladesh University

of Engineering & Technology, Independent University, The Association of People with Disability, Bengaluru, University of Westminster, England, Tallinn University, Estonia, Fields of view, India and Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru participated in the seminar. The seminar was coordinated by Dr Sobin George and Prof Ajay Bailey. The seminar was funded by The Dutch Research Council (NWO) and Utrecht University, Netherlands.

National Seminar on Women Leadership in Decentralised Governance

The 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts are landmark legislations that have formally and firmly established the decentralised government in both rural and urban India. Hailed as important landmarks for their radical approach towards decentralisation, these legislations devolved powers to sub-state level governments and sought to ensure the participation of the disadvantaged groups. These legislations sought to bring a new political system at the grassroots level by giving priority to decentralised political institutions, and people's participation in local governance and planning. In rural areas, panchayats with democratically elected governments at the village, block/taluk and district levels were established. In urban areas, a legislative framework for the establishment and strengthening of urban local bodies was provided.

An important component of the decentralization reforms is the provision of reservations to disadvantaged groups of women and those belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs). Historically, these groups were not participating in the decentralised government because of the prevailing social and economic structure. In order to improve their representation and participation in the local self-government, one-third of seats and executive positions are reserved for women and for persons belonging to SC/ST categories the reservation was according their population. Reservation of seats in the decentralised government improved the access of disadvantaged groups to political decision making significantly in India. It is nearly 30 years since the policy of reservations has been introduced in PRIs. The representation of women in Panchayats has substantially improved with as many as 20 states



National Seminar on Women Leadership in Decentralised Governance in progress.

increasing the proportion of reservations to 50 per cent.

Against this background, this national seminar examined the issues pertaining women leaders in Panchayats, their participation in the decentralised governance and impact of their leadership on service delivery and local development. It also examined the contribution of women leaders to the decentralised governance and development, successful models, experiences of women leaders from different parts in India (especially from the north-east) and challenges faced by them.

Prof V K Natraj, former Director, MIDS and former member of ISEC board of governors, delivered the Keynote address, while Dr Ravindra, former Chief Secretary, GOK and former chairman, BoG, ISEC, delivered the special address. The other participants included Prof R Indira, member of BoG and former president of Indian Sociological Society, Prof Ajailiu, member of BoG and Professor, University of Hyderabad, Prof D Narayana, former Director,

GIFT, Kerala, Dr Rajni Bala, Convenor, RC10 Gender Studies, Indian Sociological Society (ISS), and Dr Sudeshna Mukerjee, Associate Professor, Bangalore University. There were 15 papers presented in six technical sessions. The seminar was jointly organized by the Indian Sociological

Society and Centre for Women Studies, Bangalore University.

Dr D Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC & Head of CDD, and Dr Manjula, Assistant Professor, CDD, were the coordinators of the seminar.

State Level Stakeholders Workshop on Scaling up of Water Use Efficiency Measures in Karnataka through Evaluation of Its Micro Irrigation Strategies

The occurrence of droughts is common in Karnataka, and climate change exacerbates the situation further. Erratic rainfall and rise in temperature due to climate change worsen the agricultural drought, impacting food security, farmer's income, and the local economy. Judicious and efficient use of the state's limited water resources in agriculture can help Karnataka cope with droughts. Micro Irrigation (MI) can enhance water-use efficiency, making agriculture sustainable. However, its uptake remains low, more so in the drought prone districts of the state.

With the support of HSS Foundation, ADRTC, ISEC conducted a study on the implementation of Karnataka's micro-irrigation strategies in the Yadgir district, which is one of the most drought-prone districts of Karnataka. The study documented barriers to the uptake of MI, made suggestions on community-level innovations that can be scaled up, and proposes policy changes that make water management more inclusive and sustainable. To present the study findings, a State Level Stakeholders workshop was convened on November 22, 2022 inviting key stakeholders such as decision-makers, government officials, academicians, doctoral students, agriculturalists, and farmers present in the, for their critical review, suggestions, and consideration.

Prof K B Ramappa, Head, ADRTC welcomed the guests and Dr Lenin Babu presented the study findings in details. Sharing his thoughts, Prof Rajasekhar has stressed on the importance of the policy formulation with due consideration of ground realities. Prof R S Deshpande stressed on the importance of the efficient translation of the policy into action. Dr S K Pattanayak has suggested that the agricultural research should aim at resilient



State Level Stakeholders Workshop on Scaling up of Water Use Efficiency Measures in Karnataka through Evaluation of Its Micro Irrigation Strategies in progress, November 22, 2022.

agriculture in view of the rapidly emerging challenges from that meteorological to market to soil fertility to attitudinal changes. The following salient points were discussed during the workshop:

Achieving water-use efficiency in agriculture is crucial, and there is a need to adopt practices that allow the harvesting of more crop per drop of water. This will not only reduce the negative effects of droughts, but also enhance food security.

Drought-prone districts like Yadgir need more financial support. The state government should allocate increased budget for the higher adoption of MI in the drought-prone districts.

Increased technical support and capacity building for farmers are a must for higher adoption of MI in Karnataka. Best practices and technological innovations from around the world, especially from countries like Israel which pioneer modern water technologies and innovation, can help Karnataka achieve water-use efficiency in agriculture. While the occurrence of droughts cannot be avoided,

policy can impact the extent to which it turns into a disaster.

A combination of policy and institutional reforms can help enhance farmer's income by reducing

input cost, improve management practices and facilitate better output management in agriculture.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof K B Ramappa.

Golden Jubilee International Conference on Covid-19 and Cities: Is it Merely a Short-term Crisis or has it Changed Our Cities Forever?

Due to its far-reaching ramifications, the two-day Golden Jubilee Seminar of ISEC's Centre for Research in Urban Affairs, deliberated on the effect that Covid-19 has had on various aspects of the urban economy: urban poverty, informal sector and unskilled and skilled labour force, housing, and the gig economy. Below are the questions the conference made an attempt to answer:

1. What is the effect of Covid-19 on the urban economy and job opportunities?
2. How has Covid-19 impacted the urban workforce in general? Have the marginalized and vulnerable been unfavourably affected due to Covid-19?
3. Are the effects of Covid-19 dependent on the robustness of healthcare infrastructure in cities?
4. What are the effects of Covid-19 on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure in cities?
5. Has the pandemic made housing more affordable in urban areas?

6. Due to WFH and WFA, has the pandemic made the urban environment more sustainable?
7. What are the ongoing policy responses of city governments to Covid and challenges?
8. Are there any best practices from which city governments can learn regarding the management of future pandemics?
9. What is the effect of Covid-19 on the gig economy and on-demand labour?
10. Are these phenomena temporary or have they changed the landscape of our cities for good?

Jan Brueckner, Distinguished Professor of Economics, at the University of California, Irvine, USA, delivered keynote address at the Conference. Sanjoy Chakravorty Professor of Urban and Global Studies at Temple University, Philadelphia, delivered keynote address on day 2. In all, 25 papers were presented, in addition to the keynote addresses and a panel discussion on the effect of Covid on the urban environment, in which distinguished panelists Prof R S Deshpande, Dr Ravindra and others participated.



Golden Jubilee International Conference on Covid-19 and Cities: Is it Merely a Short-term Crisis or has it Changed Our Cities Forever?, organized by CRUA, ISEC during November 17-18, 2022.

Golden Jubilee Workshop on Estimates of GSDP – Current Practices and Possible Improvements

This Golden Jubilee workshop on “Estimates of GSDP-Current Practice and Possible Improvements” was jointly organised by the Centre for Social and Economic Change, Institute of Social and Economic Change, Indian Econometric Society and Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics Department, Government of Karnataka on November 19, 2022. The workshop commenced with the welcome address by Prof D Rajasekhar, the Director, ISEC, followed by opening remarks by the Chairman, BOG of ISEC Prof Sukhdeo Thorat and Dr Shalini Rajneesh, ACS, Planning Programme Monitoring and Statistics Department, GoK. Subsequently, Prof S Madheswaran, discussed the objectives of the workshop after which a formal introduction was given of Prof R Dholakia, Head of the Committee for Sub National Accounts and the keynote speaker by Dr A V Manjunath.

The keynote speaker Prof R Dholakia expressed his delight at the tremendous acceptance and implementation of his committee report submitted in 2020 across major states. The speaker highlighted the broader aspects of the report that are relevant and pre-conditions for estimation of sub national income, leaving the greater details for the panel experts. The speaker mentioned that though the whole exercise of estimating state level national income began by a galaxy of leaders like Prof VKRV Rao way back in 1955-56, it was only after the formulation of state finance commissions, the estimation of NSDP and GSDP got a real boost. Professor Dholakia also mentioned that Karnataka is the pioneer in the estimation of state and district level income.



(from left to right) Prof S Madheswaran, Prof R Dholakia, Prof D Rajasekhar and Prof K L Krishna during the Golden Jubilee Workshop on Estimates of GSDP – Current Practices and Possible Improvements on November, 19, 2022

The keynote address was followed by two panel discussions. The first panel session of the workshop addressed the data requirement, data availability and the level of required disaggregation by four distinguished prominent speakers viz., Mr Ravishankar, from DOS, RBI, Naresh Kumar Sharma, former DG, NSO, GOI, Prof N R Bhanumurthy, Member of the Committee, Vice Chancellor BASE university, and Dr K Dennis Rajkumar, Head, Research Foundation EPW.

The second panel discussion had eminent discussants from both academia and state bureaucrats focused on sectoral specific matters on GSDP accounting. Dr Om Prakash Bairawa, IAS, Director and joint Secretary, Government of Rajasthan, Mr Navendu K Firake, Deputy Director, DES, Government of Maharashtra, Prof Meenakshi Rajeev, RBI chair professor ISEC, Prof Dadibhavi, Retired Professor Karnataka University, Prof R



Golden Jubilee Workshop on Estimates of GSDP – Current Practices and Possible Improvements on November, 19, 2022

S Deshpande, Former Director of ISEC and Mr Narsimha Phani, Joint Director, SIP Division, DES, Government of Karnataka were the speakers in the second session. The Director, DES requested ISEC to send the deliberations of workshop as action taken points to strengthen GSDP calculation in the State.

The workshop ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Smt B P Vani to all the dignitaries present for their valuable participation, sharing of ground level information and insightful comments and recommendations. The coordinators of the workshop are Prof S Madheswaran and Smt B P Vani, CESP, ISEC.

Two-Day International Conference on Facets of Covid-19 on Migration and Informal Sector workers

The two-day international conference on 'Facets of Covid-19 on Migration and Informal Sector Workers' was conducted during November 24-25, 2022, and financially supported by the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR). The central objective of the conference was to explore the relevant themes and aspects embedded in the migration of informal workers during the pandemic through exploring changing discourse both in theory and practice. Prof R S Deshpande delivered an insightful and intellectually inspiring inaugural address beginning with a few theories of migration, later covering the genesis of the problem and impacts of the catastrophic pandemic on the informal sector in both urban and rural scenarios. As part of two days deliberation 27 papers were presented under five technical sessions from the scholars all over India. On the second day of the conference a panel discussion on Covid-19, Migration, Informal Sector and the State was held and Prof D Rajasekhar moderated the session. The Key Speakers of the panel discussion included: Prof Priya Deshginkar, Professor of Migration and Development, University of Sussex, United Kingdom; Prof Ravi S Srivastava, Professor and Director Centre for Employment Studies, IHD, New Delhi, India; Dr Charlotte Goodburn, Deputy Director, Lau China Institute King's College London, United Kingdom; Prof Carol Upadhyay,



(from left to right) Dr S Manasi, Prof R S Deshpande, Prof D Rajasekhar, Dr Malini L Tantri and Dr Channamma Kambara during two-day international conference on Facets of Covid-19 on Migration and Informal Sector Workers, held at ISEC on November 24-25, 2022.

Visiting Professor, School of Social Sciences, Head, Urban & Mobility Studies Programme, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Indian Institute of Science Campus, Bangalore, India; Major P Manivannan, Secretary to the Government of Karnataka, Departments of Social Welfare and Minority Welfare, GoK, India.

Dr Malini L Tantri from Centre for Economic Studies and Policy (CESP) and Dr S Manasi and Dr Channamma Kambara from Centre for Research in Urban Affairs (CRUA), Institute for Social and Economic Changes (ISEC) organized the conference.

Workshop on Voices of Farmer Champions as Advocacy Tool for Alternative Crops to Tobacco: Sharing Best Practices among Fellow Farmers

Agricultural Development and Rural Transformation (ADRT) Centre of Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, in association with the Centre for Multi Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, organised a two-day workshop entitled “Voices of Farmer Champions as Advocacy Tool for Alternative Crops to Tobacco: Sharing Best Practices among Fellow Farmers, Media and Decision Makers” on November 29-30, 2022. The workshop was a follow up to the study “Best Practices in Alternative Crops to Tobacco identifying Farmer Champions in Diversification across India” funded by Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids (CTFK), USA, and carried out by CMDR in seven tobacco growing states viz. Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal during 2020-21. The objective of the workshop was to engage the selected farmers in tobacco control advocacy in their respective states by enabling them to share their knowledge and experiences in diversification of crops, thereby creating awareness among tobacco growing farmers. Out of the 57 case studies of tobacco growers and non-growers (Best practices), 18 farmers have been identified as ‘Champions of Advocacy’. They were requested to be the “Voices” for advocating tobacco control, helping and guide their fellow farmers to try alternate crops, which are beneficial through demonstration and narration. Those growing tobacco can pressurise the government to promote alternate crops. They will also join other voices in

representations made before the policy makers in convincing them that there are alternative crops available to tobacco and how farmers can be helped and motivated to give up tobacco cultivation.

The participants in the workshop include around 20 farmers from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, who have left tobacco cultivation and a few selected tobacco farmers who continue to grow tobacco for economic gain but, support the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA, 2003), a few researchers from different universities/ research institutes, an advocate and consultant, Supreme Court of India, Senior Policy Consultant, India (representing CTFK), officials from Agriculture Department, Government of Karnataka and media representatives.

The discussions with both past and current tobacco growers indicate that a majority of the farmers are interested in trying alternative crops but, only with some support as they are worried about the absence of revenue in the gestation period. A few still believe that there is no alternative to tobacco crops. Farmers’ demand for Minimum Support Price, irrigation, market linkages, input subsidies, power supply, support for organic farming, cold storage, infrastructure, crop loan, etc., cannot be attained without governments’ involvement in all the seven states.



ADRTC, ISEC in association with the CMDR, Dharwad, organised a workshop on Voices of Farmer Champions as Advocacy Tool for Alternative Crops to Tobacco: Sharing Best Practices among Fellow Farmers, Media and Decision Makers during November 29-30, 2022.

ISS Training Programme on Time Series and Applied Econometrics for ISS Probationers, Government of India

The Centre for Economics Studies and Policy (CESP), ISEC, organised a training programme on Time Series and Applied Econometrics for 43rd and 44th batch ISS Probationers, Government of India sponsored by National Statistical Systems Training Academy (NSSTA) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI), Government of India from November 28 to December 9, 2022. Totally 59 probationers participated in this training programme. During the first week of the course, participants were introduced to Basic Econometric techniques & Panel Data model and the second week concentrated on advanced time series techniques with hands-on experience through Eviews and STATA. The resource persons for the course were drawn both from within the institute as well as experts from other institutions like Madras School of Economics, Central University of Pondicherry and BASE.

Prof D Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC, welcomed the course participants and Prof S Madheswaran, CESP explained the course content and Ms B P Vani has proposed the vote of thanks. Apart from the course curriculum, we have arranged special lecture on Strengthening Statistical System in Karnataka by Dr Shalini Rajneesh, Additional Chief Secretary,

Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics Department, Government of Karnataka, Artificial Intelligence by Mr Janardhan, Stochastic Frontier Production function by Prof K R Shanmugam, Director, Madras School of Economics, Macro Econometric Modeling by Prof N R Bhanumurthy, Vice Chancellor, BASE, Bangalore.

The programme ended with valedictory address on Big Data Analysis given by Dr G P Samanta, Chief Statistician of India and Secretary, MOSPI, Government of India. Feedback on both academic and administrative aspects of the course was obtained from the participants by circulating a structured feedback form, designed for the training. The training was rated as Excellent by the ISS officers. The NSSTA under Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) appreciated the effort and quality of training imparted by ISEC over the period of time. The training programme was coordinated by Prof S Madheswaran and Ms B P Vani, Centre for Economic Studies and Policy, ISEC. Mr Satish Kamath's efforts in supporting the coordinators in loading the econometric packages and handholding all the probationers in computer related requirements throughout the course must be lauded.



Inaugural of training programme on Time Series and Applied Econometrics for 43rd and 44th batch ISS Probationers, Government of India on November 28, 2022.

Eighteenth Dr VKRV Rao Memorial Lecture by Dr C Rangarajan

The eighteenth Dr V K R V Memorial Lecture on “India’s Economic Journey since Independence” was delivered by Dr C Rangarajan, former Governor of Reserve Bank of India on September 7, 2022. In the lecture, he traced the history of economic development since Independence, and brought the

discussion up to current goal of Indian government to make India as 5-trillion economy. Prof Sukhadeo Thorat presided over the lecture and Prof D Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC, welcomed the gathering. Prof S Madheswaran, CESP, introduced the speaker while Prof Kala Sridhar proposed vote of thanks.

Golden Jubilee Distinguished Lecture by Prof Tim Besley, London School of Economics

A special ISEC Golden Jubilee Lecture by a Distinguished Scholar as a part of the Golden Jubilee events from the Centre for Economic Studies and Policy, ISEC was organised on December 7, 2022. This lecture was delivered by renowned Professor Tim Besley who is the School Professor of Economics and Political Science, Department of Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science, London. The event was organised in a hybrid mode and attended by a large number of scholars from India and abroad. Prof Besley delivered a lecture on the topic: THE CASE FOR PHASING OUT

COAL-FIRED POWER: EVIDENCE FROM AIR QUALITY DISSATISFACTION. The event was Chaired by Prof D Rajasekhar, Director ISEC, who delivered the welcome address. Thereafter Prof Meenakshi Rajeev, Head, CESP, Introduced the speaker and moderated the session. There was a lively discussion that followed after the talk. Ms Abina V P, PhD Scholar, ISEC presented the vote of thanks. This event was organised by Prof Meenakshi Rajeev, Head, CESP as part of ISEC Golden Jubilee event.

ISEC Golden Jubilee Lecture Series

ISEC Golden Jubilee Lecture 10: **Is India a Land of Opportunity?** - Professor Kunal Sen Dr VKRV Rao Chair Professor, ISEC and Director, United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), Finland (July 7, 2022).

ISEC Golden Jubilee Lecture 11: **Clean Energy for Sustainable Development in India**- Professor KS Rangappa, Member, Board of Governors, ISEC and Former Vice Chancellor of Karnataka State Open University and University of Mysore, Mysore (July 21, 2022).

ISEC Golden Jubilee Lecture 12: **Is Relocation an Answer to Conservation? Experiences from the Kali Tiger Reserve, Uttara Kannada District**- Professor R Indira, Member, Board of Governors,

ISEC and Former Professor of Sociology, University of Mysore, Mysore (August 4, 2022).

ISEC Golden Jubilee Lecture 13: **Why Intergroup Inequality Still Persists? Insights from Empirical Evidence and Theories of Group Discrimination**- Professor Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairperson, Board of Governors, ISEC (September 9, 2022).

ISEC Golden Jubilee Lecture 14: **Understanding A Wounded Civilisation: A Sociological Reading of V. S. Naipaul’s Indian Trilogy** - Professor N Jayaram, Former Director and Former Member, Board of Governors, ISEC (September 29, 2022).

ISEC Golden Jubilee Lecture 15: **Prejudice and Power: Stratification Economics, and a General Theory of Inequality**- Professor William Darity, Samuel DuBois Cook Distinguished Professor of Public Policy, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, USA (October 13, 2022).

ISEC Golden Jubilee Lecture 16: The Twentieth Century Career of a Mysore Matha - Professor Janaki Nair, Member, Board of Governors, ISEC, Bengaluru, Professor of History (Retd.), JNU, New Delhi (October 20, 2022).

ISEC Golden Jubilee Lecture 17: Moral Evolution as Development – An Unfinished Task – Professor MV Nadkarni, Honorary Visiting Professor, ISEC, Bengaluru (November 10, 2022).

ISEC Golden Jubilee Lectures by Distinguished Scholars

Lecture by Distinguished Scholar 5: **Climate Change: Science and Policy**- Professor NH Ravindranath (Retd.), Centre for Sustainable Technologies (CST), Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru (October 14, 2022).

Seminars by Students

Maternal and Child Healthcare: Indigenous Practices and Modern Health Services among Jaunsari Tribe - Ms Geeta Sahu, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (August 4, 2022). (Pre-thesis submission seminar)

Role of Local Governments in Dealing with Disasters: A Study of Landslide Prone Areas of the Himalayan Region - Ms Shikha Subba, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (September 14, 2022). (Pre-thesis submission seminar)

Barriers in Access to and Utilization of MCH Services: A Case of Uttar Pradesh - Mr Prem Shankar Mishra, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (September 21, 2022). (Pre-thesis submission seminar)

Family Support for Older Persons in West Bengal - Mr Kinkar Mandal, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (October 31, 2022). (Pre-thesis submission seminar)

Economic Valuation of a Protected Area: A Case

Study in Karnataka- Ms Keerthi Srilakshmi, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (December 12, 2022). (Pre-thesis submission seminar)

Frailty, Injuries and Disability among Older Persons in India: An Empirical Application of Ecological Framework of Ageing - Mr Ankit Anand, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (December 13, 2022). (Pre-thesis submission seminar)

Agrarian Distress and State Response: A Case of Wayanad District- Ms Ance Teresa Varghese, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (December 15, 2022). (Pre-thesis submission seminar)

Negotiating Health Vulnerabilities: A Critical Appraisal of Kerala's Health Response to In-migrant Workers - Mr Mohamed Saalim P K, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (December 15, 2022). (Pre-thesis submission seminar)

The Bhutias and Lepchas of Sikkim: A Study in Religion and Development - Ms Pooja Thapa, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (December 20, 2022). (Pre-thesis submission seminar)

Access to and Impact of Post Offices on Financial Inclusion: A Case study of Mandya District in Karnataka State - Mr Neelakandan M, PhD Scholar, ISEC, Bengaluru (December 21, 2022). (Pre-thesis submission seminar)

Research Projects

Completed Projects

1. **Understanding State Civil Service Environs in a Comparative Perspective** (Prof K Gayithri)
2. **State Policy and Access to Social Security among SC/ST Households: A Study of SC Sub-plan and Tribal Sub-plan in Karnataka** (Prof D Rajasekhar and Dr R Manjula)
3. **Financial Flows in the Rural-Urban Interface of Bengaluru-Access to Credit and Its Impacts** (Prof Meenakshi Rajeev)

4. **Urban Governance and Local Democracy in Tamil Nadu and Kerala** (Dr V Anil Kumar)
5. **Frontline Public Service Delivery Institutions in Karnataka: Recommendations for Improving Delivery of Services** (Prof Kala S Sridhar, Ms BP Vani, Dr Indrajit Bairagya)
6. **Livelihood Uncertainty, Challenges and Strategies among Reverse North East Migrants during Covid-19 Pandemic** (Dr Marchang Reimeingam)

New Projects

1. **Exploring the Horizontal Inter-linkages among the Aspirational District Program – A Case Study of Aspirational Districts of Karnataka** (Prof K B Ramappa)
2. **Factors Affecting Micro Irrigation Strategies in Karnataka** (Prof KB Ramappa)
3. **Effectiveness of Public Transport Subsidies and Travel Characteristics of Pass Holders – A Case Study of BMTC and Metro** (Prof Krishna Raj)
4. **Improving Bilateral Trade Between Canada and India: A Multi-level Analysis of Non-Tariff Measures and Trade Facilitation** (Dr Malini L Tantri)
5. **Evaluation of Samruddhi Scheme in Karnataka 2018-19 to 2021-22** (Prof Meenakshi Rajeev)
6. **Modernity and Democracy in India**(Dr V Anil Kumar)
7. **The Status of Dombaro Community in Karnataka: An Ethnographic Study** (Dr Sobin George and Dr Channamma Kambara (Co-PI))
8. **An Evaluation and Appraisal of Ayushman Bharath – Arogya Karnataka (AB-ArK)** (Prof C M Lakshmana)
9. **PIP Monitoring of 28 districts (9 districts in Karnataka, 16 districts in Telangana and 3**

districts of Odisha) (Dr Lekha Subaiya, Prof C M Lakshmana, Prof T S Syamala)

10. **Prevalence of Post-partum Infections following Public Hospital Deliveries: A State Level Retrospective Evaluation** (Dr Lekha Subaiya, Prof C M Lakshmana and Prof T S Syamala)
11. **Strategies to Scaling up India’s Nutri-Cereal Production, Consumption and Trade** (Dr Thomas Felix)
12. **Local government, Disaster Management and Humanitarian Cash Transfers in Karnataka** (Prof D Rajasekhar and Dr R Manjula)
13. **Environmental Problems and Congestion: Evolving Sustainable Solutions for Bengaluru’s Development** (Prof Kala S Sridhar, Prof Krishna Raj, Dr S Manasi, Dr V Anil Kumar and Dr Channamma Kambara)
14. **Demographic Change and its Impact on Environment in India** (Prof C M Lakshmana)
15. **Understanding the implementation of PMNDP in India** (Dr Lekha Subaiya, Prof T S Syamala, Mr Ramesha V and Ms Madhu Bidari)

STUDENT NEWS

Biannual Seminar Series

The Forty Sixth Bi-annual Seminars was conducted during December 5-15, 2022 and a total of 41 presentations were made by students. Eleven students presented pre-thesis colloquium, six students presented pre-submission seminar and nine students submitted their thesis.

PhD Degree Awarded

Four ISEC Scholars were awarded the PhD degree by the University of Mysore and one by Maastricht University respectively in the past six months:

Dr Bejo Jacob Raju (Economics): 'Disease Preparedness, Treatment-Seeking and Economic Burden: A Study of Monsoon Diseases in Kerala' (Supervisor: Dr S Manasi)

Dr Priyanka Saharia (Economics): 'Economic Analysis of Civil Aviation Industry in India' (Supervisor: Prof Krishna Raj)

Dr Pallav Karmakar (Development Studies): 'Politics of Development: A Comparative Study of Development Projects in India' (Supervisor: Dr V Anil Kumar)

Dr Moumita Das (Sociology): 'Culture of Health Care in Urban Slums: A Comparative Study of Metropolitan Cities of Bangalore and Kolkata' (Supervisor: Prof Manohar S Yadav, Co-guide Prof Krishna Raj) (by the Maastricht University)

Dr Sardar Babur Hussain (Development Studies): 'Implementation of Article 370: Political Economy of Development of Jammu and Kashmir' (Supervisor: Prof D Rajasekhar)

PUBLICATIONS

WORKING PAPERS

1. **Working Paper No. 538:** 'Why Do Farmers Not Adopt Crop Insurance in India?' by *Meenakshi Rajeev*
2. **Working Paper No. 539:** 'Comprehending Landslides, MGNREGS and Decentralised Government: A Study in Sikkim and Darjeeling' by *Shikha Subba*
3. **Working Paper No. 540:** 'Locating Married Women in Urban Labour Force: How India is Faring in 21st Century' by *Jyoti Thakur* and *Reimeingam Marchang*
4. **Working Paper No. 541:** 'A Critical Study on the Impact of ICT on Interactive Service Workers in the Hotel Industry' by *Jina Sarmah*
5. **Working Paper No. 542:** 'Intergenerational Transfers in India: Who Receives Money and Who Gives Money?' by *Kinkar Mandal* and *Lekha Subaiya*
6. **Working Paper No. 543:** 'Karnataka Administration: A Historical Review' by *K Gayithri, B V Kulkarni, Khalil Shaha* and *R S Deshpande*
7. **Working Paper No. 544:** 'Understanding the Pathways from Victimisation to Offending: Voices from the Field' by *Shreejata Niyogi*
8. **Working Paper No. 545:** 'Civic Activism in Urban Waste Management in Bengaluru City, India' by *Dipak Mandal* and *S Manasi*
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11. **Working Paper No. 548:** Religion and State in Sikkim: The Place of the Buddhist Sangha' by *Pooja Thapa* and *Anand Inbanathan*
12. **Working Paper No. 549:** 'Time Allocation and Gender Inequalities: A Time-Use Comparison' by *Jyoti Thakur* and *Marchang Reimeingam*
13. **Working Paper No. 550:** 'Agrarian Distress: Role of Political Regimes in Kerala' by *Ance Teresa Varghese*
14. **Working Paper No. 551:** 'Assessing Commuter's Willingness to Pay to Reduce Traffic Congestion Induced Air Pollution in Bengaluru, India' by *Vijayalakshmi S* and *Krishna Raj*
15. **Working Paper No. 552:** 'Nutritional Status of Women and Children in North Eastern States' by *Malini L Tantri, Channamma Kambara* and *Harshita Bhat*

Working Papers – An Overview

Climate change, inflation and a plethora of other risk factors tend to make agriculture a risky profession. In a developing country such as India, where a majority of farmers are poor, risk management is crucial to protect incomes. However, formal crop insurance adoption remains low despite its importance, and it is of interest to study the reasons behind this. In the paper entitled **Why Do Farmers Not Adopt Crop Insurance in India? (WP 538)** Meenakshi Rajeev constructs a theoretical model of farmers' utility when faced with a choice between formal crop insurance and informal borrowing as risk management strategies, in line with empirical observations across the globe, using Bellman's equation in dynamic programming. This model is used to study the impact of informal interest rates and loss assessment mechanisms on crop insurance adoption. The results of this theoretical exercise are tested using an appropriate regression using representative NSSO data of farmers in India in 2013, and are thus verified. The regression exercise reveals a negative relationship between informal interest rates and insurance adoption, in line with theoretical predictions. Further, disparities in adoption of crop insurance are found across economic and social classes, which needs to be addressed. Based on the findings, the author suggests that the current risk assessment mechanism be overhauled to better identify farmers facing crop losses, and that premiums be varied according to the land cultivated and farmers' social class, to better achieve insurance coverage of crops cultivated in India.

In India, over 12 percent of the total land is vulnerable to landslide disasters. Being a region-specific disaster and a local problem, landslides have to be dealt with locally. In this regard, a decentralized form of governance is considered to be more suitable for disaster management and risk reduction. Sikkim and Gorkhaland Territorial Administration region (consisting of Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts) in West Bengal frequently face landslide problems. Both regions have similar geological, geomorphologic, geographical structures and common landslide problems. There is, however, a difference in terms

of local government that deals with the landslide disaster. Sikkim state is considered to be having one of the best decentralised governments in the country. However, in the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration region, local administration functions are undertaken by the district government since there is no local government at the village level as elections have not been held. In the paper entitled **Comprehending Landslides, MGNREGS and Decentralised Government: A Study in Sikkim and Darjeeling (WP 539)** Shikha Subba examines the role of the local government in disaster risk reduction. First, the functions assigned to local government in disaster risk reduction in both regions are discussed after which the performance of disaster risk reduction-related activities undertaken under the Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) are analysed. A key finding is that the performance of Sikkim is better in the implementation of MGNREGS activities such as flood control, water conservation and harvesting, land development and renovation of traditional water bodies which have considerable potential to reduce the risk of landslides. It is argued in the paper that the better performance in Sikkim can be attributed to the decentralised government in the state.

Female workforce participation rate is a key indication of women's economic empowerment, as well as their agency at home and in the workplace. Jyoti Thakur and Reimeingam Marchang highlight the complex nature of women's labour force participation in Urban India with a focus on married women in their paper entitled **Locating Married Women in Urban Labour Force: How India is Faring in 21st Century (WP 540)**. Using unit level data of NSS quinquennial rounds and PLFS, the authors first examine the prevalent gender gaps and changes over time in the urban market. Subsequently, the pattern and trends of labour force participation of married women between 2004-05 to 2018-19 are described after which a cross examination with marital status, age, education level, work status and occupation is conducted. Finally, the authors explore the activity engagement of women who are out of the labour force and its relation with education levels.

Interactive service work is not new to the economy. However, the growing demand for personalised services and the use of ICT has dramatically transformed the way work is performed in the new economy. The objective of the paper entitled **A Critical Study on the Impact of ICT on Interactive Service Workers in the Hotel Industry (WP 541)** by Jina Sarmah is to analyse the position of ICT in reshaping the organisation of work for value generation, focusing on interactive service work in the hotel industry. The author uses case-study methodology and with the help of in-depth interview method re-evaluates the purpose of ICT in the workplace and whether technology has been able to promote enriching and dignified work among interactive labour in the hotel industry. The author identifies and categorises the analysis under three domains, first, how ICT acts as an instrument in generating aspirations, secondly, how the transgression of ICT has shaped workers' performance through the creation of the desired labour market, and finally, how workers experience the realities of work in a technology-enabled work environment.

Rural to urban migration, urbanisation, industrialisation and modernisation have been known to impact the strength of family ties and the transfer of support between adult children and their older parents. In the paper entitled **Intergenerational Transfers in India: Who Receives Money and Who Gives Money? (WP 542)** Kinkar Mandal and Lekha Subaiya examine monetary transfers between older parents and their adult children in India utilizing data from the Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI, 2017-18), a nationally representative survey. The study finds that money transfers flow in both directions between children and older parents. The proportion of older persons receiving money from children is higher than that of older persons giving to children, and age is positively associated with the receipt of money from children. Socio-economic status has a role in explaining variations in money received and given by parents. Having higher wealth or land is positively associated with both receiving and giving money. The older persons who are currently working are more likely to give money to their children. On the other hand,

older women have a higher probability of receiving money, a finding which supports the altruistic model of intergenerational transfers. There are region-specific variations in the giving and receipt of money. A higher proportion of older persons in eastern states receive money while the northern states show a lower proportion. At the same time, more older persons in Northeastern states give money while the western states show lower per cent of older persons giving money.

The development of any administrative system in a State is a cumulative assemblage of administrative knowledge gathered over generations. The variations in administration across regions in the country as well as in the world are the product of historical events and an accumulative process through various experiences. Historically, it was the Kings and the noblemen who decided the process of administration and the only aim of the entire administrative system was to maintain the integrity of the state along with the welfare of the population. History is replete with examples of good and bad administrators (Kings or Sultanates), but the distilled precipitate points to the finally-emerged historical developments in public administration over the years. The administrative culture is developed through history and therefore, it becomes necessary to understand the development of this culture from an historical perspective. In the paper entitled **Karnataka Administration: A Historical Review (WP 543)** K Gayithri, B V Kulkarni, Khalil Shaha and R S Deshpande address the development of administrative culture in erstwhile Mysore State and how it continued in the reorganised Karnataka.

The narrative analysis of the paper **Understanding the Pathways from Victimisation to Offending: Voices from the Field (WP 544)** by Shreejata Niyogi based on 15 cases attempts to understand the experiences of childhood abuse leading to the development of aggressive behaviour among the participants. Drawing from 'Marginalisation theory' and Bourdieu's concept of 'Habitus', with the help of empirical evidence, this study finds that prolonged victimisation has been instrumental in the internalisation and normalisation of abusive and violent behaviour among the participants.

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70% tanks in State encroached: Prof Gopal

DHARWAD, DHNS Underlining the need to conserve the water bodies for sustainability, eminent researcher and academician Prof Gopal Kadekodi regretted that 70% tanks and lakes in the State are encroached upon.



Environmentalist Suresh Heblikar speaks at a workshop on Environment & economic development of Dharwad, at CEOU in Belur University, DHARWAD.

He said, the ambitious Amrit Sarovar Yojana which aims to create more tanks should be implemented effectively, he opined. The government should have an industrial policy suitable for the protection of environment and natural resources. Eco-tourism can be developed effectively in Belagavi, Dharwad, and Uttara Kannada districts, he noted.

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Chosen through non-probability purposive and snowball sampling, the respondents are formerly convicted women inmates who have been victims of abuse and harassment in their early life. Based on the interviews conducted, four different stages of the pathway from victimisation to offending have been identified and analysed thematically.

In the paper entitled **Civic Activism in Urban Waste Management in Bengaluru City, India (WP 545)**, Dipak Mandal and S Manasi examine the role of civic activism in urban waste management in Bengaluru city. The authors explore the present status of waste management in the city and civic involvement in improving the city environment by gradually turning it into an environmental movement. Lately, civic groups have played a significant role in community interests where the ecology and environment are central concerns. Given this backdrop, this paper documents initiatives taken by environment activists and their partnerships with the city corporation in promoting effective governance, specifically in managing the waste of the city. Furthermore, the paper also examines how the groups negotiate with the government and other agencies for the adaptation of sustainable initiatives and policies to manage the urban waste in the city.

Governance of urban India has been following decentralised governance policies. One of the major objectives of the decentralised system is to enable the common man to take part in the decision-making process, and to induce equity, transparency, and accountability. A forum for participation is facilitated under the policy, which represents the "invited space". Under the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, a ward committee is considered an interactive institutionalised space to invite the common people to participate in urban governance in India. The success of its provision and implementation has worth being a concern and little known from different aspects. In the paper entitled **Ward Committees as "Invited Space": Is It Successful? A Literature Review of Urban India (WP 546)** Riya Bhattacharya summarises previous studies, brings out major issues related to the

functioning of ward committees and problematises the findings.

Interactive service work has emerged as an inseparable aspect of service work since the 1980s in the post-industrial economies. In the present era, there has been a massive expansion of consumer services across the globe; however, little has been known about interactive service work in the context of India. Jina Sarmah reviews the concept of interactive service work as defined in western economies and analyses how the framework set in the west fits the context of India in the paper entitled **Service with a Smile: A Study Examining Interactive Service Work and Workers (ISW) in India (WP 547)**. The available literature is used to identify gaps and scope of research in contributing to the understanding of interactive service work. The study reveals through the process of literature review and analysis of data that the understanding of interactive work has been western centric and has neglected issues pertaining to local cultural norms which shape the participation of workers and how they perform interactive work in India. A deeper understanding of class, caste, traditional social norms, aspects of gender and the notion of skills through workers' participation become crucial areas of focus and further research.

After Sikkim became a part of India in 1975, the reign of the Namgyal dynasty came to an end. However, Article 371F of the Constitution of India protects Sikkim's indigenous groups, by retaining already existing Sikkimese laws such as the Land Revenue Order No.1 of 1917, which forbids the sale of Bhutia and Lepcha land to other groups, as well as the reservation of a seat for the Buddhist Sangha (a religious organisation) in the state legislative assembly. This was through creating a separate constituency comprising the Buddhist Sangha and its members. Only the Sangha members can vote for a candidate, and the candidate is also a member. After getting elected, the Sangha member would be a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) in Sikkim. Drawing on the literature as well as from fieldwork, the paper entitled **Religion and State in Sikkim: The Place of the Buddhist Sangha (WP 548)** by Pooja Thapa and Anand Inbanathan explores the historical and ideological

background of the reservation of a Sangha seat in Sikkim's legislature, and its place in the Indian political sphere. The main purpose of the paper is to understand Sikkim's political system that is part of a secular democratic polity, i.e., India, but at the same time has a place for a religious organisation, which can also be considered as a civil society organisation, functioning in the state legislature. The authors also examine the role of the incumbent of the Sangha seat, and his functioning in the state legislative assembly, which should also be recognised as a unique situation, in that no other state legislature in India has a seat reserved for a religious organisation.

Although significant progress has been achieved toward gender equality in recent decades, inequities based on gender norms, stereotypes, and unequal distribution of household work and care work responsibility still exist between women and men. Women and men's time usage patterns alter dramatically as a result of life events such as marriage and children. The data clearly shows that women in India bear the brunt of the unpaid work and therefore despite having high educational achievements, their participation in paid work is shockingly low. Jyoti Thakur and Marchang Reimeingam first investigate whether there has been an increase in similarity between men and women's time utilization in India by using dissimilarity index (DI) in their paper entitled **Time Allocation and Gender Inequalities: A Time-Use Comparison (WP 549)**. Next, using data for 1998 & 2019 time-use surveys the authors examine whether over a period of time there has been any change in the way men and women allocate their time across different activities in India. Finally, the impact of marriage and education on the allocation of time across different activities has been explored.

Agrarian distress is an unabated issue, and has raised concerns regarding the role of the political regimes that come into power through the democratic method in responding to it. The paper **Agrarian Distress: Role of Political Regimes in Kerala (WP 550)** by Ance Teresa Varghese is an effort to understand how the state of Kerala, with its dynamic political fronts, has over the years addressed the concerns of its farming population. In

the paper, the author raises certain questions over the effectiveness and real motives of the initiatives taken by the political regimes. With the help of both secondary as well as empirical data, the author argues that political regimes have aptly identified the distress causing factors of marginal and small farmers and initiated several agrarian policies and schemes over the years. However, there are still substantial concerns in terms of the implementation of these initiatives. The plight of the agricultural labourers has not received adequate attention.

Traffic congestion is a serious urban menace across the world. Time stuck in traffic causes productivity loss and creates irreversible damage to the environment and economy. One such major negative impact is vehicular emissions which affect both road users and non-users. The main objective of the paper entitled **Assessing Commuter's Willingness to Pay to Reduce Traffic Congestion Induced Air Pollution in Bengaluru, India (WP 551)** by Vijayalakshmi S and Krishna Raj is to examine the Willingness to Pay (WTP) among people for the reduction in traffic-induced air pollution and to explore probable policy options. For this, Bengaluru city, which is notorious for its traffic menace and vehicular emissions has been selected. The study finds that the mean WTP is about Rs. 376 per person. Further, using Heckman's two-step model, the study shows that traffic exposure, illness, loss of workdays and awareness regarding the impact of air pollution are key factors affecting willingness to pay and the WTP amount. The authors argue that it is high time that city planners consider options to reduce traffic emissions.

Malini L Tantri, Channamma Kambara and Harshita Bhat explore the nutritional and health status and patterns of children and women in eight North Eastern States using health and nutritional indicators in their paper entitled **Nutritional Status of Women and Children in North Eastern States (WP 552)**. The paper also analyse economic and development indicators to understand its impact on nutritional indicators. North East India has witnessed gradual economic progress over the years, but the fruits of growth and development have not been reflected in the nutritional status among children and women. The study finds, with

the help of a conceptual model of malnutrition and a composite table of all the parameters, that Sikkim which is a small state in the North Eastern Region (NER) has had the best performance currently as well as in the past in terms of women and children nutritional parameters. It has also exhibited positive results in terms of literacy, poverty and unemployment. In contrast, Assam, which is a large state in the North East with the biggest share of GSDP from NER, has not been able to utilise its economic growth to better the health and nutrition among its women and children.

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Delivered a lecture on 'Correlation analysis', in the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, July, 11-21, 2022.

Delivered two lectures on 'Use and Extraction of NSSO Datasets using SPSS', in the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), organised by Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, July, 11-21, 2022.

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Invited lecture on 'Economic Valuation of Nature: Positive Vs Negative Externality', at the Department of Economics, Kristu Jayanti College, Bangalore, September 22, 2022.

Gowda, Chandan

Delivered two lectures on 'Module on Nature of Knowledge and Theory', in the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), organised by ISEC, Bangalore, July 12, 2022.

Delivered a lecture on 'The Constitution of India and Pluralism', at Interfaith Dialogue for Climate Justice, Fireflies, August 9, 2022.

Lakshmana, C M

Delivered a lecture on 'Population control in India', in the World Population Day in BMCRI, Bangalore, July 11, 2022.

Madheswaran, S

Delivered a lecture on 'Valuation of Statistical Life', in the East West Economics Research Conclave 2022', at the Department of Economics at East west university, Dhaka, Bangladesh, December 21-22, 2022.

Delivered a lecture on 'Measurement of Labour Market Discrimination', in the East West Economics Research Conclave 2022, at the Department of Economics at East west university, Dhaka, Bangladesh, December 21-22, 2022.

Manjula, R

Delivered two lectures at Certificate Course

in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research, organised by ISEC, July 14-18, 2022.

Delivered a lecture on 'Migration and Gender', in the Capacity Building Programme on Migration of Rural Labours in India: A Case of Women Migrants in Karnataka, organised by V V Giri National Labour Institute and Bangalore University, July 27, 2022.

Rajasekhar, D

Delivered two lectures on 'How to promote inclusive development through microfinance', in the Training Programme in Financial Management for senior level officers in Karnataka State Audit and Accounts Department of Government of Karnataka, at Fiscal Policy Institute, July 2, 2022.

Delivered a lecture on 'Use of Randomised Controlled Trial in Social Sciences', in ICSSR sponsored Research Methodology Training Course in Social Sciences, organised by Centre for Social Studies, Surat, July 12, 2022.

Delivered a lecture on 'Progress of Self-Help Groups in India and Karnataka', in the Training Programme in Financial Management for senior level officers in Karnataka State Audit and Accounts Department of Government of Karnataka, at Fiscal Policy Institute on August 26, 2022.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Delivered a lecture on 'Game Theory', at the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research, July 15, 2022.

Delivered inaugural lecture on 'Introduction to Social Science Research', at St. Aloysius College, Bangalore, August 17, 2022.

Delivered a lecture on 'Games and Applications', at HSS, IIT Jammu, September 22, 2022.

Talk on the issue of 'Gender Equality', at IIT Jammu, September 23, 2022.

Delivered expert talk on 'Nobel Prize in Economics 2022', at Kristu Jayanti College, Bangalore, November 10, 2022.

Delivered a lecture on 'Women Online: Understanding Women's Use of Digital Platform', at TISS Guwahati, July 20, 2022

Reimeingam, Marchang

Delivered three lectures on 'Survey Research', 'Probability Sampling Technique' and 'Coding and Data Analysis using SPSS', in the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research, organised by ISEC, Bengaluru, July 11-21, 2022.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Delivered a lecture on 'Tools and Techniques of Urban and Regional Research', in the Research Methodology Course in Social Science Research, Indian Council of Social Science Research, organised by ISEC, Bengaluru, July 13, 2022.

Subaiya, Lekha

Delivered a lecture on 'Feminist Methods in Social Science', for the Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research (CCMASSR), organised by ISEC, Bangalore, July 11-21, 2022.

Tantri, Malini L

Delivered webinar on 'The Making of India's Trade Policy and Emerging Challenges', at Udaahampur University Jammu, October 31, 2022.

Newspaper Articles and Media

Gowda, Chandan

'The Value of Dissent'. *Deccan Herald*, July 3, 2022.

'India: 2047'. *Deccan Herald*, July 31, 2022.

'Will the Bangalore Ethos Survive?'. *Deccan Herald*, August 15, 2022.

'Remembering Shantaveri Gopala Gowda'. *Deccan Herald*, September 4, 2022.

'A Deepavali Wish'. *Deccan Herald*, October 23, 2022.

'Meaning What We Say'. *Deccan Herald*, November 20, 2022.

'A Tale of Civility'. *Deccan Herald*, December 17, 2022.

'More than a Mythical Persona'. *Outlook* (Special Issue on Shiva), October 22, 2022.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

(with Nagarjun, KB) 'Has the Pandemic Made Housing Affordable?', *The Hindu Business Line*, July 19, 2022.

(with Zhumin Xu and Vishal R) 'Pandemic of Restrictions: Lessons Learned from India and China'. *The Hindu Business Line*, December 16, 2022. <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/>

(with Vishal, R) 'The Road to Productivity'. *The Hindu*, July 11, 2022. <https://www.thehindu.com>

(with Nagarjun, K B) 'Research on Housing' covered in the article Study: WFH leading to uptick in demand for houses in Bengaluru. *Times of India*, November 18, 2022. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bengaluru/study-wfh-leading-to-uptick-in-demand-for-houses-in-bengaluru/articleshow/95591352.cms>

(Nagarjun, KB) 'Research on Housing' covered in the article covid curbs not as effective as in other countries. *Deccan Herald*, November 18, 2022. <https://www.deccanherald.com/national/india-s-covid-curbs-weren-t-as-effective-as-in-developed-countries-study-1163349.html>

(with Shivakumar Nayka) 'Research on Urban Primacy' covered in the article Bengaluru's primacy 'severe', impedes equitable development: Study. *Deccan Herald*, October 17, 2022. <https://www.deccanherald.com/city/top-bengaluru-stories/bengalurus-primacy-severe-impedes-equitable-development-study-1154199.html>

Quoted in Times Property Bengaluru, in the article Winning back Namma Bengaluru. September 23, 2022. <https://timesproperty.com/news/post/winning-back-namma-bengaluru-blid2987>

Quoted in *Deccan Herald*, in the article Rs.225 crore for 45 new BBMP wards, but no extra revenue. July 17, 2022. <https://www.deccanherald.com/city/top-bengaluru-stories/rs-225-crore-for-45-new-bbmp-wards-but-no-extra-revenue-1127348.html>

Subaiya, Lekha

Blog on 'Linked lives – Child centered policies need data on families: Perspectives from Karnataka, India', July 11, 2022, WEDGE, University of Maryland.

Seminars, Workshops, Training Programmes Organised/Coordinated

Bairagya, Indrajit

(with S Manasi and Channamma Kambara) Organised ISEC Golden Jubilee National Conference on Transformations Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Exploring the Possibilities of a Better Tomorrow, July 26-27, 2022.

Balasubramanian, M

Coordinated One day Workshop on Climate Change and Impacts on Children's Educational Attainment in Karnataka, organized in BR Hills, Chamarajanagar District, Karnataka, November 23, 2022.

George, Sobin

Organised an International Seminar on Cities on the Move: Inclusive Transport Motilities for South Asian Cities', at ISEC, Bengaluru in collaboration with Utrecht University and the Dutch Research Council, The Netherlands, October 13-14, 2022.

Madheswaran, S

(with B P Vani) Organised ISS Training Programme on Time Series and Applied Econometrics for ISS Probationers, November 28- December 9, 2022, Government of India.

(with B P Vani) One day Golden Jubilee Workshop on Organised Estimates of GSDP - Current Practice and Possible Improvements, November 19, 2022.

Manasi, S

(with Dr Malini L T and Dr Channamma Kambara) Coordinated two-day international conference on Facets of Covid-19 on Migration and Informal Sector Workers, sponsored by Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, November 24-25, 2022.

Manjula, R

(With D Rajasekhar) National Seminar on Women Leadership in Decentralised Governance, organised in collaboration with Research Committee on Gender Studies (RC-10), Indian Sociological Society (ISS), Centre for Women's Studies (CWS), and ICSSR– Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad, November 3-4, 2022.

Rajasekhar, D

(With R Manjula) National Seminar on Women Leadership in Decentralised Governance, organised in collaboration with Research Committee on Gender Studies (RC-10), Indian Sociological Society (ISS), Centre for Women's Studies (CWS), and ICSSR– Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad, November 3-4, 2022.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Organised ISEC Golden Jubilee Workshop on Gender and Development, September 2, 2022.

Organised Lecture by Distinguished Scholar Prof Tim Besley on 'The Case for Phasing Out Coal-Fired Power: Evidence from Air Quality Dissatisfaction' as part of ISEC Golden Jubilee, organised by CESP, ISEC, Bangalore, December 7, 2022.

Reimeingam, Marchang

Coordinated, Certificate Course in Methods and Applications in Social Science Research, organised by ISEC, Bengaluru, July 11-21, 2022.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Coordinator, Golden Jubilee International Conference on Covid-19 and Cities: Is it merely short-term or has it changed our cities forever?, organised by Centre for Research in Urban Affairs, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, India, November 17-18, 2022.

Coordinator, ISEC Golden Jubilee Seminar on Pandemic and lockdowns: Governance Strategies and Community Responses for Covid-19 in Shanghai, by Zhumin Xu, McGill University, Visiting Scholar, organised by Centre for Research in Urban Affairs, ISEC, Bengaluru, August 17, 2022.

Tantri, Malin L

(with Dr S Manasi and Dr Channamma Kambara) Coordinated two-day international conference on Facets of Covid-19 on Migration and Informal Sector Workers, sponsored by Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, November 24-25, 2022.

Honours/Awards/Fellowships

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Guest of Honour at the Inauguration of the ISBR Research Center PhD Program 2022, ISBR Research Center, Bangalore Educational Trust, July 23, 2022.

Visit to IIT Mandi from July 3 to 13, 2022. Engaged in collaborative research work, explored further research possibilities, interacted with students and gave seminar lectures.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Top 10% of Authors on SSRN by total new downloads, December 2022.

Offices Held in Academic/Professional/ Administrative Bodies of Other Institutions

Bairagya, Indrajit

Doctoral committee member, PhD student at NIAS, Bangalore.

Member of Board of Studies, Department of Economics, School of Humanities, St. Joseph's University, Bangalore.

George, Sobin

Member: Ethics Committee ICMR-CDIR, Bengaluru.

Gowda, Chandan

Member, Academic Council, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai (2021-2024). 58th Academic Council Meeting, September 21, 2022 (Online).

Member, Academic Council(2022-25), Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru, Academic Council Meeting, October 10, 2022.

Member, Advisory Board, Nehru Research Centre, Mangalore University (2022-2025). Advisory Board Meeting, December 28, 2022.

Lakshmana, C M

In-charge Head of Population Research Centre, Bhubaneswar, Utkal University.

Madheswaran, S

Board Member, Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow.

Academic Council Member, NIEPA, New Delhi.

Academic Council Member, Karnataka State Rural Development Panchayat Raj University, Gadag.

Academic Council member, Vidhya Shilpa University, Bangalore.

Academic Council Member, Manipal University, Bangalore.

Academic Council Member, St. Joseph University, Bangalore.

Member, Onetrillion Economy Vision, Government of Karnataka.

Vice President, Indian Society of Labour Economics.

Nadkarni, M V

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of JSED (ISEC)

Rajeev, Meenakshi

External Expert to conduct PhD Admission Interviews (in-person) for Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce, PES University, Bangalore, 2022.

Member, R&D Policy of Karnataka Task Force, Government of Karnataka.

External Expert Member for Research Advisory Committee for Dr Guna Bhagya, Research Fellow, Fiscal Policy Institute, Bangalore, August 2, 2022.

Member of the expert committee, IIIT, Bangalore.

Appointed to the Advisory Committee as a Mentor in the Economics Area of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Jammu.

Expert Member of EGROW (Foundation for Economic Growth and Welfare), New Delhi.

Member of Research Advisory, Committee of Ms Olivia Sarkar, DSA I Program, Department of Economics, University of Calcutta.

Expert for the committee on Shelter for Homeless, DAY-NULM, Government of Karnataka.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Member, Board of Studies, Development Studies, University of Mysore, December 2022-25.

External Member, Research Advisory Committee, Child Development Programmes and Schemes in Urban Local Bodies in Karnataka: Implications for Child Budget of Government of Karnataka, Fiscal Policy Institute, Government of Karnataka, August 2022.

Member, Institutional Research Advisory Board (RAB), Mt.Carmel College Autonomous, July 2022-2024.

Subaiya, Lekha

Section Co-Editor, Social Protection for the Elderly, Handbook of Ageing, Social Policy, Springer Nature.

Syamala, T S

Member, Editorial Board of Demography India.

Publications In-charge, ISEC, Bangalore.

Member, PRC Scientific Advisory Committee.

Member, Institutional Review Board Praxis India.

Member, Academic advisory Council, IIHMR, Bangalore.

Member, Board of Governors, Praxis India.

Miscellaneous

Bairagya, Indrajit

Reviewed articles for the following: *Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer)*, *Journal of Business Venturing Insights (Elsevier)* and *Journal of Public Affairs (Wiley)*.

An external examiner for the PG - Economics thesis at St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

Attended the BOS meeting of the Department of Economics, School of Humanities, St Joseph's University, Bangalore.

Made a presentation on Best Practices in the Committee Meeting to review the PhD programme of ISEC, July 7, 2022.

George, Sobin

Reviewed articles for the following: *Journal of South Asian Development, Sage* and *Journal of Social and Economic Development, Springe*.

Reviewed Book manuscript for Routledge.

Attended DAC Meeting of Dr Divya Susanna Patil, MAHE, August 17, 2022.

Attended Board of Studies Meeting of NMKRV College for Women, August 26, 2022.

Collaboration: Ongoing international collaboration of EQUIMOB Research project with the University of Utrecht, Manipal Institute of Higher Education and BRAC Bangladesh.

Gowda, Chandan

Reviewed a special article for the *Economic and Political Weekly*, December 14, 2022.

Kambara, Channamma

Reviewed four articles for *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, Springer.

Kumar, V Anil

Reviewed articles for the following Journals: *Review of Development and Change* and *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.

PhD theses evaluated for the following: Department of Political Science, Osmania University and Department of Political Science, Central University of Hyderabad.

Lakshmana, C M

Organised a meeting with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, Karnataka State Office, Bangalore, on Swachhta Pakhwada, initiated by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GoI, July 14, 2022.

Participated in the pre-bid meeting of NFHS-6, September 22, 2022 at NIHFWD, Delhi.

Attended the Review meeting of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in Bhubaneswar with the Vice Chancellor of Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, November 25, 2022.

Book review: *Social Intricacies of Coastal Communities in South India*, Brinda Sen (ed), Senior Editorial Assistant, Routledge, India; Taylor & Francis Group, July 4, 2022.

Reviewed three articles for *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, Springer.

Reviewed PhD Thesis for Punjab University, Chandigarh.

Madheswaran, S

Reviewed articles for the following: *Journal of Social and Economic Development* and *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*.

Thesis evaluated for the following: 2 thesis from JNU and 1 thesis from Madras University.

Attended meetings of HDR Report, Government of Karnataka.

Attended meetings of Karnataka Evaluation Authority.

Attended Academic Council Meetings of NIEPA, Karnataka State Rural Development Panchayat Raj University, Vidhya Shilpa University, Manipal University, St. Joseph University.

One trillion Economy Vision Meetings of Government of Karnataka.

Manasi, S

Reviewed two journal articles of *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, ISEC & Springer.

Nadkarni, M V

Participated as an expert in two PhD Viva-voce of Mr Bejo Jacob Raju and Mr Babur Hussain at ISEC.

Reviewed articles for the following Journals: *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, and *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.

Reviewed manuscript of monograph for Chanakya University.

Rajasekhar, D

Attended the valedictory session of the Training Programme in Financial Management for senior level officers in Karnataka State Audit and Accounts Department of Government of Karnataka at Fiscal Policy Institute, August 26, 2022 and released the journal of Arthike Charche.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Reviewed 15 papers for *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.

As Guest Editor, brought out ISEC Golden Jubilee Special issue of the *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, December 2022.

Visit to TISS, Guwahati Campus, July, 2022.

Attended Inception Project Report Presentation for Evaluation of Samruddhi Yojana to Karnataka Evaluation Authority, October 1, 2022.

Resource person for State level kick off-meeting for CGIAR's "Nature+: Nature-positive Solutions for Shifting Agri-food Systems to More Resilient and Sustainable Pathways, organised by Peshwa Grand, Four Points By Sheraton, Viman Nagar, Pune, August 3, 2022.

Reviewed papers for the following: *Applied Economic Perspectives & Policy*, *Review of Development and Change*, *Sage Journals*, *Studies in Microeconomics*, *Sage Journals*, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics* and *The Indian Economic Journal*, *Sage Journals*.

External Expert Member for Research Advisory Committee for Dr Guna Bhagya, Research Fellow, Fiscal Policy Institute, Bangalore, thesis Initiation Seminar attended, August 2, 2022.

Conducted Viva-voce as an external Expert at IIT Mandi, August, 2022.

Expert Member of Viva-voce Board for Mr Sanal Gupta, at Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi, August 24, 2022.

Review of proposal for Post Doctoral Research Program at ISEC, August 23, 2022.

Review of proposal for Post Doctoral Research Program at ISEC, August 30, 2022.

Attended thesis completion seminar of Dr Guna Bhagya, Research Fellow, Fiscal Policy Institute, Bangalore, December 2022.

Member of Research Advisory Committee for Dr Guna Bhagya, Fiscal Policy Institute, December 27, 2022

Collaborations: 1. New collaboration with Glasgow University, UK; 2. Collaboration with University of Kassel, Germany; and 3. Collaboration with NUPI, Norway.

Appointment to the Advisory Committee as a Mentor in the Economics Area of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Jammu. Contributing to the formulation of a roadmap for the growth and development of the department by offering suggestions and expertise in curriculum development, conducting academic events and developing research potential of the department.

Attended Release Ceremony for Karnataka R&D Policy at Bengaluru Tech Summit 2022, held at Bengaluru Palace, November 16, 2022.

Submitted report of Task Force to draw up R&D Policy for the state of Karnataka.

Reimeingam, Marchang

Reviewed articles for the following: *Environmental Science and Pollution Research (Journal/Springer)*, *Environment, Development and Sustainability (Journal/Springer)*, *Development Policy Review (Wiley)*, *Fazl Ali College Journal* and *Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer)*.

Reviewed two short duration research project 2022-23, ICSSR, July 6, 2022.

Examiner of two Post Doctoral Research Programme proposal in ISEC, August 23, 2022 and September 22, 2022.

PhD thesis submitted: T Thangjahao Haokip, (submitted 22.07.2022), Infrastructure and Human Development in North East India: A Study of Manipur, ISEC/ University of Mysore.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam

Reviewed articles for the following: *Regional Science Policy and Practice (Wiley)* and *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.

Gave inputs to Mr Abhishek Malhotra, doctoral student at Osmania University, who is a consultant

to the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Office of the Chief Economic Adviser, Government of India

Responded to Dr Liming Chen of ADB regarding his queries about the infrastructure of Bangalore.

Review of book 'Urbanisation in the Global South: Perspectives and Challenges' by Kala S Sridhar and George Mavrotas (eds), Routledge, 2021. In *Metamorphosis* (Sage), 21 (2): 155-6 (Reviewers: Sanjay Kumar Singh and Sarthak Agarwal).

Subaiya, Lekha

Reviewed articles for the following: *PlosOne Global Public Health* and *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.

Participated in the IOCL team visit to PRC, ISEC as part of Swachhata Pakhwada Activity on July 14, 2022.

External examiner for PhD thesis of scholar from International Institute for Population Sciences, November 2022.

External examiner for PhD thesis of scholar from Jawaharlal Nehru University, December 2022.

Collaborations: 1. EQUIMOB with University of Utrecht, MAHE, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development and 2. CAN with University of Edinburgh.

Syamala, T S

Reviewed two manuscripts for *Journal of social and economic Development (JSED)*, Springer.

Participated in the Selection Committee Meeting for the post of Research Investigator, PRC, July 27, 2022.

Participated in the Managing Committee Meeting and Annual General Body Meeting of PRAXIS, India, September 9, 2022.

Participated in the Selection Committee Meeting for the post of Research fellow and data Assistant, PRC, September 12, 2022.

Participated as External expert for upgrading JRF to SRF for a PhD scholar registered with Christ University, Bangalore, meeting held on December 1, 2022.

Collaboration: CAN with University of Edinburgh.

Tantri, Malini L

Reviewed articles for the following: *Journal of Social and Economic Development* and *The Indian Economic Journal*.

Collaborations: 1. Collaborating with a faculty from Schulich School of Business, York university, Canada; 2. Collaborating with a faculty from Kings College, London for a British Academy project; and 3. Collaborating with a faculty from Presidency University, Bengaluru for a project.

Coordinated Coimbatore PSG College Students, MSW Students' Orientation Programme, at ISEC, December 15, 2022.

External expert for Christ University JRF to SRF upgradation committee for UGC candidate.

Completed Online Course on Next Generation Trade facilitation, the course was conducted by United Nations ECLAC, United Nations ECA, United Nations ESCAP, United Nations ECE and United Nations ESCWA, November 15-December 2, 2022.

ISEC Social Media

In the latter half of 2022, the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) experienced substantial growth in its social media presence, building upon the firm foundation established during the first six months of the year. The Institute’s social media accounts garnered 88,000 views, marking a 54% increase compared to the previous period.

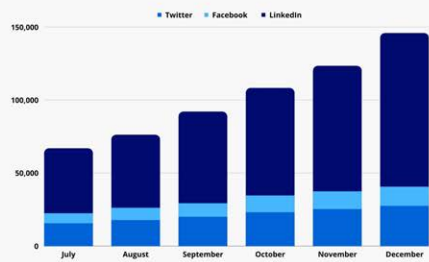
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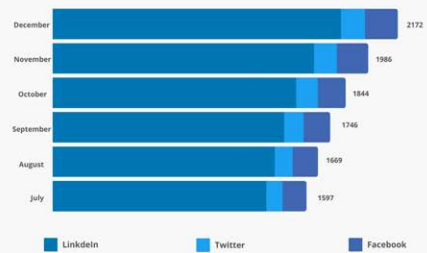
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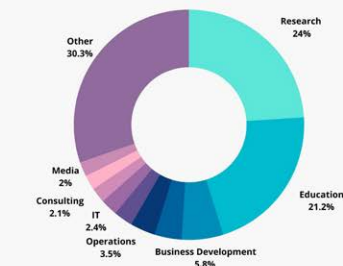


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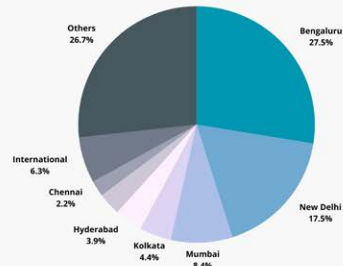


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Viewer Metrics



LinkedIn Views By Occupation



LinkedIn Views By Location

88K+

Post Views Across Accounts

2,172

Total Social Media Followers

205

Total Social Media Posts Since Inception



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