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Introduction

The Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics is one of the oldest research and training institutes in economics in the country. It was founded on the 6th of June 1930 with an endowment offered to the Servants of India Society by the late Rao Bahadur R. R. Kale, Member of Legislative Council from Satara. The Servants of India Society, founded by the late Shri Gopal Krishna Gokhale, are the Trustees of the Institute. The Institute is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, and the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950.

The object of the Institute is to conduct research into the economic and political problems of India and to train research workers in these subjects. Under the pioneering leadership of the late Professor D.R.Gadgil, the first Director of the Institute, standards for high quality research, teaching and training in a number of branches of economics were set up.

Keeping in view the eminence of the faculty, the contribution the Institute has made in teaching, training and research in economics, the availability of physical infrastructure, and the potential of the Institute, the Government of India, on the advice of the University Grants Commission, declared the Institute as deemed to be a university from May 9, 1993, the birthday of the late Shri Gopal Krishna Gokhale after whom the Institute is named. The Institute started functioning as deemed to be a University with effect from that day. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council processed its exercise in the Institute and on 01-02-2003 accredited it with A+ grade (score 90-95%) for a period of five years.

Research :

The main thrust areas of the Institute, developed over the years through financial assistance from various sources, are agricultural economics and rural development, population studies, input-output studies for planning and development, microeconomics, macroeconomics, monetary economics and finance, public economics, international economics and the study of economics of East European countries.

Various ministries and public funding agencies including the Government of Maharashtra and private foundations like the Sir Dorabjee Tata Trust financed the research activities of the Institute in the early years. Subsequently, in 1954, the Union Ministry of Food and Agriculture established and have supported since then the Agro-Economic Research Centre of the Institute. During the early fifties, the Rockefeller

Foundation made a substantial grant, spread over years, for the conduct of a research programme in rural demography. By the time this grant came to an end, the Union Ministry of Health, which had given grants for conducting some specific demographic studies in 1954-57, decided in 1964 to strengthen and expand the research work on population by financing on a continuing basis a Population Research Centre as an integral part of the Institute. The Ford Foundation gave a very generous financial assistance for more than a decade beginning with the year 1956. Later on, the Ford Foundation, in co-operation with the Planning Commission, provided a separate grant for research and training in the areas of planning and development, mainly devoted to input-output studies. The Planning Commission has also given an endowment grant to the Institute to establish a Chair and Unit at the Institute for promoting teaching, research and informed debate on all issues relating to Planning and Development. The above-mentioned Chair is named as 'Professor D. R. Gadgil Chair in Planning and Development'.

In 1962, the University Grants Commission recognised the Institute as a Centre of Advanced Study in Agricultural Economics to start with and later, in 1964, as a Centre of Advanced Study in Economics. In 1977, the UGC, as a part of its Area Studies Programme, established at the Institute a Centre of Study of Economics of East European Countries. In the same year, the Reserve Bank of India instituted a Chair in Finance at the Institute. In 1989, the Ford Foundation gave a generous endowment grant to the Institute to fund a Chair and to establish a section in international economics to carry out research activities in international economics and related subjects. The Ford Foundation grant also included support for the post of a Librarian and for acquisition of books and journals.

Teaching:

The Institute, right from its inception, was affiliated to the University of Bombay, conducted the M.A. Programme in economics and supervised the work of students working for research degrees of that University. In 1949, with the establishment of the University of Poona, the Institute became a constituent recognised institute of the University of Poona. Till a few years ago, the Institute was functioning, for all academic purposes, as the Department of Economics of that University. With the decision of the University of Poona to establish a separate department of economics at its campus, the Institute, as Centre of Advanced Study in Economics, was granted effective autonomy by the University of Poona in 1986 in designing courses and in teaching and examination of M.A. courses in economics. As stated earlier, the Institute has been granted by the Government of India the status of deemed to be a University with effect from May 9, 1993. With the grant of this status, the Institute now awards its own M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in economics. After acquiring the status of deemed to be a University, the syllabi of the courses offered at the Institute were thoroughly revised on the basis of the recommendations of a committee constituted for that purpose. The courses in the M. A. Programme of the Institute are being regularly revised and updated on the recommendations of the Board of Studies and the Academic Council of the Institute.

Training :

In April 1989, the University Grants Commission selected the Institute and extended assistance to it for conducting refresher courses in economics for in-service university and college teachers from the western region of the country. After the grant of deemed to be a university status to the Institute in 1993, the UGC extended the catchment area for the refresher courses to the entire country for the Institute in 1994. The Institute has been regularly conducting UGC - sponsored refresher courses for university and college teachers in economics since the inception of this scheme by the UGC.

Library :

The Institute shares the Library of the Servants of India Society and has been mainly responsible for building it up during the last seven decades. The library is considered to be one of the foremost specialised libraries in India in the fields of economics and other related social sciences. The library now has 2,61,537 volumes and 440 journals and periodicals, received on subscription, exchange, gift and depository basis. The library has a microfilm camera, microfilm and micro-fiche readers, and a documentation section. With a view to making known addition of books to the library and the contents of the journals currently received in the library, two fortnightly lists, namely, Fortnightly List of Additions and Fortnightly List of Articles on India are brought out regularly and circulated in mimeograph form. A monthly Current Awareness Bulletin is brought out by the Library in mimeograph form. The library has recently initiated a major programme of computerisation with the help of a grant from the UGC as a part of the development assistance under the IX Plan and a grant under the INFLIBNET programme of the UGC.

Computer Section :

In the Computer Section, the facilities for data processing are available to researchers. The Institute offers consultancy and guidance services in data processing in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research. The Computer Section is well-equipped with hardware and software to support the research, teaching and training programmes in the Institute. A computer with internet services is available to all research staff of the Institute in their offices. A one-year Certificate Course on Computer Applications for Economic Analysis has been introduced for the past and present M.A. and Ph.D. students of the Institute to complement the training in economics received by them at the Institute.

Publications:

The Institute has been regularly publishing a quarterly journal of economics in English, *Artha Vijnana*, since March 1959. This journal publishes results of research work carried out in the Institute as well as works of scholars from outside the Institute after a rigorous refereeing process. The Institute also publishes research works in the form of books and mimeograph series. The R.B.R.R. Kale Memorial Lecture, organised by the Institute every year on the occasion of the Founder's Day, is published under the Kale Memorial Lecture Series.

Annual Report 2003-2004

The Institute has pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of its activities for the year 2003-2004.

I List of Research Studies Completed during the Year 2003-2004:

1. Impact of Minimum Support Prices on the Agricultural Economy of Maharashtra, by Sangeeta Shroff.
2. Building up of an Efficient Marketing System to obviate the Need for a Large Scale State Intervention in Maharashtra, by Sangeeta Shroff.
3. Evaluation of Soft Loan Schemes for the Development of Post Harvest Infrastructure for Horticultural Crops in India (a consolidated report), by K. G. Kshirsagar.
4. Patient and Staff Satisfaction in Public Hospitals of Maharashtra, by S. Mulay and R. Nagarajan – The Study was sponsored by the World Bank through Maharashtra Health Systems Development Project (MHSDP), Government of Maharashtra.
5. Action Strategies for the Improvement of Health Status in the Districts of Nandurbar, Jalna and Yavatmal, by S. Mulay and R. Nagarajan – The Study was sponsored by the UNDP through the State Planning Board, Government of Maharashtra.
6. Agricultural Input Subsidies in Maharashtra: Quantum of Subsidies to SC/ST Farmers, by A. Narayanamoorthy and S. S. Kalamkar.
7. Economics of Drip Irrigation in Banana and Grapes Cultivation: A Study of Maharashtra, by A. Narayanamoorthy.
8. Impact Assessment of Drip Irrigation in Maharashtra: A Case of Sugarcane, by A. Narayanamoorthy.
9. Maharashtra Development Report, Chapter IV, “Irrigation”, by A. Narayanamoorthy and S. S. Kalamkar.
10. Market Imperfections and Farmers’ Distress in Maharashtra, by B. B. Mohanty and Sangeeta Shroff.
11. Integrated Village Development, Chapter XIV Maharashtra State Development Report, by B. B. Mohanty and Amita Yadwadkar.
12. An Economic Evaluation of Agricultural Financial Institutions in Maharashtra, by Deepak Shah.
13. Maharashtra State Development Report (MDR), Agricultural Growth, Chapter 3, by Sangeeta Shroff, Deepak Shah and Jayanti Kajale.

14. A.K. Dasgupta and Keynes, by Smriti Mukherjee.
15. Globalization and employment scenario in the rural economy by Smriti Mukherjee..
16. Trade Policy Reform and Development — an Indian Perspective by Smriti Mukherjee.
17. Competition Policy in India and South Asia by Smriti Mukherjee.
18. Family Formation among Caste-religious Groups in Andhra Pradesh: An Analysis of Birth and Marriage Cohorts, by P. Ramesh.
19. Rural Non-Farm Employment in Maharashtra, by Jayanti Kajale

II Research Studies/Reports in Progress:

1. Macroeconomics of India, Sponsored by Ford Foundation, by V. S. Chitre.
2. The Demography of India's Tribes, by Arup Maharatna.
3. The Demography of India's Partition by Arup Maharatna.
4. The Demography of Accidents and Injury in India, by Arup Maharatna.
5. Rethinking Economic Change in India: Labour and Livelihood, by Tirthankar Roy.
6. Market Microstructure of the National Stock Exchange in Mumbai, India, by Manoj Dalvi.
7. Delisting given Competing Exchanges: Evidence from India's National Stock Exchange and Bombay Stock Exchange, by Manoj Dalvi.
8. Corporate Governance in India and the United States, by Manoj Dalvi.
9. A Study of Maharashtra's Fertility Behaviour with Special Reference to the Role of Family Planning Programme, by S. Mulay and R. Nagarajan.
10. Agricultural Policy in Maharashtra: A Policy Matrix in a Federal System, by A. Narayanamoorthy and S.S. Kalamkar.
11. Economics of Bt Cotton Cultivation in Maharashtra, by A. Narayanamoorthy and S. S. Kalamkar .
12. Evaluation of Participatory Irrigation Management including Water Users' Associations, by A. Narayanamoorthy.
13. Broiler Production and its Costing in Maharashtra, by Sangeeta Shorff and S. Kalamkar.

14. Organic Farming: Success Stories, by K. G. Kshirsagar.
15. Survey of clinics/centres using ultra sound machines, by S. Mulay and R. Nagarajan.
16. Evaluation of functioning of Urban Family Welfare Centres and Urban Health Posts in Maharashtra, S. Mulay and R. Nagarajan.
17. Cooperative Marketing Societies – Reasons for Success and Failure in Maharashtra, by Deepak Shah.
18. Pilot Study for Estimation of Seed, Feed and Wastage Ratio for Major Food Grains, by Deepak Shah.
19. Study to Investigate the Causes of Variation between Official and Trade Estimates of Cotton Production, by Jayanti Kajale.
20. Status of Women and Utilization of Preventive and Curative Reproductive Health Care Services: A Comparative Study among Women in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, N. Kavitha.
21. Malnutrition among children of Maharashtra: Levels, Trends, differentials and Determinants, by P. Ramesh.
22. Nutritional status of women in Maharashtra: An Analysis of its Determinants, by P. Ramesh.
23. Birth Interval Dynamics in Andhra Pradesh: An Analysis of its Determinants, by P. Ramesh.
24. A Bibliographic Study of the History of Modern Indian Business, by N. Benjamin.
25. Palanquins in Bombay in the Nineteenth Century, by N. Benjamin.

III List of Papers, Chapters in Books and Monographs Published by the Academic Staff during the Year 2003-2004:

1. “Global Slowdown and the Indian Economy”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, May 24, 2003, pp. 2056-2066, by V. S. Chitre.
2. ‘Some Critical Reflections on Marx’s Theory of Value’, in *Value and the World Economy Today*, (eds.) R. Westra and A. Zuege, Palgrave, 2003, by A. K. Sinha.
3. Celebrating Twenty Volumes of *Research in Political Economy, Science and Society*, 68(1): 2004, by A. K. Sinha.

4. The Demography of Tribal Population in Jharkhand, 1951-1991' *Economic and Political Weekly*, by Arup Maharatna (jointly with Rasika Chikte).
5. 'India's Family Planning Programme: an introspection', *Mainstream*, August 2003, by Arup Maharatna.
6. Changes in Wool Production and Usage in Colonial India, *Modern Asian Studies*, 37(2), May 2003, by Tirthankar Roy.
7. Handmade in India : Preliminary analysis of crafts Producers and Crafts Production, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Decenver 27, 2003, Vol.38, No.51 & 52, pp. 5366-5376 by Tirthankar Roy (jointly with Maureen Liebl)
8. Economic Reforms and the Textile Industry in India, in S. Gokarn, A. Sen, R. Vaidya (eds.), *The Structure of Indian Industry*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2003, by Tirthankar Roy.
9. Current Population Issues of Maharashtra, published in the Proceeding of the Seminar held at Mumbai University on January 11-12, 2003, by S. Mulay.
10. "More Crop Per Drop: Financial Viability of Drip Irrigation", in *India Infrastructure Report: 2004*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2004, pp. 296-302, by A. Narayanamoorthy.
11. Impact of Irrigation on Rural Poverty in India: An Aggregate Panel-Data Analysis, *Water Policy*, Vol. 5, Nos. 5-6, 2003, pp. 443-458 (with Madhusudan Bhattarai), by A. Narayanamoorthy.
12. Who Benefits from Irrigation Development in India?: Implications of Irrigation Multipliers for Cost Recovery and Irrigation Financing" in Hsu, Shiang-Kueen (ed.), *INCID Asia Regional Workshop Proceedings: Sustainable Development of Water Resources and Management and Operation of Participatory Irrigation Organisations*, Vol. 1, Taipei, Taiwan, 2003, pp. 285-296 (with Madhusudan Bhattarai and Randolph Barker), by A. Narayanamoorthy.
13. Averting Water Crisis by Drip Method of Irrigation: A Study of Two Water-Intensive Crops", *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 58, No. 3, July-September, 2003, pp. 427-437, by A. Narayanamoorthy.
14. Irrigation Development and Agricultural Wages: An Analysis Across States, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol.38, No.35, August 30, 2003, pp. 3716-3722 (with R.S. Deshpande), by A. Narayanamoorthy.
15. "Economic Development of Scheduled Castes in Rural India", Rhetorics and Realities, *Artha Vijnana*, Vol. XLIII, Nos. 1-2, 2001, pp. 35-49, by B. B. Mohanty.

16. "Educational Progress of Scheduled Tribes: A Discursive Review" *Man and Development*, Vol. 25, No. 2, 2003, pp. 91-106, by B. B. Mohanty.
17. "Landholding and Agriculture among Scheduled Tribes of Maharashtra", *Eastern Anthropologist*, Vol. 56, No. 2-4, 2003, pp. 435-448, by B. B. Mohanty.
18. 'Sustainability of Slow Growth Foodgrain Crops in Maharashtra: Issues and Options', *Agricultural Situation in India*, Volume LX, No.7, October 2003, pp. 457-466, by Deepak Shah.
19. 'Infrastructure Development for Agro-Processing Co-operatives in Maharashtra : An Ex-post Evaluation', *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol.58, No.3, July-September 2003, pp.599 (summary) (with K.G. Kshirsagar), by Deepak Shah.
20. 'Liberalisation and Horticultural Exports of Developing Countries: Issues for Future Growth and Realities', *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 58, No. 3, July-September 2003, pp.395 (Summary), by Deepak Shah.
21. Behaviour of capital flows into the Indian Economy in K. Malla Reddy(ed) *Economic Reforms and Indian Economy*, Department of Economics, Osmania University, 2003, pp 97-104, by S. Mukherjee.
22. Regional Inequality and Growth during the time of Reforms in S.N. Misra(ed) *Indian Economy and Socio Economic Transformation*, Deep and Deep Publication, 2004, pp 127-138, by S. Mukherjee.
23. Brahmananda- a Critical Theorist? in D.K.Das(ed) *Great Indian Economists*, Vol. VIV, Deep and Deep Publications, 2004, pp 43-58, by S. Mukherjee and V. S. Chitre.
24. Analysis of poverty, famine, hunger and Prof. Amartya Sen in D.K.Das(ed) *Great Indian Economists*, Vol. X, Deep and Deep Publications, 2004, pp 174-183 by S. Mukherjee.
25. Liquidity, Asset Price Volatility and Indian Stock Market in Amalesh Banerjee(ed) *Issues of Financial Reforms*, Kanishka Publications, 2004, Pp 260-276 by S. Mukherjee.
26. 'Impact of Liberalisation on Domestic Agricultural Prices and Farm Income : An Analysis Across States and Coops', *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol.58, No.3, July-September 2003, pp. 353-364, by S.S. Kalamkar (jointly with A. Narayanamoorthy).
27. "Trends in Pulse Production in Maharashtra", *Productivity*, Vol. 44, No. 3, October-December 2003, pp. 499-510, by S. S. Kalamkar.
28. "Agricultural Marketing Cooperatives in Maharashtra – An Appraisal", *Indian Cooperative Review*, Vol. 42, No. 2, October 2003, pp. 79-93, by S. S. Kalamkar.

29. "Liberalisation and India' Horticultural Export", *Economic Affairs*, Vol. 48, No. 4, December 2003, pp. 199-210, by S. S. Kalamkar.
30. "Economics of Pulses Production and Identification of Constraints in Raising their Production in Maharashtra", *Agricultural Situation in India*, Vol. 60, No. 2, May 2003, pp. 81-91, by S. S. Kalamkar.
31. "Sources of Growth and Instability in Oilseeds Production in India: A Decomposition Analysis", *Productivity*, Vol. 44, No. 1, April-June 2003, pp. 128-135, by S. S. Kalamkar.
32. "Agricultural Growth and Rural Non-Farm Sector in Maharashtra", *Agricultural Economics Research Review*, Conference Number, December 2003, pp. 31-47, by S. S. Kalamkar.
33. "Agricultural Development and Sources of Output Growth in Maharashtra State", Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (Deemed to be a University), Pune, Working Paper No. 5, December 2003, by S. S. Kalamkar.
34. "Trade Liberalisation and India's Fruits and Vegetables Export", *Indian Journal of Agricultural Marketing*, Vol. 17, No. 3, October-December 2003, Summary, p. 157, by S. S. Kalamkar.
35. "Impact of Credit to Shifting Farmer to New Technology – a Case Study of the Nagpur District Central Cooperative Bank", *The Maharashtra Cooperative Quarterly*, Vol. 90, No. 5, April June 2003, pp. 25-31, by S. S. Kalamkar (Jointly with R. K. Ingle, N. V. Shende).
36. Diversification of Agriculture in Orissa: Progress and Possibility, in K. Sarap, P.K. Tripathy, S.S. Rath and B. Mishra (Eds), *Agrarian Transformation in Orissa: Issues and Evidence*, P.G. Department of Economics, Sambalpur University, Orissa, pp.55-65, by S. S. Kalamkar and P.C. Padhan.
37. "Economics of Flower Marketing", *Indian Journal of Agricultural Marketing*, Vol.17, No. 2, May-August 2003, pp. 116-124, by S. S. Kalamkar (Jointly with B.N. Tale and N. V. Shende).
38. कृषी विषयक माहिती स्रोत, शेतकरी मासिक (महाराष्ट्र शासन), फेब्रुवारी २००४, p. ३३, by S. S. Kalamkar.
39. शेती व्यवस्थापनात अर्थशास्त्रीय तत्वाचा वापर, शेतकरी मासिक (महाराष्ट्र शासन), जानेवारी २००४, pp. २६-२८, by S. S. Kalamkar.
40. शेतीविषयक आंतरराष्ट्रीय करार, दैनिक लोकमत, सप्टेंबर २००३, by S. S. Kalamkar (Jointly with V. Atkare).

41. Taking Banking to the People: National Institute of Bank Management's Role: by K. Dinker Rao, National Institute of Bank Management Publications is reviewed, *Artha Vijnana*, Vol. 44, No. 1, March 2002, by P. C. Padhan.
42. "How Good are Mutual Funds" by L. C. Gupta and Utpal K. Choudhury, Society for Capital Market Research and Development, New Delhi, 2001, (Book Review) in *Artha Vijnana*, Vol. 44, No. 2, June 2002, by P.C. Padhan.
43. "Digitisation as a Method of Preservation of Cultural Heritage: Some Theoretical Issues". In Proceedings of the International Conference on Digital Libraries, Vol. I, Pp.291-305, February 24-27, 2004, by P. N. Rath, N. Muralidhara and Swati Shinde.
44. "Living arrangements of the elderly women in rural Tamil Nadu: patterns, differentials and determinants" in *The Elderly Contemporary Issues* (Ed.) M. Kabir. Dhaka: Bangladesh Association of Gerontology, pp. 86-99, 2003, by N. Kavitha and Audinarayana. N.
45. "Factors influencing physical assistance and care to the aged in Tamil Nadu, India: an empirical investigation" in *The Elderly Contemporary Issues* (Ed.) M. Kabir. Dhaka: Bangladesh Association of Gerontology, pp. 122-133, 2003, by N. Kavitha and Audinarayana. N.
46. Rural Industrialization: A Case Study (Summary), *Agricultural Economics Research Review*, Conference Issue, 2003, pp. 142-143, by R. D. Khodaskar.
47. Role of Agro-Processing Co-operatives in the Rural Economy – A Case Study (Summary), *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 58, No. 3, July-September 2003, Conference Number, pp. 619-620, by R. D. Khodaskar.

IV Participation in Conferences, Seminars, Lectures, Work on Committees, etc. :

D. C. Wadhwa: Continued to work as (i) Member, Indian Historical Records Commission, Government of India, New Delhi and (ii) Honorary Fellow, Indian School of Political Economy, Pune (upto May, 2003).

Appointed as (i) Member, Karnataka Land Administration Reforms Committee, Bangalore and (ii) Chairperson of the peer teams for assessment visits to institutions of higher education by NAAC.

Delivered three lectures on Land Reforms and Record-of-Rights in Land in India to the participants of the 41st UGC Sponsored Refresher Course in Agricultural Economics at the Institute on March 17, 2004.

Attended a meeting of the Chairpersons of the peer teams on 7th February 2004, at Jamia Hamdard (Deemed University), New Delhi, at NACC's invitation.

V. S. Chitre: (i) Participated in the Annual Conference of the Indian Econometric Society, held at Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, during February 13-15, 2004 and Chaired a Panel Discussion on “Hundred Billion Dollar Plus Foreign Exchange Reserves”, on February 14, 2004; (ii) Participated in a Meeting convened by the Twelfth Finance Commission in Mumbai, on April 17, 2003, to discuss the Terms of Reference of the Twelfth Finance Commission; submitted a note summarizing the points made in the said Meeting; (iii) Participated in a Seminar on “Irrigation”, organized by the Indian School of Political Economy, Pune, on July 30-31, 2003; (iv) Participated in a Seminar on Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, organized by Padmashir Vikhe Patil College of Arts, Science and Commerce, held at Pravaranagar on February 9, 2004, and Chaired a session on Panchayati Raj Institutions and Rural Development, in the Seminar; (v) Organized (with Dr. K. G. Kshirsagar) a one-day Seminar at the Institute on March 19, 2004, on Agricultural Credit and Rural Finance.

(i) Delivered a lecture on “Data Base for Rural and Urban Development” for the 39th UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course held on Urban and Rural Development at the Institute during August 11-30, 2003; (ii) Delivered a lecture on “Macroeconomic Linkages between Agricultural and Non-agricultural Sectors” for the 41st UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course on Agricultural Economics at the Institute during March 1-20, 2004; (iii) Delivered a lecture on “Globalization” on March 10, 2004, in the UGC Sponsored Refresher Course on “Approaches to Security in the context of Globalization”, organized by the Department of Defense and Strategic Studies, University of Pune.

(i) Continued to work as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of Artha Vijnana, Prajnana and the ICRA Bulletin: Money and Finance; (ii) Worked as a referee for Artha Vijnana and the Journal of Indian School of Political Economy; (iii) Continued to work as a member of the Advisory Group of Experts on Short Term Monetary/Liquidity Model, set up by the Reserve Bank of India; (iv) Continued to work as a member (as a nominee of the UGC) of the State Level Committee for Admissions and Fees for Private Non-aided Colleges, constituted by the Government of Gujarat; (v) Continued to work as Director, United Bank of India, as a nominee of the ministry of Finance, Government of India; (vi) Continued to work as a member of the Governing Body of the Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, and as a member of the Governing Body of the Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research, Mumbai; (vii) Worked as a Chairman of the Ad hoc Board of Studies in Banking and Finance of the University of Mumbai and as a member of the Academic Council of the University of Mumbai.

Elected President of the Indian Econometric Society for the year 2004-2005.

Ajit Sinha: (i) Presented a seminar at University of Bergamo, Italy, July 1, 2003; (ii) Presented two seminars on Sraffa and Marx at Centro Sraffa, University of Rome 3, Italy, June 12-17, 2003; (iii) Presented a paper on ‘Some Critical Remarks on Marx’s Theory of Value’ at the 5th Annual Conference of the Association for Heterodox Economics at Nottingham, UK, held on 8-9 July, 2003.

(i) Gave seminar at the Institute on “A Comment on Sen’s ‘Sraffa, Wittgenstein, and Gramsci’”, on February 26, 2004; (ii) Gave Talk Shop on “Higher Education in India” at the Institute on April 12, 2003.

Arup Maharatna: (i) Presented paper entitled ‘On Fertility Transition Amidst Poverty: Role of Mass Mobilisation Machinery and Network in Rural West Bengal’ and also acted as Discussant at the International Workshop on Population, Economy and Society in India funded by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of Japan, organised by Osaka City University at Osaka Garden Palace Hotel, Osaka, Japan during 5-6 December 2003; (ii) Presented a paper at an International Conference in Development Economics, organised by the department of Economics, Burdwan University held at Burdwan during 15-16 December 2003; (iii) Attended a National Seminar on Perspectives on Population Research Centres, organised jointly by Population Research Centre, Bhubaneswar and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, held at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar in December 2003.

(i) Delivered two lectures on “Rural-Urban Linkage: Population Movement” and “Sectoral Migration” for the 39th UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course held on Urban and Rural Development at the Institute during August 11-30, 2003.

(ii) Delivered (invited) Talk as a Resource Person on Famine Demography at the Workshop on Documentation of malnutrition and investigating starvation deaths’ organised by Centre for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes (CEHAT) held at Bhopal during August 16-17, 2003; (iii) Visited Oras (Sindhudurg District) Health Mela for evaluation in February 5-7, 2004; (iv) Supervised research work of three Ph.D. students in Economics registered at Burdwan University; (v) Appointed as Reviewer and evaluated 4 reports on health in four most backward districts of Maharashtra sponsored by the World Bank and administered by Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai.

Tirthankar Roy: (i) Panel titled ‘Towards a History of Consumption in South Asia, 1850-1950’, Convention of Asia Scholars, Singapore, August 2003; (ii) Delivered lectures on “Issues in Rural and Urban Development” and “Environmental Issues” for the 39th UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course held on Urban and Rural Development at the Institute during August 11-30, 2003.

N. Benjamin: (i) Presented a note on “Export of Social Science Education” for UGS Golden Jubilee Seminar on Export of Higher Education at Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur, September 29, 2003 – October 1, 2003; (ii) Presented a paper on “Salsettle Island: The First Phase of Settlement” in the Indian History Congress, Mysore, December 28-30, 2003; (iii) Participated in the Orientation Programme on Evaluation of Post-literacy Programme for the Representatives of Empanelled Agencies Sponsored by the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development in Jaipur on March 10-11, 2004; (iv) Delivered a lecture on “Rural and Urban Pollution” for the 39th UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course on Urban and Rural Development held at the Institute during August 11-30, 2003.

(i) Organised and Co-ordinated the 39th Refresher Course of the Institute on Rural and Urban Development (Jointly with Dr. B.B.Mohanty) during August 11-30, 2003; (ii) Worked as Officiating Registrar of the Institute.

K. G. Kshirsagar: (i) Participated in the workshop on “Agricultural Finance : Past Perspectives and Future Reforms”, held at the Institute on March 19, 2004 and presented a paper entitled “Flow of Credit to Farmers in Maharashtra : Experiences and Lessons” with Deepak Shah; (ii) Participated in the workshop on “Intellectual Property Rights”, Sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, New Delhi, held at the Institute during March 27-28, 2004.

(i) Delivered a lecture on “Agricultural Development in the New Economic Environment” for the 39th UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course on Urban and Rural Development held at the Institute during August 11-30, 2003; (ii) Besides holding various sessions as Co-ordinator of the 41st UGC Sponsored Refresher Course in “Agricultural Economics”, four lecture-cum discussion Sessions on different topics were conducted during this Refresher Course at the Institute.

(i) Worked as the Co-Ordinator for the 41st UGC Sponsored Refresher Course in Agricultural Economics, held at the Institute during March 1-20, 2004; (ii) Coordinated in organizing the workshop (with Professor V. S. Chitre) on “Agricultural Finance: Past, Perspectives and Future Reforms”, held at the Institute on March 19, 2004; (iii) Worked as the Co-ordinator for the workshop (with Dr. P. M. Prasad, I.I.T., Kanpur) on “Intellectual Property Rights” sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, New Delhi, held at the Institute during March 27-28, 2004; (iv) Worked as the referee for Artha Vijnana and the Indian Institute of Management, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad; (v) Continued to work as the member of the Board of Studies of the Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed University, Pune); (vi) Supervised research work of a Ph.D. student in Economics registered at the Institute.

Smriti Mukherjee: (i) Participated in Indian Economic Conference at Kolhapur conducted by Indian Economic Association during December 29-31, 2003 and presented a paper on ‘A.K.Dasgupta and Keynes’; (ii) Participated in the National Seminar on Globalization Rural Transformation conducted by Department of Economics, Kakatiya University, Warangal and presented a paper on ‘globalization and Employment in the Rural Economy’; (iii) Participated in the International Seminar on WTO and Implications for South Asia, Centre for SAARC Studies, Andhra University, March 27-28, 2004, Visakhapatnam and presented a paper on “Competition Policy in India and South Asia”.

(i) Delivered twelve lectures on International Trade Institutions At IMDR; (ii) Chaired one session in the seminar on Trading Blocs, WTO and Cancun Conference held at the Modern College on January 23, 2004; (iii) Presented a paper on “Indian Co-operative Credit and Sustainability Issue” at a one-day seminar in the Institute on March 19, 2004 on “Agricultural Finance: Past, Perspectives and Future Reforms”.

A. Narayanamoorthy: (i) Participated in a Seminar on “Community Management of Rural Groundwater Resources: An Appropriate Response to Groundwater Overdraft in Rural India”, organised by Advanced Centre for Water Resources Development and Management (ACWADAM), Pune, during March 9-10, 2004; (ii) A paper, “Sustainable Cultivation of Sugarcane through Drip Method of Irrigation: Lessons from a Field Study”, was presented at a Seminar on WWF-India’s Sugar Initiative, organised by the World Wide Fund for Nature – India at WALMI,

Aurangabad, Maharashtra, during February 23-25, 2004; (iii) A paper, “Who Benefits from Irrigation Development in India?: Implications for Cost Recovery and Irrigation Financing”, was presented at the IWMI-TATA Annual Partners Meet: 2004, organised by the International Water Management Institute, held at the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA), Gujarat, during February 17-19, 2004 (with Madhusudan Bhattarai); (iv) A paper, “Dynamics of Irrigation Impacts on Rural Poverty in India”, was presented at the IWMI-TATA Annual Partners Meet: 2004, organised by the International Water Management Institute, held at the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA), Gujarat, during February 17-19, 2004 (with Madhusudan Bhattarai); (v) A paper, “Can Irrigation Increase Agricultural Wages?: An Analysis Across Indian Districts”, was presented at the IWMI-TATA Annual Partners Meet: 2004, organised by the International Water Management Institute, held at the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA), Gujarat, during February 17-19, 2004 (with Madhusudan Bhattarai); (vi) A paper, “Who Bells the Cat: Strategic Issues that the Task Force Needs to Address”, was presented at the IWMI-TATA Annual Partners Meet: 2004, organised by the International Water Management Institute, held at the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA), Gujarat, during February 17-19, 2004; (vii) Acted as a Panelist for the session on *Mass Promotion of Micro-Irrigation: What, Why and How?* at the IWMI-TATA Annual Partners Meet 2004, organised by the International Water Management Institute, held at the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA), Gujarat, during February 17-19, 2004; (viii) A chapter on “Irrigation”, prepared for the Maharashtra Development Report, was presented at the final Workshop on Maharashtra Development Report, held at Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research, Mumbai, during February 12-13, 2004 (with S. S. Kalamkar); (ix) A paper, “Averting Water Crisis by Drip Method of Irrigation: A Study of Two Water-Intensive Crops”, was presented at the 63rd Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, organised by the Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, during December 19-21, 2003; (x) A paper, “Impact of Liberalisation on Domestic Agricultural Prices and Farm Income: An Analysis Across States and Crops”, was presented at the 63rd Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, organised by the Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, during December 19-21, 2003 (with S. S. Kalamkar); (xi) A paper, “Linkages between Irrigation and Rural Non-Farm Employment: A Disaggregate Level Analysis based on Census Data”, was presented at the Foundation Day Seminar on Rural Employment with Focus on Non-Farm Sector, organised by the National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad, during December 6-7, 2003; (xii) A paper, “Economic Reforms and Agricultural Prices in India”, was presented at a Seminar on Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, organised by Padmashri Vikhe Patil College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Pravaranagar, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra, on February 9, 2004; (xiii) Participated in a meeting organised by the Task Force on Micro-Irrigation, constituted by the Government of India, New Delhi, at the State Secretariat, Hyderabad, on November 24, 2003 and also involved in preparing the Report of the Task Force on Micro-Irrigation; (xiv) A lecture, “Agricultural Sector Reforms and Poverty Alleviation”, was delivered at a Seminar on Economic Reforms and Alleviation of Poverty in India, organised by Yashwantra Mohite College of Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed University), Pune, on September 12, 2003; (xv) A paper, “Contribution of Factor Inputs to

Agricultural Productivity, Rural Development and Poverty Reduction in India: A Cross-States Panel-data Analysis from 1970-1994”, was presented (poster presentation) at the world Congress on Agricultural Economics, organised by the International Association of Agricultural Economics, held at Durban, South Africa, during August 16-22, 2003 (with Madhusudan Bhattarai); (xvi) Acted as a discussant for the paper on “*Valuing Groundwater for Irrigation in Hard Rock Areas of Karnataka*”, by M.G. Chandrakanth, et al., at the National Seminar on Water, organised by the Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad, during July 30-31, 2003; (xvii) A paper, “*Economics of Drip Irrigation in Sugarcane Cultivation: An Empirical Analysis*”, was presented at the National Seminar on Water, organised by the Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad, during July 30-31, 2003.

Delivered a lecture on “Irrigation and Rural Development” for the participants of the 39th UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course on Urban and Rural Development held at the Institute during August 11-30, 2003.

(i) Evaluated a Ph.D. thesis on “A Study on the Economics of Drip Irrigation in Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu”, sent by Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu; (ii) Conducted the final viva-voce (as an external examiner) examination of a Ph.D. thesis, “Economics of Grape Farming in Tasgaon Taluka”, at Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra; (iii) Evaluated a Ph.D., thesis on “An Economic Analysis of Dairy Enterprise in Southern Karnataka”, sent by University of Mysore, Mysore, Karnataka; (iv) Evaluated a Ph.D., thesis on “Water Rights and Present and Future Water Demand among Different Sectors in Lower Bhavani Basin, Tamil Nadu”, sent by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

B. B. Mohanty: (i) Presented a paper on “Panchayati Raj in Maharashtra and Orissa: An Overview” in a Seminar on Changing Social Institution and their Impact of Quality of Life at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, on April 28-29, 2003; (ii) Presented a paper entitled “Panchayati Raj and Village Development in Maharashtra” at the Social Science Congress at Indian Institute of Technology, Khargpur on December 3-7, 2003; (iii) Presented a paper entitled “Policy for Tribal Development: Protective Discrimination or Discrimination Protected?” at the 24th All-India Sociological Conference held at Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur on December 21-23, 2003; (iv) Presented the Chapter on Integrated Village Development of the MDR (jointly with Amita Yadwadkar) at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development and Research on February 13-14, 2004; (v) Presented a paper on Panchayati Raj and Rural Development in Maharashtra at Pravara Rural Education Society’s Padmashri Vikhe Patil College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Pravaranagar, on February 10, 2004;

(i) Delivered a lecture on “Land Problems of Weaker Sections” for the 39th UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course on Urban and Rural Development held at the Institute during August 11-30, 2003; (ii) Delivered a lecture on “Suicide of farmers” for the 41st UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course on Agricultural Economics at the Institute during March 1-20, 2004.

(i) Co-ordinated the 39th Refresher Course of the Institute on Rural and Urban Development (Jointly with Dr. N. Benjamin); (ii) Evaluated an M.Phil Dissertation entitled, “Globalization and Agricultural Extension Reforms: A Study of National

Agricultural Technology Project in Orissa” of Central University, Hyderabad; (iii) Evaluated M.A. answer scripts on Rural Sociology of Utkal University, Bhubaneswar; (iv) Worked as M.A. Co-ordinator and Chairman of the M.A. examinations upto February 15, 2004 and as Rector of Hostels from February 16, 2004 to April 15, 2004.

Sanjeevane Mulay: (i) Conducted a teaching course in ‘Population Studies’ for M.A. students of the Institute; (ii) Delivered four lectures on “Statistical Methods” for the 39th UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course on Urban and Rural Development held at the Institute during August 11-30, 2003; (iii) Delivered three lectures on “Statistical Methods” for the 41st UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course on Agricultural Economics at the Institute during March 1-20, 2004.

(i) Participated in a meeting called by the Governor of Maharashtra to discuss the population issues of the state held at Mumbai, April 22, 2003; (ii) Participated in the workshop organised by MHS DP, Government of Maharashtra at Mumbai, July 19, 2003; (iii) Attended a workshop organised by Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, in connection with the study on ‘Health Strategies for Nandurbar, Jalna and Yavatmal, September 3, 2003; (iv) Participated as a member of the Design Committee – RCH II in the workshops held on October 30, 2003, December 19, 2003 and March 19-20, 2004.

R. Nagarajan: (i) Participated in the workshop on “Understanding Budgets and their Use for Advocacy to Demand Accountable Governance”, organised jointly by the Centre for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes (CEHAT) and National Centre for Advocacy Studies (NCAS) during April 21-23, 2003, Mumbai and presented a paper titled “Cost of Health Care in Public Hospitals in Maharashtra 1999-2000”; (ii) Attended a two-day training programme on National Family Health Survey data analysis organised by the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai held at Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore during July 3-4, 2003; (iii) Participated in the workshop on “Quality Management in Public Health: Future Course of Action”, organized by the Maharashtra Health Systems Development Project, Government of Maharashtra and presented the findings of our study “Patient and Staff Satisfaction in Public Hospitals in Maharashtra, 2003”, held at West-End Hotel, Mumbai on July 19, 2003; (iv) Attended the International Short programme on the Demographic Aspects of Population Ageing and its Implications for Socio-economic Development, Policies and Plans at the International Institute on Ageing (United Nations), Malta during September 9-20, 2003 and presented a Country Report on “Demographic Aspects of Population Ageing and its Implications for Socio-economic Development, Policies and Plans in India”; (v) Attended the Workshop on Maharashtra Human Development (Health) organized by the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research and presented the draft report of the study on “Action Strategies for the Improvement of Health Status in the Districts of Nandurbar, Jalna and Yavatmal” on December 4, 2003; (vi) Conducted a one day dissemination seminar on the findings of our study on “Patient and Staff Satisfaction in Public Hospitals in Maharashtra, 2003” to the district Civil Surgeons of Government of Maharashtra at Hotel West End, Mumbai on November 25, 2003; (vii) Attended the Workshop on “Livelihood in Maharashtra” organized by the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai on January 23, 2004;

(viii) Participated in the Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population held at Annamalai University, Chidambaram during February 9-11, 2004 and presented a paper titled "Slow Demographic Transition in Maharashtra: The Role of Regional Disparities in Development"; (ix) Participated in a Seminar on "Perspectives on Maharashtra's Economy" held at Department of Economics, University of Mumbai during March 11-12, 2004 and presented a paper titled "Slow Demographic Transition in Maharashtra: The Role of Regional Disparities in Development".

(i) Delivered two lectures on "Population and Development" for the 39th UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course on Urban and Rural Development held at the Institute during August 11-30, 2003; (ii) Delivered two lectures on "Population, Natural Resources and Environment" for the 41st UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course on Agricultural Economics at the Institute during March 1-20, 2004.

Sangeeta Shroff: (i) Participated in the 46th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics as rapporteur for the Technical Session on "Changes in The World of Work" conducted by University of Jadavpur, Kolkatta, from December 13-15, 2003; (ii) Participated and presented a paper on "Marketing of Onions" in the seminar on "Agricultural Economics and Rural Development" organised by Pravara Rural Education Society's Padmashri Vikhe Patil College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Pravaranagar, on February 10, 2004; (iii) Participated and presented a paper on "Agricultural Growth" in a final Workshop on "Maharashtra Development Report" organised by Indira Gandhi Institute of Development and Research on February 13-14, 2004; (iv) Participated in a one-day workshop on 'Agricultural Finance: Past Perspectives and Future Reforms', organised jointly by Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, Yashwantrao Chavan Pratishthan, Mumbai and Maharashtra Rajya Sahakari Sangh, Pune, at the Institute on Friday, March 19, 2004.

(i) Delivered two lectures (i) Land Reforms, (ii) WTO and Agriculture for the 39th UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course on Urban and Rural Development at the Institute during August 11-30, 2003; (ii) Delivered one lecture on "Measurement of Employment" for the 41st UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course on Agricultural Economics at the Institute during March 1-20, 2004.

(i) Working as a M.A. Co-ordinator and Chairman of the M.A. Examinations since February 16, 2004; (ii) Working as Officiating Registrar since March, 2004.

Deepak Shah: (i) Presented two papers entitled 'Liberalisation and Horticultural Exports of Developing Countries: Issues for Future Growth and Realities' and 'Infrastructure Development for Agro-Processing Co-operatives in Maharashtra: An Ex-Post Evaluation' at the 63rd Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, held at Bhubaneswar under the auspices of Orissa Agricultural University of Agriculture and Technology, from December 19-21, 2003; (ii) Presented two papers entitled 'Rural Credit Delivery System in Maharashtra: Some Emerging Issues' and 'Flow of Credit to Farmers in Maharashtra: Experiences and Lessons' in the 1st Session on 'Agricultural Finance: Past Perspective' of a State Level Workshop on 'Agricultural Finances: Past Perspectives and Future Reforms' conducted by the Institute and Yaswhvantrao Chavan Pratishthan, Mumbai and Maharashtra Rajya Sahakari Sangh,

Pune, on March 19, 2004; (iii) Acted as Rapporteur of the IInd Session on ‘Agricultural Finance: Past Perspective’ of a State Level Workshop on ‘Agricultural Finances: Past Perspectives and Future Reforms’ conducted by the Institute and Yaswvantrao Chavan Pratishthan, Mumbai and Maharashtra Rajya Sahakari Sangh, Pune, on March 19, 2004.

(i) Attended the final Workshop on ‘Maharashtra State Development Report (MDR)’, held at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai from February 12-13, 2004; (ii) Delivered lectures on “Horticulture Development in India” and “Forest Economy” for the 41st UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course held on Agricultural Economics at the Institute during March 1-21, 2004.

Purna Chandra Padhan: (i) Delivered two lectures on Computer Application in Economic Analysis for the 39th UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course on Urban and Rural Development held at the Institute during August 11-30, 2003; (ii) Delivered two lectures on Applications of Computer in Agricultural Economics for the 41st UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course on Agricultural Economics held at the Institute during March 1-20, 2004.

(i) Worked as a member of Purchase Committee of the Institute; (ii) Coordinating the Certificate Course on Applications of Computer in Economic Analysis.

S. S. Kalamkar: (i) Participated and Presented paper on “Agricultural Growth and Rural Non-Farm Sector in Maharashtra”, at 11th Annual Conference of Agricultural Economics Research Association, held at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru College of Agriculture and Research Centre, Karaikal (Pondicherry), December 12-13, 2003; (ii) Participated and presented paper on “Impact of Liberalisation on Domestic Agricultural Prices and Farm Income: An Analysis Across States and Crops”, at 63rd Annual Conference of Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, held at Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar, December 19-21, 2003 (with A. Narayanamoorthy); (iii) Participated and presented paper on “Trade Liberalisation and India’s Fruits and Vegetables Export”, at 17th National Conference on Agricultural Marketing (Indian Society of Agricultural Marketing), held at Acharya N. G. Ranga agricultural University, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad on February 5-7, 2004; (iv) Participated and Presented paper on “Economic Reforms and Agricultural Prices in India”, at Seminar on Agricultural Economics and Rural Development organised by Padmashri Vikhe Patil College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Pravaranagar (Loni), Dist. Ahmednagar on February 9, 2004 (with A. Narayanamoorthy); (v) Participated and Presented a chapter on “Irrigation”, prepared for Maharashtra Development Report at the Workshop on Maharashtra Development Report, Organized by Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai on February 12-13, 2004 (with A. Narayanamoorthy); (vi) Participated and worked as Rapporteur for the session on ‘Agricultural Finance: Past Perspectives’ in a one-day workshop on ‘Agricultural Finance: Past Perspectives and Future Reforms’, organised jointly by Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, Yashvantrao Chavan Pratishthan, Mumbai and Maharashtra Rajya Sahakari Sangh, Pune at the Institute on Friday, March 19, 2004; (vii) Participated in two-days workshop on ‘Intellectual Property Rights’ sponsored by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India at the Institute on March 27-28, 2004.

Delivered a lecture for the 41st UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course held on Agricultural Economics at the Institute during March 1-20, 2004.

Besides above research work, I have taken charge as Guest Rooms In-charge from February 7, 2004 and Campus Secretary since February 25, 2004.

Kailas C. Thaware : Participated in a one-day workshop on ‘Agricultural Finance: Past Perspectives and Future Reforms’, organised jointly by Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, Yashvantrao Chavan Pratishthan, Mumbai and Maharashtra Rajya Sahakari Sangh, Pune at the Institute on Friday, March 19, 2004.

Worked as Secretary, National Society for Natural Resources Conservation and Development.

Asha Gadre: (i) Attended ICONLIS-2004 conference held at Kolkata, during March 15-16, 2004; (ii) Attended IASLIC pre-conference meeting at S.N.D.T., Mumbai on August 23, 2003; (iii) Attended World Bank Depository Library Seminar held at New Delhi, October 28-29, 2003; (iv) Delivered a Library Orientation lecture for M.A. students in August 2003; (v) Delivered a Library Orientation Lecture for the 41st UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course on Agricultural Economics at the Institute during March 1-20, 2004.

P. N. Rath: (i) Participated in UGC-Sponsored Refresher Course on “New Challenges in Information Management: Issues and Opportunities for Librarianship”, organised at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, during September 1-21, 2003; (ii) Participated and presented a paper on “Digitisation as a Method of Preservation of Cultural Heritage: Some Theoretical Issues” at the International Conference on Digital Libraries, held at The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi during February 24-27, 2004; (iii) Participated in the Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights, held at the Institute, during March 27-28, 2004.

M. Murali Krishna: (i) Attended two day workshop on “Intellectual Property Rights” conducted by the Institute held on March 27-28, 2004.

N. Muralidhara: (i) Delivered a lecture on “Using Internet in Economics” for the 39th UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course held on Urban and Rural Development at the Institute during August 11-30, 2003; (ii) Invited lecture on Building digital collection using Green Stone Digital Library, UGC – Sponsored Refresher Course on “New Challenges in Information Management: Issues and Opportunities for Librarianship”, Digital Library Hall, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, September 15, 2003; (iii) Invited lecture on Critical Evaluation of Internet Resources, Monthly lecture series, NCSI Seminar Hall, November 2003; (iv) Attended workshop on Basics of Networking, ERNET India, February 2004; (v) Attended workshop on Intellectual Property Rights conducted by the Institute on March 27-28, 2004.

Conducted classes on “Computer Applications for Economic Analysis” and taught the Library, Institute staff and MA students the basics of computers, internet and the MS Office Suite.

R. D. Khodaskar: (i) Participated and presented a paper entitled “Rural Industrialization: A Case Study” in the XIth Annual Conference of the Agricultural Economics Research Association, held at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru College of Agriculture and Research Institute, Karaikal (Pondicherry), during December 12-13, 2003;

(ii) Presented a paper entitled "Child Labour in Pune: A Case Study" presented in the 45th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics held at Faculty of Arts, Jadhavpur University, Kolkata, during December 15-17, 2003; and (iii) Presented a paper on "Role of Agro-Processing Co-operatives in the Rural Economy – A Case Study" at the 63rd Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, held at Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar, December 19-20, 2003.

N. Kavitha : (i) Presented a paper on "The effect of work participation of women on the utilization of maternal health care services among women in poor localities of Tamil Nadu, India", presented at the 26th Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population held at Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu, February 9-11, 2004; (ii) Attended Workshop on Population Data Base through Digitization held at International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai during 27-29, November 2003; (iii) Gave a seminar on "The Effect of Work Participation of Women on Utilization of Maternal Health Care Services in Selected Poor Localities of Tamil Nadu" at the Institute on January 30, 2004.

P. Ramesh : (i) Attended the 26th Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) Annual Conference, organised by Centre for Population Studies, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Tamil Nadu, February 9-11, 2004; (ii) Attended a Workshop on "Development of Population Database Through Digitization", organised by IIPS, Mumbai and Department of Population Studies, S.V. University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, April 15-17, 2004.

P. M. Prasad : (i) Attended and presented a paper on "Environmental Protection: The Role of Liability System in India" in a Conference at Berlin on "Governance for Industrial Transformation", Berlin, Germany, December 5-6, 2003; (ii) Delivered a lecture on "Zoning Issues in Environmental Problems" for the 39th UGC - Sponsored Refresher Course on Urban and Rural Development held at the Institute during August 11-30, 2003; (iii) Participated in the Course on "Criminology and Forensic Science" at National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science, Delhi, during September 2-22, 2003.

V. M. A. Programme:

Faculty members of the Institute taught courses for the M.A. (Economics). There were 71 students in the M.A. Classes (Part I and Part II).

VI 10th Convocation of the Institute:

At the 10th Convocation of the Institute held on January 18, 2004 thirty-one successful students were awarded their M.A. degree (Economics), from the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (Deemed to be a University). Out of the 31 students, 5 students were from 2000-2002 batch and 26 students were from the 2001-2003 batch.

VII Pandurangi Prize:

Ms. Harini L. K., who secured first rank with an 'A' grade in the M. A. Examination, held in May 2003, was awarded the Pandurangi Prize.

VIII Late Professor M. V. Namjoshi Prizes:

Miss Harini L. K., who secured first rank with an 'A' grade in the M. A. Examination, held in May 2003, was awarded the Late Professor M. V. Namjoshi Prize.

(i) Ms. Monami Mukherjee and (ii) Mr. Srideep Ganguly were awarded jointly the Late Professor M. V. Namjoshi Prize for securing highest marks in the course on Industrial Economics (B04: Industry: Organization, Structure and Problems).

IX R. M. Agnihotri Prize:

Miss Monami Mukherjee was awarded R. M. Agnihotri Prize for securing the highest marks in the course A09: Economics of Development.

X Ph.D. Students:

The members of the faculty of the Institute continued to guide the Ph.D. students in Economics. There were 18 students working at the Institute for their Ph.D. degree during the year under report.

Dr. N. Kavitha, Research Fellow, Population Research Centre, has been awarded Dr. C. Chandra Sekharan Award for her paper entitled, "The effect of work participation of women on utilization of maternal health care services in selected poor localities of Tamil Nadu, India". It was presented at the XXVI Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the study of Population held at Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu (National Level) during February 9-11, 2004.

XI UGC - Sponsored Refresher Courses:

During the year under report, the Institute conducted two UGC-sponsored refresher courses in Economics for university and college teachers. The following are the details of the said courses:

Course No.	Subject of the Refresher Course	Duration of the Course	Name of the Course Co-ordinator	No. of Participants
39	Urban and Rural Development	11.08.2003 to 30.08.2003	Dr. N. Benjamin Dr. B. B. Mohanty	20
41	Agricultural Economics	01.03.2004 to 20.03.2004	Dr. K. G. Kshirsagar	42

Teachers from universities and colleges from different states, namely, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand participated in the Refresher Courses. Eminent economists from various academic and research institutions and the members of the faculty of the Institute delivered lectures in these courses. The participants appreciated the refresher courses very much and expressed their satisfaction about the course content, effectiveness in teaching, reading material provided and library facilities made available to them. They felt that the courses had widened the horizon of their knowledge in Urban

and Rural Development and Agricultural Economics and that this would be useful for them in improving their teaching and research abilities.

The Institute was also to conduct one more refresher course in Development Economics. However, due to unavoidable circumstances the course had to be cancelled.

XII Visits of Scholars and Academicians:

Prof. L. G. Burange, University of Mumbai, delivered a series of lectures to the M.A. students from April 22-24, 2003 on “Small-Scale Industries”.

Dr. A. Vasudevan, former Executive Director of the Reserve Bank of India, visited the Institute during the current semester, as Visiting Professor from February 10, 2004. He was in charge of research, statistics, monetary policy and information technology departments in Reserve Bank of India. He was Advisor to the Executive Director for India at the IMF during 1984-89. He has a number of books to his credit, as an author or a co-editor, and has published a large number of research papers. He delivered a number of lectures in the M.A. Course on Financial Institutions and Markets.

Professor K. L. Krishna, retired Professor of Economics and former Director, Delhi School of Economics and past President of Indian Econometric Society visited our Institute for three weeks from February 11, 2004. He gave lectures on the topics of Heteroscedasticity, Panel Data, Use of Dummy Variables, Logit and Probit Analysis and Application of Econometrics in the Context of the Indian Economy in the Optional Course on Econometrics for the M. A. Programme.

Professor Alice Thorner visited the Institute and had interaction with faculty on 28th February 2004.

Dr. James P. West, Professor of Management and Economics, Moravian College, Bethlehem (USA) gave a seminar on “Globalization: The Real Story” on April 7, 2004.

XIII Seminars and Talk Shops Organised during 2003-2004:

During the year under report, the Institute organised seminars, details of which are as under:

Sr.No	Date	Speaker	Title
1	12.05.2003	Dr. Anitha Ramanna, Visiting Research Associate, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai	India’s Plant Variety and Farmers’ Rights Legislation: Potential Impact on Stockholder Access to Genetic Resources.
2	22.08.2003	Prof. Hideki Esho and Prof. Etsuro Ishigami Hosci University, Japan.	D. R. Gadgil: Are his ideas still living today? How can Indian brands be global: focusing automobile and apparel industry?
3	28.08.2003	Santanu Gupta..	On the allocation of public goods to villages in India

Sr.No	Date	Speaker	Title
4	04.11.2003	Dr. Edwin M. Truman, Senior Fellow at Institute for International Economics, Washington.	Inflation Targetting
5	28.11.2003	Dr. Santhi Hejeebu, Department of Economics University of Iowa.	Was Plassey Profitable? Re-Examining British Agency at the Start of Empire.
6	02.01.2004	Dr. V.R.Panchamukhi, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research , New Delhi	National Social Science Policy
7	22.01.2004	Professor Jean Dreze Delhi School of Economics Delhi.	Nutrition and the right to food?
8	30.01.2004.	N. Kavitha	The Effect of Work Participation of Women on Utilization of Maternal Health Care Services in Selected Poor Localities of Tamil Nadu
9	26.02.2004	Professor Ajit Sinha	A Comment on Sen's 'Sraffa, Wittgenstein, and Gramsci'

During the year under report, the Institute also organised Talk Shops, details of which are as under: (April 2003 – March 2004)

Sr.No	Date	Speaker	Title
1	12.04.2003	Prof. Ajit Sinha	Higher Education in India
2	26.04.2003	Shri Charuchandra Pathak	Pune Municipal Transport: Issues and Options
3	04.08.2003	Carey Watt Asst. Professor, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada	The Voluntary Sector and the State in Colonial and Postcolonial India, c.1900-1955
4	19.02.2004	Prof. Arun Bhatia Former, Municipal Commi- ssioner, Pune	Role of Citizens in Democracy
5	25.03.2004	Tirthankar Roy	Women and Industrialization: India in Comparison

Workshops:

i) Agricultural Finance: Past Perspectives and Future Reforms

The agricultural sector dominates in providing employment and livelihood to the majority of our population. However, there has been a slowdown in agricultural growth in the country and varies from region to region in the country. An important factor responsible for slow growth in agriculture is inadequate flow of credit to the agricultural sector which plays a crucial role in augmenting private sector capital formation.

Keeping in mind the importance of credit, a one day workshop on “Agricultural Finance: Past Perspectives and Future Reforms” was conducted jointly with Yaswhvantrao Chavan Pratishthan, Mumbai and Maharashtra Rajya Sahakari Sangh, Pune, on March 19, 2004. The main objective of the workshop was to bring policy makers, experts, senior office bearers from commercial and cooperative banks in direct contact with researchers and other stakeholders to deliberate upon the wide ranging complex issues involved in farm financing. About seventy participants took part in the workshop.

The two themes in the workshop were (I) Agricultural Finance: Experiences and Lessons, and (ii) Agricultural Finance: Issues relating to future reforms.

In the keynote paper the present position relating to Agricultural Finance indicated that commercial banks which accounted for the larger part of the term loans to agriculture have reduced their advances, despite the stipulation about priority sector lending. Bad debts and high cost of administering relatively small amount of loans to large numbers located in dispersed villages are the major reasons for this state of affairs.

Many of the cooperative societies are defunct. Due to the stipulation of one-village-one society farmers have no alternative source of cooperative credit. Their societies suffer from mounting over dues. As all farmers do not have access to cooperative credit, they often resort to Self-Help Groups (SHGs) which are essentially voluntary organization. The government subsidies such organizations.

Besides the keynote paper, faculty members from GIPE, NABARD, NIBM and RBI (Department of Economic Analysis and Policy), MPKV (Rahuri) also presented papers. Issues such as flow of credit to farmers, Rural Credit Delivery in India, Supreme Court Judgement in Apex Bank were also discussed.

A number of policy suggestions to revitalize the rural credit sector were made so that the co-operative credit structure is strengthened.

ii) Intellectual Property Rights

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) protection is one of the important issues faced by all countries. Protection of IPR is essential to encourage continuous flow of investment to promote innovations for the benefit of the country. The IPR include the various rights such as patents, trade marks, copyrights, plant varieties, geographical indications, etc. India has established the regulatory framework of IPR laws not only to safeguard the interests of the innovators but also to balance it with the need for access for the majority. Recently, changes have been incorporated in India’s IPR policy with an objective of seeking greater protection of IPRs. Therefore, it has become absolutely necessary to understand thoroughly the IPRs laws, as they exist today, in order to protect one’s inventions and IPRs relating to one’s products, processes, designs, brands, service marks, etc., in national and international markets. In view of this, the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, (Deemed to be a University), Pune, organised a two-day workshop on “Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)” during March 27-28, 2004 at the Institute. The workshop was primarily devoted to give exposure to the participants regarding the basic concepts of the IPRs and their applications to various enterprises. 60 participants took part in the workshop. The participants included entrepreneurs,

consultants, NGO's, researchers, academicians, students and other stake holders The workshop was sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, New Delhi.

The following persons worked as Resource Persons in the workshop: (i) Professor Madhav Gadgil, IISc., Bangalore; (ii) Professor Anil K. Gupta IIM, Ahmedabad; (iii) Professor Ashok K. Mittal IIT, Kanpur; (iv) Dr. K. Sumesh Reddy, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd., Hyderabad; (v) Dr. R. R. Hirwani, NCL, Pune and (vi) Dr. Vishal Kataria, University of Pune.

The subjects discussed/covered in the workshop were: (i) Patent Acts, (ii) Trade Marks Acts, (iii) Copyright Acts, (iv) Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmer's Rights, (v) Geographical Indications, (vi) Service Marks, (vii) IPR and Foreign Trade; and (viii) Relevant Case Studies

XIV New Staff Members :

During the year 1 Professor – left (Dr. Sriraman), 1 Lecturer (Dr. Thaware) joined – 2 Lecturers - Dr. Madheswaran and Dr. S.Gupta - left , 2 Research Fellows – Dr. Kavita and Dr. P Ramesh joined, 1 documentation officer – (Nanda) left and 1 Information Scientist (Muralidhara) joined the Institute.

XV Development of Infrastructure :

Following works are completed from April 2003 to March 2004:

- i. Construction of New Staff Quarters for Teaching staff is near completion from IX UGC Assistance Development Plan.
- ii. From X UGC Assistance Development Plan following works are completed:
 - i. Renovation of Mess
 - ii. Repairing plumbing works.
 - iii. Plinth protection work in A, B, C, D staff quarters.
 - iv. Anti Termite by injection method for A, B, C, D staff quarters.
 - v. Drainage work near library.
 - vi. Glass fixing and furniture repairs and fabrication works.
 - vii. Fencing work of FP No. 183 is completed.
 - viii. Yearly maintenance of computers, EPBX and fumigation is completed.

The computer facilities at the Institute were further strengthened during the year. Personal computers were provided in the offices of a number of faculty members.

The programme of computerisation of the library, initiated in 1999-2000, made substantial progress during the year. The data base, covering acquisitions of the library from 1940 till date is completed so far. . Besides, more than 3960 records were entered in CDS/ISIS database during the year.

About 2,71,557 records were added to the database along with keywords. SLIM++, library management software is used for house keeping operations such as

circulation, acquisition, cataloguing, serials control, documentation and OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue).

A link to Institute website is established and library online Public Access catalogue is made available on Web. Besides all other library related information including circulation status for members also is made available on Web. This is made possible under UGC Inflibnet programme.

Students' amenities in the hostels were also considerably enhanced.

XVI Kale Memorial Lecture :

Dr. C. Rangarajan, Chairman, Twelfth Finance Commission, New Delhi delivered the Kale Memorial Lecture on "Challenges for Monetary Policy" at the Tenth convocation on January 18, 2004.

XVII Working Papers:

The Institute started a Working Paper Series during the year 2002-2003. It brought out two Working Papers this year. Their titles and authors were as under:

Working paper Sr. No. 4 – Some Critical Reflections on Marx's Theory of Value, by Ajit Sinha, (December 2003).

- (1) Working paper Sr. No. 5 – Agricultural Development and Sources of Output Growth in Maharashtra State, by Shrikant Kalamkar (December 2003).

XVIII Publications:

The Institute brought out the following publication during the year 2003-2004:

Artha Vijnana : Vol. 43, No. 1 and 2, March-June 2001.

No. 3 and 4, September-December 2001.

Vol. 44, No. 1, March 2002.

No. 2, June 2002.

Student Publication Series No. 2: Essays in Macroeconomics, edited by G. Rachana, Smita Ramnarain, Niranjana Sreenivasan, July 2003.