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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 6th June 1930 from 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 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 late Professor D.R. Gadgil, the founder Director of the Institute, the Institute set standards for high quality research and training in a variety of fields of economics.

## Research

The main thrust areas of the Institute which 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 and the Study of Economies 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 continuously supported the Agro-Economic Research Centre of the Institute. During the year '50s, 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 cooperation 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. This has been continued by the Planning Commission.

In 1962, the University Grants Commission recognized 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 Programmes, established at the Institute, a Centre of Study of Economies of East European Countries. Recently, the UGC has decided to institute a Chair in Applied Economics at the Institute at the instance of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). In 1988, the UGC identified the Institute as a Centre to conduct Refresher

Courses in Economics for university and college teachers in the western region of the country.

In 1977, the Reserve Bank of India instituted a Chair in Finance and recently Ford Foundation has given generous grant to the Institute to carry out research activities in international economics and related subjects.

### Teaching

The Institute, right from its inception, was affiliated to the University of Bombay; it conducted the M.A. Programme in Economics and registered 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 recognized institute of the University of Poona. Till a few years ago, the Institute was functioning, for all academic purposes, as Department of Economics of this University. The University's Post-graduate Centre was located at the Institute. With the decision of the University 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 in 1986 in designing courses and in teaching and examination of M.A. courses in Economics of the University. The Institute also admits students to do Ph.D. in Economics of the University of Poona under supervision of members of research staff of the Institute. As Centre of Advanced Study in Economics, the Institute continues to be a statutory department of the University. Even though affiliated earlier to the University of Bombay and now to the University of Poona for teaching programme (including doctoral research), the Institute has autonomy in its management and functions as per its Constitution.

### Library

The Institute shares the library of Servants of India Society and has been mainly responsible for building it up during the last six decades. The library is considered to be one of the foremost specialized libraries in India in the fields of Economics and other related Social Sciences. The library today has about 2,25,000 volumes; and 650 journals and periodicals are received on subscription, exchange, gift and depository basis. The library has microfilm camera and micro-film and micro-fishe 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 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.

### Computer Section

In the Computer Section, the facilities of data processing are available to researchers. The Institute offers Consultancy and Guidance Service in data processing in collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research. We have a 3.800 Micro-processor system and a DCI Tandy 1000, PC-XT computer system and have recently acquired for the

Agro-Economic Research Centre of the Institute, a PC-AT, and two IBM compatible PCs of HCL make under a grant from the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India. The Section also provides programming assistance to the internal users and research students.

#### Publications

The Institute has been regularly publishing since 1958 a quarterly journal of economics in English, Artha Vijnana. This journal publishes results of research work carried out in the Institute as well as works of scholars from outside the Institute. Institute publishes research works in the form of books and mimeograph series. The R.B.R.R. Kale Memorial Lecture, organized by the Institute, every year on the occasion of Founder's Day is published under Kale Memorial Lecture Series.

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The Institute has pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of its activities for the year 1990-91.

### I) Research Projects Completed

The following research projects were completed during the year under report :

1) Land Use in Western Zone of India : Problems and Perspective by Sulabha Brahme and Kumud Pore, submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.

2) Planning for Agricultural Development of the Western Plateau and Hills Region (Zone 9) : Development Strategies by R.S. Deshpande (along with Planning Team of Zone IX), submitted to Agro-Climatic Regional Planning Unit, Planning Commission, Ahmedabad.

3) Agricultural Development Perspective of Solapur District by R.S. Deshpande (along with the District Planning Team, DERC, MPKU, Solapur, submitted to Agro-Climatic Regional Planning Unit, Planning Commission, Ahmedabad.

4) Impact of 1987-88 Drought on the Economic Conditions of Rural People in Maharashtra by S.W. Muranjan, submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.

5) Emergence of Fertility Differentials as Evidence of Fertility Decline in India by K. Balasubramanian, submitted to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

6) Validity of the Estimates of Couples Effectively Protected from Family Welfare Programme Data in Maharashtra by K. Balasubramanian, submitted to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

7) Contraceptive Prevalence Survey in Urban Areas of Pune District, 1988 by Vaijayanti Bhate, submitted to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

8) Trends in Fertility and Contraception in Pune City - 1981-88 : A Longitudinal Study by Vaijayanti Bhate, submitted to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

9) Follow-up Survey for the Estimation of Infant Mortality and Assessment of MCH Activity, 1989 by Vaijayanti Bhate, submitted to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

10) Health Infrastructure in Rural Maharashtra, 1961-81 by Sanjeevane Mulay, submitted to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

11) Family Planning in India : A Longitudinal and Cross-sectional Study by Sanjeevane Mulay, submitted to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

12) List of Reports of the Committees and Commissions on India by Asha Ogale.

## II) Research Projects in Progress

Work on the following research projects was in progress during the year under report.

1) Work of the Committee on Records-of-Rights in Land, Planning Commission, Government of India : (a) Status Reports on Records-of-Rights in Land in Different State (b) Guaranteeing Title to Land by D.C. Wadhwa.

2) Indo-Japanese Joint Study on Irrigation Management and Water-Use by A.K. Mitra.

3) Field Survey of the Second Phase of the above Study in India in Collaboration with Japanese Scholars by A.K. Mitra.

4) Evaluation of National Watershed Development Programme by R.S. Deshpande and V. Ratna Reddy.

5) Treatment of Uncultivated Land Under Watershed Management Approach - Institutional and Economic Aspects by R.S. Deshpande.

6) Role of Non-Governmental Organizations in Agricultural Development by R.S. Deshpande and V. Ratna Reddy.

7) Impact of Subsidies on Agricultural Development by R.S. Deshpande and V. Ratna Reddy.

8) Emerging Problems of Marketing of Agricultural Produce with Special Focus on Input Supply and Processing Aspects by C.S. Gajarajan.

9) Development of Wastelands in Maharashtra : Perspectives and Prospects for Farm Forestry by C.S. Gajarajan.

10) Impact of National Pulses Development Programme on Weaker Sections of the Farming Community in Maharashtra by M.P. Khare.

11) New Trends in Foodgrains in Maharashtra by M.P. Khare.

12) Cropping Pattern Change in Oilseeds and Pulses in Maharashtra by M.P. Khare.

13) Evaluation Study of Land Development Works in the Command Area of the Krishna Project by G.R. Mulla.

14) Impact of the Great Depression of 1930s on Agriculture : A Comparative Study of the Bombay Presidency and the Madras Presidency by K. Badri Narayanan.

15) Agrarian Movements and Reforms in Tamil Nadu : 1900-1930 by K. Badri Narayanan.

16) Evaluation of Family Welfare and MCH Programme in Rural Areas of Pune District by K. Balasubramanian.

17) The Demography of Religious Minorities in India by K. Balasubramanian.

18) Evaluation of Family Planning and MCH Programmes Undertaken by NGOs in Maharashtra by K. Balasubramanian and Sanjeevane Mulay.

19) Current Evaluation of Family Planning and MCH Programme, Rural Nanded District, 1981 by Vaijayanti Bhate.

20) Growth of Villages in Ratnagiri District by Sanjeevane Mulay.

21) Assessment of the Eligible Couple Registers Maintained at the PHC's - A Pilot Survey in Pune District by Sanjeevane Mulay.

22) Growth of S.C./S.T. Population During 1961-81 as Seen through Census Reports by Sanjeevane Mulay.

23) Evaluation Study of 100 per cent Adult Literacy Programme of the Government of Maharashtra by V.S. Chitre and S.N. Gadam.

24) Income Distribution of Different Occupations by P. Venkatramaiah and Latika Argade.

25) Indicators of Business Recessions and Revivals in India by V.S. Chitre.

26) Nature and Causes of Growth Cycles in India by V.S. Chitre.

27) Responsiveness of Commercial Bank Deposits to Interest Rates by V.S. Chitre, B.S.R. Rao and Medha Deshpande.

28) Computations of Market Rates of Return for a Sample of Shares listed on Bombay Stock Exchange by B.S.R. Rao.

29) Computations in Regard to Selected Shares listed on Calcutta and Madras Stock Exchange by B.S.R. Rao.

30) The Efficiency of Indian Capital Markets : Tests of the Bombay Stock Exchange by B.S.R. Rao.

31) Indian Stock Market : A Portfolio Analysis by B.S.R. Rao.

32) Privatization Programme in Eastern Europe by Jaya Mehta.

III) List of Papers and Monographs by the academic staff published during 1990-91

\* ✓ 1) (i) Mounting Antagonism Towards Big Dams; and (ii) Major and Minor Irrigation Works : Cost Aspects of the Controversy - Published in B.D. Dhawan (Ed.) 'Big Dams Claims and Counter Claims', Commonwealth Publishers, New Delhi, 1990, A.K. Mitra

2) Growth and Instability in Agricultural Production in Maharashtra in the Context of New Technology and Irrigation Development - Economic and Political Weekly, Review of Agriculture, December 1990, A.K. Mitra.

3) Poverty Alleviation : I. Design of Target Group Strategies, II. Impact and Implementation, (jointly), Economic Times, 25th and 26th July 1990, R.S. Deshpande, V. Ratna Reddy.

4) Social Dynamics and Farmer's Society : A Case Study of Pani Panchayat, (jointly), Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics, Vol. XLV, No. 3, July-September 1990, R.S. Deshpande, V. Ratna Reddy.

5) Agricultural Performance of Western Zone with special reference to Maharashtra, Proceedings of the Western Regional Seminar on National Agricultural Policy, Institute of Rural Management, Anand, January 1991, R.S. Deshpande.

6) Participatory Process and Watershed Management : A Study of Maharashtra, Proceedings of the Western Regional Seminar on National Agricultural Policy, Institute of Rural Management, Anand, January 1991, R.S. Deshpande, V. Ratna Reddy.

7) Agro-Ecological Problems of Command Areas, in H. Ramachandran (ed.), Environmental Issues in Agricultural Development, Concept, New Delhi, 1990, R.S. Deshpande.

8) Resurrection of Institutionalism : A Trade-off between Social and Farm Forestry, Proceedings of the Workshop on Socio-Economic Aspects of Tree Growing by Farmers, Institute of Rural Management, Anand, March 1991, R.S. Deshpande.

9) Some Practical Suggestions for Decentralized Rural Energy Planning - Published in Workshop Proceedings Decentralized Rural Energy Planning and Implementation, O.R.G., Baroda, S.N. Gadam.

10) Maharashtra's Agriculture - The Changing Scenario, Economic Times, 14th January 1991, M.P. Khare.

11) Irrigation in Colonial India : A Study of Madras Presidency During 1860-1900, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. XXV, Nos. 18-19, 5th and 12th May 1990, V. Ratna Reddy.

12) CCIS Role : A Case Study, Yojana, Vol. 34, No. 19, 16-31 October 1990, V. Ratna Reddy (jointly with V.R. Reddy).

13) Book Review on 'Determinants of Fertility Decline: A Study of Rural Karnataka' by N. Bhaskara Rao, P.M. Kulkarni and P. Hanumantha Rayappa, South Asian Publishers, New Delhi, 1986, Artha Vijnana, Vol. 32, No. 2, June 1990, K. Balasubramanian.

14) Book Review on 'Dynamics of Population and Family Welfare 1989', by K. Shrinivasan and K.B. Pathak (Eds.), Himalaya Publishing House, Bombay, 1990, Artha Vijnana, March 1991, K. Balasubramanian.



✓ 15) A Note on the Case for Flexible Exchange Rates, Journal of Foreign Exchange and International Finance, Vol. III, No. 4, October-December 1989, pp. 325-329, V.S. Chitre.

16) Integration of Money and Real Analysis in an Empirically Estimable Applied General Equilibrium Framework, Proceedings of the Conference on Methods of Planning and Policy Analysis for Mixed Economies, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Bombay (forthcoming), V.S. Chitre and Umesh Naik.

✓ 17) Some Thoughts on the Monetary Model of Exchange Rate Determination, Artha Vinana, March 1970, Vol. 32, No. 1, pp. 88-96, S. Mukherjee.

18) Imbalance in the U.S. Economy and the Crisis, Reprinted in V.S. Mahajan (Ed.), International Economy, New Delhi, S. Mukherjee.

19) Socialism, Democracy and Third World Predicament, Mainstream, 25th May 1990, Jaya Mehta.

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

V.S. Chitre : Delivered lectures on (i) General Equilibrium and Microfoundations of Macro-economics in the Refresher Course in Economic Theory organized by the Department of Economics, University of Bombay in September 1990, (ii) Eighth Silver Jubilee Memorial Lecture on 'On the Approach to the Eighth Five Year Plan' organized by the Institution of Engineers (India), Pune on 29th November 1990, (iii) 'Monetary Targeting in India' to the participants of the Programme on Economic and Financial Analysis for Bankers at the National Institute of Bank Management, Pune on 8th December 1990, (iv) 'Growth Cycles in Indian Economy' in the Refresher-cum-Orientation Training Programme for Planning Department organized by Yeshwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration, Pune, on 17th January 1991.

Worked on the Expert Committee appointed by the UGC to recommend Indian Scholars for participation in the International University Summer Course in Economics in GDR. Appointed member of the Advisory Committee for the DSA Programme relating to the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning at J.N.U., New Delhi. Worked as a member of USEFI Expert Committee in Development Economics; Nominated on the Advisory Committee for the Centre of Advanced Study in the Department of Economics, University of Bombay; worked on the Selection Panel for the award of Ford Foundation Fellowships; Appointed member of the Advisory Committee on the Special Assistance Programme for the Department of Economics, University of Rajasthan; Worked as a member of the UGC Expert Committee to assess the work done by the Centre of Advanced Study in Economics, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, the Centre of Advanced Study in Economics, Department of Economics, University of Bombay, and the Department of Economics, the Madurai Kamraj University; Worked as an ex-officio member of the Pune District Regional Planning Board by the Government of Maharashtra; Worked as Coordinator for a UGC sponsored Refresher Course, organized by the Institute during December 1990 - January 1991.

D.C. Wadhwa : Delivered two lectures to the Trainee Officers of the 2nd Basic Course in Legislative Drafting on 8th May 1990 organized by the Indian Drafting Institute, Ministry of Law and Justice, Legislative Department, Government of India, New Delhi; Delivered a lecture on "Land Relationships" to the workers of the Non-Government Organizations, organized by the Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur, on 30th January 1991, at Jaipur.

Participated in a National Workshop on "Towards a People's Bill of Housing Rights," sponsored by the National Campaign for Housing Rights, on 30th March - 2nd April, 1990, at the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi; Attended a "National Workshop on District Level Computerization" organized by the Board of Revenue, Uttar Pradesh, on 22-24 June, 1990 at Lucknow; Attended a Seminar organized by the Economic Affairs Group of the India International Centre on "Land Use Policy in India" on 22nd September, 1990, at New Delhi; Attended a Workshop on "Property Tax Reforms in India and the Needed Interface with Urban Land Policies," organized by the Times Research Foundation, Urban Studies Centre, on 11-13 January, 1991, at Hyderabad; Attended a meeting of the Inter-ministerial Committee set up by the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India, on the 'Introduction of the Torrens System of Land Title Registration in Selected Cities in India' on 9th July 1990, at Bhopal; on 4th December, 1990, at New Delhi; on 17th January 1991, at New Delhi; and on 19th March 1991, at Madras. Attended a meeting of the National Level Standing Committee on Computerization of Land Records in India, set up by the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Rural Development), Government of India, on 26th December 1990, and on 25th January 1991, at New Delhi; Attended a meeting of the Editorial Board for Encyclopaedia on Social Legislation in India, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, on 10th May, 1990 and 29th January 1991, at New Delhi; Attended a meeting of the Committee of Secretaries, Government of India, to consider the introduction of the system of guaranteeing title to land in India, on 22nd January 1991, at Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

B.G. Bapat : Gave a Seminar on the subject 'Whither the Communist Economic Bloc' during 27th August to 29th August 1990.

B.S.R. Rao : Delivered lectures on Financial and Capital Markets as a UGC Visiting Professor at Madras University's School of Economics. Delivered lectures on "Challenges to Profit Maximization as a Goal of the Firm," on (a) Recent Development in Capital Market in India, (b) The Demand for Money, (c) Stock Market in India : Recent Trends to Departments of Economics and Commerce and School of Management of the Pondicherry University and Institute of Post-Graduate Studies, Pondicherry; Delivered lectures on "Capital Market" in a programme organized by NIEM.

Attended a seminar on "Development and Social Justice," arranged by United States Educational Foundation in India in collaboration with Department of Law, University of Poona. Presented a paper on "Development Planning, Economic and Social Justice in India"; Attended National Workshop on "Consumer Interest and Monopoly Services: Insurance in India" organized by Consumer Education and Research Centre,

Ahmedabad and presented a paper entitled "Life Insurance Since Nationalization : A Review"; Attended a seminar organized by Shri C.T. Bora College, Shrur and presented a paper on "Central Banking in India : Recent Developments;" Attended a seminar organized on "The Aspects of Employment in India" by Novrosjee Wadia College and gave a keynote address; Attended a seminar organized by KTHM College, Nasik on 29th and 30th March 1991 and presented a paper on "Constitutional Provisions Regarding Devolution of Resources between Centre and States".

Nominated as an Expert Member, Board of Studies in Economics, M.S. University of Baroda and elected as an External Expert Member, Faculty of Arts, M.S. University of Baroda. Nominated as an External Expert Member, Faculty of Arts, BHU; Continued to function as Professor Incharge, Department of Economics, University of Poona; Coordinated UGC sponsored Refresher Programmes for College and University Lecturers; Continued to be Managing Editor of Artha Vijnana.

K.S. Srikantan : Gave a seminar on the subject 'Social Indicators Approach to Fertility Control and Social Change' on 10th December 1990.

P. Venkatramaiah : Delivered lectures at NIBM, MIDA and UGC Refresher Course in the Institute; Contributed to a study on Optimum Land Use Model for Maharashtra which is a part of a larger project under the supervision of Dr. Mrs. Brahme.

Working as a member on the Expert Committee for Plan Modelling of Kerala sponsored by the Kerala State Planning Board.

K. Balasubramanian : Participated in the conference of All India State Demographers held in Goa during 21st to 23rd January 1991.

R.S. Deshpande : Delivered three lectures on 'Nature and Treatment of Risk and Uncertainty in Agricultural Production' and one lecture on 'Research Issues in Farm Accounting and Farm Costs', at Post-Graduate Centre, Poona University, Pune in November 1990; Delivered a lecture on 'Research in Economics and Career Opportunities' at S.P. College, Pune, on 8th January 1991. A lecture on 'Emerging Issues in India's Agricultural Development' at Garware College, Pune on 31st January 1991; Delivered four lectures in UGC Refresher Course on Research Methodology; Participated in Western Regional Seminar on National Agricultural Policy organized by Institute of Rural Management, Anand during 10-13th January 1991.

Acted as a member of the Methodology Group for District Planning Agro-Climatic Regional Planning Unit, Planning Commission, Ahmedabad; Coordinated district planning studies taken up in Maharashtra for Sindhudurg, Aurangabad, Yeotmal and Solapur districts for agro-climatic zonal planning unit, Planning Commission, Government of India, Ahmedabad.

C.S. Gajarajan : Delivered lectures on Labour Economics to M.S.W. Course at Karve Institute of Social Studies, Pune, during August-October, 1990.

Jaya Mehta : Gave a talk on 'Spring Time in Eastern Europe' in the Late Professor D.R. Gole Memorial Seminar on Geo-Political Issues organized by Politics and Geography Department, S.P. College, Pune.

A.K. Mitra : Delivered five lectures at the UGC Sponsored Refresher Course for College and University Teachers in April 1990; Delivered three lectures at the UGC Sponsored Refresher Course for College and University Teachers in June 1990; Delivered twelve lectures in the Water Management Training Programme at the Central Training Unit, CWPRS, Pune.

Latika Argade : Carried out a study on the Optimum Land Use Model for Maharashtra with the use of a Linear Programming Model as a part of a larger study under the supervision of Dr. S. Brahme.

K. Badri Narayanan : Participated and presented a paper on 'Peasant Struggles and Agrarian Reforms in Tamil Nadu' in a seminar on 'Peasant Struggles and Agrarian Reforms in Modern India' organized by the Department of Studies in History, University of Mysore, Mysore, under the auspices of the Association for Peasant Studies, in November 1990.

Elected as Executive Member of the Association for Peasant Studies.

S.N. Gadam : Invited as a Resource Person at the seminar on 'A Study of Pune District : An Attempt to Review Post-Independence Development in the District' held at M.S. Kakade College, Someshwar Nagar (District Pune); Delivered eight lectures in the UGC Sponsored Refresher Course for College and University Teachers in Economics in June 1990; Worked as Convener of the Computer Committee of the Institute.

M.P. Khare : Delivered eight lectures in the UGC Sponsored Refresher Course in Economics; worked on Editorial Board of Artha Vijnana; worked as a Coordinator of UGC Guidance Scheme in Data Processing; Worked as a member of the Computer Committee of the Institute.

S. Mukherjee : Participated in Indian Economic Conference held at Muzaffarpur during 28th December and 30th December 1990 and presented a paper on the subject 'An Analysis of Current Account Movement in SAARC Countries, 1974-1988'.

V. Ratna Reddy : Participated in 'Western Regional Seminar on National Agricultural Policy' sponsored by Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, held at Institute of Rural Management, Anand, during 10th January to 12th January 1991.

Asha Ogale : Attended One-Day Seminar on Networking of Libraries and Information Centres in Pune held at M.A.C.S., Pune 411 004.

#### V) M.A. and Ph.D. Training Programmes

Apart from the work on various research projects, the members of the research and teaching staff were engaged in the Teaching Programme for the M.A. (Economics) Part I and Part II Courses. They also continued to guide the

M.Phil. and Ph.D. research students in economics.

There were 41 students in the M.A. class in the Institute. Six teacher fellows under the UGC Teacher Fellowship Programme continued to work in the Institute on their research studies.

Following students of the Institute were awarded the M.Phil. Degree in Economics by the University of Poona during 1990-91 :

(1) Smt. Nishita Pradhan, (2) Shri S.N. Gambhire, (3) Shri P.G. Kulkarni, (4) Smt. Malika Mistry, (5) Smt. Deepali Pradhan, (6) Shri F.K. Varghese, (7) Shri Budhin Mishra, (8) Shri F.A. John, (9) Smt. Rekha Date, (10) Shri R.A. Jawale, (11) Shri T.G. Gite, (12) Mohd. Shafi Chand.

We are glad to report that the following research student who worked for her Ph.D. in the Institute was awarded Ph.D. degree of the University of Poona in 1990-91 : Smt. Savita S. Iyengar : A Study of Shri Vaishnavites : Modernising Aspects of a Hindu Religious Sect.

Under the P.V. Pandurangi Prize Endowment, the Pandurangi Prize was awarded to Smt. Malika B. Mistry for her M.Phil. dissertation entitled 'Hindu-Muslim Fertility Differentials in India'.

Shri Ashutosh Y. Raravikar, student from the M.A. Part II class, has been awarded the first prize in the 34th All India Essay Competition for College Students sponsored by C. Amin Charitable Trust, Baroda and conducted by the Forum of Free Enterprise, Bombay, during 1990-91.

#### UGC Sponsored Refresher Courses

During the year 1990-91, the Institute continued to conduct the refresher courses in Economics for college and university teachers in Western Region of India sponsored by the University Grants Commission. The courses of three weeks duration each were successfully completed by the Institute in cooperation with the Academic Staff College of the University of Poona as per following details.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>No. of participants</u>
1) 16.4.1990 to 4.5.1990	27
2) 7.5.1990 to 25.5.1990	31
3) 18.6.1990 to 6.7.1990	38
4) 24.12.1990 to 11.1.1991	38

Professor B.S.R. Rao of the Institute worked as the coordinator for the first three refresher courses while Prof. V.S. Chitre worked as the coordinator of the fourth course stated above. Eminent Economist from academic institutions and faculty members from the Institute delivered lectures on various topics.

### Progress on the Proposal to Grant Deemed University Status to the Institute

The University Grants Commission has accepted the recommendation of their Visiting Expert Committee and has agreed to recommend to the Government of India for granting Deemed to be University Status on the condition that the Government of Maharashtra agrees to provide maintenance grant. The matter is being pursued with the Government of Maharashtra.

### Proposal to join the NICNET Linkage

The Research Advisory Council (RAC) of the Planning Commission has recommended that the Computer-Communication Network, NICNET, of the National Informatic Centre should be accessed by important institutions engaged in economic and social science research including the Gokhale Institute.

The Institute is exploring the possibility of joining the NICNET linkage and benefit from the proposed Network.

### Visits of Scholars and Academicians

The following academicians and scholars visited the Institute during 1990-91 :

- 1) Shri Govindrao Deshpande, well-known Gandhian Social Worker, gave a lecture on 'Trusteeship - The Answer to Present Economic Segment of National Life' on 1st August 1990.
- 2) Dr. Kirit Parikh, Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Bombay, gave a seminar on the subject 'Sustainable Development' on 9th November 1990.
- 3) Dr. Peter Jegzentis, Hochschule Fur Okonomie, Berlin, gave a seminar on the subject 'The Difficult Transition to a Market Economy in East Germany' on 1st December 1990.
- 4) Dr. Robert Stern, Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the University of Michigan (USA) gave a seminar on 'Emerging World Trade Scenario and the Developing Countries' on 13th December 1990.
- 5) Dr. B.B. Bhattacharya, Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, gave a seminar on 'Public Debt : Policy Options and Future Scenarios' on 29th December 1990.
- 6) Professor Damodar Gujarathi, City University of New York, gave a lecture on 'Recent Trends in Theoretical and Empirical Work in Macro and Monetary Economies' on 8th January 1991.
- 7) Prof. E.D. Vinod, Fordham University, New York, gave a seminar on the subject 'Consumer Behaviour and a New Model for Endogeneous Income' on 11th January 1991.

8) Shri Phiroz Poonawalla, Managing Partner, Union Steel Industries, Hadapsar (Pune) gave a seminar on 'Sickness in Small Scale Industrial Sector' on 15th January 1991.

9) Professor Mrinal Datta-Chaudhuri, Director, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi, gave two lectures on the subject 'Urban Labour Market and Development Economics : Theory and India' on 11th and 12th March 1991.

#### Staff Visits Abroad

1) Dr. K. Dalasubramanian participated in the Summer Seminar on Population organized by the East-West Population Institute, Honolulu from 3rd June to 30th June 1990. He visited Thailand and participated in the Seminar on 'Population and Development of Thailand' organized by the Institute of Population Studies, Chulalong Korn University, Bangkok.

2) Dr. Jaya Mehta visited Hochschule Fur Okonomie, Berlin, under UGC Cultural Exchange Programme, during 30th September to November 1990. She visited the Academy of Economics, Katowice Central School of Planning and Statistics, Warsaw and Institute of Economics, Hungarian Academy of Science, Budapest, and gave seminar at Katowice and Hochschule Fur Okonomie, Berlin, on 'Indian Economy in the Eighties'.

3) Dr. S. Sriraman has been awarded the Ford Foundation Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship in Economics for one year from 24th August 1990 to 23rd August 1991. Dr. Sriraman is working in the Pennsylvania Transportation Institute, U.S.A.

#### Kale Memorial Lecture

Professor D.T. Lakdawala, Professor Emeritus, Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Ahmedabad, Honorary Director, Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, Bombay and Former Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, New Delhi, delivered the Kale Memorial Lecture on 7th April 1990 on the subject 'Indian Public Debt'.

#### Publications

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- 1) Artha Vijnana - Vol. 31, No. 4, December 1989  
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2) Kale Memorial Lecture, 1990 : Indian Public Debt by D.T. Lakdawala.

3) Kunda Datar Lecture, 1989 : Technology Against Poverty or Poverty Through Technology? by Bagaram Tulpule.

4) Gokhale Institute Studies No. 71 : Irrigation Utilization in the Context of Protective and Productive Irrigation in Maharashtra by Ashok K. Mitra.

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Condolences

The Institute records with grief the sad demise of Dr. V.D. Deshpande who passed away on 14th January 1991. He was on the faculty of the Institute during June 1957 to June 1971.