

**GOKHALE INSTITUTE OF POLITICS AND ECONOMICS**

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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 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 first Director of the Institute, the Institute set standards for high quality research and training in a number of branches of economics.

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 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. After the Institute became deemed to be a University, it was decided by the University of Poona and the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (Deemed to be a University) that the M.A. Part I students of the Institute, registered with the University of Poona in the year 1992-93, be given the option to remain the M.A. students of the University of Poona or to become the students of the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (Deemed to be a University). All those students decided to become the students of the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (Deemed to be a University) for the said degree. Thus, the students registered in 1992-93 for M.A. degree in Economics will receive their degrees from the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (Deemed to be a University) in 1994.

### 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 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 early '50, 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 U.G.C., as a part of its Area Studies Programmes, established at the Institute a Centre of Study of Economies of East European Countries. In the same year, the Reserve Bank of India instituted a Chair in Finance at the Institute. In 1988, the U.G.C. decided to institute a Chair in Applied Economics at the Institute at the instance of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). In the same year, the U.G.C. 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 1989, the Ford Foundation gave a 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 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. 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 of Poona in 1986 in designing courses and in teaching and examination of M.A. courses in Economics of the University. 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 is now able to award its own M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Economics.

### 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 2,36,000 volumes, and 495 journals and periodicals, received on subscription, exchange, gift and depository basis. The library has microfilm camera and 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 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 S.800 Micro-processor system and a DCM 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. During the year under report, we also acquired two PC-AT and a photocopy machine for the Population Research Centre under a grant from the USAID. The Section also provides programming assistance to the internal users and research students.

### Publications

The Institute has been regularly publishing, since 1959, 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. The 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 the Kale Memorial Lecture Series.

The Institute has pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of its activities for the year 1993-94.

(I) Research Projects Completed

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

- 1) Maharashtra's Agriculture : Trends in Foodgrains Production (1960-61 to 1988-89) by M. P. Khare, submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.
- 2) Impact of Non-Governmental Organisations on Agricultural Development by R. S. Deshpande, submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.
- 3) Emerging Problems of Agricultural Marketing in Karnataka by R. S. Deshpande, C. S. Gajarajan and Rajeeva Dogra, submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.
- 4) A Preliminary Report on National Family Health Survey in Maharashtra by K. Balasubramanian and Sanjeevane Mulay, submitted to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.
- 5) Current Evaluation of Family Welfare and MCH Programme in Urban Nanded District by Sanjeevane Mulay and K. Balasubramanian, submitted to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.
- 6) National Family Health Survey : Maharashtra State Report by K. Balasubramanian and Sanjeevane Mulay, submitted to the International Institute for Population Sciences, Bombay.
- 7) Out migration from Ratnagiri District : Causes and Consequences by Sanjeevane Mulay, submitted to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.
- 8) The Bombay Metropolitan Suburban Railway System by S. Sriraman, submitted to the Ministry of Railways, Government of India.
- 9) Balance of Payments Experiences of the Indian Economy : 1970-71 to 1990-91 by Smriti Mukherjee, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics Project.
- 10) Report of the Banjara-Vanjari Committee by D.C.Wadhwa, submitted to the Government of Maharashtra.

(II) Research Projects in Progress

Work on the following research projects is in progress during the year under Report:

- 1) Impact Evaluation Study of World Bank Aided Pilot Project for Watershed Development in Rainfed Areas, Manoli, by R. S. Deshpande.
- 2) Agricultural Output and Input Pricing in India, by Ashok K. Mitra.
- 3) Issues relating to Subsidies and Pricing Policy of Fertiliser, by Ashok K. Mitra

- 4) Agricultural Production and Export Policy, by Ashok K. Mitra.
- 5) Irrigation Management through Farmers' Organisation, by Ashok K. Mitra.
- 6) Pulses and Oil Seeds Scene in Maharashtra, by M.P. Khare.
- 7) An Operations Research Study on Spacing Methods in Rural Areas of Pune District, by K. Balasubramanian and Sanjeevane Mulay.
- 8) Reconciliation of Family Planning Performance and Fertility Trends in India, by K. Balasubramanian.
- 9) Current Evaluation of Family Welfare and MCH Programme in Rural Areas of Sindhudurg District, by K. Balasubramanian and Sanjeevane Mulay.
- 10) A Study on Growth of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Maharashtra, by Sanjeevane Mulay.
- 11) Family Welfare Programme in Rural Areas of Pune, Solapur and Nanded Districts - A Comparative Analysis, by Sanjeevane Mulay.
- 12) A Follow-up Study for Estimation of Infant Mortality in Rural Areas of Pune District, by Sanjeevane Mulay.
- 13) Patterns of Urbanization in Maharashtra, by K. Balasubramanian.
- 14) Impact of National Pulses Development Programme on Weaker Sections of Farming Community, by M. P. Khare.
- 15) Energy Efficiency in Indian Industries, by Latika Argade.
- 16) Compilation of India's BOP Data over 1921-1939, by Smriti Mukherjee.
- 17) A Comparative Analysis of Structural Adjustment Measures in South Asia, by Smriti Mukherjee.
- 18) Macroeconomics of India, by V. S. Chitre.
- 19) Financial Development and Economic Growth in India, by V. S. Chitre.
- 20) Indicators of Business Recessions and Revivals in India, by V. S. Chitre.
- 21) Toll Financing of Roads, by S. Sriraman.
- 22) External Evaluation of Total Literacy Campaign of Pune District (Rural), by S. N. Gadam.
- 23) Evaluation Study of Land Development Works (Part II) in Command Area of Bhima (Ujjani) Project, by S. N. Gadam.
- 24) Evaluation Study of Land Development Works (Part II) in Command Area of Krishna Project, by S. N. Gadam.

(III) List of Papers and Monographs by Academic Staff  
Published during the Year 1993-94

1) Estimates Go Haywire by P. Venkatramaiah, published in the Economic Times, March 1994.

2) Farmers' Organisation in Surface Irrigation Projects : Three Empirical Case Studies from Maharashtra by Ashok K. Mitra, published in Artha Vijnana, Vol. XXXV, No.1, March 1993, pp. 22-60.

3) Socio-Economic Analysis of Socio/Agro-Forestry by R. S. Deshpande, published in S. Chand Basha (et al.) edited, Socio-Economic Research in Forestry, The Kerala Forest Research Institute and the Ford Foundation, 1993.

4) Man-Forest Interaction - Changing Institutional Structure : Some Evidence from Maharashtra by R. S. Deshpande, published in S. Chand Basha (et al.) edited, Socio-Economic Research in Forestry, The Kerala Forest Research Institute and the Ford Foundation, 1993.

5) A Billion Indians by 2000 : A Rejoinder by K. Balasubramanian and Sanjeevane Mulay, published in the Indian Express, October 17, 1993.

6) 'आरोग्य सेवती संतवणक' by Sanjeevane Mulay, published in Kesari, March 31, 1994.

7) Private Sector Financing and Operations of Highways by S. Sriraman, published in Conference Proceedings of the Association for Transport Development in India, 1993.

8) India in the Context of the World Economy, 1973-90 by Smriti Mukherjee, published in Ghose, Moore, Siddique (ed.), Trade Technology and Development, Academic Press International, 1993.

9) Theoretical Basis for IMF Conditionalities by Smriti Mukherjee, published in R. S. Singh (ed.), IMF Politics Towards LDCs with Special Reference to India, Deep and Deep Publications, January 1994.

10) India's Current Account Behaviour Pattern During 1980's by Smriti Mukherjee, published in A. K. Sinha (ed.), New Economic Policy of India, Deep and Deep Publications, February 1994.

11) External Shocks and Response of the Indian Economy (1973-1986) by Smriti Mukherjee, published in the Asian Journal of Economics and Social Studies, Vol. II, No.4, October 1992, pp. 283-295.

12) Balance of Payments Experiences of the Indian Economy: 1970-71 - 1990-91 by Smriti Mukherjee, published in Anvesak, Vol.23, No.1 and 2, June-December 1993.

13) MSRTC : Will Privatisation Serve Public Purpose? by S. N. Gadani, published in Janata Weekly, Vol.48, No.26, September 26, 1993.

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

D. C. Wadhwa : Worked as a (i) Member, Advisory Committee, Western Regional Centre, Indian Council of Social Science Research, Bombay; (ii) Member, Indian Historical Records Commission, New Delhi; (iii) Member, Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi; (iv) Member, Research Committee, I.C.S.S.R., New Delhi; (v) Member, Research Institutes Committee, I.C.S.S.R., New Delhi; (vi) Member, International Collaborations Committee, I.C.S.S.R., New Delhi; (vii) Member, Data Archives Committee, I.C.S.S.R., New Delhi; (viii) Member, Norms Committee, I.C.S.S.R., New Delhi; (ix) Chairman, Banjara-Vanjari Expert Committee, Government of Maharashtra, Bombay; (x) Member, Governing Council, Tribal Research Institute, Government of Maharashtra, Pune; (xi) Member, Fact Finding Committee regarding Construction of I.C.S.S.R. buildings; and (xii) Member, U.G.C. Committee for recommending Scientists/Social Scientists for the Hari Om Ashram Trust Awards in the field of interaction between Service and Society, for the years 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993.

V. S. Chitra : Gave Seminars on 'Financial Development and Economic Growth in India', at (i) Department of Economics, Osmania University, Hyderabad on 25th September 1993 and (ii) at Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research, Bombay, on 10th November 1993.

Delivered lectures on "Money, Finance and Economic Growth", in the UGC Sponsored Refresher Courses organised at the University of Bombay and on 'General Equilibrium Analysis and Micro-Foundations of Macro-Economics' at the Department of Economics, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad under the UGC's Scheme of Exchange of Teachers, on 31st January 1994.

Participated in a National Seminar on 'Trade and Financial Sector Reforms', organised by the National Institute of Bank Management, Pune from 18th October 1993 to 20th October 1993. Attended the Annual Conference of the Indian Economic Association held in Bombay from 19th to 21st February 1994.

Worked as Co-ordinator for the UGC sponsored Refresher Course on Monetary and Macro Economics, organised at the Institute from 11th October 1993 to 30th October 1993.

Worked as (a) Convener of the UGC Panel for Economics, (b) Member of the Selection Panel for the Award of Ford Foundation Post-doctoral Fellowships, (c) Member (nominated by the UGC) on the Academic Council of International Institute for Population Sciences, Bombay, (d) Member (nominated by the Chancellor) on the Academic Council of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad, and (e) Member (nominated by the UGC) of the Advisory Committee of the UGC's Special Assistance Programme in the Department of Economics, Osmania University, Hyderabad. Invited to be a member of Editorial Board of the Journal of Foreign Exchange and International Finance. Invited to work as external expert in one of the Reserve Bank of India's Projects under the Bank's Programme of Development Research Group. Nominated Co-Chairman of the Academic Programmes Committee for the 30th Annual Conference of the Indian Econometric Society to be held at the University of Mysore during May 1-3, 1994.



P. Venkatramaiah : Participated in a Seminar on 'New Economic Policy' organised by the Nagarjuna University during March 26th and 27th, 1994 and submitted a paper on the subject 'The New Economic Policy : Evolution, Problems and Prospects'.

Worked as a Member, Board of Studies, Osmania University, Hyderabad, and Saugar University, Saugar.

S. Sriraman : Delivered lectures (a) at Central Institute of Road Transport (CIRT), Pune, in Management Development Programmes, and (b) to UGC Sponsored Refresher Course Participants on Micro Economics, held in the Institute.

Worked as a Member, Study Group to Examine the Returns to Investment in Road and Rail, set up by the CIRT, Pune, at the Instance of the Ministry of Surface Transport, Government of India.

K. Balasubramanian : Delivered a lecture (i) on 'Secondary Sources of Data' to Senior Officials of Health Department of the Government of Maharashtra at Yeshwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration, Pune, on 13th May 1993, (ii) on Sampling to the Participants of the Workshop on 'Research Methodology' at Health and Family Welfare Training Centre, Pune on 10th September 1993.

Participated (a) as Resource Person in the UGC sponsored Refresher Course in Economics held at the Institute during 30th August-18th September 1993, and (b) in the Workshop on Demographic Transition and Development Alternatives, held at Jaipur, during 26-27 November 1993. Attended the meeting of the Population Research Co-ordination Committee at Mantralaya, Bombay, on 11th May 1993.

Served as an external examiner for the Diploma and M.Phil. Courses, in Population, of the International Institute of Population Sciences, Bombay.

R. S. Deshpande : Delivered lectures on (i) 'Cost-Benefit Analysis of the Agricultural Projects' at the Yeshwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration, Pune, on 8th June 1993, (ii) 'Environmental Impact of Large Irrigation Dams' at Lal Bahadur Shastri Academy of Development Administration, Mussoorie, on 15th November, 1993, (iii) 'Agriculture in Development Process : A Theoretical and International Perspective and Structuralist Basis of Development : Role of Institutions' at the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, on 5th and 6th November 1993, (iv) 'Post Globalisation Trends in Indian Economy (in Hindi)' at the College of Agricultural Banking, Pune, on 2nd December 1993 and (v) in the UGC sponsored Refresher Courses in Economics at the Institute.

Participated in the Seminar on 'Poverty Alleviation : Need for Socio-Economic and Political Changes for Rural Development' at Centre for Scientific Socialism, Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar, on 30th July 1993. Worked as Co-ordinator of the UGC sponsored Refresher Course on Agricultural Economics from 30.8.1993 to 18.9.1993 at the Institute.

Ashok K. Mitra : Delivered (i) Key Note address at the Seminar on 'India's Agricultural Challenges in Nineties' organised by the Ness Wadia College of Commerce, Pune, on 16th April 1993, (ii) five lectures in the 4th Advanced Course on Water Resources Management Training Programme at Central Training Unit, CWPRS, Khadakwasla, Pune on 15, 16, 18, 21 and 22 June, 1993, (iii) four lectures in the UGC sponsored Refresher

Course held in the Institute on September 3,4, 1993 and eight lectures during September 20,23,28,29, 1993 and October 4 1993, (iv) four lectures on 'India's Economic Development : Performance, Policies, Problems and Prospects' to the students of faculty of International Relations, Daito Bunka University, Japan in November 1993.

Presented a paper (a) entitled 'Issues in Agricultural Production and Export Policies in the Context of Economic Reforms in India' in a Seminar organised by the Faculty of International Relations, Daito Bunka University, Japan, on 16th December 1993 and (b) entitled 'Management of Surface Irrigation in India - Problems and Prospects' in a Seminar organised by the Faculty of International Relations, Daito Bunka University, Japan, on 28th November 1993.

Worked as Co-ordinator of the 16th UGC sponsored Refresher Course on 'Micro Economics and its Applications', held at the Institute from 20th September 1993 to 9th October 1993, Appointed as External Examiner for Ph.D. theses by Kalyani University and Bardwan University, West Bengal.

Latika Argade : Delivered lectures to the participants of the UGC sponsored Refresher Courses in the Institute, participated in the Seminar on 'New Economic Policy and Problems of Women Related to it' held at Nasik on 22nd and 23rd May 1993 and submitted a paper, participated in a Seminar as a panel member on Methodological Issues organised by the S.N.D.T. University, Pune on 5th March 1994.

Assessed Ph.D. thesis and conducted Viva-Voce examination of a student at Rani Durgadevi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur, and delivered lectures on 'Input-Output' in the University, Assessed the book for 'मराठी पुस्तक पारितोषिक योजना' of Shivaji University, Kolhapur, entitled 'अधोगात्र अर्थकारण' written by Dr. Shanta Pandit.

S. N. Gadam : Delivered a lecture on 'Salient Features of Pune Total Literacy Campaign' at Rotary Club, Parvati, Pune.

M. P. Khare : Delivered thirteen lectures in the UGC sponsored Refresher Courses, organised in the Institute, on Measurement of Growth, Measurement of Inequality, Consumer Behaviour and Probability and Hypothesis Testing.

Worked as (a) Co-ordinator for ICSSR Guidance and Consultancy in Data Processing Scheme at the Institute, (b) Member, Board of Management of the Institute, and (c) Rector of the Institute's Hostels.

Sanjeevane Mulay : Participated (a) in a Seminar on 'नवे आर्थिक धोरण व महिला अधोगात्र व महिला कामगार यांचे भवितव्य' held at Nasik on 22nd and 23rd May 1993 and presented a paper entitled 'स्त्री कामगारांचे औद्योगिक क्षेत्रातील भवितव्य' (jointly with Latika Argade), (b) as a Panel Member in a Seminar on 'Methodology and Methods of Investigations in Social Sciences' held at S.N.D.T. University, Pune, on 5th March 1994 and (c) as Resource Person in the UGC sponsored Refresher Course held in the Institute during 30th August and 18th September 1993.

Smriti Mukherjee : Presented a paper on (a) 'Exchange Rate Management and Stabilisation Attempts in India' at the Indian Economic Conference held at IGIDR between 19th to 21st February 1994, and (b) on 'Entrepreneurship - the extent to which it can

be developed' at a national Seminar on Current Research on Indian Entrepreneurship, hosted by EDI, Ahmedabad, during March 29th to March 31st 1994.

Asha Ogale : Delivered Library Orientation Lectures to UGC sponsored Refresher Courses in the Institute and M.A. students. Attended lectures at (i) Granthotsava, S.N.D.T. Women's University, Pune, on 15th December 1993, (ii) Jayakar Library, University of Poona on 14th February, 1994, delivered by Prof. P. B. Mangala, Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Delhi University.

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

Apart from the work on various research projects, the members of the research and training staff were engaged in the teaching programme for the M.A. (Economics) Part I and Part II courses. They also continued to guide the Ph.D. research students in Economics.

During the year under report, there were 52 students in the M.A. Class in the Institute. Seven Research Fellows under the UGC 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 the year 1993-94:

- (i) Shri R. T. Lad, (ii) Shri Keshav H. and  
(iii) Shri S. G. Ingale.

We are glad to report that the following research students who worked for the Ph.D. in the Institute were awarded Ph.D. degree of the University of Poona in 1993-94: (i) Shri Jagabandhu Samal - Some Aspects of Tribal Economy - A Case Study of Koraput District, (ii) Shri A. A. Rane - Marketing Efficiency of Agriculture in Konkan Region of Maharashtra State-India.

UGC Sponsored Refresher Courses

During the year under report, the Institute conducted three Refresher Courses in Economics for College and University Teachers, sponsored by the University Grants Commission. The courses of three weeks duration each were successfully completed by the Institute as per following details:

Duration	Course Co-ordinator	No. of participants
15th Refresher Course 30.8.1993 to 18.9.1993	Dr. R. S. Deshpande	37
16th Refresher Course 20.9.1993 to 9.10.1993	Dr. A. K. Mitra	40
17th Refresher Course 11.10.1993 to 30.10.1993	Prof. V. S. Chitre	40

Eminent economists from the academic and research institutions and members of the Faculty of the Institute delivered lectures in these Refresher Courses.

### Visits of Scholars and Academicians

1) Professor Rajendra K. Koshal, Ohio University, Athens (USA) gave a Seminar on 'The Problem of Quality Schooling : A Supply and Demand Approach', on 25th January 1994.

2) Shri Vasant Sathe, Chairman, Indian Council of Cultural Relations, New Delhi, gave a Seminar on 'Proposal for Introduction of Expenditure Based (Presumptive) Income Tax' on 1st February 1994.

### Staff Visits Abroad

1) Dr. Ashok K. Mitra visited Faculty of International Relations, Daito Bunka University, Japan, under the short term exchange programme for the scholars from Asian countries, from October 1993 to January 1994.

2) Dr. R. S. Deshpande visited Canada under the Social Sciences and Humanities Fellowship awarded by Shastri-Indo Canadian Institute, Calgary, Canada, from 1st January 1994 to 30th April 1994.

### Achievements of the Students

1) Shri Debashish Ghosh and Miss Manisha Natu (M.A. Part II) students won the Runners Up Team Prize at 'Waxing Eloquent' Intercollegiate Debate organised by the Symbiosis Society's College of Arts and Commerce, Pune. The competition was co-sponsored by Tata Steel.

2) Shri Debashish Ghosh (M.A. Part II) won the second best prize for his essay entitled 'Honesty and Integrity in Public Life' in an essay competition organised by Pragati Foundation, Pune.

3) Miss Maneesha Natu (M.A. Part II) stood first in Pune and Seventh in India in the examination of Institute of Costs and Works Accountants of India (ICWAI), held in June 1993.

### Seminar on Preliminary Results of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS), Maharashtra

A half day seminar on 'Preliminary Results of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS), Maharashtra' was held at the Institute on 2nd December 1993. The seminar was organised with a view to disseminate the preliminary findings of the NFHS, conducted in Maharashtra State during 1992-93, to the state government officials who are involved with family planning and MCH programme. About ten officials from the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Maharashtra, attended the seminar. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi, was represented by the Joint Director of the Department of Family Welfare. All members of the staff of the Population Research Centre of the Institute attended the seminar.

