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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 6<sup>th</sup> 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, teaching 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.

### **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 '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 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. This has been continued by the Planning Commission. 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 1988, the UGC decided to establish a Chair in Applied Economics at the Institute at the instance of South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC). In 1989, the Ford Foundation gave a generous endowment grant to the Institute to found a Chair and to establish a section in international economics at the Institute, 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. The UGC has recently reviewed the work of the Institute as a Centre of Advanced Study in Economics and on the basis of the recommendation of the Review Committee approved the continuation of its assistance under the Special Assistance Programme for the next five years.

### **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 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 now awards its own M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in economics. 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.

### **Training :**

In 1988, 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 in 1994, the catchment area for the refresher courses to be conducted at the Institute to the entire country.

### **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. Last year, the library crossed the 2,50,000 mark of the number of volumes. The library now has 254097 volumes and 468 journals and periodicals, received on subscription, exchange, gift and depository basis. The library has 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. The library has recently initiated a major programme of computerisation with the help of a grant from the UGC as 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 hardwares and softwares to support the research, teaching and training programmes in the Institute. A beginning has been made by the Institute during this year to make available the computer to the faculty members in their own offices. A one-year Certificate Course on Computer Applications for Economic Analysis has been introduced, beginning with this academic year, 2000-2001, 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, 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 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 2000-2001**

The Institute has pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of its activities for the year 2000-2001.

### **I List of Research Studies Completed during the Year 2000-2001 :**

1. Rapid Impact Evaluation of NWDPRRA in Maharashtra, by A. Narayanamoorthy and K. G. Kshirsagar
2. Suicides of Farmers in Maharashtra : A Socio-Economic Analysis, by B. B. Mohanty.
3. Evaluation of RCH/IEC Activities through Zilla Saksharta Samities in Nagpur (Maharashtra), by Sanjeevane Mulay and Anjali Radkar.
4. Evaluation of Mahila Swasthya Sangh Scheme in Maharashtra, by Sanjeevane Mulay, Anjali Radkar and A. M. Pisal.
5. Why Muslims in Malegaon behave Differently? by Usha Ram and S. Mulay.
6. पुणे महानगरपालिकेची लोकसंख्या व तिचा बदलत्या मागणीवरील परिणाम, by Sanjeevane Mulay and Latika Argade.
7. Determinants of Child Schooling and Labour in Maharashtra: A District Level Analysis, by R. Nagarajan.
8. Determinants of Child Schooling in Rural Maharashtra : A District Level Analysis, by R. Nagarajan.
9. Determinants of Unwanted Pregnancies/Births in Tribal and Muslim Areas of Thane District, Maharashtra , by Usha Ram.
10. Macroeconomic Adjustment Policies and Health Sector Reforms : Impact on Access to Utilisation and Quality of Health Care, by Srijit Mishra.
11. External Evaluation of Total Literacy campaign in Mumbai District: Phase-II, by Usha Ram and K. G. Kshirsagar.
12. A Regional Analysis of Trends in Energy Efficiency of Indian Industries (1979 to 1992), by Latika Argade.

## **II Research Studies/Reports in Progress:**

1. Impact of Minimum Support Prices on Agricultural Economy, by K. G. Kshirsagar and Sangeeta Shroff.
2. Impact of Drip Irrigation in Sugarcane Cultivation in Maharashtra, by A. Narayanamoorthy.
3. Impact of Agricultural Input Subsidies on SC/ST Farmers in Maharashtra, by A. Narayanamoorthy.
4. An Economic Evaluation of Agricultural Financial Institutions in Maharashtra, by Deepak Shah.
5. Evaluation of Soft Loan Schemes for the Development of Post-Harvest Infrastructure for Horticultural Crops, by Deepak Shah and K. G. Kshirsagar.
6. Evaluation of Soft Loan Schemes for the Development of Post-Harvest Infrastructure for Horticultural Crops : Co-ordination and Consolidation , by K. G. Kshirsagar.
7. Land Holdings and Use Pattern among the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Maharashtra, by B. B. Mohanty.
8. Likely Impact of Liberalised Imports and Low Tariffs on Edible Oil Sector in Maharashtra, by Jayanti Ghanekar-Kajale.
9. Flow of Credit to Small and Marginal Farmers in Maharashtra, by K. G. Kshirsagar and Deepak Shah.
10. Assessing the Existing Training and Testing Facilities for Farm Machinery in Maharashtra, by Deepak Shah and K. G. Kshirsagar.
11. Building up of an Efficient Marketing System to obviate the Need For a Large Scale State Intervention in Maharashtra, by Sangeeta Shroff.
12. Cost of Health Care at Different Facilities in Maharashtra, by V. S. Chitre, Sanjeevane Mulay , R. Nagarajan, Usha Ram and A. M. Pisal.
13. Evaluation of Health and Family Welfare Training Institution in Maharashtra, by Sanjeevane Mulay, R. Nagarajan and Usha Ram.
14. Evaluation of RCH/IEC Activities through Zilla Saksharta Samities in Akola and Bhandara district of Maharashtra, by Sanjeevane Mulay.
15. Evaluation of Functioning of RTI/STI Clinics in Maharashtra, by Usha Ram.

16. Childlessness in India : District Level Analysis, by Usha Ram.
17. Macroeconomics of India, by V. S. Chitre.
18. Estimation of Compliance Costs of Personal Income Tax in India, by Arindam Das-Gupta.
19. Estimation of Compliance Costs of Corporate Income Tax in India, by Arindam Das-Gupta.
20. Compliance Costs and its Relationship with the Compliance Behaviour of Taxpayers in India in Relation to Personal Income Tax, by Arindam Das-Gupta.
21. A Study of Response of Fuel Technologies to the Changes in Fuel Prices from 1978-79 to 1994-95 for Indian Industries, by Latika Argade.
22. On the Relevance of the Median Voter to Resource Allocation Amongst Jurisdictions, by Santanu Gupta.
23. On the Linkages between Sectoral Investments in India : 1950-96, by Santanu Gupta.
24. Forecasting Company Failure Using Discriminant Analysis and Financial Ratio Data, by P. Srinivasa Suresh.

### **III List of Papers, Chapters in Books and Monographs Published by the Academic Staff during the Year 2000-2001:**

1. Zoning for Sugar Co-operatives : Note of Dissent, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XXXV, No. 25, June 17, 2000, pp. 2155-2170, by D. C. Wadhwa.
2. Farmer Perceptions, Varietal Characteristics and Technology Adoption : The Case of a Rainfed Rice Village in Eastern India, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Forthcoming, by K. G. Kshirsagar, S. Pandey and M. R. Bellon.
3. Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies in Maharashtra : Some Emerging Issues, *Prajnan*, Vol. 29, No.1, April-June 2000, pp. 31-51, by Deepak Shah.
4. An Application of the Linear Discriminant Function on Members and Non-Members of Milk Cooperatives in Maharashtra, *Anvesak*, Vol. 30, No.1, January-June 2000, pp. 69-78, by Deepak Shah.
5. Conservation of Forest Resources in Maharashtra : Some Issues, *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 55, No.3, July-September 2000, Summary, by Deepak Shah.

6. Rural Labour Markets : Changing Nature and Agricultural Labourers, *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 55, No. 3, July-September 2000, Conference Number, pp. 351-352, by Jayanti Ghanekar-Kajale.
7. Irrigation and Rural Poverty Nexus : A State-wise Analysis, *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 56, No. 1, January-March 2000 (not yet published), by A. Narayanamoorthy.
8. Issues Before Second Irrigation Commission of Maharashtra, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 36, No. 12, March 24-30, 2000, pp. 1034-1043, by A. Narayanamoorthy and R. S. Deshpande.
9. Farmers' Education and Productivity of Crops : A New Approach, *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 55, No.3, July-September 2000, pp. 511-520, by A. Narayanamoorthy.
10. Land Market in Less Developed Economies : A Study in Southern Orissa (Abstract), *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 55, No. 3, July-September 2000, pp. 356-357, by A. Narayanamoorthy, Amalendu Jyotishi and R. S. Deshpande.
11. Demand and Supply Position of Pulses : A Macro Level Analysis, *Productivity*, Vol. 41, No. 2, July-September 2000, pp. 327-337, by A. Narayanamoorthy.
12. Development Through Irrigation, *One People One India*, Vol. 3, No. 11, June 2000, pp. 16-19, by A. Narayanamoorthy.
13. Economic Reforms and Agricultural Parastatals : The Case of Cotton Corporation of India and Maharashtra Federation, in Satu Kahkonen and Anthony Lanyi (eds.), *Institutions, Incentives and Economic Reforms in India*, Sage publications, 2000, pp. 340-366, by Ashok Gulati and Sangeeta Shroff.
14. Agricultural Modernization in Rural Orissa : Land Transfer and Ownership Pattern, *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 49, No. 1, 2000, pp. 63-90, by B. B. Mohanty.
15. Economics of Dairy Enterprise with Crossbred Cows : A Case Study of Marginal Farmers of Ranjani Village (Pune) Summary), *Agricultural Economics Research Association, Conference Proceedings*, December 2000, p. 71, by R. D. Khodaskar.
16. Changes in the Lease Market - A Case Study in a Wadgaon Anand Village (Pune District) (Summary), *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 55, No. 3, July-September 2000, p. 338, by R. D. Khodaskar.
17. Performance of Lift Irrigation Cooperative : A Case Study, in Gursharan Singh Kainth (ed.), *India's Rural Cooperatives*, Chapter 26, Regency Publications, New Delhi, 1998, pp. 353-363, by R. D. Khodaskar.

18. Exchange rate movements in India 1970-94, in Amitava Shukla (ed.), *International Money Market and Indian Economic Reforms*, Kanishka Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi, pp. 151-169, by Smriti Mukherjee.
19. Global integration and question of long run growth, in D. K. Das (ed.), *Globalisation and Development*, Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi, 2000, by Smriti Mukherjee.
20. India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka - A Study in Fiscal Policy and Exchange Rate, in Alak Ghosh and Rakesh Raman (eds.), *Exchange Rate Behaviour in Developing Countries*, Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi, 2000, by Smriti Mukherjee.
21. Second Stage of Economic Reforms in India, in Ruddar Datt (ed.), *Second Generation Economic Reforms in India*, Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi, 2000, by Smriti Mukherjee.
22. Athukorala, Prem-Chandra and Sarath Rajapatirana: Liberalization and Industrial Transformation : Sri Lanka in the International Perspective, submitted to *Artha Vijnana*, a book review, by Amita Yadwadkar.
23. Structural Reforms and Regional Disparities : A Perspective, in Baidyanath Misra and Rajkishor Meher (eds.), *Economic Liberalisation and Regional Disparities in India*, APH Publishing Corporation, New Delhi, 2000, pp. 143-161, by Srijit Mishra.
24. Impact of Liberalization on Indian Industries, in *Impact of New Economic Policies on Indian Economy*, National Centre for Holistic Studies, Pune, March 2000, pp. 67-86, by Latika Argade.
25. Challenges in New Millennium for Indian Youth, *Business Analyst*, forthcoming, by S. Madheswaran.
26. Some Notes on the Principles of Central Transfers, in D. K. Srivastava (ed.), *Fiscal Federalism in India : Contemporary Challenges*, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), New Delhi, 2000, by Santanu Gupta, Raghendra Jha and Mukesh Aanand.
27. Reforming Indian Income Tax Enforcement, in Anthony Lanyi and Satu Kahkonen (Eds.), *Institutions, Incentives and Economic Reforms in India*, IRIS Center, University of Maryland and Sage Publications, 2000, pp.161-193, by Arindam Das-Gupta and Dilip Mookherjee.
28. Tax Amnesties in India : A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis, in Anthony Lanyi and Satu Kahkonen (Eds.), *Institutions, Incentives and Economic Reforms in India*, IRIS Center, University of Maryland and Sage Publications, 2000, pp. 212-238, by Arindam Das-Gupta and Dilip Mookherjee.
29. Incentives and Institutional Reform in Tax Enforcement : An Analysis of Developing Country Experience, Oxford University Press, 1998, (Paper-back Edition, 2000), by Arindam Das-Gupta and Dilip Mookherjee.



30. Growth of Income and Employment in the Service Sector of India, the *Journal of Labour Economics*, Vol. 43, No.4, December, 2000, pp. 835-864, by Amita Yadwadkar and S. Madheswaran.
31. गरिबांचे दारिद्र्यनिर्मूलन कसे करणार? *रविवार सकाळ*, ४ मार्च २००१, अर्थसंकल्प खास पुरवणी, लतिका अरगडे.
32. मार्क्सच्या दृष्टिकोनातून भारतीय समाजातील वर्गकलह, *अर्थसंवाद*, खंड २४, अंक १, एप्रिल-जून २०००, pp.15-31, लतिका अरगडे.
33. Monitoring Sustainability: Indices and Analysis, by Nira Ramachandran, Concept Publishers, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, Vol. 43, No. 2, April-June 2000, pp. 377-379, Book Review, by S. Madheswaran.
34. Elementary Education in Tribal Orissa: Some Issues, *Bhartiya Samajik Chintak*, Vol. 23, Nos. 1-2, 2000, pp. 85-92, by B. B. Mohanty.
35. Basu, Foster and Subramanian on Isolated and Proximate Illiteracy, *Occasional Paper No. 47*, Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies, Bhubaneswar, April 2000, by Srijit Mishra.
36. Household Characteristics, Financial Aid and Financing of Higher Education, *Perspectives in Education*, Vol. 17, Special Issue, February 2001, pp.65-76, by S. Madheswaran.
37. गाडगीळ आणि गोखले अर्थशास्त्र संस्था, *अर्थसंवाद*, खंड २४, अंक २, जुलै-सप्टेंबर २०००, pp.171-184, लतिका अरगडे आणि संजिवनी मुळ्ये.
38. D. R. Gadgil (1901-1971) - A Distinguished Economist, *One India One People*, Vol. 4, No. 8, March 2001, p. 56, by N. Benjamin.
39. Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company and Christianity in Nineteenth Century, *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress Diamond Jubilee (60<sup>th</sup> Session)*, Calicut, 1999, pp. 562-71, by N. Benjamin.
40. Strategic Interdependence and Passive Smoking, *Occasional Paper No. 50*, Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies, Bhubaneswar, September 2000, by Srijit Mishra.
41. Dasavatara, Buddha and his Smile, <http://www.indiaonline.com/nevi/delete03.html>, May 2000, by Srijit Mishra.
42. Ambedkar's Quest for the Right of Social Equality : An Interpretation, *Social Action*, Vol. 51, No. 2, 2001, pp. 131-50, by N. Bengamin and B. B. Mohanty.
43. Dorabji Jamsetji Tata (1859-1932): A Great Entrepreneur, *One India One People*, Vol. 4, No. 2, September 2000, p. 55, by N. Benjamin.

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

**D.C. Wadhwa** (Emeritus Professor): Continued to work as a (i) Member, Indian Historical Records Commission, Government of India, New Delhi; (ii) Member, Governing Council, Tribal Research Institute, Government of Maharashtra, Pune; (iii) Member, Governing Board of the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Research, Dharwad, as a nominee of the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi; (iv) Honorary Fellow, Indian School of Political Economy, Pune; and (v) सदस्य, प्रादेशिक अभिलेख सर्वेक्षण समिती, महाराष्ट्र राज्य, पुणे.

Participated in a seminar on (a) "Economics of Shifting from Tobacco Cultivation" at the invitation of the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, sponsored by the Research in Tobacco Centre (RITC), International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada, and held at CMDR, Dharwad, from November 29 to December 1, 2000; (b) on "Representation of Women in Legislatures" at the invitation of and held at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Pune, on March 3, 2001.

Delivered three lectures on December 19-20, 2000, to the participants of the U.G.C. sponsored Refresher Course in Agricultural Economics held at the Institute.

Attended 57<sup>th</sup> Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission on February 8-9, 2001, and participated in its proceedings.

**V.S. Chitre** : (i) Participated in a Seminar on Policy Modelling for India, organized by Centre for Development Economics, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, on May 8-9, 2000, and Chaired one of the sessions; (ii) Delivered the Dr. V.V. Borkar Memorial Lecture on Economic Slowdown, Globalization and the Union Budget, at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Marathwada Arthshastra Parishad, at Ambajogai, on February 10, 2001; and (iii) Organized a National Workshop on Economic Development of the Scheduled Castes with a Special Reference to the Agricultural Landless Labour, sponsored by the Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of Maharashtra, at the Institute on March 16-17, 2001.

(i) Participated in a panel discussion on "Monetary-Credit Policy", organized by the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (Government of India), Mussoorie, on May 29, 2000; (ii) Delivered two lectures to the UGC Refresher Course on Agricultural Economics, organized by the Institute, on December 21-22, 2000; (iii) Delivered a Keynote Address to the participants on February 24, 2001, at the seminar on Globalization with Special Reference to Its Impact on Various Sectors of the Economy, organized by the Department of Economic, NESS Wadia College of Commerce, Pune; and (iv) Delivered three lectures on "Macroeconomics of India", on March 21-22, 2001, at the Workshop on Macroeconomic Theory, organized at Baroda by Gujarat Economic Association Silver Jubilee Trust in collaboration with the Department of Economics, M.S. University of Baroda.

(i) Continued to work as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of Artha Vijnana, Journal of Quantitative Economics, Prajnan, Journal of Foreign Exchange and International Finance and the ICRA Bulletin : Money and Finance; (ii) Worked as a

referee for Artha Vijnana, Prajnan and the Journal of the Indian School of Political Economy; (iii) Worked as a referee for Dr. R.S. Sabnis Memorial Prize organized by Marathi Arthashastra Parishad; (iv) Continued to work as member of the Advisory Group of Experts on Short Term Monetary/Liquidity Models, set up by the Reserve Bank of India; (v) Appointed Member (as a nominee of the U.G.C.) of the State-Level Committee for Admissions and Fees for Private Non-aided Colleges, constituted by Government of Gujarat; (vi) Appointed Director, United Bank of India, as a nominee of the Ministry of Finance, Government of India; and (vii) Continued to work as a member of the Committee for Recognition of Post-Graduate Teachers of North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.

(i) Invited to participate in a meeting of a group of economists with the Committee constituted by the Government of Maharashtra to bring transparency in the State Budget, held in Mumbai on July 14, 2000; (ii) Invited to attend a meeting of a group of Economists with the Finance Minister for pre-budget consultations, held on January 10, 2001; and (iii) Invited to attend a meeting organized by the Planning Commission, Government of India, Delhi, on February 2, 2001, to discuss the Mid-term Appraisal of the Ninth Five Year Plan and the Approach to the Tenth Five Year Plan.

**Arindam Das-Gupta** : (i) Participated in a workshop on Compliance Cost Measurement in India, NIPFP, June 16, 2001; and (ii) Seminar on Compliance Cost Measurement in India, University of Bath, UK, July 27, 2001.

(i) Presentation on Compliance Cost Measurement in India at Messrs Crown Agents, UK, July 28, 2001; (ii) Presentation on Compliance Cost Measurement in India in a Video Conference with the World Bank, Washington, DC, at the World Bank, New Delhi, August 24, 2000; (iii) Presentation on Compliance Cost Measurement in India at the Madras Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Chennai, March 15, 2001; (vi) Participated in the Indian States Reform Forum, Delhi, November 23-25, 2000; and (vii) Participated in Round Table on State Finances, National Bureau of Economic Research, US, and NCAER Conference on Indian Reforms : presentation on "Performance Measurement in Government", Nemrana (Raj.), December 16-18, 2000.

Resource person for the Asian Development Bank-ADBI Institute-OECD Tax Conference for Developing Member Countries of the Asian Development Bank, Tokyo, September 21-30, 2000. Delivered three lectures and acted as group coordinator and rapporteur.

(i) Delivered eighteen hours of Pre-PhD. lectures on Public Economics and Microeconomics at Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, May 8-16, 2000, (ii) Delivered a lecture on "Governance" at S. P. College on September 9, 2000; and (iii) Two lectures on "Agricultural Taxation" and "Risk and Uncertainty in Agriculture" at the UGC refresher course, at the Institute, December, 2000.

**Sanjeevane Mulay** : (i) Presented a paper entitled 'Pune Municipal Corporation : The Effect of Increasing Population on the Changing Demands of the City' at a meeting organised by the Pune Branch of All India Local Self-Government Institute on February 28, 2001 jointly with Latika Argade; (ii) Participated in the three-week workshop for report-writing for NFHS-II (Maharashtra), at IIPS, Mumbai during February 26 - March 17, 2000; (iii) Participated in the meeting of Population Experts held on June 23, 2000

at State Family Welfare Bureau, Pune; (iv) Delivered a lecture on "Reproductive Behaviour of Muslims in Malegaon" at a convention of Muslim and Dalit Mahila Forum, Pune on February 24, 2001; and (v) Delivered a lecture on 'Current Population Issues in India' at the Siddhi Vinayaka College of Arts and Commerce, Pune, September 2000.

(i) Conducted a three-week, 33<sup>rd</sup> UGC - sponsored Refresher Course on "Quantitative Methods for Economic Analysis" for College/University teachers during January 1-20, 2001; and (ii) Taught Basic Statistics at the 32<sup>nd</sup> UGC - sponsored Refresher Course organised at the Institute, December 11-30, 2000.

**K.G. Kshirsagar** : (i) Participated in the Sixtieth Annual (Diamond Jubilee) Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, held at the Institute for Studies in Population, Agriculture and Rural Change (INSPARC), University of Kalyani, Kalyani, West Bengal, January 22-24, 2001; (ii) Participated at the National level Workshop on Poverty and Human Development Monitoring System, jointly organised by the Government of Karnataka, Institute for Social and Economic Change and the World Bank, held at the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, February 2-3, 2001; (iii) Participated and helped in organising a National Workshop on Economic Development of the Scheduled Castes with a Special Reference to the Agricultural Landless Labourers, sponsored by the Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of Maharashtra, held at the Institute during March 16-17, 2001. Worked as discussant in the session on Credit and Indebtedness at the workshop; and (iv) Participated in a discussion on the Union Budget 2000 for a radio programme organised by the All India Radio, at Akashvani, Pune.

(i) Worked as a Coordinator of the 32<sup>nd</sup> UGC - sponsored Refresher Course in Agricultural Economics during December 11-30, 2000 held at the Institute. Besides holding various sessions, delivered five lectures on different topics during this Refresher Course; (ii) Continued to work as the "Officiating Registrar" of the Institute; (iii) Continued to work as the "Officer-in-Charge" of the Agro-Economic Research Centre of the Institute; and (iv) Worked as a referee for Artha Vijnana and Journal of Indian School of Political Economy.

**Latika Argade** : (i) 'मराठी अर्थशास्त्र परिषद', नोव्हेंबर २००० मिरज येथे चोविसावे वार्षिक अधिवेशन; (ii) Inter collegiate seminar on "Globalization with Reference to its Impact on Various Sectors of Indian Economy", February 24, 2001 at NESS Wadia College of Commerce, Pune; (iii) A paper entitled as 'पुणे शहराची लोकसंख्या व तिचा विविध सेवांच्या मागणीवरील ताण' presented at a Seminar on 'पुणे २०१०, विकासाचा आशय व दिशा' organized by National Institute for Local Self Government on February 26, 2001; (iv) Attended "XI<sup>th</sup> All India Input Output Conference of IORA at Hyderabad on March 16-18, 2001. A paper entitled "A Study of Response of Fuel Technologies to the Change in Fuel Prices from 1978-79 to 1994-95 for Chemical Industry in India" was prepared for the conference. A session related to Energy Economics, Environment, IT sector was chaired.

(i) Delivered a lecture on "Gadgil and Planning" at Poona College for their Forum of Economics activity - a Seminar on Professor D. R. Gadgil's Contribution to Economic Thought and Development in India, on September 25, 2000; and (ii) Paper setting and Assessment at the SET examination for Mathematical Economics for June 2000.

(i) Has been elected as an "Executive Committee" member of the Input-output Research Association, IORA, India at the Conference held at Hyderabad on March 16-18, 2001; and (ii) Attended a Refresher Course in Environment Education at Pune University, January 1-27, 2001.

**N. Benjamin** : (i) Presented a paper entitled "Industrialisation of Bombay : Role of the Parsis and Jews" at the Indian History Congress, 61<sup>st</sup> session, Calcutta, January 2-4, 2001; (ii) Participated in the National Workshop on the Economic Development of Scheduled Castes with Special Reference to the Agricultural Landless Labourers held at the Gokhale Institute on March 16-17, 2001; and (iii) Presented a paper in the Institute on "Ambedkar's Quest for the Right of Social Equality : An Interpretation" jointly with B. B. Mohanty on February 22, 2001.

Gave a lecture on "Indian Economy in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries" at the Department of Economics, S. P. College, Pune on September 19, 2000.

**A. Narayanamoorthy** : (i) Presented a paper entitled "Indebtedness of the Scheduled Castes Agricultural Labour Households : A State-wise Analysis" during March 16-17, 2001; (ii) Presented a paper entitled "Agrarian Changes, Market Participation and Indebtedness of Scheduled Castes Landless Agricultural Labourers" (jointly with R. S. Deshpande and Amalendu Jyotishi) during March 16-17, 2001; (iii) Prepared and presented Rapporteur's Report of Session Three, "Poverty, Inequality and Deprivation" during March 16-17, 2001. All above three at the national level Workshop on Economic Development of the Scheduled Castes, with Special Reference to Agricultural Landless Labourers, held at the Institute; (iv) Presented a paper entitled "Farmers' Education and Productivity of Crops : A New Approach" at the Sixtieth Annual (Diamond Jubilee) Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, held at the Institute of Studies in Population, Agriculture and Rural Change, University of Kalyani, Kalyani, West Bengal, during January 22-24, 2001; and (v) Participated at the national level Workshop on Poverty and Human Development Monitoring System, jointly organised by the Government of Karnataka, Institute for Social and Economic Change and the World Bank, held at Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, during February 2-3, 2001.

(i) Delivered seven lectures on different topics in agricultural economics for the participants of the 32<sup>nd</sup> UGC - sponsored Refresher Course in Agricultural Economics, organised for college and university teachers at the Institute, during December 11-30, 2000; (ii) Evaluated (as an examiner) the assignment presentation of the students of Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration on the topics of Demand Forecasting at Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Co-operative Management, Pune on November 11, 2000; (iii) A two hours lecture on Research Methodology (Report Writing) was delivered for the students of Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration at Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Co-operative Management, Pune on December 1, 2000; and (iv) A two hours lecture on Agricultural Price Policy was delivered for the students of Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration at Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Co-operative Management, Pune on March 29, 2001.

**Smriti Mukherjee** : (i) Presented a paper on "Entrepreneurial Leadership and Public Policy" at the Fourth Biennial Conference on Current Trends in Entrepreneurship

Research at the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Ahmedabad, November 8-10, 2000; (ii) Presented a paper "Second Stage of Economic Reforms in India" at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Indian Economic Association Conference on December 30 - January 1, 2001; and (iii) Gave a presentation on "Export and Import Structure of India in the Context of Globalisation" at the NIBM on February 19, 2001.

Gave fourteen lectures to students of Diploma Course in Export Operations in IMDR on International Financial Institutions and their Role in the World Economy.

**R. Nagarajan** : (i) Participated in the Thirty-First Summer Seminar on Population (Workshop on Health Planning for Aging Populations) held at East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. during June 1 - July 1, 2000; (ii) Paper presented at the National Seminar on Child Labour : Realities and Policy Dimensions organised by V. V. Giri National Labour Institute and Institute for Human Development held at New Delhi, during December 5-7, 2000 jointly with S. Madheswaran. Determinants of Child Schooling and Labour in Maharashtra: A district level analysis, (iii) Worked as an M. A. Co-ordinator, GIPE till December 2000; and (iv) Worked as a Chairman, M. A. Examinations, GIPE till December 2000.

Gave a lecture on the Status of the Elderly in Maharashtra for the participants in the 31<sup>st</sup> Summer Seminar on Population (Workshop on Health Planning for Aging Populations) held at East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, U. S. A. on June 2, 2001.

**B.B. Mohanty** : (i) Presented a paper entitled "Land Distribution among the Scheduled Castes and Tribes in India : Option Before Scheduled Groups" at XX Indian Social Science Association Conference, June 2-3, 2000 held at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai; (ii) Presented a paper entitled "Tribal Welfare in India : Myth and Reality" at XXIV Indian Social Science Congress, March 1-5, 2001 held at Panjab University, Chandigarh; and (iii) Presented a paper entitled "Scheduled Castes in Rural India : Rhetoric and Realities" at the National Workshop on the Economic Development of Scheduled Castes with Special Reference to the Agricultural Landless Labourers held at the Institute on March 16-17, 2001.

(i) Presented a paper entitled "Suicides of Farmers in Maharashtra : A Socio-Economic Analysis" on September 8, 2000; and (ii) Presented a paper entitled "Ambedkar's Quest for the Right of Social Equality An Interpretation" (Jointly with N. Benjamin) on February 22, 2001.

Received Professor Radha Kamal Mukerji Memorial award for Young Social Scientist at the XX<sup>th</sup> Indian Social Science Association Conference held at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai in the year 2000.

**Usha Ram** : (i) Presented paper entitled "Unwanted Pregnancies/Births among Tribal and Muslim of Maharashtra, India" (Poster session presentation) in the Annual Conference of the Population Association of America held during March 29-31, 2001 at the Washington D. C.; (ii) Presented paper entitled "Unwanted Pregnancies and Births among the Adolescents in Two Minority Groups in Maharashtra (Post session presentation) in the International Conference on Adolescent Reproductive Health Evidence and Programme Implications for South Asia Jointly organized by the IRR, ISSRF and UNDP/UNFPA/WHO/WB Special Program on Development and Research

in human reproduction held during November 1-4, 2000 in Mumbai; and (iii) Presented a paper on the Comparative Analysis of the RCH Indicators from Baseline and Rapid Household Survey in Nashik. In the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar of the IASP, held at Vishakhapatnam, AP, February 21-24, 2001.

(i) Participated in the Workshop on Abortion Challenges and Issues jointly organized by the IIPS, Mumbai and Ford Foundation held in Mumbai during January 22-24, 2001; (ii) Participated in the Workshop on Abortion Reproductive and Sexual Health : Challenges and Issues jointly organized by the IIPS, Mumbai and Ford Foundation held in Mumbai during August 7-11, 2001; (iii) Participated in the Workshop on Multi Level Analysis, jointly organized by IIPS, Mumbai and University of South Hampton, UK during April 10-14, 2000; and (iv) Participated in the Workshop on POPLIN Bibliographic Reproductive Health Database Jointly organized by the John Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA and IIPS, Mumbai during October 30 to November 1, 2000.

(i) Attended annual meeting of the PRC in Delhi on March 19, 2001; (ii) Invited to attend the meeting of the population experts by the National Commission Population held in Delhi on March 20, 2001; and (iii) Served as Rapporteur for the Session on RCH Services in the workshop on Abortion : Challenges and Issues, jointly organized by the IIPS, Mumbai and Ford Foundation held in Mumbai during January 22-24, 2001.

**Deepak Shah** : Presented a research paper entitled "Conservation of Forest Resources in Maharashtra : Some Issues" at the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual (Diamond Jubilee) Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, held at the Institute for Studies in Population, Agriculture and Rural Change (INSPARC), University of Kalyani, Kalayni (W. B.) during January 22-24, 2001.

Attended workshop on "Economic Development of the Scheduled Castes with Special Reference to Agricultural Landless Labourers", sponsored by the Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of Maharashtra, Pune, held at the Institute, during March 16-17, 2001.

**Sangeeta Shroff** : (i) Attended a workshop on "Environment and Sustainable Development" conducted by NIRD, Hyderabad, May 29-30, 2000; (ii) Presented a paper entitled "Challenges in the New Millennium for Indian Youth" in the Indian Labour Conference held at Jabalpur, between December 9-11, 2000, with S. Madheswaran; (iii) Prepared the Rapporteur's Report for the Indian Labour Conference, held at Jabalpur, December 2000, for the technical session on "Youth Unemployment in India"; and (iv) Prepared the Rapporteur's Report for the workshop "Economic Development of the SC with Special Reference to Agricultural Landless Labourers", held on March 16-17, 2001 at the Institute for the session "Programmes for Scheduled Castes".

Delivered three lectures for the Refresher course on Agricultural Economics, conducted at the Institute in December, 2000.

**S. Madheswaran** : (i) Presented a paper entitled "Determinants of Child Schooling and Labour in Rural Maharashtra: A District Level Study", at the National Seminar on Child Labour, December 4-6, 2000, V. V. Giri National Labour Institute, NOIDA, December 4-6, 2000, New Delhi; (ii) Presented a paper entitled "Growth of Income and Employment in the Service Sector in India", 42<sup>nd</sup> Indian Society of Labour

Economics, Rani Durgavati University, Jabalpur December 9-11, 2000; (iii) Presented a paper entitled "Challenges in New Millenium for Indian Youth" , 42<sup>nd</sup> Indian Society of Labour Economics, Rani Durgavati University, December 9-11, 2000; (iv) Presented a paper entitled "Empowerment of Women and Poverty Reduction Through Micro Finance: A Study of Maharashtra Rural Credit Project" , February 2-4, National Convention of Indian Society of Cooperation Studies, Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperation, Pune, February .2001; and (v) Presented a paper entitled "Are Self Help Groups an Effective Mechanism for Empowering Socially Disadvantaged Groups through Micro Finance?", in the workshop on Economic Development of the Scheduled Castes with Special Reference to Agricultural Landless Labourers, held at the Institute, during March 16-17, 2001, Pune.

(i) Delivered four lectures on Application of Econometrics in Labour Economics, V. V. Giri National Labour Institute, NOIDA, December 2000, New Delhi; (ii) Delivered two lectures on Environmental Economics, 32<sup>nd</sup> UGC - sponsored Rrefresher course on Agricultural Economics, at the Institute, December 2000; (iii) Delivered two lectures on Computer Applications for Economic Analysis, 33<sup>rd</sup> UGC - sponsored Refresher Course on Quantitative Methods in Economics, at the Institute, January 2001; (iv) Delivered one lecture on Application of Econometric Techniques for Environmental Economics, 33<sup>rd</sup> UGC - sponsored Refresher Course on Quantitative Methods in Economics, at the Institute, January 2001; and (v) Delivered one lecture on New Developments in Econometric Techniques for Labour Market Analysis, 33<sup>rd</sup> UGC - sponsored Refresher Course on Quantitative Methods in Economics, January, 2001.

Invited to participate in the Review Workshop on Existing Syllabus in Economics for the Higher Secondary Stage, NCERT, New Delhi, April 9-11, 2001.

**Srijit Mishra** : (i) Presented a paper "On a Genealised Measure of Literacy" in absentia at 6<sup>th</sup> Spring Meeting of Young Economist, University of Copenhagen, March 31 - April 1, 2000; (ii) Presented a paper "Land Ownership Structure among Scheduled Castes in Rural India : An Exploratory Data Analysis", in the National Workshop on "Economic Development of the Scheduled Castes with Special Reference to Agricultural Landless Labourers" held at the Institute, March 16-17, 2001; (iii) Prepared the Rapporteur's Report for the session on "Socio-economic Status of the Scheduled Caste Landless Agricultural Labourers in National Workshop on "Economic Development of the Scheduled Castes with Special Reference to Agricultural Landless Labourers" held at the Institute, March 16-17, 2001; and (iv) Participated in the "5<sup>th</sup> MAP-Health Meeting: Final Workshop" on "Economic and Adjustment Policies and Health Care : Studying the Macro-Micro Links", Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, January 29 - February 2, 2001.

**Jayanti Ghanekar-Kajale** : (i) Presented a paper entitled "Economic Development and Social Stratification : Implications for Village Labour Market in Maharashtra", in the Workshop on 'Economic Development of Scheduled Castes with special reference to Landless Agricultural Labourers' held at Institute during March 16-17, 2001; and (ii) Worked as rapporteur for the session on 'Development Perspectives and Policies' in the workshop on 'Economic Development of Scheduled Castes with special reference to Landless Agricultural Labourers' held at the Institute during March 16-17, 2001.



**Amita Dharmadhikary-Yadwadkar** : (i) Presented a paper on "Income and Employment Growth of the Service Sector in India" with S. Madheswaran at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Labour Economics, held at Jabalpur on December 8-10, 2001; (ii) Presented a paper on "Empowerment of Women and Poverty Reduction through Micro-Finance : A Study of the Maharashtra Rural Credit Project", with Madheswaran at the National Convention of the Society for Studies in Co-operatives, Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Co-operatives, on February 2-4, 2001; (iii) Prepared and presented paper entitled "Are SHGs an Effective Mechanism for Empowering Socially Disadvantaged Groups Through Micro-Finance?", with S. Madheswaran at the National Workshop on 'Economic Development of the Scheduled Castes with Special Reference to Landless Agricultural Labourers' held at the Institute during March 16-17, 2001; and (iv) Presented a paper entitled "The Maximum Possible Rate of Growth of the Indian Economy", at the XI<sup>th</sup> Input-Output Conference held at Hyderabad during March 16-18, 2001.

Participated in a discussion on the Union Budget for a radio programme for women, at Akashvani, Shivajinagar Pune; broadcast on March 14, 2001.

**Santanu Gupta** : Presented a paper 'On the Extension of the Median Voter Theorem to Resource Allocation amongst Jurisdictions', at the Institute in August 2000.

**Asha Gadre** : (i) Presented paper on Preservation of Material in Social Science Research Library : A Case of Digitisation, with P. N. Rath at the 8<sup>th</sup> National Convention for Automation of Libraries in Education and Research Institutes, Pune, March 15-16, 2001, Caliber 2001, Jointly organised by University of Pune and INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad; and (ii) Delivered orientation lectures in refresher courses on December 11, 2000 and January 3, 2001.

**N. A. Chaudhari** : Participated in pre-convention tutorial on Development of Databases in Indian Languages conducted during the Eighth National Convention, Caliber, 2001, on Creation and Management of Digital Resources, March 15-17, 2001, Jointly organised by INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad and University of Pune, Pune.

**M. Murali Krishna** : (i) Attended 19<sup>th</sup> Training Course on "Application of Computers to Library and Information Services" held from June 19 to July 15, 2000 conducted by INFLIBNET (An Inter-University Centre of UGC) , Ahmedabad; (ii) Attended Academic Orientation Course of four weeks duration held during December 4-30, 2000, conducted by Academic Staff College, University of Pune; and (iii) Attended a tutorial on "Metadata" (organisation of Internet resources) on March 14, 2001, jointly organised by Jayakar Library, University of Pune and INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad.

**Prabhash Narayana Rath** : Presented paper on Preservation of Material in Social Science Research Library : A case of digitisation (Jointly with Asha Gadre) at the 8<sup>th</sup> National Convention for Automation of Libraries in Education and Research Institutes, Pune, March 15-16, 2001, Caliber 2001, jointly organised by University of Pune and INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad.

**R. D. Khodaskar** : (i) Participated and presented a paper entitled "Economic of Dairy Enterprise with Crossbred Cows : A Case Study of Marginal Farmers of Ranjani Village (Pune)" in the VIII Annual Conference of the Agricultural Economics Research Association, held at Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University Chennai, during December 28-29, 2000; (ii) A paper entitled "Changes in the Lease Market - A Case Study in a Wadgaon Anand Village (Pune District)" presented in the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, held at the Institute for Studies in Population, Agriculture and Rural Change, University of Kalyani, Kalyani (West Bengal), January 22-24, 2001.

#### **V M. A. Programme at the Institute :**

In addition to the work on various research projects, the members of the faculty of the Institute were also engaged in the teaching of courses for the M.A. (Economics) Programme of the Institute.

During the year under report, there were 67 students in the M.A. Class (Part I and Part II) in the Institute.

#### **VI 7<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the Institute :**

Twenty eight successful students received their M.A. degrees in Economics from the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (Deemed to be a University) at the 7<sup>th</sup> convocation of the Institute held on December 10, 2000.

#### **VII Pandurangi Prize :**

Ms. T. Deepika Rao, who secured first rank with an 'A+' grade in the M.A. Examination held in May 2000, was awarded the Pandurangi Prize on the occasion of the 7<sup>th</sup> convocation of the Institute held on December 10, 2000.

#### **VIII Late Professor M. V. Namjoshi Prizes :**

Ms. T. Deepika Rao was awarded both the Late Professor M. V. Namjoshi Prizes, one for securing first rank in the M. A. Examination held in May 2000 and the other for securing the highest marks in the course on Industrial Economics (B04 : Industry : Structure, Organisation and Problems). This is the first year of the award of these prizes.

## **IX Ph.D. Students :**

The members of the faculty of the Institute continued to guide the Ph.D. students in Economics. There were 21 students working at the Institute for their Ph.D. degrees during the year under report.

## **X 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
32	Agricultural Economics	11.12.2000 to 30.12.2000	Dr. K. G. Kshirsagar	49
33	Quantitative Methods for Economic Analysis	01.01.2001 to 20.01.2001	Dr. (Smt.) S. Mulay	46

Teachers from universities and colleges from 10 states, namely, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh 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 has widened the horizon of their knowledge in Agricultural Economics and Quantitative Methods for Economic Analysis and this will be most useful for them in improving their teaching and research abilities.

## **XI Visits of Scholars and Academicians :**

Dr. T. C. A. Anant, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, visited the Institute, from March 14 to April 5, 2001, under the Visiting Fellowship Programme of the U. G. C. During his stay at the Institute, he gave lectures to the M. A. students and the staff of the Institute on Game Theory and on Law and Economics and gave a seminar on Judicial Activism.

## **XII Late Professor D. R. Gadgil Birth Centenary Year :**

The Institute organised several academic activities on the occasion of the Birth Centenary Year (April 10, 2000-April 9, 2001) of late Professor D. R. Gadgil, the first Director of the Institute and the former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission of the country. The inauguration of the academic activities for the Birth Centenary Year was done on April 10, 2000, by Professor N. V. Sovani, former Professor and Joint Director of the Institute and former President of the Indian Economic Association and a close associate of Professor Gadgil. This was followed by a debating competition among the students from colleges/institutions in Pune city. An exhibition of books and publications on and by late Professor D. R. Gadgil was organised in the library of the Institute and a permanent separate section for the collection of the writings of Professor Gadgil was also set up in the library. The S.I.S. library has been named as "Dhananjayrao Gadgil Library" on 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2001, at the hands of Shri Jayantrao Tilak, former Chairman, State Legislature Council, at a function jointly organised by the Servants of India Society and the Institute on the occasion of the Birth Centenary Year of late Professor Gadgil. Professor Suresh Tendulkar, former Director and Professor, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, delivered an address on, "Planning and Markets in the Development Process" on this occasion. To conclude these Birth Centenary Year academic activities, a two-day national level seminar on "Rural Economy of India : Status, Prospects and Policies" was held at the Institute on April 8-9, 2001.

## **XIII National Workshop on Economic Development of the Scheduled Castes with Special Reference to Agricultural Landless Labourers :**

A National Workshop on Economic Development of the Scheduled Castes with Special Reference to Agricultural Landless Labourers was jointly organised by the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics and the Department of Social Welfare, Government of Maharashtra, at the Institute on March 16-17, 2001. The two days' programme of the workshop included the inaugural session and technical sessions on programmes for the scheduled castes; socio-economic status of the scheduled caste landless agricultural labourers; poverty, inequality and deprivation; labour market and wages; credit and indebtedness; development perspectives and policies and the concluding session. Seventeen papers were submitted in the technical sessions. Twenty-six economists and sociologists from all over the country participated in the workshop.

Professor V.S. Chitre, Director of the Institute, in his opening address gave an overview of the present status of the Scheduled Caste population in rural India. He pointed out that bulk of the Scheduled Caste population of the country resides in rural areas and that nearly half of the Scheduled Caste population of the country consists of agricultural labourers. More than three fifth of them were either landless or held farms of miniscule sizes (less than 1/5th of an hectare each). The rural SC population showed high rates of underemployment. There is a large number of villages predominantly inhabited by Scheduled Caste population where there is no school within a distance of

one kilometer. A sizable section of the Scheduled Caste population is facing several problems related to low levels of literacy, education, health, housing, etc. In view of this, he stressed the importance of generating greater farm and non farm employment and in comes in rural areas and maintaining a floor level of wages in rural areas through employment guarantee schemes, providing credit without collateral of physical assets, emphasising vocational and technical education, improving the quality of housing and amenities available to the SC population and, above all, removing social segregation and seclusion of the SC population from the rest of the society.

Dr. Sanjay Chahande, Director, Social Welfare, Government of Maharashtra, explained the objectives of organising this workshop and indicated that there is a need to bridge the gap between administrators and scientists to find workable solutions for the problems of the Scheduled Caste population which may help develop the Scheduled Caste population of the rural society. He asserted that landlessness and assetlessness are the major problems faced by the Scheduled Caste population in the country. He also indicated some of the unresolved issues for consideration of the participants for deliberation during the workshop.

Dr. Umeschandra Sarangi, Divisional Commissioner, Pune, pointed out that rainfed agriculture has limited scope for contribution towards overall development of population dependent on it and sub-division and fragmentation of lands further restrict the scope. The income from wages of Scheduled Caste agricultural landless labourers are not sufficient to support their families. There is also limited scope to absorb a large Scheduled Caste section of the population in the government jobs. Finally, he stressed the need for enhancing education among Scheduled Caste population that considerably opens better opportunities for them.

The Workshop was inaugurated by Professor N. Rath, President, Indian School of Political Economy, Pune. In his inaugural address, Professor Rath said that Scheduled Caste population is essentially a rural population and there are vast differences in their socio-economic characteristics across different states. He defined the landless agricultural labour as consisting of those who have no land at all or who have less than 1/2 acre or 1/5 ha of land. He pointed out that the scheme of distribution of excess land to landless population has not worked successfully in all the states. West Bengal is one of the successful states but there also the average landholding of Scheduled Caste population is merely 5 gunthas. Therefore, he emphasised that distribution of land may not be the only way to be viewed for the development of landless SC agricultural labourers.

Professor Rath described the prevailing poor state of education in rural areas in general and of the SC population in particular and emphasised that this is one area where concerted efforts are needed from all fronts in order to reduce drop out rate, improve availability of educational infrastructure within a reasonable distance from home and most importantly enhancing the quality of education. He stressed the need to create and develop institutions to bring up the SC population to the level of other groups in the rural society.

Professor V.M. Rao gave a keynote address on the Development of the Scheduled Castes : A Systemic View. Professor B.S. Baviskar in his valedictory address described the Scheduled Caste population as the poorest section of the society. He further said that in the first place they do not have land and if there is any, it is of poorest quality. The Scheduled Caste population is also suffering from various social abnormalities and disabilities. They have low social status in the society and sufficient development has not taken place to bring them to the level of other sections population. He stressed the need for making available various education facilities to the Scheduled Caste population.

In the same concluding session, Professor V.S. Chitre briefly described the achievements of the workshop. Dr. Sanjay Chahande expressed his satisfaction over the outcome of the workshop.

#### **XIV Seminars Organised during 2000-2001:**

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

Sr. No.	Date	Speaker	Title
1	14.04.2000	Dr. (Smt.) Latika Argade	A Regional Analysis of Trends in Energy Efficiency of Indian Industries (1979 to 1992)
2	11.08.2000	Shri Santanu Gupta	An Extension of the Median Voter Theorem to Resource Allocation Amongst Jurisdictions
3.	25.08.2000	Dr. A. Narayanamoorthy	Farmer's Education and Productivity of Crops: A New Approach
4	08.09.2000	Dr. B. B. Mohanty	Suicides of Farmers in Maharashtra : A Socio-Economic Analysis
5	22.02.2001	Dr. N. Benjamin Dr. B. B. Mohanty	Ambedkar's Quest for the Right of Social Equality: An Interpretation
6	28.03.2001	Dr. T. C. A. Anant	Judicial Activism

#### **XV New Staff Members :**

During the year under report, one Reader and two Lecturers joined the faculty of the Institute.

#### **XVI Development of Infrastructure :**

Substantial development of infrastructure and major repairs and maintenance work in the Institute and the staff quarters and hostels of the Institute were initiated with the help of development assistance received from the UGC during the IX Plan. The

rewiring and painting works of the Institute's offices, staff quarters and hostel were completed during the year. The problem of water supply and drainage system was completely solved by construction/repair of underground tanks and drainage lines at the staff quarters and hostels premises of the Institute. Moreover, internal tar roads were also completed at the campus of the Institute.

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 the previous year, made substantial progress during the year. About 1.79 lakh of records have been entered in the data base, covering acquisitions of the library from 1979 till date. An On Line Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) is made available for the use of the readers from December 2000.

Students amenities in the hostel were also considerably enhanced.

#### **XVII Kale Memorial Lecture :**

Professor A. Vaidyanathan, Professor Emeritus, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, Chairperson, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum and Former Member, Planning Commission, Government of India, New Delhi, delivered the Kale Memorial Lecture on "Poverty and Development Policy" at the 7<sup>th</sup> Convocation on December 10, 2000.

#### **XVIII Publications:**

The Institute published the following publications during the year 2000-2001:

- (1) *Artha Vijnana* : Vol. 42, No.1, March 2000
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- (3) Mimeograph Series :

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#### **XIX Condolences :**

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