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### XXVIII FOUNDATION DAY

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The Institute for Studies in Industrial Development extended an invitation to Shri Yashwant Sinha, former Union Finance & External Affairs Minister, to speak at its 28<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day function, which he had graciously accepted. Before beginning his talk on the Role and Relevance of the Planning Commission in the Current Situation, Shri Sinha thanked Prof. S.K. Goyal and Shri T.N. Chaturvedi for their kind words of welcome and said that he felt honoured to speak on this occasion.

Reflecting on the working of the Planning Commission, Shri Sinha said that the role and relevance of the Commission has been repeatedly questioned for the past many years. The Commission occupied the centre stage in all critical economic and social decisions. But, today, the pivotal role it was known to have played



*Lighting of the Lamp*

in shaping the country's development trajectory is conspicuously missing ever since India started shifting to a market-driven economy. Though all major policy decisions are referred to the Commission even today, its opinion is no longer paramount. Its diminishing role is also evident from the fact that the Gross

### FELICITATIONS TO FOUNDER MEMBERS

May First of every year is celebrated as the Foundation Day of ISID. The 28<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day was started with the lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest Shri Yashwant Sinha followed by Shri T.N. Chaturvedi, Chairman; Prof. S.K. Goyal, Vice-chairman; Prof. S.R. Hashim; Shir Kishore Lal; Prof. K.S. Chalapati Rao; Prof. T.S. Papola; and Prof. D.D. Narula; Founder Members of ISID.

Shri T.N. Chaturvedi, in his brief address while welcoming Shri Yashwant Sinha, said it is my suffice to say after his civil services he opted to go to public service in politics... there also he did exceedingly well, he was a Minister of Finance, Minister of External Affairs. He has a very rounded view of the governance in totality and have been worked in State Government and as well as in the Government of India. He combines usual politics with knowledgebility, equipoise, balance and always articulately precise. He also said that it was very nice of Shri Sinha to have agreed to deliver a Foundation Day Lecture comparatively at a short notice.



On behalf of the Institute he is also particularly happy of the idea of Prof. Goyal, that it happens with the passage of time, so far as the Founding Members are concerned. It is a vanishing time and he felt that a small function to acknowledge them for the services they rendered to the institute.

While felicitating the founding members, Prof. M.R. Murthy, Director ISID, briefed out their support and encouragement, and said we will be failing our duties if we don't remember the contributions of the late Prof. Moonis Raza, Prof. M.V. Mathur, Dr Abid Hussian, Prof. G.S. Bhalla who are no more with us.



*Shri Yashwant Sinha delivering the Lecture on the Foundation Day*

Budgetary Support (GBS)—an important component of the Central Plan of the Government of India—is declining. As head of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance in the last Lok Sabha, Shri Sinha said that he had recommended that the Commission needs to change its outlook because it had been working in the old-fashioned way.

The soul of the Planning Commission is the Perspective Planning Division, which is responsible for analysing, assessing, estimating and making projections relating to quantitative dimension of medium- and long-term development plans. Over the years a lot of work has been done by this division but, of late, the work is being neglected by the Commission. The fact that 69 years after independence many of our people should be forced to live in conditions which are not nearly primitive, but despicable, has led the country down. But why did it happen? It happened because we allowed the planning process in this country to be usurped by the daily functions which only a ministry of the Government of India should perform. It thus becomes important to replace the Commission with a suitable body.

Taking note of the present scenario, he said that to understand the need for a new institution, one should look at what is happening at the panchayat, block and the district levels. Plans are made only as a formal response to some law or requirement, but they are never observed in practice. What is needed is a replica of the

South Korean Saemaul Undong model. The Saemaul Undong is a community-based rural development programme for improving the basic living conditions and environment. It encourages a sense of unity and belief in citizens that they can be a part of making their community and their country a better place to live. Rural development is of vital significance if the development goals are to become reality.

The other important questions are: Who will undertake a national-level review of what needs to be done for the development of backward areas and for the scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward classes? Who is going to review what needs to be done for the youth and the women? Undoubtedly, the states will do it within their territories, but it is the Government of India which is equipped to do this work at the national level. Besides, there are supra national, global, and international issues. Is the Finance Ministry alone equipped to deal with this? What is the role of the line ministries? This is where the Commission needs to play a bigger role. These needs will continue to persist, but the government will have to find ways and means to deal with them.

A closer look at the major schemes floated by the government will reveal that a large number of schemes are irrelevant. In India, we follow the policy of “one size fits all,” particularly the Planning Commission. But this approach has been one of the biggest failures of the Commission. It is believed that the important elements in successful implementation of schemes are that (i) federalism must be strengthened, (ii) states must get more powers, and (iii) they must have greater flexibility to implement schemes and programmes. In this context, the Niti Aayog’s sub-group of chief ministers headed by the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh has decided to reduce the number of centrally-sponsored schemes. The point to be considered here is that the number of schemes run by the Government of India to meet its constitutional obligations should not be more than 10. Besides, schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) should be promoted. Though there are a number of schemes such as the 80:20, 70:30, 60:40 or 50:50 schemes, including other financing patterns that have evolved over time, the PMGSY is a 100 per cent centrally-sponsored scheme, monitored by the Government of India. This not only allows the Centre to impose certain conditions on the states, but also helps keep close track of the



*Staff members actively participating in the Cultural Programme on Foundation Day*

agencies involved. Thus, the Government of India, in cooperation with the states, should run a very limited number of schemes guided by the principles governing the working of the PMGSY.

According to reports, India is slated to grow by 8–10 per cent over the next 15 years. Though a band of 8 to 10 per cent has been specified, there is a world of difference between the two. Consequently, a moot question is: What is the rate of growth that India should aim for in the next 15 years keeping in view the challenge of eliminating poverty and of improving the quality of life? There is no doubt that in the halcyon days, between 2003 and 2008, India grew at nearly 10 per cent, but it gives the impression of adhocism. The process to achieve the desirable growth rate will start once the rate has been fixed. In this context, the importance of FDI cannot be overlooked. Economic reforms are interlinked to FDI, which brings with it capital, and thus investment. Further, investment promotion builds a strong business environment as it helps attract new investors and retain the existing ones. But this should not become the sum total of our efforts. Attention should also be given to domestic saving—an important source of capital which maintains financial stability and promotes economic growth.

Lastly, it is absolutely essential that we do not ignore the people in backward areas. There is a potential danger in the disconnect between the national capital and what is happening in the state capitals, between the state capital and the districts, and between the district headquarters and the rural areas. Further, development and empowerment of the backward classes to bring them on par with the rest of the society is a commitment enshrined in the Constitution. This can be fulfilled by ensuring equal rights, thus enabling them to develop their potential as agents of social change through the process of planned development.

In the end, Shri Sinha called upon Prof. Goyal and the scholars at ISID to study these issues to help the government decide the future course of action.

## WORKSHOPS/TRAINING PROGRAMME

### ORIENTATION PROGRAMME SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

for Research Scholars and Teachers belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Marginalised Groups  
**March 09–14, 2015**

As part of its capacity building and development initiative, the Institute with support from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi organised a One-Week Orientation Programme in Social Science Research for Research Scholars and Teachers belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Marginalised Groups from March 09 to 14, 2015. The objectives of the programme were to: (i) build research capacities among participants in specific areas, (ii) refresh their theoretical knowledge on contemporary issues of research on social exclusion and discrimination, (iii) equip them with advanced research methods and relevant data sets to undertake



*Certificate distribution in the valedictory session*

research in social science, and (iv) impart knowledge of modern technology (ICT) in social science research in order to create effective dissemination strategies.

The programme was multi-disciplinary in nature. Thirty-four participants were drawn from All India 21 states, from different disciplines such as economics, commerce, management, sociology, social work, political science, geography, philosophy, psychology, anthropology, education and history. The broad components of the programme consisted of lectures, policy debates, group discussions, exposure to databases, software and research methods along with hands-on exercises. Reputed academicians working on problems related to developmental issues, education, health, employment, poverty, gender issues, etc., with specific focus on social exclusion were invited to deliver lectures. The programme offered lectures on introducing statistical packages such as STATA, Zotero software, understanding social media and audio-visual aid in social science research and library work. Besides the ISID faculty members, lectures were delivered by eminent academicians drawn from different universities and research organisations. The inaugural talk was given by Prof. S.K. Goyal, Vice-Chairman and Prof. M.R. Murthy, Director of the Institute and valedictory address by Dr G.S. Saun, Director ICSSR, New Delhi. Dr Shailender Kumar Hooda was the Programme Coordinator. The feedbacks received from participants were positive and encouraging and overall it was a rewarding experience for the Institute.

### WORKSHOP INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

for Research Scholars, Professionals/Researchers and Civil Society Organisation  
ISID–PHFI–TWN–ISIL, New Delhi  
**March 23–27, 2015**

A Five-Day Workshop as a capacity building programme for research scholars, professionals and civil society organisations was held at ISID on the theme, 'Intellectual Property and Public Health' in during 23–27 March 2015. The workshop was co-hosted by the Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID) in collaboration with Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), Third World Network (TWN) and Indian Society of International Law (ISIL), New Delhi.



*The panel discussion session on Draft National Policy*

The broad theme of the workshop-cum-conference included:

i) Intellectual property rights, access to medicines and linkages with industrial structure, ii) International law – approaches, theory, policy and practice of patents, iii) TRIPS – evolution, consequences and legal aspects, iv) Indian patent law, and v) Biomedical innovation and innovation pathways. Specific issues underlying these themes focused on the implications for both industrial development and access to essential medicines. Access to medicines as a sub-theme was discussed in terms of how intellectual property (IP) influences availability, affordability and rationality and irrational use of drugs. It was pointed out that IP needs to be discussed not only in terms of patents, but also in terms of brands and generics. Participants discussed what role trademarks played in respect of pricing of medicines. Determinants of access and place of IP were linked to policy suggestion on how the sales of generics rather than branded medicines can be promoted to bring down prices.

The theme of IP and Industrial structure was covered in terms of determinants of industrial structure and how IP has historically influenced the industrial structure of the Indian pharmaceutical industry. Discussions focused on the impact of IPR system of pre-1972, post-1972 and post-TRIPS (1995) periods. A few case studies relating to the contribution of IP, industrial policies as well as the response of developing countries to Uruguay Round proposal were also taken up. TRIPS Agreement was discussed in terms of consequences for access to medicines. Deliberations included discussions on the history and origin of TRIPS Agreement; TRIPS Flexibilities with regard to the interpretation of TRIPS Agreement, specifically Articles 27, 31 and 39; and, TRIPS obligation on patentability and licensing. Constraints relating to implementation of flexibilities were discussed through examples of compulsory licensing implementation. Roots of TRIPS plus through FTAs, in investment agreements and its implications of provisions for access to medicines were also brought into discussion. Efforts undertaken for the use of flexibilities under the Patent Act in respect of scope of patentability and compulsory licenses were taken up by the participants as group work. Current status of patent opposition in India was discussed by taking up group work on the interpretation of provisions related to opposition as a case study. Provisions related to compulsory licensing were taken up in group work as a case study. Limitation of IP, innovation and access and alternatives to strong IP were discussed with a view to understand the implications of IP in the

sphere of biomedical innovation. The workshop concluded with a panel on IP and contemporary policy challenges.

## **NATIONAL CONFERENCE WTO, FTAS AND INVESTMENT TREATIES: IMPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY SPACE**

for Research Scholars, Professionals/Researchers and Civil Society Organisation

**ISID, Focus on the Global South, Madhyam, MSF Access Campaign, NWGPL, PSI – South Asia, South Solidarity Initiative – ActionAid, TWN and Forum against FTAs, New Delhi  
September 22–23, 2015**

Two-Day National Conference was held on the subject, *WTO, FTAs and Investment Treaties: Implications for Development Policy Space*, during September 22–23, 2015 at ISID. This effort was undertaken in collaboration with the help of civil society organisations active in the field on issues emerging out of trade and foreign investment. The main aim of this conference was to provide research-based inputs to the government for the Nairobi WTO Ministerial on the positions that the government will have to take. Research scholars, professionals/researchers and civil society organisations (CSOs) collaborated with the ISID in this programme. Eight discussion papers were prepared which are being disseminated through both the website and the meetings with parliamentarians and mass organisations. The national conference has been coordinated by Prof. Dinesh Abrol.



*The group which participated in Two-day National Conference*

## **INTERNAL PRESENTATIONS**

- Dr T.P. Bhat presented a paper titled 'India Trade in Health Services' on January 03, 2015.
- Dr Smitha Francis presented a working paper titled 'India's Manufacturing Sector Exports: A Focus on Missing Domestic Inter-Sectoral Linkages' on May 21, 2015.
- Dr Vikash Gautam gave a presentation on 'Investment, Uncertainty and Credit Market Imperfection in Indian Private Manufacturing Firms' on August 10, 2015.
- Dr Swadhin Mondal gave a presentation on 'An Economic Analysis of Bottled Drinking Water Industry in India' on August 28, 2015.
- Dr Kalaiyarasan A. gave a presentation on 'Growth and Distribution: Understanding Developmental Regimes in Two Indian States' on September 11, 2015.

### ONGOING PROJECTS

- *Urbanisation of Uttarakhand*, funded by IV State Finance Commission, Government of Uttarakhand, H. Ramachandran.
- *India's Inward FDI Experience in the Post-liberalisation Period*, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), K.S. Chalapati Rao.
- Finalised the key findings of the study titled '*Estimating Impact of Increase in Tax on Prices of Tobacco Products in India: An Empirical Analysis*' for dissemination workshop, June 17, 2015, Shailender Kumar Hooda.
- *Developing a Biomedical R&D and Innovation Landscape for India: A Scoping Study*, sponsored by SEARO, World Health Organization, New Delhi, Dinesh Abrol with Zakir Thomas, Geetha Vani Rayasam, Manisha G. Singh, October 2015.
- *Understanding India's Industrial Development Puzzle through the Interactions between Industrial Policy and Trade Policy: A Case Study of the Electronics Industry*, internal study of the research project, Smitha Francis.

### COMPLETED STUDIES

- *Study of Elasticity of Demand for Exports of Top Ten Commodity Groups of India: An Analysis of India's Merchandise Export Performance during 1999–2013*, submitted to the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India in March 2015, Smitha Francis.
- *Constructing an Urban India*, ICSSR National Fellowship Project, completed in July 2015, H. Ramachandran.
- *Linkage between the Growth of Manufacturing Sector as Reflected by the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) and Export Growth Rates*, sponsored by the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, draft report submitted to the Ministry in September 2015, T.P. Bhat, Mahua Paul and R. Rijesh.

### PUBLICATIONS

- Pradeep Kumar Choudhury (2015), 'Growth and Development of Engineering Education in India,' in Khwaja M. Shahid and Bhanu Pratap Pritam (Eds.) *Indian Higher Education at a Crossroads*, Delhi: Kalpaz Publications.
- Shailender Kumar Hooda (2015), 'Decentralisation for Good Governance and Development: Empirical Evidence from India,' in Surjit Singh and Dhruv Raina (Eds.) *Society and Development: Regional Perspectives*, New Delhi: Rawat Publications.
- Reji Joseph (co-authored) (2015), 'Developments in India's Domestic Pharmaceutical Sector and Implications for Universal Healthcare in India,' in *India: Social Development Report 2014: Challenges of Public Health*, New Delhi: Council for Social Development and Oxford University Press.
- Swadhin Mondal (2015), 'Notes from the Field: Are Rural Medical Practitioners in India Competent?' *Evaluation & the Health Professions* (OnlineFirst), first published on April 27, 2015 (DOI: 10.1177/0163278715583509). This article has also appeared in the *British Medical Journal* (BMJ). Available at: <http://www.bmj.com/content/350/bmj.h2338>

- Beena Saraswathy (2015), 'Production Efficiency of Firms with Mergers and Acquisitions in India,' ICRIER Working Paper No. 299, June.
- Santosh Kumar Das (co-authored) (2015), 'Monetary Policy: Squeezing Demand, Income and Growth for Whom?' *Hardnews Magazine*, August.
- T.P. Bhat (2015), 'International Trade in Healthcare Services: Prospects and Challenges for India,' *India Quarterly*, Vol. 71, No. 3, September, Pp. 239–254.
- Beena Saraswathy (co-authored) (2015), 'Administrative Structure and Functions of Drug Regulatory Authorities in India,' ICRIER Working Paper No. 309, September.
- Swati Verma (2015), 'Current Account Fallout of FDI in Post-reform India: Evidence from Manufacturing Sector,' *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 50, No. 39, September, Pp. 45–53.

### WORKING PAPER(S)

- Swati Verma (2015), 'Foreign Exchange Use Pattern of Manufacturing Foreign Affiliates in the Post-reform India: Issues and Concerns,' *ISID Working Paper No. 183*, August.
- Smitha Francis (2015), 'India's Manufacturing Sector Exports: A Focus on Missing Domestic Inter-sectoral Linkages,' *ISID Working Paper No. 182*, May.
- Shailender Kumar Hooda (2015), 'Foreign Investment in Hospital Sector in India: Trends, Pattern and Issues,' *ISID Working Paper No. 181*, April.
- T.P. Bhat (2015), 'India: Trade in Healthcare Services,' *ISID Working Paper No. 180*, March.
- Swadhin Mondal & Dinesh Abrol (2015), 'Clinical Trials Industry in India: A Systematic Review,' *ISID Working Paper No. 179*, March.
- Atiya Habeeb Kidwai & Gloria Kuzur (2015), 'Seaports, Dry ports, Development Corridors: Implications for Regional Development in Globalizing India,' *ISID Working Paper No. 178*, February.
- Shailender Kumar Hooda (2015), 'Determinants of Public Expenditure on Health in India: The Panel Data Estimates,' *ISID Working Paper No. 177*, January.

### DISCUSSION NOTES

- Business, Corporates and Sustainable Development Agenda (2015–30), M.M.K. Sardana, DN2015/08, September 2015.
- A Critical Note on Transition from Millennium Development Goals Agenda to Post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals Agenda, M.M.K. Sardana, DN2015/07, September 2015.
- Limitation of Measurement Models of National Intellectual Capital in Real World Situations, M.M.K. Sardana, DN2015/06, August 2015.
- Recognising, Measuring, Accounting, Harnessing, and Managing Intellectual Capital Assets of Entities, M.M.K. Sardana, DN2015/05, July 2015.
- The Internet and Its Governance: Comparative Approaches in India and China, M.M.K. Sardana, DN2015/04, May 2015.
- India's FDI Policy on E-commerce: Some Observations, Rahul Nath Choudhury, DN2015/03, April 2015.
- Vision of Digital India: Challenges Ahead for Political Establishments, M.M.K. Sardana, DN2015/02, March 2015.

- Evolution of e-Commerce in India: Taxation of e-Commerce Transactions (Part 3), M.M.K. Sardana, DN2015/01, January 2015.

### LECTURES IN CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

- Satyaki Roy delivered a lecture on 'Worrying Spots in Making India's Growth Inclusive and Sustainable' in the ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on *Sustainable Regional Development in India—Challenges and Opportunities*, R.A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics, Mumbai, January 10, 2015.
- T.S. Papola delivered a lecture on 'India's Economic Growth during the last Two Decade: How inclusive it has been?' at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Rajasthan Economic Association, Central University of Rajasthan, Kishangarh, Ajmer, January 22, 2015.
- T.S. Papola delivered the Keynote Address in the National Seminar on *Youth Employment*, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur (TN), January 30, 2015.
- Partha Pratim Sahu delivered a lecture on 'Exploring Indian Datasets on Labour and Employment' in a Training Programme on *Methods and Approaches in Labour Research*, organised by V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida, February 02–13, 2015.
- H. Ramachandran delivered a lecture on *Constructing Composite Indices*, Parvatibai Chowgule College, Goa, February 03, 2014.
- Pradeep K. Choudhury delivered a lecture on 'Quantitative Research Methods,' in the UGC sponsored Training Programme on *The Idea Tree: Journey from Inception to Publication*, organised by Delhi Technological University, Delhi, February 09–13, 2015.
- Partha Pratim Sahu delivered a lecture on 'Working with NSSO Data Sets' in a Training Programme on *Analysis of Official Statistics using SPSS*, organised by and held at the Department of Statistics, Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar, Uttarakhand, February 18–20, 2015.
- T.S. Papola delivered a Special Lecture on 'The Structure of India's Economic Growth,' in the *Third ICSSR Northern Regional Social Science Congress*, Doon University, Dehradun, February 26, 2015.
- Pradeep K. Choudhury delivered a lecture on 'Autonomy, Accountability and Accreditation in Higher Education' in the Master's Degree course on Human Resource Planning and Development, National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development (formerly Institute of Applied Manpower Research), Delhi, February 26, 2015.
- K.S. Chalapati Rao delivered a lecture on 'India's FDI Inflows: Some Insights,' at the Centre for Studies in Economics and Planning, Central University, Gujarat, February 27, 2015.
- H. Ramachandran delivered a lecture on 'Indian Mosaic,' Department of Geography, Miranda House, March 03, 2015.
- Pradeep K. Choudhury acted as Speaker for the Panel Discussion on 'Gender Issues in Engineering Education' in the National Conference on *Challenges and Issues Faced By Working Women Engineers of India*, organised by Effective Quality Upgradation Assistance for Technical Education (EQUATE), Noida, held at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, March 08, 2015.
- T.S. Papola delivered a lecture on 'Social Exclusion and Discrimination in Labour Market,' in the Orientation Programme on *Social Science Research for Research Scholars and Teachers belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Marginalised Groups*, organised by and held at ISID, March 09–14, 2015.
- Satyaki Roy delivered a lecture on 'Growth, Exclusion and Manufacturing Linkages,' in the ICSSR sponsored Orientation Programme on *Social Science Research for Research Scholars and Teachers belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Marginalised Groups*, organised by and held at ISID, March 09–14, 2015.
- Pradeep K. Choudhury delivered a lecture on 'Access and Equity Issues in Education,' in the ICSSR sponsored Orientation Programme on *Social Science Research for Research Scholars and Teachers belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Marginalised Groups*, organised by and held at ISID, March 09–14, 2015.
- Shailender K. Hooda delivered a lecture on 'Understanding and Dealing with Panel and Households Level Data for Social Science Research,' in the ICSSR sponsored Orientation Programme on *Social Science Research for Research Scholars and Teachers belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Marginalised Groups*, organised by and held at ISID, March 09–14, 2015.
- Satyaki Roy delivered two lectures on 'Theories of hypothesis building' and 'Growth and Trends in Indian Manufacturing,' at the ICSSR sponsored *Research Methodology Workshop*, organised by and held at Ch. Charan Singh University, Meerut, March 12, 2015.
- Pradeep K. Choudhury delivered two lectures on 'Quantitative Research Methods' and 'Hands on Exercise on SPSS,' in the ICSSR sponsored Workshop on *Research Methodology in Social Sciences*, organised by Ma. Kanshi Ram Shodh Peeth, Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, March 09–18, 2015.
- T.S. Papola delivered a lecture at the *Capacity Building Workshop: Towards More Effective Wage Policies in India*, jointly organised by ILO and V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida, April 15–16, 2015.
- Partha Pratim Sahu delivered a lecture on 'Working with Migration Statistics in India' in a Training Programme on *Migration and Development: Issues and Perspectives*, organised by V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida, May 05–08, 2015.
- Satyaki Roy delivered a lecture on 'Globalisation and Emerging Asymmetries in the World of Work,' at a workshop organised by All India SBI Employees Association, held in Kolkata, September 27, 2015.

### PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

- M.M.K. Sardana chaired a Panel Discussion on 'Taxation Issues in E-commerce' in a workshop sponsored by WTO and Jindal Global University, Delhi.
- Jesim Pais made a seminar presentation on 'Links between Town and Village, Industry and Agriculture: A study from Ludhiana,' at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati, January 01, 2015.
- K.S. Chalapati Rao presented some aspects of India's FDI inflows in the 'Conference on Manufacturing,' while discussing the paper 'FDI and the Indian Economy' by two scholars from British Universities, organised by the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) and the British Northern Universities India Forum (BNUIF), Chennai, January 03, 2015.
- K.S. Chalapati Rao presented some results from the ongoing studies at the 'National Convention on Budget,' organised by the Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability, New Delhi, January 09, 2015.
- Dinesh Abrol presented a paper titled 'Approaches to Pro-poor Grassroots Innovation Making in India in a Historical

and Comparative Way: A Critical Assessment,' at the Third International Conference on *Creativity and Innovations at (for/from/with) Grassroots (ICCIG3)*, organised by Centre for Management in Agriculture, IIM-Ahmedabad, January 19–22, 2015 (co-authored with Amshika George, Amit Akoijam, John Rollins, Praveen Ranjan, Sunny Dhiman, T.P. Raghunath and Vikram Singh).

- Mahua Paul made a presentation on 'How Inflation Affects the Poor,' at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Rajasthan Economic Association, at the Department of Economics, Central University of Rajasthan, January 23–25, 2015.
- Swadhin Mondal presented a paper titled 'Economics of Clinical Trials in India,' at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Rajasthan Economic Association, at the Department of Economics, Central University of Rajasthan, January 23–25, 2015.
- Dinesh Abrol presented a paper titled 'Inclusive Innovation and Grassroots Pathways: An Indian Survey,' at the 8<sup>th</sup> Conference on Micro Evidence on Innovation and Development (MEIDE), jointly organised by OECD, CII, WBG, UNU-MERIT, held at Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi, February 10–12, 2015 (co-authored with Amshika George, Amit Akoijam, John Rollins, Praveen Ranjan, Sunny Dhiman, T.P. Raghunath and Vikram Singh).
- Shailender K. Hooda presented a paper titled 'Government Spending on Health in India: Some Hopes and Fears of Policy Changes,' at the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference of Indian Health Economics and Policy Association (IHEPA), Department of Economics, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, February 13–14, 2015.
- T.S. Papola chaired a session and made a presentation on 'Women Workers,' in the India-Brazil Seminar on Understanding Inequality in Brazil and India, JNU, February 17, 2015.
- Jesim Pais made a seminar presentation on 'Agriculture-Industry Linkages and Incomplete Urbanisation: A Study of Industrial Workers in Ludhiana,' at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Delhi, February 24, 2015.
- T.S. Papola made a presentation on 'Economic Growth of Uttarakhand: Achievements and Emerging Incongruities,' in the Panel Discussion at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Northern Regional Social Science Congress, organised by ICSSR Northern Regional Centre in collaboration with Doon University, held at Doon University, Dehradun, February 26–28, 2015.
- H. Ramachandran made a presentation on 'Environment, Population and Development,' at the Department of Geography, Magadh University, Bodh Gaya, February 27, 2015.
- Pradeep K. Choudhury made a presentation on 'Determinants of Demand for Pre-admission Coaching in India: Evidences from Engineering Graduates,' at the 4<sup>th</sup> CESP-CAS Young Scholars' Seminar, JNU, New Delhi, March 09–11, 2015.
- K.S. Chalapati Rao made a presentation on 'India's FDI Data' at the Final Workshop for NCAER Project: Enhancing the Scope and Quality of Indian FDI Statistics, New Delhi, March 10, 2015.
- T.S. Papola made a presentation on 'Rural-Urban Migration' in the Panel Discussion in International Conference on *Labour and Employment Issues in the Context of Emerging Rural-Urban Continuum: Dimensions, Processes and Policies*, organised by and held at National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), Hyderabad, March 12–14, 2015.
- Partha Pratim Sahu acted as a Discussant and also made a presentation on 'Expanding Livelihood Strategies for

Marginalized Communities in India: Opportunities and Challenges,' in the International Conference on *Labour and Employment Issues in the Context of Emerging Rural-Urban Continuum: Dimensions, Processes and Policies*, organised by and held at National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), Hyderabad, March 12–14, 2015.

- T.S. Papola chaired a session and made a presentation on 'Wage Policy,' in the Policy Conference on *Promoting Inclusion and Reducing Disparities in the Labour Market in Brazil and India*, organised as a part of the project on 'Labour Market Inequality in Brazil and India,' jointly organised by IHD, New Delhi and CEBRAP, São Paulo, with support from IDRC, Canada, held at India International Centre, New Delhi, March 14, 2015.
- Smitha Francis made a presentation on 'Estimating Elasticity of Demand for India's Exports: An Analysis of India's Merchandise Export Performance during 1999–2013,' to the Commerce Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, New Delhi, March 30, 2015.
- Satyaki Roy made a presentation on 'Changing World of Work and Working Class Subjectivity,' at the conference on *Neoliberal Economic Regimes and Trade Unions: Relavence, Strategies and Challenges at the Current Juncture*, jointly organised by CESP, CISLS and AISBOF, held at JNU, August 06–07, 2015.
- Shailender Kumar Hooda presented a paper titled 'Political Economy of Budgetary Spending on Health in India: An Exploration,' at the National Conference on *Social Transformation: Perspectives and Alternatives*, organised by Anveshan, and held at Convention Centre, JNU, New Delhi, July 25–26, 2015.
- Shailender Kumar Hooda presented a paper titled 'Healthcare Access and Financial Risk Projection to Indian Poor: Role of Insurance and Provisioning of Services,' at the International Conference of the *Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA) 2015 on Capability on the Move: Mobility and Aspirations*, held at Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA, September 10–13, 2015.
- R. Rijesh presented a paper titled 'Trade and Productivity in Indian Organised Manufacturing: An Industry Level Analysis,' in the 13<sup>th</sup> GLOBELICS International Conference 2015, held at Havana, Cuba, September 23–25, 2015.

## PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

- Shailender K. Hooda attended a Special Lecture delivered by Professor Dean Jamison, University of California, San Francisco on The Lancet Commission on Investing in Health's report 'Global Health 2035: A World Converging within a Generation,' at Lakshmipti Singhania Auditorium, PHD House, New Delhi, February 02, 2015.
- Satyaki Roy acted as Discussant in two sessions of CESP Young Scholars' Seminar, JNU, March 09–11, 2015.
- K.V.K. Ranganathan participated in the Final Workshop for NCAER Project: Enhancing the Scope and Quality of Indian FDI Statistics, New Delhi, March 10, 2015.
- Smitha Francis participated in NCAER workshop on *Enhancing the Scope and Quality of Indian FDI Statistics*, held at India International Centre, New Delhi, March 10–11, 2015.
- Pradeep K. Choudhury participated in the Workshop on *Higher Education and Employability*, organised by National University of Educational Planning & Administration, March 12–14, 2015.

- Pradeep K. Choudhury attended the 5<sup>th</sup> *Raja Chelliah Memorial Lecture on 'Issues in India's External Sector,'* organised by National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), New Delhi, held at India International Centre, New Delhi, March 13, 2015.
- Smitha Francis participated in the ICRIER-University of Sussex-British High Commission-Trade Sift workshop on *Enhancing India's participation in Global Value Chains: Enabling "Made in India"?* held at IHC, New Delhi, March 16–17, 2015.
- T.S. Papola participated in the Brainstorming Session on *Formulation of National Employment Policy*, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, Shram Shakti Bhawan, April 04, 2015.
- Partha Pratim Sahu participated in Data Users Conference on *New Series of National Accounts with Base Year 2011–12*, organised by National Accounts Division, CSO, MoSPI, Government of India and held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, April 13, 2015.
- Shailender Kumar Hooda attended a workshop on *National Consultation on Illicit Trade in Tobacco*, held at Hotel Le Merdien, New Delhi, May 29, 2015.
- Shailender Kumar Hooda attended a meeting to finalise the highlights and the final report on 'Estimating Impact of Increase in Tax on Prices of Tobacco Products in India: An Empirical Analysis,' held at WHO India office, June 09, 2015.
- Shailender Kumar Hooda attended a meeting to finalise the recommendations of study on 'Estimating Impact of Increase in Tax on Prices of Tobacco Products in India: An Empirical Analysis,' held at WHO India office, June 17, 2015.
- T.S. Papola was a Consultant for 'Sustainable Development of Uttarakhand,' organised by OXFAM and held at Khurpatal, Nainital, June 23–24, 2015.
- T.S. Papola participated as an Expert in the Mid-term Appraisal Conference of *ICSSR Research Programme on Urban Labour Market in India*, organised by and held at Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow, June 26, 2015.
- Mahua Paul participated in the National Conference on *Social Transformation: Perspectives and Alternatives*, organised by Anveshan, and held at Convention Centre, JNU, New Delhi, July 25–26, 2015.
- Beena Sraswathy participated in the National Conference on *Social Transformation: Perspectives and Alternatives*, organised by Anveshan, and held at Convention Centre, JNU, New Delhi, July 25–26, 2015.
- H. Ramachandran participated in a Panel Discussion on 'Smart Cities,' organised by IHD, Delhi, August 01, 2015.
- Reji Joseph participated as a subject expert in the Roundtable on *Medical Devices Policy*, organised by Research and Information System for Developing Countries, New Delhi, August 10, 2015.
- Reji Joseph participated as a subject expert in the Roundtable on *Privacy, Access to Health and Justice*, organised by Research and Information System for Developing Countries, New Delhi, August 21, 2015.
- H. Ramachandran invited intervention in the Workshop on 'Rurbanisation, Smart Cities and Minorities,' organised by the Delhi Policy Group, September 12–13, 2015.
- Mahua Paul attended the Book Release Function of 'ICSSR Research Survey and Explorations: Economics,' held at JNU Convention Centre, JNU, New Delhi, September 17–18, 2015.
- Shailender Kumar Hooda attended the Book Release Function of 'ICSSR Research Survey and Explorations: Economics,' held at JNU Convention Centre, JNU, New Delhi, September 17–18, 2015.
- Beena Saraswathy attended the Book Release Function of 'ICSSR Research Survey and Explorations: Economics,' held at JNU Convention Centre, JNU, New Delhi, September 17–18, 2015.
- Mahua Paul participated in a Dissemination Seminar on *Drug Regulatory Reforms in India*, held at IHC, New Delhi, September 25, 2015.
- H. Ramachandran was a Member of the Review Committee for the Workshop on 'Mid-term Evaluation of ICSSR sponsored Project on Uttarakhand,' organised by GIDS, Lucknow September 28–29, 2015.

### VISIT OF RESEARCH SCHOLAR

- Dr Ganapati Bhat, Commissioner of Income Tax, held a discussion meeting on 'Transfer Pricing Issues' with the ISID faculty on June 22, 2015.
- Professor Jack Kloppenberg, formerly Professor at University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA, gave a lecture on 'Open Source Seeds Initiative: Implications for Access, Innovation and Development' to the ISID faculty on July 01, 2015.

### STAFF MATTERS

- Shri R.P. Pokhriyal, Admn Assistant, who served the institute for more than 26 years, attained superannuation on July 31, 2015. The Faculty and Staff of ISID gave warm farewell.

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