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FOREWORD

As we move into another year, we must note the major events of the period under report and assess, once again, where the Indian Institute of Advanced Study stands between intent and achievement.

I would like to place on record my appreciation for the academic guidance and administrative leadership provided to the Institute by Professor Peter Ronald de Souza who was its Director during the period of reporting and demitted office on 31 July 2013. During the years that he was at its helm, the Institute's activities deepened and expanded remarkably. It acquired a profile both nationally and internationally that it deserved and needed.

The Institute welcomes warmly its new Director, Professor Chetan Singh , whose academic distinction and knowledge of the Institute over the years will be an asset to its plans and to the preparations for the commemoration of its completing fifty years, over 2014-2015.

An International Centre for Human Development, a collaborative initiative of the UNDP and IIAS, was in the process of conception during this period. With his catalysing role, it has since become functional and has enabled the Institute to reach out to scholars and policy makers of the Developing world and host them as Fellows at Shimla on human development issues.

A systematic approach was adopted last year towards restoring the historic building of the Institute as well as other residential buildings on the estate. This work of restoration and upkeep has continued apace and the expenses for this purpose have been met from the regular grants made by Government to the Institute. It is now, however, being increasingly felt that there is a need to take up this task in the form of a large and integrated project – especially for the renovation of the heritage Viceregal Lodge which is a splendid, though fragile, example of colonial architecture. A proposal for this purpose was under preparation and has now been sent to Government for additional financial support.

The diverse range of issues that has engaged scholars at the Institute and those visiting it is evident from the projects that Fellows are working upon and the seminars and workshops that have been hosted by the Institute. Important publications have emerged as a result of these efforts and these have been extremely well received by scholars. It is with considerable confidence that I can assert that the Indian Institute of Advanced Study has today established itself as an important institution of higher research in humanities and social sciences and hold the potential of going considerably further. All this has been possible because of the generous support provided by the Union Ministry for Human Resource Development. The advice of the Secretary and officials of the Department of Higher Education in administrative matters has been invaluable and has helped in creating a partnership that has been both constructive and creative.

GOPALKRISHNA GANDHI

President, Indian Institute of Advanced Study Society
and Chairman, Governing Body

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Public institutions annually demonstrate their efficiency and announce their achievements by recording the formal enactment of events and activities that have marked the past year. It is an important and practical way of ensuring essential accountability and influencing the direction of future growth. The less tangible, yet equally significant, issues pertaining to the intrinsic value of these events and activities are somewhat more difficult to convey. In assessing the accomplishments and failures of the year concluded, the Indian Institute of Advanced Study – as an institution of higher research – would need to look closely at both these aspects of the activities it has undertaken. Organizing academic interactions and managing research programmes is occasionally a contentious task but estimating their academic worth is invariably so. Nevertheless, I can record with considerable confidence that in the year under report the Institute not only hosted a large number of academic engagements but also met in considerable measure the high intellectual benchmarks expected of a research institute of national standing.

The activities reported here were conducted during the tenure of my predecessor Professor Peter Ronald deSouza who created at the Institute an environment of deep intellectual curiosity, remarkable academic vibrancy and a sense of fellowship. Seminar presentations by Fellows of the Institute on their research projects brought forth critical peer response and contributed greatly towards improving the quality of research monographs submitted for publication. Numerous national and international conferences, seminars, workshops and study weeks were organized, both as interdisciplinary exchanges and as subject specializations. Foreign scholars who eagerly participated in these programmes in large numbers bear witness to the emergence of the Institute as an important location for scholarly pursuits. The Institute's Visiting Professor, Visiting Scholar and Guest Scholar schemes attracted eminent scholars from India and abroad. The presence of these scholars reinforced the Institute's links with the world of global scholarship and brought into focus new ideas and issues of research.

Research facilities were made available to teachers and scholars from across the country under the highly successfully Associates' programme managed by the Institute through the UGC Inter-University Centre. Lodging facilities for Associates were improved markedly by the restoration of an old building. Concerted efforts were made to maintain, repair and renovate the monumental building in which the Institute is housed, and to ensure that the estate in general did not suffer due to lack of upkeep. Needless to say, there is much that still remains to be done. Plans have been put in place to adopt an integrated long-term approach to the restoration of the heritage building and the infrastructural requirements of the Institute in the coming years.

The success that the Institute achieved in so many of its programmes and endeavours would not have been possible without the support of the Chairman Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi and Members of the Governing Body. Members of the Society provided valuable advice and enabled the Institute to draw upon their experience in different spheres. The Fellows and staff of the Institute provided the crucial academic and administrative support that enabled the academic programmes to be conducted effectively. The Ministry of Human Resource Development was particularly supportive of all the proposals that were put forth by the Institute, and it is only proper that I should place this on record.

Sd/-
CHETAN SINGH
Director

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2012-2013

The Indian Institute of Advanced Study Society was established in 1965, under the Societies Registration Act of 1860. Located at the Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla, the Institute is devoted to higher levels of research, primarily in the areas of Humanities and Social Sciences. The academic body of the Institute consists mainly of the community of Fellows in residence as well as Visiting Professors, Visiting Scholars, Associates etc. who pursue their individual research and interact with each other, both formally and informally. Rashtrapati Nivas itself, and the natural surroundings which constitute the estate, provides an ambience conducive to living a life of the mind and exploring the different facets of the human condition.

The Institute's Memorandum of Association offers the Institute's perspective on research which is that:

- (a) The areas of investigation should promote inter-disciplinary research;
- (b) The areas identified should have deep human significance.

The Memorandum of Association also spells out the areas of study, which are:

- (a) Social, political and economic philosophy;
- (b) Comparative Indian literature (including ancient, medieval, modern folk and tribal);
- (c) Comparative studies in philosophy and religion;
- (d) Education, culture, arts including performing arts and crafts;
- (e) Fundamental concepts and problems of Logic and Mathematics;
- (f) Fundamental concepts and problems of natural and life sciences;
- (g) Studies in environment – both natural and social;
- (h) Indian Civilisation in the context of its Asian neighbours and the world; and
- (i) Problems of contemporary India in the context of national integration and nation-building.

The Memorandum mentions that special attention should be given to:

- (a) Theme of Indian unity in diversity;
- (b) Integrality of Indian consciousness;
- (c) Philosophy of education in the Indian perspective;
- (d) Advanced concepts in natural sciences and their philosophical implications;
- (e) Indian and Asian contribution to the synthesis of science and spirituality;
- (f) Indian and human unity;
- (g) 'Companions' to Indian Literature;
- (h) Comparative studies of the Indian epics; and
- (i) Human Environment.

I. ADMINISTRATION

During the year under report, the Indian Institute of Advanced Study Society and its Governing Body were headed by Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi, Retired Civil Servant, Diplomat, former Governor of West Bengal and author. The members of the Society and the Governing Body are eminent personalities drawn from different walks of life. The Institute has a Finance Committee, which includes representatives from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, besides other members from the Society and Governing Body of the Institute to advise the Governing Body on financial matters.

The Institute is headed by a Director who is assisted by a Secretary and other officers. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza continued as Director during the period of report.

II. FELLOWS IN POSITION

Fellowship programme is the flagship programme of the Institute. The National Fellows/ Fellows/Tagore Fellows stay at the Institute and pursue research on their respective projects. Their tenure is for maximum period of two years. At the end of their term the Fellows submit a monograph which, if found suitable for publication, is published by the Institute. They are also required to take part in seminars, discussions and deliberations. In 2012-13, the following National Fellows/Fellows/Tagore Fellows were in position:

1. Sl. No.	2. Name of Scholars	3. Research Project
1.	Professor Ghanshyam Shah (National Fellow)	Globalisation, Civil Society and Governance
2.	Professor Gangmumei Kamei (National Fellow)	A History of Manipur: The Modern. Period 1826-2000 A.D
3.	Professor G.C. Tripathi (National Fellow)	Monastic Traditions of Buddhism and Christianity
4.	Dr. Rajvinder Singh (National Fellow)	The Unknown Continent of Indian Literature
5.	Dr. Vijaya Singh	Trains in the Early Cinematic I magination of India
6.	Dr. Soumyabrata Choudhury	Theater, Number, Event: Three Studies on the Relationship between Sovereignty Power and Truth
7.	Dr. Veena Sharma	The Concept of God and Modes of Knowledge Transmission in the Akan Spiritual Tradition and Advaita Vedanta: A Comparative Study

8.	Dr. Anita E. Cherian	Performing the Nation: Institutions, Cultural Policy Shaping of a National Theatre in Post-Independence India
9.	Dr. Dhananjay Singh	Pravasi Shram Itihasa ka Maukhik Dastavez: Bhojpuri Lok Sahitya
10.	Dr. Jaya Tyagi	Contestation and Compliance: A Socio-Historical Study of Religious Observances, Rites and Rituals performed by Women (from the Early Historic to 1200 CE)
11.	Dr. U.A. Vinay Kumar Structure	Synthesis of World Religions: Constructing a General Metaphysical
12.	Dr. Piyush Mathur	Towards a Global Conception of Environment Citizenship
13.	Professor Satish K. Sharma	Visual Expression: Emerging Signals in the Study of Culture and Social Structure
14.	Professor T.R.S. Sharma	Cultural Encounters in Ancient Indian Literature
15.	Dr. Manisha Gangahar	Contemporary Literature and Media Reports to locate the Idea of Kashmiriyat and Ambivalence
16.	Dr. Amitranjan Basu	Of Knowledge: Politics of Culture and Psychiatry in Modern India
17.	Shri Aditi Nath Sarkar	Translate Bharatchandra Roy Annadamangala
18.	Professor K. Gopal Iyer	Globalization, Agrarian reforms and Rural Social Transformation.
19.	Professor Kavita Panjabi	Eros and Politics: Desire in the Face of Armed Struggle in the Tabhaga Movement.
20.	Dr. Yashodhara Mishra	Festival, Rituals and Gender: Women of Orissa
21.	Dr. Vrinda Dalmiya	Caring to Know: Towards a Comparative Care-Based Epistemology
22.	Prof. Manish Kumar Thakur	The Politics of Indigenous Social Sciences: Radhakamal Mukherjee and the Quest for an Indian Sociology
23.	Dr. Ambrose Pinto	Liberalisation and Indian Democracy.

24.	Shri Jasvir Singh	India's Constitutional Democracy and the Victims of Socio-Economic Injustice (With special reference to the agricultural wage workers in India)
25.	Ms. Sayantoni Datta	Narratives on Environmental Conflicts and Losses in the Upper and Middle Damodar Valley: A Spatio – Temporal Analysis
26.	Dr. Anupama Vohra	Reflections of Post 1990 Turmoli in the Writings of Kashmiri Muslim/ Pundit Writers: A Comparative Study
27.	Dr. Aleksandra Wenta	Dancing in the Sky of Consciousness the Construction of the Ritual Body in Medical Cidambaram.
28.	Dr. Ambalicka Sood Jacob	The Maternal Metaphor in Art: The Woman: Woms and Wisdom
29.	Dr. Priyambada Sarkar	'A Religious Point of View': Wittgenstein and Rabindranath
30.	Shri Pradip Phanjoubam	The North-East Question
31.	Shri Om Parkash Valmiki	Comparative Study of Hindi and Maraathi Dalit Poetry and their influence on Dalit Movement
32.	Professor N. Jayaram	Social Theory and Research Methods: A Study in the Philosophy of Social Sciences
33.	Dr. Sunita Raina	Making a Bioempire: The Indian Encounter with Bt Technology
34.	Dr. K.G. Paulose	Text and Performance-Study with Special Reference to Kutiyattam.
35.	Dr. Malvika Kasturi	Crafting Hindu Publics: The Sanatana Dharma Sabha Movement, Sacred Space, Ritual and Reform in Twentieth Century India.
36.	Sh. Sumanta Banerjee	Memoirs of Roads; Topography of Calcutta from Colonial Urbanization to Global Modernization.
37.	Dr. Lakshmi Arya	Normativity, Power and Politics: On the Question of cultural Difference
38.	Dr. Rahul Govind	Social, Economic and Political Philosophy Comparative Studies in History
39.	Dr. Varsha Ganguly	Culture of Protests and Rights of Citizens; Trends, Impact and Challenges'

40.	Dr. Maidul Islam	Indian Muslims in the Globalized World.
41.	Professor Kunal Chakrabarti	Mothers, Lovers and Discards: Representations of the Goddess in Pre-modern India.
42.	Dr. Aruna Bomma Reddi	The Narrative Traditions of the Telugu epic Palnaveerula Katha.
43.	Dr. Shivani Chopra	Feminism and Literary Criticism; Scope and Limitations, In context of Women Autobiographies.
44.	Dr. Vikram Harijan	Lower Castes and Tribes under the English East India Company in South India During 17th to 19th Centuries.
45.	Dr. Enakshi Ray Mitra	On the Quest of Reference
46.	Professor Shard Deshpande	(Tagore Fellow) Conversing with Tagore: Towards a Reconciled Universal and Human Flourishing
47.	Professor Shirshendu Chakrabarti (Tagore Fellow)	Towards an Ethics and Aesthetics of the Future: Rabindranath Tagore (1930-1941)
48.	Shri Prasanna (Tagore Fellow)	Journey from the Arts to the Arte-fact.

III ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

A. Dr. SARVEPALLI RADHAKRISHNAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture which is the most important event in the academic calendar of the Institute is organized every year. However, during the period of report two Radhakrishnan Memorial Lectures—the sixteenth and seventeenth –were organized.

The 16th Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture was organized on 10 April 2012 at the Convocation Hall, University of Mumbai, Mumbai. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IAS welcomed the invitees. Dr. Rajan M. Welukar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mumbai, Mumbai was the Guest of Honour. Professor B.L. Mungekar, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and former President and Chairman, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla delivered the presidential address. Professor Jayant V. Narlikar, Emeritus Professor, Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pune then delivered the lecture on 'Cosmic Perspectives on Human Existence.'

The 17th Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture was organised at the Conference Hall, Jnanajyothi Auditorium, Central College, Bengaluru on 25th June 2012.

Eminent litterateur Professor U R Ananthamurthy delivered the lecture on 'Growing up as Writer in a Regional Indian Language'. Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi, Chairman, IAS Governing Body presided over the function. The welcome address was given by Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IAS and the Vote of Thanks was proposed by Professor M G Krishnan of Department of Political Science, Bangalore University.

B. SEMINARS, CONFERENCE, WORKSHOPS AND ROUND TABLES

The following activities were held during the period under report:

1. International Seminar on “Religion, Violence, Language” (9-11 April 2012)

Rationale: While manifestations of violence are quickly dismissed as exceptional, the difficulty of understanding the character of violence and thus the task of a critique of violence persists, for violence assumes a mode of existence that is not merely manifested and actualized (having the character of “figure” or “form”) but also carries the sign of its potentia, of a ‘not yet’. Therefore a possible critique of violence can only be an infinite interrogation of the historical world at any given moment where violence is seen not as one particular question amongst others but in a more fundamental and in a more originary manner, an interrogating which seeks to disclose the grounds of its appeal to legitimacy and ultimately its justification. Hence the problem of violence is not only sociological or historical in any particular, localizable events or sites of violence, but is also a metaphysical question, or rather, the very question of metaphysics. The task of the critique of violence is not to see it as ‘religious’ violence in one instance or as ‘linguistic’ violence in another (where ‘religious’ or ‘linguistic’ may appear merely as qualifying, or adjectival terms) as two particular questions, but to interrogate the very place of religion and language in relation to existence itself. Its aim is to render apparent the immanent claims of violence, to demonstrate its regulating principle, its legitimacy and hegemonic standing. This would demand the deconstruction of the violence of the dominant metaphysics itself: its claim to totality whether in the name of a transcendental principle, or without any such transcendental principle but rather in the name of an immanence constitutive of historical reason.

Such a critique of violence may assume a certain political theology that seeks to challenge the violence of historical reason, a political theology that takes as its task the delegitimization of any violence that justifies its action under the guise of divine sovereignty or a task that assumes the critical-immanent demand of reason, the infinite questioning of any justification in the name of an exceptionality contained within the power or force from which every “law-positing” and “law preserving” violence can be said to emerge. Religion and language may appear redemptive or suspect, both dangerous and promising, and for this reason, one is justified in asking whether the primacy upon which philosophy stands, the discursive grounds of reason, can offer an alternative to the manifestation of violence. Or is it necessary to open up a far more radical critique that would demand the old notions of religion

and language to be thought anew? If the justification of violence on religious/linguistic grounds is to be understood not merely in an accidental manner, we require an explanation of religion and language as inherent and originary locations from where the question of the power of violence positing itself is inseparable. Religion and language would be revealed in their originality as promises in the name of which a negative gesture, a critique of violence, can be carried out.

In order to examine the above mentioned issues an International Seminar on “Religion, Violence, Language” was organized in collaboration with the Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi during 9-11 April 2012 at IAS. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IAS welcomed the participants and delivered the Opening Remarks. Dr. Saitya Brata Das, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Sri Venkateswara College, Delhi University, Delhi, and Dr. Soumyabrata Chaudhury, Fellow, IAS, Conveners of the seminar introduced the theme of seminar. Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks were presented by Dr. Soumyabrata Chaudhury.

Participants:

- Professor John Frow, School of Culture and Communication, University of Melbourne, Parkville
- Professor Selma K. Sonntag, Department of Politics Humboldt State University Arcata, USA
- Professor ILIT Ferber, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University
- Professor Jason Wirth, Department of Philosophy, Seattle University, Washington
- Professor Aicha Liviana Messina, Department of Philosophy; The University of Chile, Chile
- Professor Maria Joao Cantinho, Institute of Visual Arts, Design and Marketing, Lisbon, Portugal
- Dr. Clayton Crockett, Associate Professor and Director of Religious Studies, Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of Central Arkansas, Conway
- Dr. Andrea Potesta, University of Strasbourg, France
- Dr. Soumyabrata Choudhury, Fellow, IAS
- Dr. Asha Sarangi, Associate Professor, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Dr. Rustam Singh, Former Fellow, IAS
- Dr. Ranjeeta Dutta, Department of History, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi
- Dr. Prachi Khandeparkar, Former Fellow, IAS
- Dr. Ranjan K. Ghosh, New Delhi
- Dr. Manisha Gangahar, Fellow, IAS
- Shri Sanjay Kausal

- Ms. Nimmi Menike
- Shri Saurabh Todariya,
- Shri Rakesh Kumar Singh
- Shri Manas Jyoti Deka
- Shri Pranveer Singh
- Shri Rahul Maurya
(all from the Centre for Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)
- Dr. Veena Sharma, Fellow, IAS
- Professor Pradeep Trikha, Department of English, Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur
- Professor Jaiwanti Dimri, Retired Professor of English, H.P. University, Shimla.

Following presentations were made during the Seminar:

- ✓ Rustam Singh: Roots of Violence: Jiva, Life and other Things
- ✓ Jason Wirth: Stupidity, Madness, and Malevolence: Schelling, Musil, and Deleuze and the Problem of Violence
- ✓ Clayton Crockett: Capital Violence
- ✓ John Frow: Kingdom-Come: Eschatology and Apocalypse
- ✓ Andrea Potesta: The Experience of Silence: Derrida and the Language of Negative Theology
- ✓ Ranjan Ghosh: Violence, 'Language-Games', and Ethics: Some Reflections
- ✓ Selma Sonntag: A Political Critique of Linguistic Cosmopolitanism
- ✓ Asha Sarangi: Violence on/of Languages: The Cultural Topography of Linguistic Genocides
- ✓ Lilit Ferber: Lament and Linguistic Violence: Benjamin and Scholem
- ✓ Maria Joao Cantinho: Messianism, Violence and Revolution in Walter Benjamin's Works
- ✓ Saitya Brata Das: Tears are not yet Wiped away on all Faces
- ✓ Aicha Liviana Messina: No Eyes has Seen It: Levinas in-between Prophetic Eschatology and Marx's Historical Materialism
- ✓ Soumyabrata Choudhury: St. Paul, Gabriel Naude, and Antonin Artaud: Three Violent and Delicate Exceptions to Law and Liturgy
- ✓ Ranjeeta Dutta: Dialectics in the Religious Discourse: Violence and Non-Violence in Representation of Religious Identities
- ✓ Manisha Gangahar: Decoding Violence in Kashmir
- ✓ Prachi Khandeparker: Carving out a Region Beyond: Creative Treatment of Religious Violence in Partition Narratives
- ✓ Pradeep Trikha: Partition Fiction as Alternative Histories and Mode of Reducing Multiple Identities
- ✓ Veena Sharma: Conflict a Site for Religious and Cultural Education in African Traditional

Religion

- ✓ Jaiwanti Dimri: Religion and Violence in Women Narratives: A Feminist Perspective

2. Workshop on “Keywords: Towards a Conceptual Lexicon for India in the 21st Century” (19-20 April 2012)

Rationale: It seems timely and appropriate, in these early decades of the 21st century, to develop a comprehensive and definitive keywords project that might serve the research needs of social scientists working in the area of South Asian Studies as well as the more general curiosity of the common reader. Since no such authoritative work is currently available – but it is also to be noted that the phrase – ‘comprehensive and definite’ is open to several varieties of legitimate criticism. Without either trying to force numerous jostling terms into a cohesive idiom or merely embarking on a search for a list of traditional lexical equivalents, there is need to understand the key cultural terms we use to organize our lives and our society today - intellectually, individually and institutionally. A parallel goal is to make some of this rich spectrum of critical terminology available to a global community that is also radically reorganizing itself and its relationship to countries like India.

It was to explore the possibility of identifying important Keywords, which in some ways represent 21st century India, that a Workshop on “Keywords: Towards a Conceptual Lexicon for India in the 21st Century” was organized at the Institute. Professor Rukmini Bhaya Nair was the Convenor of the Workshop.

Participants:

- Dr. Ipshita Chanda, Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University
- Professor TRS Sharma, Fellow, IAS
- Dr. Vijaya Singh, Department of English, Government College, Chandigarh
- Dr. Anita Cherian, Fellow, IAS
- Professor G.C. Tripathi, National Fellow, IAS
- Dr. Sujoy Chakraborty, Department of Economics, CESP, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Dr. Devalina Mookerjee, Kolkata
- Dr. Gangeya Mukherji, Allahabad
- Professor Chetan Singh, Department of History, H.P. University, Shimla
- Dr. Sovik Mukherjee, Shiv Nadar, University, Noida
- Dr. Ananya Vajpeyi, CSDS, New Delhi
- Dr. Ranendra Prasad, North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology, Itanagar
- Professor Tridip Suhrud, Independent Scholar
- Dr. M. Ashraf Bhat, Department of Humanities of Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

- Dr. Jaya Tyagi, Fellow, IAS
- Dr. Syamala Kallvry, Visakhapatnam
- Dr. Mitadru Basu, Oxford University Press India, New Delhi
- Dr. Anjana Neira Dev, Gargi College, University of Delhi, New Delhi
- Professor Susie Tharu, EFL University, Hyderabad
- Professor Satish C. Aikant, Department of English, HNB Garhwal University, Pauri
- Dr. Meenakshi F. Paul, H.P. University Centre for Evening Studies, Shimla
- Mr. Harsh Sethi, New Delhi
- Professor Gopal Guru, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

3. Workshop on “The Oral History and Eco-Cultural Mapping Project” (23-24 April 2012).

Rationale: The IAS and Sahapedia proposed to conduct extensive interviews with knowledge-bearers from different fields and Indian regions (eco-cultural zones) over the course of a year. The aim of this project was to retrieve oral traditions for the wider research community and generate a small but significant oral history (knowledge) repository, which would be available online on the Sahapedia website and offline at IAS.

In order to prepare a roadmap towards the project, IAS and Sahapedia jointly convened a two-day workshop at the Institute in Shimla on 23-24 April 2012. The workshop participants included experts from different fields and area specialists. The workshop consisted of five sessions, three on 23 April and two on 24 April. The welcome address was delivered by Professor Peter deSouza, Director, IAS. Dr. Yashaswini Chandra from Sahapedia introduced the project in terms of the basic concept and guidelines followed by the screening of the Sahapedia film-demo.

Participants:

- Mr. Salim Baig, Head, INTACH, Srinagar
- Dr. Indira Chowdhury, Centre for Public History, Srishti School of Art, Design and Technology, Bengaluru
- Dr. V. Jayarajan, Chairman, Folkland, Elambachi Kasargod, Kerala
- Mr. Kuldeep Kothari, Secretary, Rupayan Sansthan, Jodhpur, Rajasthan Institute of Folklore, Rajasthan
- Mr. Yousuf Saeed, Project Director, Tasveer Ghar, New Delhi
- Dr. B. Venugopal, Director, National Museum of Natural History, Ministry of Environment and Forest, New Delhi
- Ms. Sentila Yanger, INTACH, Srinagar
- Dr. Madhavi Sardesai, Department of Konkani, Goa University, Taleigao, Goa
- Mr. Surjit Sarkar, Ambedkar University, Delhi
- Professor Pradip Jyoti Mahanta, Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University, Tezpur

- Professor Laxman Thakur, Department of History, H.P. University, Shimla
- Dr. Vijaya Singh, Department of English Govt. College, Chandigarh
- Dr. Yashaswaini Chandra, Sahapedia, New Delhi
- Shri Awadhesh Kumar Tripathi, Sahapedia, New Delhi
- Professor G.C. Tripathi, National Fellow, IAS
- Dr. Him Chatterjee, Department of Visual Arts, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla
- Dr. Jaya Tyagi, Fellow, IAS
- Dr. Tsering Thackchoe Drungtso, Tibetan Medical Institute, Dharamsala
- Dr. Kavita Panjabi, Fellow, IAS
- Ms. Shrinkhla Sahai, Sahapedia, New Delhi
- Mr. Vaibhav Chauhan, Sahapedia, New Delhi
- Professor Chetan Singh, Department of History, H.P. University, Shimla
- Dr. Anita Cherian, Fellow, IAS
- Professor Gopal Guru, CPS, Social of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

4. Workshop on “The Nation Unbound: India in the 1940s” (10-12 May 2012)

Rationale: The decade of Independence was a rather urgent one. The onset of World War II, and the consequent pall that descended over the British empire; the brisk economic energy that profited war-time contractors and caused distress to workers and the rural poor, as they reckoned with the great hunger that walked the streets; the anticipation of self-rule now shadowed by the tragic possibility of partition of the country; an increasingly confident public culture of protest and creativity, alongside a growing commercially driven media – the 1940s did not necessarily presage the shape of things to come in and after August 1947.

For these were years that held a clutch of possibilities, when it seemed that utopias could be made, even as the long night of struggle that demanded the energy of peasants, tribals and workers, mutinous navy men and dislocated populations appeared unending. While there was an undoubted eagerness to rule and command, there was also the curiosity to experiment, and economists, scientists and law-makers in equal measure sought to envision a just future. There was much pragmatic planning, a weary cynicism that accepted the division of land and people, yet there was an equally pertinent idealism that was angered by inequality and injustice and which strove to imagine a different nation.

To delve on these issues a workshop on “The Nation Unbound: India in the 1940s” was organized at IAS during 10-12 May 2012. Professor Kavita Panjabi, Fellow, IAS was the Convener of Workshop. Dr. V. Geetha, Co-Convener of the Workshop introduced the theme of the workshop. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IAS welcomed the participants while Vote of thanks was presented by Professor Kavita Panjabi.

Participants:

- Dr. V. Geetha, Independent Scholar, Social Historian and Editorial Director, Tara Books
- Professor Kavita Panjabi, Fellow, IAS
- Professor Padma Venkatraman (Mangai), Department of English, Stella Maris College
- Dr. Mahmood Farooqui, Dastango and Historian, New Delhi
- Dr. Uma Chakravarti, Historian and Independent Scholar & Filmmaker
- Dr. Urvashi Butalia, Partition Scholar and Editor, Zubaan Books, Delhi
- Dr. Ravikant Sharma, Fellow, CSDS, Delhi
- Professor Apoorvanand, Department of Hindi, Faculty of Arts, Delhi University, Delhi
- Professor Amlan Dasgupta, Director, School of Cultural Texts and Records, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
- Ms. Anjum Katyal, Independent Scholar, Theatre Scholar and Editor, Kolkata
- Professor Nilanjana Gupta, Department of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
- Dr. Senthil Babu, TIFR, Mumbai
- Mr. Sumanta Banerjee, Historian and Independent Scholar, Dehradun
- Dr. Vijaya Singh, Department of English, Govt. College, Chandigarh
- Professor Tridip Suhrud, Independent Scholar, Ahmedabad
- Ms. Sayantoni Datta, Fellow, IAS
- Mr. Ankit Chaddha, Dastangos, New Delhi
- Mr. Darain Shahidi, Dastangos, New Delhi
- Dr. J. Devika, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, Kerala.

Following presentations were made during the Workshop:

- ✓ Sumanta Banerjee: Looking Back at the 1940s: Last Opportunities and Future Possibilities
- ✓ Kavita Panjabi: In the Underbelly of the Armed Struggle: Transformations of Political Subjectivity in the Forties
- ✓ Apoorvanand: 1940s: A Decade of Socialists and Not Socialism
- ✓ V. Geetha: Ambedkar and the Hindu Code Bill and Stateless Tamils: The Many Ironies of Nationhood in India and Ceylon, Circa, 1948
- ✓ Tridip Suhrud: Gandhi Ashrama
- ✓ Kavita Punjabi: Famine and Women; Activism etc.
- ✓ Urvashi Butalia: Respondent to Dastan-e-Taqseem-e-Hind: The Partition Tale (To include Lost Possibilities of the Partition Era)
- ✓ Mahmood Farooqui, Sumanta Banerjee and Apoorvanand: The Progressive Vision: PWA and/or IPTA
- ✓ A. Mangai: Confluence of Divergent Imaginings of the Nation: Cultural Practices of 1940's TN
- ✓ Amlan Das Gupta: North Indian Classical Music in the Forties

- ✓ Ravikant: Conditions of Listening: Tuning into the Forties
- ✓ N. Manohar: Telegu Nationalism and the Idea of the Indian Federation
- ✓ Senthil Babu: Interrogating Science and the Nation Complex
- ✓ Sayantoni Datta: Remembering the DVC Dream: Of Nationhood and Development Visions
- ✓ Nilanjana Gupta: Telling Stories/Reading the Nation: News and Newspapers in the Forties

5. Colloquium on “The Right to Education Bill and the Supreme Court Verdict” (13-14 June 2012)

Rationale: The Ministry of Human Resource Development had mandated that all private schools have to admit 25 per cent poor students of the locality to implement the right to education as a fundamental right. The law was contested by 32 petitioners on the argument that the reservation of 25 per cent seats for the children from vulnerable sections of society violated their right to run educational institution without the state’s interference. In its verdict the Supreme Court in a majority judgment has rightly concluded that reserving 25 per cent seats for the economically weaker sections are quite in keeping with the tenets of the Constitution. The Right to Education Act will now come into existence from the present academic year. The verdict has raised a number of questions some of which are the following:

- a) Where do we stand as regards Primary Education in the country? What are the strategies and approaches for ensuring the fundamental right to elementary education? How do we handle the dropout rate which is as high as 50 per cent by the time a student reaches class 8th? Is there a need for community involvement and participation in running municipal schools?
- b) Will the measure of admitting 25 per cent of the poor help the Poor? What is the quality of our Private Schools? What are the psychological impacts on the poor children when they go to private schools? When the elite schools reluctantly or through compulsion decide to “include the excluded” what are the consequences on the poor children? Is mere admission of the poor into private schools going to help? Do these children hailing from marginalized and discriminated communities need different pedagogies? Will the Private Schools be able to evolve them?
- c) Is the state escaping its responsibility by pushing poor students into private schools? Will it lead to privatization of school education? Is it a part of the neo-liberal policy on education?
- d) The Supreme Court verdict has exempted minority unaided schools from the Act while including aided ones. The argument of the court is that with 25 per cent poor students, the minority character of the school may be affected. Because of grant-in-aid do aided schools lose their minority character? Should they be exempted from the RTE.

A colloquium on “The Right to Education Bill and the Supreme Court Verdict” was organized at IIAS on 13-14 June 2012. Dr. Ambrose Pinto, Fellow-IIAS was the Convener of the Colloquium. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director-IIAS welcomed the participants. Inaugural Address was delivered by Professor Krishna Kumar while Dr. Ambrose Pinto spelt out the methodology of the colloquium.

Participants:

- Professor P. Sinclair, Director, National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi
- Ms. Urmila Sarkar, UNICEF, New Delhi
- Dr. Vinod Raina, Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti and Member, CAGE, Bhopal
- Dr. Hriday Kant Dewan, Organising Secretary, Vidya Bhawan Society, Udaipur
- Mr. Ashok Aggarwal, Advocate, Delhi High Court, Delhi
- Ms. Annie Koshi, Principal, St. Mary’s School, New Delhi
- Professor Kamaljeet Singh, University Institute of Legal Studies, Ava-Lodge, Chaura Maidan, Shimla
- Professor Krishna Kumar, Central Institute of Education, University of Delhi, Delhi
- Dr. Madhu Prasad, University of Delhi, New Delhi
- Professor V.P. Niranjanaiah, Centre for Child and the Law, National Law School of India University, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore
- Dr. Latika Gupta, Delhi
- Professor Satish Sharma, Fellow-IIAS
- Dr. O.P. Bhuratia, Director, State Resource Centre, Shimla
- Dr. Pradeep Thakur, Gyan Vigyan Samitti, Shimla
- Dr. Amin Chand Kimta, Government Senior Secondary School, Phagli, Shimla
- Dr. Suresh Kumar, Research Scholar, Department of Law, H.P. University, Shimla
- Dr. Sasha Chauhan Kanwar, University Institute of Legal Studies, Ava-Lodge, Chaura Maidan, Shimla
- Mr. Shailendra Kumar Sharma, Pratham, New Delhi

Following presentations were made during the Colloquium:

- ✓ Dr. Kamaljeet Singh : Right to Education Act: A Critique
- ✓ Dr. Vinod Raina: Between Intentions and Interpretations
- ✓ Mr. Shailendra K Sharma: Implication of the Dissenting Judgement
- ✓ Ms. Annie Koshi: The Rhetoric of Difference
- ✓ Professor Parvin Sinclair: Putting Q into RTE
- ✓ Ms. Latika Gupta: Women Teachers and the Challenge of Integrating EWS Children in Private School

- ✓ Dr. V.P. Niranjana Radhya & Dr. Ambrose Pinto: Minority Rights
- ✓ Mr. Ashok Agarwal: Inclusion of 25 % Poor Students in Private Schools – The Beginning of a Revolution
- ✓ Dr. H.K. Dewan: RTE Two Distinct Concerns—Inclusion of All Children and Teacher Capacity
- ✓ Dr. Madhu Prasad Chopra: Policy Perspectives and RTE Act: Can It Be Implemented in Its Present Form?
- ✓ Presentation by Dr. Urmila Sarkar
- ✓ Presentation by Professor Satish Sharma
- ✓ Discussion on Recommendations

6. Second Shimla Retreat on “Law and Democracy in India” (20-22 June 2012)

Rationale: The everyday life of citizens in postcolonial states has been accompanied by the increasing reach and depth of law and legislation. Indeed, law and legislation has been central to the transition of ‘old societies’ into ‘new states’. In most cases, the movements for decolonization have found their utmost expression in the type of legal architecture that these societies have given to themselves. In no way has law been a matter of mere historical inheritance, and, it has been made to articulate the changing spirit of the life of a postcolonial nation. Indeed, law has been conceived and used as the most potent instrument for social change. The number and intensity of contestations around the (non) desirability of a particular piece of legislation in our times bear ample testimony to both its power of democratic mobilization and as an axis of conflicting visions of democratic nation-building. Very often, these visions collide as they encapsulate large ideas of democracy, pluralism, social justice, and equality and minority rights. In a way, a peep into these contestations opens up large swathe of themes and issues that inform and animate the idea and practice of democracy. An understanding of our democratic imagination calls for the unpacking of the intimate linkages that law and democracy in India have been characterized with.

With the adoption of the Indian Constitution in 1950, India chose to become a constitutional democracy, with some key priorities that were enshrined both in the Preamble and the chapters relating to Fundamental Rights. The abolition of privilege conferred by birth, the removal of all forms of social exclusion and ostracism, and the advancement of a vision of economic development, became some of the key goals of crafting a democratic union, and a secular republic. And the achievement of such radical goals of social equality and opportunity for all citizens was to be pursued by an important instrument of democracy - full adult franchise. Elections and the representatives they sent to state assemblies and Parliament were to constitute the legitimate basis for empowerment in the political sphere, creating the political leadership that would design and implement the policies envisioned in the constitutional mandate. And that mandate itself, written as ideals and prescriptions in the Constitution,

needed the construction of a legal edifice, strong and supple, that would withstand challenges in legislature and court, in public arenas and social protest, in the resistance of vested interests and influential groups reluctant to cede power. Laws and constitutional amendments followed as the proposed social revolutions and substantive democratization were translated into action through central and state acts that in turn charged government bureaucracies with missions to realize development, distributive justice, and social inclusion in the fullest sense.

For each of these questions that we might ask about democracy, we can ask a companion set of questions about law, the most important vehicle through which democratic order is sought and sustained in India. In the realm of secularism and toleration we have a body of work to consider in the personal laws and laws of inheritance, and laws that empowered alternate legal institutions in the family domain to protect minority cultural rights. When we turn to development, there is an ambitious legislative history of social revolution through law, be it for land reforms, abolition of privilege and bondage, fair wages and safe conditions for India's working poor, and ultimately the guarantees of work and food that are now in the making through MNREGA and the Right to Food Security Act. A complex tissue of law has made possible Indian federalism, a unique experiment in the distribution of powers, autonomy, and self-government across, now, three levels of Indian politics in the Centre, States and local bodies. And as this fabric of citizenship, to elect representatives at all levels, has become stronger, other laws – in service of national integration and security – have caused the same fabric to fray in places as special police powers, inner line territories, anti-insurgency policies, and the fight to contain disturbed areas have eroded civil rights, expanded discretionary powers of law enforcement agencies, and heightened the secrecy surrounding the working of aspects of government.

The Second Shimla Retreat on “Law and Democracy in India” in collaboration with School of Advanced Study, University of London and South Asian Studies Council, Yale University was organized at IIAS during 20-22 June 2012 to look into these issues. Professor K. Sivaramakrishnan, Chair, South Asian Studies Council, The MacMillan Center, Yale University, Professor James Manor, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London and Dr. Manish Thakur, Fellow-IIAS were the Convenors of this conference. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director-IIAS welcomed the participants and gave the opening remarks. Professor James Manor and Professor K. Sivaramakrishnan also delivered their addresses.

Participants:

- Professor Mohan Gopal, Director, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi
- Professor B.S. Chimni, Centre for International Legal Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Professor Sasheej Hegde, Professor of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad
- Dr. Shylashri Shankar, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi

- Professor Sandeep Shastri, Bangalore
- Dr. Hilal Ahmed, Fellow, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi
- Professor Kanchan Chandra, New York University, New York
- Dr. R. Rajesh Babu, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, Kolkata
- Professor Balveer Arora, Chairman, Centre for Multilevel Federalism, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi and Former Rector, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Professor N.R. Madhava Menon, Founder Director, National Law School of India University, Bangalore
- Dr. Rinku Lamba, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Professor Gopal Guru, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Dr. Ambrose Pinto, Fellow, IAS
- Professor N. Jayaram, Fellow, IAS
- Professor Arindam Chakrabarti, Director of South Asian Studies, University of Hawaii, USA
- Dr. Louise Tillin, King's College, London
- Professor Ian Shapiro, Yale Political Science, Yale University
- Professor Steven Wilkinson, Yale University
- Dr. Tariq Tachil, Yale University
- Mr. Pradip Phanjaubam, Fellow, IAS
- Mr. Ashish Mitter, Yale University, New Haven
- Professor Tridip Suhrud, Ahmedabad.

Following presentations were made during the Workshop:

- ✓ N.R. Madhava Menon: The Unfinished Social Revolutions and the Institutions and Processes of Law-making in India
- ✓ B.S. Chimni: The Little Known Adversary: Global Law and the Production of Law Intensity Democracy in India
- ✓ Rinku Lamba: Ambedkar's Imagination of Democracy
- ✓ Sasheej Hegde: Constitutionalism and Constitutional Identity in India: As Theory, As Event
- ✓ Peter Ronald deSouza: What is there inside the Cartoon?
- ✓ G. Mohan Gopal: Law and Democracy – Without Non-Violence, Truth, and Swaraj
- ✓ Gopal Guru: Reservations: The Policy Tensions of an Egalitarian Aspiration
- ✓ Balveer Arora: Constitutional Law and Indian Federalism: Original Intent, Contemporary Content
- ✓ Sandeep Shastri: The Emergence of States as the New Centre of Indian Federalism: Constitutional Provisions, Federal Practices and the Reality of Indian Politics
- ✓ Kanchan Chandra: Democracy in India and the Shadow of the State

- ✓ S. Shankar: Substantive Citizenship in a Security Conscious State
- ✓ Hilal Ahmed: Reservation as Representation: Official Policy, Muslim Politics and the Constitutional Democracy in Contemporary India
- ✓ Pradip Phanjaubam: Negotiating Rights and Rectitude in Situations of Deadly Conflict
- ✓ Manish Thakur: Democracy and Muscle Power: Bahubalis in Bihar
- ✓ R. Rajesh Babu: Right to Private Property in Constitutional Democracy: Shifting Trajectories
- ✓ Ambrose Pinto: Land Acquisition Act, Democracy and Deficit in Participation
- ✓ Ian Shapiro: Luck, Leadership, and Legitimacy in Transitions to Democracy: Lessons from South Africa and the Middle East

7. Workshop on “The Theory Question in Indian Sociology” (13-14 July 2012)

Rationale: In a recent assessment of the growth and development of Indian sociology A R Vasvai laments, ‘Sociology’s poverty of concepts and theory is all the more conspicuous when compared to the literature generated by the “subaltern school” of historians and political theorists and “post-colonial” studies from India that have synergised political science, history and cultural studies. These schools of thought have inspired significant shifts in the choice of subjects and issues to be studied, in the theoretical and methodological approaches used, and have enenerated new definitions of and orientations to politics, culture and society’. In contrast to these disciplines, she finds the Sociology of India (SOI) ‘fragmented and diluted, unable to forge an identity of its own, respond to changing times, and generate new schools of theory, methods and perspectives’. Even otherwise, the issue of the identity of the discipline has been inextricably tied up with its ability to collectively and cumulatively infiltrate, adapt, modify, transform, and at times, to replace the concepts and categories fashioned out of the Anglo-American clay. This endeavour to impart a distinctive identity to Indian sociology has also been suffused with the frequent calls for indigenization of the discipline. This Workshop intended to go over this long-continuing debate on ‘the theory question in Indian sociology’ with a view to open up channels of critical dialogue with the received theories in the light of their distinctive understanding of the Indian empirical material.

Indeed, the much-celebrated reflexivity of Indian sociology has consistently brought to our attention the ‘imperialism of categories’ that pervades social sciences. It has made us mindful of the fact that ethnocentrism of the apparently universal concepts and categories have deeply been implicated in a hegemonic relationship whereby categories crafted in a dominant sociocultural environment are exported to a subordinate one thereby hiding their unselfconscious parochialism. This awareness has enabled us to look at the disciplinary field of sociology in India as ‘locus of struggles’ between different external influences, specific conditions and different local centres of sociology thus encompassing both the structural and the institutional. We have often articulated our discomfort in taking Europe and North America to be the prime

locales for theory formulations. Our palpable lament about the under-theorised nature of Indian sociology embodies our intimate, yet ambiguous relationship, with these prominent sites of pertinent theoretical production. The Workshop provided an opportunity to re-examine not only the nexus between these theories and the empirical studies that inform them but also the co-ordinates of almost one-sided theoretical receptivity that has consistently been haunting us. It provides us with a forum to present our careful scrutiny of the responses to these theories coming from the North that should yield insights as to how theories get read, appropriated and indigenised in a different socio-cultural context amidst the persistent clamour about academic/intellectual colonialism. Sure enough, any conversation on 'theory' in Indian sociology has to factor in the larger issue of production of theories and its dissemination in a power-ridden context along different axes.

To delve on these issues a workshop on "The Theory Question in Indian Sociology" was organized at IAS on 13-14 July 2012. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IAS welcomed the participants, Dr. Manish Thakur, Fellow and Convener of the Workshop introduced the theme and also proposed the vote of thanks.

Participants:

- Dr. V. Sujatha, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Dr. Tanweer Fazal, Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
- Professor Maitrayee Chaudhuri, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Dr. Dev N. Pathak, South Asian University, New Delhi
- Professor Sujata Patel, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad
- Professor M.N. Karna, Retired Professor of Sociology, North East Hill University, Shillong
- Dr. Ramanuj Ganguly, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, West Bengal State University, Kolkata
- Professor Pravin J. Patel, Ex. Vice Chancellor, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat
- Dr. Nabanipa Bhattacharjee, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, New Delhi
- Professor N. Jayaram, Fellow- IAS
- Professor Sasheej Hegde, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad
- Professor Satish Sharma, Fellow-IIAS.

The presentations made during the Workshop are as under:

- ✓ Sujata Patel: Lineages, Trajectories and Challenges to Sociology in India
- ✓ Maitryee Chaudhuri: Reading Theory Backwards: a Worm's Eye View

- ✓ V. Sujatha: Why 'Theorise' the Social? The Meaning of Theory in the Contemporary Division of Intellectual Labour
- ✓ Praveen Patel: Let us Not Do 'Theory'
- ✓ Satish Sharma: Quest for Indigenisation of Sociology: Methodological Issues and Alternatives
- ✓ Tanweer Fazal: Nationalism and its Discontents: Locating Minority Representations
- ✓ Ramanuj Ganguly: Examining Religion as a Missed Site of Theorizing in Indian Sociology
- ✓ Dev N Pathak: Theory versus Theory: Teaching Sociological Theories in the Age of Plurality
- ✓ Amites Mukhopadhyay: Theory as Implicit Method
- ✓ M.N. Karna: Teaching Theory – A Personal Narrative
- ✓ Summing up by Nabanjpa Bhattacharjee

8. Dialogue on “Environmental Governance in the Context of Sustainable Development in India: The Case of Mountain Ecosystems” (30 -31 July 2012)

Rationale: In 1997, TERI undertook a study - GREEN India (Growth with Resource Enhancement of Environment and Nature) - to review the environmental trends during the first fifty years of Indian independence, and flagged some environmental concerns arising from the country's development pattern. The study was revisited in 2010 in order to review the environmental trends for the next decade as well to as identify priority areas and developing strategies. This revisiting highlighted the importance of environmental governance in the balancing of environment and development.

2012 marks the completion of 20 years of United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held at Rio in 1992. The Rio +20 Conference identifies two themes - (a) a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication; and (b) the institutional framework for sustainable development. Both of these are pertinent for environmental governance, especially in a decentralised context. The role of 'environmental governance' in the context of sustainable development has to be discussed across three domains:

- a) Identifying and engaging with multiple viewpoints and outcomes
- b) Formulating and observing norms/ rules for sustainability
- c) Embracing the concept of 'knowledge' as an enabling factor for 'science' in environmental policy-making and regimes.

There is need for a greater policy harmonization and coordination across and between levels of government but also across sectors and agents. Distributed governance is of essence in a

country as complex as India and requires a transparent and more effective interaction among state and non-state actors. Strengthening the involvement of major groups would also make for a more equitable growth.

Environmental decision-making and debates, even when emanating from a multi-layered structure, often reflect the concerns that are perceived as important by the urbanised population. The diversity of ecological systems and the range of stakeholders interacting with each other, require a more decentralised approach in policy and decision making. The role of sub-national governments in environmental governance is being increasingly recognized, both globally and nationally. However, the discourse on the decentralisation of environmental governance still remains restricted by the structural assignment of powers across administrative, political or legislative hierarchy. The useful role that different stakeholders and varied perspectives can play on the ground needs to be recognized and incorporated into the environmental decision-making and governance initiatives of the country.

A dialogue on these issues was held at IIAS on 29-31 July 2012 and took-up the case of mountain ecosystems with focus on the Himalaya. The objectives of the dialogue was first, to highlight the environmental issues and challenges that are specific to the different sub-regions of the Himalaya as well as those that are shared and second, to enable different perceptions and diverse solutions to issues to be valued and incorporated in the environmental governance framework for the Himalayan region. Dr. Maria Ligia Noronha, Director, RRGs, TERI and Professor Chetan Singh, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla were the Conveners of the Seminar. Welcome address was delivered by Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director- IIAS, Shri Pankaj Madan, KAS and Dr. Ligia Noronha, Director, RRGs, TERI. Opening Remarks entitled "Setting the Agenda for the Dialogue" Presentation on the background paper on environmental governance issues and questions for consideration during the sessions by Professor Chetan Singh, H.P. University and Ms. Harsha Meenawat, Associate Fellow, TERI.

Participants:

- Ms. Harsha Meenawat, Associate Fellow, TERI
- Dr. Jonathan Donald
- Mr. Pankaj Madan
- Dr. Mareen Haring
- Professor Shekhar Pathak, Founder Editor, PAHAR
- Dr. Sunita Raina, Fellow-IIAS
- Mr. Jasjit Singh Walia, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, H.P.
- Professor Mahendra P Lama, Vice Chancellor, Sikkim University
- Professor Tanka B Subba, North East Hill University
- Dr. Madhav Karki, Deputy Director General, ICIMOD

- Ms. Sruthi Davuruli
- Ms. Madhura Joshi
- Dr. P D Rai
- Dr. B P Mishra, Associate Professor, Mizoram University
- Ms. Jarjum Ete, President, Galo Welfare Society and former Chairperson, State Women's Commission, Arunachal Pradesh
- Professor Chandan Mahanta, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati
- Dr. Sonam Dawa, Advisor, Ladakh Ecological Development Group
- Ms. Saroj Kanta Barik
- Dr. Jayant Choudhary, Coordinator, Centre for Rural Studies, Tripura University
- Mr. R S Tolia, Central Himalayan Environment Association and former Chief Secretary, NTPC
- Dr. Kanta Barik, North Eastern Hill University
- Mr. Deepak Sanan, Addl. Chief Secretary, Revenue and Power, Himachal Pradesh
- Mr. Vinay Tandon, Former PCCF, Himachal Pradesh
- Professor Shyam Prasad, Himachal Pradesh University
- Ms. Sayantoni Datta, Fellow-IIAS
- Ms. Sarojini Ganju Thakur, Former Additional Chief Secretary, Himachal Pradesh
- Kuldip Tanwar, President, All India Kisan Sabha, Himachal Pradesh and former General Secretary, Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti
- Professor Satish Sharma, Fellow-IIAS
- Dr. Vibha Arora, Fellow-IIAS
- Dr. Piyush Mathur, Fellow-IIAS.

Following presentations were made during the Workshop:

Session I: *Diverse viewpoints on natural resource management and problems of environmental governance in the Himalaya*

This session looked into the challenges faced by the Himalayan states in governing their natural resources of water, forests, biodiversity, minerals etc. and the prospective roles stakeholders can play in natural resource management.

Chair: Dr. Madhav Karki

Framing the Issues:

- ✓ Professor Saroj Kanta Barik (Diverse Viewpoints on Natural Resource Management)
- ✓ Mr. Deepak Sanan, Addl. Chief Secretary, Revenue and Power, Himachal Pradesh (Problems of Environmental Governance)

Discussants:

- ✓ Dr. Sonam Dawa
- ✓ Dr. Jayant Choudhary
- ✓ Professor Shekhar Pathak
- ✓ Dr. Sunita Raina
- ✓ Shri Jasjit Singh Walia

Session II: *Indicators and impacts of climate change and rules/ norms for sustainable development in the Himalaya*

This session looked into the various impacts of climate change being observed in the Himalayan region and the challenges and opportunities placed on environmental governance.

Chair: Professor Mahendra Lama

Framing the Issues:

- ✓ Dr. Madhav Karki
- ✓ Shri Vinay Tandon

Discussants:

- ✓ Dr. B. P. Mishra
- ✓ Professor Chandan Mahanta
- ✓ Professor Shyam Prasad
- ✓ Ms. Sayantoni Datta

Session III: *Institutional methods and capacities for policy-making in environmental governance*

The focus of this session was on the current institutional capacities in the region for addressing environmental challenges and the gaps thereof.

Chair: Ms. Jarjum Ete

Framing the Issues:

- ✓ Ms. Sarojini Ganju Thakur (Institutional Methods in Environmental Governance)
- ✓ T.B. Subba (Capacities of Policy Making in Environmental Governance)

Discussants:

- ✓ Professor Mahendra Lama
- ✓ Mr. R.S. Tolia
- ✓ Mr. Kuldip Tanwar
- ✓ Professor Satish Sharma
- ✓ Closing remarks by Professor Chetan Singh

Summary of last day's discussion by Harsha Meenawat

Panel discussion: *Way forward for sustainable development of the Himalayas*

This discussion focused on the issues discussed the day before and brought out relevant recommendations to take forward from the dialogue.

Chair: Professor Chetan Singh, Himachal Pradesh University

Panelists:

- ✓ Dr. Madhav Karki
- ✓ Professor T.B. Subba
- ✓ Mr. R. S. Tolia
- ✓ Ms. Sarojini Ganju Thakur
- ✓ Dr. Vibha Arora
- ✓ Dr. Piyush Mathur

Concluding remarks for the dialogue by Maria Ligia Noronha, TERI

9. 11th International Conference on “Early Modern Literatures in North India” (3-6 August 2012)

Rationale: Though often dismissed in colonial scholarship as a period of gradual decline and stagnation, the early modern period in North India (ca. 1400 – 1800 CE) was a time of prolific literary, artistic, and cultural production, reflecting the political and economic dynamism of the period. Over the past thirty years, scholars in India and abroad have been re-assessing the valuable cultural and artistic contributions of this period; central to this effort in the realm of literary and religious studies is the International Conference on Early Modern Literatures in North India, which from 1980 has played a crucial role in bringing scholars together to discuss their work and share ideas. In particular, the Conference provides a unique forum in which researchers from a variety of disciplines – language, literature, religious studies, history, art history, and philology – can exchange information and ideas across disciplinary lines, as well as across different regions, times, and literary traditions.

The 11th International Conference on “Early Modern Literatures in North India” was organized at IAS during 3-6 August 2012. Mr. Tyler Williams, Department of Middle East, South Asian and African Studies, Columbia University, New York and Shri Rajvinder Singh, Fellow-IIAS were the Conveners of the conference. Opening Remarks were presented by Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director-IIAS while Shri Rajvinder Singh, National Fellow and Mr. Tyler Williams, Columbia University, New York explained the theme of the conference.

Participants:

- Ms. Neha Baid, H.H. Maharaja Hanwant Singh Memorial Girls College, Jodhpur

- Ms. Sudha Niketan Ranjani, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Dr. Arthur Dudley, Columbia University, New York
- Dr. Luthor Obrock, University of California, Berkeley
- Dr. Samuel Wright, University of Chicago, Chicago
- Dr. Stefania Cavaliere, University of Naples "Orientale", Italy
- Dr. Heidi Pauwels, University of Washington, Seattle
- Dr. Hiroko Nagasaki, Osaka University, Osaka
- Dr. Emilia Bachrach, University of Texas, Austin
- Dr. Anand Mishra, University of Heidelberg
- Dr. Frederick Smith, University of Iowa, Iowa City
- Dr. Rembert Lutjeharms, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, University of Oxford
- Dr. Kiyokazu Okita, Department of Indological Studies, Kyoto, Japan
- Shrivatsa Goswami Sri Caitanya Prema Sanstana, Vrindavan
- Dr. Jack Hawley, Barnard College, Columbia University, New York
- Dr. Swapna Sharma, Yale University, New Haven
- Dr. John E. Cort, Department of Religion, Denison University, Granville
- Dr. Abir Bazaz, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
- Dr. Rakhshanda Jalil, Council for Social Development, New Delhi
- Dr. Teiji Sakata, Takushoku University, Tokyo
- Dr. Allison Busch, Columbia University, New York
- Dr. Vikas Rathee, Department of History, Arizona State University, Tucson, USA
- Dr. Shreekanth Kumar Chandan, Department of History, University of Delhi, Delhi
- Dr. Dalpat Singh Rajpurohit, Columbia University, New York
- Dr. Vijay Pinch, Wesleyan University, Middletown; Vasudha Paramasivan, University of Chicago
- Dr. Rebecca Manning, Religious Studies and Indian Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington
- Dr. Neeraja Poddar, Columbia University, New York
- Dr. Raman Prasad Sinha, Centre of Indian Languages, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Dr. Imre Bangha, University of Oxford
- Dr. Jaroslav Strnad, Oriental Institute of the Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic, Prague
- Dr. Maya Burger, University of Lausanne, Nadia Cattoni, University of Lausanne
- Dr. Anshu Malhotra, Department of History, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi, Delhi
- Dr. D.K.S. Gautam, Department of Hindi, J.N.V. University, Jodhpur
- Dr. Winand Callewaert, University of Leuven

Following presentations were made during the conference:

- ✓ Neha Baid: Nirañjanī Sampradāy Kī Anya Nirgun Sampradāyom Se Matabhintā
- ✓ Sudha Ranjani: Bhakti Kī Akādemik Samajh Aur Dariyā Sāha
- ✓ Tyler Williams: Rājasthān Ke Nirañjanī Sampradāy Mein Śāstrīya Paramparā Kā Anuvād
- ✓ Arthur Dudley: Urdu as Persian: Some Eighteenth-Century Evidence on Vernacular Poetry as Language Planning
- ✓ Luther Obrock: Muslim Mahākāvya: The Aesthetics of Encounter
- ✓ Samuel Wright: Making Sense of the Vernacular in Sanskrit: Rādhāmohan Thākur's Mahābhavānusārinītikā
- ✓ Stefania Cavaliere: Religious Syncretism and Literary Innovation: A Preliminary Study on the Vijñānagītā by Keśavadāsa
- ✓ Heidi Pauwels: The Joy of Pilgrimage or Seeking Maratha Help
- ✓ Hiroko Nagasaki: The Language and Literary Style of Raskhān's Poetry
- ✓ Emilia Bachrach: Religious Reading and Everyday Lives: The Function of a Hagiographical Tradition in Contemporary Gujarat
- ✓ Anand Mishra: Some Theoretical Underpinnings of Vārtā Literature of Pusti-Mārga
- ✓ Frederick Smith: Pilgrimage and Havelī Sevā: A Pustimārgī Reformist Current of the Late 20th Century
- ✓ Rembert Lutjeharms: Why do We Still Sift the Husk-Like Upanisads? Revisiting Vedānta in Early Caitanya Vaisnava Theology
- ✓ Kiyokazu Okita: When Rādhā Meets Jagannātha: A Gaudīya Appropriation of the Alankāra Tradition
- ✓ Shrivatsa Goswami: Gopāla Bhatta: Carrier of Bhakti Up North
- ✓ Jack Hawley: Bhatts in Braj
- ✓ Swapna Sharma: Gadādhara Bhatt and his Family: Facilitators of the Song of Bhakti in Vrindaban
- ✓ John E. Cort: This is How We Play Holī: North Indian Digambar Holī Songs
- ✓ Abir Bazaz: Die before you Die: Negative Theology, Death and Politics in the Poetry of Nund Rishi (1378-1440)
- ✓ Rakhshanda Jalil: Bikat Kahānī: A Study of Afzal Jhinhānvī's Bārahmāsā
- ✓ Teiji Sakata: Hindi Bārahmāsā Tradition: From Jāysī to Present Day Folk Songs and Popular Publications
- ✓ Allison Busch: The Poetics of History in Padmākar's Himmatbahādurbirudāvalī
- ✓ Vikas Rathee: Two Late Seventeenth Century Texts Pertaining to the War of Succession Amongst the Sons of Shah Jahan
- ✓ Shreekant Kumar Chandan: Alam: A Poet of Many Worlds
- ✓ Dalpat Rajpurohit: Language and Meters in the Himmatbahādurbirudāvalī

- ✓ Vijay Pinch: War and Succession in the Eighteenth-Century: Padmākar, Mān Kavi, and Anupgir Gosain
- ✓ Vasudha Paramasivan: The Rasik Prakāś Bhaktamāl: Contours of a Community
- ✓ Rebecca Manring: Translation and Appropriation in Rūprām's Dharmamangala
- ✓ Neeraja Poddar: Text and Image in a 17th Century Bhagavata Purāna, Tenth Book, Latter Half Manuscript
- ✓ Raman Prasad Sinha: Poetry in Raga or Raga in Poetry? Studies in the Concept of Communication in Poetry
- ✓ Imre Bangha: Deconstructing the Vīrgāthā Kāl
- ✓ Jaroslav Strnad: Searching for the Source or Mapping of the Stream: Some Text-Critical Issues in the Study of Medieval Bhakti
- ✓ Closing Remarks by Rajvinder Singh and Tyler Williams

10. Seminar on “Equality, Justice and Human Rights – A Minority Perspective” (28-30 August 2012)

Rationale: The celebration of difference, respect for pluralism, and avowal of identity politics have come to be regarded as the hallmarks of a progressive, multicultural outlook and as the foundation of modern liberal democracies. Over the past two decades, nations such as Australia, Canada and South Africa have created legal frameworks to institutionalize their existence as plural societies. At times in a democracy the rule of the majority often becomes tyranny of the majority. It is in this context that minority rights become significant. It has been said that the real worth of democracy can be tested by how secure the minority feels within the state.

Minorities are protected under the Constitution of India which ensures fundamental rights to every citizen and especially to minorities under article 25 and 26, freedom to religion and freedom to culture. Yet there have been conflicts. The constitution recognizes minorities based on language and religion. Though there were conflicts between linguistic groups after independence, they were minimized by the reorganization of states based on languages. Conflicts post 1960s have been primarily between religious groups. The Right wing groups attempting to foster majority nationalism have of late stepped up attacks on minorities. What is disturbing is that at times the state is complicit in the oppression and marginalization of the minorities.

There is a need to problematize the status of minorities, not only owing to their security concerns but also relating to their cultural and socio economic rights. Communal violence overwhelms other concerns in the discourse of minorities.

A Seminar on “Equality, Justice and Human Rights – A Minority Perspective” was organised at IAS during 28-30 August 2012. Dr. Asghar Ali Engineer, Chairman, Centre for Study of Society and Secularism, Mumbai and Mr. Irfan Engineer, Director, Institute for Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, Mumbai were the Conveners of the Seminar. Professor Peter

Ronald deSouza, Director-IIAS welcomed the participants and audience. Keynote address was delivered by Professor Asghar Ali Engineer.

Participants:

- Professor Imtiaz Ahmad, New Delhi
- Justice Rajindar Sachar, PUCL and Chair of Sachar Committee, New Delhi
- Dr. Walter Fernandes, North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati
- Professor Monirul Hussain, Department of Political Science, Gauhati University, Guwahati
- Mr. George Mutholi, Director, Indian Social Science Institute, Bangalore
- Dr. Pralay Kanungo, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Dr. Keki N. Daruwala, National Commission for Minorities, New Delhi
- Dr. Ranu Jain, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Deonar, Mumbai
- Ms. Neha Dabhade, Institute for Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, Mumbai.

Following presentations were made during the Seminar:

- ✓ Walter Fernandes: Bodo-Muslim Riots and Minorities in North East
- ✓ Keki Daruwala: Riots in Kokrajhar
- ✓ Pralay Kanungo: Hindutva, Anti-Christian Mobilization in Odisha, Gujarat and Arunachal Pradesh
- ✓ Rajinder Sachar: Minorities under our Constitution
- ✓ Irfan Engineer: Multiculturalism and Indian Constitution
- ✓ M. Afzal Wani: Muslim Minorities in India: Dynamics of its Disempowerment and Marginalisation
- ✓ Ranu Jain: Process of Inequality for Minorities as different from that of the Class
- ✓ George Mutholi: Are Minorities discriminated or Pampered in India?
- ✓ Monirul Hussain: Excluding the Included: State, Identity Movement and the Muslims of Assam
- ✓ Irfan Engineer: Way Ahead for Minorities in India

11. Seminar on “Reflection on Emotions in Indian Thought-Systems” (4-6 September 2012)

Rationale: At a given moment of time, in this greatly unstable era of existential dislocation, in this scattered reality impelled by the pending force of technology and globalization, in this virtual world of which we are a part, a need is felt to revive the significance of feeling, to pose a question about validity of emotions in our times, to ensure a potential for understanding a metaphysical meaning of emotions in the religious and philosophical world of mankind’s sensibility. It is a general misconception propagated by a popular culture and mass-media that views emotions in opposition to rationality, as the symptoms of inner weakness and vulnerability forged by a psychological unbalance and disorder. The existence of emotions is widely attested in the

religious and philosophical landscape of India and it often provides a basis for the affective unfolding of conscious thought revealing its depth and intensity. In accordance with classical Indian philosophy, emotions are cognitions (jñāna, vijñāna), a justified mental phenomena not less rational than complex thought processes. What distinguishes emotions from thoughts is a prominent behavioral component articulating attitudes, conations and judgments that bring us to a closer understanding of the specific subfield of human life. In the classical Sanskrit tradition, the words 'bhāva' and 'vedanā' are used in reference to the 'emotive state' which includes both the internal feeling and expressed emotion. Within the symbolic discourse of Indian culture, emotions are also held legitimate in religious life. Studies of Hindu myth tales, those of Campbell, Doniger and Shulman reflected on core components of emotional meaning that seem to be universal. Appraisal of emotional life has reached its apogee in the non-dualistic tantric traditions of Kashmir as it promulgated the Heart as the representative of the Self, the liberated consciousness. At the same time, emotional states, even the most negative ones, have been qualified as a stimulus for the expansion of consciousness. Needless to say, the emotional attitude pervades all intellectual and religious discourses of Indian culture, and, moreover, it appears as the most tangible and fundamental in mankind's quest for the sacred and self-discovery.

A Seminar on "Reflection on Emotions in Indian Thought-Systems" was organized at IIAS during 4-6 September 2012. Dr. Aleksandra Wenta, Fellow-IIAS was the Convener of the Seminar. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director-IIAS welcomed the participant while Professor T.R.S. Sharma, Fellow-IIAS delivered the Keynote Address. Inaugural Speech was delivered by Professor Purushottama Bilimoria, University of California, Berkeley.

Participants:

- Professor Rukmini Bhaya Nair, IIT Delhi, Delhi
- Mr. Andrea Acri, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore
- Professor Purushottama Bilimoria, University of California, Berkeley
- Dr. D. Venkat Rao, Department of English Literature, School of English Literary Studies, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad
- Dr. Ujjwala Jha, Pune
- Dr. Pankaj Basotia, Rajiv Gandhi Government Degree College, Shimla
- Professor V.N. Jha, Retired Director, CASS, University of Pune, Pune
- Shri T. Ganesan, Senior Researcher Saivasiddhanta, French Institute of Pondicherry, Pondicherry
- Ms. Emily Sharma, Tripura University, Tripura
- Ms. Surbhi Vohra, IIT-Indore
- Professor Hari Dutt Sharma, Department of Sanskrit, University of Allahabad, Allahabad
- Dr. Ujjwal Jana, Department of English, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry
- Dr. Suneet Varma, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Delhi, Delhi

- Shri S.E. Bhelke, Department of Philosophy, University of Pune, Pune
- Ms. Advaitavadini Kaul, Editor and Head Publication Unit (Kalakosa), Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi
- Ms. Biliانا Mueller, Assistant Professor, DSFUS, Delhi University, Delhi
- Dr. Ambalicka Sood Jacob, Fellow-IIAS
- Professor TRS Sharma, Fellow-IIAS
- Dr. Aleksandra Wenta, Fellow-IIAS
- Dr. Amitranjan Basu, Fellow-IIAS.

Following presentations were made during the Seminar:

- ✓ S.E. Bhelke: Towards a Metaphysics of Emotions in Indian Thought-Systems
- ✓ D. Venkat Rao: Moha Kāla: Aporias of Emotions
- ✓ Emily Sharma: Conceptualizing Emotions in Indian Thought-Systems from a Feminist Perspective
- ✓ Ambalicka Sood Jacob: Maternal Emotions in Art
- ✓ Rukmini Bhaya Nair: Emotional Encounter? What Happens when Darwin and Bharata Converse
- ✓ Ujjwala Jha: Emotions vs Rationality: Some Reflections from Purvamimamsa
- ✓ V.N. Jha: Positive and Negative Emotions: Some Reflections on their Treatment in Nyaya
- ✓ Varun Tripathi: Emotions in Buddhism
- ✓ Pankaj Basotia: Abhinivesh (The Fear of Death): From Anxiety to Authenticity
- ✓ Aleksandra Wenta: Between Fear and Heroism: Tantric Path to Liberation
- ✓ Purushottama Bilimoria: Grief and Mourning: Theorizing on the Troubled Bhāvas Cross-culturally
- ✓ Suneet Varma: Emotions and their Transformations in Indian Psychology: A Path to Oneness?
- ✓ Surbhi Vohra: Understanding the Relationship of Emotions and Objectivity in the Context of Bhakti
- ✓ T. Ganeshan: Principal Emotions Contributing to the Supreme Love of Śiva: Study of Early Śaiva Hymnal Corpus
- ✓ Advaitavadini Kaul: The Concept of Bhāva and Bhāvana in Kashmir Shaivism
- ✓ Hari Dutt Sharma: Emotions in Sanskrit Poetics
- ✓ Andrea Acri: Rasa in Javanese Tradition
- ✓ Biliانا Mueller: The Concept of 'Hasyam' according to the Natyaśāstra and as Expressed in Dance Today
- ✓ Ujjwal Jana: Songs of the Bauls of Bengal: Emotive Basis for Religious and Philosophic Symmetry

12. International Seminar on “Borders and Boundaries in International Relations: Barriers, Buffers, Bridges, Breaches and Bazaars” (10-11 October 2012)

Rationale: India is a country with disputed borders. India's land borders are of four fundamentally different types. First of all are India's international borders, over which there is agreement between the countries that share them, despite minor quibbles from time to time: India's borders with Bhutan, Bangladesh and Myanmar, as well as the international border (IB) part of the India-Pakistan border, fall into this category. In the second category comes the 740 km Line of Control (LoC) with Pakistan, which is a de facto demarcation of effective control: while both countries maintain de jure claims over territory on the other side of the line, the LoC itself was extremely carefully demarcated after the 1971 India-Pakistan war by the two armies and is accepted by the two governments. In the third place, India has land borders that are undemarcated and disputed, notably the 4,057 km long Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, but also the 110 km long Actual Ground Position Line (AGPL) with Pakistan on the Saltoro range, west of the disputed Siachen glacier. Finally, India's border with Nepal is one of the few 'open borders' in the world.

Land borders can take three different forms. Political borders emerge out of processes of annexation, partition or revolution. These borders are tangible but fragile; states tend to harden them. The India-Pakistan IB is an excellent example. Economic borders emerge out of differential growth rates and factor endowments. These borders are dynamic and permeable; soft approaches to managing them usually work best. The India-Bangladesh border, which started out as a political border when that part of the subcontinent was East Pakistan, is now essentially an economic border. Finally, cultural borders emerge out of complex patterns of migration, settlement, acculturation, hybridization and assimilation. They are intangible but durable; states are often irrelevant to their formation and persistence. India has no cultural borders: all the populations that live in India's peripheries share ethno-cultural affinities with social groups on the other side of the border.

Yet another taxonomy of India's borders would take note of the enormous geographical (climatic and terrain) variety that characterises them. There is virtually nothing in common between the mountainous terrain of the high Himalayas, the swamps of the Raan of Kutch, the Thar Desert, the 'cold desert' of Ladakh, the lowlands of the Terai, the flat, river-crossed plains of the Punjab and the Sundarbans mangrove delta.

From the above, it would be evident that securing its borders poses very complex challenges for India. These challenges are further complicated by the fact that the doctrine of territorial defence—the idea that every last bit of national territory, no matter how remote and unproductive, is as important as the strategic heartland—has been a cornerstone of the Indian conception of security since Independence. The remorseless and inescapable implication of territorial defence is that no violation of the line can ever be permitted. This implies putting

India's fighting forces on the line, where they are forced to live, work and survive in unbelievably ferocious conditions, the extreme case being the Saltoro range and the Siachen glacier. Deployment of troops under these conditions is extremely expensive in human and financial terms. Intelligence and monitoring therefore become the sine qua non of territorial defence vis-à-vis a hostile neighbour.

An International Seminar on "Borders and Boundaries in International Relations: Barriers, Buffers, Bridges, Breaches and Bazaars" was organized at IIAS during 10-11 October 2012. Professor Varun Sahni, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi was the Convener of the Seminar. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IIAS gave the Opening Remarks. Professor Varun Sahni introduced the seminar theme and also proposed the vote of thanks.

Participants:

- Dr. Jayashree Vivekanandan, South Asian University, New Delhi
- Professor A.K. Ramakrishnan, Professor and Chairperson, Centre for West Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Dr. Siddharth Mallavarapu, South Asian University, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi
- Dr. Devika Sharma, Department of Political Science, Delhi
- Dr. Jayati Srivastava, CIPOD, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Dr. Nimmi Kurian, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi
- Dr. Rahul Tripathi, Department of Political Science, Goa University, Goa
- Dr. Rajesh Rajagopalan, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Professor Swaran Singh, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Dr. Darini Rajasingham, Social Scientists Association, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Dr. Krishnendra Meena, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Dr. Nischal N. Pandey, Centre for South Asian Studies, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Following presentations were made during the Seminar:

- ✓ Rajesh Rajagopalan: Realist Perspectives on Borders and Boundaries
- ✓ Varun Sahni: Bringing Technology In, Bringing People Down: Why Technical Monitoring of Borders would be Humane, not Dehumanising
- ✓ Krishnendra Meena: Urban Spaces on Borderlands: A Politico-geographical Analysis
- ✓ Rahul Tripathi: Revisiting Borders amidst the 'Neoliberal Crisis': A Case of India and the Neighbourhood
- ✓ Nishchal N. Pandey: A Nepalese Perspective
- ✓ Swaran Singh: China-India Boundary Negotiations: From Buffers to Bazaars

- ✓ Devika Sharma: Borders, Bordering and Borderlands: Locating Spaces for 'Fuzziness' in India
- ✓ Nimmi Kurian: Subnational and Subregional Spaces: Narrativising India's Borderlands
- ✓ Darini Rajasingham Senanayake: Spaces of Possibility and Abjection: The Making and Un-making of Borders between Sri Lanka and India
- ✓ Jayati Srivastava: Global Justice and 'Alternative' Imageries of Border
- ✓ Jayashree Vivekanandan: Bordering on IR? Historicising State Building in India
- ✓ Siddharth Mallavarapu: International Relations and the 'Conquest of Abundance'

13. Seminar on "Hindi Cinema @100: A Retrospective" (16-18 October 2012)

Rationale: Hundred years of Hindi cinema's existence should be an occasion to rewrite familiar histories in unfamiliar idioms and modes, especially when the contemporary cinematic moment seems to mark a distinct break from its immediate past. The emergence of digital technologies including the Internet and satellite television, globalisation and liberalisation, and a rapid urbanisation has reshaped Indian cinema as we knew it till the 1990s. It is not just the content and form of the cinema that has been aesthetically restructured but also the conditions of its production, distribution, trade, revenue, exhibition, viewing, relay, appreciation, notions of hits and flops and so on.

Conferring of industry status to the cinema in the 1990s made way for its corporatization, rise of multiplexes, and the gradual fading away of single screen cinema halls in big cities, but also increasingly in smaller towns. This along with the growth of the internet has changed the nature of film viewing and appreciation across India. Film festivals that were earlier the mainstay of metropolitan centres are now travelling to smaller cities where a growing number of people desire to see cinema that is made outside of Hollywood and Bollywood. A case in point being the annual international film festivals held in places like Dharamshala, Gorakhpur, Faizabad and Ladakh. At the same time easy and inexpensive access to film-making equipment, has ensured that more and more people are turning to film-making with basic tools such as mobile phones and digital cameras.

Globalisation and liberalisation opened up gates for the inflow of legal money and the industry was no longer dependent on a handful of identified producers and other dubious resources. The multiplex phenomenon further opened up the business of film-making and film viewing practices. While this enabled independent film-makers to make and release films on unconventional themes and subjects, persistence of the old star-system and inflation in publicity and marketing budgets continues to haunt new trends. At the same time film-makers and the public are creating alternative avenues in terms of tv/internet releases, film festivals, and internet downloads. Excluded from the multiplexes, the subalterns have in turn invented their own shanty town khomchaplexes.

A Seminar on “Hindi Cinema @100: A Retrospective” was organized at IAS between 16-18 October 2012. Dr. Vijaya Singh, Assistant Professor of English, Regional Institute of English, Chandigarh and Shri Ravikant Associate Fellow, Centre for Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi were the Conveners of the Seminar. Professor Shirshendu Chakrabarti, Tagore Fellow-IIAS welcomed the participants and delivered the Opening Remarks. Shri Ravikant, Associate Fellow, Centre for Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi gave an Introduction to the Seminar. Professor Rosie Thomas, Director, Centre for Research and Education in Arts and Media, School of Media, Arts and Design, University of Westminster delivered the keynote address entitled “Bombay before Bollywood: Film Fantasies”.

Participants:

- Dr. Kaushik Bhowmik, Deputy Director, Osian's-Cinefan Festival of Asian and Arab Cinema, New Delhi
- Professor Ravi Vasudevan, Senior Fellow, Centre for Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi
- Professor Madhava Prasada, Department of Cultural Studies, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad
- Shri Ravikant, Associate Fellow, Centre for Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi
- Dr. Ira Bhaskar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Dr. Avinash Jodha, Government College, Bikaner
- Professor Pushpinder Syal, Professor of English, Panjab University, Panjab
- Ms. Fareeda Mehta, Goregaon East, Mumbai
- Ms. Shikha Jhinghan, Department of Journalism, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi, Delhi
- Ms. Vebhuti Duggal, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Dr. Ranjani Mazumdar, Associate Professor, Cinema Studies, School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Dr. Rajesh Kumar Srivastava, Associate Professor, Department of English, Govt. Degree College Rudhauri, Basti, Uttar Pradesh
- Dr. Rakesh Pandey, Centre for Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi
- Professor B.M. Shukla, Principal Software Engineer, Computer Science and Engineering Department, IIT Kanpur
- Dr. Mihir Pandya, Research Scholar, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi, New Delhi
- Dr. Pradipta Mukherjee, Vidyasagar College for Women, Kolkata
- Ms. Debashree Mukherjee, Department of Cinema Studies, New York University
- Mr. Ratnakar Tripathi, Patna
- Dr. Nirmal Kumar, Guest Fellow-IIAS and Associate Professor, Department of History
- Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, New Delhi; Professor Shirshendu Chakrabarti, Tagore Fellow, IAS

- Professor Rosie Thomas, Director, Centre for Research and Education in Arts and Media, School of Media, Arts and Design, University of Westminster.

Following presentations were made during the Seminar:

- ✓ Ranjani Mazumdar: Retro Bombay
- ✓ Vijaya Singh: Tracking Fascination: Mobilizing the Gaze
- ✓ Pushpinder Syal: Middle Area of Cinema
- ✓ Sanjay Joshi and Mihir Pandya: Cinema of Resistance: Making New Space for Alternate Public Screening and Dialogue
- ✓ M Madhava Prasad: Cinema as Transcendence: Film History as Social History
- ✓ Ratnakar Tripathi: The Bhojpuri Audience
- ✓ Nirmal Kumar: In the By-Lanes of Hindi Cinema: How the Bhojpuri films Flourished
- ✓ Ravi Vasudevan: Re-assembling Film History: Notes on Method and Material
- ✓ Debarshree Mukherjee: The Multiple Archives of Early Hindi Cinema: A Look at Bombay Talkies' Studio Papers in Melbourne
- ✓ B M Shukla: Hindi Film Database
- ✓ Kaushik Bhowmik: Male Vagabondage as Ideal Life: Querying the Son+Image of Bombay Cinema, c.1950-c.2000
- ✓ Rajesh Kumar Srivastava: The Projection of Sexuality and Sensuality in the Bollywood Heroines: A Paradigm Shift
- ✓ Rakesh Pandey: The Literary Cinema: Mani Kaul
- ✓ Fareeda Mehta: Of Mirrors, Lenses and Dreams
- ✓ Avinash Jodha: Of Spaces and Storytelling: Locales in Anurag Kashyap's Cinema
- ✓ Pradipta Mukherjee: 100 Years of Hindi Cinema: The Myth and Legend of Devdas
- ✓ Ira Bhaskar: Sufism, the Qawwali and Bombay Film Songs: The Imaginal and Affective Landscape of Divine / Human Love
- ✓ Ravikant: Lover's Lyrical Discourse
- ✓ Shikha Jhingan: Performing the Authentic: Lata Mangeshkar's Voice in the Age of Cassette Reproduction
- ✓ Vebhuti Duggal: Sound Technologies and Practices of Listening

**14. National Seminar on "Recovering the Oral Histories of North East India"
(31 October-1 November 2012)**

Rationale: It is a well-known fact that the North-East region of India is home to immense ethnological diversity, with a number of cultural heritages, including both tangible and intangible aspects. In the North-East, arguably, oral traditions, histories and the verbal arts constitute the majority of these cultural expressions, which shape collective memory, perception and representation amongst the indigenous communities of the region. It is indeed oral knowledge which has guided the destinies and lifestyles of social groups in the region, be it

folktales and folklore, belief systems, life and death rituals, agricultural practices, music, dance, theatre and other social narratives that has been pursued, practiced and transmitted down the generations. Inherent in this knowledge are genealogical accounts of clan groups-their origin myths, migration stories and cosmologies, all of which vary from community to community, but also determine inter-community interaction and wider historical development of the North-Eastern region. While the oral history of the region, especially in the absence of a structured written histories in a modern sense, continues to be the main window to understand the past and the present of the region and its people, there is a shrinkage of this vast cultural space in the face of the fast changing social, economic and cultural scenario of the region, brought about by rapid urbanization and the other paraphernalia of modern development. Without dismissing the inevitable and at times beneficial nature of modern change, it is also important to recognize that an age-old oral knowledge base is becoming eroded and marginalized, commensurate with great cultural, historical and intellectual deprivation. It is also important to recognize and engage with the politics that can underlie changes in the discourse related to knowledge.

To address various issues and concerns relating to the subject and suggest a well-coordinated approach towards understanding, documenting and safeguarding this rare treasure of national heritage a national Seminar on “Recovering the Oral Histories of North East India” was organized in collaboration with Indian National Trust for Art and Culture Heritage (INTACH), Nagaland Chapter, during 31 October to 1 November 2012 at Dimapur, Nagaland. Ms. Sentila T. Yanger of INTACH Nagaland Chapter, the Convener of the Seminar welcomed the participants. A film on INTACH was also screened. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IAS delivered the Keynote Address; Special Invitee Som Kamei, IPS, Director NEZCC, Dimapur also spoke on the occasion. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by T.L. Merry, Co-Convener, INTACH Nagaland Chapter.

Participants:

- Dr. Parasmoni Dutta, Assam
- Dr. Fr. Abraham Lotha, Principal, St. Joseph’s College, Jakhama, Nagaland
- Dr. Lalrindiki T. Fanai, Department of English, Mizoram University, Mizoram
- Dr. M.C. Arun Kumar, Associate Professor, Manipur
- Shri Sonam Tashi Gyaltsen, Echostream Pvt. Ltd., Sikkim
- Professor Esther Syiem, Department of English, North Eastern Hill University, Meghalaya
- Dr. Jumyir Basar, Assistant Professor, Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar; Shri Jiban Deb Barman, Cultural Activist, Tripura
- Dr. Anungla Aier, Principal, Kiphire Government College
- Professor Sadhna Saxena, Delhi University, Delhi
- Dr. Adibo Newmei, Associate Professor N.G. Gopal College, Imphal
- Dr. Hesheto Y. Chishi, Chairman, Indigenous Cultural Society, Dimapur

- Dr. Anna Balikci, Research Coordinator, Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok, Sikkim
- Shri Vincent Darlong, Country Programme Officer IFAD, New Delhi
- Dr. Dinesh Baishya, Dean, Media Science and Culture Studies, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya
- Shri Lyangsang Tamsang, President, Indigenous Lepcha Tribal Association, Sikkim
- Dr. V. Jayarajan, Chairman, Folkland International Centre for Folklore and Culture, Elambachi, Kasargod, Kerala
- Shri K. Daimai, Joint Director (Retd.), Tribal Research Institute, Government of Manipur, Manipur
- Shri Talisosang Amri, Technical Field Assistant, AICRP, SASARD, Nagaland
- Shri Kikrulhoounyu Paphino, Art Coordinator, Directorate of Art and Culture, Kohima, Nagaland
- Shri Maningbiliu Pamai, Library of Congress, New Delhi
- Dr. Puni Modoli, United Naga Council, Dimapur
- Mr. Kentaliu Newmei, Films Producer, Manipur
- Smt. N. Thungchano Yanthan, Registering Officer, Department of Art and Culture, Dimapur
- Mr. Vevo, Addl. Director, Directorate of Art and Culture, Govt. of Nagaland, Kohima
- Shri Tohuvi Yephphomi, Trinity School, Dimapur
- Mr. Moji Riba, Centre for Cultural Research and Documentation, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh
- Dr. Amarson Sankhil, HOD (History), Patkai Christian College, Nagaland.

Following presentations were made during the Seminar:

Session 2: The Oral Cultures of the Northeast States of India

- ✓ Moderator: Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IIAS.

Speakers:

- ✓ Dr. Fr. Abraham Lotha: Oral History and Folklore as Handmaiden of Nationalism
- ✓ Dr. M.C. Arunkumar: Oral Histories of Manipur: A Preliminary Assessment
- ✓ Shri Sonam Tashi Gyaltzen: Hee Gyathang Gumpa Restoration Project: A Case Study
- ✓ Dr. Esther Syiem: Recovering the Oral Histories of North East India – A Study in the Khasi Context
- ✓ Dr. Jumyir Basar: Historicity in Orality: Myth and Reality
- ✓ Shri Jiban Deb Barman: The Oral Cultures of the Northeast States of India: An Overview of Tripura
- ✓ Dr. Anungla Aier: Folklore and Shared Identity of the Naga

Session 3: *Oral Cultures and Cultural Activism Challenges and Responses*

- ✓ Moderator: Professor Surajit Sarkar, Ambedkar University, New Delhi.

Speakers:

- ✓ Professor Sadhna Saxena: Oral Cultures and Cultural Activism – Challenges and Responses
- ✓ Dr. Adibo Newmei: Oral Cultures and Cultural Activism – Challenges and Responses with Special References to Liangmai Community
- ✓ Film Screening of award winning Ethnographic Documentary “Ritual Journeys” by Anna Balikci-Dengjongpa.

Session 4: *Recovering the Oral Histories and Traditions of the North-East*

- ✓ Moderator: Shri Tashi Densapa, IAS, (Retd.), Director, Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Sikkim.

Speakers:

- ✓ Dr. Hesheto Y. Chishi: Recovering the Oral Histories and Traditions of the Northeast
- ✓ Dr. Anna Balikci: The Sikkim Video Archive
- ✓ Shri Vincent Darlong: Harnessing Oral Traditions for Effective Tribal Development: IFAD’s Preliminary Experiences from Northeast India
- ✓ Dr. Dinesh Baishya: Agricultural Lore of Assam
- ✓ Shri Lyangsong Tamsang: Recovering the Indigenous Oral Traditions of the North East India
- ✓ Dr. V. Jayarajan: Role of Folk Festivals in Protecting Intangible Cultural Heritage
- ✓ Shri K. Daimai: Life and Death Rituals in the Context of Liangmai
- ✓ Shri Talisosang Amri: Indigenous Knowledge on Rodent Management of the Ao-Naga of Mokokchung District, Nagaland

Session 5: *Documenting the Oral Heritages of the North-East: Methodologies of Engagement, and Ethical Issues and Concerns in Information Gathering*

- ✓ Moderator: Ms. Sentila Tsukjem Yanger, State Convener INTACH Nagaland Chapter.

Open-house discussion

Session 6: *New Media in the Documentation and Dissemination of Oral Heritages*

- ✓ Presenter and Moderator: S. Gopalakrishnan, Project Manager, Sahapedia.

Screening of Sahapedia film.

Presentation by S. Gopalakrishnan.

Open-house discussion

15. Seminar on “Transforming Bihar: Challenges and Innovations” (6-7 November 2012)

Rationale: Since the days of the Mauryas and the Guptas, Bihar has traversed several paths of history and has witnessed forms of government ranging from monarchical to republican. The early Upanishadic period saw the origin and growth of two organized religions of the world led by Buddha and Mahavira. The country of Lichchhavis and Sakyas, Janak and Yajnavalkya also experienced glorious days during the reign of Sher Shah. The region also joined the struggle for freedom from the colonial rule and remained in its forefront.

The Bihari tradition of non-conformism manifested itself vigorously during the Gandhian era of India’s freedom movement. It did not only produce the Congress stalwarts but also provided space for the emergence of the Socialist Party in the country. The Kisan Sabha movements led by Swami Sahajanand Saraswati, one of the most distinguished peasant leaders India produced in the early years of the last century, was launched from this state.

During the first two decades after the Independence some major steps were taken in the fields of agrarian reforms, community development projects and people’s participation through the Panchayati Raj. Most of these measures were undertaken due to the political compulsion created by the democratic polity and hopes and expectations generated by the newly achieved freedom. However, by the sixties a growing sense of disenchantment started setting in owing to the tardy implementation of most of the programmes since Independence. Yet, the 1960s also saw the political assertion of the backward castes leading to the ouster of the Congress government in 1967. The rise of Naxalbari movement in the plains of the north and central Bihar during the same period added a new dimension to the politics of the state.

Evidently, contemporary Bihar throws up a wide range of issues which can potentially inform and animate larger debates and discussions around the promises and challenges of structural transformation in a democratic polity. Against this backdrop a two-day national seminar on “Transforming Bihar: Challenges and Innovations” in the centenary year of Bihar’s formation was held on 6-7 November 2012 at Patna University, Science College Campus, Patna. This coming together of academics, administrators and activists was intended to discuss and evaluate the dynamics of a changing Bihar.

Professor M.N. Karna, formerly Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, NEHU, Shillong and Dr. Manish Thakur, Fellow, IAS were the Conveners of the Seminar. Professor Dharmshila Prasad, Head, Department of Sociology, Patna University, welcomed the participants. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IAS threw lights on the important issues which should be taken up for discussion during the seminar. Professor D.N. Sahaya, Chairman, A.N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna who was also the Guest of Honour and Professor Hetukar Jha, former Head, Department of Sociology, Patna University also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Manish Thakur, Fellow, IAS and Convener of the seminar introduced the

seminar theme and the Vote of Thanks was proposed by Professor R.N. Sharma, Department of Sociology, Patna University, Patna.

Participants:

- Professor D.M. Diwakar, Director, A.N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna
- Professor R.N. Sharma, Department of Sociology, Patna University, Patna
- Professor Gopal Guru, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Professor Vinay Kumar Kanth, Department of Mathematics, B.N. College, Patna University, Patna
- Shri Manoj Srivastava, Commissioner, Departmental Enquiry, Bihar
- Dr. Muneshwar Yadav, Associate Professor, P.G. Department of Political Science, Madhubani, Bihar
- Dr. Aditya Raj, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna
- Mr. Ramjit Kumar, Department of Humanities and Social Science, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna
- Professor Manjit Singh, Department of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh
- Dr. Ashok Pankaj, Senior Fellow, Institute for Human Development, IIPA Campus, New Delhi
- Dr. Madhukar Sinha, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi
- Dr. Dharmshila Prasad, Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, Patna University, Patna
- Dr. Satish Kumar, Former Head, Department of Sociology, Patna University, Patna
- Professor Ashesh Das Gupta, Department of Sociology, Patna University, Patna
- Dr. Gireesh Gourav, Post Doctoral Fellow, ICSSR, Department of Sociology, Patna University, Patna
- Dr. Sangeet Kumar, Assistant Professor, Chanakya National Law University, Mithapur, Patna
- Dr. Gyanendra Yadav, Department of Sociology, College of Commerce, Patna
- Shri Sadrul Haque, Editor, Third World Impact, Patna
- Dr. Kundan Kumar Suman, Department of Sociology, Patna University, Patna
- Professor S.M. Hussain, Formerly Professor, P.G. Department of Sociology, Patna University, Patna
- Fr. Philip Manthara, Patna
- Dr. Pawan Kumar Mishra, Assistant Professor of Law, Patna Law College, Patna University, Patna
- Dr. Salim Jawed, Assistant Professor of Law, Patna Law College, Patna University, Patna

- Dr. Subhash Chandra Prabhat, Department of Sociology, Patna University, Patna
- Dr. Manoj Kumar Mishra, Department of Management, IIBM Patna, Patna
- Dr. Kumar Hemant Narayan, Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, Patna University, Patna
- Mr. Amit Kumar, Department of Sociology, Magadh Mahila College, Patna University, Patna
- Mr. Vijay Kumar Lal, P.G. Department of Sociology, Patna University, Patna
- Dr. Binay Kumar Bimal, Department of Sociology, Magadh Mahila College, Patna University, Patna
- Dr. Sanjay Paswan, Associate Professor, P.G. Department of Law, Patna University, Patna
- Dr. Renu Ranjan, Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, Magadh Mahila College, Patna University, Patna
- Professor Padmalata Thakur, Department of History, Patna University, Patna
- Dr. Laleswer Pd. Yadav, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, B.N. College, Patna
- Dr. Raghvendra Kumar Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, Patna University, Patna
- Dr. Sunita Panna, Department of Sociology, Magadh Mahila College, Patna University, Patna
- Dr. Madhavi, Department of Sociology, Magadh Mahila College, Patna University, Patna
- Dr. Rupam, Department of Sociology Magadh Mahila College, Patna University, Patna
- Professor Bimla Shukla, Professor of Sociology, Patna University, Patna
- Dr. Shakil Ahmad, Research Scholar, P.G. Department of Sociology, Patna University, Patna
- Dr. Randhir Kumar Singh, Department of Sociology, Patna College, Patna
- Professor Sudeepta Adhikari, Department of Geography, Patna University, Patna
- Professor Lal Narain Sharma, Professor and Head (Retd.), Department of Political Science, Patna University, Patna.

Following presentations were made during the Seminar:

- ✓ V.K. Kantha: Rethinking Institutions for Transforming Bihar
- ✓ Manoj K. Srivastava: Beware of Skipping Straight to Weber:Are Alternatives Based on the Principle of Bringing People in, Working?
- ✓ Muneshwar Yadav: Bihar: Political Perspectives on Development
- ✓ Mujataba Hussain: Elite Character and Development of Bihar
- ✓ Aditya Raj and Ramjit Kumar: Looking Back, Looking Ahead
- ✓ Manjit Singh: Bihari Migrant Labours in Punjab

- ✓ Ashok Pankaj: Working of the PDS under the Food Coupon System in Bihar
- ✓ Madhukar Sinha: Role of Innovations and Intellectual Property in Bihar: An Examination of Issues
- ✓ Kundan Kumar Suman: Bihar Ke Krishk Sakti Sanrachana Mein Parivartan: Samajshastriya Addayan (1990-2012)
- ✓ Dharmshila Prasad: Economic Dimensions of Out Migration: A Case of Bihar
- ✓ Ashesh Das Gupta: The Youth and Problem of Social Transformations: Persistence of Gender bias in Bihari Society
- ✓ Father Philip Manthara: Contributions of Mushars in Bihar's Economy
- ✓ V.K. Lal and Vandana Nigam: Universalisation of Elementary Education in Bihar: Challenges and Innovations
- ✓ Sangeet Kumar: Educating Bihar: Initiatives and Impediments
- ✓ Gireesh Gourav: Bihar Mein Swasthya Sawayon ki Satithi: Samajshastriya Vishlashan
- ✓ Panel Discussion: Amarjit Sinha, Mammen Mathew, D.M. Diwakar, M.N. Karna
- ✓ Vote of Thanks: Manish Thakur

16. Regional Seminar on “Dalit Movements and Violence: An Analytical Critical Approach” (19-20 November 2012)

Rationale: The images of Dr Ambedkar proliferate across India in statues, portraits, posters, and nameplates telling the world very loudly that Dalits have been organizing under the banner of the great Dalit icon Dr. Ambedkar for their social, political, economic and cultural emancipation. The very act has become the point of controversy and debate at various quarters: in the academia, social and political corridors, and even in the street corner public meetings and closed door kitchen gossip.

Dalits however, continue to come around the iconic figure of Ambedkar in movements and organizations to claim their rights, stake hold their share in the national resources and revenues and to re-establish their forgone legacy and visibility in the Indian sub-continent. Public Halls, schools, and colleges named after him abound and in every city and town and even his ideological opponents feel obliged to reproduce his picture and lay claim to his legacy. This obviously indicates the rise of Ambedkar as a pan-Indian figure, but the importance here is what does it signify about Dalit politics (Hugo Corringe, 2005: 112).

Historically, after the implementation of the Montague-Chelmsford Reforms, Shri M. C. Rajah, an untouchable leader from Madras was nominated as a member of the Indian Legislative Assembly in 1927. After the conclusion of the Poona Pact in 1932, the Dalit movement gained momentum. The Depressed Classes were recognized at the first as a separate significant entity in Indian politics. With the abolition of untouchability all the avenues of development were thrown open to the Depressed Classes. But much of the promises enshrined in papers and documents still remain a farfetched dream for the Dalits. While Dalit movements have pulled the caravan of

Dalit empowerment to an appreciable height, their legacy and legitimacy are today challenged by their detractors on many instances. These movements have brought to the court of justice and public conscience some of the long pending debts that are unpaid to them. The deeply entrenched unjust social practices backed up by the caste world and religious and cultural politics have been challenged. As a result, new forms of oppression and atrocities against Dalits have also been let loose and newer forms of accusations and allegations have been manufactured. Corringe argues that it is important to understand that Dalit movements 'do not pose a threat to democracy; rather the reverse'. They have 'served to deepen the democratic process in the state by extending both the agenda and constituency of Tamil politics' (ibid, 110)

To understand dalit movements and their metamorphic change in the last few decades a Regional Seminar on "Dalit Movements and Violence: An Analytical Critical Approach" was organized in collaboration with Indian Social Institute (ISI) Bangalore during 19-20 November 2012 at ISI, Bangalore. Dr. Selvaraj Arulnathan SJ, Head, Research Unit, ISI, Bangalore was the Convener of the Seminar. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla delivered the Inaugural Address while Professor Gopal Guru, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, gave the Keynote address.

Participants:

- M. Subbarao, National Alliance for DNT Movements, Secundrabad
- Pushpa Achanta, Bangalore
- K.V. Balakrishna, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Dalitha Sangarsha Samiti, Bangalore
- Kumar G., Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Dalitha Sangarsha Samiti, Bangalore
- Y. Mariswamy, Samajika Parivarthana Janandolana, Bangalore
- Madhiyazhagan D., Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Dalitha Sangarsha Samiti, Bangalore
- Evangeline, UTC, Bangalore
- A. Murali, Khammam
- S. Joseph Paul Durai, Bangalore
- Shalini, Indian Social Institute, Bangalore
- Zeena Mani, (GCI), Bangalore
- Leonie, (GCI) Bangalore
- Susane (GCI), Bangalore
- S.P. Melkeri, Department of Psychology, Gulbarga University
- Dominic Davidappa, Bangalore University, Bangalore
- S. Lourdunathan, Head, Department of Philosophy, Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, Madurai
- A. Patrick, Bangalore; Kalavathi P., Mount Carmel College, Bangalore
- Manohar Yadav, ISEC, Bangalore;

- J. Balasubramaniam, Department of Journalism, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai
- Stalin Rajangam, Department of Tamil, American College, Madurai
- Katta Krishnaiah, Jana Jagruthi Society, Mahaboobnagar (A.P.)
- B. Naganna, Mahaboobnagar (A.P.)
- Rev. Varaprasad Gosala, UTC, Bangalore
- Christopher Rajkumar, National Council of Churches in India, Nagpur
- P. Mohan Larbeer, BTE, SSC, Bangalore
- S R Albina, Indian Social Institute, Bangalore
- Lakshmi Periyasamy, Indian Social Institute, Bangalore
- Sharda Sharma Salian, Department of English, Delhi University, Delhi
- C. Lakshmanan, Faculty, MIDS, Adyar, Chennai; Richard Devadoss, Chennai
- John Mohan Razu, Bangalore
- P. Kesava Kumar, Assistant Professor (SG), Department of Philosophy, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry
- Charles Wesley Meesa, The Dalit Alliance, Hyderabad; C.S. Saravanan, ISI, Bangalore
- Belinda Lopez, Smt. VHD Central Institute of Home Science, Bangalore
- Garnepudi Prasanna Kumari, Village Empowerment and Community Advisory Society Guntur
- B. Esther Manjula Rani, Rise and Shine, Nirmal, Adilabad
- Fr. Simon Kalladayil, Trinity College, Jalandhar
- V. Shanmugam, Associate Professor in Economics, University Evening College, Mysore
- Lata Jayraaj, CESS, Hyderabad
- Fr. Claude, D'Souza, Indian Social Institute, Bangalore
- Fr. Stephen, Indian Social Institute, Bangalore
- Ms. Esther Manjula Rani. M. Hilaria Soundari, Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Research, Gandhigram Rural Institute-Deemed University, Gandhigram
- B. Karthik Navayam, Department of Social Exclusion Studies, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad.

Following presentations were made during the Seminar:

Moderator:

- ✓ Dr. Evangeline Rajkumar

Discussant:

- ✓ Dr. Mohan Rasu and Fr. Shubha Chacko
- ✓ Dr. S. Lourdunathan: Caste Violence as Cultural Reproduction and Legitimization: Readings from Ambedkar vis-à-vis Postmodern Discourse for a Philosophy of Dalit Liberation

- ✓ Ms. Pushpa Achanta: Dalits and the Realities of Diverse Gender Identities

Moderator:

- ✓ Fr. Stephen Kulandai SJ

Discussant:

- ✓ Mr. Karthic Navayan and Dr. Lourdunathan
- ✓ Dr. C. Lakshmanan: Reviewing the Report of 'Judicial' Enquiry Commissions on Caste Violence in Tamil Nadu
- ✓ Dr. P. Kesava Kumar: Political Meanings of Atrocity: Phenomenology of Caste Violence

Moderator: Dr. Lourdunathan

- ✓ Mr. Charles Wesley, Dr. Vincent Manoharan and Dr. Peniel Rufus: Breaking New Theoretical Grounds for Dalit Movement and Assertion

Moderator:

- ✓ Dr. Simon Kalladayil

Discussant:

- ✓ Dr. Metry
- ✓ Dr. Manohar Yadav: Dalit Movement in Karnataka: Career and Context
- ✓ Mr. M. Subba Rao: A Brief Note on the Nomads with special emphasis on Andhra Pradesh

Moderator:

- ✓ Mr. C.S. Saravanan

Discussant:

- ✓ Dr. Simon Kalladayil
- ✓ Dr. I John Mohan Razu: Manual Scavenging Tantamounts to Violence Reflections from Rights' Perspective
- ✓ Professor Shanmugam: Discrimination and Atrocities Against Dalits in India

Moderator:

- ✓ Dr. C. Lakshmanan

Discussant:

- ✓ Dr. Belinda Lopez and Dr. Evangeline Rajkumar
- ✓ Ms. Lata Jayaraj: Politics and Violence – Discriminations done against Dalit-Women
- ✓ Ms. Sharda Sharma: Conceptions of Female Body in Contemporary Dalit Women's Writings

Moderator:

- ✓ Professor Shanmugam

Discussant:

- ✓ Dr. Etienne and Dr. Jesurathinam
- ✓ Dr. Evangeline: Female, Feminized Bodies as Sites of Violence: Re-narrating the Discourse of Violence against Dalits
- ✓ Dr. Stalin Rajangam and J. Balasubramaniam: Villupuram Atrocity: Physical and Symbolic Violence against Dalits
- ✓ Dr. Melkeri: Dalit Movements and Violence – An Analysis
- ✓ Dr. Dominic Davidappa: Caste, Violence and Dalit Movement in Karnataka
- ✓ Dr. M. Hilaria Soundari: Victimization to Victory: An Emancipatory Intervention in Rural India
- ✓ B. Karthik Navayan: Law and Society in India

17. Seminar on “Concepts, Theories and Practices: The Changing, Relationship between Science State and Society” (26-27 November 2012)

Rationale: By the end of the 1980s, the post-world war II consensus on science and the state began to come asunder not just in the developed world but most parts of the developing world drawn into the frame of science and development during the decades of decolonization. This metamorphosis was itself a product of the co-evolution of state and science, as well as the mutual transformations engendered by this parallel evolution. These transformations have been studied, analyzed and investigated by sociologists of science in the West, who have identified for us; [1] the transformations in the world of knowledge production and the move from so called mode-1 to mode-2 knowledge production, [2] the changes in the ethic of science from CUDOS to PLACE which then marks the emergence of so-called post-academic science. Speaking of the transformation in just one of the sciences as an example, namely chemistry, from the end of the nineteenth century its public image drew sustenance in the policy realm from its millenarian promise of dispelling illness and suffering. And yet today chemistry for many has become the science of pollutants, and the new biosciences and those of new materials rush into the vacuum left over by chemistry. And with these new promises naturally come new risks.

These internal changes within science are rendered more complex by the organizational transformation at the different sites of knowledge production themselves. As the so called traditional institutions of higher learning like the university of teaching and research forge new collaborative ties and arrangements with a variety of stake holders and clients under the pressure of a state that appears to be withdrawing as the major supporter and sometimes only supporter of scientific research, it has become increasingly important to relook at the contract between state and science. This is not to say that these are two different domains

and the state and society too have been significantly transformed by the advancing frontier of technology. In fact, the state's relationship with the world of science and the internal dynamic of scientific and technological evolution has rendered the field of investigation that one might tentatively call science and state highly problematic and contested. One of the early attempts to engage with it at the policy level was witnessed in the deliberations initiated by UNESCO in its attempt to arrive at some consensus on a "New Social Contract for Science". In India at least one of the outcomes was the Bangalore communique.

In order to engage with the different dimensions of this metamorphosis, and to reflexively turn upon and examine the concepts, methods and practices employed by researchers studying the relationship between science, state and society a Seminar on "Concepts, Theories and Practices: The Changing, Relationship between Science State and Society" was organized at IAS during 26-27 November 2012. Professor Dhruv Raina, Professor of History and Philosophy of Science and Education, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi was the Convener of the Seminar. Professor Chetan Singh, Member, IAS, Governing Body welcomed the participants while Professor Dhruv Raina introduced the theme of Seminar.

Participants:

- Professor C. Shambu Prasad, Rural Management and Development Area, Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar
- Dr. Biswanath Dash, Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai
- Dr. Saumen Chattopadhyaya, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Dr. D. Raghunandan, Delhi Science Forum, Saket, New Delhi
- Dr. Shiju Sam Varughese, Centre for Studies in Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, School of Social Sciences, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar
- Dr. Milind Sohoni, CTARA, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
- Dr. Benjamin Zachariah, Presidency University, Calcutta
- Professor Fozia S. Qazi, Islamic University of Science and Technology, Pulwama, J&K
- Dr. Sambit Mallick, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, Guwahati
- Professor Arvind, IISFR, Mohali
- Dr. Piyush Mathur, Fellow, IAS
- Dr. Vibha Arora, Fellow, IAS
- Professor Sharad Deshpande, Tagore Fellow, IAS
- Professor D.N. Dhanagre, National Fellow, IAS
- Professor Vrinda Dalmiya, Fellow, IAS
- Dr. Sunita Raina, Fellow, IAS

- Professor Uma Das Gupta, National Fellow, IAS
- Ms. Urmila Unnikrishnan (Rapporteur), Centre for Studies in Science Policy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Rayies Altaf (Rapporteur), Centre for Studies in Science Policy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Following presentations were made during the Seminar:

- ✓ Biswanath Dash: Public Response to Cyclone Warnings: Meteorology in Perspective
- ✓ Sambit Mallick: Commodification of Scientific Knowledge: The Changing Relationship between Techno-Science, State and Society
- ✓ Shiju Varughese: Towards a 'Socially Distributed Expertise'? Publics, Experts and Technoscientific Controversies in India
- ✓ Benjamin Zachariah: Science, Nationalism and the State: Reflections on an Intimate and Troubled Relationship
- ✓ Dhruv Raina: Mainstreaming the Indigenous: The Bangalore Communique and the New Social Contract for Science
- ✓ Shambu Prasad: Knowledge Swaraj, Trusteeship and the Social Contract of Science and Society in India
- ✓ D. Raghunandan: The Dark Side of the Indian S & T Story: The Rural and the Artisanal
- ✓ Milind Sohoni: Knowledge and Practice for Indian as a Developing Country
- ✓ Saumen Chattopadhyaya: Science, Society and State: An Economic Perspective
- ✓ The Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks were given by Professor Dhruv Raina.

18. One day workshop to discuss Jacques Delors Report “Learning the Treasure Within” (27 January 2013)

A one-day workshop to discuss Jacques Delors Report “Learning the Treasure Within” was organized on 27 January 2013 at IAS Guest House, New Delhi.

Participants:

- Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, IAS Director
- Professor A.R. Vasavi, Bangalore
- Dr. Mary E. John, Centre for Women’s Development Studies, New Delhi
- Dr. Vinod Raina, Bhopal
- Dr. Alito Siqueira, Department of Sociology, Goa University, Goa
- Professor Satish Deshpande, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University, Delhi
- Professor Shiv Visvanathan, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana
- Dr. Deepti Priya Mehrotra, New Delhi
- Professor Dhruv Raina, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

19. Seminar on “Knowing the Social World: Challenges and Responses” (13-15 March 2013)

Rationale: The last few decades have witnessed a phenomenal change in the socio-economic, political, and cultural conditions across the world. While it is facile to attribute this to the forces of globalization, the nature and consequences of emerging trends have not always been as expected by developmental theorists or policy makers. Social scientists from various disciplinary backgrounds have been busy trying to unravel both the trajectory of the changes and their implications for future. Apart from the variety and complexity of the issues they have for their consideration, social scientists now need to review the methodology and methods that they deploy in researching them. This review is called for several reasons. First, the conventional binaries – such as tradition and modernity, global and local, rural and urban, etc. – and the cartography of imagination in terms of borders are now blurred. Second, the tools and techniques of data collection and analysis have seen fantastic advances in the wake of ICT (Information and Communication Technology) Revolution. Third and last, the very foundational assumptions of conventional social research methodology are now being challenged, even to the extent of bordering methodological nihilism. The three-day national seminar took stock of the methodological challenges that Social Science research is currently facing and the response of its practitioners to these challenges.

A Seminar on “Knowing the Social World: Challenges and Responses” was organized during 13-15 March 2013 at IAS. Professor N. Jayaram, Fellow, IAS was the Convener of the Seminar. Professor Chetan Singh, IAS Governing Board Member, delivered the Welcome Address. Professor N. Jayaram introduced the theme of the Seminar.

Participants:

- Professor Ram Bhagat, International Institute for Population Sciences, Deonar, Mumbai
- Dr. Mamta Karollil, School of Human Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi
- Dr. Shaila Desouza, Centre for Women’s Studies, Goa University, Goa
- Dr. Vineetha Menon, Department Anthropology, Kannur University, Palayad, Thalasseri, Kerala
- Professor M.R. Narayana, Centre for Economic Studies and Policy, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore
- Professor D. Rajasekhar, Centre for Decentralisation and Development, Institute for Social and Economic Change Nagarabhavi, Bangalore
- Professor M. Rajivlochan, Department of History, Panjab University, Chandigarh
- Dr. Vijay Ragahavan, Centre for Criminology and Justice, School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Deonar, Mumbai
- Dr. Sawmya Ray, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati

- Dr. Sthithapragyan Ray, Department of Sociology, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack
- Dr. Rukmini Sen, School of Undergraduate Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi
- Dr. Aniban Sengupta, School of Development Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi
- Professor Siddarth Swaminathan, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore
- Professor Badri Narayan, G.B. Pant Social Science Institute, Jhusi, Allahabad
- Ms. Hyun Jung Kim, Research Scholar, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Deonar, Mumbai
- Shri Rahul Choragudi, Research Scholar, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Deonar, Mumbai
- Professor Sasanka Perera, Department of Sociology, South Asian University, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi
- Dr. Jesna Jaychandran, Department of Social Sciences, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
- Professor Chandan Mukherjee, Dean, School of Development Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi
- Ms. Ruchi Palan, TISS, Mumbai
- Ms. Arpita Das, TISS Mumbai
- Dr. Mathew George, School of Health Systems Studies, TISS, Deonar, Mumbai
- Professor Tiplut Nongbri, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, JNU, New Delhi
- Professor D N Dhanagare, IAS National Fellow
- Professor Satish Kumar Sharma, Fellow, IAS
- Dr. Manish Kumar Thakur, Fellow, IAS
- Dr. Varsha Ganguly, Fellow, IAS
- Dr. Amitranjan Basu, Fellow, IAS
- Dr. Malavika Kasturi, Fellow, IAS

Following presentations were made during the Seminar:

Session I

- ✓ Dr. Vijay Raghavan: Exploring the Underworld: Some Methodological Challenges
- ✓ Professor Sasanka Perera: To Click or Not to Click: Preliminary Thoughts on Photography's Methodological Absence in Social Anthropology in South Asia

Session II

- ✓ Professor D. Rajasekhar, Erlend Berg and R. Manjula: Randomised Controlled Trials and Programme Evaluations: Experiences and Lessons
- ✓ Dr. Sthithapragyan Ray: Method in Development-induced Displacement Research: Issues and Approaches

Session III

- ✓ Dr. Vineetha Menon: Ethnography in the Study of Changing Agricultural Practices
- ✓ Dr. Mamtha Karollil: Studying Youth Across “Tradition” and “Modernity”: A Multi-site, Multi-disciplinary Endeavour’

Session IV

- ✓ Professor Tiplut Nongbri: Researching the Khasi: Encounters with the Self
- ✓ Shri Rahul Choragudi: Predicaments of a Madiga Ethnographer
- ✓ Professor Badri Narayan: Exploration into the Life and Times of Dalits

Session V

- ✓ Professor M.R. Narayana: National Transfer Accounts: A New Methodology to Analyse the Economic Effects of India’s Age Structure Transition
- ✓ Professor Siddharth Swaminathan: The Quantitative Analysis of Politics
- ✓ Professor Ram G. Bhagat: Living Conditions and Assets among Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in India: A Census Analysis

Session VI

- ✓ Ms. Hyun Jung Kim: Understanding Domestic Workers in Mumbai: A Korean’s Experience
- ✓ Dr. Jesna Jayachandran: Knowing Journalism and News Work Differently: Reflections from an Exploration to Unravel News Making

Session VII

- ✓ Professor M. Rajivlochan and Meetha Rajivlochan: Use of Archives in Social Research
- ✓ Dr. Rukmini Sen: Reading Autobiographies, Knowing Social Histories: Raising Sociological Questions through Interdisciplinary Research
- ✓ Dr. Sawmya Ray: Using Court Records for Research

Session VIII

- ✓ Dr. Shaila Desouza: Fielding One’s Own: Prospects and Dilemmas in Researching Women’s Collective Organising from Within
- ✓ Dr. Anirban Sengupta: Developing Grounded Theory Using Atlas Ti: Analysis of Qualitative Data on Entrepreneurs
- ✓ Dr. Methew George: Interpreting Doctor-Patient Interaction through Narratives

20. International Conference on “Why Peace Accords and Peace Processes Falter? Resolving Ethno-Nationalist Conflicts and the Challenge for Democracy and Equality” (26-27 March 2013)

The International Seminar on “Why Peace Accords and Peace Processes Falter? Resolving

Ethno-Nationalist Conflicts and the Challenge for Democracy and Equality” was organized in collaboration with South Asia Forum for Human Rights (SAFHR) at IAS during 26-27 March 2013. Dr. Rita Manchanda, Research Director, SAFHR, New Delhi was the Convener of the Seminar. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IAS welcomed the participants and gave the Opening Remarks. Shri Tapan Bose and Dr. Rita Manchanda gave an Introduction to the Seminar.

Participants:

- Professor Amena Mohsin, Department International Relations, Dhaka University, Bangladesh
- Dr. Ahilan Kadirgamar, City University of New York, USA
- Shri Tapan Bose, Secretary General, SAFHR, New Delhi
- Dr. Rita Manchanda, Research Director, SAFHR, New Delhi
- Professor Krishna Hachhethu, Tribhuvan University CNAS, Kathmandu
- Dr. Sajjad Hassan; Centre for Equity Studies, New Delhi
- Professor Ponmoni Sahadevan, Chairperson, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Ms. Nirupama Subramanian, The Hindu Chennai
- Dr. Shamala Kumar, Department of Economics, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
- Professor David Gellner, Oxford
- Dr. Malem Ningthouja, Delhi
- Dr. Pradip Phanjoubam, Fellow, IAS
- Shri Sumanta Banerjee, Fellow, IAS
- Dr. Manisha Gangahar, Fellow, IAS

C. WEEKLY SEMINARS BY FELLOWS

The Fellows of the Institute presented weekly seminars which are open to other scholars at the Institute, Associates of the Inter-University Centre and faculty of Himachal Pradesh University. These seminars are related to the themes of the projects undertaken by the Fellows of the Institute and provide an opportunity for formal interaction among the scholars. In 2012-2013, the following weekly seminars were given by the Fellows:

- ✓ Professor Ghanshyam Shah: Governance of Democratic State: A Study of Gujarat (19 April 2012)
- ✓ Dr. Soumyabrata Choudhury: Events of Default on the Debt of Sovereignty (26 April 2012)
- ✓ Dr. Manisha Gangahar: Decoding Violence in Kashmir (3 May 2012)
- ✓ Dr. Jaya Tyagi: Channelizing Feminine ‘Energies’: Conflict and Resolutions in Representations of Goddesses (10 May 2012)

- ✓ Dr. Amit Ranjan Basu: Knowledge of Asylum Psychiatry in 19th Century Bengal (17 May 2012)
- ✓ Professor K Gopal Iyer: Centrality of Tribal Land and Forest Question in the Globalisation Era (24 May 2012)
- ✓ Dr. Sayantoni Datta: Narratives on Environmental Conflict and Losses in the Upper and Middle Damodar Valley: A Spatio-Temporal Analysis (31 May 2012)
- ✓ Dr. Jasvir Singh: India's Constitutional Democracy and the Victims of Socio-Economic Injustice (With Special Reference to the Agricultural Wage Workers in India) (31 May 2012)
- ✓ Dr. Anupama Vohra: Reflections of Post 1990 Turmoil in the Writings of Kashmiri Muslim/ Pandit Writers: A Comparative Study (31 May 2012)
- ✓ Shri Aditi Nath Sarkar: Translating the Annadamangala (7 June 2012)
- ✓ Dr. Veena Sharma: Ethical Values in African Traditional Religion and their Transmission (14 June 2012)
- ✓ Professor Kavita Panjabi: "Ektu Phyan De Ma" – "Mother Give Me Some Rice Water": The "Man-Made" Famine and Women's Responses to Hunger (21 June 2012)
- ✓ Professor G.C. Tripathi: Ascetic Tradition of India and its Western Ramification (28 June 2012)
- ✓ Dr. Aleksandra Wenta: Dancing in the Sky of Consciousness the Construction of the Ritual Body in Medical Cidambaram (5 July 2012)
- ✓ Dr. Ambalicka Sood Jacob: The Maternal Metaphor in Art: The Women: Womb and Wisdom (5 July 2012)
- ✓ Dr. Yashodhara Mishra: Women at Play: Vrata Rituals and Gender in Orissa (12 July 2012)
- ✓ Professor Priyambada Sarkar: A Religious Point of View: Wittgenstein and Rabindranath (19 July 2012)
- ✓ Shri Pradip Phanjoubam: The North-East Question: Limits of Objectivity (26 July 2012)
- ✓ Shri Om Prakash Valmiki: Comparative Study of Hindi and Maraathi Dalit Poetry and their Influence on Dalit Movement (26 July 2012)
- ✓ Dr. Piyush Mathur: Environmental Citizenship: Lessons from India's Tribal Conundrum (9 August 2012)
- ✓ Dr. Abamfo O. Atiemo: 'Returning to Our Spiritual Roots' African Hindus in Ghana Negotiating Religious Space, Identity and Legitimacy (16 August 2012)
- ✓ Dr. Sunita Raina: Making a Bioempire: The Indian Encounter with Bt Technology (23 August 2012)
- ✓ Professor N. Jayaram: Social Theory and Research Methods: A Study in the Philosophy of Social Sciences (23 August 2012)
- ✓ Professor Vrinda Dalmiya: Who is a Good Knower? The "Intellectual Virtue" of Humility in a Comparative Context (30 August 2012)

- ✓ Dr. K.G. Paulose: Text and Performance-Study with Special Reference to Kutiyattam (13 September 2012)
- ✓ Dr. Vibha Arora: Envisioning Save the River Teesta Movement and its Indigenous Eco-Warriors (13 September 2012)
- ✓ Dr. Malavika Kasturi: Crafting Hindu Publics: The Sanatana Dharma Sabha Movement, Sacred Space, Ritual and Reform in Twentieth Century India
- ✓ Dr. Manish Thakur: Towards Disciplinary Histories: Reading Radhakamal Mukherjee (27 September 2012)
- ✓ Dr. U.A. Vinay Kumar: Synthesis of World Religions: Arriving at the Common Metaphysical Structure (18 October 2012)
- ✓ Shri Rajvinder Singh: Bards from the Soil of parted Souls: Three writers from Dhari-Aab, the land of Two-and –a half-Rivers (1 November 2012)
- ✓ Dr. TRS Sharma: Dialogics of Cultures in Ancient Indian Literatures (8 November 2012)
- ✓ Professor Sharad Deshpande: Conversing with Tagore: Towards a Reconciled Universal and Human Flourishing (15 November 2012)
- ✓ Professor D.N. Dhanagare: Understanding the Farmers' Movement in Maharashtra, 1979-2010 – Analytical Framework (22 November 2012)
- ✓ Professor Shirshendu Chakrabarti: Towards and Ethics and Aesthetics of the Future: Rabindranath Tagore (1930-1941) (29 November 2012)
- ✓ Ms. Sayantoni Datta: Reading the Past/Negotiating the Present (6 December 2012)
- ✓ Professor Uma Das Gupta: Santiniketan Ashram to Santiniketan Visva-Bharati 1861-1941~notes from a poet's archive~(13 December 2012)
- ✓ Dr. Ambalicka Sood Jacob: The Maternal Metaphor in Art: The Woman, the Womb and Wisdom (14 March 2013)
- ✓ Dr. Aleksandra Wenta: Playful Agent: The Metaphysics of Play and Ontology of the Dancer in the Kashmiri Saiva Reformulation of Nataraja (21 March 2013)
- ✓ Dr. Manisha Gangahar: Locating a Kashmiri Space (28 March 2013)

D. MONOGRAPHS RECEIVED FROM FELLOWS:

- Dr. Vijaya Singh: Level Crossing: Trains in Hindi Cinema (4 April 2012)
- Professor Ghanshyam Shah: Democracy, Globalization and Governance (20 April 2012)
- Professor Soumyabrata Choudhury: Theatre, Number, Event: Three Studies on the Relationship between Sovereignty, Power and Truth (26 April 2012)
- Dr. Jaya Tyagi: Contestation and Compliance: Retrieving Women's Agency in Pauranic Tradition. A Socio-Historical Study of Rites and Ritual Observances in the Matsyamahapurana (1 May 2012)
- Professor Gangmumei Kamei: A History of Modern Manipur 1826—2000" (25 May 2012)

- Dr. Anita E. Cherian: Policy, Institutions and the Fashioning of a National Theatre in Post-Independence India (31 May 2012)
- Professor G.C. Tripathi: Studies in the Phenomenon of Monasticism in Buddhism and Christianity (Draft) (28 June 2012)
- Professor Kavita Panjabi: Oral Narratives of Women in the Tebhaga Movement (16 July 2012)
- Dr. Dhananjay Singh: Pravasi Shram Itihas Maukhik Sarot: Bhojpuri Loksahitya (27 July 2012)
- Dr. U.A. Vinay Kumar: Synthesis of World Religions: Arriving at the Common Metaphysical Structure (29 October 2012)
- Dr. Gangeya Mukherji: Philosophy of Integration and Reconciliation: A Study of the Political Thought, its Context, and the Form of its Presentation in Gandhi and Tagore” (13 December 2012)
- Dr. Veena Sharma: Concept of God and the Human Person and the Modes of Transmission of Knowledge in Advaita Vedantic and Akan Traditions (14 December 2012)
- Dr. TRS Shamra: Dialogics of Cultures in Ancient Indian Literatures (8 March 2013)
- Dr. Ambalicka Sood Jacob: The Maternal Metaphor in Art: The Woman, the Womb and Wisdom (8 March 2013)

E. VISITING PROFESSORS

Eminent scholars are invited by the Governing Body of the Institute as Visiting Professors to deliver lectures on the subjects of their specialised interest. They stay at the Institute for three to four weeks and interact informally with the Fellows and IUC Associates of the Institute. The faculty of Himachal Pradesh University and other scholars from the town are invited to attend all these lectures and seminars. The following scholars came to the Institute under this category:

1. Professor William Sax, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg, delivered three lectures on “In the Valley of the Kauravas: Divine kingship and Distributed Agency and Modernity in the Western Himalaya”.

The topics of lectures are as follows:

- From Subject to Citizen: An Alternative Modernity in Rawain (27 April 2012)
 - Divine Kingship and Distributed Agency in South Asia and the Western Himalaya (Divine Kingship-I) (30 April 2012)
 - Kautilya meets Latour: On the Inseparability of Nature and Culture (Divine Kingship- II) (2 May 2012)
2. Professor Hoshang Merchant, Hyderabad Central University, Hyderabad gave following lectures:

- The Art of Bhupen Khakhar (21 May 2012)
 - What is Anais Nin-Doing? (4 June 2012)
 - Why the Revolution Failed (11 June 2012)
3. Professor Bijoy Boruah, Professor of Philosophy, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute Of Technology, New Delhi gave following lectures:
- First-Personal Self-Reference (12 June 2012)
 - Self -Awareness as Self-Acknowledgement (18 June 2012)
 - On Being No One: The Idea of a Perspectiveless Self (27 June 2012)
4. Professor Nirmalangshu Mukherji, Department of Philosophy, Delhi University, New Delhi delivered three lectures on “What Is In Mind: Three Lectures on Narrowing the Mind”.

The topics of lectures are as follows:

- Ascription and Description (19 June 2012)
 - Species Specificity (25 June 2012)
 - Merge and Mind (29 June 2012)
5. Professor Sasheej Hegde, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, delivered three lectures on “Recontextualizing Disciplines: Three Lectures on Method”
- Mapping Disciplines: Some Formal and Analytic Protocols (6 July 2012)
 - Reorienting Disciplinary Agendas: Further Considerations on Reflexivity (10 July 2012)
 - Disciplinary History and Comparability: A Brief Working Through (16 July 2012)
6. Professor Jasbir Jain, Jaipur gave following lectures:
- Why Forgiveness? Meaning, Relevance and Problematics of the Discourse (7 September 2012)
 - Negotiations Between Past and present: Equality, Forgiveness and the World Order (19 September 2012)
 - Is there a Future in the Past ?(25 September 2012)
7. Professor Tiplut Nongbri, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi gave following lectures:
- Development in North-East India: Issues and Challenges (10 September 2012)
 - Deconstructing Masculinity Matriliney, Fatherhood and Social Change (18 September 2012)
 - Christianity, Colonialism and Tribes: An Alternative View of Conversion (24 September 2012)
8. Professor Imtiaz Ahmad, New Delhi gave following lectures:

- Pakistan and the Indian Muslims (9 October 2012)
 - Economic and Social Change (12 October 2012)
 - Muslim Educational Backwardness: Competing Pressures of Religious and Secular Learning (17 October 2012)
9. Professor Raffaele Torella, Professor of Sanskrit, University of Rome “Sapienza”, Italy gave the following lectures:
- Passions and Emotions in Indian Philosophy and Religion: Preliminary Remarks (15 October 2012)
 - Niskama-Karma (‘Action Without Desire’) of the Bhagavadgita versus Niskarma-Kama (Desire without Object’) of Non-Dual Saivism (19 October 2012)
 - Liberation-From-Passion Versus Liberation-Through-Passions (23 October 2012)
10. Professor Vidyanand Nanjundiah, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, gave following lectures:
- Genes and Information (5 November 2012)
 - Evolution Today (7 November 2012)
 - The Biological Roots of Culture (9 November 2012)

F. VISITING SCHOLARS

The Visiting Scholars come to the IAS for a week on invitation by the Institute. They give seminars on the themes of their choice. Besides the Fellows, IUC Associates and other scholars in residence also attend their lecture. The faculty of Himachal Pradesh University and other scholars from the town are invited to attend all these lectures and seminars. During the period of report the following scholar visited the Institute under this category:

1. Dr. Vinod Raina, Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti and Member, CABE delivered lecture on Critical Pedagogy and Constructivism (15 June 2012)
2. Professor Lynn Mario T. Menezes De Souza, Professor of Language Education, Departamento de Letras Modernas, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil delivered lecture on Language as Continuum: Mother Tongue and Literacy Issues in Language Policy (26 June 2012)
3. Professor Richard Allen, Chair of Cinema Studies, New York University, New York delivered lecture on The Sound of the Birds (23 July 2012)
4. Professor Isabelle Frank, Dean, Fordham School of Professional and Continuing Studies, Lincoln Centre, New York delivered lecture on The Challenges of Continuing Education in the US Today (24 July 2012)

5. Professor Purushottama Bilimoria, University of California, Berkely delivered lecture on Disenchantments of Secularism: The West and India (11 September 2012)
6. Professor Manjit Singh, Department of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh delivered lecture on Development of Disaster: A Case of Punjab (12 September 2012)
7. Professor Kunal Chakrabarti, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi delivered lecture on History in the Proper Sense of the Term': Rabindranath Tagore's Reflections on India's Past (21 September 2012)
8. Professor Surendra Munshi, Kolkata delivered lecture on The Satanic Verses: An Alternative Reading (26 September 2012)
9. Shri Avinash Jha, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi delivered lecture on The Lokavidya Standpoint on Knowledge: Towards a Philosophical /Political Reading of the Information Age (28 September 2012)
10. Professor Rosie Thomas, Director, Centre for Research and Education in Arts and Media, School of Media, Arts and Design, University of Westminster delivered lecture on On Booted Females Flogging Gangsters: Visceral Cosmopolitanism in 1930s Bombay Action Films (22 October 2012)
11. Professor Sumantra Chattarji, Professor of Neurobiology, National Centre for Biological Sciences, Tata Institute for Fundamental Research and Director, Centre for Brain Development and Repair, Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine, Bangalore delivered lecture on: The Autistic Brain: Hopes and Challenges (25 March 2013)

G. GUEST FELLOWS

Guest Fellows are invited to the Institute for a maximum period of three months. They are, however, not paid any Fellowship amount. The Institute reimburses their travel expenses and provides them local hospitality during their period of stay. They participate in all academic programmes of the Institute and use the library. Their obligation is to make one presentation on a topic of their choice before the academic fraternity of the Institute. During the period of report the following scholars visited the Institute under this category:

- Professor Sibesh Bhattacharya, former Professor and Head, Department of Ancient History and Culture, Allahabad University and former National Fellow, IAS delivered a World, West, Woman – Young Tagore Looks On (4 October 2012)
- Dr. Nirmal Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of History, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, Delhi delivered a lecture on Revisiting a Film: and what do we see!! (11 October 2012)

- Dr. Shubhankar Dam, Assistant Professor of Law, School of Law, Singapore Management University, Singapore delivered lecture on A Mighty Pen: India's Parliamentary System on Trial (25 October 2012)
- Dr. Ananda Shankar Jayant, Director, Shankarananda Kalakshetra, Hyderabad delivered a lecture-cum-performance on "Kavyanjali – An Ode to Gurudev: A Monograph on the Creative Process of a Performing Arts Project" (14 December 2012)

H. SEMINARS ORGANISED UNDER IUC SCHEME

1. Summer School on "Exploring Agency in the Mahabharata: Ethical, Political and Dharmic" (17-30 September 2012)

Rationale: The Mahabharata, according to the Mahabharata itself, has been enunciated often, is continually re-performed and will be uttered in the future. Yet the issues it raises remain fresh in each age. Is this because "no one listens" to this perennially revered text in the midst of each era's pursuit of pleasure and power? Or is it because each era 'hears' different messages? Or further still, is it because of the text's tendency to suggest the opposite of any answers that it provides? It thus becomes important to look into epic's own problematisation of the notion of dharma, and consequently of the ideal person, through a cluster of problems surrounding the concept of agency.

The capacity to act, to do, rather than to simply have things happen underlies the epic's optimism that we can make choices to change for the better. However, the text also foregrounds daiva - the belief that human life is governed by various external agencies in the form of blind Nature, Time, or the accumulated effects of past actions (adrsta), all of which undermine the very meaningfulness of human endeavor and initiative. The debate between freedom and determinism remains as important today as it was before.

Framed by this broad conceptual conundrum, a Summer School on "Exploring Agency in the Mahabharata: Ethical, Political and Dharmic" was organized at IAS from 17-30 September 2012. Professor Sibesh Bhattacharya, Kolkata, Professor Vrinda Dalmiya, Fellow, IAS and Dr. Gangeya Mukherji, Allahabad were the Conveners of the School. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director-IIAS delivered the welcome address. Introduction to the Summer School was delivered by Dr. Gangeya Mukherji. Professor Sibesh Bhattacharya delivered a lecture on "Mahabharata, Itihasa, Agency". Dr. Gangeya Mukherji proposed the vote of thanks.

Resource Persons:

- Professor Sibesh Bhattacharya, Kolkata
- Professor Vrinda Dalmiya, Fellow, IAS
- Dr. Gangeya Mukherji, Allahabad

- Professor Amita Chatterjee, School of Cognitive Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
- Dr. Vinay Kumar, Fellow, IAS
- Professor Arindam Chakrabarti, Director of South Asian Studies, University of Hawaii, Hawaii, USA
- Professor Imtiaz Ahmad, New Delhi
- Professor Harish Trivedi, Department of English, University of Delhi, Delhi
- Professor Uma Chakravarti, New Delhi; Professor DN. Dhanagre, National Fellow, IAS
- Professor Sharad Deshpande, Tagore Fellow, IAS
- Professor Jasbir Jain, Jaipur
- Professor Shirshendu Chakrabarti, Tagore Fellow
- Dr. K.G. Paulose, Fellow, IAS
- Shri Sadanand Menon, Chennai
- Professor TRS Sharma, Fellow, IAS
- Professor Sudha Gopalakrishnan, Executive Director, SAHAPEDIA, New Delhi.

Following presentations were made during the Summer School:

- ✓ Professor Amita Chatterjee: Action, Agent and Freedom: An Overview
- ✓ Dr. Vinay Kumar: To Be or Not to Be: That's the Eternal Dilemma
- ✓ Professor Amita Chatterjee: Compatibilism in the Mahabharata
- ✓ Professor Arindam Chakrabarti: Rage and Revenge in the Mahabharata: Ethical Evaluations of Duryodhana and Draupadi
- ✓ Professor Arindam Chakrabarti: If the Lion could Speak, Would we Understand? Conversation with Birds and Beasts in the Mahabharata
- ✓ Professor Imtiaz Ahmad: Divine Ordinance, Human Will and Social Action in the Mahabharata
- ✓ Professor Harish Trivedi: Arjuna's Agency or Krishna's Agency? Man and God in the Bhagavadgita
- ✓ Professor Uma Chakravarti: The Queen and /as the Dasi: Draupadi in the Sabha Parva
- ✓ Professor Uma Chakravarti: The Sexual Economies of Royal Reproduction: The Abduction of Amba and the Reification of Madhavi
- ✓ Professor Vrinda Dalmiya: The Ways of Truth and Epistemic Agency: The Case of Kausika
- ✓ Dr. Gangeya Mukherji: Violence and Political Agency
- ✓ Professor Jasvir Jain: Forgiveness in the Mahabharata
- ✓ Professor Shirshendu Chakrabarti: Irresolution and Agency: The Case of Yudhisthira
- ✓ Dr. K.G. Paulose: Safety of Silence and the Possibility of Dissent: Theatrical Responses to the Mahabharata
- ✓ Shri Sadanand Menon: The Problematics of Inter-Culturalism in Peter Book's Mahabharata

- ✓ Professor TRS Sharma: Bhyrappa's Retelling of the Mahabharata and the Ambiguities of Dharma
- ✓ Professor Sudha Gopalakrishnan: Comic Counterpoints in the Mahabharata: Functions and Perspectives on Comedy in Text and Performance
- ✓ In Conversation-Professor Arindam Chakrabarti, Professor Amita Chatterjee, and Dr. Vinay Kumar: Agency Questions in a Comparative Context
- ✓ In Conversation- Professor Harish Trivedi and Professor Arindam Chakrabarti: Why Should I Act?
- ✓ In Conversation – Professor D.N. Dhanagre and Professor Sharad Deshpande: On Eklavya
- ✓ Screening of Peter Books' Film on Mahabharata
- ✓ Wrap-Up: Professor Vrinda Dalmiya and Sharing Experience: Remarks by Two Participants

2. Winter School on “Life and Thought of Gandhi” (1-15 December 2012)

Rationale: Over the last three decades the scholastic, intellectual, political and social interests in Gandhiji's life and thought has acquired a new urgency and depth. Gandhiji's writings like *An Autobiography Or The Story of My Experiments with Truth* and *Hind Swaraj* have been subject of minute textual, philosophical and literary studies. The theory and practice of Satyagraha, constructive work and the institutions that Gandhiji established have come to be studied by historians, political theorists and commentators and chroniclers of social movements. Lives of Gandhiji's associates and interlocutors like Mahadev Desai, J C Kumarrapa, Mirabeau, C F Andrews and Lanza Del Vasto have added to our understanding of Gandhiji. As a result of these studies our understanding of Gandhiana has emerged deeper, richer and nuanced.

The IAS has been organising Winter School on Gandhi every year to acquaint the participants to this variegated intellectual tradition of thinking of and about Gandhiji. The School seeks to provide a non-fragmentary understanding of Gandhiji's life and thought. Quite often we have come to look at political Gandhi as quite distinct from the Gandhi of the constructive work or see Gandhiji's spiritual quest as distinct from his quest for Swaraj. The School attempts to unravel the underlying relationship between seemingly disparate practices, utterances and writings.

A Winter School on “Life and Thought of Gandhi” was organized at IAS from 1-15 December 2012. Professor Tridip Suhrud, Director, Sabarmati Ashram, Preservation and Memorial Trust and Chief Editor, Gandhi Heritage Portal, Gandhi Ashram, Ahmedabad was the Convener of the School. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director IAS welcomed the participants and Professor Suhrud introduced the theme of the School. Dr. Gangeya Mukherji, Allahabad and Professor Nancy D. Erbe, Member Review Committee, Peace and Conflict Resolution, NCRP, California State University, USA were the Resource Persons for the School.

Participants:

- Akhilesh Kumar Shankhdhar, Department of Hindi, Manipur University, Imphal
- Vagesh Pawaiya, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Vikhar Ahmed Sayeed, Bangalore
- Irfanullah Farooqi, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Mrinalini Ghosh, Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
- Binish Maryam, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Megha Todi, Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad
- Pia David, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Vidya Venkat, School of Oriental and Africa Studies, London
- Ravi Ranjan, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Zakir Husain College, University of Delhi, New Delhi
- Tinni Bhattacharya Goswami; Ambili Thomas, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad
- Kinnari G. Bhatt, Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad
- Harmony Siganporia, Mudra Institute of Communication, Ahmedabad
- Taslima Islam, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry
- Zarine Khan, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Patitapaban Das
- Prafful Agarwal
- Prasad Pannian, Department of Comparative Literature, Central University of Kerala, Kerala
- Patita Paban Das, Department of Philosophy, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack
- Dev Kanya Thakur, Shimla.

3. National Conference on “Social Epistemology and Ethics for Dalit Emancipatory Discourse” (22-23 March 2013)

Rationale: Engaging a discourse on “Social Epistemology, Ethics for Dalit Emancipatory Discourse” is academically and socially relevant in the context of the emerging and divergent theoretical paradigms to social research action for liberation. Given the facets of modernization with technological appropriations, the structures and contents of knowledge (episteme) are increasingly modified and constructed as a product-for-exchange and commodity-for-production, resulting in a type of mitigating human consciousness which in turn reduces human existence of the powerless people as objectified economic, political cum technological category paving way for either steadied silence or neglect of those subordinated sections people, namely the Dalits.

The promises of the politics of modernity and technological globalization ingrain afresh structures/forms of social deprivations/exploitations of the already disadvantaged people. Within Indian society over last five decades caste-based political systems combined with the

politics of modernity seems to be determining and continuously re-defining the lives of Dalits as a social category in favor of the dominant people/structures. Within these paradigms the deprived sections of society are perceived as (i) transnational economic category and (ii) as caste-based political category within Indian Society. The metamorphosis of caste-based transnational capitalism propel 'Dominant Epistemologies' as against 'Liberation Epistemologies' producing dominant structures of knowledge and social exclusions resulting in oppressive existential structures. These power-constructions with its multiple tentacles of caste-grounded traditions and uncritical techno-modernity propel lopsided forms of epistemological conditions and social practices and are enforced as inevitable and natural, cumulatively hinder the emancipation of the Dalits as vulnerable-Other.

The pretext of dominant epistemologies and the need for liberation epistemologies with reference to the vulnerable-Other, the Dalit life world possesses a vital arena that needs to be seriously reviewed and evaluated both by academic and activist community for engaging an 'epistemic break' and exploring liberation epistemologies with specific ethical orientations.

Responding to dominant epistemologies, alternate epistemological grounds are to be augmented and to be evidentially and rationally justified both at academic and public spheres; however these efforts by and large seem to remain either fragmentary or asymmetrical; hence arises an academic necessity to study, expose and evaluate their rationales in view of engaging Dalit Emancipatory Discourse.

Such a context aims at an academic consultation (i) to take stock of the status of the problematic of collective humiliations, deprivations and exclusions of the socially excluded people (ii) critically augment the plight of them with reference to affirmative Dalit lifeworld (iii) and to embark upon alternate epistemological frames for a discourse on Dalit emancipation.

To deliberate on these issues a two-day National Conference on Social Epistemology and Ethics for Dalit Emancipatory Discourse was organized by IIAS in collaboration with Department of Philosophy, Arul Anandar College (Autonomous), Karumathur, Madurai, Tamilnadu during 22-23 March 2013 in Madurai. Dr. S. Lourdanathan, Head, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, Madurai was the Convener of the conference. In the inaugural session, Fr Basil Xavier welcomed the participants; Dr Lourdanathan introduced the concept of the conference while the Presidential Address was delivered by Dr Antony Raj SJ. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr Gnana Alosius. The Valedictory Address was delivered by Dr Casmir Raj Nicholas SJ and the vote of thanks was proposed by Shri Rajesh Sharma.

Participants:

- Fr. Basil Xavier SJ, Secretary, AAC
- Dr. S. Lourdanathan, Head, Department of Philosophy
- Dr. Fr. Xavier Vadam SJ, Principal, AAC

- Dr. Antony Raj SJ, Founder Director, DACA, Madurai
- Dr. Gnana Alosius, Hyderabad; Fr. Godwin Rufus SJ, Deputy Principal, AAC (SF)
- Dr. R. Murali, Principal, Madura College
- Dr. A. J. Mathew, Angelicum University, Rome
- Dr N. Muthumohan, Professor and Head, Department of Guru Nanak Studies, Madurai Kamaraj University
- Dr. C. Laksmanan, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai
- Dr. Rosery Roy, Fatima College, Madurai
- Dr. Josuva Kalapet, Madras Christian College, Chennai
- Dr. Sebastian Vanathian SDB, Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Chennai
- Dr. Adlin, Dalit Resource Centre, TTS; Dr. Terrance Samuel, Shanti Niketan, West Bangal
- O.K. Sheeja, Calicut University
- Dr. Vincent Sekhar SJ; Loyala College, Chennai
- Dr. George Joseph, AAC-Co-ordinator
- Mr. Anbuselvam, Pondicherry
- Dr. Seshuraj, AAC-Co-ordinator
- Ms. M. Visalakshi, PSG (RS)
- Mr. T.V. Krishnan, Calicut University
- Aditya M Shelar (LLB) Hyderabad
- Mr. Jeganathan, MKU
- Fr. Irudayaraj, AAC
- Mr. Mariappan, Madura College
- Dr. Balakrishnan, Madura College
- Fr. Peter Amaladoss, AAC
- Dr. Sumitha Shalini, PSG (RS)
- Ms. R. Selvamani, PSG (RS)
- Dr. C. Ravishankar, MKU
- Dr. A. Joseph Charlie A. Doss
- Professor Jeshurajan, Department of English, AAC
- Dr. M.A. Jothi Rajan, Department of Physics, AAC
- Mr. Prem Ram, Central University, Hyderabad
- Mr. Leonard Dickens, Central University, Hyderabad
- Mr. Edward, Chennai
- Dr. Gnana Alosius, Hyderabad
- Mr. Sinthanai Selvan (DPI), Chennai
- Dr. Selvaraj Arulnathan SJ, Dr. John Peter Vallabadoss, St. Joseph's Philosophical College Ooty
- Dr. Margret Kalaiselvi, Department of Communication and Dean of Studies, TTS, Madurai

- Professor C. Premkumar Immanuel, Department of RPS, American College, Madurai
- Dr. Devasahayam, CBCI Commission, New Delhi
- Fr. Suresh Thomas, Professor of Philosophy, Wardha, Maharashtra
- Dr. Venkat Rao, E.F.L. University, Hyderabad
- Dr. Sree Kala, Sankaracharya University, Kerala
- Dr. V.S. George Joseph, Satya Nilayam, Chennai
- Dr. T. Dharmaraj, Department of Folklore Studies, Madurai
- Dr. Stalin Rajangam, Madurai
- Dr. Parthasarathi Muthukkaruppan, EFL University, Hyderabad
- Dr. Jeba Malai Raja, St. Mary's Jesuit Residence, Madurai
- Dr. B. Thirupathi Rao, Department of English and Communication, Dravidian University, Kuppam, Andhra
- Dr. Bharath Kumar, IIT Indore
- Dr. J. Jeyaharan, Dean of Studies, TTS, Madurai
- Dr. Panneer Selvam, Department of Philosophy, University of Madras
- Ms. Sivakami IAS, Chennai
- Dr. Kerstin Neumann, TTS, Madurai
- Dr. Sr. Fatima Kanikai, Fatima College, Madurai
- Dr. Babu Alexander
- Dr. A Selvaraj Arulnathan SJ, ISI, Bangalore
- Mr. Sinthanai Selvan, (DPI), Chennai
- Dr. Arul Prasad, Department of RDS, Arul Anandar College
- Dr. Casmir Raj Nicholas SJ Rector, Arul Anandar College

Following presentations were made during the seminar:

Session II

- ✓ Dr. A.J. Mathew: Foucault: Power, Caste and Dalit Discourse
- ✓ Dr. N. Muthumohan: Caste and Class: Comparative Analysis
- ✓ Dr. C. Lakshmanan: Contemporary Dalit Politics/Movements: Complexities and Challenges in Post-Independence

Session III

- ✓ Dr. Josuva Kalapet: Using Amartya Sen's Ideas for developing a Dalit Social Epistemology
- ✓ Dr. Sebastian Vanathian SDB: Ideological and Political Conflicts in Dalit Politics
- ✓ Dr. Adlin: Dalit Feminist Epistemology

Session IV

- ✓ Dr. Terrance Samuel: Frantz Fanon and the Epistemology of Colonial Discourse and Dalit Social Reality
- ✓ Dr. O.K. Sheeja: Question of Women Identity in Indian Social Sphere
- ✓ Dr. Vincent Sekhar SJ: Sramana Religious Ethos: An Emancipatory Paradigm
- ✓ Ms. M. Visalakshi: A Study on Young Generation Perception towards Dalits and their Discrimination
- ✓ Mr. T.V. Krishnan: Violation of Rights in Theory and Practice: Dalit Experiences in India
- ✓ Aditya M Shelar: Dominant Political and Social Systems and Dominant Epistemologies
- ✓ Mr. Jeganathan: The Ethics of Reservationism
- ✓ Fr. Irudayaraj: Emancipatory Ethics of Subaltern Dalits and Santhals
- ✓ Dr. Balakrishnan: Conflicts in Dalit Politics-with special reference of Ambedkar and Antonio Gramsci
- ✓ Fr. Peter Amaladoss: Bishop Bresillac's Struggles with Caste Structures
- ✓ Dr. Sumitha Shalini: A Study on Self Esteem and Future Hope among Dalit Cobblers in Coimbatore City
- ✓ Ms. R. Selvamani: A Study on Life Satisfaction among Dalit Youth
- ✓ Dr. C. Ravishankar: Dalit Liberation Instances
- ✓ Dr. A. Joseph Charlie: Politics of Journals: Dharmapuri Incident
- ✓ Dr. M.A. Jothi Rajan: Where the Church Failed?

Session-V

- ✓ Dr. John Peter Vallabadoss: Dalit Anthropology: Identity Constructions - Dalit as Foundational People
- ✓ Dr. Margret Kalaiselvi: Dalit Women and Media Representations
- ✓ Professor C. Premkumar Immanuel: Social Construction of Knowledge: An Emancipatory Framework of Qualitative Research Method on Dalit Issues

Session-VI

- ✓ Fr. Suresh Thomas: Critical Approach to the Modern Ethics and Promoting the Good Samaritan Responsibility as a New Paradigm Shift in the Dalit Emancipatory Discourse
- ✓ Dr. Venkat Rao: Conversion as Emancipation: A Dalit Perspective
- ✓ Dr. Sree Kala: Rise of Reason and Trivializing Knowledge Systems of the Under Privileged

Session VII

- ✓ Dr. T. Dharmaraj: Dalit Christian Social Reality: Ethical Questions Dalit Christian Emancipation Issues
- ✓ Dr. Stalin Rajangam: Nandanar Cult: Political Interpretations
- ✓ Dr. Parthasarathi Muthukkaruppan: Philosophical Discourse of Dalit Emancipation:

A Preliminary Note on the de juri Universality of Ambedkar

Session VIII

- ✓ Dr. Jeba Malai Raja: 'Victims of the Victimized Caste and their Struggle Emancipation

Session IX

- ✓ Dr. J. Jeyaharan: Reviewing Dalit Struggle/Success and Beyond
- ✓ Dr. Panneer Selvam: Philosophical Context of Social Epistemology for Subaltern Discourse
- ✓ Ms. Sivakami: Rational Grounds for Dalit Feminism
- ✓ Dr. Kerstin Neumann: Phenomenological Reading of Indian Dalit Society

Session X

- ✓ Dr. Babu Alexander: From Pathology to Political Action
- ✓ Dr. A. Selvaraj Arulnathan: Disappearance of Caste in Development Discourse

Session XI

- ✓ Mr. Sinthanai Selvan: Tamilnadu Dalit Politics- A Review
- ✓ Dr. Arul Prasad: Social Construction of Identity: Subaltern Communities in Southern Tamilnadu

4. Two Schools on 'Gandhi' (15-17 February and 7-9 March 2013)

Two Schools on "Gandhi" were held during the period of report. The first was in collaboration with Charaka Womens Co-op. Society, Bheemanakone and Desi Trust, Bangalore during 15-17 February 2013 at Heggodu (Karnataka). The second school was held in collaboration with Dastakar Andhra, Secunderabad in Hyderabad during 7-9 March 2013. Shri Prasanna, Tagore Fellow was the Convener of both the Schools.

Key participants at Heggodu:

- Smt. M.D. Pallavi
- Shri Kumar S.
- Smt. Mamta Sagar
- Shri Ramakrishana Bhat
- Shri V.S. Sreedhara
- Shri Savithanagabhushana
- Shri D.S. Dagabhushana
- Shri B.M. Chandan Gowda
- Shri K. Phaniraj

- Shri Guruprasad B.S.
- Shri Madeenotaj
- Shri Manu K.
- Shri K. Muddukrishna
- Shri Omkar P.
- Shri K. Krupa
- Shri Shree Kumar
- Shri Santosh Koulagi
- Shri Uma Shankar
- Shri Pramod Shiggaon
- Shri Lattha C.
- Smt. Malika
- Smt. Shanthi G.
- Shri Raju
- Dr. K.P. Suresha
- Shri Dakshayini Umesh
- Shri Shanthavva
- Shri Mallppa Haraluru
- Shri Surendra Koulagi
- Shri Aniketh
- Shri Soubhagya Yeligar
- Shri Ashwini
- Shri Panduranga G. Hegde
- Dr. Prakash Bhat
- Smt. Lakshmi Bai Radagi
- Smt. Nanda L. Ghanti
- Shri Shivappa S. Ghanti
- Shri Shekappa Aashapur
- Shri Ganeshappa Mudanur
- Shri Erappa Hebbail
- Shri Gundappa V. Kavadinatti
- Smt. Veena
- Shri Sundana Bhat
- Smt. Mymuna
- Smt. Kalpana M.
- Shri Kalavathi J.
- Shri Swarna Latha B.S.
- Shri Bhagya Bangalore

- Shri Krishna J.
- Shri Basavaraja Mutanna
- Shri Thippamma Shira
- Smt. Srimati Beerasangiah
- Smt. Siddamma Sulebhalri
- Shri B.D. Mulla
- Shri Holabasappa M. Chilami
- Shri Shiv Shankar E. Mudaleagi
- Shri Ravi Eishopura Hillhalli
- Shri A. Krishna Murthy
- Dr. Sugata Srinivasranjan
- Shri Ramesh Karapadinni
- Shri E.E. Ranna Bavikatti

Key participants in Hyderabad:

- V Odelu
- E Sankar
- R Srinivas
- G Hanumantu
- Kailasam
- Sathyam
- T Eeranna
- N Balaji
- Srinivasa
- B. Satyanarayana
- A Vankateswera
- V. Venkatapathy Rao
- N Chinna Palayya
- P. Narasimha Rao
- D.V. Satayanarayana
- Ch. Narayana Rao
- B. Krishnamurthy
- K. Guravaiah
- K. Anneji
- Y. Suryanarayana
- M. Durga Rao
- G. Veerabhadvaswamy
- K. Krishna Rao

- A. Satya Rao
- J. Prasad
- N. Nageswara Rao
- P. Surya Rao
- Ch. Srirenger
- S. Murali
- A. Rajesh
- Jhatha Rao
- B. Venkta Ramna
- C.B.V. Satyelingan
- A. Satyanaryana
- D. Suryanarayana
- D.B.S. Satyanarayana
- M.K. Narayana
- V. Laxmi Narayana
- Jatun J. Rama
- Avinash Somnathe
- Baranth Suaank
- Ranjani Sivakumar
- H.R. Prakash
- V.B. Chandrashwaran
- G. Satyanaryana
- Ashok Kumar
- Ramakrishna

I. ASSOCIATES

The Associates who visited the Institute during the period of report are as follows:

April 2012

- Dr. Partha Dutta (Dinajpur): Cross-Class Urban Politics and The Labour in Bengal (26 April 2012)
- Dr. Karan Singh: Liminal, Liminoid, Communitas: Performative Insights into Haryanavi Folk Theatre Svang (26 April 2012)
- Ms. Namita Sethi (New Delhi): Bringing a Woman to Her Trial: Delarivier Manley's The Adventures of Rivella (26 April 2012)
- Dr. Amit Kumar Singh (Bijnor): Conceptualizing Globalization (26 April 2012)

- Dr. Durga Prasad Singh (Pali): Hindi Print Media Ka Vikas: Bhasha Aur Gender Ke Nazariye (26 April 2012)
- Dr. Rikhi R. Kondal (Bilaspur): Food Grains Inflation in India: Policy Options for Rice and Wheat (27 April 2012)
- Dr. Mohin Mohammad(Cuttack): Is Plato's Republic a Precursor to Totalitarianism (27 April 2012)
- Dr. Raj Kumar (Shimla): Strategic Significance of Gandhian Philosophy for Good Corporate Governance in WTO Regime (27 April 2012)
- Dr. Gopal Sharan Pandey (Hazaribag): Goswami Tulsidas Ki Rachnaon Mein Ritikaal Ki Pravritiyan (27 April 2012)

May 2012

- Dr. Rajesh J Raval (Rajkot): Astitvavaad: Kirkegrade se Camus Tak (17 May 2012)
- Dr. Neeraj Kumar (Bodh Gaya): The Predicament of Women in Shoba De's Socialite Evenings (17 May 2012)
- Dr. Maheshwar Mishra (Khagaria): Bharatiya Darshan Mein Shabdatattva ki Awadharana (17 May 2012)
- Dr. Hari Nivas Pandey (Pasighatam): Prem Chand Ki Dalit Drishti (18 May 2012)
- Dr. Sunita Jakhar (Rajasthan): In the Name of Honour: A Feministic Perspective (18 May 2012)
- Dr. Madhumita Sen (Kolkata): Home and Beyond: The Struggle of Women in Post Partition Bengal as Portrayed by Narendra Nath Mitra (21 May 2012)
- Dr. Sukhnandan Singh (Haridwar): Spiritual Journalism and Indian TV Channels – a Review (21 May 2012)
- Dr. Rajeev Bargoti (Pune): Nature and Element of Architecture: National Defence Academy, India (21 May 2012)
- Dr. Rakesh Ranjan (Pune): Svatantra Tablavadan Mein Bajane Wale Bol: Ek Anusheelan (22 May 2012)
- Dr. Bijayananda Singh (Cuttack): Human Values in the Consciousness of Bhima Bhoi – the Saint Poet (22 May 2012)

June 2012

- Dr. Deepak Prakash Tyagi (Gorakhpur): Beesavi Sadi ke Prem Kendrit Upanyason ki Parampara mein Kashap ka Mehatyva (25 June 2012)
- Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya (Gujarat): Textuality, Techtuality, and Texchange: English Pedagogy in India (25 June 2012)
- Professor Manju Jaidka (Chandigarh): Narratives and Counter-Narratives: The Revisioning of 1001 Arabian Nights (25 June 2012)
- Dr. Swati Mandal Adhikari (Kolkata): The Temple of Basabao (26 June 2012)
- Dr. Bhaskarjit Neog (Silchar): Moral Responsibility in the Context of Environmental Issues (26 June 2012)
- Dr. Manavati Singh (Gorakhpur): Abhigyan-Shakuntlam' Mein Saundarya-Chitran (26 June 2012)
- Shri Santosh Kumar Rath (Balangir, Orissa): Love as the Centre of Instruction (27 June 2012)
- Dr. Om Prakash Gusai (New Delhi): Green Marketing in India: Emerging Opportunities and Challenges (27 June 2012)
- Dr. Nirmal Kumar Swain (Banasthali, Rajasthan): Plagiarism and Academic Writings (27 June 2012)
- Dr. Sudha Sahgal (Agra): Tasawwuf: A Philosophy Expounding
- Attributes of North Indian Music in its Various Styles (27 June 2012)
- Dr. Upasana Pandey (Varanasi): Some Reflections on Postmodern Methodologies (28 June 2012)
- Dr. Jyoti Pandey Sharma (Sonapat): Mughal Delhi and the British in the pre-Raj era: A Delhi Nabob's Architectural Endeavours (28 June 2012)
- Dr. Sunil Kumar Singh (Hajipur): Sadgun Vichaar evam Adhyatmik Moolya (28 June 2012)
- Professor Manju Jaidka (Chandigarh): Book reading of Scandal Point (28 June 2012)

July 2012

- Dr. D.K. Singla (Patiala): Restitution of Conjugal Rights under The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 (23 July 2012)

- Dr. Sangeeta Handa (Patiala): Global Politics of Travel Writing (23 July 2012)
- Dr. V.K. Tripathi (Katra): Towards a Buddhist Moral Psychology: Beyond Cognitivism and Non-Cognitivism (23 July 2012)
- Dr. Goutam Ghosal (Santiniketan): Stephen Crane's Memory of Blake and Emerson in his Poetry and the Red Badge of Courage (24 July 2012)
- Dr. Punam Sood (New Delhi): Sadi ke Sandhee Yug ki Kavita Mein Parivar (24 July 2012)
- Dr. Sarani Ghosal (Mondal) (Durgapur): Aurobindonian Echoes in Paulo Coelho's Eleven Minutes and by The River Piedra I Sat Down and Wept (24 July 2012)
- Dr. Dipak K. Midya (Midnapore): Life in the Red Corridor: Contextualising Ethnic Identity (25 July 2012)
- Dr. M.G. Hegde (Belagavi, Karnataka): Trans creations of Mahabharata in Kannada (25 July 2012)
- Dr. Arun Mehra (Amritsar): Party, Factions and Coalitional in an Indian State (25 July 2012)
- Dr. Sharvesh Pandey (MAU, U.P.): Hindi Shabda Parampara (26 July 2012)
- Dr. Jayashree Samantaray (Hamirpur, H.P.): Role of IT on Empowerment of Rural Women (26 July 2012)
- Dr. Sindu Antherjanam D. (Kerala): A Comparative Study of Malayalam Literature and Paintings in Kerala (26 July 2012)
- Dr. Ravinder Singh (New Delhi): Impact of Media and Issues of Culture Identity (The Case of Punjabi Language and Culture) (27 July 2012)
- Dr. Ved Prakash (Darbhanga): Bharatiya Sangeet Mein Bansuri Ebam Wartaman Vaadan Ke Vividh Ayam (27 July 2012)
- Dr. Arun Mehra (Amritsar): Lala Lajpat Rai (27 July 2012)

August 2012

- Dr. Shalima Tabassum (Almora): Prahsan: Ek Safar (22 August 2012)
- Dr. Anand Kumar Khare (Jalaun, U.P.): Samajik Avam Vaidhanik Drishti se Vartmaan Mein Mahilaon ki Dasha avam Disha (22 August 2012)
- Dr. Mamta Anand (Bahraich, U.P.): Bhartiya Samajik Vyavstha par Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar ka Vishleshnaatmak Vivechan, Varnvyavastha ke Vishesh Sandharbh Mein (22 August 2012)

- Dr. Surachna Trivedi (Kheri, U.P.): Sanskrit Lokgeet– Prasangikta ka Sandharbh (23 August 2012)
- Dr. Rajesh Kumar Srivastava (Basti, U.P.): Bollywood Cinema, the Censor Board of India and Children (23 August 2012)
- Professor Jahnabi Gogoi Nath (Assam) : Women Education and the Elites in Assam – 19th Century Context (24 August 2012)
- Dr. R. Nalini (Pondicherry): Disability and Women: Issues of Marriage and Sexuality (24 August 2012)

September 2012

- Dr. Hamda Zarin (Lucknow): Effective Communication Skills in Counselling (18 September 2012)
- Dr. Kaustav Chakraborty (Darjeeling): Dirty Issues: Reconsidering the 'Impure' in two Bengali Texts (18 September 2012)
- Dr. Bijay Kr Barnwal (Khadakwasla, Pune): China-Myanmar Relations: The Road Ahead (18 September 2012)
- Dr. Pushpesh Pandey (Almora): Van Raji: A Tribe in Transition (18 September 2012)
- Dr. Amal Kumar Harh (Coochbehar): Towards a Buddhist Social Philosophy: New Situations and Response (19 September 2012)
- Dr. Harinder Kaur (Patiala): Woes and Worries of the Tribal Women in Punjab (19 September 2012)
- Dr. Leena Chauhan (Hathras, U.P.): Tarkon Se Pare Kuch Ansuljhe Rahasye (19 September 2012)
- Dr. Nazish Bano (Deoria, U.P.): Psycho-Social Enviornmental Influence: A Function of Perceptual Differences (19 September 2012)
- Dr. Suryakant Nath (Pune): Is Small Beautiful? States Reorganisation: Prospects and Challenges (20 September 2012)
- Dr. D. Balaganapathi (Kuppam, A.P.): History of Indian Philosophy: Analysis of Contemporary Understanding of Classical Through Colonial (20 September 2012)
- Dr. Chandrabhan Singh Yadav (Moradabad, U.P.): Hindi Cinema Mein Stri Sasktikaran (20 September 2012)
- Dr. Uttara Yadav (Lucknow): Bhagwan Buddh Ka Arya Aastagik Marg Evam Vipassana (20 September 2012)

- Dr. Nitin Vadgama (Rajkot): Hindi Aur Gujarati Gazal: Tulnatamak Drishtibindoo (21 September 2012)
- Dr. Madan L. Mankotia (Shimla): Inventorization of Medicinal Plants in different Agro-Ecological Zone of Himachal Pradesh (21 September 2012)
- Dr. Manish Kumar C. Mishra (Kalyan, Thane): Bharat mein Kisore Ladki ki Taskari (21 September 2012)
- Dr. Chaman Lal Sharma (Ratlam, M.P.): Garhwali Lokoktiyon Evam Muhavaron ka Samajik Sanskritik Anushilan (21 September 2012)
- Dr. Devender Kumar (Varanasi, U.P.): Classification and Functions: Contextualizing Harijani Peasant Women's Folksongs within Folkloristics (24 September 2012)
- Dr. Rakesh Kumar (Dumka, Jharkhand): Challenges to Sustainable Development with Special Reference to India (24 September 2012)
- Dr. Ravendra Kumar Sahu (Satna, M.P.): Vaisvikaran ke Paripaikshay mein Loksanskriti ka Punarpath (24 September 2012)
- Shri Pankaj Roy (Silchar, Assam): "Translating Violence": A Study Performance in Indian drama and of Selected Plays of Vijay Tendulkar (24 September 2012)
- Dr. Ramanath Pandey (Vadodara): Cognitive Science and Indian Philosophy: Concept of Brain and Mind (25 September 2012)
- Dr. Gitika De (Delhi): Themes in the Political Sociology of Early Post-colonial India: An Appraisal of the Works of F.G. Bailey (25 September 2012)
- Dr. Prabhat Mittal (Delhi): Gold Price Movements: Common Wisdom and Myths (25 September 2012)

October 2012

- Dr. Vijay Seshadri (Karnataka): Unveiling The Past: A Reading of Sudhir Kakar's The Crimson Throne & Jaipal Singh's Samru (19 October 2012)
- Dr. Baisali Hui (Nadia, W.B.): Weaving Myth into History: Partition Fiction and the Subversion of Epic Tradition (19 October 2012)
- Dr. Pratip Kumar Mishra (Khurda, Odisha): Odisha: Distress Migration –Impact on Tribal Economy Society (19 October 2012)
- Dr. Amarendra Kumar (Santiniketan, W.B.): The "Siddi" Factor and the Orientation of Maratha Naval Policy, 1680-1730 (22 October 2012)

- Shri Ravi R. Shukla (Bandra, Mumbai): Identity Politics of Dalits in Post-Congress Era in Uttar Pradesh: Contextualising the Role of BSP (22 October 2012)
- Dr. Sanjeeb Kumar Jena (Korapur, Odisha): Agro-man to Agro-Entrepreneurs Model of Sustainable Livelihood KBK Districts of Odisha (22 October 2012)
- Dr. Rupa Singh (Alwar, Rajasthan): Stree Bhasa Ki Talash (23 October 2012)
- Dr. Payal Upadhaya (Kota, Rajasthan): Professional Women's Work Life (23 October 2012)
- Dr. Anil Kumar Singh (Harda, M.P.): Bhagoria Ka Badlata Mandand Evam Swarup: Ek Chintan (23 October 2012)
- Shri Vikram Bharadwaj: Folklore is the Undocumented Record of the History (folk-memory) of the People or Lack of it. (A Case Study of Karsog Valley, Distt. Mandi, H.P.) (23 October 2012)
- Dr. Simran Chadha (New Delhi): Representations of JVP Violence in Romesh Gunesequera's Short Story "A House in the Country" (26 October 2012)
- Dr. Anindya Syam Choudhury (Silchar, Assam): The Shifting Paradigms in English Language Teaching: A Case for Non- Anglo Englishes (26 October 2012)
- Dr. Narendra Ranjan Malas (Bankura, W.B.): Teaching English in the Non-Native Context: Challenges and Issues (26 October 2012)

November 2012

- Dr. Anuradha Sharma (Gujarat): Infanticide and Panchtantra (21 November 2012)
- Dr. Mala Renganathan (Shillong): Narrating Violence and Memory: Contemporary Indian Women's Plays (21 November 2012)
- Dr. B Madan Mohan (Yamuna Nagar): Rupin-Supin Ghati Ka Samajik – Sanskritik Jan Jivan (22 November 2012)
- Dr. Basavaraj Tallur (Hubli): The Kannada Absurd Theatre with reference to Chandrashekhara Patil's English Plays (22 November 2012)
- Dr. Arti Pandit Dhawan (Shimla): Organizational Culture: Building Neo Police Mindset through OCTAPACE Culture (23 November 2012)
- Ms. Shaizy Ahmed (Shimla): Ageing in India: Issues and Prospects (23 November 2012)

March 2013

- Dr. Anita Sharma (Shimla): The Poetry of Dorothy Livesay: Reflection of the Androgynous Self (18 March 2013)
- Dr. Anju B. Jagpal (Haryana): 'Draupadi' Speaks Through Pratibha Ray and Chitra Banerjee 'Divakaruni' (18 March 2013)
- Dr. Gauri Shankar Jha (Arunachal Pradesh): Plays of Girish Karnad: Appropriations and Interrogations (18 March 2013)
- Dr. Rajni Walia (Shimla): Re-writing Gender/Caste: A Comparative Analysis of Selected Dalit Texts (19 March 2013)
- Dr. Piyush Kamal Sinha (Bihar): Kabirpantha Among the Oraons: Ideology and Activities (19 March 2013)
- Dr. Gitanjali Mahendra (Shimla): Kamla Das as the Author, Narrator and Protagonist in My Story (19 March 2013)
- Dr. Anjali Dewan (Shimla): Why do We Write-Impressions and Perceptions! (20 March 2013)
- Dr. Anupama Tandon (Shimla): Emerging Carbon Credits Markets: A Perspective (20 March 2013)
- Dr. Laxmi Sindhu (Solan): Sex-Ratio Patterns in Himachal Pradesh: A Sociological Analysis (20 March 2013)
- Dr. Shail Kumari (Muzaffarpur): Bhartiya Sutradhara Mein Yatharthvadi (Vastuvadi) Tattva Ka Veshistya (21 March 2013)
- Dr. Pankaj Basotia (Shimla): Mrityu Evam Uska Atikraman: Mahabharat ke Vishesh Sandarbh Mein (21 March 2013)
- Dr. Siya Ram Sharma (Bihar): Ram, Swarojgar, Setusamudram (22 March 2013)
- Dr. Arun Kumar (Rae Bareilly): Evaluation of Present Scenario of Merger and Acquisition (22 March 2013)

J. OTHER PROGRAMMES

- ✓ Professor Peter Ronald deSouza: Discussion on 'M.F. Hussain and the Failure of our Constitutional Republic' (12 April 2012)
- ✓ Poetry Reading Session by Dr. Keki Daruwala, Guest Fellow and Professor Tiplut Nongbri, Visiting Professor (12 September 2012)

IV. PUBLICATION

The Institute publishes monographs of Fellows, seminar proceedings and lectures of Visiting Professors and Visiting Scholars, besides two journals Summerhill – IIAS Review and Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences. The Institute has published more than 500 titles till now. Besides, its publication, the Institute has co-publication arrangements with leading commercial publishers like Oxford University Press, Routledge, OrientBlackswan, SAGE, Springer and Aryan International. The publications of the Institute have carved out a special place in the academic world. During the period of report the following publications were brought out:

1. Reading Gandhi in Two Tongues and other Essays by Tridip Suhrud
2. Civilizations, Nostalgia and Utopia by Daya Krishna (Co-publication with SAGE)
3. The Hindu Temples in South East Asia: Their Role in Social, Economic and Political Formations by Sachchidanand Sahai (Co-publication with Aryan International)
4. Periphery Strikes Back: Challenges to the Nation State in Assam and Nagaland by Professor Udayon Mishra (2nd edition)
5. Burma and India: Some Aspects of Intellectual Life under Colonialism by Professor Aung San Suu Kyi (2nd edition)
6. Theatre Number Event: Three Studies on the Relationship between Sovereignty, Power Truth by Soumyabrata Choudhury
7. The Bodos: Emergence and Assertion of an Ethnic Minority by Sujit Choudhury (2nd edition)
8. Banaras Weavers at the Crossroads: Impact of the Current Crisis of the Families of the Weavers by Vasanthi Raman.
9. Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences Vol. XIV, No.2, 2007
10. Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences Vol. XVII, No. 1& 2, 2010
11. Summerhill IIAS Review Vol. XVII No. 2, Winter 2011
12. Summerhill IIAS Review Vol. XVIII, No. 1, Summer 2012

V. SALES AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION

The Rashtrapati Niwas is a centre of attraction for the tourists visiting Shimla. With the addition of infrastructural facilities the tourists flow to the Institute is increasing every year. As compared to the last financial year the number of tourists has increased by 39 per cent. During the period

from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 Institute received 1, 63,024 tourists (1, 54,061 domestic and 8963 foreigners) as against 1, 39,287 tourists during 2011- 12.

The income from the sale of entry tickets for tourists in the year of report has been Rs. 43,75,370.00 while tickets for entry of vehicles and use of camera has been to the tune of Rs. 10,21,880.00. Thus the total income from the sale of entry tickets during the year was Rs. 53,97,250.00.

Souvenir Shop: It was in the later part of the year 2009 that the Institute renovated the old fire station and two garages into a souvenir-cum-book-cum-coffee shop. The Souvenir shop is running well and the facilities created by the Institute are very much appreciated by the visitors to the Institute. Souvenir items place in the shop are also a source of attraction for the visitors. During the period the following souvenir items were sold: Booklet on the Viceregal Lodge (1,681), Caps (553), Picture Post Cards (10,856), Coffee mugs (889), New Sweat Shirts (365), T- shirts (170), Greeting Cards (212) Scarfs (14), Calenders (155) and IIAS Framed photos (7). The net income from the sale of souvenirs was Rs. 4, 42,936.00.

IIAS Book Shop: The IIAS books shop stoks books of leading publishers of the country such as Oxford, Orient Blackswan, Sage, Manohar, Routledge, Indus Publishing Com[any, Aryan Books International, Rajkamal Prakashan, Sahitya Akademi and Gandhi Smarak Sangahalya etc., besides having Institute's own publications. The Institute sold 1,532 books of these publishers during the period and the net income from the sale of books was Rs. 1, 25,099.00. Similarly the books shop has sold 713 books published by the Institute and has earned a sum of Rs. 1, 16,532.00. In addition to this, the Institute has sold 1046 books published by the Institute to out-station clients during the period and has earned Rs. 1,95,050.00. Thus the total sale of IIAS publications during this period was Rs. 3, 11,582.00

The Court Gallery is also an added attraction for the tourists. About 40 rare photographs of the Viceregal Lodge which were received by the Institute from Middlesex University and the Bowood Estate are displayed here.

COFFEE SHOP

The Institute has started a Coffee Shop in its renovated Fire Station Café which was earlier known as Fire Station. Tea, Coffee, Snakes, Cold Drinks, Toasts, Sandwiches, Biscuits, Idli Sambhar and other eatables are being served in the Café.

The Café is under the administrative control and supervision of the Fellow's Mess/ Canteen. Three persons have been engaged in the Café on contract basis.

Income and Expenditure Statement during the period under Report (April 2012 to March 2013) of the Café is as follows :

Name of Month	Amount	Expenditure	Net Income
April,2012	Rs. 97008.00	Rs. 49,796.00	Rs. 47,212.00
May,2012	Rs. 1,86,394.00	Rs. 1,13,733.00	Rs. 72,661.00
June,2012	Rs. 3,18,445.00	Rs. 1,78,238.00	Rs. 1,40,207.00
July,2012	Rs. 1,19,908.00	Rs. 43,783.00	Rs. 76,125.00
August,2012	Rs. 65,228.00	Rs. 22,619.00	Rs. 42,609.00
September,2012	Rs. 47,417.00	Rs. 28,469.00	Rs. 18, 948.00
October,2012	Rs. 86,373.00	Rs. 53,429.00	Rs. 32,944.00
November,2012	Rs. 55,455.00	Rs. 29,631.00	Rs. 25,824.00
December,2012	Rs. 95,833.00	Rs. 52,680.00	Rs. 43,153.00
January,2013	Rs. 77,320.00	Rs. 34,882.00	Rs. 42,438.00
February,2013	Rs. 71,504.00	Rs. 41,117.00	Rs. 30,387.00
March,,2013	Rs. 1,26,917.00	Rs. 63,387.00	Rs. 63530.00
Total:-	Rs. 13,47,802.00	Rs. 7,11,764.00	Rs. 6,17,090.00

The Institute has also been making effort to increase the items to be served in the Cafe since it has been cheerfully accepted by the Tourists, Fellows, IUC Associates, Guests and the Employees of the Institute.

VI. LIBRARY

The library of the Institute caters to the needs not only of its regular Fellows but also invites the Visiting Professors, Visiting Scholars, IUC Associates, consulting members and seminar participants etc. from all over the country. The library regularly keeps its collection updated by purchasing the latest books and periodicals as per the recommendations of the selection committee constituted for the purpose.

For the last several years, the library has been putting extra efforts to build up and update its collection in the area of Social Sciences and Humanities. During the last academic year, the library acquired 3180 books and subscribed to 214 printed journals and periodicals. The library is fully computerized and the traditional circulation system has been replaced with a fully automated issue and returned system of library materials. Library catalogue is online. By using the Internet, users can access library catalogue 24x7 hours, from anywhere at any time. The library has enrolled 23 new members by charging membership fees, besides this 65 members were also allowed to consult the library material for short periods. Total 1368 visitors have visited the library last year.

The library has developed a well-equipped and interconnected Digital Resource Centre which has round the clock access to a wealth of knowledge in digital form. It has access to a number of electronic resources, e.g. E-Books, E-Journals, Back volumes and electronic archives of major primary and commercial publishers. The library has received books donated by Professor Imtiaz Ahmed which are being processed. Similarly Professor Bettina Baummer has also agreed to donate her personal collection to the library. Library has completed the process of duplicate checking and soon 1900 gifted books would be added to library collection.

The library has developed a separate audio video collection, in order to strengthen this section; Library has procured 118 (one hundred and eighteen) documentaries, addressing social issues from the firm Magic Lantern, New Delhi. Besides this, library has also procured classical award winning movies, feature films including epics of Mahabharata and Ramayana etc. Users can access these movies and documentaries using the multimedia server.

VII. DISPENSARY

Institute houses a well equipped dispensary with a Pharmacist for dispensing the medicines and a Resident Medical Officer who looks after the healthcare needs of Fellows, Associates and other residents of the Institute including employees and their families. 3785 patients attended the dispensary during the period from 01.04.2012 to 3.03.2013. 53 emergency visits were made by the R.M.O. during the said period.

VIII. MAINTENANCE OF ESTATE AND SPECIAL REPAIR WORKS

During the period under report, both wings of the CPWD, Civil as well as Electrical continued to attend to the day-to-day maintenance work and special repairs of the IIAS Campus. The ASI has also planned and initiated action to execute the work of restoration and preservation of the Rashtrapati Nivas Estate especially the repair of Verandah roofs on the Main Building and Public Entry Building. The major works that the Institute did during this period for the maintenance and upkeep of the Estate are given below:

1. Conservation & Preservation of IIAS Building.

- a) The ASI has not yet undertaken the promised completion of unfinished work of preservation of heritage building.
- b) A meeting was held in the Chamber of Secretary (HE) on 25/2/2013 to discuss Repair and Renovation of IIAS, Shimla. The meeting was attended by Prof. Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IIAS, Shri R.K. Sehgal, Special DG (NR), CPWD, Chief Engineer, CPWD, Shri C. Dorjee, Jt, DG, ASI, Shri R.S. Jamwal, Superintending Engineer, ASI, Mr. R.P. Sisodia,, JS HE. While discussing various issues for the Conservation & Preservation of IIAS Building in the meeting, Secretary (HE) in his opening remarks said that ASI and CPWD should work in close partnership and coordination which would help in carrying forward the task of repair and renovation of the IIAS.

- c) The Institute released a sum of Rs. 22,50,500/- for restoration of the Stone railing at different locations of RP Nivas on 20/02/2013. The ASI has not executed the work so far.
- d) The Institute released a sum of Rs. 14,22,000/- for construction related to retaining wall consolidation of south eastern area. The ASI has not executed the work so far.
- e) The Institute has released a sum of Rs. 24,40,700/- for restoration and strengthening of dislodged and cracked lintels in RP Nivas. The ASI has not executed the work so far.

2. RENOVATION OF KARANCHI LINE (IUC Hostel)

The Renovation work of Karanchi Line was completed during the report. The Institute used the old furniture after repairing. The Institute has also provided microwave oven, geysers, washing machine, LED television, refrigerator, phone facility, acquagaurd, oil radiators and electric iron with stand in the common room for the use of IUC Associates.

3. CPWD (Civil) Works.

- a) The Institute has released a sum of Rs. 35.00 Lakhs for repair of down pipes roof gutters and tiles above Tagore Centre. The work is in progress.
- b) The Institute has released a sum of 9.00 lakhs for provision of pre-laminated flooring in the Guest House. The CPWD has executed the work.
- c) The Institute has released a sum of Rs. 30.00 lakhs for repair and renovation of Gorkha Gate. The work is in progress.
- d) The Institute has released a sum of Rs. 21.00 lakhs for white washing of houses of employees. The work is in progress.
- e) The Institute has approved the estimates submitted by CPWD for repair of Bell Tower above Tagore Centre for Rs. 2,92,228/-. The work has been completed.
- f) The Institute has released a sum of Rs.73,13,272/- for renovating 9 Flats at Prospect Hill Block A for the use of Fellows

4. CPWD (Electrical Works)

- a) The Institute has approved the estimates of Rs. 6,09,158/- for providing and replacement of Electrical Distribution Panel in the basement of the main building. The CPWD (Elect) executed the work.
- b) The Institute has approved the estimates submitted by CPWD (Elect) for provision of repair/renovation of Tagore Centre Ground Floor (New Accounts Section). The CPWD has executed the work.
- c) The Institute has approved the estimates submitted by CPWD (Elect) for Rs. 10,07,186/-

for renovation of electrical installation at RP Nivas, Shimla. The CPWD (Elect.) has executed the work.

5. TAGORE CENTRE

The work of repairs/renovation of Tagore centre has been completed. Study spaces have been made for Tagore Fellows.

6. IN HOUSE ACTIVITIES

- a) The Institute has initiated the work of repairing old furniture. So far the Institute has repaired a large number of old sofas/chairs for use in Tagore Centre/Fellows Lounge/Fellows residences/IUC Centre.
- b) The Institute has initiated the work of removing old carpets from the main building corridors. Since now the carpet from two floors of main building/Princes Corridor have been removed and polished in natural colour to keep his heritage beauty. The Institute will now only provide runners in the corridors. In addition the Institute has also removed the carpets from Room No. 24, 25 AB, 26 AB, 27 & 28 of the main building.

IX. ACCOUNTS AND BUDGET

- A) The approved Revised Estimates for the year 2012-2013 and Budget Estimates for the year 2013-2014 are as under:

Name of Scheme	Revised Estimates 2012-2013	Budget Estimates 2013-2014
	(Rupees in lakh)	
Non-Plan	972.00*	1055.00
Plan	1150.00*	1100.00

*The Revised Estimates for the year 2012-13 includes unspent balance of Rs. 38.17 lakh under Non-Plan and Rs. 30.21 lakh under Plan. Revised Estimates for the year 2012-13 under Plan also includes, the Grant in Aid of Rs. 600.00 lakh released for International Centre for Human Development (IC4HD).

The accounts of the Institute for the year 2012-2013 duly audited by the Office of the Director General of Audit (Central), Indian Audit and Accounts Department, Chandigarh are enclosed as **Annexure – I**.

B) IUC ACCOUNTS

The Accounts of the Inter-University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences (IUC) Scheme are audited by a firm of Chartered Accountants M/s Rajendra Ravi & Harish of Shimla. The expenditure for the year 2012-2013 was Rs. 137.46 lakhs.

The Audited Statement of Accounts of the Inter-University Centre (IUC) Scheme for the year 2012-2013 is placed below as **Annexure – II**.

X. GARDEN

The Institute is housed in the erstwhile Viceregal Lodge, a heritage building and has a very beautiful garden with a variety of flowers, shrubs and trees. This is perhaps one of the highest landscape gardens in the country. The garden is dependent on rain water, which is harvested for its maintenance. Harvested rain water is being used for the maintenance of lawn and gardens as well. The following works were done during the period of report:

1. Development of Rose Garden: Grass has been replanted in the terraces in the Rose Garden.
2. Regular Works of planting beds: Planting beds are regularly maintained and the works like de-weeding, raking, irrigation etc. are done as and when required.
3. Maintenance of Buildings in the campus of the Institute: Regular maintenance of the buildings other than main building like Bilaspur House, Delvilla, Sidhartha Vihar, Observatory Cottage are being carried out by the garden staff. The work practices includes de-weeding, replanting of seasonal, annuals, perennial plants, irrigation and other cultural practices. Avenue plantation has been done with evergreen plants like deodara spp.
4. Nursery Management: Nursery is being maintained by the garden staff for regular and daily requirements of the main building like flowering pots, floral arrangements and bouquets for special events. The gardeners also prepare the soil mixture for the flowering pots by mixing sand, soil, decayed oak tree leaves etc. in required proportions. Seeds are sown twice in a year in the months of April-May and also in the months of September-October for planting in the planting beds in the gardens of the Institute.
5. Lawn mowing: Lawn mowing is also a regular practice carried out by the gardeners. The lawn mowing is done twice a week during the rainy season and once a week to once a fortnight during the rest of the year.
6. Flower Show: The garden section takes part in the Flower Show organized by SAGES every year. The Institute won the Second Prize in Flower Decoration, and in Flowers Collection in the Flower Show organized by SAGES held in June 2012.
7. Sale of Plants: The sale of plants in the year 2012-2013 is Rs, 23,240/- (Rupees twenty three thousand two hundred forty only).
8. Flower arrangement: Flower arrangements (bouquet preparation, maintenance of flower pots etc.) inside the building, during seminars/symposium/during cultural activities is done by the garden section.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER INITIATIVES

During the year under report we have initiated a couple of new initiatives which will fructify during the on-going year.

- During the period of report the Fellowship Award Committee met once on 17th August 2012. In the meeting of the FAC recommended for the award of Fellowship to 16 scholars. They include Dr. Enakshi Mitra, Dr. Vikram Harijan, Dr. Mani Shekhar Singh, Dr. Aruna Bommareddi, Seema Purushothaman, Dr. Lakshmi Arya, Dr. Shivani Chopra, Shri Sumanta Banerjee, Dr. Varsha Ganguly, Dr. Rahul Govind, Dr. Maidul Islam, Professor Kunal Chakrabarti, Dr. G. Amarjit Sharma, Dr. Venugopal Maddipati, Dr. Ranjan Gurukkal Puthen Madathil and Dr. Gautam Sen Gupta.
- The vacancies of the Private Secretary to the Secretary-1, Storekeeper-1, DTP Operator – 1, UDCs – 2, and LDCs – 2 were filled through departmental promotion.
- Vacancies of two Assistants, one Stenographer, one Hindi Translator, one UDC, one Machine Operator, four LDCs and one Tailor have been filled through direct recruitment. In addition, one MTS Worker was also appointed on compassionate ground.

**INDIAN AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AUDIT (CENTRAL)
CHANDIGARH – 160 017**

No.: SAR/IIASS/2012-2013/25225

Dated: 12-12-2013

To

The Secretary
Department of Education
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Government of India
New Delhi

Subject: Separate Audit Report on the accounts of Indian institute of Advanced Study, Shimla for the year ending 31 March 2013.

Sir,

I am to enclose a copy of the Separate Audit Report on the accounts of Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla for the year ending 31 March 2013 for necessary action at your end. The report may be kept confidential till its presentation in the Parliament.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
Director General

Encls: As above

Copy of the above separate Audit Report is forwarded to Director, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.

Sd/-

Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Accounts of Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla for the year ended 31 March 2013.

1. We have audited the Balance Sheet of Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla as at 31 March 2013, Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payment Account for the year ended on that date under Section 20(1) of the Comptroller & Auditor General's (Duties, Power & conditions of Service) Act, 1971. The audit has been entrusted for the period up to 2012-13. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Institute's Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.
2. This Separate Audit Report contains the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) on the accounting treatment only with regard to classification, conformity with the best accounting practices, accounting standards and disclosure norms, etc. Audit observation on financial transactions with regard to compliance with the Law, Rules & Regulations (propriety and Regularity) and efficiency-cum-performance aspect, etc., if any, are reported through Inspection Reports/CAG's Audit Reports separately.
3. We have conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in India. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidences supporting the amount and disclosure in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our report that:
4. Based on our audit, we report that:
 - i. We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.
 - ii. The Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account dealt with by this report have been drawn up in the format approved by the Government of India, Ministry of Finance.
 - iii. In our opinion, proper books of accounts and other relevant records have been maintained by the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, in so far as it appears from our examination of such books.
 - iv. We further report that:

A. Balance Sheet

1. Assets

1.1 Fixed Assets (Schedule-3)-Rs.1687.16 lakh

1.1.1. The Institute has not provided depreciation on the Fixed Assets which have been taken/ booked on actual cost of acquisition.

1.1.2. Above includes assets worth of Rs.19.36 lakh which were declared obsolete/ unserviceable. This has resulted in overstatement of Fixed Assets and understatement of Expenditure to that extent.

2. General

2.1 Debts outstanding for a period exceeding 6 months: Rs.4.96 lakh

2.1.1 Above includes debtors outstanding for a period of more than five years of Rs.3.19 lakh which should have been disclosed separately by way of note.

2.1.2. Loans and Advanced-Rs.34.88 lakh

Above includes 'Miscellaneous Advances' of Rs.26.41 lakh pending for adjustment, out of which Rs.16.56 lakh advance were outstanding for more than 5 years which should have been disclosed separately by way of note.

B Grants-in aid

Out of the grants-in aid of Rs.20.54 crore (Plan: Rs.11.20 crore, Non-Plan: Rs.9.34 crore) received during the year and un-utilised grant of Rs.0.24 crore brought forward from the year 2011-12, the Institute could utilize a sum of Rs.15.05 crore (Plan:Rs.5.89 crore, Non-Plan:9.16 crore) during the year, leaving a balance of Rs.5.73 crore (Plan:5.61 crore, Non-Plan:0.56 crore) as unutilised grant as on 31 March, 2013. Grant of Rs.8.00 crore (Plan: Rs.6.00 crore and Non-Plan: Rs.2.00 crore) was received in the month of March 2013.

C. Effect of Audit comments on Accounts

The net impact of the comments given in the preceding paras is that the assets as on 31.03.2013 were overstated by Rs.19.36 lakh and the expenditure was understated by the same amount because of which surplus for the year was also overstated by Rs.19.36 lakh.

- v. Subject to our observations in the preceding paragraphs, we report that the Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of accounts.

- vi. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to be explanations given to us, the said financial statements read together with the Accounting Policies and Notes on Account, and subject to the significant matters stated above and other matters mentioned in Annexure to this Audit Report give a true and fair view in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in India;
- a. In so far as it relates to the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla as at 31 March; and
- b. In so far as it relates to Income and Expenditure Account, of the surplus for the year ended on that date.

For and on behalf of the C& AG of India

Place: Chandigarh

Sd/-

Date; 12.12.2013

Director General of Audit (Central) Chandigarh

Annexure–I

1. Adequacy of Internal Audit System

Internal System was not adequate and proper as the Institute has not prepared its own accounting and Auditing manuals for the guidance of its own staff for performing the functions.

2. Adequacy of Internal Control System

Keeping in view the size and nature of the Institute, the Internal Control System was adequate and effective.

3. System of physical verification of Fixed Assets.

Physical Verification of Fixed Assets was done during the year 2012-13 and no deficiency was noticed.

4. System of physical verification of Inventories.

Physical verification of Inventories has been done during the year 2012-13 and no shortfall was noticed.

5. Regularity in payment of Statutory Dues.

The Institute was regular in depositing the statutory dues.

Sd/-
Director

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY			
RASHTRAPATI NIVAS, SHIMLA-171005			
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH, 2013			
Capital Fund & Liabilities	Schedule	As on 31.3.2013	As on 31.3.2012
		(Amount in Rs.)	
Capital Fund	1	221171901.56	145960547.22
Current Liabilities and Provisions	2	59592694.40	56281317.40
Total		280764595.96	202241864.62
Assets			
Fixed Assets	3	168715658.73	160819017.73
Current Assets, Loans & Advances	4	112048937.23	41422846.89
Total		280764595.96	202241864.62

Shimla
Dated: 30.05.2013

Sd/-
(Rajesh Sharma)
Accounts Officer

Sd/-
(Prem Chand)
Secretary

Sd/-
(Peter Ronald deSouza)
Director

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY			
RASHTRAPATI NIVAS, SHIMLA 171005			
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 2012-13			
		(Amount in Rs.)	
Income	SCHEDULE	YEAR ENDED	YEAR ENDED
		31.03.2013	31.03.2012
Grant received	5	205362358.00	154347000.00
Fees/Subscription Received	6	22550.00	45685.00
Income from Royalty, Publication etc.	7	509954.13	788672.94
Interest Earned	8	1924360.00	1895480.00
Other Income	9	10247865.00	7251630.64
Increase/ Decrease in stock	10	534077.21	195681.63
Total (A)		218601164.34	164524150.21
Expenditure			
Establishment Expenses	11	62481728.00	54266715.00
Other Administrative Expenses	12	78647091.00	90915938.02
Fixed Assets written off during the year		274923.00	19995.00
Total (B)		141403742.00	145202648.02
Excess of Income/Expenditure (A-B)		77197422.34	19321502.19
Balance being Surplus /Deficit carried to Capital Fund		77197422.34	19321502.19

Sd/-
 Shimla
 Dated: 30.05.2013

(Rajesh Sharma)
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Sd/-
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 Secretary

Sd/-
 (Peter Ronald deSouza)
 Director

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY		
RASHTRAPATI NIVAS, SHIMLA 171005		
Schedules 1 to 4 Attached To & Forming Part of Balance Sheet		
SCHEDULE 1	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2013	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2012
CAPITAL FUND		
Opening Balance	145960547.22	130257029.03
Add: Additions during the year	33471808.00	29853824.00
Less: Deductions during the year	35457876.00	33471808.00
Add/Deduct : Balance of net income/expenditure transferred from the Income & Expenditure A/C	77197422.34	19321502.19
Balance at the year-End	221171901.56	145960547.22
SCHEDULE 2	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2013	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2012
CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS		
A. Current Liabilities		
(a) GPF Payable	23065220.40	21998287.40
(b) GPF/ GIS Payable	42653.00	69942.00
(c) New Pension Scheme	981171.00	695510.00
(d) Other Remittances	45770.00	45770.00
(e) Income Tax payable	4.00	0.00
B. Provisions		
a) Gratuity	22112869.00	21157879.00
b) Leave Encashment	13345007.00	12313929.00
Total	59592694.40	56281317.40
SCHEDULE 3	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2013	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2012
FIXED ASSETS		
Opening Balance 01.04.2012	160819017.73	150334707.73
(+) Assets Added during the year	8171564.00	10504305.00
(-) Assets written off during the year	274923.00	19995.00
Total	168715658.73	160819017.73

SCHEDULE 4	YEAR ENDED	YEAR ENDED
	31.03.2013	31.03.2012
A. CURRENT ASSETS:		
1. Stock in Hand		
a) Stock of IIAS Publications	3042931.53	2475430.57
b) Stock of IIAS Publications with Co-Publishers	1427357.25	1460781.00
2. Sundry Debtors		
a) Debts outstanding for a period exceeding 6 Month	495976.30	461738.33
b) Recovery from CPWD	1652253.00	1652253.00
c) Recovery from HP University	36864.00	36864.00
d) TDS from Sh.Manas Ray & Sh. S C Chaudhary	90542.00	90542.00
e) GPF cont. from Sh. Manas Ray	2397.00	2397.00
f) GIS recoverable from LIC of India	0.00	120.00
3. Cash Balance in Hand		
a) Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00
b) Imprest Balance	0.00	20000.00
4. Bank Balances :		
On Current Accounts		
a) SBI Boileuganj, Shimla C/A No.10116685058	14865048.75	5034309.59
b) Canara Bank, Shimla C/A No. 1964201000437	159598.00	667657.00
c) SBI Boileuganj C/A No. 32049729199	6707353.00	1351550.00
d) IC4HD S/B Account No. 32865044403	51453019.00	0.00
On Saving Accounts		
a) SBI Saving Bank A/C (GPF)	3087729.40	3328787.40
b) New Pension Fund Subscription	981171.00	695510.00
c) New Pension Fund Contribution	981171.00	695510.00
d) Pension Fund Account	3439475.00	0.00
On Deposit Accounts		
Fixed Deposit (GPF)	19977491.00	18669500.00
5. Loans, Advances & Other Assests		
a) Loans and Advances	3487747.00	4679084.00
b) Security with P & T	36200.00	36200.00
c) Security with Vineet Gas	19000.00	19000.00
d) Deposit with Municipal Corporation	980.00	980.00
e) Deposit for Fuel	100000.00	40000.00
f) Others	4633.00	4633.00
Total	112048937.23	41422846.89

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY		
RASHTRAPATI NIVAS, SHIMLA 171005		
SCHEDULES 5 TO 12 ATTACHED TO & FORMING PART OF		
INCOME & EXPENDITURE	ACCOUNT	
SCHEDULES	YEAR ENDED	YEAR ENDED
	31.3.2013	31.3.2012
SCHEDULE 05		
GRANTS RECEIVED		
Grant received from MHRD (Non-Plan)	93383358.00	72500000.00
Grant received from MHRD (Plan-Gen)	108695000.00	77059000.00
Grant received from MHRD (Plan-NER)	3284000.00	4018000.00
Grant received from ICPR, New Delhi	0.00	270000.00
Grant received under MGIEP	0.00	500000.00
Total	205362358.00	154347000.00
SCHEDULE 06	YEAR ENDED	YEAR ENDED
FEES/SUBSCRIPTION RECEIVED		
1) Subscription of Journals	550.00	0.00
2) Library Membership Fee	22000.00	45685.00
Total	22550.00	45685.00
SCHEDULE 07	YEAR ENDED	YEAR ENDED
	31.3.2013	31.3.2012
INCOME FROM ROYALTY, PUBLICATION ETC.		
Income from IAS Publications	471447.97	648926.94
Income from Publications through Co-Publishers	38506.16	139746.00
Total	509954.13	788672.94
SCHEDULE 08	YEAR ENDED	YEAR ENDED
	31.3.2013	31.3.2012
INTEREST EARNED		
1) On Term Deposits;		
a) With Scheduled Bank		
-STDR's	60625.00	83045.00
b) Others		
Interest received on GPF deposits	1863735.00	1812435.00
Total	1924360.00	1895480.00

SCHEDULE 09	YEAR ENDED	YEAR ENDED
	31.3.2013	31.3.2012
OTHER INCOME		
1) Ticket Booth Receipt	6781313.00	4890140.00
2) Sale of Fruits/Plants	23840.00	13180.00
3) Sale of unserviceable/obsolete items	68198.00	0.00
4) Interest on advances to Employees	103202.00	245141.00
5) License Fee & Furniture	689631.00	573309.00
6) Water & Electricity Charges	277557.00	238489.00
7) Misc. Income - others	1640879.00	669934.64
8) Court Fee	5000.00	30000.00
9) Income from Guest Houses	658245.00	591437.00
Total	10247865.00	7251630.64
SCHEDULE 10	YEAR ENDED	YEAR ENDED
	31.3.2013	31.3.2012
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN STOCK		
a) Closing Stock		
- Stock of Publications of IAS	3042931.53	2475430.57
- Stock of Publications with Co-Publishers	1427357.25	1460781.00
Total	4470288.78	3936211.57
b) Less : Opening Stock		
- Stock of Publications of IAS	2475430.57	2367907.94
- Stock of Publications with Co-Publisher	1460781.00	1372622.00
Total	3936211.57	3740529.94
Increase/ Decrease in stock a-b	534077.21	195681.63
SCHEDULE 11	YEAR ENDED	YEAR ENDED
	31.3.2013	31.3.2012
ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
1) Pay & Allowances	38260504.00	37862433.00
2) Medical, LTC, Honorarium & Bonus	1699819.00	804059.00
3) TA/DA to Officers & Staff	394673.00	386544.00
4) Overtime Allowances to Non-Gazetted Staff	24122.00	20914.00
5) Interest on GPF	1863735.00	1812435.00
6) Monthly Pension & Pensionery Benefits	20127530.00	13318274.00
7) Rewards	111345.00	62056.00
Total	62481728.00	54266715.00

SCHEDULE 12	YEAR ENDED	YEAR ENDED
	31.3.2013	31.3.2012
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES ETC.		
1) Advertisement & Publicity	276491.00	270785.00
2) Audit Fee	0.00	70950.00
3) Electricity & Water Charges	4116729.00	3891176.00
4) Wages	32500.00	30000.00
5) Printing & Stationery	557722.00	530597.00
6) Postage	160903.00	205000.00
7) Telephone Charges	343029.00	260933.00
8) Repair & Maintenance of Fixed Assets	827310.00	421937.00
9) Maint. of Residential and Non-Resid. Bldgs.	4639763.00	2655448.00
10) Liveries	40500.00	110238.00
11) Contingencies	1382168.00	563537.00
12) Institute's Vehicle Running Expenses	752091.00	479076.00
13) Institute' Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	352246.00	211206.00
14) Rent of Building - RP Nivas	12000.00	12000.00
15) Furniture Rent of RP Nivas	6000.00	6000.00
16) CPWD Electrical Works	2957835.00	1477310.00
17) Special Repair & Maintenance of RP Nivas	10321323.00	43975126.00
18) Horticulture Expenses	981165.00	654682.00
19) Legal Expenses	157950.00	183610.00
20) Municipal Taxes	88625.00	88625.00
21) Dispensary & Medicines	291982.00	272855.00
22) Consumable Stores	1513266.00	309850.00
23) Fellowship Grant including TA/DA	25533514.00	21736750.00
24) TA/DA to Members of Society	1450948.00	1654168.00
25) Rent of Delhi Guest House	650375.00	440000.00
26) Publication Expenses	1297277.00	609206.00
27) Seminar, Conference & Workshops,	5958622.00	5692917.00
28) TA/DA to Visiting Scholars & Professors	383943.00	103674.00
29) Ticket Booth Expenditure	1425510.00	2835536.00
30) Hospitality & Entertainment Expenses	13495.00	34765.00
31) Library Other Expenses	1859822.00	359891.00
32) Word Processors	499406.00	452771.00
33) EPBAX	224023.00	268713.00
34) Expenditure under Tagore Centre	1264175.00	0.00
35) Expenditure under IC4HD	8269326.00	0.00
36) Bank Charges	5057.00	46606.02
Total	78647091.00	90915938.02

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY			
RASHTRAPATI NIVAS SHIMLA -171005			
SCHEDULE SHOWING DETAIL OF SUNDRY DEBTORS AS ON 31.03.2013			
S No.	Year	31.03.2013	31.03.2012
1	1988-1989	2753.55	3523.55
2	1989-1990	0.00	610.03
3	1990-1991	5083.45	5083.45
4	1991-1992	3946.30	3946.30
5	1992-1993	4669.00	4669.00
6	1993-1994	3157.00	3157.00
7	1994-1995	5571.00	5571.00
8	1995-1996	2725.00	2725.00
9	1996-1997	6602.00	6602.00
10	1997-1998	7648.00	7648.00
11	1998-1999	32454.00	32454.00
12	1999-2000	19922.00	19922.00
13	2000-2001	29901.50	29901.50
14	2001-2002	8723.00	8723.00
15	2002-2003	67214.00	68154.00
16	2003-2004	41935.00	42175.00
17	2004-2005	45759.00	46634.00
18	2005-2006	21648.50	21648.50
19	2006-2007	2195.00	2195.00
20	2007-2008	7073.00	7073.00
21	2008-2009	929.00	1950.00
22	2009-2010	2809.00	19663.00
23	2010-2011	8883.00	18866.00
24	2011-2012	53802.00	98844.00
25	2012-2013	110573.00	0.00
	Total	495976.30	461738.33

Sd/-

Accounts Officer

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY
RASHTRAPATI NIVAS, SHIMLA 171005**

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2013				
RECEIPTS	YEAR ENDED 31.3.2013	YEAR ENDED 31.3.2012	PAYMENTS	YEAR ENDED 31.3.2012
I. Opening Balance			I. Establishment Expenses	
a) i) Cash in hand	0.00	0.00	Pay & Allowances	38242069.00
ii) Imprest Balance	0.00	30000.00	Medical,LTC,Hon & Bonus	1699819.00
			TA/DA to Officers & Staff	394673.00
b) Bank Balance			OTA to Non Gazetted Staff	24122.00
i) In Current Accounts	7053516.59	103107.53	Interest on GPF	1863735.00
			Pensionary Benefits	20127530.00
II) Grant received			Rewards	111345.00
a) Grant received from MHRD	205362358.00	154077000.00	II. Administrative Expenses	
b) Grant received from ICPR	0.00	270000.00	Advertisement & Publicity	276491.00
			Audit Fees	0.00
III) Interest earned			Water & Electricity Charges	4116729.00
On Term Deposits	60625.00	83045.00	Wages	32500.00
On Saving Account	0.00	0.00	Stationary	557722.00
Interest received on GPF deposits	1863735.00	1812435.00	Postage	160903.00
Interest received on advances to employees	103202.00	245141.00	Telephone Charges	343029.00
			Repair & Maintenance of Fixed Assets	827310.00
			Maintenance of Residential & Non-Residential buildings	4639763.00
			Liveries	40500.00
			Misc. Contingencies	1382168.00
			P.O.L.	752091.00
			Maintenance of Institute's Vehicle	352246.00
			Rent of Building RP Nivas	12000.00
			Future Rent of RP Nivas	6000.00
			CPWD Electrical Works	2957835.00
				1477310.00

IV. Other Income:					Special Repair of Residential & Non-Residential buildings	10321323.00	43975126.00
Subscription of Journals		550.00		0.00	Maintenance of Garden	981165.00	654682.00
Library Membership/ Consultation Fee		22000.00		45685.00	Legal Expenses	157950.00	183610.00
Income from IAS Publications		360874.97		550082.94	Municipal Taxes	88625.00	88625.00
Income from Co- Publications		38506.16		139746.00	Dispensary Medicines	291982.00	272855.00
Ticket Booth Receipt		6781313.00		4890140.00	Material & Supplies	1513266.00	309850.00
Income from Sale of Plants		23840.00		13180.00	Fellowship Grant including TA/DA etc.	25533514.00	21736750.00
Sale of Unserviceable/Obsolete items		68198.00		0.00	TA/DA to Members of Society	1450948.00	1654168.00
Recovery of License Fee & Furniture Rent		689631.00		573309.00	Rent of Delhi Guest House	650375.00	440000.00
Recovery of Water & Electricity Charges		277557.00		238489.00	Publication & Printings	1297277.00	609206.00
Misc. Income-Others		1640879.00		669934.64	Seminar, Conferences and Workshops etc.	5958622.00	5692917.00
Income from Guest House		658245.00		591437.00	TA/DA to Visiting Scholars & Professors	383943.00	103674.00
V. Other Receipts:					Ticket Booth Expenditure	1425510.00	2835536.00
a) Recovery of Advances					Hospitality & Entertainment Expenses	13495.00	34765.00
Recovery of Misc. Advances	10072425.00				Project on Indian Civilization	18435.00	12000.00
Recovery of Advances to Employees	562660.00		335870.00		Library Books & Periodicals/Library Equipments & Back Volumes	1859822.00	359891.00
Recovery of Imprest Advances	30000.00		17796.00		Word Processors	499406.00	452771.00
Recovery of Income tax	2968943.00				EPBX	224023.00	268713.00
Recovery of Court Fee	5000.00		30000.00		Expenditure under Tagore Centre	1264175.00	0.00
b) Remittances:					Expenditure under IC4HD	8546981.00	0.00
1) GPF, GIS etc.	10890118.00		9728579.00		III. Expenditure on Fixed Assets		
2) GIS of Staff	205602.00		0.00		Purchase of Fixed Assets	7893909.00	10504305.00
c) Other Receipts					IV. Other Payments :		
i) Deposit for fuel		0.00			New Pension Scheme	285661.00	293637.00
ii) Sundry Debtors	76335.03		146250.50		Miscellaneous Advances	8674423.00	8654298.00
iii) KKS	53542.00		56870.00		Advances to Employees	769325.00	749650.00
					Imprest Advances	10000.00	37796.00
					Deposit for Fuel	60000.00	0.00
					Bank Charges	5057.00	46606.02
					V. Remittances:		
					1) Income Tax	2968939.00	3234686.00
					2) GPF, GIS etc	10917407.00	9797696.00

				3) GIS of Staff	205482.00	0.00
				4) KKS	53542.00	71208.00
				VI. Closing Balances:		
				1) Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00
				2) Imprest Balance	0.00	0.00
				3) Bank Balances		
				- Current Accounts	7662493.75	7053516.59
TOTAL		249869655.75	185579445.61	TOTAL	249869655.75	185579445.61

Shimla - 171005
Dated: 30.05.2013

Sd/-

(Rajesh Sharma)
Accounts Officer

Sd/-

(Prem Chand)
Secretary

Sd/-

(Peter Ronald deSouza)
Director

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY, RASHTRAPATI NIVAS, SHIMLA - 171 005									
Particulars	Assets as on 31.3.2012		Assets added during the year		Assets Written off during the year		Assets as on 31.03.2013		
	Non -Plan	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Total Assets
Office Equipments	1580144.64	6937593.99	85320.00	322021.00	0.00	0.00	1665464.64	7259614.99	8925079.63
Electronic Equipments	42150.00	8794271.00	144456.00	1285046.00	0.00	0.00	186606.00	10079317.00	10265923.00
Furniture & Fittings	1554828.07	4594722.68	90847.00	594459.00	0.00	0.00	1645675.07	5189181.68	6834856.75
Vehicles	151699.64	1893022.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	151699.64	1893022.00	2044721.64
Library Equipments	47747.51	5878394.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47747.51	5878394.87	5926142.38
Other Equipments	593901.20	356580.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	593901.20	356580.00	950481.20
Publication Equipmenst	0.00	839040.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	839040.02	839040.02
Library Books & Periodicals	40239858.25	85331622.18	0.00	5371760.00	0.00	274923.00	40239858.25	90428459.18	130668317.43
Source Book Scheme	247622.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	247622.12	0.00	247622.12
Equipment Source Book Scheme	41087.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41087.56	0.00	41087.56
Garden Equipments	145805.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	145805.00	0.00	145805.00
Audio Visual	0.00	422500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	422500.00	422500.00
Pro ect towards the centre for the Study of Indian Civilization	0.00	518442.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	518442.00	518442.00
Word Processrs	0.00	607985.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	607985.00	607985.00
Fixed Assets under IC4HD									
Electronic Equipments	0.00	0.00	0.00	277655.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	277655.00	277655.00
Grand total	44644843.99	116174173.74	320623.00	7850941.00	0.00	274923.00	44965466.99	123750191.74	168715658.73

Sd/-
Accounts Officer

DETAIL OF LOAN AND ADVANCES AS ON 31.03.2013			
S.No.	Particulars	As on 31st March 13	As on 31st March 12
1	House Building Advance	10130.00	33849.00
2	Scooter Advance	0.00	6640.00
3	Computer Advance	702000.00	449302.00
4	Miscellaneous Advance	2640936.00	4038938.00
5	Warm Clothing Advance	10125.00	21094.00
6	Festival Advance	124125.00	128830.00
7	Bad Climate	120.00	120.00
8	Flood Advance	311.00	311.00
	Total	3487747.00	4679084.00

Sd/-

Accounts Officer

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY
RASHTRAPATI NIVAS, SHIMLA – 171 005 (H.P)**

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31.03.2013**

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Accounts have been maintained on cash system of accounting.
2. Depreciation on assets is not being charged in view of the Rule 151(4) of General Financial Rules.

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

3. Advance of Rs.18,475 is recoverable from Professor R.S. Mishra is long outstanding since 94-95. Steps are being taken to adjust/recover the same at the earliest.
4. Advance of Rs.1,00,000 is recoverable from Dr.V.C. Thomas since 20.03.2004. Steps are being taken to adjust/recover the same at the earliest.
5. An advance of Rs.15000 was paid to Director ICAR New Delhi through ARO for seminar. Out of above Rs.10,000 is still outstanding. Steps are being taken to adjust/recover this amount.
6. An advance of Rs.2,75,000 was paid to Registrar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on 30.03.2007 through ARO for organizing seminar and amount of Rs.1,80,116 is outstanding. Efforts are being made to adjust/recover this amount.
7. An advance of Rs. 10000.00 is recoverable from Shri Aman Verma, Driver against POL advance.

Sd/-
(Rajesh Sharma)
Accounts Officer

Sd/-
(Prem Chand)
Secretary

Sd/-
(Peter Ronald deSouza)
Director

Rajendra Ravi & Harish
Chartered Accounts

77/1, The Mall, Shimla
Phone: off. 2653171

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the 'Balance Sheet' of Inter University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences (UGC), Shimla as at 31st March, 2011 and also their 'Receipts & Payment Account' & "Income & Expenditure Account" for the year ended on that date, annexed hereto and report that:-

These financial statements are the responsibility of the UGC's Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As stated in note no.'s 3 to 5 of Schedule – 2 attached with Balance Sheet, Misc. Advances pending adjustment includes 1, 28, 475/- recoverable since last more than three years which are doubtful of recovery. In our opinion, provision for doubtful debts of Rs. 1,28,475/- should be made in the accounts. Due to such an adjustment not being made in the financial statements, it has resulted in overstatement of unspent Grant in Aid and Misc. Advances to that extent.

Subject to foregoing remark we report that:-

1. We have obtained all the information and explanation which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of audit.
2. in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to explanation given to us the said accounts read with the notes contained in Schedule 2, give a true and fair view:-
 - (a) In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Centre as at 31st March 2009.
 - (b) In the Case of Income & Expenditure Account of the amount utilised from Grant in Aid for the year ended on that date.
 - (c) In case of Receipts & Payment Account of the amount received and payment made during the year ended on the date.

For Rajendra Ravi & Harish
Chartered Accountants

Sd/-

(Harish Kumar)

Partner

M. No. 17768

PLACE: SHIMLA

DATE: 11th June, 2013

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

UTILISATION CERIFICATE

Certified that the grant of Rs.1,58,00,000/- (Rs. One crore fifty eight lakh only) was sanctioned to the Director, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla by the University Grant Commission, New Delhi vide letter No.F.6-2/2009(IUC/NFC) dated 05.08.2011 for Inter University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences (UGC) Shimla. After adding unspent balance of Rs. 28,51,212.51 (Rs. Twenty eight lakh fifty one thousand two hundred twelve and fifty one paise only) of the previous year in the above grant, it becomes Rs. 1,86,51,212.51 (Rs. One crore eighty six lakhs fifty one thousand two hundred twelve and paise fifty one only).

The Institute has utilised Rs. 1,25,87,457.00 (Rs. One crore twenty five lakhs eighty seven thousand four hundred fifty seven only) (net of Rs. 4,03,812.00 as revenue receipts and interest on grant) for the purpose for which it was sanctioned in accordance with the terms and condition laid down by the Commission during the Financial Year 2011-12. A sum of Rs.63,78,755.51 (Rs. Sixty three lakh seventy eight thousand seven hundred fifty five and paise fifty one only) remained unspent as on 31.03.2012.

If as a result of check or audit objection, some irregularity is noticed at a later stage action will be taken to refund/adjust or regularise the objected amount.

Sd/-
Accounts

Sd/-
OfficerSecretary

Sd/-
Director

For Rajendra Ravi & Harish
Chartered Accountants

Sd/-
(Harish Kumar)
Partner
M. No. 17768

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUD
RASHTRPAATI NIVAS SHIMLA – 171 005 (H.P.)
Balance sheet of Inter University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences UGC
as at 31st March 2013

Liabilities	Amount	Assets	Amount
Grant-in-Aid		Fixed Assets:	
Opening Balance as at 1.4.2012	6378755.51	(As per Schedule 1 attached)	7019684.00
Add: Grant received during the year	7828568.00	Misc. Advances Pending Adjustment	
	14207323.51	Unsecured-unconfirmed	
Less: Amount Spent for Capital Expenditure	754928.00		
		Prof. R.S. Mishra (94-95)	18475.00
Less: Amount Spent for Revenue Expenditure	12990660.00	Misc. Advances (2003-04)	100000.00
		Misc. Advances (2005-06)	10000.00
		Misc. Advances (2006-07)	180116.00
		Misc. Advances (2012-13)	10000.00
		Balance Lying with the Institute	662831.51
Capital Reserve			
Opening Balance as at 1.4.2012	6264756.00		
Add: Additions during the year	754928.00		
Sub: Deletion during the year	0.00		
Current Liabilities			
HP University of Agriculture Palampur (Wrong Credit)	519687.00		
Total	8001106.51	Total	8001106.51

Accounting Policies & Notes to Accounts: As per Schedule – 2 attached.

Sd/-

(Rajesh Sharma)
Accounts Officer

Sd/-

(Prem Chand)
Secretary

Sd/-

(Peter Ronald deSouza)
Director

Auditors' Report
As per our report of even date annexed.

For Rajendra Ravi & Harish
Chartered Accountants

Sd/-

(Harish Kumar)
Partner

Place: Shimla
Dated: 11.06.2013

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY
RASHTRPATI NIVAS SHIMLA – 171 005 (H.P.)
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF INTER UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES (UGC) FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31.03.2013**

Ex^penditure	Amount Income	Amount
To Maintenance Allowance to IUC Associates	1309200.00 By Sale of IUC Journal	0.00
To T.A./D.A. to Associates	596823.00 By IUC Misc. Receipts	113404.00
To IUC Research Seminar & Study Weeks	2120890.00 By Interest Earned (Bank)	126899.00
To Publication Expenditure	0.00 By Amount spent out of	12990660.00
To Admin. & Secretarial Support (Postage, Medical, Stationery)	116672.00 Grant-in-Aid received	
To Misc. Contingent Expenditure	74693.00	
To Rent/Maintenance of Guest House	7286894.00	
To Admin. Unit (Wages, Pay & All.)	1414840.00	
To Maintenance of IUC Vehicle	310461.00	
To Strengthening Books and Periodicals	0.00	
To Bank Charges	490.00	
Total	Rs.	Rs.
	13230963.00	Total
		13230963.00

Sd/-
(Rajesh Sharma)
Accounts Officer

Sd/-
(Prem Chand)
Secretary

Sd/-
(Peter Ronald deSouza)
Director

Auditors' Report
As per our report of even date annexed.
For Rajendra Ravi & Harish
Chartered Accountants

Sd/-

Place: Shimla
Dated: 11.06.2013

(Harish Kumar)
Partner

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY
RASHTRPATI NIVAS SHIMLA – 171 005 (H.P.)
Receipts & Payment Account of Inter University Centre for Humanities & Social Sciences UGC for the Year Ending on 31.3.2013**

Receipts	Amount Payments	Amount
By Opening Balance as on 1.4.2012	6070164.51	
By UGC Grant in Aid received	7828568.00	
Revenue Receipts		
By sale of IUC Journal	0.00	
By Interest Earned	126899.00	
By IUC Misc. Receipts	113404.00	
Other Receipts		
By Misc. Advances Adjs.(Current Year)	1867418.00	
By Income Tax (TDS)	68043.00	
By Mess Charges	137000.00	
By Misc. Advances Adjustments (Old)	0.00	
By wrong credit from UGC	519687.00	
	To Mess Charges	
	To Computer Facility & Other	
	To Bank Charges	
	To Closing Bal. with Institute	
Total	16731183.51	16731183.51

<p>Sd/- (Rajesh Sharma) Accounts Officer</p> <p>Place: Shimla Dated : 11.06.2013</p>	<p>Sd/- (Peter Ronald deSouza) Director</p> <p>Auditors' Report As per our report of even date annexed. For Rajendra Ravi & Harish Chartered Accountants</p>
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Sd/-
(Harish Kumar)
Partner

SCHEDULE-1

**Indian Institute of Advanced Study
Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla – 171 005 (H.P.)**

Inter University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences (UGC)

Schedule of Fixed Assets as on 31.03.2013

Sl. No.	Item	Opening Balance 01.04.2012	Addition during the Year	Deletion during the Year	Closing Balance 31.3.2013
1	Electrical Equipment	534164.00	372000.00	0.00	906164.00
2	Furniture & Fixtures	809164.00	382928.00	0.00	1192092.00
3	Library Books	2809649.00	0.00	0.00	2809649.00
4	Vehicle	265054.00	0.00	0.00	265054.00
5	Computers	1846725.00	0.00	0.00	1846725.00
	TOTAL	6264756.00	754928.00	0.00	7019684.00

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**ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31.03.2013**

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1. Accounts have been maintained on cash system of accounting.
2. Depreciation on assets is not being charged in view of the Rule 151(4) of General Financial Rules.

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

3. Advance of Rs.18,475 is recoverable from Professor R.S. Mishra is long outstanding since 94-95. Steps are being taken to adjust/recover the same at the earliest.
4. Advance of Rs.1,00,000 is recoverable from Dr.V.C. Thomas since 20.03.2004. Steps are being taken to adjust/recover the same at the earliest.
5. An advance of Rs.15000 was paid to Director ICAR New Delhi through ARO for seminar. Out of above Rs.10,000 is still outstanding. Steps are being taken to adjust/recover this amount.
6. An advance of Rs.2,75,000 was paid to Registrar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on 30.03.2007 through ARO for organizing seminar and amount of Rs.1,80,116 is outstanding. Efforts are being made to adjust/recover this amount.
7. An advance of Rs. 10000.00 is recoverable from Shri Aman Verma, Driver against POL advance.

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