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It is a matter of privilege for me to welcome you all, the Hon'ble President and distinguished members of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study Society at its 29th Annual General meeting being held to-day the 21st July, 2002. I am honoured to be here to present before you the Director's Report for the year 2001-2002 containing the synoptic survey of the academic and other activities of the Institute during the year under report and also brief review of these activities undertaken by the Institute upto date and also a vision of the Institute. The report contains three parts:

- 1) academic activities;
- 2) supportive infrastructural activities; and
- 3) a synoptic vision of future academic programmes;

The academic report consists of two parts :

- a) the brief review of the academic activities already held;
- b) a view of publication programme and other related works;

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

First of all I would like to review the academic activities already held. As a humble student of history I look backward to the year 2001-02 as the year of significant national and international seminars/workshops/symposia/roundtables/conferences on significant themes and problems of life and thought, society and nation, highly academic lectures by Visiting Professors and Visiting Scholars, inter-disciplinary and research oriented weekly seminars by learned Fellows and Associates of the Institute, standard publication of books/

monographs/proceedings and journals, as well as research seminars/study weeks organized under the auspices of the Institute and the University Grants Commission's Inter-University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences. The period under review organised cultural activities of Indian traditions as well as celebrations of national events and festivals. The library was computerised and enriched with the additions of standard books and journals of different disciplines. A website of the Institute, namely, www.iias.org, was updated and its Hindi version was also created. The unprecedented restoration, conservation, maintenance and moderanisation of buildings of Rashtrapait Nivas Estate, housing this internationally reputed Institute through ASI and CPWD has been a marked feature of the period. The welfare activities for the Institute's community as a whole such as improved medical facilities, implementation of A.C.P. to its employees, the revival of sports complex and improvement in infrastructural facilities to Fellows and Associates and restoration and conservation of the Garden complex also distinguishes the period under review.

I. INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL SEMINARS

1. Seminar on Ecology Adaptability and Culture in the Himalayas

A National Seminar on "Ecology, Adaptability and Cultures in the Himalayas" was organised by the Intitute on collaboration with the Department of Anthropology, HNB Gardhwal Univesity, Srinagar, on 6 and 7 April 2001. The seminar was organised under the joint auspices of the Institute and IUC.

The sub-themes of the Seminar were: (1) ecology of the Himalayas; (2) adaptability and substainability in the changing scenario of the Himalayas; (3) cultures of the Himalayas (urban, rural, and tribal); (4) anthropology in 21st century with special reference to the Himalayas.

Professor P.S. Saklani, Vice-Chancellor of the HNB Garhwal Univesity, inaugurated the Seminar, Professor V.C. Srivastava delivered the Kyenote address and Dr. Bina Saklani conducted the proceedigns of the Inaugural Session.

Some of the important participants included Professors I.P. Singh, (New Delhi); A.R.N.Srivastava (Allahabad); R.S. Negi (Dehradun); Suriender Nath (New Delhi); A.N. Sharma, (Saugar); A.P. Singh (Srinagar, Garhwal); Bina Saklani (Srinagar, Garhwal).

2. Round Table Discussion

The Institute organized a round table discussion on "Role of Iron Technology in Indian History" at Shimla on the 6th June 2001. Professor R. Balasubramaniam from IIT Kanpur presented the key paper and the main discussants were Professors Vibha Tripathi, Sudha Vasani, D.N. Tripathi, Devendra Handa, Ram Chandra Rao, Sunder Sarukkai, and V.C. Srivastava.

3. National Seminar on Feminism: Tradition and Modernity

The modern feminist movement has arisen as a protest movement and often speaks of promoting the image of a woman after the image of man. The slogans of abstract equality and freedom have been raised so that women might be able to compete with men in fair measure. On this occasion the address of Professor G.C. Pande, Chairman, Governing Body, was read out by Dr. Sudha Vasani, Fellow. Professor Pande emphasised that a new social order needs to be evolved, wherein women would have the same opportunities of education, training and work as men.

Delivering his keynote address, Professor Kapil Kapoor, Rector, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, said that women have come a long way in search of their identity and it is a welcome sign that such changes in society are being studied.

Speaking on the occasion, Late Professor S.K. Gupta, former Vice-Chancellor of the H.P. University, said that there was a need to redefine the feminist movement and take a fresh look at it.

Prof. V.C. Srivastava, Director of the Institute, in his Presidential remarks said that the entire feminist movement had to strike a balance between the traditional and modern approach with changing times. He added that Feminist movement should be understood here in the context of Indian rather than Western values.

Professor Chandrakala Padia, Convenor of the Seminar, pointed out that our traditional scriptures like, Manusmriti have been misquoted in respect of the position of women.

While delivering the valedictory address, Professor V.C. Srivastava said that feminist movement in India should be rooted in Indian model of womenhood combined with modern needs and aspirations.

Professor Malashri Lal, Director, women Study Centre, Delhi Univesity, proposed a formal vote of thanks.

About thirty-five scholars from across the country participated in the Seminar. They include the following names: Professors Chandrakala Padia (Varanasi), Gaurav Agarwal (Jhansi), Anuradha Banerjee (Varanasi), Vidyut Bhagwat (Pune), Rajul Bhargava (Jaipur), Manjula Bordia (Udaipur), Mahesh K. Gaur (Jaisalmer), N.K. Ghosh (Agra), Ashes Gupta (Tripura), L.P. Gupta (Darjeeling), Jaynat S. Joshi (Gwalior), Indira Kaul (New Delhi), K.N. Kapoor (Shimla), Alka Kumar (New Delhi), Kapil Kapoor (New Delhi), Rajesh Kumar (Lucknow), Sukrita Paul Kumar (New Delhi), Sudhir Kumar (Chandigarh), Malashri Lal (Delhi), Motilal Lidhoo (Shimla), S.K. Mishra (Varanasi), Ram Kamal Rai (Shimla), Debika Saha (W.B.), Kingsook Shaha (Midnapore), Kavita A. Sharma (Delhi), Avadesh Kumar Singh (Rajkot), Pankaj K. Singh (Shimla), Nirbhai Singh (Shimla), L.P. Singh (Shimla), Ranjana Srivastava (Varanasi), Pushpa Tiwari (Allahabad), Anita Vashishta (Mumbai), Sudha Vasary (Shimla), R.K. Misra (Shimla), D.V. Ujagare (Junnar), Mahesh Gaur (Rajasthan).

4. *Symposium on Dr. S. Radhakrishnan: Tradition, Education and National Integration*

A symposium on Dr. Radhakrishnan and his ideas on "Tradition, Education and National Integration" was organized on the occasion of Teacher's Day at the Institute on 5th September 2001. Inaugurating the symposium, Professor V.C. Srivastava, Director of the Institute, described Dr. Radhakrishnan, an erudite philosopher and an extraordinary statesman as the symbol of creative synthesis between tradition and modernity. On the one hand Dr. Radhakrishnan dived deep into the ocean of Indian philosophy, and on the other,

he was fully aware of the political and social realities of modern times. Professor Srivastava recalled that Dr. Radhakrishnan had favoured a national policy for education which comprised of basic objectives like building a positive feeling of patriotism, awakening a pride for the past, building a respect for inheritance and a love for cultural heritage, besides sharpening the intellect for the attainment of wisdom.

On this occasion, a renowned historian and distinguished teacher, Professor S.R. Mehrotra, was felicitated. Professor Mehrotra in his remarks discussed the various roles of teachers. He stressed the need to have a community feeling among intellectuals and teachers. He exhorted teachers to teach and set a model rather than theorizing and lecturing.

Professors V.K. Vashistha, Motilal Lidhoo, Ramkamal Rai, L.P. Singh, Lalit Kumar Barua, Usha Bände, H.S. Gill, Vinod Kumar Anand, K.P. Nautiyal, Gobind Thukral, Pankaj Basotia and others also participated in the symposium.

5. International Symposium on Signification in Buddhist and French Traditions

An International Symposium on 'Signification in Buddhist and French Traditions' was held at the Institute under the joint auspices of Inter-University Centre and the Institute from September 25 to 30, 2001. It was attended by a number of senior foreign and Indian scholars who addressed themselves to the main theme of signification in the Indian and western traditions based on Realism and Nationalism. The ancient Indian philosophical and linguistic schools of Realism of Panini and Bhartrhari articulated the most precise and rational grammars of Sanskrit which influenced all modern theories of linguistics in the East and the West. In the sixth and the seventh centuries, the Buddhist logicians, Dignaga and Dharmakirti concentrated on the theories of interpretation based on conceptual constructs which served as a veritable epistemological cut in the ongoing debate on signification. In the West, and especially in French, there emerged a new school of thought in the twelfth century which deviated from the Realism of Augustine. It was led by Pierre Abelard whose theory of signification of denominated conceptualism, which

without being identical with the Buddhist theory of apoha or the signification based on the dialectical interaction with the other, has striking similarities with its main argument. The scholars participating in the Symposium addressed themselves to these very important traditions in the East and the West.

The Symposium was inaugurated by Professor V.C. Srivastava, Director of the Institute. Besides emphasizing the in-depth studies of the traditions of India and the West which form an integral part of the academic programme of the Institute he presented a survey of Apohavada, Professor Srivastava also released H.S. Gill's recent book, Signification in Buddhist and French Traditions on this occasion.

Amongst the forty some participants were Professors Roy Harris (Oxford), F.G. Asenjo (Pittsburgh), Stephen Meier-Oeser (Berlin), Irene Rosier and Barabara Cassin, Sandrine Gill (Paris), Laurent Cesalli (Geneva), G.N. Samten, Marcel Bertels, and eminent Indian experts from different parts of the country.

Professor H.S.Gill was the convenor and Professor L.P. Singh was the coordinator of the Symposium.

6. Workshop on Women's Studies Research and Curriculum

The last quarter of the year 2001 began with the organization of a National Workshop on 'Women's Studies: Research and Curriculum' under the auspices of Inter-University Centre and the Institute from 4-6 October 2001 in collaboration with Women's Studies and Development Centre, University of Delhi.

In his opening remarks, Professor V.C. Srivastava, Director of the Institute emphasized the need for networking amongst the nearly forty Women's Studies Centre supported by the U.G.C. so that their vision and thinking can be shared and concrete plans be enunciated for future directions. He stated that there was a crucial need to integrate research and activism so that a meaningful forum for discussion may emerge. He also said that Women's Studies should not only constitute a

separate discipline but also offer interdisciplinary perspectives. Such an approach would expand the parameters of mainstream subjects as Political Science, History, Sociology, and Literature.

Professor Malashri Lal, Convenor of the workshop, said that the objectives of the workshop are two-folds: to investigate areas of research in Women's Studies and to discuss inter-disciplinary methods for curriculum development. This event hoped to launch an intellectual inquiry on how to consolidate the gains, share research activities, assess the opportunities for imparting gender sensitivity, both inside the classroom and outside.

Inaugurating the workshop, noted creative writer, poet, lyricist and film maker Shri Gulzar said that the expansion in suplication of education is required for the upliftment of status of women in life. Though there is improvement in the standing of women at least in some middle classes in the past fifty years, yet, he said the scenario remains more or less the same in the countryside and amongst the working class. Shri Gulzar spoke about the way he has perceived the predicament of women and depicted them in his writing and filmmaking activities. Citing examples from literature that had set him thinking on his own creative paths, he spoke about his own sensitivity to the plight of the women. He spoke very eloquently about the presence of women in history, and literature, and presented the view that gender prejudices go beyond class, and also that the position and suffering of middle class women remains almost as much today as it has been in the past.

Ms. Saorjini Thakur congratulated the Director of the Institute for hosting this National Workshop as it was much needed and well timed. According to her, the government's thinking behind the National Policy on Women was to ensure a time-bound implementation of programmes and policies. About forty scholars—sociologists, psychologists, historians, economists, literary critics, political scientists, educational administrators, retired Vice-Chancellors, noted film maker, and IAS officers participated in the Workshop.

The following scholars participated in the Workshop: Prof.

Nomita Aggarwal (New Delhi) Prof. Vidyut Bhagwat, (Pune) Prof. Gopa Bhardwaj (Delhi), Dr. Zarina Bhatta, (New Delhi); Dr. Aruna Chakravarti (New Delhi), Prof. Neera Chandoke (Delhi), Dr. Chhaya Datar (Mumbai), Dr. Kiran Dattar (Delhi), Prof. Tejwant .S.Gill (Chandigarh), Prof. Shashi Joshi (Shimla), Dr. Kalpana (Pondicherry), Prof. Asha Kanwar (New Delhi), Prof. Susheela Kaushik (Delhi), Ms. Bhawana Khajooria (Jammu), Ms. Monika Mahajan (Delhi), Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty (Hyderabad), Dr. Medha Nanivadekar (Kolhapur), Dr. Chandrakala Padia (Varanasi), Prof. Veena Poonacha (Mumbai), Dr. Kavita A. Sharma (Delhi), Dr. Kumud Sharma (New Delhi), Prof. Ranjana Sheel (Varanasi), Shri Gulzar (Mumbai), Prof. Pankaj K.Singh (Shimla), Dr. Malathi Subramanian (Delhi), Ms. Sarojini Thakur (New Delhi), Dr. Sudhir Varma (Jaipur), Prof. Roop Rekha Verma (Lucknow), Dr. Sudha Vasani (Shimla) and Dr. Sukrita Paul Kumar (Delhi).

There was poetic evening in which Shri Gulzar recited his poems.

7. International Seminar on Buddhism and the Gandhara Art

The Institute organized an International Seminar on 'Buddhism and the Gandhara Art' in collaboration with Jnan Pravaha, Varanasi from 2-6 November 2001. Professor G.N. Samten, Director, Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, in his inaugural speech recited the Buddhist scriptures and highlighted the message of Buddha which leads to peace and well-being of the society. Professor R.C. Sharma, Honorary Director of the Jnan Pravaha, in his Keynote Address, projected the relations of India with Afghanistan from the Vedic period onwards. Professor Sharma also expressed his grief on the demolition of the world heritage of Bamian by fundamentalists in Afghanistan and asked the scholars to find ways and means to avoid such mishaps in future and preserve the world heritage for posterity. Professor V.C. Srivastava welcomed the participants and other guests and explained the importance of the theme of the seminar.

The seminar was full of cultural activities, viz. staging of

Kalidas's 'Abhigyan Shakuntalam' in Sanskrit; classical dance by Pratchi Metha; visits to archaeological sites and museum etc.; Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath; Bharat Kala Bhavan, BHU; and temples and ghats of Varanasi. On the eve of the seminar His Excellency Professor Vishnukant Shastri, Governor of Uttar Pradesh, released fifteen books published by the Institute, and applauded the publication programme of the Institute. On this occasion, Professor V.C. Srivastava, Director of the Institute, announced that the IAS will adopt Jnan Pravaha as a collaborating Institution for academic activities. Honouring Smt. Bimla Poddar, Managing Trustee of Jnana Pravaha, Professor Srivastava said that publications of the IAS on Indian Culture will be made available to Jnana Pravaha as it would promote the academic pursuits of both the organizations.

The scholars who participated in the week-long Seminar included Professors F. Khan (Pakistan), Charles Willemen (Belgium), T.K. Biswas, Anand Krishna, R.C. Sharma, Pranati Ghosal, Vibha Tripathi, N.P. Joshi, Kamal Giri Deenbandhu Pandey, Preety Trivedi, Kranti Kumar and T.P. Varma (all from Varanasi), S.P. Gupta, R.D. Choudhury, B.R. Mani (all from New Delhi), S.D. Trivedi and K.K. Thapalyal (Lucknow), V.N. Singh (Chandigarh), V.C. Srivastava and Devendra Hānda (Shimla), I.K. Sharma (Hyderabad), Puspa Tiwari and Anamika Roy (Allahabad), V.K. Sharma (Mathura), S.Chakravarti and Anasuiya Das (Calcutta).

8. National Seminar on Formation of Modern Indian Culture

A three-day National Seminar on 'Formation of Modern Indian Culture' was organized at the IAS Shimla from 20-22 November 2001. Inaugurating the seminar, Professor V.C. Srivastava, Director of the Institute, said that fundamentalism was never an inherent feature of Indian culture. Rather, Indian culture stood for tolerance and we have to make efforts to keep it that way, he added. Any study of culture has to go beyond the specific social content and not merely based on temporary social structure, Professor Srivastava opined. The

chief guest of the Inaugural Session, Professor J.S. Grewal pointed out that the initial studies of Indian culture done by the British were either for self-fulfillment or self-understanding or self-interest. Professor Kapil Kapoor, Rector, JNU, Delhi, in his Presidential Remarks stressed on the pitfalls that 'studies of differences' have led to. Professor V.K. Vashistha, Convener of the Seminar, in his Welcome Address stressed the fact that the Indian culture had maintained its foundation for ages through a process of assimilation and reform for the promotion of human values to greater heights.

The scholars who participated in the Seminar were Professors H.S. Gill, V.K. Vashistha, Sushil Kumar, Usha Bande, Pradip Lahiri, L.P. Singh, C.V. Ramachandra Rao, L.P. Pandey, Lalit Kumar Barua and V.C. Srivastava (all from Shimla), J.S. Grewal, Akshaya Kumar, Rajiv Lochan, Chitleen K. Sethi and Indu Banga (from Chandigarh), Ramanuj Ganguly (Calcutta), Shiv Kumar Gupta (Patiala), Pratibha Jain (Rajasthan), Kapil Kapoor, Kavita Sharma, Anuradha Marwah-Roy (from New Delhi), Chandrakala Padia and Anand Shankar Singh (Varanasi), Hari Shankar Sharma and Neelima Vasistha Chandramani Singh, N.K. Singh (Jaipur), Avadesh Kumar Singh (Rajkot), (Rajasthan), and Abhirama Sundaram (Chennai).

9. National Seminar in Human Rights, Indian Culture and Civil Society: Challenges in the 21st Century

Another National Seminar on 'Human Rights, Indian Culture and Civil Society: Challenges in the 21st Century' was organized at the Institute from 24-26 November 2001. The Minister of State for Urban Development, Himachal Pradesh, Shri R.D. Kashyap, who inaugurated the Seminar, said that the issue of human rights is not a new concept and the idea of human welfare had received focus in Indian Religion and Philosophy through the ages. In his keynote Address, Shri Gobind Thukral, a noted Journalist and presently a fellow of Institute, traced the roots of terrorism and called the twentieth century as the most violent in the history of human rights. Earlier, welcoming the participants to the seminar, Professor V.C.

Srivastava, Director of the Institute, expressed deep concern over growing unrest, conflicts, war, massacre of innocents and terrorism and called for evolving consensus over fighting terrorism, and restoring human rights to neglected sections in harmony with the human values of Indian culture.

The scholars participated in the Seminar included A.B. Aggarwal (Patiala), Sushil Kumar, Gobing Thkural, K.N. Kapoor, I.P. Massey, Ajai Srivastava, Vir Bala Aggarwal (Shimla), Lallan Singh Baghel, Amar Chandel, Dinesh Kumar, Radhey Shyam Sharma and Harjinder Singh (Chandigarh) Ravi K. Dhar (Ludhiana), Ramanuj Ganguly (Calcutta), Nandini Sahai, Sonal Sena, Mool Chand Sharma, Ranjana Dev Sarmah, K.S. Subramanian, and Nand Kishore Trikha (New Delhi), R.N.Sharma (Rajasthan), Priyankar Upadhyaya (Varanasi), C.L. Gupt (Dharmasala), R.V. Pillai (Chennai) and Jaya Prakash Mavinkuli (Kundapura). Professor V.S.Gupta was the Convener of the Seminar. Professor V.C.Srivastava delivered the Valedictory Address.

10 First International Conference of the Millenium on History of Mathematical Sciences

The Institute has organized an International Conference on 'History of Mathematical Sciences' in collaboration with Indian Society of History of Mathematics, Indira Gandhi National Open University and Ramjas College, University of Delhi, at Indian National Science Academy, Delhi from 20-23 December 2001. The Conference focused on all aspects of history of mathematical sciences including mathematics, statistics, operations research and computer science and application to societal needs. The Conference was inaugurated by Professor H.P. Dikshit, Vice-Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, Professor V.C. Srivastava, Director, IIAS, traced the history of mathematics and emphasized on the contribution of India in the field, at the Inaugural function.

The participants include scholars like Abhilasha Aggarwal (UK), Ananda Prasad Pant (Nepal), Antonio Drago (Italy), Catherine Goldstein (France), Dana Schlomiuk (Canada), De

ⁱⁱⁱ G.Young (Egypt), E.von Collani (Germany), Enrico Glusti (Italy), Frank Hawkins (USA), George Gheverghese Joseph (UK), Guru Prasad Dhakal (Nepal), Ivor Grattan-Guinness (UK), K.V. Marbia (UK), Jasbir Singh Chahal (USA), Jean Paul-Pier (Luxembourg), Jim Tatersall (USA), Kamal chandra (USA), Mariana L. Ferreira (USA), MA.Li (Sweden), Mohammed Bagheri (Iran), Naveen Singh (India), Prem Nath Bajaj (USA), Yoichi Hirano (Japan), Vitali Ilman (Israel) and many Indian scholars.

*11. International Conference on Mind and Consciousness
(Micon 2002)*

MiCon 2002 was a major international multidisciplinary conference on the theme "Mind and Consciousness" which was organized at I.I.T. Kharagpur from 9-11 January 2002. The conference was sponsored by the Indian Institute of Advanced Study; supported by Infinity Foundation, USA; Indian Council of Philosophical Research; Council of Scientific and Industrial Research; Indian Institute of Medical Research; and Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. The conference attracted notable scholars and researchers from India and abroad. There were about 75 outstation delegates in the conference out of which 22 delegates were from abroad representing 10 different countries, namely Australia, Belgium, Canada, Finland, Japan, Mexico, Sweden, Turkey, UK, and USA. Besides, there were considerable number of local participants from colleges and universities from Kharagpur, Kolkata and the neighbourhood.

Because of the multidisciplinary perspective of this conference, scholars belonging to different disciplines, namely, philosophy, psychology, neuroscience, cognitive science, psychiatry, linguistics, physics, and computer science gathered to listen to each other and uncover the missing links in consciousness studies.

The conference lasted for three days and the sessions included plenary talks, invited lectures, and technical papers. The plenary talks were delivered by Professor P.N. Tandon,

Professor V.C. Srivastava, Professor E.C.G. Sudarshan, Professor Kapila Vatsyayan, and Professor P.K. Mukhopadhyaya while invited lectures were given by Professors Abraham Khan, Navjyoti Singh, S.C. Malik, B.N. Patnaik, Supriya Choudhry, A.K. Sinha, Shobhini Rao, Indrani Sanyal, and G.C. Ray. During the conference, a special session was sponsored by the Infinity Foundation, USA. In this session the speakers were: Professor Stephen Philips, Dr. Chakravarthy Ram Prasad, Dr. Sangeetha Menon, and Dr. Sanjay Chandrasekharan.

12. National Seminar on the Concept of Indianness

The theme of Indianness has been a matter of discussion among a variety of intellectuals for a very long time. It has many dimensions – anthropological, cultural, religio-spiritual, sociological, economic, art, music etc. Indian identity has been visualized by different races, cultures and peoples, and ideologies in different shades and colours. The question of Indian identity in the context of world cultures and civilizations is very valid and relevant. Therefore, the Institute organised a seminar on the theme of "The Concept of Indianness" from 25 to 28 January 2002 in association with Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidyalya, Port Blair under its Inter-University Centre.

Inaugurating the seminar, the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar, Shri N.N.Jha, said that these islands are somewhat remote from the mainland but they don't lag behind in their feeling of Indianness compared to any other part of our country. However, there is need for increased intellectual activities like what is witnessed in the main cities on the mainland, which he felt, is good for the country at large. He expressed the hope that the visit of such intellectual personalities can help bridge this imbalance. Referring the concept of Indianness, the Lt. Governor said it has seeped into the soil of India through the ages and in these islands also, it has been manifested in the form of living in togetherness by the people irrespective of their different linguistic and

“ religious background.

Delivering the keynote address, Professor Kireet Joshi, Chairman, Indian Council of Philosophical Research said that to understand India is to understand Mother India and to grasp and possess four of her essential powers that have been developing since ages, viz, the power of spirituality, the power of intellectuality, the power of vitality, and the power of skills—skills of art and crafts and skills of emotional bond and durable relationship and skills of fruitful life and harmony.

Speaking on this occasion Professor Amrik Singh said that to inculcate a feeling of Indianness, we have to sort out lingual and cultural diversities as well as the regional and anthropological diversities. The Director of the Institute, Professor V.C. Srivastava gave an overview about the Seminar and also introduced the delegates to the gathering on the occasion. Earlier, Dr. M.M. Mahajan Principal, Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidhalya, welcomed the gathering while Dr. Vyas Mani Tripathi proposed the vote of thanks.

The scholars who participated in the seminar were: Professors Kireet Joshi, Bachaspati Upadhyaya, M.D. Srinivas, Bhuvan Chandel, V.K. Anand, Sukrita Paul Kumar, Malashri Lal, Chandrakala Padia, Amrik Singh, V.C. Srivastava, R.C.S. Bahel, Manju Nair, S.R. Sethia, Jagdish Singh Marhans, Vijay Tyagi, Fiaz Hashmi and Shri Gulzar.

Professor V.C. Srivastava presenting a historical perspective of Indianness emphasised that spirituality, rationality, integrated view of life, tolerance, humanism etc. are some of the distinguishing features of Indian identity in its foundational vision. Professor Vachaspati Upadhyaya spoke on traditional tolerance, national movement and other aspects of Indianness. While Professor Chandrakala Padia spoke on the concept of Indianness in the light of political theory, Shri Gulzar talked about Hindustaniat. Professor Malashri Lal and Dr. Sukrita Paul Kumar spoke on Indianness in the context of literature and language. Professor M.D. Srinivas gave survey of Indian contribution to science and technology. Professor V.K. Anand emphasised economic aspects of Indianness. Shri Padamvir Singh's presentation was on Indianness and beyond.

On the occasion of the Seminar the Institute has organized a book exhibition which was inaugurated by the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar, Shri N.N. Jha. The Seminar was made more meaningful by interaction with traditions of Andaman and Nicobar through visits to Cellular Jail, homage to martyres, visits to museums and islands with historical heritage.

13. Seminar on Buddhism in Indian Literature

Another seminar on "Buddhism in Indian Literature" was held from 1 to 3 February 2002 Visva-Bharti, Santiniketan. This seminar was organized by the Institute in association with the Department of Indo-Tibetan Studies, Visva Bharati. The main objective to hold this seminar was to provide a regional and national forum for scholars from different institutions to present and discuss Buddhism as reflected in various Indian Languages and Literatures. It was felt that some of the Sanskrit Buddhist works are even older than the Pali text. The Apabhramsa Buddhist texts are also quite old and may be dated to the time when most of the Pali texts were composed. In the modern Indian Languages, a good number of Buddhist works have been translated, separate works have also been written in various languages based on important Buddhist works, poets, dramatists, folklorists, philosophers and humanists. Some of them also practised the Buddhist attitude in life, epitomized the Buddhist legends in literature. Tagore, a milestone of modern Indian literature, not only accepted Buddhist legends in his own creation, but also trans-created the Buddhist Philosophy in his own concept of 'Religion of Man'.

The Seminar was inaugurated by Swami P. Maharaja of Ram Krishna Mission, Calcutta, keynote address was delivered by Prof. B. Banerjee of Asiatic Society. Professor Venkachalan released the Souvenir. Professor V.C. Srivastava presided over the function. It was accompanied by a cultural evening.

The main emphasis of the seminar was to bring together an

“ interdisciplinary group of scholars to exchange ideas and to give transparency to Buddhist studies as reflected in various Indian as well as International languages and literature.

About forty scholar and experts participated in the Seminar which includes the names of Professors Tashi Paljor (Leh-Ladakh), Vimalkirit (Nagpur), Dipak Kumar Barua (Kolkata), Angraj Choudhary (Nasik), J. Sitaramamma (Guntur), Sukomal Choudhury (Harinabhi), Bela Bhattacharya (Kolkata), Prem Suman Jain (Rajasthan), Biswanath Banerjee (Calcutta), Sumita Chakraborty (Kolkata) Sirajuddin Ahmed (Tripura), Bijayananda Kar (Orissa), H.S. Shukla (Varanasi), V. Venkatachalam (Varaasi), Biplab Chakraborty (Kolkata), S.R. Banerjee (Kolkata), Azia Haider (Varanai), Bimalendra Kumar (Varanasi), P. Dube (Varanasi), Swami Prabhananda Maharaj (Kolkatta), S.K. Pathak (Birbhum), Pranabananda Jash, Reeta Gupta, Baishnab Charan Samal, Bhabatosh Dutta, Kalpika Mukherjee, Niranjan Mohanty, Sabujkali Sen (Mitra), Manoranjan Pradhan, C. Muthaih, Rev. Warranyu, Rev. Dhammisrara (all Santiniketan).

14. Seminar on Indian Society in the New Millenium: Socio-Economic, Political and Cultural Issues

A three-day national seminar on “Indian Society in the New Millennium: Socio-Economic, Political and Cultural Issues” was held from 8 to 10 February 2002 at Bhubaneswar in collaboration with Utkal University. About 30 scholars from different parts of the country participated in the seminar and expressed their views on the following themes: State Dominance and Economic Reforms; Globalization and Poverty Alleviation; WTO and India’s Trade Interests; Gender Issues in Transitional Society; Political Economy of Democratic Decnetralization; Reconstruction of Identity in Globalized Milieu; Humanism in the Post-modern Technological Society, Consumerist Homogeneity and Multi-Cultural Imperatives; and Cross-border Terrorism and Economic Challenges. The Seminar was inaugurated by Shri N. Panda, former Chief Secretary of Orrisa. Professor V.C. Srivastava, Director of the

Institute was the Chief Guest and Professor Raghuvēer Singh, a noted Political Scientist delivered keynote address.

The scholars who participated in this seminar were: Professors Vinod Anand, S. Moharana, Swapan Bhattacharya, S. Rath, M.K. Mishra, Himanshu S. Mohapatra, Meera Panigrahi, Ramachandra Misra, Chandrakala Padia, Rita Tripathi, Gobind Thukral, J.P. Bhatti, P.K. Chaubey, Raghuvēer Singh, G. Giri, M.K. Thakur, S.N. Misra, Sudhakar Panda, Supriya Patnaik, Padmaja Misra, A.K. Purohit, P.K. Mahapatra, Prahlad Kumar, R. Mohanti and Trilochan Tripathy.

15. National Seminar on Srivaishnava Commentary Tradition

The Institute also organized a national seminar on "Srivaishnava Commentary Tradition" from 17 to 19 February 2002, at Bangalore in collaboration with the Academy of Sanskrit Research, Melkote and Dravidian University, Kuppam. The seminar was divided into eight sessions in which twenty-seven scholars presented their papers on various commentary traditions related to Srivaishnavism. The Valedictory session was presided over by Sri Chanchalapatdasji, Vice-President, ISKCON Bangalore. Professor P. V. Arunachalam, former Vice Chancellor, Dravidian University, Kuppam delivered the Valedictory Address while Professor Srivastava gave the concluding remarks with a positive note to continue collaborative academic events between IAS and Academy of Sanskrit Research, Melkote in future.

The scholars who participated in three-day seminar were: Professors T.K.V. Iyengar, M.A. Jayashree, V. Vasundavan, M.A. Alwar, Vid Jaggu Sudharshanachar, Raghavan, V.V. Ramanujam, M.A. Ranganayaki, Vid. S. Krishnaswamy Iyengar, M. Varadarajan, P.K. Mukhopodhyar, M.A. Venkatakrishnan, Vid. Rama Sreenivasan, Vid. Ananthnarasimhachar, Kannan, Vid. S.M. Krishnamacharya, Vid. L. Veeraraghavan, K.K.A. Venkatachari, P. Narasimhan, Vid. K.S. Varadacharya, M.R. Ranganath.

On 17 February a Bharatanatyam dance recital by Kiran and Sandhya of Rasika Academy of Performing Arts, Bangalore

was organised and on the evening of 18 February Jayshree and Party gave a Carnatic Vocal Music performances at Gokhale Institute, Malleswaram.

16. Panel Discussion on Consciousness.

A panel discussion was organized on 19 February, 2002 at Bangalore. The panelists were Professor V.C. Srivastava; M.D. Srinivas, P.K. Mukhopadhyaya, M.A. Lakshmithatachar, Srihari, T.R.D. Muralidharan, and Sri M.A.S. Rajan, Apart from the two invited guest speakers, Dr. Shobini Rao of NIMHANS and Dr. Sangeetha Menon of NIAS, Bangalore, other speakers were Professors M.D. Srinivas, P.K. Madhopadhyaya, V.C. Srivastava and Sri M.A.S. Rajan.

17. National Seminar on Religion, Nationalism and Literature

The last two decades have witnessed in the country an upsurge of interest in the interface between religion and nationalism. It was therefore timely for the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, in collaboration with Dyvanyaloka, Mysore, to organize a three-day national seminar (22-24 February 2002) at Mysore to debate the issue of religion, nationalism and literature in India.

Professor V.C. Srivastava inaugurated the seminar and asserted in his inaugural address that the concept of nation is a western import but India had a rich tradition of its heritage, cultural identity in diversity and love for motherland and philosophy of human brotherhood.

Several definitions of the nation were offered and debated by the scholars. These included the social, political, psychological, cultural and spiritual. Professor B.K. Chandrasekhar, Minister of Information and Technology, Government of Karnataka, and formerly Professor of International Labour Law, IIM, Bangalore, historicized the issue in the contemporary context. The rise of a particular political formation in the country, in his view, has given certain immediacy to the question of religious nationalism. He argued that one needs to be cautious while exploring the relationship between the

two categories. Professor V.C. Srivastava, Director IIAS and Professor C.D. Narasimhaiah, noted critic and Director, Dhvanyaloka underlined the importance of the topic and its contemporary relevance. D.A. Shankar, Convener of the seminar, outlined the conceptual framework underlying the Seminar. Professor S. Panda proposed a vote of thanks.

The participants included Professors T.R.S. Sharma, P.C. Kar, G.C. Nayak, R. Indira, L.P. Singh, Govind Thukral, S. Ramaswamy, S. Sachchidananda Mohanty, C.N. Ramachandra, Rajiv Ramachandra, Sudhakar Panda, Meera Panigrahi, A. Madhavan, Chandrakala Padia, D.A. Shankar, C.D. Srinivas and V.C. Srivastava.

Prof. Hedge, Vice-Chancellor, Mysore University, exhorted in his valedictory address to focus on Sanskrit and scientific heritage of India. The Seminar was made more lively by the performance of the Bharnatya and a flute recital.

18. International Symposium on Friedrich, Nietzsche and the Issues of Human Rights

A three-day International Symposium on "Friedrich Nietzsche and the Issue of Human Rights" was organized jointly by the Institute, Max Mueller Bhavan and German Cultural Centre, a branch of the Goethe Institute, Munich from 10-12 April 2002.

Inaugurating the Symposium, Himachal Pradesh High Court Chief Justice, W. A. Shishak presented a few glaring exceptions of the violation of human rights in different parts of India and other countries. Human rights were inherent in human beings and did not depend upon any political sanction, he added.

Regional programme Director, Max Muller Bhavan, New Delhi, Peter Sewitz outlined the scope of the symposium and delineated the conceptualization process and defined the core objective of the symposium mainly on the basis of Nietzsche's book *Thus Spake the*

Welcoming the participants of the symposium, Director of the Institute, Professor V.C. Srivastava emphasized upon the importance of human rights in the current scenario both at

the national and international level.

The theme of the symposium revolved round the philosophy of German Nihilist philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche who was deeply influenced by the Hindu and Buddhist philosophies of eclectic knowledge and certain ascetic attitudes towards life.

The scholars who participated in the Symposium were Prof. Hendrik Birus (Germany), Dr. Bindu Puri (Delhi), Dr. Vijay Tankha (Delhi), Prof. Glenn Most (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa), Prof. L.P. Singh (Shimla), Prof. H.S. Prasad (Delhi), Ms. Jayanti Seth (Delhi), Prof. Yohanan Grinshpon (University of Jerusalem), and Mr. Rajesh Rastogi (Delhi).

Justice Om Prakash, Chairman of the Himachal Pradesh Human Rights Commission, delivered valedictory address on 12 April 2002 and Prof. V.C. Srivastava in his presidential address said that the concept of *Dharma* (duty) must be allied to the concept of Human Rights.

19. *Brain-storming Seminar on the Working of Mind*

A two-day seminar on "Working of Mind" was held at the Institute on 10-11 June 2002. The seminar was exceptional in its topic and approach. Mind and its workings have been topics of continued interest for not only philosophers but also for researchers from other disciplines, such as Psychology, for centuries. However, recently with the advances in the neuroscience, this subject has attracted greater attention on community in general. This national seminar was able to bring together eminent philosophers and distinguished neuroscientists to deliberate on this complex issue.

In his welcome address, Prof. V.C. Srivastava, Director of the Institute emphasized on the distinctive character of this seminar. He mentioned that this was a 'brain-storming seminar' rather than the usual kind because here more time is devoted to thread bare discussion while presentations by invited speakers are limited.

Prof G C Pande, Chairman of the IAS Governing Body delivered a profound inaugural address which was philosophically both stimulating and enlightening. Quoting

Plato, Vatsyayana, and Bradley, he pointed out the need for a different kind of 'knowledge' that is beyond the usual demonstrative or experimental scientific knowledge. Philosophy, he asserted, is a never-ending quest for such knowledge. He then cited some of the "problems of philosophy" that are particularly pertinent when one considers a "scientific study of the mind and its workings", such as, the mind-body problem, the explanation of the intentionality of mind, etc.

Prof. P N Tandon, internationally renowned Neurosurgeon and presently President, National Brain Research Centre Society, New Delhi delivered an exciting and informative lecture on 'Recent Advances in Studying Higher Mental Functions'. With a long experience in Neuroscience and brain surgery, Prof. Tandon has a sustained interest in 'consciousness' and its various aspects. In his lecture, he summed up the research data of the past ten years and the progress we have made in neurophysiological understanding of the brain and its inexorable connection with the mind. Professor Ravindra Panth, Director, Nava Nalanda Vihar, presented his views on meditational impacts on the mind. Prof. N.S.S. Raman (Varanasi), Prof. Navajoti Singh (Delhi) and Prof. Chanda Chakravarty (Kharagpur), spoke on metaphysics of consciousness.

Prof. S.D. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University, was the guest of honour. Prof. G.C. Pande delivered the valedictory address, while Prof. V.C. Srivastava, as President of the valedictory session, summarised the main idea of the seminar and Prof. Sushil Kumar proposed a vote of thanks.

20. *A Round Table on NARRATIVE: Understanding, Strategies, Devices*

A Round Table on NARRATIVE: Understanding, Strategies, Devices was organized at the Institute on the 25th June 2002. Professor V.C. Srivastava, Director of the Institute gave a synoptic view of Narrativism from earliest times to date and emphasized that narratives have significance in history,

literature, creative writing, art history etc. There were four main speakers in this programme as follows:

- (a) Professor B.N. Goswamy : *An Understanding of Times: Some Approaches in Indian Painting*"
- (b) Prof. H.S. Gill : *Narrative Structures*
- (c) Dr. Rajul Bhargava : *Text a Film: The Case of Umrao Jan*
- (d) Dr. Ashwani Aggarwal: *To Select and to Condense: Narrative in Gupta Coinage*

The theme was discussed by Fellows, Associates and other Scholars.

PROJECT/ CENTRE ON STUDY IN INDIAN CIVILIZATION

The Institute has initiated a Project/Centre for the Study in Indian Civilization with three main objects: (i) Preparation of a Dictionary of Indian Culture; (ii) Translation of Indian Classics in Hindi, English and other regional languages; and (iii) Preparation of standard monographs on development of Indian civilization. One workshop on 'Dictionary of Indian Culture' has already been held. The Institute has undertaken the work of preparation of 'Dictionary of Indian Culture' in collaboration with Academy of Sanskrit Research, Melkote in six volumes. The work on the preparation of a glossary of foundational terms and concepts of Indian culture is completed and is being considered for publication. Under the 'Translation of Indian Classics', following publications are in press and are likely to be released soon:

1. *Gaha Saptashati* (Prakrit to Hindi) by G.C. Pande
2. Kampoli Mallikarjuna Kavi's *Palakurisomesvara Charita Yakshagana* (Telugu to English with running commentary and notes by C. V. Ramachandra Rao
3. *Samba Purana* (Sanskrit to Hindi) by V.C. Srivastava
4. *Nauka Charitra* (Telugu to English) by C.Vasundhara.

Translation of following texts is in progress:

1. *Yukti Bhasa* (Malyalam to English) by K.V. Sarma. Two parts are complete, third, the last one is in progress.
2. *Divya Prabandham* (Tamil to English) by M.A. Lakshmi-thathachar. It is in advanced stage of completion.

3. *Ved Mimansa* (Bengali to English) by Sunita Bhattacharya. Two chapters have been completed.

Under the preparation of standard monographs on development of Indian civilization works on Philosophy, Religion and Science in the Puranas by S. Pande and Buddhism in Afghanistan by J. Rai, and Hinduism on South East Asia, all under Prof. V.C. Srivastava are under preparation.

(ii) Honorary Fellows:

The Institute has recently instituted Honorary Fellowships for life. Following are Honorary Fellows of the Institute:

Prof. N. S. Ramaswamy Tatachari, Prof. K. V. Verma, Prof. B.N.S. Yadava, Prof. Dharampal, Prof. P. N. Tandon, Prof. A.K. Saran, Prof. R. Narasimha, Shri Gulzar, Prof. E.C. G. Sudarshan, Prof. M. A. Lakshmithathachar, and Prof. C.D. Narasimhaiah.

It is a matter of privilege for me to inform that one distinguished Honorary Fellow – Padma Bhushan Professor E.C.G. Sudarshan (Austin), an Internationally reputed Physicist with moorings in Indian Tradition and Philosophy, delivered very engrossing lecture on "The Experience of Time" on 4th July, 2002 which was debated by other scholars.

(iii) Visiting Professors

During the period (2001-2002) we had seven Visiting Professors, most of whom spent about a month at the Institute. They were—Professor R. Balasubramaniam of IIT Kanpur; Professor Arindam Chakravarti of University of Hawaii; famous art historian Professor B.N. Goswamy; former Director-General of National Museum, Professor R.C. Sharma; distinguished Archaeologist and former Director General of ASI, Professor B.B. Lal; and former Vice-Chancellors of Saugar and Allahabad Universities, Professor P.D. Hajela. Each of them gave a series of lectures. Professor Balasubramaniam talked about 'New Insight on Some Historical and Technical Enigmas of the Delhi Iron Pillar'; and New Insight on the Dhar Iron Pillar. In his four lectures Prof. Arindam Chakravarti spoke on 'Utterance as Creation': Making Sense of 'Vyahrtis';

Insight Imagination Intuition: Making Sense of 'Vimarsa/Pratibha'; Whose Emotions?: Making Sense of 'rasa'/ 'camatkara'; and 'Applying Abhinavagupta's Aesthetics of Disgust Across Culture: Making Sense of 'bibhatsa'. Prof. B.N. Goswamy's theme of lectures was 'Mirrors of Mind': An Examination of three Seminal Series of Indian Paintings'. Professor R.C. Sharma gave lectures on 'A Fresh Appraisal of Raghuvanshu Episode of Raghuvanshu'; Antiquarian Approach to Sri Krishna', and Interaction Between Mathura and Gandhara'. Professor B.B. Lal delivered four lectures on: 'The Aryan Invasion of India'; The Extinction of the Harappan Culture; 'The Saraswati in the Rigveda'; and 'The Identification of the Saraswati on the Terra Firma' while Prof. P.D. Hajela gave four lectures on 'Institutions: The Economic Approach; and 'The Issues of Economic Policy'. Hon'ble members of the Society will be happy to note that the book based on the lectures given by Professor Balasubramaniam has already been published while the lectures by B.B. Lal and Prof. P.D. Hajela are in the final stages of production.

During period from April 2002 to date, Prof. S. Sahay, Prof. P.N. Tandon, Prof. Ravinder Panth, Professor N.S.S. Raman and Prof. Raghuvir Singh were Visiting Professors at the Institute. Professor Sachidanand Sahai (Bodh Gaya) delivered four lectures on Indiannization in the historiography of South East Asia and Laotian Ramanaya. Professor P.N. Tandon (New Delhi), World Renowned Neurosurgeon, delivered four Lectures on different aspects of 'Memory and the Brain'. Professor Ravindra Panth, Director of Nava Nalanda Vihar, delivered four lectures on 'On Meditation', 'Vipassana Meditation & Patikasamuppada', and 'Heritage of Nalanda and its Continuity'. Professor N.S.S. Raman (Varanasi) delivered four lectures on 'The Problems of Interpretation', 'The Problems of Translation', 'Forms of Philosophical and Religious Expression', 'Role of Metaphor in Philosophy and Religion' and Professor Raghuvir Singh (former Professor and Head of Gorakhpur University and an Expert on Political Theory, delivered four lectures on 'Human Rights in Inhuman World: Fallacy of Taking Rights too Seriously'.

(iii) Visiting Scholars

Thirty-one Visiting Scholars visited the Institute during the period under reference. Their names and topics on which they spoke are given below:

1. Prof. K. Srinivasa Rao (Chennai): Complexity in Sciences
2. Prof. A.N Tripathi (Varanasi): Value Education
3. Dr. Z. Bari Azmi (New Delhi): Sufism, Salifi Reform and Islamic Activism in Modern Egypt and India.
4. Prof. Janak Pandey (Allahabad): Understanding Social Influence Processes
5. Professor Rajesh Kochchar (New Delhi): Astronomy in Indian Festivals
6. Prof. Vijay Kapur (USA): The Dynamics of Aggressive Islamic Fundamentalism in Central and South Asia: Challenges for India and Russia
7. Dr. Mohan Gupta (Bhopal): The Date of Mahabharata War
8. Prof. Chandrakala Padia (Varanasi): Mapping the Terrain of Feminist Thought: Western Perspective and Mapping the Terrain of Feminist Thought: Indian Perspective
9. Prof. J.N. Patnaik (Bhubneswar): The Premises of Cultural Studies
10. Shri Dinesh Kumar (Chandigarh): Information Warfare
11. Dr. Madhusudan Mishra (New Delhi): The Language and Script of Indus Inscriptions
12. Lt. Gen. S.S. Mehta : India's Security Concerns
13. Prof. Purushottam Singh (Varanasi): Protohistoric Remains in the Middle Ganga Plains
14. Professor I. P. Massey (Shimla): Ideological Construct of Human Rights Discourse
15. Professor S.N. Sinha (Delhi): W.H. Moreland's Contribution to Economic History of Medieval India
16. Professor Vinod Sena (New Delhi): Audio Books: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow and The Genie of the Mouse: Harnessing Computers for the Print disabled
17. Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur (New Delhi): Religion and Environment: The Vishnoi Literature of Medieval Rajasthan.

18. Shri Swami Buddhananda: Science and Humanism.
19. Dr. (Mrs.) Kiran Chadha (New Delhi): Future of Iron ore Exports from India
20. Ms. Maria Carrilho (Paris): The Working of the European Parliament
21. Professor G.K. Sharma (Tennessee): Alternative Medicine
Professor R.K. Verma (Allahabad): The Beginning of Settlement in the Ganga Valley.
22. Prof. Meera Srivastava (Allahabad): Poetry: A Civilizational Crisis
23. Dr. Chhanda Chakraborti (Kharagpur): Metaphysics of Consciousness and David Chalmers' Property Dualism
24. Professor Sudhakar Panda (Bhubneshwar) Orissa: In the Perspective of India's Economic Reforms
25. Dr. Meera Panigrahi (Bhubneshwar): Humanism and Literature: Humanistic Standards in Literary Criticism
26. Dr. A.K. Singh (Varanasi): Chalcolithic Cultures of Middle Ganga Valley with Special Reference to Recent Excavations at Ajiabir, Distt. Mirzapur, U.P
27. Professor K.K. A. Venkatachari (Chennai): Concept of Saranagati
28. Professor Bhim S. Dahiya (Yamuna Nagar): Accessibility, Excellence, and Indian Higher Education System
29. Padma Vibhusan Marshal Arjan Singh Air Force Issues
30. Professor Karuna Goswamy (Chandigarh): Woven into the Frabric of Life: The Painter's Goddess and Other Related Issues (Illustrated)
31. Professir B.N. Goswamy (Chandigarh): An Understanding of Times: Some Approaches in Indian Painting (Illustrated).

These lectures on diverse disciplines were debated by Fellows, Associates, Scholars in residence and, teachers of Himachal Pradesh University.

In addition to above Prof. V.C. Srivastava, delivered a special lecture on "Buddhism and its Interaction with other Culture in Afghanistan" which emphasised on many Buddhist, Greek, Brahmanic and tribal elements alongwith Islam which went to made national culture of Afghanistan. It inaugurated the establishment of a cell on Cultural Heritage of Afghanistan.

(v) Weekly Seminars by the Fellows

The collective academic concern of the community of Fellows finds its expression in the seminars, which form a regular feature of the academic life of the Institute. During the period, besides the national seminars, lectures by visiting professors, visiting scholars/guest scholars, twenty presentations were made by the fellows of the Institute. The details of the seminars given by the Fellows are as under:

- Dr. S. K. Raina: Ramkatha as re-told in Kashmiri Ramayana
Ramiartarcharit
- Prof. V.K Vashishtha: Mahatma Gandhi's Response to Ekki
Movement in Southern Rajputana State, 1921-22
- Dr. Sunder Sarukkai: Philosophy of Symmetry
- Prof. Motilal Lidhoo: Kashmir Issue: a Mountbatten and Nehru
Legacy
- Prof. Nirbhai Singh: Hermeneutics of Sikh scriptures and
Tradition
- Dr. Ram Kamal Rai: Manviya Samvedna aur Kavya: Agyeya
ki Kavya Bhoomi
- Shri Lalit K. Barua: Cultural Transitions in Eastern-India:
Bengal and Assam
- Dr. Shashi Joshi: Caste and Conversion: The Missionary
Experience
- Dr. Devendra Handa: The Stones Speak: Vaikuntha from
Haryana
- Shri K.N. Kapoor: Information Access and Eradication of
Corruption
- Shri C.D. Tripathi: Metal Sculpture of Early Assam: Narkasura
Bronzes
- Prof. S.C. Bhattacharya: The Lack of Sense of History in Early
India: Some Issues
- Dr. Pradip Lahiri: Indian Theatre: A Profile
- Dr. Sudha Vasan: Ethnography of the forest guard: contrasting
discourses, conflicting roles and policy implementation
- Prof. L.P. Singh: Philosophical Basis of the Buddhist "Tantra"
- Shri Gobind Thukral: Media and Violence
- Professor Vinod Anand: Economics: A Way Of Life
- Dr. Ram Kamal Rai: अज्ञेय और स्वाधीनता की परिकल्पना

Dr. Usha Bande: Aspects of Resistance - A Study of A Matter of Time

Professor D.N. Tripathi: Hellenism and Hinduism: Some Aspects

Prof. Sushil Kumar, The Right and the Good: Ontology, Politics and International Relations

Dr. Sudha Vasana, Living with Diversity: Forestry Institutions in the Western

Prof. C.V. Ramachandra Rao, The Unique Role of Palkuriki Somanatha (13th -14th Centuries) in the Promotion and Propagation of Virashaivism

(vi) Seminars given by the Associates of Inter-University Centre:

Dr.Kashinath Jena (Silchar): Eemerging Determinant of International Politics and Economics

Dr. Chanchal Dutt Roy (Kolkata): Modern English Poetry: The Problem of Communication

Dr. Kamal Kumar (New Delhi): Contemporary Women Literature (fiction): Conflict and Identity Crisis

Dr. Rajni Walia (Shimla): Re-searching Self: A Reading of Jean Rhys's Wide Sargasso Sea

Dr. D.R. Shashidhara (Manglagangotri): Penny Union by T.N. Srikantaish

Dr. Simmi Agnihotri (Shimla): Morale, Motivation and Job Satisfaction affects Human Resource Development

Dr. K. Prasad Upadhyaya (Digboi): The Napalese in Assam: A Historical Perspective

Dr. Sadananda Sahoo (Hyderabad): Indian Diaspora the Cross Roads the Fiji and Malaysian Case

Dr. Surendra Singh (Bhagalpur): WTO and Trade Dispute Settlement Rules and Procedures

Dr. Sonali Sud (Shimla): The Internationalization of Psychology in the Development of University Psychological Measures

Dr. Joytiprasad Chatterjee (Midnapore): Sociological Theories on Ethnicity

Dr. Benulal Dhar (Dhuggiri): Moore's Theory of Goodness and the Phenomenological Theories of Values: An interface

- Dr. Bharati A. Parikh (Vadodra): Motherhood in Toni Morrison's beloved
- Dr. M.B. Belavatagi (Gadag): Economic Analysis of Agro Based Industries in Karnataka
- Prof. K. Kadirvelu (Trichirapalli): Jaina Palli of Nadu Naadu Thirumarmkondai
- Dr. R.C. Heredia (Mumbai): Religion and Globalization: Re-enchanting the World
- Dr. Kali Charan Pandey (Dharmashala): The Concept of Will in Waismann
- Dr. S. Ranganatah (Bangalore): Aum in Upanisads
- Dr. Susanta Kumar (Orissa): A Study on the Development of Nationalism Value Among the Students of Orissa
- Dr. Ranjana Harish (Ahmedabad): The God of Small Things: A Tale of Mombattis' Brave Struggle
- Dr. Santosh Gupta (Jaipur): The Glass Place: Changing Reflections of Self
- Dr. Akshaya Kumar (Chandigarh): Nation-in-Narration: A Study of Hindi Poetry from Bhartendu to Agyeya
- Dr. Rita Joshi (New Delhi): Community Versus Nation: Conflict in the Fiction of Robinton Mistry
- Dr. Usha Agarwal (Mandsaur): Urbanization Tourism
- Dr. Vidyanand Singh (Bikaner): Military Science in Mahabharata
- Dr. V.N. Sharma (Teza): Criticism: Tribal Culture of Arunachal Pradesh
- Dr. Anil Kumar (Teza): Profile of a North-East Indian Tribal Village: a Case Study of Loilang
- Dr. P.K. Mohanty (Cuttack): Administration in Higher Education: A Study in Orissa (1947-97)
- Dr. Pradeep K. Hota (Bargah): Globalization and Challenges before Indian Education
- Dr. Tushar Kumar Sahoo (Cuttack): A Comparative Study of the Provision and Implementation of Physical Education Curriculum in Navodaya and Non-Novodaya Vidyalayas in the State of Orissa
- Dr. Sandeep Sinha (Kolkata): British Public-Health and the Indian Public: A Review of the Situation 1850-1920.

- Dr. A.K. Srivastava (Azamgarh): Rural-Urban Migration: Some issues in Context of Eastern U.P.
- Dr. K Alagar (Madurai): Child Labour and its Social Implications
- Dr. Ashok Kumar (Guntur): Human Rights Education: A Social Work Perspective
- Prof. B.V. Solanki (Adipur): Marketing of Education Service
- Dr. B.V.S. Bhanusree (Vishakhapatnam): The Philosophy of Sant Kabir
- Dr. Vihang Naik (Ambaji): Making A Poem: Poetry Manifesto
- Dr. G.S. Sexena (Sahibabad): Extremism and Liberalism in Gandhian Thought
- Dr. Ashvini Agrawal (Chandigarh): The Identity of Kacha of the Gupta Gold Coins
- Dr. Govind S. Pathak (Dhanbad): 100 per cent Placement: A Myth or A Reality
- Dr. D.K. Singh (Muktsar): State-Society Interactions in the Environmental Sector in India
- Dr. Rajender P. Sharma (Naupara): Sant Bhim Bhoi Ki Bhakti-Bhavna
- Dr. D.K. Mohanta (Silchar): Understanding Religions Pluralism
- Dr. Anil Chauhan (New Delhi): Profession and Occupations in the Early Deccan
- Dr. P. Choudhury (Dhupguri): Netaji's Idea of Government and Administration
- Dr. Simmi Agnihotri (Shimla): Gramsabha and Constitution 73rd Amendment
- Dr. Jyoti Narain Singh (Ghorabahan): The Human Condition: A Brief Study of Nissim Ezekiel's Poetry
- Dr. Dinesh Singh Kanwar (Shimla): Mosaic Vision in A.K. Ramanujan's Poem, 'The Striders'
- Dr. Seema Bhaduri (Nasik): Modes of Cultural Transfer: A Comparative Study of two 'Stream of Consciousness' Novels
- Dr. N.D.R. Chandra (Kohima): Ethical Tradition and Crisis in Criticism
- Dr. Jyotsna Rout (Guwahati): Krandana (weeping songs) in the traditional marriages Sector and its Impact on Rural Development in Western U.P.

- Dr. Namita Gupta (Mathura): Barriers in the Career Advancement of Female Employees
- Dr. Shail Singh (Etah): An Empirical Study of Khadi and Village Industries Sector and its Impact on Rural Development in Western U.P.
- Dr. V. Selvaraj (Peethanaupatty): Fruits and Vegetables Procession Industry in India
- Dr. S Arulselvan (Tirunelveli): Relevance of Community Newspapers in the 21st Century
- Dr. Dinesh Chandra Lal (Allahabad): The need of Physical Education for Secondary and Higher Secondary School Students
- Dr. M.V.R. Raju (Vishakhapatnam): Psychological Counselling for Family
- Dr. Saroj Bhardwaj (Mandi): Super Human Species: Aurobindo Contra Nietzsche
- Dr. Ravindra K.S. Choudhry (Jharia): Some Reflections on the Philosophical Foundations of Artificial Intelligence
- Dr. Satyendra Sharma (Satna): Gandhi: Bhartiya Vangmay ke Mulya Chetna Ka Kriyatmak Darshan
- Dr. H. Kalpana (Pondicherry): Feminist Theory and women's Writing
- Dr. Saroj Malik (Kuruksheetra): Individual and Society: the Gandhian Perspective
- Dr. Munmun Majumdar (New Delhi): Indonesia's Role in ASEAN
- Dr. M. Dinesh Hegde (Basrur): Devaraj Urs and Socio-Political Mobilization among the Backward Classes of Karnataka
- Dr. Sharad Ranjan (New Delhi): Rural Non-Farm Employment in India
- Dr. Debabrata Das (Guwahati): Micro-Credit: A New Agenda for Commercial Banks
- Dr. T.R. Manjunath (Shankarghatta): State Finances in India: A Case Study of Jammu and Kashmir
- Dr. Rajender Mehta (Bhavnagar): Vigat Dashak ke Natak: Pragati ya Patan
- Dr. Ashwini Kumar Singh (Muzzafarpur): Bhartiya Sangeet: Bhartiya Sanskriti avam Saundriya Shastra ke visesh Sandarabh main

- Dr. G.C. Mahanta (Tezpur): The Contribution of Dr. Birinchi Kumar Barua to Cultural and Folklore Studies in Assam
- Dr. S. Subramania Pillai (Thovalai): Rights of Temple Entry: Seranmadevi Gurukulam Affair
- Dr. Amita Agarwal (Jaipur): Human Rights of Dalits and untouchables
- Dr. D.P. Choudhury (Kolkata): Interrogating History
- Dr. Pralay Kanungo (Delhi): Constructing a Hindu Identity in United States: Diasporic Politics of Hindu Nationalism
- Dr. Vinod Kumar Tiwari (Fatehgarh): Japan ki Aarthik pragati main prabandh ki Jan Shaili ka Yogdan
- Dr. V.K. Dubey (Chaurai): Nagar Nigam ke Prashasan mein Mayor in Council ka Mahattav
- Dr. M.C. Behera (Itanagar): Social Anthropology of Sacred Centre: Understanding the Dimension of Indian Civilization through Parasuram Kund
- Dr. Pramod Kumar Singh (Patna): Buddhist Theory of Knowledge with Special Reference to Dinnagea and Dharmakirti
- Dr. Nishamani Kar (Khurda): Love and Beauty in Shelley and Man Singh
- Dr. Uddhav A. Ashture (Nandgaon): Semantic Syntactic Deviation in the Language of Poetry
- Dr. G.I. Sathiaseelan (Madurai): Pakistan: The observation of an Unknown Indian
- Dr. Kadar Nath Kant (Barauni): Hindi Mukht Chand: Sidhant aur Viniyog
- Dr. Asha Kamal (Gwalior): Sri Krishna: the Graduation of a Hero
- Dr. Usha V.T. (Trivandrum): Intimate Dialogues: Bhakti and Women's Discourse
- Dr. S.C. Dasgupta (Kolkata): Multiple Identities, Marginality Literary Representation
- Dr. S. Murali (Trivandrum): Dislocated Narratives Context of English Literary Studies in India
- Dr. Rana Nayar (Chandigarh): Locating/Dis-locating Indian Literatures: A Story of Hits and Misses
- Dr. Sukhbir Singh (Hyderabad): The Hindu Influence on Postmodern American Novelists

- Dr. Preeti Shriodkar (Mumbai): (Alter) Native Expression:
The(M)other Tongue
- Dr. C. Upendra Rao (Puri): Critical Study of Kakkhali Gosola
land his Philosophical Views
- Dr. Siya Ram Sharma (Patna): On Social Security
- Dr. Prema S. Hallikeri (Dharwad): Girish Karnad and the
Western Impact
- Dr. Sanjukta Dasgupta (Kolkata): Breaking Free: Is
Rabindranath Tagore's 'The Wife's Letter' a Feminist Text?
- Dr. Debkumar Mukherjee (Jalpaiguri): Regional Disparity in
Mexico
- Dr. Chitra Panikar (Hyderabad): The Obscenity Questions
(with special reference to instances from Literature)
- Dr. Vanashree Tripathi (Varanasi): 'Feminine' and the
Aesthetics of Modernism in Fiction
- Dr. P.K. Banerjee (Delhi): The Present Time and Some
Economic Questions
- Dr. Moon Moon Majumdar (Shillong): Fictionalizing History
- Dr. Nandita Mukherjee (Jalpaiguri): An Overview of Regional
Imbalance in India
- Dr. M. Trimurthi Rao (Guntur): ILO: Convention and Indian
Labour
- Dr. Gautam Banerjee (Asansol): Language as a Barrier in
Process Learning
- Dr. B.A. Deshmukh (Pune): Inovative Tribal Development
Approaches: Some Experiments in Maharashtra
- Dr. Chandrakanta Yatanoor (Gulbarga): Prospects of Peace
and Security in South Asian Region
- Dr. B. Maria John (Terunelveli): Linguistic Movement and the
Formation of Travancore Tamil Nadu Congress
- Dr. Gajendra K. Saxena (Agra): Rethinking the Post-Colonial:
Towards an Indian Tradition of the Post-Colonial Theory
- Dr. Abhirama Sundaram (Chennai): Mother care as gleaned
from 'Ayurveda Saukhyam'
- Dr. Jaya Prakash Mavinakuli (Mundabidri): Political Culture:
Perspective of Good Governance
- Dr. N.R. Gopal (Sarkaghat): Higher Education: A Need for
Reassessment
- Dr. N.P. Thakur (Khagaria): Classical Psychoanalysis: Theory

and Practice

- Dr. Arulananda Mary (Tuticorin): Condition of Labourers in the Salt Parns in Tuticorin Area
- Dr. Rajesh Modi (Bhavnagar): Child Labour in Plastic Industry: A Case Study of Bhavnagar
- Mr. Sunil Pio (Ri-Bhoi): The Quality of Life in Tea Plantation of Assam: A Conceptual Framework
- Mr. Nani Bath (Arunachal): Electoral Politics in Arunachal Pradesh: A Study of Voting Behavior
- Mr. Jyotiprasad Chatterjee (Kharagpur): The History of the Jharkhand Movement: A Quest for Identity
- Mr. Kripaprasad Upadhyaya (Digboi): Political Participation Among the Nepalese in Assam: A Sociological Enquiry
- Mr. M.M. Bagali (Dharwad): Demystifying Empowerment Culture of High Performance Workforce : A Case of People Centric Organization
- Dr. D.K. Singh (Muktsar): Democracy & Development - The Inherent Contradictions & The Symbiosis
- Dr. M.B. Belavatagi (Mandargi): Economic Analysis of Manufacturing Sector in South East Asia
- Mr. Sadanand Sahoo (Hyderabad): Diaspora Doctors in the Corporate Hospitals in Hyderabad: A Sociological Study
- Dr. Benulal Dhar (Jalpaiguri): Phenomenology of Value-Experience: Some Reflections on Scheler and Hartman"
- Mr. Ravi Sharan Dixit (Kanpur): Mahatama Gandhi and the Issue of Human Rights"
- Dr. Bharati A. Parikh (Vadodra): Train to Pakistan: Humanity at Stake
- Dr. Rajni Walia (Shimla): Re-visioning Women in Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's Sister of My Heart"
- Dr. Praveena Saxena (Hyderabad): Nari-Mukti Aandolan: Bhartiya Paripaksh Me
- Dr. T.D.S. Alok (Shimla): Kullu ki Dalangi Sahitya Avam Lok Nari
- Dr. Chanchal Kr Dutta Roy (Kolkata): Exploring Proverbial Lines In Literature
- Dr. Rudolf C. Heredia (Mumbai): Dichotomy or Dialectic: Sutras on the Faith-Reason Dilemma

- Dr. Susanta Kumar Parida (Jaipur): A Study on the Development of Discipline Value Among the Students of Orissa
- Dr. Rita Joshi (New Delhi): Crossing the Laxman Rekha: Renegotiating Space in the Fiction of Some Indian Women Writers
- Dr. Saroj Malik (Kurukshetra): Paradox of Globalization: Need for an Alternative
- Dr. Maria John (Tirunelveli): Jayaprakash Narayan and Origin of the Congress Socialist Party
- Dr. Arulananda Mary (Tuticorin): Shri K. Kamaraj-A Profile of His Role in the Indian Politics
- Dr. P.K. Hota (Barhash): Staff Developing of Distance Educators
- Prof. B.V. Solanki (Adipur): Internal Marketing of Educational Services: (Between Universities/Colleges Authority and Teachers)
- Dr. Tushar Kumar Sahoo (Cuttack): Present Status of Physical Education in Orissa
- Dr. P.K. Mohanty (Tezpur): Primary Education and Educational Administration in Orissa: A Study (1947-2000)
- Dr. Vishwanath Sharma (Tezu): Lok Sahitya Ke Sankalan Aur Prakashan Ka Mahatwa Samsyaye Aur Samadhan Arunachal Pradesh Ke Sandarbh Mai"
- Dr. Vidya Nand Singh (Bikaner): Mahabharata Kalin Shivir Vyavastha
- Dr. Usha Agrawal (Mandsaur): Ashoka ke Abhilekho Me Manavadhikaar Ke Ujle Prishit
- Dr. Sandeep Sinha (Serampur): The Healing Touch: A Brief Study of the Medical Missions in India, 19th and early 20th Centuries
- Dr. Y. Ashok Kumar (Guntur): Role of NGO's in Strengthening the Civil Society
- Dr. Anil Kumar (Tezu): Development Profile of A Tribal State: A Case Study of Arunachal Pradesh
- Dr. Dinesh Singh (Shimla): O.P. Bhatnagar: A Poet of Caustic Realism and Oneiric Vision
- Dr. Shonali Sud (Shimla): Stress and Anxiety of the Youth in the 21st Century: Some Coping Measures

- Mrs. Seema Bhaduri (Nasik): Modernism and Modernity—a look at Some novels in Bangla and English
- Ms. Simi Malhotra (New Delhi): Postmodern Contradiction and Subversive Appropriation
- Dr. Saugata Bhaduri (New Delhi): The Category of Body and on Topological Tripartition
- Prof. Chandrakala Padia (Varanasi): Question of National Identity: Tradition and Culture
- Dr. H. Kalpana (Pondicherry): Regional language Women's Writing
- Dr. B.V.S. Bhanusree (Vishakhapatnam): Religion of Sant Kabir
- Dr. N.D.R. Chandr (Kohima): Hypertext, Technocriticism & the Problem of Syllabus making in English
- Rajul Bhargava (Jaipur), Feminist Rhetorical theories and the Auto-biographical Self
- Dr. Alka Kumar(New Delhi): Certificate Course in Women's Studies Race, Religion Gender and Politics
- Dr. Maina Chawla Singh (New Delhi): Race, Religion Gender and Politics
- Dr. Dinesh P. Saklani (Srinagar): Questioning the "Questioning of Ramayanas
- Dr. Mahesh K. Gaur (Jaisalmer): Combating Desertification Through Sustainable Utilization of Bio-Resource
- Dr. Rajesh K. Tiwari (Lucknow): The Evolution and Development of Anatomy in Indian History
- Dr. Devika Saha (Kolkata): The Ethical Aspect of Environmental Issues
- Dr. S.K. Mishra (Varanasi): Globalization and Decentralized Development: A Feminist Perspective
- Dr. Fanindam Deo (Naupada): Mihama Followers: Religious Rebels in Orissa
- Dr. G.S. Saxena (Ghaziabad): Non-Violence of Gandhi as a Practical and Positive Ideal
- Dr. Nishamani Kar (Khurda): The Con(Textural)Contours of Lajja: A Re(Visioning) of the Praxis in the Indian Subcontinent
- Dr. Govind Swaroop Pathak (Dhanbad), Job Satisfaction in the Post Liberalized scenario: A Comparatives Study of

Managers

Dr. Dilip Kumar Mohanta (Silchar): AMARAVIKSEPAVADA

Dr. Lalan P. Gupta (Darjeeling): Tribal, Ethnic, Cultural and
Sectarian Conflicts

Dr. Jagmohan Mehar (Pune): America's Afghan War: The
Success that Failed

Dr. V.K. Dubey (Chindwara): Satta ka Loktantrik Vikedrikarn

Dr. R.K. Mishra (Shimla): Journey Towards Wholeness: A
Tantric Study of Margaret Atwood's *Surfacing* and Patrick
White's *Voss*

Names of the IUC Associates who joined in July 2002 are given
below:

Dr. Jyotsna K.B. Rout (Gauhati), Shri Dinesh Chandra Lal
(Allahabad), Dr. V. Selvaraj (Puthanampatty), Shri Ravindra
K.S. Choudhary (Dhanbad), Professor Satyendra K. Sharma
(Satna), Dr. Gahan Chandra Mahanta (Tezpur), Dr. N.R. Gopal
(Mandi), Dr. Vandana Srivastava (Guwahati), Dr. Nirmal
Kumar (Delhi), Dr. Vijaya Guttal (Gulbarga), Professor Shreesh
C. Chaudhary (Madras), Dr. Rosy Singh (Delhi), Dr. Krishna
Chaudhry (Rohtak), Ms. Shubha Rao (Gorakhpur), Dr. P.
Chandrasekran (Chennai), Ms. Namita Gupta (Ghaziabad),
Shri Kali Charan Pandey (Dharmshala), Dr. Subhash Kalra
(Ghaziabad).

Fellows in Position:

National Fellow:

Prof. Sibesh Bhattacharya

Fellows:

Prof. H.S. Gill

Prof. Vinod Anand

Prof. K.P. Nautiyal

Prof. Sushil Kumar

Dr. Usha Bande

Prof. Pradip Lahiri

Prof. G.C. Nayak

Shri Gobind Thukral

Shri K.N. Kapur

Shri C.D. Tripathi

Shri Lalit Barua
Prof. L.P. Singh
Shri Devendra Handa
C.V. Ramachandra Rao
Prof. V.K. Vashishtha
Prof. Moti lal Lidhoo

Fellows Designate

The Institute has offered Fellowships as follows:

National Fellows

1. Professor Sivjivan Bhattacharya (Jadavpur) (Philosophy)
2. Professor Suresh Chandra Pande (Allahabad) (Sanskrit)

Fellows

1. Dr. R.N. Misra (Gwalior)
2. Dr. Purshotam Singh (Varanasi)
3. Dr. Sachidanand Sahai (Patna)
4. Dr. T. S. Rukmani (Canada)
5. Dr. Navjyoti Singh (Delhi)
6. Dr. S. K. Chaube (Gaziabad)
7. Dr. P. Marudanayagam (Pondicherry)
8. Dr. G. S. Kushwaha (Varanasi)
9. Dr. Ratna Lahiri (New Delhi)
10. Dr. Y. C. Simhadri (Vishakhapatnam)

PART II

B. A view of Publication programmes and related works

PUBLICATIONS

During the period following books were brought out:

Monographs

- The Technique of Pahari Painting*, by V.C. Ohri Rs. 1800.
Minority Rights Discourse in India by I.P. Massey, Rs. 160
Violence as Political Discourse by Birender Pal Singh, Rs. 350
Methodological Issues in Village Based Decentralized District Planning by Shankar Majumdar, Rs.250

- Numerals in Orissan Inscription* by S.K. Acharya
Jaina Bronzes of Hansi by Devendra Handa, Rs. 800
*Bengali Muslim Literati and the Development of Muslim Community
 in Bengal*, by A.K. Chakravarty, Rs. 250
Bharatiya Darshneshu Chaitanya Tattva avadharna (in Sanskrit)
 ed. by S. Ranganath, Rs. 100

Proceedings of the Seminars

- Basic Objects: Case Studies in Theoretical Premittives* ed. by Monima
 Chadha and A. K. Raina, Rs.240
*Where Mortals and Mountains Gods Meet: Society and Culture in
 Himachal Pradesh* ed. by Laxman S. Thakur, Rs.600
Pahari Bhasha Tatha Sahitiya ed. by Bansi Ram Sharma and
 Jagdish Chander Sharma, Rs.350
*Writing Black Writing Dalit: Essays in Black African and Dalit
 Indian Writings* ed. by Harish Narang, Rs 300
500 Years of Tantrasangraha, eds. M.S.Sriram et al. Rs. 350.

Lecturs by Visiting Professors

- Aspects of the Medieval History of Assam* by C.D. Tripathi, Rs.80
New Insights on Delhi Iron Pillars by R. Balasubramaniam, Rs.
 1800

Radhakrishnan Memorial Lectures

- Consciousness and Scientific Knowledge* by D. P. Chattopadhyaya,
 Rs. 40

Dissemination of Knowledge Series

- Restoring the Abundance: Regeneration of Indian Agriculture to
 Ensure Food for All*, by Jitendra Bajaj and M.D. Srinivas
Neuroscience, Consciousness and Philosophy, by G.C. Pande
Consciousness—Clinical and Beyond, by P.N. Tandon
India's Tibetan Connection: Retrospect and Prospect by L.L.
 Mehrotra
The Economic Realities by Vinod K. Anand

Reprints

- Beyond the Four Varnas: Untouchables in India* by Prabhati
 Mukherjee, Rs.200

The Tribal Situation in India (fourth edn.) ed. by K.S. Singh, Rs. 600

Journals

Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, vol. VII, No. 2, ed Manas Mukul Das

Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences vol. viii no. 1. ed. Laxman S. Thakur

Summerhill : IAS Review, vol. vii no. 1 & 2, ed V.P. Sharma

Chetna : Manava Anusandhan Patrika, ed. by Krishan Kumar

Five Issues of IAS Newsletter

Forthcoming Publications

Institutions: The Economic Approach by P. D. Hajela

Literacy and Indian Tradition ed. Kunal Chakravarty

Interdisciplinary Studies in Science, Society, Value and Civilizational Dialogue by D. P. Chattopadhyaya

Divine Heads: Folklore of Mahasu Region in the Western Himalaya, by B.R. Sharma

Prakrit Sahitya Mein Geeti Kavya Ki Parampara ed. by Tulsi Raman

Abhinav Gupta Ka Rasa Siddhanta ed. S.C. Pande

Feminism: Tradition and Modernity ed. by Chandrakala Padia.

Secular and Pluralistic Elements in the Idea of State in Early India by Sibesh Bhattacharya

Dalit Vimarsh: Sandarbh Gandhi (Hindi) by Giriraj Kishore

Political Order: The Vedic Perspective by Ram Ashray Roy.

Gaha Saptapati by Professor G.C.Pande

Samba Purana by Professor V.C. Srivastava

Women's Studies in India: Contours of Change, eds. Malasri Lal & Sukrita Paul Kumar.

Mind and Consciousness (MICON 2002) ed. Professor Chanda Chakravarty et. al.

Signification in Language and Culture ed. by Harjeet Singh Gill

Following book-release functions were organized:

Dr. Suraj Bhan, His Excellency, The Governor of Himachal Pradesh, released two books *Hindu Navjagaran ki Vichardhara* by Vir Bharat Talwar and *Documenting Dissent* by Badri Narayan at Shimla on 4 July, 2001.

Professor Vishnu Kant Shastri, His Excellency, The Governor of U.P. released a set of books at Varanasi on 2 November, 2001.

Professor D.P. Chattopadhyaya, released some publications of the Intitute in December, 2001 while Professor Kirit Joshi released another set of books in March, 2002 at New Delhi. The third set of books and journals were released by Mrs. Tarla Joshi on 26 March, 2002 at Allahabad. Professor Kireet Joshi released the book on Consciousness in Sanskrit on 31 May 2002.

Prof. G.C. Pande released a book entitled "*Jaina Bronzes of Hansi* by Devendra Handa on 12 June, 2002.

Professor Prem Kumar Dhumal, Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh, released three books on the life and culture of Himachal Pradesh on 15 July 2002 at the Institute.

A Cultural programme Recitation by Shri Gulzar on October 2001 cultural evening was organized in the Institute with the recital of Karnataka music by Mrs. E.C.G. Sudarshan on 8th July, 2002.

LIBRARY

Library continued its efforts in filling up the major gaps in its collection in the areas of Ancient Indian History, Philosophy, Culture and Civilization. While the Library continued building up its collection by acquiring both the primary as well as secondary resources in the broad areas of Social Sciences and Humanities, it also made sincere efforts to build up its collection in highly advanced areas of interdisciplinary research like science and consciousness, working of mind, indology, theoretical studies pertaining to philosophy, religion, political science and sociology, human rights, environment, gender and cultural studies.

A new feature—Fellows stack has been created in which first donation consisting of 175 books has come from Prof. Harish Narang of J.N.U.

While implementing the upgradation of computer facilities in the Library peripherals and accessories were installed in the Library under LAN environment. Steps were also initiated

to load the texts of some books on the INTERNET for developing a virtual library.

Special Works: The following special works were undertaken during the period under report:

1. Classification, cataloguing and data entry of about 13000 books of Sanskrit, Urdu, Hindi, Arabic, Persian and other modern Indian languages pending since 1965.
2. Development of three separate wings of private collections of (1) Professor H.C. Rayhouthari, (2) Professor R.C. Majumdar and (3) Professor H.S. Srivastava.
3. Acquisition of major classics such as loeb Classics Bibliotheca Buddhist Text, etc.
4. Binding work in progress (pending since 1987)
5. Data entry of 30,000 back volumes pending for decades
6. Synthetic PVC flooring
7. The acquisition has increased from 1500-2000 to 5000-6000.

The Institute participated in World Book Fair 2002 and its stall attracted lot of attention and good sale.

SUPPORTIVE INFRASTRUCTURAL ACTIVITIES

Preservation and Restoration Work of Rashtrapati Nivas:

The preservation and restoration work has been undertaken jointly by the of the Rashtrapati Nivas building is in full swing and has been undertaken jointly by the Archaeological Survey of India and the CPWD. The wood paneling of the chamber of the Director (which was covered with paints some years ago) has been restored to the original look. The Institute has also restored the floor covering of the entire building. Restoration work of the toilets on the ground floor of the main building is in progress. The day-to-day maintenance work and the special repair work by both the wings of CPWD, Civil as well as Electrical, are being attended to in the campus satisfactorily. The entire Institute has been put on local area net-work with all the fellows having the facilities of E.mail inter-net connections.

The progress of work of Kitchen Wing and Glass House by ASI is in progress. The CPWD (Civil Wing) has completed

the renovation and restoration work of the bath rooms and toilets of Rashtrapati Nivas complex. It has also undertaken renovation work of basic necessities of residential quarters of Rashtrapati Nivas. It is significant to point out that CWPD has provided bores of two number of Tube-wells at Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla to augment the water supply. It may solve the problem of water scarcity of the Rashtrapati Nivas in future. The renovation to two Fellows' Flat at Red Stone building is nearing completion. Six Fellows Flats at Delville is under process. Other buildings like old Squash Court, Apple Orchard Store, Sports Complex etc. are being restored and renovated. The provision for illumination of the building is being done by C.P.W.D. (Electrical wing).

In order to develop community life in the Institute the Sports Club has been revived. The provision of Hepatitis-B Vaccination and other medical facilities have been made for the community of the Institute.

Gardens

The gardens of Rashtrapati Nivas have been revived and preservation of heritage tree has been initiated. Professor G.C. Pande, Chairman of the Governing Body, inaugurated this programme on 12th June, 2002. The sale of flower plants has also been started and conservation of the rare and endangered spices of Himalayas including medicinal plants in collaboration with ICAR has also been started.

Some of the distinguished visitors to the Institute were Padma Vibhushan Marshal Arjan Singh and former Naval Chief Sushil Kumar.

FUTURE ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

I give you a brief vision of the perspective academic programmes for the year 2001-02. Besides Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecturer of 2001-02 it is proposed to hold international/national seminars/workshops on Historiography of Indian Culture on "Navya Nyaya" Consciousness and Values, Dictionary of Indian Culture, Tradition and

Modernity in Indian Culture, Himalayan Perspectives: Bridging Theory and Praxis, Indian Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Life: Philosophical Foundations of the Quality of Life, Indian Identity and Cultural Continuity, Indian Systems of Knowledge, Cultural heritage of Afghanistan and Central Asia, South East Asia. It has also proposed to have more intensive and more frequent weekly seminars of the Fellows of the Institute. It visualizes that at least first volume of Dictionary of Indian Culture may come out during this period. The backlog of publications of the Institute may be cleared by the end of this year. A number of fellows and national Fellows may be increased. With the selection of 12 Fellows the number of Fellows including National Fellows has increased to 30. This may be raised to 45-50 in future. There may be efforts to enroll junior scholars also to help the Institute in preparation of project work. The series under dissemination of knowledge has acquired great popularity. As such more and more scholars may be approached to contribute in this source. The Library of the Institute may be put on the internet and network may be created to have access to important libraries of the world. Some mechanism may be evolved for the continuity of academic programmes of the Institute.

I take this opportunity to thank you all from the depth of my heart for your patronage, cooperation, and goodwill in the functioning of the Institute. Honourable President and esteemed members of the Society, I pray to all of you to kindly give your valuable advice, gracious cooperation and liberal support to me in making this Institute as a true residential centre for free and creative enquiry into the fundamental themes and problems of life and thought relevant to humanity so that the dream of the founder fathers of the Institute may be realized and the needs and aspirations of modern India may also be fulfilled.