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Distinguished Members,

I have completed my first term of three years as the Director of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla on December 2010. I have been now honoured with a second term. I thank the Hon'ble Union Minister for Human Resource Development (MHRD), senior officials of the MHRD, Hon'ble President and Chairman of the IIAS Society and the Governing Body and the Members of the Society for reposing trust in me and inviting me to continue and consolidate the initiatives that we have taken in the first term. I look back on the three years with a sense of fulfillment. We have built up a robust academic programme, by connecting with epistemic communities across the country, organized academic events that cover a diverse range of interests and disciplines, and developed the physical infrastructure to levels that we hope will place the IIAS on the global map of Institutes of Advanced Study where it truly belongs.

This has only been possible because of the support that I have received from the Ministry, the President and the Members of the Society and the officers and staff of the Institute, from the National Fellows, Fellows and the IUC Associates who have come to the IIAS over these three years and finally from the larger academic community who have partnered us in our many ventures. Mr. S.P. Thakur has joined the IIAS as a full time Secretary in September 2010 and I welcome him and record with appreciation the support he has given me. I also wish to thank Mr. Upamanyu Basu, Director ICR, MHRD and Dr. Vijay P. Goel, Deputy Director General, MHRD who held

the additional charge of Secretary of IAS for the time and effort they have given to the IAS in spite of their other duties. This support from all has allowed us to expand the universe of our work and organize activities that have range from the Schools on *The Mahabharata* and *Life and Thought of Gandhi* to the International Conference on *Shifting Perimeters: Social and Ethical Implications of Human Genome Research* and Study Week on *Exploring Gender, Redefining the Field: Feminist Journeys in the Social Sciences, Humanities and the Arts*. These truly represent the diversity of minds that make up the Indian intellectual landscape. I think one can say with some measure of confidence that the multiple intellectual traditions that make up our India will find a resting place, if not a home, at the IAS.

To develop its footprint, the IAS has also joined hands with the ICCR, New Delhi in offering a place for scholars from abroad. We hope to develop our connections with overseas scholars so that they too can participate in the intellectual imagination that we are crafting here at Shimla. The IAS also believes that it must connect with the university system and through the Associate programme of the Inter-University Centre of the University Grants Commission, we have been able to invite scholars from remote colleges across the country to come to the IAS and to develop a new interdisciplinary framework. We would like, in partnership with the UGC, to expand this programme.

As I had mentioned in the Director's Report last year, the Institute is strengthening the co-publication programme. Under this, the first book with Oxford University Press, *Recognizing Diversity: Society and Culture in the Himalayas* edited by Professor Chetan Singh has been published and few more are in the pipeline. Similarly, Routledge and Orient Blackswan have accepted quite a few titles, which I hope, would figure in my next Director's report. We have taken some concrete measures to increase the sale of the Institute's book which is mentioned in the report. The Library of the Institute,

which lagged in terms of e-resources, has now a good collection of e-journals and e-repositories. Under the programme of renovating the Fire Station Complex, this year we have renovated the Swimming Pool into a 'Pool Theatre' and the Squash Court into 'Court Gallery' in which rare photographs of the buildings have been placed. I am, therefore, hopeful that we will now be able to host public lectures, films, plays and other cultural events which will add to the quality of life at the Institute.

The Institute has been awarded a Tagore Centre which will allow us to expand our intellectual space from focusing mainly on the written word to including also creative artists an expansion of activities illustrative of Rabindranath Tagore's multiple dimensional personality. The Tagore Centre will engage with themes that were part of Tagore's life and thought. We have planned two seminars on these themes which go beyond a mere exegetical study of Tagore's work and engage with his larger concerns. We thank the MHRD once again for giving us the Centre where such work can be located.

I place the Director's Report for the year 2010-11 before this august body for scrutiny, comments and advice.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

The Indian Institute of Advanced Study organized the following academic programmes from April 2010 to March 2011:

(A) ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

I. *Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture*

Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture is the most important event in the academic calendar of the Institute organized every year. The 15th Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture was organized on 8th Decmeber 2010 in New Delhi. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director IAS, welcomed the invitees. Professor B.L. Mungekar, Chairman IAS gave the Chairman's remarks and Smt. Meira Kumar, Honb'le Speaker, Lok Sabha then delivered the lecture on *Enviormment and Development*. Shri S.P. Thakur, Secretary IAS, proposed the vote of thanks.

II. *Seminars, Conferences, Symposia And Round Tables*

The following activities were held during the period under Report:

1. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "HISTORY AND MEMORY" (18-20 MAY 2010)

Rationale: Is reconciliation achieved through historical amnesia? Or, is remembrance, the acknowledgement of past error, and forgiveness the answer to conflict? If reconciliation is the object, is 'the truth' at all germane to the goal? The focus of the deliberations on "History and Memory" was conceived as the exploration of collective memories worldover. Who 'remembers' what

– what is selected, highlighted, even amplified or modified from the reservoir of memory? Is the project of raising memory fitted to the conceptions, ideology, and relations of power in the present and promoted in one's own context? Who carries what and to where in a network of global encounters is not only factual based, upon a closed concept of historical truth, but also imaginatively represents the desires of the present.

In the context of historical encounters between peoples, cultures, and nation-states, the dynamics of cross-cultural contact need examination. Critical to our purpose is the question: Are the protagonists of the encounters open to cross-cultural dialogue and multiple ways of seeing the past? It is historically significant and contemporaneously crucial that we study the ways in which they are represented today drawing upon often contradictory and contentious 'memories'. As Kerwin Lee Klein puts it, "The memory industry ranges from the museum trade to the legal battles over repressed memory and on to the market for academic books that invoke memory as a key word".

An International Conference on "History and Memory" was organised in collaboration with Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi and Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), New Delhi during 18-20 May 2010 at IIAS Shimla. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director IIAS delivered the Director's remarks. Dr. Shashi Joshi, Fellow and Convener of the Conference introduced the theme. Professor Jean Comaroff, Bernard E. and Ellen C. Sunny Distinguished Service Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, gave the Keynote address on "History, Inc., or the Plastic Power of the Past" and Professor Margaret Levi, Jere L. Bacharach Professor International Studies, Director CHAOS (Comparative Historical Analysis of Organisations), States University of Washington, and Chair in US Politics, United States Studies Centre (USSC), University of Sydney, gave the Valedictory Address on "The Past as a Source of Political Power in the Present".

Participants: Professor Neeladri Bhattacharya, Department of History, JNU, Delhi; Professor Ciraj Rassool, History Department, University of the Western Cape, South Africa; Professor Philip Bonner, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa; Professor Chetan Singh, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla; Professor J.S. Grewal, Mohali; Professor David Lelyveld, New York; Dr. Gangeya Mukherji, Allahabad; Professor Meena Alexander, City University, New York; Shri Bhai Baldeep Singh, New Delhi; Professor Tridip Suhrud, DAIICT, Ahmedabad; Professor Sari Nusseibeh, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem; Professor Shiv Vishwanathan, DAIICT, Gujarat; Professor Madhavan Palat, National Fellow, IAS; Professor Renuka Singh, Department of Sociology, JNU, New Delhi; Professor Helen Jarvis, Head of the Victims Unit, Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia; Mr. Thubten Samphel, Secretary, Tibetan Information Centre, Dharmashala; Ms. Patricia Mukhim, Editor, Shillong Times, Shillong; Dr. Raj Kumar Hans, Fellow, IAS; Dr. Do Thi Hurong Thao, Vietnam National University; Dr. Imre Lazar, Director, Hungarian Cultural Centre, New Delhi; Professor Bhagawan Josh, JNU, Delhi; Dr. Alexandra Curvelo, New University of Lisbon, Portugal; Dr Angelo Cattaneo, Portugal; Professor Ghanshyam Shah, National Fellow, IAS; Professor Maria Paula Meneses, Centro de Estudos Sociais, Mozambique; Mr. Jason K. Fernandes, Dona Paula, Goa; Dr. Nilma Lino Gomes, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil; Dr. Ranjeeta Dutta, Fellow, IAS; Dr. Rochelle Pinto, Department of English, Delhi University, Delhi; Professor Paulo Varela Gomes, University of Coimbra, Portugal; Professor Indu Banga, Mohali.

Following presentations were made during the International Conference:

1. Ciraj Rassool: *The Politics of Memory and Public History in South Africa*
2. Philip Lewis Bonner: *Apartheid, Memory and the Occluded Pasts*
3. J.S. Grewal and Indu Banga: *Sikh Congregational Prayer (Ardas): Formation of Collective Sikh Memory*
4. David Lelyveld: *Dreams and Memories of a Mughal Childhood: Sayyid Ahmad Khan*
5. Meena Alexander: *Memory and a Poetics of Dislocation*
6. Bhai Baldeep Singh: *Music and Memory*
7. Sari Nusseibeh: *Memory and the Politics of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*
8. Shiv Vishwanathan: *Between Memory and Forgetting*
9. Madhavan Palat: *History and Memory*
10. Helen Jarvis: *Cambodian Responses to the Memory by States and Social Groups*
11. Thupten Samphel: *History and Memory: The Tibetan Experience*
12. Patricia Mukhim: *Selective Memory, Selective Amnesia*
13. Hai Ke and Thao: *Cultural Interactions between Vietnam and the Chinese and Indian Civilizations (through Memory and History)*
14. Imre Lazar: *The Importance of Memory in the History of Indo-Hungarian Cultural Relations*

15. Alexandra Curvelo: *Crossing Boundaries: The Portuguese Visual Culture in India, 16th-17th Centuries*
16. Angelo Cattaneo: *A Warning against the Pitfalls of National Histories and Memory (Cartography)*
17. Maria Paula Meneses: *Food Recipes and Commodities of Empires: Mozambique in the Indian Ocean Network*
18. Jason K. Fernandes: *Colonialism, Postcolonialism, Citizenship and Humiliation*
19. Nilma Lino Gomes: *The Black Movement and the Racial Question in Brazil: Silences, Absences and Emancipation*
20. Rochelle Pinto: *The Lie of the Land*
21. Paulo Varela Gomes: *The Many Memories of Church Architecture in Goa*
22. Alok Bhalla: *Ahinsa in the City of Mind: Language, Translation, Identity, Politics and Partitions*
23. Urvashi Butalia: *The Persistence of Memory*
24. Sukrita Paul Kumar: *Partitions: From the Archives of Literature*
25. Margaret Levi: *The Past as a Source of Political Power in the Present*

2. STUDY WEEK ON “EXPLORING GENDER, REDEFINING THE FIELD: FEMINIST JOURNEYS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND THE ARTS” (1-5 JUNE 2010)

Rationale: For almost three decades now scholars and creative artists have been redefining the fields that they have been working in to bring in a different perspective from the ways in which knowledge and the arts were organised, and reproduced until then. Gender as an analytical category has had a major impact on the social sciences and humanities and has transformed the way we think about disciplines and disciplinary boundaries. These developments are now fairly well understood. Less attention has been given to the manner in which feminists have redefined the performative arts, cinema and photography as fields to work in, or of the scholarship in these areas.

The study week on gender was intended to bring together a range of scholars and practitioners of the arts, including a number of younger women, for an in-depth engagement and sharing of their work and ideas on the projects that they have done, or are currently doing. The overarching theme of the study week was to provide for a collective journey for the participants as they are taken through the current and previous engagements of other participants. The presentations and discussions were based on history, science, literature, films, theatre, photography and folklore.

A study week on “Exploring Gender, Redefining the Field: Feminist Journeys in the Social Sciences, Humanities and the Arts” was organized at IIAS held during 1-5 June 2010. Professor Peter Ronlad deSouza, Director IIAS welcomed and delivered the Director’s remarks. Professor Uma Chakravarti, Convener of the Study Week, introduced the theme to the participants.

Participants: Professor Sharmila Rege, Department of Sociology, University of Pune, Pune; Professor Kavita Punjabi, Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University, Kolkata; Dr. Mahua Sarkar, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi; Dr. Kanchana Natarajan, Fellow, IAS; Dr. S. Anandhi, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Gandhinagar, Chennai; Professor Kumkum Roy, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Dr. V. Geetha, Chennai; Dr. V. Padma Mangaia, Chennai; Dr. Chayanika Shah, Mumbai; Dr. Dipta Bhog, New Delhi; Dr. Vaishali V. Diwakar, Sr. Mirra College, Pune University Pune; Dr. Lata Singh, New Delhi; Dr. Shubhra Nagalia, Allahabad; Dr. Anagha Tambe, KSP Women's Studies Centre, Pune University, Pune; A Mangai; Dr. Vani Subramanian, New Delhi; Dr. Swati Dhadroy, Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule Women's Studies Centre, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Bhavan University of Pune, Pune.

Following presentations were made during the Study Week:

- i) Kavita Punjabi: *Gender and the Political Fields of Tebhaga*
- ii) Mahua Sarkar: *Between Craft and Method: Meaning and Inter-Subjectivity in Oral History Analysis*
- iii) Kanchana Natarajan: *Creative Dynamism of Oral Compositions: Songs of a Self Realized Woman Sage*
- iv) Kumkum Roy: *Engendering Social History: Pedagogical Possibilities*
- v) V. Geetha: *Negotiating between the Present and the Past: Doing Feminist History*

- vi) Sharmila Rege: *Ambedkar: A Feminist Reclamation*
- vii) Chayanika Shah: *Gender and Science: Moving Beyond Binaries*
- viii) Dipta Bhog: *Gender and Nation in School Textbooks*
- ix) Vaishali Diwakar: *Re-imagining the Nation and Redefining Regional and Gender Identities in the Cinema of the 1950s*
- x) Shubhra Nagalia: *Feminist literary Criticism: Women Writing in Hindi*
- xi) Anagha Tambe: *Reading Devadasi Practices in Popular Marathi Literature*
- xii) Lata Singh: *Fore-fronting the Women Performers of Colonial India: Elite and Popular Theatre*
- xiii) A Mangai: *Re-writing the Histories of Art and Literature: Redefining Body and Space in Theatre*
- xiv) Vani Subramaniam: *Gender and the Built Environment*
- xv) Uma Chakravarti: *Shifting Texts: In Pursuit of Elusive Histories*
- xvi) S. Anandhi: *Gender and Commodity Aesthetics in Tamil Magazines*
- xvii) Swati Dhadroy: *Targeting Adolescents: Taking 'Modern' Education to Tradition through Chhatra Prabodhan*

3. STUDY WEEK ON "INDIAN LOGIC AND EPISTEMOLOGY" (2-11 JULY 2010)

Rationale: The structural depth in Indian philosophical systems was acquired in ancient India through dialogue among various philosophical systems. For a meaningful dialogue, however, what is most important is the language of communication. Therefore, by 1000 A.D. it was felt necessary to develop a

language of precise communication. It started taking shape and by the 13th A.D. a language called Navya Nyaya language was fully developed and thereafter almost all intellectual and philosophical discourses and debates adopted that very language of Navya Nyaya for precise communication and it continues to be used in traditional philosophical discourses even today.

But unfortunately, there are very few institutions in India engaged in the study of Indian intellectual and philosophical traditions, offering any course in the language of Navya Nyaya in which the entire discourse of 1000 years is preserved. As a result, these texts are not accessible to a genuine scholar having genuine interest.

A graded Study Week programme on “Indian Logic and Epistemology” was organised to meet this need during 2-11 July 2010. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director IAS delivered the Welcome address. Professor V.N. Jha, Convener of the Study Week presented the Keynote address of the Study Week. Professor Ujjwala Jha, University of Pune also spoke on the occasion.

Participants: Dr. P.S. Rudraman, Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Moka, Mauritius; Dr. M. Srinivasamurthy, Hyderabad; Dr. Maciej S. Zieba, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Institute of Philosophy Poland; Dr. Chandan Kumar Chowdhury, Asutosh College, Kolkata; Dr. Abhijeet Singh, Department of Philosophy, School of Humanities, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad; Dr. Sarbani Banerjee, Department of Philosophy, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata; Dr. Loknath Chakrabarti, Govt. Sanskrit College, Kolkata; Dr. Varun Kumar Tripathi, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra; Professor R.I. Nanavati, Oriental Institute, M.S. University of Baroda, Vadodara; Ms. Rashmi Mishra, Department of Philosophy, University of Lucknow, Lucknow; Ms. Namita Tripathi, Department of Philosophy, University of Lucknow, Lucknow;

Dr. Rajeshwar Prasad Yadav, Department of Philosophy, University of Lucknow, Lucknow; Mr. Anurag Kureel, Department of Philosophy, Lucknow University, Lucknow; Ms. H.R. Meera, Bangalore; Dr. Ratish Chandra Jha, Hans Raj College, Mahatma Hans Raj Marg, University of Delhi, Delhi; Dr. Sachindra Raul, Department of Philosophy, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack; Dr. Ambuja Salgonkar, Department of Computer Science, University of Mumbai, Mumbai; Dr. Subhankari Pati, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Dr. Prashant Shukla, Department of Philosophy, Hindu College, Delhi; Dr. Shikha Jha, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; Professor Rajeeva Ranjan Sinha, Department of Sanskrit-Vidya Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi; Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Mishra, Department of Sanskrit, Hans Raj College, University of Delhi, Delhi; Dr. Meera Rastogi, Department of Sanskrit, Lucknow University, Lucknow; Dr. Anirudha Panda, Paramananda College, Khurda, Orissa; Y. Sridhar Reddy, Gnana Prabha College, Gadwal; Mr. Konseng Baruah, Department of Philosophy, Jorhat College Assam.

4. STUDY WEEK ON “DALIT CHALLENGES AND DISCIPLINARY PRACTICES” (19-25 JULY 2010)

Rationale: The interface between dalit activism and academia in the last two decades has given way to a growing body of work on Dalit Studies. It is essentially inter/multi-disciplinary in character and explores new questions, methods and paradigms. The political and cultural overtones of the term and concept of ‘dalit’ have opened up new possibilities of critical engagement with conceptual categories of exclusion and marginality for disciplinary practices. Posing a challenge to the existing disciplines, it propels the

initiative for the creation of an alternative paradigm as well as reconfiguring the contours of everyday life in Indian society in general and academia in particular. Caste, religion and land as determinants of relations of power and subordination, as sources of oppression and humiliation are central to the understanding of dalit life-worlds.

A Study Week on “*Dalit Challenges and Disciplinary Practices*” of intensive presentations, discussions, and reflections was called for this purpose. The invited participants cover a broad range of scholars from different disciplines including public intellectuals who have already contributed in the field of Dalit Studies. Each day of the Week during 19-25 July 2010 took up not more than four papers with ample time for presentation and discussion to finally lead the scholars toward publication of its proceedings by the Institute. Professor Ghanshyam Shah, National Fellow of the Institute gave the Welcome Address. Professor Raj Kumar Hans, Fellow, IAS and Convener of the Study Week introduced the theme of the Study Week.

Participants: Dr. Neerav Patel, Swaman: Foundation for Dalit Literature, Ahmedabad; Mr. S. Anand, New Delhi; Dr. G.S. Suresh Babu, Department of Sociology, University of Jammu, Jammu; Professor Ronki Ram, Department of Political Science, Chandigarh; Dr. Priyadarshini Vijaisri, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi; Dr. Shura Darapuri, Department of History, H.P. University, Shimla; Dr. Jasvir Singh, Bangalore; Dr. P. Sanal Mohan, School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam; Dr. Masood Alam Falahi, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Lucknow Campus, Lucknow; Mr. Anand Teltumbde, Petronet India Ltd., Mumbai; Mr. Om Prakash Valmiki, Dehradun; Dr. Joel Lee, New York; Dr. Manmohan, Rohtak University, Rohtak; Dr. Vijaya Singh, Fellow, IAS.

Following presentations were made during the Study Week:

- i) Joel Lee: *A Critical Review of the Anthropology of Caste*
- ii) P. Sanal Mohan: *Social Science Practice and Cultures of Resistance: Situating Dalit Studies*
- iii) Priyadarshini Vijaisri: *Beyond the History of Pathos*
- iv) Masood Alam Falahi: *Dalit Oppression: An Analysis of Islamic Literary and Historiographical Practice*
- v) Suresh Babu: *Dalit Rationality and Post-colonial Trajectory of Modernity in India*
- vi) Anand Teltumbde: *Dalit, Modernity and Metamorphosis of Caste*
- vii) Neerav Patel: *Who Speaks for Dalits?*
- viii) S. Anand: *Presentation of a Documentary Bhagwan Das: In Pursuit of Ambedkar*
- ix) Om Prakash Valmiki: *Hindi Sahitya Ke Antravirodh: Vishistha Sandarbh Aur Dalit Chetna*
- x) Dr. Manmohan: *Dalit Questions in Contemporary Punjabi Literature*
- xi) Ronki Ram: *Cultures of Social Protest in the Periphery: Guru Ravidass, Bhakti and the Rise of Dalit Deras in Punjab*
- xii) Vijaya Singh: *To Eat or Not to Eat: Hunger and Humiliation in Dalit Stories*
- xiii) Raj Kumar Hans: *Dalit Saint Poets of Punjab and their Exclusion from Histories*

- xiv) Jasvir Singh: *Dalits, Constitutional Promises of Socio-Economic Justice and the State in India with Special Reference to Agrtcultural Wage Workers*
- xv) Shura Darapuri: *Caste-based Exclusion and its Impact on Health: A Study with Specific Reference to Dalit Women*

5. SEMINAR ON "UTPALADEVA, PHILOSOPHER OF RECOGNITION" (20-21 AUGUST 2010)

Rationale: Utpaladeva or Utpalacarya (end of 9th-early 10th century, Kashmir) is one of the greatest philosophers that India has produced, but he is hardly known in India itself. After Somananda (9th century) who laid the foundation for the philosophy of Recognition (Pratyabhijna Darsana), Utpaladeva established this school on a solid basis by his philosophical works *Isvarapratyabhijna Karika* and *Vrtti*, with a *Vivrti* that has come down to us only in fragments, and the *Siddhitrayi*, containing three terse philosophical treatises. Besides his philosophical works he was also a mystical poet, as expressed in his unsurpassable hymn collection *Sivastotravali*. Utpaladeva's philosophical influence was established by his great successor (two generations later) Abhinavagupta (10th-11th century) and his two extensive commentaries on the *Karikas* and *Vivrti: Isvarapratyabhijna Vimarsini* and *Vivrtivimarsini*.

The genius of this philosopher of Recognition was re-discovered and was given his due place not only in the history of Indian thought but also in the present-day intellectual and spiritual situation at the Seminar during 20-21 August 2010 at IAS Shimla.

Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director IAS, welcomed the participants. Professor Raffaele Torella, Chair of Sanskrit, University of Rome, Italy presented the keynote address entitled "*Utpaladeva and the*

Pratyabhijna School". Professor Bettina Baeumer Abhinavagupta Research Library, Varanasi and Professor Torella were the Conveners of the Seminar.

Participants: Professor K.D. Tripathi, Faculty of Sanskrit Learning and Theology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi; Professor M.H. Zaffar (G.M. Khawaja), Centre for Kashmir Studies, Srinagar University; Dr. Alexendra Wenta, Centre for the Comparative Studies of Civilizations, Jagiellonian University, Poland; Professor G.C. Tripathi, National Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla; Ms. Giorgiana Violante, Institute Kashmir Studies, Srinagar; Dr. Daniele Cuneo, Rome.

Following presentations were made during the Seminar:

- i) K.D. Tripathi: *Emergence of the Pratyabhijna Philosophy: Vakyapadiya's Contribution*
- ii) Raffaele Torella: *Orality and Writing in Pre-modern India*
 - i. *Intimate Enemies: Utpaladeva and the Buddhists*
 - ii. *Utpaladeva on Yogic Perception: Passages from the recently recovered Isvara-Pratyabhijna Vivrti*
- iii) Bettina Baeumer: *Visamapi Amrtayate... Paramadvaita in the Mystical Hymns of the Sivastotravali.*
- iv) M.H. Zaffar: *The Influence of Utpaladeva's Pratyabhijna on the Mystical Poets of Kashmir (A Short Communication)*
- v) Daniele Cuneo: *Differentiating Tradition From Utpaladeva's Ecstatic Aesthetics to Abhinavagupta's Ecumenical Art Theory*

6. ROUNDTABLE ON “SOCIAL INQUIRY TODAY: THE CHALLENGE OF DESCRIPTION AND CHANGE” (24 SEPTEMBER 2010)

Rationale: Some years ago, the Danish social scientist, Bent Flyvbjerg published a trenchant and rather monumental book on the possibilities of social inquiry, imploring the grounds for a reappraisal of the role of the social sciences. It was a sobering study of the trend dominating the social and behavioural sciences where, in one form or another, crucial aspects of social inquiry have been attenuated by the attempt to emulate the natural sciences and create a kind of general theory; after all, as Flyvbjerg suggested, the strength of the social sciences really lay in their rich, reflexive analysis of values and power – so essential to the social and economic development of society. The idea at the “Social Inquiry Today: The Challenge of Description and Change” was conceptualized independently of the problematic that Flyvbjerg was alluding to; independently, one need add, of the decisions to be made concerning the imperative to foreground the idea of a reflexive social science. And yet, it cannot be denied that what was being sought for in the context of the roundtable, even as it cuts across Flyvbjerg’s restaging of the prospects of social inquiry today, also resonates with the latter’s theme.

The effort clearly was to nurture a fresh reflection on the social sciences and the prospects for social inquiry today. Organised at Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, on 24th September 2010, the main issue was to develop around the projectual dimension, with the objective of visualizing both the social sciences and social inquiry today from a particular viewpoint, which singles out the dimension of description and change as social science’s space of communication and negotiation. It faced emerging problems that characterize the dynamics of social inquiry today, like the challenge of subalternity and difference, the question of democracy, the enlargement of the space of rights, social equity and public accountability, the sense of contending public space and the emerging

dynamics of scholarly production in the social sciences in India (as indeed in other parts of the world).

Professor Vinod Jairath, Head, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad welcomed the participants. Professor Sasheej Hegde, Convener of the roundtable introduced the Round table theme. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IAS presented the Director's remarks.

Participants: Professor Shiv Visvanathan, Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology, Gandhi Nagar; Dr. Vivek Dhareshwar, Independent Scholar, Bangalore; Professor Madhava Prasad, Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, Hyderabad; Professor Pulapre Balakrishnan, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum; Mr. Harsh Sethi, Consulting Editor, Seminar, Delhi; Professor D. L. Sheth, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi; Shri Prasanna, Kavi Kavya Trust, Heggodu, Karnataka; Dr. Rajarshi Dasgupta, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Professor Javeed Alam, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi; Professor D. Vankat Rao, Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, Hyderabad; Dr. R. Srivatsan Anveshi; Dr. V.B. Tharakeshwar, Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, Hyderabad; Professor P.R.K. Rao, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad; Dr. Aniket Alam, Economic Political Weekly, Mumbai; Dr. Shilpa Anand, Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, Hyderabad.

7. STUDY WEEK ON "READING RAMMANOHAR LOHIA" (3-7 OCTOBER 2010)

Rationale: What we remember and what we have forgotten about Rammanohar Lohia in his birth centenary year is as much a comment on the state of political and intellectual life in contemporary India as it is on the man who lived a short and intense life of mind and action. In part it is a reflection of his strong personality and iconoclastic mind that bifurcates his memory into two strands that talk past one another: the small and dwindling band of Lohia's blind admirers who are still too dazzled to see anything beyond 'doctor sahib' and the equally blind critics who are too prejudiced and self-assured to even read what Lohia had to say about some of the big questions of our time.

The birth centenary of Rammanohar Lohia is a good opportunity to remedy the amnesia. While the birth centenary celebrations have resulted in many activities and seminars devoted to Lohia's ideas, there is a need for systematic reading of Lohia. The Study Week on 'Reading Rammanohar Lohia' did precisely that, namely read Lohia's texts closely and subjecting it to meticulous scrutiny. The Study Week during 3-7 October 2010 was divided into sessions devoted to pre-specified texts of Lohia. Each session was led by a scholar who has worked on that aspect of Lohia, but this did not take the form of paper presentation. The sessions were devoted to careful textual scrutiny and criticism by all the participants. Since the basic idea was to encourage a reading of Lohia by a new generation of scholars, a majority of participants were younger scholars who may or may not have written much on Lohia but who were willing to engage with him.

Professor Peter Ronald desouza, Director, IAS welcomed the participants. Professor Yogendra Yadav, Centre for Study of Developing Societies, Delhi and Dr. Prem Singh, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi, Conveners of the Study Week introduced the theme. Professor Nand Kishore Acharya,

International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad gave the Keynote address.

Participants: Dr. Kumkum Yadav, S.G.N.D. Khalsa College, New Delhi; Professor Anand Kumar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Dr. Pankaj Pushkar, CSDS-Lokniti, Delhi; Mr. Niraj Kumar, University of Delhi, Delhi; Dr. Kamal Nayan Choubey, Dyal Singh College, Delhi; Mr. Jayant Kumar Kashyap, Deshbandhu College, Delhi; Dr. Madhulika Banerjee, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Delhi; Dr. Medha Pushkar, Sri Aurobindo Centre for Arts and Communication, Adhchini, New Delhi; Dr. Chandan Gowda, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion, National Law School of India, Bengaluru; Dr. Krishna Swamy Dara, Department of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi; Dr. Chandan Kumar Srivastava, CSDS, Delhi; Justice Rajinder Sachar, Peoples Union for Civil Liberties, Delhi; Ms. Shivani Kapoor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Mr. Sumit Sawrav, Mahatma Gandhi Antarastriya Hindi Vishwavidyala, Wardha; Mr. Upendra Kumar, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi; Dr. Rajaram Tolpadi, Department of Political Science, Mangalore University, Mangalagangothri; Ms. Nayana, Department of Political Science, Mangalore University, Mangalagangothri; Mr. Sunil, Hoshangabad; Professor Sudhir Kumar, Professor of English, Panjab University, Chandigarh; Dr. V. Anji Reddy, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar; Dr. Anjaiah Nannapaneni, Centre for Scientific Socialism Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar; Mr. Quarban Ali, India News, Media House, New Delhi; Dr. Anil Kumar Thakur, Shyam Lal College, Delhi; Dr. Sushil Kumar,

"A.P.S.M. College, Barauni, Bihar; Dr. Manjul Kumar Singh, A.R.S.D. College South Campus, Dhaula Kuan, Delhi; Mr. Abhay Kumar Dubey, CSDS, Delhi.

8. WORKSHOP ON "PASTORALISM AND COMMONS" (1-2 NOVEMBER 2010)

A workshop on "Pastoralism and Commons" was organised in collaboration with Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) Anand, Gujarat at IIAS.

Participants: S.S. Samant, S.K. Radotra, Depinder Kapoor, Viren Lobo from Society for Promotion of Wastelands Development, Delhi; Shafat Kakroo, Pashmina Rearee, Jagatram, Rahul Chaturvedi and Kamal Kishore from Foundation for Ecological Security, Anand (Gujarat); Jairam, Imamm Gujjar, Purnendu S. Kavoori from Institute of Development Societies, Jaipur; N. Kandasamy from Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal (Tamil Nadu); S.R. Sharma, N.T.R.S. (CSWRI), Garsa, Kullu (Himachal Pradesh); Nehal Farooqui, Nitya S. Ghotge, Antnra, Bavdhan, Pune; A. Batobayal, S.C. Gupta, Mohd. Aziz, Manzoor Hussain and Maan Singh, Billawar from J&K.

9. SEMINAR ON "RASHTRAVAD AUR UPANYAS" (8-10 NOVEMBER 2010)

Rationale: A seminar on "Rashtravad aur Upanyas: Sandarbha Hindi Upanyas" was organized on 8-10 November 2010. This was the first attempt to study and analyze the Hindi novels of the last 125 years in their engagement with the theme of nationalism. In this interdisciplinary seminar, there were scholars who were literary critics, social scientists, dalit critics and feminist writers. Twenty scholars made presentations.

The seminar began with opening remarks by Professor Peter Ronald

deSouza, Director of the Institute who highlighted various view points on the issue of nationalism and how it found a place in literature. Professor Nityananda Tiwari, in his Keynote address, covered the journey of Indian nationalism from its formative period to its development after independence as expressed in the Hindi novel. He argued that just as Indian nationalism was a product of the encounter of Indian pride in its heritage to British colonialism, the Hindi novel is also a product of the interaction between the indigenous narrative form with Western literary realism. Dr. Pramod Kumar, Fellow and Convener of the Seminar introduced the theme.

Participants: Dr. Vidya Sinha, Kirori Mal College, Delhi University; Professor Nityanand Tiwari, former Head, Department of Hindi, Delhi University; Dr. Prem Singh, Delhi University; Professor Rohini Aggrawal, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohatak; Professor Gopeshwar Singh, Delhi University; Shri Manjul Kumar Singh, A.R.S.D. College, Delhi University; Professor Raj Kumar, Banaras Hindu University; Dr. Shanti Nair, Shree Shankracharya University, Aalady, Kerala; Dr. Ravi Kant, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi; Dr. Ved Raman Pandey, Seth Anandram Jaipuria College, Kolkata; Dr. Poonam Sood, Sri Venkataswara College, Delhi University; Dr. Virendra Kumar Singh, S.L. College, Muzafarpur; Shri Virendra Yadav, Lucknow; Dr. Abhay Ranjan, Hindu College, Delhi University; Professor Jyotish Joshi, Lalit Kala Academy, Delhi; Dr. Abhay Kumar Dubey, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi; Professor Arun Kamal, Patna University; Professor Sambhunath, University of Calcutta; Dr. Kawal Bharti, Rampur (Uttar Pradesh); Dr. Kalyan Kumar Jha, Muzafarpur; Professor Om Prakash Gupta, Dr. Vaibhav, Delhi; Professor Vijay Bahadur Singh, Kolkata; and Shri Rajeev Ranjan Giri, Delhi University.

Following presentations were made during the Seminar:

1. Professor Shambhunath: *Rashtravad Samudayik Vimarsha aur Upanyas*
2. Professor Vijay Bahadur Singh: *Upanyas aur Deshjata*
3. Professor Gopeshwar Singh: *Hashiya ke Lagon ka Rashtra aur Maila Aanchal*
4. Professor Arun Kamal: *Maila Aanchal aur Dhodhaya Charitamanas Main Rashtra*
5. Dr. Vaibhav Singh: *Aarambhik Upanyas Adhunikta aur Rashtravad*
6. Shri Rajeev Ranjan Giri: *Bhartiya Upanyas ki Awdharna aur Aarambhik Upanyas*
7. Professor Om Prakash Gupta: *Hindu Rashtra ki Awdharna aur Gurudutt ke Upanyas*
8. Professor Raj Kumar: *Rashtra aur Gaon (with reference to Godan)*
9. Dr. Pramod Kumar: *Rashtra-Nirman ki Disha aur Sanskritik Sankat (with special reference to Character's of Premchanda's Political Novel)*
10. Dr. Prem Singh: *Shekhar ek Jiwani aur Rashtravad*
11. Dr. Jyotish Joshi: *Bhartiya Rashtravad ka Paripreksiya aur Jainendra ke Upanyas*
12. Dr. Virendra Yadav: *Vibhajan aur Hindi Upanyas*
13. Dr. Ravi Kant: *Aadha Gaon: Kiska Rashtra ? Kaisa Rashtra ?*
14. Dr. Kewal Bharati: *Rashtravad aur Dalit Upanyas*

15. Dr. Abhay Ranjan: *Dalit Chintan aur Rashtra*
 16. Professor Rohini Aggrawal: *Stri-Asmita, Bharat Rashtra aur Narivadi Upanyas*
 17. Dr. Abhay Kumar Dubey: *Rashtravad aur Upanyas: Narivadi Pratyakhyan*
 18. Dr. Vidya Sinha: *Aanchal ka Prashna, Renu ke Upanyas aur Bhartiya Rashtra*
 19. Dr. Ved Raman: *Rashtravad ka Uttarkand aur Manohar Shyam Joshi ke Upanyas*
 20. Dr. Shanti Nair: *Paristhi ki aur Samkalin Hindi Upanyas*
 21. Dr. Poonam Sood: *Bypass se bante Rashtra ki Vyatha Gatha: Kali Katha*
 22. Dr. Manjul Kumar Singh: *Vikas aur Visthapan ka Sawal aur Virendra Kumar Jain ke Upanyas*
10. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "SHIFTING PERIMETERS: SOCIAL AND ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF HUMAN GENOME RESEARCH" (15-16 NOVEMBER 2010)

Rationale: Representing emergent global assemblages of science-techno-capital power, research on the human genome has made quick alliances with market networks, flexible capital, and global research. Despite the growth of human genomic research and its presence in a wide array of possible uses, the ethical, legal, and social implications of human genomics have largely been reduced to a footnote. Research on human genome and its allied science and technical engagements stand to be read at multiple levels: as new informations which has implications for a range of disciplines: as sources for new medical knowledge that can be deployed against a range of diseases;

as the prototype for new organisational structures for conducting science and technology research; as holding the mastercode to the possibilities of remaking the physiological constitution of humans; as commercialized knowledge in which humans can exercise their choice and options to redefine the physical and social body; and as a body of knowledge that has the potential to alter the perimeters between science and society and the very constitution of a range of disciplines. In seeking articulations over these issues and concerns, an international seminar on "Shifting Perimeters: Social and Ethical Implications of Human Genome Research" was organised which was a preliminary conversation to bring together understandings and interpretations related several questions:

1. What are the potentialities of the body of knowledge of human genomics? What significance does it have for disciplines of medicine, neurobiology, psychiatry, sociology, anthropology, political science, public administration, jurisprudence and history?
2. What regimes (legal, ethical, political) are required to manage the linkage of human genomics research and its use in a wide variety of fields? What significance does human genome research have for the increasing market based, commercial and profit-oriented research enterprises?
3. What are the potential advantages and disadvantages that countries, such as India, face in the conduct, dissemination and use of human genomic research.
4. What national and international regimes (legal and ethical) are required to ensure that knowledge and information from human genomic research is used as a public good and therefore, what new transnational regulations are required to ensure this?

5. What are the implications of the use of human genomic research in the fields of a range of new medical knowledge (psychiatry, psychology, physiology etc. and practices (such as personalised medicines; profiling, predictive genetic testing etc)? What ethical and legal concerns need to be borne in mind even as these gain wide usage?
6. What are the larger universal concerns relating to the possibilities of using human genomic research to alter the physiologies of humans and hence what larger ethical and philosophical issues can be raised about the very constitution and undertakings of the humans.

The seminar was organised in collaboration with National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bangalore on 15-16 November 2010 at NIAS. Professor A.R. Vasavi, NIAS was the Convener of the Conference. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director IIAS and Professor B.V. Sreekantan, Faculty, NIAS presented Inaugural Comments.

Participants: Professor Wiebe E. Bijker, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University, Maastricht, Netherlands; Dr. Norma M. Tsotsi, Director for Undergraduate Studies, Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics, School of Clinical Medicine, University of the Witwatersrand, Park Town, Johannesburg, South Africa; Dr. Linda Macdonald Glenn, Assistant Professor, Department of Medical Education, Alden March Bioethics Institute, Albany Medical Center, New York; Professor Peter Glasner, ESRC Centre for the Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics, School of Social Sciences, University of Cardiff, UK; Professor Sasheej Hegde, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad; Professor N.R. Madhava Menon, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Chair on Parliamentary Studies, Trivandrum; Dr. K. Thangaraj, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad; Dr. D. Venkat Rao, Department of English

Literature, School of English Literary Studies; The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad; Professor Shiv Visvanathan, Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology, Gandhinagar; Dr. Ratna Dua Puri, Sr. Consultant, Centre for Medical Genetics, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi; Dr. Krishna Ravi Srinivas, Associate Fellow and Managing Editor: *Asian, Biotechnology & Development Review*, RIS - Research & Information System for Developing Countries, New Delhi; Dr. M.G. Narasimhan, Associate Professor, School of Humanities, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore; Professor Sharat Chandra, Centre for Human Genetics, Bangalore; Professor Vinod K. Gaur, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore; Mr. J. Sriram, Bangalore; Dr. C. Manmohan Reddy, Bangalore; Dr. Santosh K.R. Rout, Bangalore; Dr. Yadugiri V.T., Bangalore.

Following presentations were made during the International Conference:

1. Wiebe E Bijker: *The Governance of Risks and Benefits of Genome Science and Engineering- Related Experiences in Europe*
2. Sasheej Hegde: *Beyond ELSI: Further Considerations on the 'Morality' of Human Genome Research*
3. N.R. Madhava Menon: *Legal and Ethical Dimensions of Human Genome Research: A Developing World Perspective*
4. Linda MacDonald Glenn: *Human Genome Research + Converging Technologies = The Singularity? (Explorations of the Evolution of Humanity)*
5. Ratna Puri: *Ethical Issues in Medical Application of Genome Research*

6. M.G. Narasimhan: *The Use and Abuse of Genetic Information*
 7. Anita Kar: *Human Genetics/Genomics; Translational Research; Developing Country Health Systems*
 8. D. Venkat Rao: *Life Itself - Between the Archontic and the Promissory: The Question of Critical Humanities*
 9. Norma M Tsotsi: *Human Genome Diversity Research: Social and Cultural Ethical Issues for South Africa*
 10. K. Thangaraj: *Genome Research: Population Stratification, Health and Disease*
 11. Peter Glasner: *Topologies of the Genome: Mapping the New Genomic Era*
 12. Shiv Visvanathan: *Thinking About the Human Genome*
11. COLLOQUIUM ON "RESURGENT NORTH EAST: CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES" (18-20 NOVEMBER 2010)

The concept of North East or North East Frontier has a colonial beginning, and it has been developed into the North East region in modern India. This is now a distinct political, ethnic, cultural and geographic entity. The North East India is growing, making progress in every field, making the quality of life improved, more educated and more prosperous. It is a resurgent India which has emerged. The Indian constitution is one of the best instruments of freedom and administration. Indian democracy under the constitution is working; the ideals of Indian democracy, freedom, equality and justice under the umbrella of secularism.

People participate in the democratic process. The democratic institutions like, the Assembly, Panchayats, traditional village councils and the

autonomous district councils are working. How genuine and effective are these democratic process? Galore are the corrupt electoral process, use of money, muscle power and gun culture. What freedom and democracy mean to the common people? The system is democratic and there is people's support to the system. True, there are constraints to democracy; it has to be overcome through people's consciousness and appropriate reforms.

There are diverse ethnic aspirations ranging from the demands for secession and sovereignty, statehood, ethnic homeland and district councils. These ethnic movements or insurgency are marked by violence. Naturally, these violent movements are encountered by the security force as the counter insurgency measures. They have to defend the Indian state and maintain law and order so that the unity and integrity of the nation is not threatened, even to the extent of using a draconian law named, the Armed Forces Special Power Act (AFSPA). There is a great need for the prevention of the violation of human rights both by the security forces and the insurgents.

Dialogue is going on for a negotiated settlement of the conflicts. There is a genuine demand for peace from the people. India as a great nation can accommodate the ethnic aspirations. Ethnic nationalism is to be absorbed within Indian nationalism and democracy.

The women of the North East India are well known for their social freedom and their role in the livelihood of the people. In Meghalaya, there is the unique matriachal system. What are the gender issues? How the position of women is affected by modernization. The culture of the region is rich, diverse and vibrant. The classical dance forms, the folk forms of art, dance and music are preserved by the indigenous communities in the midst of modernisation.

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revolution have led the region towards modernity. How modern are the people of the North East region?

The region faces constraints in many spheres of life, problems are complex and some times defy immediate solution. But no problem is insolvable. There are opportunities which should be utilised to solve the problem.

These were some of the issues which were discussed at a colloquium on "Resurgent North East: Constraints and Opportunities", organized from 18-20 November 2010.

Participants: Professor Kshitri Mayum Bimola Devi, Manipur University; Professor Tiplut Nongbri, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Dr. C. Joshua Thomas, Director, ICSSR North Eastern Regional Center, Shillong; Ms. Jarjum Ete, President, Indigenous Woman Research Centre, Itanagar; Professor Monirul Hussain, Guwahati University; Professor H. John Sema, Nagaland University Lumami, Mokokchung; Professor B.K. Roy Burman, New Delhi; Professor J.J. Burman, Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai; Professor N. Joy Kumar Singh, Manipur University; Professor Margaret Ch. Zama, Mizoram University; Dr. Laura Yerekesheva, ICCR Fellow; Ms. Rosemary Dzuvcitu, Nagaland University; Professor Amar Yumnam, Manipur University; Professor Sanjoy Hazarika, Saifuddin Kitchelw Chair, Centre for North East Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia; Professor Ghanshyam Shah, Professor Madhavan Palat and Professor G.C. Tripathi (all National Fellows IAS); Professor Raj Kumar Hans, Dr. Saitya Brata Das, Dr. Shashi Joshi, Dr. Sanjay Palshikar, Dr. P. Narayanan and Dr. Swadhinota Mahanta (all Fellows IAS).

Following presentations were made during the Colloquium:

1. B.K. Roy Burman: *Ethnic Aspirations and Conflicts in North East India*
2. H. John Sema: *Naga Politics: Issues and Problems*
3. Ghanshyam Shah: *Nation-State Building: Dilemmas and Challenges in Multi-Ethnic Society*
4. N. Joy Kumar Singh: *Genesis of the Insurgency Movement in Manipur*
5. J.J. Burman: *The Future of North East: Look East or Look Around*
6. Tiplut Nongbri: *Exclusionary Practices: The Marginalisation of Women in State and Public Policies*
7. Kshitri Bimola Devi: *Gender Issue: A Case Study of Manipur*
8. C. Joshua Thomas: *How to make Democracy Work in India's Violent North East*
9. Monirul Hussain: *Working of Democracy in the North East*
10. Margaret Ch. Zama: *Cultural Politics and Modernity*
11. Laura Yerekesheva: *Tradition, Modernity and Religion in Colonial Central Asia (Turn on 19th and 20th Century)*
12. Rosemary Dzuvcitu: *Universities in the North East and the Role of MHRD*
13. Amar Yumnam: *Democracy, Property Rights and Development: The Need for a Regional Ethics*
14. Sanjoy Hazarika: *Armed Forces Special Power Act*

12. SEMINAR ON “ME AND MY WRITING: WOMEN WRITERS FROM AFRICA AND INDIA” (22-23 NOVEMBER 2010)

Rationale: The seminar was an attempt to bring together polyphony of women’s voices located spatially and temporally at different nodes of coloniality and post-coloniality across a wide spectrum of geographical, historical, cultural and social situations. As they spoke about their personal experiences as writers they reflected the varied and divergent intellectual frameworks and experiences that have emerged out of the interactions and confrontations of the colonial and the postcolonial with the indigenous and personal.

The seminar was organized in collaboration with Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Sahitya Akademi, India International Centre, New Delhi and Bharati College, Delhi University, Delhi during 22-23 November 2010 at IAS.

Participants: Professor Yashodhara Misra, Sarojini Naidu College, Bhopal; Dr. Yaba Badoe, Ghana; Dr. Vaidehi, Manipal; Professor Jaiwanti Dimri, H.P. University, Shimla; Dr. Rekha Sharma, H.P. University, Shimla; Professor Joy Constance Kwesiga, Kabale University, Uganda; Dr. Prachi Garg, New Delhi; Dr. Humera Ahmed, Chief Postmaster General, Shimla; Dr. Megha Behl, Rohini; Dr. Shrishti Gupta, Ghaziabad; Karen King-Aribisala, University of Lagos, Nigeria; Dr. Asha Kaul, Bharati College, New Delhi; Dr. Nandini C. Sen, Bharati College, University of Delhi; Dr. Devika Narula, Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, University of Delhi; Dr. Sukrita Paul Kumar, Zakir Hussain College, New Delhi; Dr. Arshmeet Kaur, New Delhi; Dr. Nikita Saxena, Delhi; Dr. Shreya Bhattacharji, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar; Dr. Mridula Garg, Delhi; Ms. Urmila Pawar, Mumbai; Dr. Shaymla Bhatia, Shashi Bhargava, Sitesh Bhatia,

Dr. Anita Cherian, Professor Raj Kumar Hans, Dr. Saitya Brata Das, Dr. Jaya Tyagi, Dr. Yoginder Singh Sikand, Dr. Soumyabrata Choudhury, Dr. Prachi Khandeparkar, Dr. Vijaya Singh and Dr. Swadhinota Mahanta, (all Fellows of the Institute) and Dr. Laura Yerekesheva, ICCR Fellow.

Following presentations were made during the Seminar:

1. Joy Kwesiga: *The Door is Ajar: Women Writing in Uganda*
2. Vaidehi : *Writing – a Light in Darkness*
3. Mridula Garg: *Dissent and Protest in Women’s Writing: The Hindi Experience*
4. Karen King Aribisala: *The Marriage Directive*
5. Yashodhara Misra: *My Writing in a Globalised World*
6. Yaba Badoe: *The Breath of Spirits: The Writing of True Murder, an African Gothic Novel*
7. Urmila Pawar: *My Life and My Writing*
8. Dr. Veena Sharma: *From Sindiwe Magona*

On this occasion a Film: *The Witches of Gambaga* (Directed by Yaba Badoe) was also screened.

13. WORKSHOP ON “THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC: PERCEPTIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS OF INDIAN RAILWAYS” (7-8 DECEMBER 2011)

Rationale: As the slow leisurely form of travel embedded in nature disappeared, and the mechanical time and space regulated travel of the railways took over in the middle of the nineteenth century in India, a new world of mobility, speed, displacement and encounters with new people, new places, and new ways of being began to take shape. This rapid movement across physical space destabilized the very notion of ‘space and time’ and opened it up for new uses. This opening up of space lent itself to a change in the set of relations of people to people, of people to machines, of people to places, of people to time, past, present and future.

What is the shape of this new world coming into being? What role do the railways play in it? Railways as carriers of ideas of progress, what new forms of modern subjectivity did they generate? The promise of a modern era, symbolized by the railways, where the individual would realize her potential unencumbered by social distinctions of caste, gender and religion, what happened to it? What is the response of literature and popular culture to this most transformatory of technologies? These were some of the questions the seminar debated and addressed in the course of a two day seminar on 7 - 8 December 2010.

Speakers: Dr. Di Drummond, Associate Principal Lecturer in History And Leeds for Victorian Studies, Trinity University College, Leeds, UK; Professor Colin Divall, Head, Institute of Railway Studies and Transport History, New York; UK, Dr. Abhay Kumar Dubey, Editor, Indian Languages Programme, Centre for Study of Developing Societies, Delhi; Mr. Bill Aitken, Travel Writer, Mussoorie; Professor Mukul Kesavan, Department of History, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

Following papers were presented at the workshop:

1. Di Drummond: *The Production of British Popular Cultural Perceptions of the Role of the Steam Railway as 'Civilizer' in India, 1853-1901 in the illustrations of The Illustrated London News, The Graphic and The King.*
2. Mukul Kesavan: *The Narrative Function of the Railways in Looking Through Glass.*
3. Bill Aitken: *Aesthetic Awareness and the Loss of Public Affection for Indian Railways*
4. Colin Divall: *Railway Imperialisms, Railway Nationalisms*
5. Abhay Dubey: *Literary Representation of Train in Hindi Fiction: A Parallel Journey to Citizenship*

Bill Aitken and Mukul Kesavan also read from their creative works during the inaugural session.

6. Bill Aitken: *Belles of Hell: Branch Line to Eternity*
 7. Mukul Kesavan: *Looking Through Glass*
 8. Tridip Suhrud: *At the Katni Railway Station*
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14. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "CHALLENGES TO DEMOCRACY IN SOUTH ASIA" (15-16 JANUARY 2011)

Rationale: There are several reasons to choose the theme, some of them stem from a genuine desire to understand the working of democracies in the region, in terms of their histories, historical residues that still interfere in their

contemporary politics, the paradoxes that emerge as contested claims have to be negotiated and conflicting goals harmonised if possible, and the consequences that are produced in the dialectical relationship between politics and economies as these democracies respond to the forces that have been unleashed by globalisation. This first set of motivations can be located along the axis of 'what is democracy doing to South Asia'.

The second set of concerns is located on the other axis of 'what is South Asia doing to democracy'. Stating it this way allows us to revisit the conceptual discourse on democracy, led primarily by the epistemic north, and thereby present it with the 'inconvenient facts' of our working democracies, 'inconvenient facts' that do not lend themselves to easy evaluation and, therefore, ones which this conceptual discourse cannot quite accommodate. This perhaps calls for a reworking of some of the concepts of the democracy discourse.

An International Conference on "Challenges to Democracy in South Asia" was organized at India International Centre, Delhi during 15-16 January 2011.

Participants: Professor Michael West, Professor of Sociology, History and African Studies, Binghamton University, Binghamton, New York; Professor Ravi Arvind Palat, Department of Sociology, Binghamton University, Binghamton, New York; Mr. Deepak Thapa, Director, Social Science Baha, Kathmandu, Nepal; Mohammad Musa Mahmoodi, Executive Director, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission Kabul, Afghanistan; Dr. Leena Rikkila Tamang, Head of Mission, International IDEA, Nepal; Professor Samir Kumar Das, Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta; Professor Sanjoy Hazarika, Saifuddin Kitchelw Chair, Centre for North Eastern Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi; Professor Nandini

Sundar, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, Delhi; Professor Valerian Rodrigues, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Dr. Harsh Sethi, Consulting Editor, *Seminar*, New Delhi; Dr. E. Sridharan, Academic Director, University of Pennsylvania Institute for the Advanced Study of India, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi; Dr. Mary E. John, Director, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi; Dr. Usha Ramanathan, Delhi; Dr. Ravni Thakur, Department of East Asian Studies, Delhi University; Ms. Rita Manchanda, South Asian Forum for Human Rights, New Delhi; Dr. Sabiha Hussain, Dr. R.R. Naryanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi; Ambassador TCA Rangachari, Delhi; Shri Paranjay Guha Thakurta, Delhi; Dr. K.P. Shankaran, St. Stephen's College, Delhi; Shri Gobind Thukral, Chandigarh; Dr. Arjun Ghosh, IIT Delhi; Dr. Mohinder Singh, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Delhi; Dr. Vasanthi Raman, Deputy Director, Centre for Women's Development Studies, Delhi; Professor Madhavan Palat, National Fellow, IAS; Professor Ramashray Roy, Delhi; Shri Sumanta Banerjee, Dehradun.

Following presentations were made during the Conference:

1. Ravi Arvind Palat: *Back to the Future: A World-Historical Perspective of India's Essay in Democracy*
2. Samir Kumar Das: *Developmental Democracy: Developing Democracy or Development without Democracy in India*
3. Mary E. John: *Between Welfare and Politics: Feminist Perspectives on Representation and Democratic Governance*

4. E. Sridharan: *Coalition Politics and Democracy*
5. Valerian Rodrigues: *India's Constitutional Democracy and Salience of its Public Institutions*
6. Paranjoy Guha Thakurta: *Paid News: How Corruption in Indian Media Undermines Democracy*
7. Sanjoy Hazarika: *Challenges to Democracy in South Asia Dialogue, Security and Draconian laws: the people Factor*
8. Leena Rikkila: *Politics of Inclusion: Debates on Accommodating Diversity and Elite Resistance in Nepal's Constitution Writing Practice*
9. TCA Rangachari: *The Challenges of Democracy in Pakistan*
10. Rita Manchanda: *No Women, No 'Democratic Peace': Beyond Presence to Participation*
11. Sabiha Hussain: *Gender, Community Identity, Democratic Rights (The -Case of Muslim Women in India*
12. Mohammad Musa Mahmodi: *Challenges to Democracy in Afghanistan*
13. Ravni Thakur: *Two Models of Political and Economic Development in Asia: China and India*
14. Michael West: *Democratic Struggles in Zimbabwe: Legacies and Lies*
15. Gobind Thukral: *Pakistan Caught in the Paradox of Democracy and Democratization*
16. Deepak Thapa: *Operationalising Inclusion: Nepali Politics in the Post-2006 Era*

17. Sumanta Banerjee: *What is India doing to Democracy: Re-inventing or Repressing?*
18. Usha Ramanathan: *UID: A Project to Map and Tag a Billion Plus*
19. Ramashray Roy: *Fault line of Democracy*
15. SEMINAR ON “CHALLENGES TO INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH-WEST INDIA: SITES, STRATEGIES AND POSSIBILITIES” (28-29 JANUARY 2011)

Rationale: North-West India, which till few decades ago, promised to lead the rest of India in the areas of rural infrastructure, agriculture and social capital formation has suffered serious reversals. As the juggernaut of development rolls by a series of contradictions confront us. While the big landlords continue to multiply their gains made during the heydays of the Green Revolution partly due to heavy state-subsidies, and partly due to their own entrepreneurial skills, the small farmers are burdened with heavy debt. The sudden levels of prosperity seen earlier are difficult to sustain as the land exposed to mindless doses of pesticides and weedicides does not yield enough. The small farmer fails to reconcile with the tragic aftermaths of Green Revolution – either he is driven to commit suicide, or he seeks to indulge in drug-induced bouts of self-forgetfulness, or still worse, he relapses into the feudal past in moments of vainglory. The journey backwards in the age of modernity generates worst kind of social aberrations such as female foeticide, honour killings, the occasional rise of militancy, caste-clashes, kabootarbazi, etc. The project of modernity seems to have consolidated the forces of obscurantism, partly because it was imported from above, and partly because it did not include everyone within its promising sweep. While it might be difficult to go back to ground zero and restart the process of development all over again, it is time that we think about negotiating with it in ways that bring about possibilities of ‘inclusive development’. Assigning

the responsibility of inclusive development singularly to the ruling elite, entrenched as it is in the stale structures of the State, would be unimaginative. Global flows have disrupted easy, predictable and linear ways of coming to terms with paradigms, processes and possibilities of progress.

It is to understand these paradoxes that a seminar on “Challenges to Inclusive Development in North-West India: Sites, Strategies and Possibilities” was organised in Chandigarh in collaboration with Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Panjab University during 28-29 January 2011. The seminar was divided into three segments: sites, strategies and possibilities.

During the seminar following presentations were made:

1. Professor B.K. Nagla: *Social Exclusion and Unequal Development.*
2. Professor R. S. Ghuman: *Understanding Exclusion in the Context of North-West India.*
3. Professor Birinderpal Singh: *Challenges of Inclusive Development: A Pessimistic Note.*
4. Sardar Jasvir Singh: *Plight of the Agricultural Wage Workers and the Constitutional Democracy in India.*
5. Shri Chander Shekhar: *Development and Exclusion: Ground Reality of Punjab.*
6. Professor Anita Gill: *Indebtedness of Farmer Households in Punjab: Challenges for Financial Inclusion.*
7. Professor Ronki Ram: *Reorienting Inclusiveness in Inclusive Development: Focus on Employment, Education and Health.*

8. Dr. Simran K. Sidhu and Dr. Shalini Sharma: *Exclusion of Rural Students from Higher Education in Punjab: Reasons and Remedies.*
9. Professor Jagrup Singh Sekhon: *Structural Exclusion of the People in Border Belt in Punjab: An Empirical Explanation.*
10. Dr. Navpreet Kaur: *Unweiling Chandigarh: Myth of the Modern City and Reality of Caste.*
11. Dr. Rajesh Kumar: *Marginalising Effect of School Education in Rural Punjab.*
12. Professor P. S. Verma: *Development Strategies and its Impact on Haryana.*
13. Professor Satish Sharma: *State, Market, Economy and Rural Degeneration.*
14. Professor Paramjit Singh Judge: *Inclusive Development.*
15. Dr. P. L. Garg: *Social Exclusion w.r.t. to Education and Health in Punjab.*
16. Professor Sukhdev Singh: *Place of Dalits in the Economic Development of Punjab.*
17. Dr. Inderjit Singh: *Mirchpur: Politics and Caste Polarisation.*
18. Shri D. R. Chaudhary: *Exclusionary Edge of Khap Panchayats in Haryana with reference to Women and Dalits.*
19. Professor K. Gopal Iyer: *The Predicament of Scheduled Castes in Haryana vis-a-vis the Dominant Castes.*
20. Shri Dhanpat Singh: *Economic Development and Social Underdevelopment in Haryana.*

16. SEMINAR ON "SOCIAL AND ACADEMIC AUDIT OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN NORTH EAST" (11-12 MARCH 2011)

Rationale: Higher education at present has attracted a lot of attention the world over amongst different sections of society ranging from the academia to the policy makers. Its extraordinary role in augmenting economic and technological development in the present social order is widely recognized. However, a lot of ambivalence and confusion prevails in this sector. These relate to ideological issues of inclusion and exclusion, national interest vs. global commitments, market orientation vs. production of intellectuals capable of critiquing, confronting and contributing to the development trajectories for the benefit of people and society at large. The original ethos in the First University Education Commission of 1948 to train 'intellectual pioneers of civilization' 'in the universities, which are the sanctuaries of the inner life of the nation', has also been echoed in the Yaspal Committee Report on Higher Education. The first sentence of the report begins 'A university is a place where new ideas germinate, strike roots and grow tall and sturdy'. Simultaneously the report also urged university education to be linked to the job markets which are in tune with the emerging needs of the society.

So far as India's Northeast is concerned, it is now well accepted that the region is a late developer in the field of higher education. For instance, the first university in the entire northeastern region came up only in 1948 in Guwahati, Assam. Moreover, with the exception of the North Eastern Hill University which was set up in 1973, most of the universities in the region were set up only in the mid 80s and late 90s. Although the region received a new boost recently by the conversion of several state universities into central universities as well as the setting up of new central universities, yet overall there has not been any significant change in the academic deficit that the region started with. That the region suffers badly from the dearth of

professional institutions, including Engineering and Medical colleges, perhaps needs no reiteration. Most of the colleges in the region offer courses in the arts stream, putting the students in a further disadvantaged position in the job market. Although lately one can see the mushrooming of private initiatives in offering vocational courses with promises of placement etc., their authenticity and integrity are of doubtful variety in most of the cases, doing more harm than good. Even in those institutes of higher education which have come up in the recent past, and those which are already there, the demands outpace the limited seats, resulting in a large exodus of students to the metropolitan centers of the country which offer better infrastructural facilities and market oriented courses.

To discuss and deliberate on these issues a seminar on “Higher Education in India’s North East: Issues and Concerns” in collaboration with Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati was held on 11-12 March 2011 at Guwahati. The seminar revolved broadly around the following themes, with special focus on India’s Northeast.

- Political economy of higher education
- Funding and social auditing
- Quality and quantity issues; human resource and infrastructure
- Availability and access
- Courses and curriculum—quality and relevance

Speakers: Professor A.C. Bhagabati, Guwahati; Professor Sudhanshu Bhushan, National University of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi; Professor Binod Khadria, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Professor Amar

Yumnam, Manipur University, Imphal; Professor Ashok Barman, General Secretary of IFUCTO, Kolkata; Dr. Kandarpa Das, Institute of Distance and Open Learning, Gauhati University, Guwahati; Professor Srinath Barua, Vice-Chancellor, K.K. Handique State Open University, Guwahati; Professor Joy Shankar Hazarika, Principal, Darrang College, Tezpur; Dr. Gautam Chakma, Assistant Professor, Tripura University, Agartala; Dr. Bolin Hazarika, J.B. College, Jorhat; Dr. Nurul Amin, J.B. College, Jorhat; Dr. H. Srikanth, Department of Political Science, NEHU, Shillong; Dr. J.V. Nunchunga, Assistant Professor, Govt. J. Thankima College, Aizawl.

17. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "THE CHARACTER OF MIND" (18-20 MARCH 2010)

Rationale: The human mind has been the subject of philosophical and scientific speculation for many millennia. Early modern 'natural philosophers' targeted the mind's 'cognoscitive powers'. Before that, ancient Greek philosophers were fascinated by specifically human domains of knowledge such as arithmetic, music, and geometry. Still before that, Panini, himself based on yet earlier traditions, inaugurated the formal study of universal structures of human grammar. Only 50 years ago, the study of the mind was christened a 'science': 'cognitive science'. What has it revealed, and does a specific concept of mind, new or old, emerge from it? Has knowledge of the character of mind truly increased, ever since its systematic study began? Have we truly accessed the domain of the mental, or are we forever targeting only its outer manifestations, that is, complex human behaviour in socio-cultural contexts? Do we know which kind of data would be relevant to an actual theory of mind? Are these questions ill-formed or premature?

Partly independently of the developments in cognitive science, some of

these questions were in fact addressed as analytic philosophers inaugurated the discipline of the 'philosophy of mind' more than a century ago. Major philosophical paradigms in thinking about the mind—functionalism, eliminativism, materialism, and dualism—have long been formulated. By now, discussions and arguments have become ever more intricate and arcane, yet an overarching consensus on the character of mind, as well as a strategic direction, appears to be missing.

It was to deliberate on these issues that an International Conference on "The Character of Mind" was organised in collaboration with Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi from 18-20 March 2010 at IAS.

Participants: Professor G. Mishra, Member Secretary, ICPR, New Delhi; Dr. Probal Das Gupta, Linguistic Research Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata; Dr. Amita Chatterjee, Presidency University, Kolkata; Professor Barry Smith, Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Study, University of London, London; Professor Mohan Matthen, University of Toronto; Professor Ned Block, Department of Philosophy, New York University, New York; Professor Susan Carey, Department of Psychology, Harvard University, Cambridge; Professor Giuseppe Longobardi, University of Trieste; Professor John Mikhail, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington; Professor Anna Maria Di Sciullo University of Montreal, Canada; Professor Timothy J Crow, Orford University; Professor Partha Ghose, Institute of Physics, Kolkata; Dr. Smita Sarkar, Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata; Dr. Mudhuchanda Sen, Department of Philosophy, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata; Dr. Maushumi Guha, Department of Philosophy and School of Cognitive Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata; Dr. Ravi M. Singh, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi; Dr. Susrut Roy, Kolkata.

Following presentations were made during the Conference:

1. Amita Chatterjee: *The Navya-Nyaya variation on computationalism*
2. Probal Dasgupta: *Bhartrihari's Strategy for formalism in linguistic inquiry*
3. G. Mishra: *Mind and Its Universe: Discursive Construction of Thought Structures in Indian Tradition*
4. Guiseppe Longobardi: *Human Diversity and Theory of Mind*
5. Anna Maria Di Sciullo: *Exploration of the Mind as an inhabitant of natural world*
6. Wolfram Hinzen: *The evolution of recursion and complex thought*
7. John Mikhail: *Moral Grammar: The Mind's Hidden Rules of Moral Judgment*
8. Mohan Matthen: *The Logical Structure of Visual Content*
9. Nirmalangshu Mukherji: *How far does computational theory go*
10. Ned Block: *Why Consciousness Research is Difficult*
11. Bijoy Boruah: *Self-Awareness as Self-Acknowledgement*
12. Barry Smith: *Human Subjects- the normal case?*
13. Susan Carey: *The Origin of Concepts: Representations of the Social World*
14. Partha Ghose: *Tagore and Einstein Plumb the Truth: A Cognitive Science Perspective*

18. WORKSHOP ON “UNDERSTANDING COLLECTIVE ACTION, VIOLENCE AND POST-COLONIAL DEMOCRACY” (19-20 MARCH 2011)

Rationale: Democracy has never perhaps stood as discredited as it is now. War on terror, xenophobia, security paranoia, stifling of peoples’ movements, patriarchal mores, flattening the resistance of ethnic, religious and regional minorities have become the *sine qua non* of democracies around the world. Add to that democracy’s historic alliance with capitalism and a free market which perpetrates grave systemic violence. But democracy also opens up the possibility of contentions, collective actions and claim-makings, entitlement, assertion of rights so on and so forth. All these aspects are precise and alive within the ambit of India’s ongoing democratic experience.

A two-day workshop on ‘Understanding Collective Action, Violence, and Post-Colonial Democracy’, organized jointly by Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group (CRG) and the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), 19-20 March 2011, wanted to frame the mutually embedded nature of the experience of democracy and violence in contemporary India and accordingly prepare a possible research agenda for the future. Another important aim of the workshop was to explore and review the traces of emancipatory politics implicit in the circulation of such political idioms as gender, identity, subalternity and marginality etc.

The workshop threw up relevant ideas for future research.

- An eclectic approach is the key, but the clear ethical orientation was towards resistance, politics and enfranchisement of the marginalized and the subaltern.
- A balanced understanding of historical processes was proposed. Modernity or democracy or state was to be enframed in all their

heterogeneity, not to be seen as villains in a token gesture towards emancipatory politics.

- Violence is to be seen in both its structural and physical manifestation, and also in its variegated moral dimensions, but situated in a holistic optic. Violence of the rebels and the legislators are different, but perhaps speak of many continuities and similarities of political culture.
- In conceptualizing emancipation, resistance and rebellion, one need not homogenize the resisting bloc. There are fissures within that too, signified by gender, ethnic and religious questions.
- A study should focus simultaneously on fever-pitch, insurrectionary moments as well as the everyday, seemingly banal happenings and agentic acts to make sense of violence and democracy.
- Theoretical tools should remain complimentary to empirical findings and the notion of historical change.

19. STUDY WEEK ON "THEORY OF ARTS AND AESTHETICS ACCORDING TO ABHINAVAGUPTA", (23-30 MARCH 2011)

The Study Week on Abhinavagupta was organized to explore the profound theoretical and religious genius of Abhinavagupta (10-11th century AD) in connection with his innovative theory of aesthetics exposed in his commentaries on the *Dhvanyaloka of Anandavardhana* and in the *Abhinavabharati* (the commentary on the Bharatanatya •astra) that gave him a pan-Indian recognition. The seminar intended to provide the experience of the textual reading of the *Abhinavabharati* and the *Tantraloka* was supplemented by the lectures delivered by specialists discussing the historical and philosophical background of his concepts along with the practical application of Abhinava's theoretical concepts as illustrated by inspiring

performances of Kutiyattam (Dr. Madhu Margi) and Bharatanatyam (Ms. Aranyani Bhargava).

The Study Week was organized by the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla. This powerful and magical location was a constant reminder of Abhinavagupta's own words when he says: 'Knowledge is not divided <bhinna> by the diversity of the objects of knowledge. (It is universal and pervasive) as is (the vision of) a man standing on the peak of a mountain'. About 25 participants came from all over the country, as well as from abroad. They represented a broad range of academic institutions in the public as well as the private sector and brought to the Study week a valuable mix of experiences and perspectives. The speakers, resource persons and performing artists representing a vast range of disciplines directly and indirectly related to Abhinavagupta's studies presented the audience with multi-layered concepts, experiences, insights and views.

The seminar was structured in a way that helped participants to walk through the issues, starting from the relevance of the historical and philosophical context of the aesthetics before Abhinavagupta, through the critical analysis of the key-texts of Abhinavagupta (Abhinavabharati, Tantraloka) and finally to the actual implementation of his theories in literature, poetry, dance and music. The objectives of the seminar were intended to provide insight into aesthetic issues, to identify the contextual basis and influences, and to discuss the possible approaches for formulating and implementing aesthetics in the contemporary framework of postmodern fluidity. Lectures from various disciplines spoke on Vedas, Agamas, theory of art, poetics and theatre and brought together different approaches and concepts into a unifying perspective and on the scope of aesthetics at different levels.

Participants: Y. Sridhar Reddy, Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda Research Institute, Gadwal, Deb Kamal Ganguly, Faculty, Visual & Sonic

Culture, International Institute of Information Technology, Center for Exact Humanities, Hyderabad, Arghya Basu, Film & Television Institute of India, Pune, Dr. Laimayum Bishwanath Sharma, Manipur University, Canchipur, Imphal, Dr. Ahinpunya Mitra, Trivenidevi Bhalotia College, Burdwan, Mrinmoy Pramanick, CCL, School of Humanities, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, Dr. Sanjay Dwivedi, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Deemed University, Bhopal, Dr. Nilanshu Kumar Agarwal Department of English, Feroze Gandhi College, Rae Bareli, Hamsa Stainton, Department of Religion, Columbia University, USA, Ms. Sushma Sharma, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (MHRD), Jaipur, Ms. Mini Priya R., Lecturer, Department of Hindi, Stella Maris College, Chennai, Dr. A. Sri Maha Lakshmi, Department of Sanskrit Studies, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, Ms. Sonal Nimbkar, Lecturer, Centre for Exact Humanities, IIIT Gchibowli, Hyderabad, Dr. Aleksandra Wentz, Sri Aurobindo Institute of Research in Social Sciences, Pondicherry, Dr. Shipra R. Upadhyay, Deccan College, Department of Archaeology, Pune, Dr. Narayana Dash, Lecturer in Sanskrit, Ramakrishna Mission Residential College (Autonomous), Kolkata, Mr. Tariq Ahmed Mir, Institute of Islamic Studies, University of Kashmir, Vipin Vijay, Kerala, Dr. Barunjoti Choudhury, Assistant Professor, Department of Bengali, Assam University, Assam.

Following presentations were made during the Study Week:

1. Professor G.C. Tripathi: Vedic Foundations of Indian Aesthetics
2. Professor C. Rajendran: Literary Theory Prior to Abhinavagupta

3. Professor Bettina Baumer: Metaphysical Background of Aesthetics in Abhinavagupta
4. Professor K.D. Tripathi: A General Introduction to Natyashastra and Abhinavabharati
5. Professor Radhavallabh Tripathi: Rasa Theory of Abhinavagupta
6. Professor K.D. Tripathi: Textual Readings in Abhinavabharati
7. Professor Bettina Baumer: Textual Readings in Tantraloka
8. Professor C. Rajendran: Kuntaka's Theory of Art
9. Professor Radhavallabh Tripathi: Abhinavagupta's Concept of Natya and the Interrelationship between Arts
10. Professor K.D. Tripathi: Textual Redings in Abhinavbharati-Rasadyaya
11. Professor Bettina Baumer: Textual Redings in Tantraloka
12. Shri Margi Madhu and Dr. K.G. Paulose: Demo-lecture on Kutiyattam
13. Dr. Gautam Chatterjee: Abhinavagupta and Global Aesthetics
14. Dr. K.G. Paulose: Influence of Kashmir Tradition on Kerala Sanskrit Theatre
15. Professor G.C. Tripathi: Indian Theory of aesthetic experience in Visual Arts
16. Dr. Elisa Ganser: The Concept of Dance in Abhinavagupta
17. Dr. Prakash Pandey: Concept of Svatanupravesa in Abhinavagupta
18. Ms. Aranyani Bhargav: Demo –Lecture on Bharatanatyam

19. Professor Bettina Baumer: Readinga in Tantrloka
20. Professor Ganesh Devy: Locating Abhinavagupta
21. Professor Prakash Pandey: Abhinavagupta's Theory of Svatmanupravesa
22. Hansa Stainton: Presentation on Problem of Bhakti
23. Shipra Upadhyaya: Shiva and pravati in Oral Narratives
24. Dr. Ahinpunya Mitra: A Quest for Parallels in Indian and Western Aesthtics: Kant vis-à-vis Anandavardhana and Abhinavagupta
25. Dr. Gautam Chatterjee: Abhinavagupta's Contribution to Indian Classical Music

III. 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. During the period of report, the following weekly seminars were given by the Fellows:

Professor Satish C. Aikant: *Fortunate Fall: A Reading of U.R. Anantha Murthy's Samskara* (1 April 2010)

Professor B.V. Nemade: *Non-linguistic and Linguistic, Oral and Written* (8 April 2010)

Dr. Kanchana Natarajan: *Sri Vidya Shobhanam: (The Auspicious Song of Puberty)* (15 April 2010)

Dr. Saitya Brata Das: *Erotic and Philosophic: A Note on Love, Life and Thought* (6 May 2010)

Dr. Smarika Nawani: *The Portuguese Interface in Southeast Asia, 1511-1641* (13 May 2010)

Professor Vir Bharat Talwar: *Maharashtriya Navjagaran Mein Nirantarta* (3 June 2010)

Professor Shreesh Chaudhary: *One Grammar or Many Grammars* (17 June 2010)

Dr. Sanjay Palshikar: *Asuras across Centuries* (24 June 2010)

Professor A.R. Vasavi: *Suicides and the Predicament of Rural India* (1 July 2010)

- Dr. Mohinder Singh: *“Religion of Filling the belly” : Ascendancy of the Economic in Hindi Vernacular Discourse (1870-1908)* (8 July 2010)
- Dr. Arjun Ghosh: *Theatre, Sharing, Change* (15 July 2010)
- Dr. Ranjeeta Dutta: *The Making of a Canon: Ramanuja in the Srivaisnava Textual Tradition (11th to 13th Century AD)* (22 July 2010)
- Dr. Saroj Thakur: *Hidimba: A Rakshasi, A Devi or a Manvi?* (29 July 2010)
- Professor Raj Kumar Hañs: *Iconoclasm of a Dalit Poet in the Mid-nineteenth Century Punjab* (5 August 2010)
- Dr. Pramod Kumar: *Premchand Ke Rajñatik Upanyas: Bharat Rashtra Nirman Ke Sangram Gatha* (12 August 2010)
- Dr. Shashi Joshi: *Religious Crossings: Charlie and Mohan* (19 August 2010)
- Dr. Veena Sharma: *The Concept of God and Modes of Knowledge Transmission in the Akan Spiritual Tradition and Advaita Vedanta: A Comparative Study* (25 August 2010)
- Dr. Anita Cherian: *Performing the Nation: Institutions, Cultural Policy Shaping of a National Theatre in Post-Independence India* (25 August 2010)
- Dr. P. Narayanan: *Changing Face of Medieval Temple Tripunithura: A Case Study* (26 August 2010)
- Dr. Vijaya Singh: *Faster than Fairies, Faster than Witches: Cinematic Life of the Indian Railways* (9 September 2010)
- Dr. Soumyabrata Choudhury: *Liturgy-Sovereignty, Christus-Fiscus: Two Systems of Debt* (23 September 2010)

- Dr. Dhananjay Singh: *Pravasi Shram Itihas Maukhik Dastavej: Bhojpuri Loksahitya* (30 September 2010)
- Dr. Queeny Pradhan Singh: *Developing the Hill: A Comparative Perspective in the Study of Simla, Darjeeling, Ootacamund and Mount Abu (Nineteenth and Twentieth Century)* (30 September 2010)
- 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 C.E.)* (30 September 2010)
- Dr. Prachi Khandeparkar: *The Making of Marathi Literary Theory during the Colonial Era* (7 October 2010)
- Professor Madhavan Palat: *Working Class Violence in late Imperial Russia* (21 October 2010)
- Professor Ghanshyam Shah: *Hind Swaraj: A Moralists' Outcry against Globalization* (28 October 2010)
- Dr. Yoginder Singh Sikand: *A Critical Analysis of Discourses of Islamic Feminism* (2 November 2010)
- Professor Gangmumei Kamei: *Feudalism in Pre-Colonial Manipur* (11 November 2010)
- Dr. Swadhinota Mahanta: *Development of Assamese Modern Short Story During 'Ramdhenu Period' (1940 -1970)* (2 December 2010)
- Dr. U.A. Vinay Kumar: *Synthesis of World Religions: Constructing a General Metaphysical Structure* (2 December 2010)
- Professor G.C. Tripathi: *Indian Ascetic Tradition and the Early Buddhist Monasticism* (14 December 2010)

Professor Raj Kumar Hans: *Dalit Consciousness and Punjabi Dalit Literature: Confronting the Hegemonic Discourses* (24 March 2011)

Dr. Saitya Brata Das: *The Promise of Time: Towards a Phenomenology of Promise (Few provisionally conclusive remarks)* (30 March 2011)

Dr. Susmita Chatterjee: *Sexuality, Feminine Symbolism and the Female in Bengal Tantric Buddhism* (31 March 2011)

Dr. Piyush Mathur: *Toward a Global Conception of Environmental Citizenship* (31 March 2011)

IV. National Fellows' Lecture Series

The institute has started National Fellows Lecture Series. On the joining of the National Fellows, they deliver a lecture on any theme of their interest. These lectures are open to Faculty of Himachal Pradesh University and public intellectuals from the town apart from scholars in residence.

1. Professor Madhavan Palat: *Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Historian of Decline and Prophet of Resurrection* (14 July 2010)
2. Professor Ghanshyam Shah: *Growth, Governance and Human Development* (4 August 2010)
3. Professor Gangmumei Kamei: *Philosophy of History and the Historiography of Manipur* (8 September 2010)
4. Professor G.C. Tripathi: *Aesthetic Experience of Visual Arts: The Classical Indian Perspective* (14 October 2010)

V. Visiting Professors and Visiting Scholars

Eminent scholars are invited by the Governing Body of the Institute as Visiting Professors to deliver lectures on the subjects of their specialized interest. They stay at the Institute for three to four weeks and interact formally with the Fellows of the Institute. The Visiting Scholars come to the Institute for a week on the invitation by the Director. They give seminars on the themes of their choice. The faculty of Himachal Pradesh University and the intellectually inclined individuals of the town are invited to attend all these lectures and seminars.

Visiting Professors

The following distinguished scholars were invited as Visiting Professors during the period under Report:

1. Professor Bettina Baumer, Director, Abhinavagupta Research Library, Varanasi gave following lectures:
 - *Auspicious Beginnings or Philosophy in a Nutshell: An Introduction to Kashmir Shaivism through its Mangalaslokas (22 April 2010)*
 - *Trika and Trinity: Towards a Dialogue in Depth between Kashmir Shaivism and Christianity (29 April 2010)*
2. Professor J.S. Grewal, ex-Chairman and Director, IAS, Mohali gave following lectures:
 - *Love and Gender in Punjabi Sufi Poetry (24 May 2010)*
 - *Social Significance of the Treatment of Tales and Love in Punjabi Literature (26 May 2010)*

3. Professor Meena Alexander, Distinguished Professor of English at the City University of New York delivered a lecture on
 - *Reflections on Poetic Process* (8 June 2010)
4. Professor Pabitrakumar Roy, Central University of Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi gave following lectures:
 - *The Lesson and Relevance of the Bodhisattva Ideal* (9 June 2010)
 - *Ethics of Pride: Apropos Bodhicaryavatara and the Imitation of Christ* (14 June 2010)
 - *Emotions and the Buddhist Images of Human Perfection* (25 June 2010)
5. Professor Ravi Arvind Palat, Department of Sociology, State University of New York, Binghamton, New York gave following lectures:
 - *Dangerous Fortunes: Financial Crisis in World-Historical Perspective* (15 June 2010)
 - *Convergence before Divergence? Eurocentrism and Alternate Patterns of Historical Change.* (28 June 2010)
6. Professor Raffaele Torella, Chair of Sanskrit, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Rome, "Sapienza" Italy delivered a lecture on:
 - *Orality and Writing in Pre-Modern India* (20 August 2010)
7. Professor Harbans Mukhia: Former Professor of Medieval History and Rector, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi gave following lectures:
 - *Positivism, Marxism and Theology: Breaks and Continuities* (15 September 2010)

- *Time in Abu'l Fazl's Historiography* (22 September 2010)
9. Professor Indu Banga, Honorary Secretary, Institute of Punjab Studies, Chandigarh gave following lectures:
 - *Radicalism, Recalcitrance and Resistance: Bridging Indian India and British India* (I) (4 October 2010)
 - *Radicalism, Recalcitrance and Resistance: Bridging Indian India and British India* (II) (5 October 2010)
 10. Professor Atlury Murli, Department of History, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad delivered a lecture on:
 - *Writing about Indian Nationalism* (27 October 2010)
 11. Professor Shormishtha Panja, Department of English, University of Delhi, delivered on:
 - *Shakespeare on the Indian Stage* (10 November 2010)
 - *Feminism in India.* (18 November 2010)

Visiting Scholars

1. Professor Bijoy H. Boruah, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi delivered lecture on:
 - *The Ethics of Citizen Agency* (18 June 2010)
2. Dr. M.G. Vassanji, Toronto, Canada delivered lecture on:
 - *From Physics to History and the Novel* (21 June 2010)

3. Professor B.N. Patnaik, Mysore gave following lectures:

- *Socio-Political Dimensions of Football Writing* (7 July 2010)
- *Lakshmi Purana As a Protest Text* (9 July 2010)

4. Dr. N.K. Bhattacharjee, Director, K.K. Birla Foundation, Delhi delivered lecture on:

- *Translation as an Inter-Cultural Dialogue* (16 July 2010)

5. Professor Lakshmi Bandlamudi, Professor of Psychology, at City University of New York delivered lecture on:

- *Dialogics of Self, the Mahabharata and Culture* (1 September 2010)

6. Dr. C.T. Dorji, Bhutan delivered lecture on:

- *Evolution of Buddhism in Bhutan* (1 October 2010)

VI. Guest Scholars:

1. Dr. Geetanjali Shree, Writer, New Delhi: *Reading from the Fictional works* (23 June 2010)
2. Dr. Chetan Ghate, Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi: *The "V Factor": Distribution, Timing, and Correlates of the Great Indian Growth Turnaround* (29 June 2010)

VII. Guest Fellows:

1. Professor Rita Kothari (Ahmedabad): *Meghwals of Banni: Narratives of Untouchability, Aspirations and Entrepreneurship* (16 September 2010)

2. Professor R.N. Misra, former Professor and Head, School of Studies in Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, Jiwaji University, Gwalior was at the Institute from 18 September to 17 December 2010. During his stay at the Institute Professor Misra gave lecture on “*In Lieu of Guilds: Artist’s Organisation in Ancient and Early Medieval India*” (18 November 2010)

VIII. ICCR Fellowship

Indian Council of Cultural Relations has sponsored two Fellowships to Dr. Laura Yerekesheva, Associate Professor, Institute of Oriental Studies, UNESCO Chair coordinator, Kazakhstan and Dr. Kazunori Sasaki, Department of Indian Philosophy and Buddhist Studies, The University of Tokyo, Japan.

During the period Dr. Laura Yerekesheva gave a lecture on “*Of Culture and Religion: The System Theory in Central Asian Context*” (25 November 2010)

IX. Inter University Centre

The IAS acts as the Inter University Centre (IUC) for Social Sciences and Humanities on behalf of the University Grants Commission. The academic programmes of the IUC have three basic components: (i) the scheme of Associateship; (ii) organization of Research Seminars in different parts of the country; and (iii) holding of Study Weeks on problems of national and international interest at the Institute. The Centre invites serving teachers from the universities and colleges in the country to spend three months for three consecutive years at the Centre to: (a) complete a piece of writing that they might at the time be engaged in; (b) revise their doctoral work for

publication; (c) make use of the library facilities of the Institute; and (d) interact with Fellows of the Institute and Visiting Professors and Visiting Scholars from India and abroad who come to the Institute. The Associates also take part in the seminars and conferences, both national and international, which are among the regular activities of the Institute. Apart from their own work, the Associates are also expected to participate in all the academic activities of the Institute. They are required to give at least one presentation during their stay at the Centre. It is, however, optional for Associates to submit their research paper to the Institute for publication in the Institute's journals.

The Associates who visited the institute during the period of report and the seminars given by them during the period of report are as under:

APRIL

Dr. Prem R. Bhardwaj (Paonta Sahib): *Dynamics of Religious Conversion in H.P Paradox of Manufactured Uncertainties* (19 April 2010)

Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya (Vallabh, Gujarat): *The Technology Rhizome: Digitisation and Pedagogy* (19 April 2010)

Dr. Sudhir Bhausahab Wadekar (Ahmednagar): *Farmers' Movement: A Comparative Study of Bharatiya Kisan Union and the Shetkari Sanghatana* (19 April 2010)

Dr. Partha Dutta (Dinajpur, W.B.): *Labour Control and Social Security a Study of Jute Millhands of Bengal (Pre-Independence)* (20 April 2010)

Dr. Aparna Joshi (Moradabad): *Women and Political Participation- Emerging Patterns* (20 April 2010)

- Dr. Sameera Maiti (Lucknow): *Survival and Sustainability: A Study of Human-Forest Interaction among the Bhotia Tribals of Uttaranchal (India)* (20 April 2010)
- Dr. Karan Singh (Mohindergarh, Haryana): *Dalitism and Feminism: Theoretical Explorations* (20 April 2010)
- Dr. Nandan Nawn (Kolkata): *Embodied Energy in Commodities as a Tool for Economic Decision Making* (21 April 2010)
- Dr. Sangeeta Sarswat (Shimla): *Samayaik Kavya Mein Vyang* (21 April 2010)
- Ms. Namita Sethi (New Delhi): *Film Adaptations of Devdas* (21 April 2010)
- Dr. Mridula Sharda (Shimla): *Indian Federalism and Party Politics* (23 April 2010)
- Mrs. Laxmi Sindhu (Shimla): *Recent Fertility Trends in India: An Appraisal* (23 April 2010)
- Dr. Anupama Tandon (Tomar) (Shimla): *Factors Influencing the Non Utilisation of Primary Health Centers in Rural Areas of Hamirpur District in Himachal Pradesh* (23 April 2010)

MAY

- Dr. Ajay Pratap (Varanasi): *Rock Art of Mirzapur: Some Perspectives* (21 May 2010)
- Dr. Ramesh Chand Meena (Bundi, Rajasthan): *Hinsa Banam Adivasi Sandarbh: Katha Sahitya* (21 May 2010)
- Dr. Umesh Kumar Singh (Wardha): *Sahitya Mai Machwara Samaj: Ek Tulnatamak Addhyan* (21 May 2010)

- Dr. Anita Dash (Cuttack): *Financial Autonomy, Decision Making and Empowerment* (22 May 2010)
- Dr. Ram Pujan Singh (Khagaria, Bihar): *Kavita Aur Soundarya* (22 May 2010)
- Dr. Sunita Jakhar (Rajasthan): *Bapsi Sidhwa's the Pakistani Bride: A Feminist Study* (22 May 2010)
- Dr. Shiba Prasad Behera (Orissa): *Raja Ram Mohan Roy: Pioneer of Indian Renaissance* (24 May 2010)
- Dr. R. Suresh (Kollam, Kerala): *Tibet and China: A Human Rights Perspective* (24 May 2010)
- Dr. K. Satyanarayana (Hyderabad): *Law and Caste: The Tsundur Dalit Massacre Case* (24 May 2010)
- Dr. Bikramaditya K. Choudhary (Varanasi): *Knowledge and Culture under Globalization: (Re) Formation of Spatial Identities* (24 May 2010)
- Ms. Sonali Agarwal (Delhi): *Out of the Closet? The Dostana Trope in Hindi Cinema* (25 May 2010)
- Dr. Mamta Mokta (Shimla): *Challenges of Good Governance in India* (25 May 2010)
- Dr. D. Balaganapathi (Kuppam): *Reading the Histories of Indian Philosophy: Some Reflections* (25 May 2010)
- Dr. Raghuvansh Mani Tripathi (Basti, U.P.): *History and Literature* (25 May 2010)
- Ms. Mukul Chaturvedi (New Delhi): *Remembering and Forgetting the Dirty War in Argentina: A Study of Jo Fisher Mother's of the Disappeared and Alicia Partnoy's Tales of Disappearance and Survival* (26 May 2010)

Dr. Swati Mandal Adhikari (Kolkata): *Temple of Dev Tikra: An Example of Aesthetic Amalgamation* (26 May 2010)

Dr. Gopal Sharan Pandey (Jharkhand): *Hindi Sahitya Mein Hasya Vyang* (26 May 2010)

JUNE

Dr. Ravinder Singh (New Delhi): *Punjabi Diaspora Literature and Contemporary Concerns (with special reference to Punjabi Diaspora in UK)* (14 June 2010)

Dr. Siddharth Singh (Varanasi): *What Japanese Religion can teach the Religious Fundamentalists?* (14 June 2010)

Dr. Dinesh Kumar Ojha (Varanasi): *Ancient Greek Ideas and the Imperial Historiography in India* (14 June 2010)

Ms. Davinder Pal Kumar (Ludhiana): *Women in PRIs: Emerging Issues and Challenges in Border Districts of Punjab* (15 June 2010)

Dr. Sivadasan P (Calicut): *Late Nineteenth Century Census in Travancore: Rumour and Resistance* (15 June 2010)

Ms. Anuradha M. Sharma (Dahod, Gujarat): *The Panchatantra and Gender Constructions* (15 June 2010)

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar H.M (Allahabad): *Modernity and the Problems of Democratisation in South Asia* (16 June 2010)

Dr. Manbendu Pathak (Pune): *Human Rights and Rights of Women: Issues and Challenges in India with Special Reference to Arunachal Pradesh* (16 June 2010)

Dr. Manish Sinha (Bodh Gaya): *Reinventing 1857: The Other Women of 1857* (16 June 2010)

Dr. Manoj Kumar Pandya (Banswara, Rajasthan): *Prayojan Moolak Hindi Avdharna Prasangikta aur Vividh Aayam* (17 June 2010)

Dr. R.N. Shukla (Ghaziabad): Vinod Kumar Sukhal Ke Upaniyas- "Diwar Mein Ek Khirki Rahati Thee"- Main 'Ghar', 'Manav' Aur 'Prakriti' (17 June 2010)

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Dr. Saraswati V. Kupvade (Belgaum): *Diaspora, Displacement and Assimilation with Special Reference to Jhumpa Lahiri's Novel 'The Namesake'* (17 June 2010)

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Shri Sunil Aggarwal (Ludhiana): *John Nash, Elinor Ostrom and an Idea of Money: A Speculative Exercise in Interlinking* (18 June 2010)

Dr. Anju Bala (Ambala): *Mother-Daughter Relationship: Some Reflections from Selected Novels in English* (18 June 2010)

Dr. Maheshwar Mishra (Khagaria): *Arth Chintan Ke Sandharbh Mein Safotvaad Ki Bhumika* (18 June 2010)

Dr. Preeti Sharma (Tonk, Rajasthan): *Mahabalipuram Relief: A Proclamation of Brahmanical Hegemony* (18 June 2010)

Dr. Bhupinder Singh (Hisar, Haryana): *Geographical Appraisal of Malignant Neoplasm in Haryana* (18 June 2010)

Dr. Upasana Pandey (Varanasi): *The Problem with Postmodern Gandhi* (22 June 2010)

Dr. Yogesh Snehi (Amritsar): *Identity, Practices and Historiography: Exploring Popular Spaces in Modern and Contemporary Social Formation of Punjab* (22 June 2010)

JULY

- Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Sinha (Dumka, Jharkhand): *Exclusion in the age of Globalization and fate of Democracy: With Special Reference to STs of Jharkhand* (20 July 2010)
- Dr. H. Srikath (Shillong): *Nation Building and Right to Self-Determination: Reflections on Secessionist Movements in North-East India* (20 July 2010)
- Dr. Manoj Kumar Harilal Joshi (Rajkot): *Ramesh Parikh Ke Geeton Mein Meeranubhuti* (20 July 2010)
- Dr. Rajesh J. Raval (Rajkot): *'Shri Arvinddarshan' Ke Sandharbh Mein Pant Aur Sundaram Ke Kavya Ki Prasangikata* (21 July 2010)
- Dr. Anubhav Shrivastava (Sant Kabir Nagar): *Bhartiya Sanskriti Ki Samvayatamak Pravriti* (21 July 2010)
- Dr. Umesh Kumar (Dharbhanga, Bihar): *Bhartiya Lokchitra Mein Pratikatmak Avdharanao Ka Manosamajik Avam Sanskritik Addhyan* (21 July 2010)
- Dr. Rajesh Chandra Mishra (Sant Kabir Nagar): *Gandhi Ka Manifesto: Hind Swaraj* (22 July 2010)
- Dr. Jayashree Samantray (Hamirpur): *Quality of Life in Himalayan Region: With Special Reference to Himachal Pradesh A Conceptual Framework* (22 July 2010)
- Dr. Devinder Kumar Singla (Patiala): *Hindu Succession Act, 1956: A Step Forward to Equality* (22 July 2010)

AUGUST

- Dr. Jyoti Sinha (Jaunpur): *Raag, Rog aur Rogi – Antahsambandho Ki Vivechana (Ek Parichaya)* (23 August 2010)

Dr. Sudakhsina Gupta (Kolkata): *Globalization and Education with a Special Reference to Urban Indian Women* (23 August 2010)

Dr. Virendra Singh Yadav (Jalaun, U.P.): *Dalit Chintan: Sangharsh aur Mukti ke Naye Kshitij* (23 August 2010)

Dr. Priti Sagar (Wardha): *Stri Atamkathayein aur Stri Prashan* (24 August 2010)

Dr. Sunil Khosla (Ludhiana): *Human Rights in Search of Model in Indian Tradition* (24 August 2010)

Dr. Meti Mallikarjun (Shimoga, Karnataka): *Language Endangerment: The Fate of Indigenous Languages (A Theoretical Approach)* (25 August 2010)

Mr. S. Siraj Ahmed (Shimoga, Karnataka): *City as Society City as Metaphor* (25 August 2010)

Dr. R. Nalini (Pondicherry): *Masculinities and Emotional Violence in the Workplace: An Overview* (25 August 2010)

SEPTEMBER

Dr. Rajeev Bargoti (Pune): *Contemporary Architecture – A Case Study of National Defence Academy, (India)* (18 September 2010)

Dr. Leena Chauhan (Hathras, U.P.): *Saptam Dashak Se Vartman Tak Ki Mahila Kathakaron Ki Kathayen Aur Asamanya Mano-vigyan* (18 September 2010)

Dr. Harinder Kaur (Patiala): *Shrinking Natural Resource Base: The Case Study of Bangala Tribe of Punjab* (18 September 2010)

- Dr. Bijoy Kumar (Dhumka, Jharkhand): *Reservation Policy and Judicial Response in India: Creating More Confusion than Streamlining the Issue* (20 September 2010)
- Dr. S Indira (Pondicherry): *Pragmatic Implications of Trusteeship* (20 September 2010)
- Shri Pulak Chandra Devnath (Mizoram): *Socio – Economic Condition of the OBC in Dhubri District of Assam* (20 September 2010)
- Dr. Shantan Singh Negi (Srinagar, Garhwal): *Sanskritization among Dalits in Uttarakhand during 20th Century: A Historical Study* (21 September 2010)
- Shri Govinda N S (Subrahmanya, Karnataka): *The European Perception of Brahmins till 19th Century* (21 September 2010)
- Dr. Kaustav Chakraborty (Darjeeling): *Politically Deified and Discreetly Glamorized North Indian Hijra Identity – Construction of the ‘Tritiya Prakriti’ in Indian Tradition: Exploring the Possibility of a Third Perspective of Sexual /Gender Stratification* (21 September 2010)
- Dr. Mahesh Srivastava (Rajnandgaon, Chattisgarh): *The Situation of Medical Facilities in The Tribal Areas (with special reference to Primitive Tribes in Chattisgarh)* (22 September 2010)
- Dr. Chilka Ghosh (Kolkata): *Changing Language of Printed Advertisements: Bengali News Paper from 1947 to 1970* (22 September 2010)
- Dr. Madan Lal (Shimla): *Land Use Changes in Himachal Pradesh: A Spatio-Temporal Analysis* (22 September 2010)
- Dr. Ajay Kumar Jha (Delhi): *Kavi Shiksha Ki Avdharna Evam Kshemendra Ka Aetad- vishyak Siddhant* (23 September 2010)

Dr. Arvind Singh (Moradabad): *China's Super Power Status: Implications for the Global Order and India* (23 September 2010)

Dr. Shiv Sharan Kaushik (Udaipur): *Atmsakshatkar Ki Prakirya: Prabha Khetan Ka Rachana Karm* (23 September 2010)

Dr Chandrabhan Singh Yadav (Moradabad): *Media Aur Mahila* (24 September 2010)

Shri Pankaj Roy (Mizoram): *Violence in Vijay Tendulkar's Plays* (24 September 2010)

OCTOBER

Dr. Siyaram Mishra Haldhar (Delhi): *An Outline of Buddhist Economic Theory and Practice* (12 October 2010)

Dr. Udai Bhan Singh (Rai Bareli): *Problems and Prospects of Aging in India* (12 October 2010)

Shri Rakesh Ranjan (Bihar): *Hindustani Sangeet: Ek Avlokan* (13 October 2010)

Dr. Susanta Kumar Bardhañ (Suri, Birbhum, West Bengal): *An Intensive Stylistic Reading of Jayanta Majhapatra's 'Dawn'* (13 October 2010)

Dr. Nishi Pulugurtha (Kolkata): *Names and Diasporic Identity: A Reading of Jhumpa Lahiri's 'The Namesake'* (15 October 2010)

Shri Santosh Kumar Meher (Nuapada, Orissa) *Contractual Arrangement in Seasonal Migration* (15 October 2010)

Dr. Sunetra Mitra (Kolkata): *Grandeur and Valour: Bollywood and India's Fighting Personnels* (20 October 2010)

Shri Pratul Kumar Panda (Nuapada, Orissa): *NREGA in Orissa: Loopholes need be Plugged* (20 October 2010)

Dr. Vinod Kumar Sinha (West Kameng, A.P.): *Women Emancipation: Gandhi and Premchand* (22 October 2010)

Dr. Anil Kumar Singh (Khirkiya, M.P.): *Khuni Bhandara: Moghul Kaleen Jal Sanrakshan evam Aapurti Ki Anuthi Yojana Ka Ek Etihasic Adhyayan* (22 October 2010)

Dr. Rajesh Kumar Sahu (Nuapada, Orissa): *Nineteenth Century Western Orissa and Mahima Movement* (22 October 2010)

NOVEMBER

Dr. Madhumita Sen (Kolkata): *The Evolving Family—Breaking the Boundaries of the Collective Mindset*

Shri D.S. Somashekhar (Shimoga, Karnataka): *Development Projects in Shimoga District: Ecological, Environmental, and Cultural Issues (1900-2010)*

Shri Sukhnandan Singh (Haridwar): *Bharatiya Print Media mein Adhyaatmik Patraakaritaa: Swarup, Sambhaavanaaye Evam Chunotiyaon*

Dr. K. K. Vishwakarma (Lucknow): *Humanism and Literature: A Critique*

Dr. Dilip V. Chavan (Nanded): *Beyond Sociolinguistics: Language Education, Caste and Power in Colonial Western India*

Dr. Ambalicka Sood Jacob (Patiala): *Musical Modes: The Tradition that Continues in Art*

MARCH 2011

- Dr. Ashwini Kumar Singh: *Uttar Bhartiya Shastriya Sangeet Ki Gayan Shailya Vartmann Pariprakshya Mein* (14 March 2011)
- Dr. Gaurang A. Bhavsar: *Tabla Vadhya Aur Hazarat Amir Kushroo: Ek Anwashen* (14 March 2011)
- Dr. Harish Thakur: *Evading Dynamics in Indo-China Relations* (14 March 2011)
- Dr. Suresh R : *India and the Tibetan Issue: A Human Rights Perspective* (14 March 2011)
- Dr. Sandeep Sinha: *Medicine in Canada: An Indian Experience* (15 March 2011)
- Dr. Raj Kumar: *Gandhi and Governance in Globalised Regime* (15 March 2011)
- Dr. Anupama Tandon (Tomar): *Exploring the Determinants of Health Seeking Behaviour and Perceptions of Need for Preventive Health Care among Rural and Urban Women of Shimla* (15 March 2011)
- Dr. Nuzhat Zaman: *Child Labour: Comparative Study of Child Labour of Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh* (15 March 2011)
- Shri Pulak Chandra Devnath: *Education of the Other Backward Classes in Dhubri District of Assam* (16 March 2011)
- Dr. Sangeeta Sarswat: *Sant Kabir Evam Mahatma Gandhi ke Vichar-Darshan Mein Samyata* (16 March 2011)
- Dr. Gauri Shankar Jha: *Diasporic Poetry as Travel Literature: The Case of Dom Moraes* (16 March 2011)

Dr. Gitanjali Mahendra: *Problematics of Translation in Praxis* (16 March 2011)

Dr. Sharvesh Pandey: *Hindi Bhasa Mein Padkram* (21 March 2011)

Dr. Durga Prasad Singh: *Trinidad Carnival: Genesis and Indian Influence* (21 March 2011)

Shri Pankaj Roy: *Sleeping with Evil: A Study of Violence in Selected Plays of Vijay Tendulkar* (21 March 2011)

Seminars Organised under IUC Scheme:

1. SPRING SCHOOL ON THE "MAHABHARATA TODAY" (14-28 APRIL 2010)

Rationale: The *Mahabharata* is one ancient book of India in which modern Indians have substantial investments. It is as if, to the moderns, (particularly to those who have been subjected to the rigors of western pedagogy), *Mahabharata* is at once an archive and a living text—a source-book complete-by-itself and a text perennially-under-construction as well.

A storehouse of information, *Mahabharata* furnishes ample material to any professional interested in 'excavation'—and the professional may don the hat of, say, the anthropologist or the historian or the sociologist or the linguist or the literary critic to work out, even if provisionally, some or the other well-integrated meaning. On the other hand, in the course of entering the *Mahabharata* there is almost none who does not undergo a sense of *déjà vu*—an inescapable feeling that the 'present' s/he inhabits is only a re-play of 'happenings' already-recorded; an eerie sensation that most of the ethical dilemmas, the logical paradoxes, the unavoidable impasses which baffle the modern man as well as the mood of irresolution following every resolution that keeps plaguing him have already been punctiliously check listed.

A spring school on “Mahabharata Today” was organized at IAS during 14-28 April 2010. Professor Sanjay Palshikar, Fellow, IAS welcomed the participants and the resource persons. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IAS delivered the Director’s remarks. Professor Sanjay Palshikar and Professor Sibaji Bandhopadhyay, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, were the Conveners of the school.

Resource Persons: Professor G C Pande, New Delhi; Professor Ganesh Devy, Baroda; Professor Saroja Bhate, University of Pune, Pune; Professor Anirban Das, CSSS, Kolkata; Professor Radhavallabh Tripathi, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi; Professor Bodhisattva Kar, CSSS, Kolkata; Professor Vrinda Dalmiya, University of Hawaii; Professor Arindam Chakrabarti, University of Hawaii; Professor Prabal Kumar Sen, Calcutta University, Kolkata; Professor Uma Chakravarti, New Delhi; Dr. Enakshi Mitra, University of Delhi, Delhi; Professor Sibesh Bhattacharya, Kolkata; Dr. Gangeya Mukherji, Allahabad; Professor Nrisimbhaprasad Bhaduri, Kolkata and Professor Bhalchandra Nemade, IAS.

Participants: Dr. A. Srimaha Lakshmi, Hyderabad; Dr. Rachana Bhangaokar, Vadodara; Dr. Tanutrushna Panigrahi, Bhubaneswar; Sananda Sen; Kolkata, Ms. Mousumi Roy, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan; Ms. Epsita Halder, Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University; Ms. Rangana Banerji, Kolkata; Nishant K. Narayanan, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Amitendu Bhattacharya, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad; M.G. Hegde, Kumta, Karnataka; Santanu Banerjee, Bidhan Chandra College, Burdwan; Dr. Pinak Sankar

Bhattacharya, Department of English, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi; Dr. Ravi Khangai, Ambedkar College, Fatikroy; Anirban Bhattacharjee, Nadia; Ms. Ammel Sharon, New Delhi; Mr. Harshvardhan Kumar, Delhi, Dr. Dhurba Bhaduri, Kolkata, Professor Vidyanand Jha, Kolkata; Mr. Mukesh Kumar, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad; Mr. Abhishek Mitra, Jadavpur, Kolkata; Dr. Chandan Kumar Panda; The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad; Mr. Kushik Ramu; Dr. A Kishore Reddy, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad; Dhruvajyoti Sarkar, Nabadwip Vidyasagar College, Nadia and Mr. Nahid Akhtar Siddiqui, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

2. SEMINAR ON “MODERNITY AND CHANGING SOCIAL FABRIC OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA” (27-29 SEPTEMBER 2010)

Rationale: The seminar on “Modernity and Changing Social Fabric of Punjab and Haryana” held during 27-29 September 2010 proposed to interrogate the complexities of the contemporary social formation in Punjab and Haryana. It underlined that despite the recent emergence of post-modern studies which present a critique of the ‘abstract notion of the term modern’, modernity carries immense significance for an understanding of contemporary social processes. Apart from theoretical debates, modernity as a value system, also amply reflected in the Indian Constitution, as an alternative or contrast to orthodox traditions offers multiple historical possibilities. Many of these debates emerged earlier when the normative traditions of the different regions of India had an interface with colonialism.

The conceptual foundations of Modernity particularly in the Indian context have often been theorised by social and political scientists but these have primarily been capturing macro-aspects of our social formations. Thus

a need was felt to locate the regional diversity on the one hand, and its philosophical and material basis on the other. Also, the claims of 'state oriented modernity' have induced uneven processes of development in the regional contexts. These processes, culminating with globalisation and its inbuilt contradictions, required further interrogation to comprehend and analyse the changing social fabric of Punjab and Haryana.

Dr. Yogesh Snehi, Department of History, DAV College, Amritsar and Dr. Lallan S. Baghel, Department of Philosophy, Panjab University, Chandigarh were the Conveners of the Seminar. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IAS welcomed the scholars from across the region. Dr. Yogesh Snehi, introduced the theme of the Seminar. Professor J.S. Grewal delivered the Keynote address.

Participants: Dr. Akshya Kumar, Panjab University, Chandigarh; Professor K. Gopal Iyer, Chandigarh; Mr. Nidheesh Tyagi, Chief News Editor, The Tribune, Chandigarh; Professor Anjali Gera Roy, Department of HSS, IIT Kharagpur; Dr. Shivani Chopra, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi, DAV College, Chandigarh; Dr. Harmeet Singh Kingra, Department of Economics and Sociology, Panjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana; Dr. Ajay Kumar, Zirakpur, Kanwar Chandandeep Singh, Govt. College for Girls, Chandigarh; Professor Manjit Singh, Department of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh; Mr. Ambuj Sharma, Department of Philosophy, Dev Samaj College for Women, Punjab; Mr. Tahir Ashraf Siddiqui, National Law University, Jodhpur; Dr. Minakshi Prasad Mishra, Apex Institute of Technology and Management, Bhubaneswar; Dr. Dharamjeet Singh, Department of English, Punjabi University, Patiala; Dr. Jatinder Singh, Department of Political Science, Punjabi University, Patiala; Dr. Krishan

Chand, Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh; Mr. Rajeev Godara, Haryana; Dr. Muzaffar Ali Malla, Panjab University, Chandigarh; Dr. Syed Junaid, Department of Philosophy, Panjab University, Chandigarh; Dr. Punyashree Panda, Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar, Dr. Rajesh Kumar Jaiswal, Postgraduate Govt. College, Chandigarh; Dr. Rajesh Kumar Sharma, Department of English, Punjabi University, Patiala; Mr. Dieptrye Kuku Simeons, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi; Ms. Mahima Manchanda, Department of History, Delhi University, Delhi; Dr. Sukhpal Singh, Department of Economics and Sociology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana; Mr. Vishawa Bharti, Journalist, Hindustan Times, Chandigarh; Dr. Bhupendra Yadav, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi; Mr. Ashish Alexander, Mohali; Dr. Nonica Datta, Delhi; Professor Raj Kumar Hans, Fellow, IAS; Dr. Harinder Kaur, Department of Distance Education, Punjabi University, Patiala; Mr. Patrick Frolicher, Department for Media Anthropology, Heidelberg University, Germany.

Following presentations were made during the Seminar:

1. Rajesh Sharma: *On Abuses of Discourses of the Modern and the Postmodern: Some Cases from Punjab*
2. Nonica Datta: *Memory and History: Crafting a Daughter's Testimony*
3. Mahima Manchanda: *Coping with Modernity: Sikh Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Ferozepur*

4. Lallan Baghel: *Modernity and Politics of Representation in the Formation of Dalit Public Sphere in Punjab*
5. Harinder Kaur: *Modernization and the Denotified Tribes in Punjab: A Case Study of Bangala*
6. Ajay Kumar: *Khap Panchayat: Ek Samajik Aitihāsik Avlokan*
7. Bhupendra Yadav: *From Caste Associations to Khap Panchayats: The Jats of Haryana*
8. Ambuj Sharma: *Honour Killings: A Study on Honour Predicament*
9. Tahir Ashraf Siddiqui: *Patriarchy Epitomised: Fighting Female Foeticide in Punjab and Haryana*
10. Rajeev Godara: *Formation of Public Sphere and Alternative Politics on Haryana*
11. Jatinder Singh: *Modernity, State and Institutionalization of Dissent: A Critical Analysis of the Punjab State Commission for Scheduled Castes*
12. Kanwar Chanderdeep Singh: *The Socio-Economic Politics of Punjab: The Akali-BJP Relations Retrospect and Prospect*
13. Dharamjeet Singh: *De-politicization of Universities and the Future of Dissent: Students Perspective*
14. Manjit Singh: *Bounded Labour in Capitalist Agrarian Economy of Punjab*
15. Vishav Bharti: *Debt, Exploitation, Suicides and Resistance: A Journalist's Field Notes on Agricultural Labourers of Punjab*
16. K Gopal Iyer: *Land Rights and Housing Rights for Weaker Sections in Punjab and Haryana*

17. Sukhpal Singh and Harmeet Singh Kingra: *Farmers' Distress in Green Revolution Belt of India*
18. Nidheesh Tyagi: *Modernity and Media in the Times of Globalization: Contextualizing a Case Study of Punjab and Haryana from a Journalist's Perspective*
19. Krishan Chand: *Critical Issues in Illegal Migration: A Way Out to Save Our Youth*
20. Jitendra Prasad: *The Formation of Dual Identity: The Cases of Meos in Haryana*
21. Anjali Gera Roy: *Jatt Stars: New Life of Orality in the Cyberspace using the Bhangra Revival in Punjab as a Case Study*
22. Patrick Frolicher: *Pind di Awaz- the Voice of the Village? – Representing Rurality and Caste in Punjabi Pop Music Videos*
23. Punyashree Panda and Meenakshi Prasad Mishra: *The Punjab of Bollywood versus the Punjab of Newspapers: Taking Stock of the Contemporary Image of Punjab in Different Media*
24. Diepiriye Kuku Simeons: *Coming Out and Coming of Age in Rural Punjab: An Ethnography of Adolescent Same-sex Sexuality*
25. Akshaya Kumar: *Punjabi Dalit Autobiography: Structured Anger*
26. Shivani Chopra: *Reflections of Sexuality in the Literature of Peripheral Writers: In Context of Haryanvi Women Short Story Writers*

3. WINTER SCHOOL ON “LIFE AND THOUGHT OF GANDHI” (1-15 DECEMBER 2010)

The second Winter school on “Life and Thought of Mahatma Gandhi” was held at the IAS, Shimla from 1-15 December, 2010. The selection was done on basis of all-India applications. The Institute received 130 applications from which 25 participants were selected. There was a four fold increase in the number of applications received for the school.

The School had two batches. Nine participants from the first batch were selected for an advanced course. The advanced course involved guided self-study and lectures, plus a theatre workshop which aimed to explore the bodily practices of Gandhi. The theatre workshop was coordinated by Dr. Soumyabrata Chaudhary, a Fellow of the IAS.

The fresh batch of 22 participants spent 2 weeks working with the faculty of Key aspects of Gandhi’s thought, nature of his dialogues and the new critics of Gandhi and questions of the relevance of his thought and modes of political engagement.

The school was inaugurated by Professor S R Mehrotra. The following scholars participated in the school as resource faculty. Dr. Shashi Joshi, Dr. Sanjay Palshikar, Dr. Mohinder Singh, Professor Ghanshyam Shah; Professor Peter Ronald deSouza and Shri Feroz Abbas Khan and Dr. Gangeya Mukherji. The lectures covered large thematic ground; including Gandhi’s engagement with Christianity, the Gita, pre-Gandhi social thought and reform practices, the enduring aspects of Gandhi’s idea of trusteeship and its relevance in debates on environment and Gandhi’s relevance in the post-independence social movements, and Biography of Gandhi. Apart from these lectures, the students worked through some of the key texts of Gandhi including the Autobiography, the Hind Swaraj, Satyagraha in South Africa, On Constructive Programmes, Key To Health and From Yeravada Mandir.

Following presentations were made by Resource Persons during the School.

1. Dr. Gangeya Mukherji: *Many Lives of Gandhi: The Biographical Tradition*
2. Professor Harish Trivedi: *Gandhi in Literary Imagination*
3. Dr. Mohinder Singh: *Creation of the Public Sphere in India*
4. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza: *Relevance of Trusteeship*
5. Shri Feroz Abbas Khan: *Filming Gandhi*
6. Dr. Shashi Joshi: *Gandhi and the Indian Left*
7. Dr. Soumyabrata Choudhury: *SHOMU: A Theater workshop for advanced batch*

Participants: Ashish Kumar Das, Centre for the Study of Social Systems Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Roshan Varghese V., Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi; Laju P. Thomas, M.G. University, Kottayam; Garima Dhabhai, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Himadri Chatterjee, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Ashish Upendra Mehta, New Delhi; Pradnya Shidore, Karvenagar, Pune; Mahesh Pandurang Chougule, Walchand College of Arts and Science, Solapur, Maharashtra; Dilip Kumar Dash, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad; Debarshi Talukdar, Vivekananda College for Women, Barisha, Kolkata; Radha Kapuria, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Shahiuz Zaman Ahmad, Department of History, Swahid Poelic Phukan College, Namti, Assam; Sultan Ali Ahmed, Department of English, B.H.

College, Barpeta, Assam; Jyotia Ghose, Haryana; Rahul Kumar Ishwar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Parag Nathaney, Nagpur; C. Bharath Kumar, Indian Institute of Technology, Indore; Paras K. Jha, Ahmedabad; Harmony Siganporia, Ahmedabad; Ritesh Kumar Shah, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Vijendra Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Khaja Azizuddin, Hyderabad; Noorjahan Momin, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Bidu Bhusan Dash, School of Rural Development, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tulljapur, Osmanabad, Maharashtra; Anisha Pallavi Gupta, USA; Naveen Kumar Vasudevan, Vellore, Noklencyangla, Aka Ayangti Longkumer, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

X. *Monographs Received From Fellows*

The Fellows are required to submit their result of their study in the form of a monograph. The Institute received the following monographs during 2010-2011:

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* (Draft).

Professor S.N. Dube: *Ideas and Movements in the Age of the Mauryas (with Special Reference to Pali and Ardhamagadhi Sources)*.

Dr. Kanchana C.V. Natarajan: *Translation and Study of Avudai Akkal's Songs: An Examination of Religious and Philosophical Views*.

Professor Satish C. Aikant: *Postcolonial Indian Literature: Toward a Critical Framework*.

Professor Vir Bharat Talwar: *Navjagran: Italavi, Bangla Maharashtra, Aur Hindi: Ek Tulnatmak Adhyayan.*

Professor Shreesh Chandra Chaudhary: *Knowledge of Language and the Multilingual Mind: One Grammar or Many Grammars? (Working Paper).*

Dr. Arjun Ghosh: *Freedom from Profit: Eschewing Copyright in Resistance Art.*

Dr. Saroj Thakur: *Finding a Voice: Re-inscription of Hidimba in Contemporary Indian Literature, Tribal Literature and Folk Tales (Draft).*

J.S. Gandhi: *Professions and their Role in the Formation of State Polity: Case Study of Himachal Pradesh.*

Professor Jaiwanti Dimri: *The Images and Representations of the Rural Women in the Novels of Women Writers.*

Dr. Smarika Nawani: *Exploring Linkages: The Coromandel Coast, Archipelago Southeast Asia and the Portuguese in the 17th Century.*

Dr. Saitya Brata Das: *The Coming Time the Ethics of Redemption and the Promise of Time.*

Professor Raj Kumar Hans: *History of Punjabi Dalit Literature and its Space in the Historiography of Punjab.*

XI. Other Programmes

Special lecture on "From Slavery to Freedom in the South of Brazil" by Professor Henrique Espada Lima, Department of History' Federal University of Santa Catarina (26 March 2010)

Poetry Reading Session by Professor Meena Alexander, Distinguished Professor of English at the City University of New York (3 June 2010)

Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IAS presented draft Vision Document of the Institute to the Fellows and Associates of Inter University Centre of UGC (16 June 2010)

Special Lecture on “The Challenges of Democratic Consolidation in Bangladesh” by Professor Rounaq Jahan and Professor Rehman Sobhan, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka, Bangladesh (28 July 2010)

Screening of *Had Unhad Bounded-Boundless* (A Film on Kabir and his influence in India and Pakistan) by Shabnam Virmani (18 August 2010)

Music Recital by Sanjay Dwivedi (24 March 2011)

Introduction to *Kutiyattam* –Demo Lecture by Madhu Margi (24 March 2011)

Performance of *Bharatanatyam* by Ms. Aranyani Bhargav (28 March 2011)

LIBRARY

1. Introduction of fully automated Circulation Section

The library has replaced old system of passbook based issues and return of books with bar coded enabled system. Circulation Section of Library is now fully automated. The library members use bar code enabled library membership card which is integrated with Library management software (libsys) for borrowing books.

2. Institution Repository

The Library has developed Institution Repository (IR) using open source (Dspace) software. Dspace software was initially developed by MIT Press, Cambridge University Press and HP Lab. The repository has following information which can be accessed from the campus LAN.

- a. Meta data of IAS Publications: The IAS has been publishing monographs submitted by the Fellows. The Library has uploaded the metadata of 197 books which include: Preface, acknowledgements, contents page and Meta data of the monograph)*
- b. Full Text Books: Full text of recent publication entitled "Understanding Itihasa"*
- c. Sample full text articles, Director's Report 2009-2010 and lectures delivered by the invited speakers.*

3. Library Membership

Library has opened its membership to former Associates and academic

community. Under the new membership scheme, the members can walk into the library and take the benefit of access to licensed E-resources of library.

4. Electronic Document Delivery Service

The library has access to large number of electronic resources. The Associates of the Institute use these E-resources during their associateship programme at the Institute. But once they go back to their respective Institute, they are deprived of this facility. The Library has initiated electronic document delivery service to the Associates. They can send request for the full text of articles available in electronic format. In order to provide this service effectively, the library has opened Virtual Reference Desk. The Associates can send request for article through email to Virtual Reference Desk of the Library. Within twenty-four hours, library responds to the requests.

5. Access to Electronic Archives of Cambridge University Press and Annual Reviews

The library has enriched its collection by purchasing electronic archive of Cambridge University Press and Annual Reviews. The E-archives provides access to volume No. 1 and Issue No. 1 of journals published by these two publishers.

6. Photographs from British Library

The library has received seventeen rare photographs of the Institute building from British Library, London. Middlesex University has acquired these photographs and donated to the Institute.

7. New Server Room

The Institute has more than eighty computers and three servers. In order to provide uninterrupted internet services to the users, the library has established separate server room. All the three servers viz., Internet server, library web server and library database server have now been kept in new server room. The new server room has enabled the network manager to manage and maintain campus network efficiently.

8. ICT Infrastructure

The library has extended ICT infrastructure by adding five more computers for access to E-resources. Twelve computers have been kept exclusively for the Associates and Fellows of the Institute to access E-resources.

9. Library Furniture

In order to attract more users in the Library, 15 new modern computer carrels, twelve reading carrels and fifteen Godrej racks have been purchased.

10. Campaign for dust free Library

The Library has initiated a campaign to make the library dust free. The revenue generated through the library membership is being used for cleaning and dusting of library. Four people have been engaged for cleaning work since 15th February 2011 and they are cleaning every nook and corner of the library.

11. Audio and Video Server

In order to develop audio and video library, a server has been purchased to

upload entire media content. Sample file of music and selected lectures delivered by the eminent scholars have been uploaded on this server.

12. Installation of Licence Copy of Software

Library has replaced pirated software of all operating software which was being used in the Institute with licenced copy of Microsoft product.

13. Donation of books by Prof H S Srivastava

The library has received donation of personal collection of books from Prof. H S Srivastava, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh.

14. Lecture Series

The Library organised lecture on “Federated Search Engine” in collaboration with Satkal trust, founded by Sardar Joginder Singh Ramdev, Illinois, USA. The Library and Computer professionals from the Himachal and neighbouring states attended the lecture.

PUBLICATIONS

The Institute publishes monographs of Fellows, seminar proceedings, lectures by Visiting Professors and Visting Scholars and two bi-annual journals *Summerhill: IAS Review* and *Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences*. The Institute has published more than 500 titles till now. The expansion of co-publication programme which was started from late 2009 is yielding result and the first book under the IAS-OUP series, *Recognizing Diversity: Society and Culture in the Himalaya* has been published. Two more books under the diversity series which are being co-published with OUP are in the final stage

of publication. Other leading commercial publishers like SAGE, Orient Blackswan, Routledge have also taken few titles for co-publication. In all these co-publication arrangements, the entire cost of production is being borne by the commercial publishers and they are giving a royalty to the Institute (which is shared with the author) and some free copies. The Institute will thus continue with its strategy of publishing on its own and also expanding co-publication arrangements.

In the period of report the net income from the sale Institute's book is Rs. 9,29,236. While the backlog in the publication of *Summerhill: IAS Review* has been cleared, the issue of *Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences* for the year 2009 is in the press. Thus SHSS too would become regular soon. The publications brought out are as follows:

1. *Recognizing Diversity: Society and Culture in the Himalaya* edited by Professor Chetan Singh. (Co-published with OUP)
2. *Abhinavagupta's Hermeneutics of the Absolute Anuttaraprakriya: An Interpretation of his Paratrisika Vivarana* by Professor Bettina Baumer. (Co-published with D.K. Printworld)
3. *New Understanding of Indian Society: Encounters with Sociology* by S.R. Mehta.
4. *Love and Gender in The Rig Veda and Medieval Punjab* by J.S. Grewal.
5. *Understanding Itihasa* by Sibesh Bhattacharya.
6. *Report on the seminar 'Shifting Perimeters': Social and Ethical Implications of Human Genomic Research*
7. *Three Lectures on Loving Kindness* by P.K. Roy
8. *Secularism and National Integration (With Special Reference to Orissa)* by Bijayananda Kar

9. *Human Rights in India: Theory and Practice*, edited by Justice Anand and A.V.Afonso.
10. *Summerhill IAS Review* (2010, Vol. I)
11. *Summerhill IAS Review* (2010, Vol. I)

SALES AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Rashtrapati Nivas 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 24 per cent. During the period from 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 the Institute received 1,26,292 tourists (1,18,176 domestic and 8,116 foreigners) as against 96,984 tourists during 2009-10.

The income from the sale of entry tickets for tourists in the year of report has been Rs. 24,95,540.00 while tickets for entry of vehicles and use of camera has been to the tune of Rs.6,16,460.00. Thus the total income from the sale of entry tickets during the year was Rs. 31,12,000.00.

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 placed in the shop are also source of attraction for the visitors. During the period following souvenir items were sold: Booklet on the Viceregal Lodge (2314); Pens (826); Caps (656), Picture post cards (21,526); Coffee mugs (1453); Sweat shirts (427), T-shirts (448); Greeting cards (824); Table Calendars (42); Scarfs (44); and Bags (20). The net income from the sale of souvenirs was Rs.3, 48,093.00

IIAS Book Shop

The IIAS book shop is having books from leading publishers of the country such as Oxford, Orient Blackswan, SAGE, Permanent Black etc. besides having Institute's own publications. The Institute sold 1379 books of these publishers during the period and the net income from the sale of books was Rs.1,43,535.00. Similarly the book shop has sold 930 books published by the Institute and has earned a sum of Rs.1,42,800.00. In addition to this the Institute has sold 3382 books published by the Institute to out station clients during the period and has earned Rs. 7,86,436.00. Thus, the net income from the sale of IIAS publications during this period was Rs. 9,29,236.00. Further to boost sale of Institute's publications, the Institute has made arrangement with Flipkart Online Services Pvt. Ltd recently. All the IIAS publications with pictures of cover page, contents of each book and bibliographical details are available on their website. The performance of the Flipkart Online Services Pvt. Ltd. is encouraging.

In the process of further development of the fire station complex, the Swimming Pool and Squash Court have been renovated into 'Pool Theatre' and 'Court Gallery' respectively. The Pool Theatre would be used to host cultural events, screening classic films and organising lectures and seminars. In recent past, Shri Madhu Margi and Ms. Aranyani Bhargava gave demo-performances on the practical aspect of aesthetics of Abhinavagupta in the 'Pool Theatre'. Their performances constituted a part of the Study Week on Abhinavagupta which was held at the Institute during the last week of March 2011. The Institute has also organized a three-day film festival on "Tagore through Films" to commemorate the 150th birth centenary of the great poet in the theatre. The Pool Theatre was inaugurated by Ms. Vibha Puri Das, Education Secretary on 29th April 2011.

The Court Gallery is also an added attraction for the tourists. We have

displayed about 40 rare photographs of Viceregal Lodge which were received by the Institute from Middlesex University and the Bowood Estate. The Court Gallery was inaugurated by Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director IAS on 8th September 2010.

Coffee Shop

The Institute has started a Coffee Shop in its renovated Fire Station Cafe which was earlier known as Fire Station. Tea, Coffee, snacks, cold drinks, toasts, sandwiches, biscuits, *idli sambar* and other eatables are being served in the Café.

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

Income and Expenditure Statement during the period under Report (April 2010 to March 2011) of the Café is as follows:

Months	Income (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)	Total Profit (Rs.)
April	61,078/-	32,365/-	28,713/-
May	1,02,502/-	69,797/-	32,705/-
June	1,40,437/-	97,988/-	42,449/-
July	62,117/-	26,396/-	36,321/-
August	36,863/-	18,819/-	18,044/-
September	38,444/-	18,108/-	20,336/-

October	47,898/-	28,861/-	19,037/-
November	39,445/-	22,973/-	16,472/-
December	47,736/-	23,408/-	24,328/-
January	27,444/-	17,210/-	10,324/-
February	22,604/-	11,286/-	11,318/-
March	42,831/-	29,231/-	13,600/-

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

ESTATE

During the period under report, both the wings of the CPWD, Civil as well as Electrical, continued to attend to the day-to-day maintenance work and special repairs of the IAS 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 varandah roofs of the Public Entry Building and Main Building. The major works that the Institute did during this period for the maintenance and upkeep of Estate are given below:

(A) Meeting with the Director-General, Archaeological Survey of India

Due to the new provisions laid down in the recently amended Act on Monuments, it had become difficult to take any remedial measures for renovation of the Rashtrapati Nivas Building Complex – as the buildings fall within the radius of 100 and 300 meters – without the permission of the

Competent Authority. In view of this new situation, a meeting of the Director IAS with Dr. Gautam Sengupta, Director-General ASI was organized at IAS Shimla on 22nd May 2010. The meeting was attended by Shri S. B. S Sengar, Regional Director (North Circle), Dr. T. R. Sharma, Superintending Archaeologist, Himachal Circle, Shri R. M. Kandwal, Archaeologist Assistant and Dr. S K Goel, Estate Supervisor IAS. All the issues pertaining to renovation, repair and routine maintenance in this new context (amendment of act) were discussed. During the meeting, the Director-General ASI informed that the Competent Authority, who would give permission for any renovation, was not in place at that time, and it would hopefully be constituted in next three months' time. The following issues were discussed by the Director IAS discussed with the Director-General ASI:

1. The issues of renovation of Karanchi Line into a Hall of Residence for IUC Associates, without changing the heritage character or the outer façade. Renovation would be done only inside the building.
- 2. The renovation of Bilaspur House for the residences of foreign scholars was also discussed, without changing the heritage character or the outer façade. Renovation would be done only inside the building.
3. The issue of day-to-day maintenance of the Rashtrapati Nivas was also discussed.
4. The renovation of Swimming Pool Complex (Phase II) was also discussed with him.
5. Last, but not the least, the issue of shifting the site office of the ASI at RPNivas to new premises was also discussed which the Director-General ASI. He agreed and instructed his officer of the local office unit to shift the site office immediately to the new premises allotted.

(B) Meeting with the Authorities of the CPWD (Civil and Electrical)

The Director IAS held regular meetings with the authorities of the CPWD (Civil) and (Electrical) to review the progress of the ongoing works and also the other developmental works planned and envisioned by the Director to improve the conditions of the Estate. Since now we will have a large number of Fellows from both India and abroad, the standard of housing and infrastructure must be world-class befitting the stature of IAS.

(C) Repair and Renovation of Fellows' Residences

The Director IAS took a round of the entire Estate including the residences of the Fellows and found that the residences of Fellows were not in good shape and deserved immediate attention. He discussed at length plans for repair of these houses with the authorities of the CPWD. During this exercise following repairs of the Fellows residences was planned to be undertaken:

1. The repair and renovation of Fellows Flats, especially the toilets and bathrooms were taken up during next three months. The bath rooms and toilets in Courteen Hall Annexe first floor, Grass Shed, Zakir Hussain House Set No. 4, Post Master's Flat, Del Villa Set No. 2, etc., have been completed during this time.
2. Among the repair work of Fellows residences, the PVC flooring in some of the remaining Fellows flats have been completed during first quarter, namely, Grass Shed, DSP Cottage, Zakir Hussain Set No. 4, Post Master -Flat.
3. The Monkey caging and the staircase repair in the Curzon Cottage Set No. 3 has been completed during the second quarter of the year under report.

4. The CPWD (Electrical Wing) has completed the work of provision of geysers in the kitchen of all the Fellows during the year under report.
5. Painting of IIAS Campus' Residential Buildings from Outside - Hill Station Colour adopted.

During the first quarter of the year, the Director instructed the CPWD and chose a colour combination befitting the Hill Station character of the buildings when they are to be painted on the outside. The CPWD followed the instructions of the Director. This work is completed in many of the buildings, namely, IUC Hostel, Del Villa, Curzon Cottage, Fellows' House, Zakir Hussain House, Red Stone, Courteen Hall, etc. The new colour scheme has given the buildings an identity befitting the IIAS campus.

(D) Works done in the Employees Residences

1. The work relating to the repair of roof, down pipes and gutters in A-Block, B-Block, Starry Cottage, etc. has been completed by the CPWD during the year under report.
2. The work relating to provision of wooden shelves in the kitchens of 17 quarters of Military Barrack, Outhouse and Mali Line (Near Squire's Hall) has been completed during the year under report.
3. During the first quarter the water tanks of all the residents in the IIAS campus were cleaned and the work completed.
4. The CPWD has undertaken and completed the work relating to the repair of Plinth of Fireman Line, B-Block (backside) during the year under report.
5. The repair work of one of the staff quarter, namely, Electrical Supervisor's

quarter was undertaken and completed during the second quarter of the year.

6. The CPWD has undertaken the repair work of the 12 Family Line building during the second quarter as well.

(E) General Cleanliness of the IAS Campus and Miscellaneous

1. There has been a great rush of tourists and visitors to the Institute during summer months and the tourist litter the campus. The Institute has been facing the problem of garbage which has been exacerbated by the monkeys, who not only disturb the peace of the Campus, but also spoil its gardens, rummage in the garbage bins, etc. During this year under report, the Director drew special attention of the Estate to keeping the campus clean. The Estate Section launched a special drive and cleaned all the hill slopes of the IAS campus of plastic wrappers and bottles and other garbage material thrown by tourists and other visitors. The Municipal Corporation has also launched a scheme of collecting door-to-door domestic garbage from each of the residents of the campus. There is much improvement in the general cleanliness of the IAS campus.
2. The drain work of the rear side of Tennis Court has been completed. With the completion of this work, the new rainwater harvesting tank of 70,000 litres behind tennis court has become operational and has increased the water security of the garden during the year under report.

(F) Conservation and Preservation of the IAS Building:

1. The evaluation work of the Master Plan Reports submitted by Conservation Architect was completed by holding a series of meetings

with the Experts in the field, including the expert representatives of ASI, CPWD and other Organisations. The last such meeting was held on 21st July 2010 where the Conservation Architect made a presentation and the Evaluation Committee asked the Architect; Ms. Abha Narain Lambah, to prepare the Action Plan as well as the rough Budgetary Estimates. Ms. Abha Narain Lambah sent the Fourth Volume containing the Action Plan and the rough Budget for implementation of the Master Plan Report.

2. The ASI has started the execution of the work of preservation of Flat Verandah Roof in the Main Building, the proposal of which was sanctioned by the IAS in the previous year. However, the ASI could not complete the work during the year under report and the work is still going on, and, it includes the critically damaged area above the Library Hall.

Opening up of an Art Gallery

During the period under review, the Institute has been able to complete the work of renovation of a part of the Swimming Pool Complex and set up an Art Gallery, called as Court Gallery here. The Art Gallery (Court Gallery) was inaugurated on 8th September 2010 by Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director of the Institute.

The Renovation of Swimming Pool Complex – Phase II - The Theatre

During the year under review the work of Phase II of the Renovation of Swimming Pool Complex and the work of Theatre was also taken up and completed. Now the Theatre is fully functional and many cultural events are being held.

Implementation of Mater Plan Report

During the period under report, the Director IIAS has initiated action to implement the Master Plan Report. To begin with, the Director has constituted the Project Implementation Committee, which would be an umbrella body to execute the Master Plan Report. The implementation of Master Plan Report is a complex and stupendous task which the Institute has taken up in hand for comprehensive conservation of the Rashtrapati Nivas Building.

Renovation of Karachi Line:

The Director IIAS met the Director-General, ASI and finalized the proposal of renovating the Karanchi Line Building to use this building as a ‘Hall of Residence’ for Inter-University Centre Associates. The Director-General, ASI has agreed in principle that the ASI would be able to take up the renovation work in near future. The ASI has been requested to finalize the renovation plans.

Renovation of Bilaspur House:

The Director, IIAS has also held a series of meetings with the CPWD authorities to finalize the renovation work of Bilaspur House. The CPWD has been requested to take further necessary action to complete the renovation of the building. After its renovation, the Bilaspur House Building would be used for housing the scholars visiting the Institute from abroad. It was expected that the work would be completed before the close of the last financial year, but due to unavoidable reasons, it would be completed by the end of May 2011.

Renovation of Seven Buildings in the IAS Campus:

During the last quarter of the year under Report, the Institute has taken new initiatives to renovate seven residential buildings of the Fellows, namely, Clair Villa (two sets), Prospect Hill A- Block (four sets), Starry Cottage (two sets), DSP Cottage (two Sets), Fellows House (three Sets), Grass Shed (one Set), Bilaspur House (eight Sets).

Conversion of present IUC Hostel into Fellows Residences (Six sets):

During the last quarter of the year under Report, the Institute has planned to add six residential units for the Fellows by renovating the present IUC Hostel building, as soon as the Karanchi Line Building is renovated and converted into the "Hall of Residence" for the IUC Associates. The Estimates from the CPWD for this work have already been received and principle approval of the same has been given by the IAS to CPWD.

Review of fire fighting system:

During the year under report 2010-11, the Institute has initiated steps for an effective fire fighting system to be put in place in the RPNivas Building. The CPWD (Electrical) and D.G. (Fire Services) Himachal Pradesh have been requested to inspect the Institute building and suggest steps for the same. At present the Institute has its original fire fighting system which needs to be tried, tested and kept in operational readiness. The proposal is also to augment the system as per the fire safety laws of the land (NCB 2005). Regular drills are to be conducted and every employee is expected to have elementary knowledge for a crises situation. The CPWD has submitted a comprehensive estimate for ensuring the fire safety of the building in terms of the norms fixed under NCB 2005.

Other works done recently:

1. The partition work in the Library was completed during this period under review.
2. Three broken gates in the Garden Area have been replaced.
3. The repair work in the Servant Quarter of Military Barrack No. 3 is also completed.

GARDEN

The Institute has a very beautiful and large garden with a variety of flowers, plants and trees. This is perhaps one of highest landscape garden in the world. The garden is dependent on rain water, which is harvested for its maintenance. The horticulture department is not only maintaining the garden but is also taking new initiatives. The work for the development of "Heritage Walk" is already in progress. Winter annuals have been planted for the beautification of the gardens. Bamboo plantation has been done at some points for the purpose of green fencing of the open areas of the Institute. A number of Poplar and Willows have been planted for avenue plantation. Some of willows and poplars will be planted in the rainy season as there is scarcity of water during the summers. Some new ornamentals have been purchased for the landscaping and beautification of gardens. One new water harvesting tank has been made functional. Fountains on the rear side of the building have been repaired and efforts are being made to ensure their proper functioning. Various government departments like Himalayan Research Group and some departments of Dr. Y S Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry have been contacted for providing the plantation material for planting in barren areas of the Institute as well as providing technical guidance for the development of the gardens of the Institute. A sculpture prepared in the Artists' Camp held at the Institute has been installed in the garden.

DISPENSARY

The Institute has a dispensary with a Resident Medical Officer and a Pharmacist for providing medical assistance to Fellows, IUC Associates, staff and their families. During the period under report, 4172 patients visited the dispensary while 44 emergency visits were made by the RMO. The practice of regular health camps has been introduced. Two health camps were organised in the year of report. The first one was for women and children in which about 150 patients were examined. Out of the children who were examined nearly 70-per cent children were found to be anaemic and were given advice on proper and balanced diet. Deworming tablets were given and tonics were prescribed.

Oral health was taken care of and eye check-ups were done in the second health camp. 92 patients attended the camp. Refractive errors were detected and glasses were prescribed. Demonstration on proper brushing technique for teeth was also given.

A health camp for children was organized on 15 February 2011. A pediatrician from medical college was invited who examined the children with specific complaints and also advised them to develop healthy eating habits for prevention of obesity as well as undernutrition.

WOMEN'S WELFARE CENTRE/COMPUTER CENTRE

The Women Welfare Centre aims at bringing out the natural talents of the women residing on the campus to make them self-sufficient. The Centre started functioning with its inauguration on 4th December 2009 by the Director of the Institute. It gives them an opportunity of self-expression and self-development.

A computer centre has also been started to make the residents computer literate. Children, housewives and other employees are the members. The idea is to provide the members basic knowledge of computers in this computer savvy world.

The following activities were undertaken by the Women Welfare Centre during the period under report:

1. Computer literacy classes started among women residents on the campus. Nearly a dozen learners enrolled, another dozen learners waiting to join.
2. Stitching class started, about a dozen trainees already enrolled for the first batch course to end in August.
3. On request, hand-knitted woollen garments valuing Rs. 5,000/- approximately supplied to charitable organizations.
4. On request conference bags valuing Rs. 50,000/- approximately supplied to IIAS.
5. On request, another batch of 400 cotton bags valuing Rs 6,000/- likely to be delivered to the IIAS this week.
6. A diwali mela was also organized by the members of women welfare centre. A variety of food items were prepared and served by the women residing in the campus.

The entire training is designed to enable the members to support to become self-supporting and to enhance their skill.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES OF THE DIRECTOR

1. Attended the Book release function organized by M/s. SAGE Publications, Delhi on 5th April 2010. The book entitled *Vulnerable India: A Geographical Study of Disasters* authored by Dr. Anu Kapur during the period of her Fellowship at the Institute from August 2003 to March 2006 was co-published with the SAGE Publications, New Delhi.
2. Nominated by the Government of India as Member of the First Academic Council of the Central University Himachal Pradesh for a period of three years.
3. Delivered Annual Mohan Sinha Mehta Memorial Lecture on 19th April 2010 at SEVA Mandir, Udaipur.
4. Delivered the Foundation Day Lecture titled "Between Being Principled and Being Pragmatic" at the Harish-Chandra Research Institute (HR), Allahabad on 19th July 2010.
5. Co-edited with Tridip Suhrud the IAS publication entitled *Speaking of Gandhi's Death*.
6. Attended an International Conference on "Customary Governance and Democracy Building: Exploring the Linkages" organized by UNECA International IDEA at Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia on 14-18 September 2010.
7. Attended the 4th Annual Convention of the Consortium of Non-Traditional Security Studies in Asia (NTS-Asia) held on 25-26 November 2010 at S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore.
8. Delivered the 50th Anniversary Lecture of the *Indian Humanist Union*

titled, *A Humanist Message in Three Episodes* at India International Centre, Delhi on 18 December 2010.

9. Attended a Political Science Departmental Committee meeting at Central University, Hyderabad and also delivered a Lecture on *Indian Democracy in the Hall of Mirrors* on 20th January 2011.
10. Delivered a lecture on *Indian Democracy in the Hall of Mirrors* at State University of New York, Binghamton on 4th February 2011.
11. Participated in the Roundtable organized by the National Democratic Institute (NDI), Washington, D.C on *Deepening Engagement with Emerging Democratic Powers on Democracy Assistance* held on 7 and 8 February 2011.
12. In the capacity of a Member of the CORE Advisory Group, invited by the Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO) to participate in the Kick Off Meeting held in Brussels to set up the governance and other aspects of the Project *Cultures of Governance and Conflict Resolution in Europe and India (CORE)* held on 11th February 2011.
13. As a member of the Five Member External Assessment Group, was invited by the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), Stockholm, Sweden, a multilateral Institution of which India is a member, to evaluate the *new International IDEA Strategy 2012-2017* at a workshop held on 16th February 2011.
14. Invited by the Centre for Social Studies (CES), Coimbra, Portugal, to participate in the Conference on *Portugal between Disquiets and Challenges* held on 17 and 18 February 2011.
15. As a Member of the *Coordination Committee on the Living and Diverse*

Cultural Traditions of India' constituted by the Union Ministry of Culture, Government of India, with the approval of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, 2010, participated in the first meeting on 11th January 2011.

16. As a Member of the Advisory Board of Collaborative Project (4th European Commission's 7th Framework Programme) '*The Semantics of Tolerance and Anti-Racism in Europe: Institutions and Civil Society on a Comparative Perspective (TOLERACE)*' (2010-2013). Held discussions with the team in Portugal on 17th February 2011.
17. As a Member of the Search and Advisory Committee for *Rajya Sabha Fellowships on Parliamentary Studies* evaluated the Fellowships awarded at a meeting in the Rajya Sabha on 28th January 2011.
18. Nominated as an External Expert on the Advisory Committee of the Nehru Studies Centre of the University of Jammu in March 2011.

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.

- Heritage Walk

The Viceregal Lodge rechristened as Rashtrapati Nivas post-47 is a grand building. Annually the Nivas is visited by more than one lakh tourists Indian and foreign. The rear portion of the building has been spruced up and we have taken a policy decision to ensure that all portions of the building are used frequently – this would ensure proper upkeep of all parts of the building. We propose to start a Heritage Walk which would take the tourists down the memory lane – the walk would be of two hours duration. The walk would ensure that all parts of the

building are visited and also cover major part of the campus. The walk would also generate additional resources which in turn would be used for maintenance of the Institute.

- FCRA

The Institute had applied for registration under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Govt. of India. The MHA vide letter No. II/21022/78(0007)/2010-FCRA II, dated 16.12.2010, has given the permission under the aforesaid Act. This permission opens a new source of revenue/funding for IAS which can be used for expansion, improving infrastructure, maintenance of the campus and above all have an untied source of funds which can be used creatively with the approval of Finance Committee/Governing Body/Society. Needless to say the FCRA will give us an opportunity to tap the philanthropic ventures of Corporate Sector and wealthy individuals.

- Ecological Rejuvenation

The Institute has total land to the extent of 80 odd acres and major portion is forested. The Institute has already taken up a major plantation drive i.e. avenue plantation (on the roadside) gap filling i.e. plantation on barren patches. This will not only enhance the green cover on the campus but also make the institute eco-friendly. In the coming monsoons the Institute will take up a major plantation drive and the Forest Department of State Government is being roped into supplement our efforts.

- Sports Complex

During the year we have had interaction with the Ministry of Sports, Government of India and we have been asked to submit a proposal for

upgrading the existing sports infrastructure. These initiatives would improve the general ambience of the Institute and also provide further facilities for extra curriculum activities.

- During the period of report the Fellowship Award Committee met twice, first on 14th May 2011 and the second on 14th December 2011. In the first meeting the FAC recommended for the award of Fellowship to 16 scholars. They include Dr. Manav Ratti, Dr. Queeny Pradhan Singh, Dr. Nandini Choudhury Sen, Dr. Michael Krausz, Dr. U.A. Vinay Kumar, Dr. Dhnanjay Singh, Dr. Rita Banerjee, Dr. R. Swarnalatha, Dr. Jaya Tyagi, Dr. Mallarika Sinha Roy, Dr. Piyush Mathur, Dr. Prachi Khandeparkar, Dr. Satish K. Sharma, Dr. Swadhinata Mahanta, Dr. Yoginder Sikand and Dr. Susmita Chatterjee. In the second FAC meeting also 16 scholars were recommended for award of Fellowship. They include Dr. Amitranjan Basu, Shri Aditi Nath Sarkar, Dr. Babu Kalathuparambil Tharith, Dr. G. Aloysius, Professor K. Gopal Iyer, Professor Kavita Panjabi, Dr. Manish Kumar Thakur, Dr. Manisha Gangahar, Dr. Meera Ashar, Shri Om Prakash Valmiki, Dr. Sohini Ray, Dr. Vrinda Dalmiya, Dr. Yashodhara Mishra, Dr. Yogesh Snehi, Dr. Sukhpal Singh and Dr. Sarfaraz Ahmad.
- Shri S.P. Thakur, IAS (1986 Batch: Orissa Cadre) has joined the Institute as its Secretary on 22nd September 2010.
- The vacancy of the Section Officer (Horticulture) has been filled during the period under report.
- The vacancy of the Private Secretary to the Secretary has been filled through departmental promotion.
- The fire-fighting system in the Rashtrapati Nivas building is being strengthened.

- To boost sales in the Book-cum-souvenir the system for payment through credit card would be introduced shortly.
- Special initiatives have been taken to redress Fellows' grievances. In this direction a register is being maintained at the Secretary's office in which the Fellows can record their complaints. This has been welcomed by the Fellows.
- After the theft of the bell in the night of 21st April 2010 the security system has been beefed up. The working of the security system was reviewed and the contract with the firm was cancelled after their services were found unsatisfactory. The system of monitoring the security of the campus in the form of night vigil by the officers of the Institute was also started.
- Due to the various measures taken by the Institute the rate of submission of manuscripts by Fellows has increased substantially. In the last year, all Fellows except one have submitted their manuscripts. The administration is writing to the defaulter Fellow requesting him to submit his monograph at the earliest.
- Although the telephone and electricity bills have reduced substantially in the last couple of years, efforts are being made to further reduce these bills.