

INDIAN SCHOOL OF POLITICAL ECONOMY, PUNE

**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR
2013-2014
(APRIL-MARCH)**

1. Journal

Two joint issues for January-December 2011 and January-December 2012 of the *Journal of Indian School of Political Economy* were published during the year.

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Dr. S. Sriraman, Honorary Fellow of the School, is editing a special issue of the journal containing the revised versions of the three papers presented and discussed at the seminar on 'Urbanisation – Trends and Changes : Maharashtra and India' organized at the School on September 23-24, 2011.

We are keen to publish on a regular basis Papers, Notes or Comments based on material included in the documentation section and statistical supplements of the journal. Readers are invited to contribute the same to our journal, which we shall consider for publication in subsequent issues of the journal, subject to the usual refereeing process.

The flow of articles for the delimited fields of the Journal was more or less adequate; however, the revision of articles, suggested by the referees and the editor, has taken time resulting in delay in the publication of the journal.

The Journal has been publishing the contents pages of sister quarterlies on an exchange basis.

The total number of subscribers for 2011 was 115, while 61 copies were sent as gratis to the members of the council, Affiliated Fellows, or on exchange basis, while for 2012 number of 99 while 62 copies were sent as gratis to the members of the council, Affiliated Fellows, or on exchange basis.. Letters have been sent to the subscribers who have sent subscriptions for 2013

but skipped subscriptions for 2012, to send their subscription for 2012. The number of subscriptions for the issues to be published for the subsequent years is expected to grow as issues for these years get published.

The subscription rates continued to be:

Institutions other than colleges:	Rs. 600/- per annum
Colleges and individuals:	Rs. 300/-

2. Arthabodh Patrika

Launched in 1998, 'Arthabodhpatrika', the Marathi monthly of the School has completed 15 years in November 2013. Initially a bi-monthly, it became a monthly publication with effect from 1 April 2003.

Particulars of the twelve (12) issues (Volume 12) published during the year under consideration are as follows:

Number of issues published - Twelve (Vol. 12, issues 1 to 12). Of these, four issues viz. September 2013, October 2013, November 2013 and December 2013 contained elaborate details of the proceedings of the Prof. V. M. Dandekar Memorial Seminar which was organized on 2 and 3 August 2013. "Political response to economic restructuring" was the central theme of the seminar. In all 47 pages were devoted to the proceedings of the seminar.

Nature of Articles published

Social - 9, Economic - 8, Science and Scientific Research - 6, Technology - 1, Political - 2, Environment related- 7, Health - 3, Geology - 2, Education - 2, Psychology - 1, Fashion - 3, History - 4, Agriculture & allied -1, Evolution - 1, Consumer behaviour -1, Special supplementary articles -3, : **Total articles - 54. Short notes (Jikde-Tikde) -14.**

Countries covered - India, China, America, United Kingdom, Norway, France, Germany, Turkey, Portugal, Korea, Romania, Mauritius, BanglaDesh, Israel, Russia, Australia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Rwanda, Uganda.

References used - Economist, New Scientist, Nature, Down to Earth, Current Science, Focus, Dams, Rivers and People (In all 7 magazines). Besides this, 17 books on a variety of subjects and study reports available in the ISPE library as also 15 different Websites were also used as reference/source material.

The total number of subscribers as on March 2014 stands at 682 (including 270 Branches & offices of Saraswat Bank) while 111 copies are being sent as complimentary copies. Efforts are being made to increase the subscribers.

3. Books and Booklets

- A Booklet in Marathi on 'Arthasankalp: Moolbhhhot Sankalpana' is being written by Prof. A. S. Nadkarni which is expected to be published shortly.

It is proposed to publish the report of the Survey of Primary Schools of the Pune Municipal Corporation in Marathi and English during the year 2014-15.

4. Seminars/ Discussion Group Meetings/Workshops:

Seminar:

1. A seminar on the theme '**Political Response to Economic Restructuring**' was organized on August 2nd & 3rd 2013.

Distinguished scholars, experts, representatives of Government agencies, NGOs, social and political workers participated in the Seminar and put forward their views and suggestions on the subject of vital importance. The following delegates attended the Seminar:

1) Dr. Jyotiprasad Chatterjee Department of Sociology, University of Kalyani, West Bengal	2) Rajeshwari Deshpande Professor, Dept of Politics and Public Admn., University of Pune, Pune, India- 411007. rajeshwarid@unipune.ernet.in Tel (o) +91 20 25690815, (R) +91 20 25441237
3) Mr. Suprio Basu Department of Sociology, University of Kalyani, West Bengal	4) Dr. K. C. Suri Professor, Department of Political Science University of Hyderabad P.O. Central University Hyderabad - 500 046 Phone: 040-23133212 (Department) 0-9441128834 (Mobile)surikc@gmail.com
5) Rinki Sarkar Economist (Himalayan Studies) 52/114 First Floor Chittaranjan Park N.Delhi 110019. INDIA	6) Suhas Palshikar, Professor, Dept. of Politics and Public Admn., University of Pune, Pune 411 007 India Tel and fax: (O)+91 20 25690815, suhas@unipune.ernet.in
7) Ajit Kanitkar Program Officer / Financial Assets 55 Lodi Estate New Delhi - 110003 tel: 91-11-47105328 kanitkar@fordfoundation.org	8) Dr Sandeep Shastri Pro Vice Chancellor, Jain University 52 Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore 560 024, INDIA. Tel : (O) +91 - 80 23545246, 48 / 80 23545249 Sshastri48@gmail.com
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11) Prof. L. K. Deshpande "Vishwas", Block No. 1, Pheroze Shah Mehta Rd., Kumku Wadi, Vile Parle (East), 400 057. Sudhalalit@yahoo.co.in	12) Prof. Sudha Deshpande "Vishwas", Block No. 1, Pheroze Shah Mehta Rd., Kumku Wadi, Vile Parle (East), 400 057. Sudhalalit@yahoo.co.in
13) Dr. Sangeeta Shroff GIPE, Pune sageetashroff@hotmail.com	14) Satish Deodhar IIM Ahmedabad
15) Dr. Rajendra Vaidya IGIDR, Goregaon Mumbai. vaidya@igidr.ac.in	16) L.G. Burange Professor of International Economics, Department of Economics, University of Mumbai, Vidyanagari, Kalina, Santacruz (E), Mumbai 400 098.

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19) Dr. Sharadini Rath Bangalore. srath66@yahoo.com	20) Prof. N. Rath Indian School of Political Economy Pune
21) Medha Deshpande Pune	22) Gauri Kopardekar Pune
23) Milind Bokil 7 Mukta Complex, Anil Park, Behind Mehendale Garage, Erandwana, Pune - 411004 (India) Tel: 09422513816/ +91-20-25444252	24) Prakash Ambedkar C/o Prof. Ms. Anjali Maydeo, Karve Inst. Of Social Services, Hillside, Karvenagar, Pune 411 052. Moble: 9422859580 prakashambedkar@gmail.com
25) S. Sriraman Walchand Hirachand Professor of Transport Economics, Department of Economics, University of Mumbai, Vidyanagari, Mumbai – 400098. sriraman_siva@hotmail.com	26) Prof. Ganti Subramaniam, IGIDR, Mumbai Sganti12@gmail.com
27) Abhay Tilak Indian School of Political Economy, Pune	28) V.N. Pandit 32 Gautam Apartments (SFS DDA Flats), Gautam Nagar NEW DELHI 110 049 09958071513 (preferred) and 08985089010
29) Devendra Phadanvis	30) Sanjay Kumar CSDS New Delhi e-mail: sanjay@csds.in
31) Ratnakar Mahajan B-2, Akashganga, Pimplenilakh, Pune – 411028. Tel: 27260272 M: 9987909194	32) Nishita Raje, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai
33) Jayanti Ghanekar, Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economis, Pune	34) Anant Sardeshmukh Pune
35) Shailendra Kharat ICSSR Doctoral Fellow, Politics Dept. University of Pune. shailendra_kharat@yahoo.com	

It is proposed to hold a two-day Seminar on “Issue of Location of Manufacturing Capacity & Factors which Influence the Location Decisions of the Firms/Promoters ” during 2014-2015.

Discussion Group Meetings

During the year following Discussion Group meeting were held :

Date	Topic	Name of the Discussant
February 1, 2014	Shale Gas	Mr. Anand Barve
March 7, 2014	Ownership of New Drugs & Regulation of such Ownership	Dr. Satyajit Rath

5. Fellowship:

Advertisements were inserted in the issues of the JISPE and on our Website calling for applications for grant of fellowship. However, the proposals received were either incomplete or not suitable to consider for fellowship. Detailed comments for revision have been sent in response to one of the proposals. Fresh advertisement calling for applications will be issued during the year 2014-15.

6. Research Project on the Primary Schools of Pune Municipal Corporation

The School has undertaken a research project on the primary schools conducted by the Pune Municipal Corporation. The study has been initiated with effect from September 2005 after receiving the permission of the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) and the Municipal Education Board for accessing the relevant original records of the PMC and for administering the proposed tests to the sample students. The twin objectives of the said study are:

- To record, analyse and study the trend of enrolment in every class in all types of schools during the last thirty years.
- To investigate the level of education at the primary level. This inquiry would involve understanding of aspects such as students' ability in reading, writing and arithmetic.

A Seminar based on the reports of the Associate Researchers was held on July 30-31, 2008 and detailed deliberations were held. Based on the same, a draft of the Final Report had been submitted by the Associate Researchers. Shri Abhay Tilak and the Prof. Rath read the drafts. Both of them came to the conclusion that it would not be useful to ask for further revision of the drafts. Instead, they agreed that Shri Tilak shall do the work of revising the drafts for publication. The work on finalising the report in Marathi is complete while that of translating the same into English is nearing completion.

7. Staff

The list of staff in position as on 31st March 2013 is given below:

Mr. Abhay Tilak, Member, Officiating Director and Editor, Arthabodh Patrika
 Mrs. Shaila R. Konlade, Administrative Officer and D.T.P. Editor for JISPE
 Mrs. Rajyashri Kshirsagar, Asst. Editor, Arthabodh Patrika
 Mr. V. G. Redkar, General Assistant,
 Ms. Sayali Kher, Accountant
 Ms. Chhaya Mangsulkar, Library-in-Charge-cum-General Assistant

Mr. K. Y. Dhawade and Mr. V. B. Khadilkar are working as Consulting Administrative Officer and Accountant, respectively in the School.

Meetings:

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held on 15th June 2013.

Four meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the period from 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014.

9. Library:

The total number of books in the Library is 13,981 and that of documents is 3,978. During the year under report, 42 books and 63 documents were added to the stock. Out of the additions, 20 books and 24 documents were received as gift; while 6 books were received for review.

An amount of Rs.8,669/- was spent on purchase of books. In addition, an amount of Rs. 4993/- was spent as subscription towards periodicals and newspapers.

During the year under review, 25 persons/students took the advantage of the reference material and reading facilities provided in the Library.

10. WEBSITE

The School has its own Website *ispepune.org.in*. The website contains back issues of the *Journal of Indian School of Political Economy* from the year 2000 onwards as also that of *Arthabodhpatrika* from January 2007 onwards. One can also search for the Books in the Library of the School on the website.

11. Computer Equipment, Soft wares and Data Bases:

The School has 10 PCs {One Lenovo, Two Dell PCs, One Compaq Laptop, One IBM Pentium 4, One Compaq Pentium 4, One Zenith Pentium 4, One Compaq Pentium III, 2 PCs upgraded to Pentium III one Dot Matrix Printer, one HP Laser Printer, Sharp Copier-cum-Printer, Canon LIDE Scanner (The School has one 386 tape-driver PC, One Apple Laser Writer, one HP LaserJet Printer, one dot-matrix printer and one Daisy Wheel Printer – not in use for want of spares)

The School has acquired Devnagari soft-wares, 'Leap Office' and 'Akruti' as well as Office 2003, Windows 98 and Windows XP (HE), SPSS 12, E-Views 5 and Tally 9 Soft-wares.

All the PCs are connected to the Internet through Air-Tel Broad Band while VSNL dial-up account is being used for receiving and sending emails. . The facility of Internet and e-mail is being extensively used for searching material for the *Journal of Indian School of Political Economy* and *Arthabodh Patrika* and for receiving papers and referees' reports and correspondence with authors of articles for the Journal.

11.General

The School has permission from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India to accept foreign grants. The Ford Foundation has sanctioned a grant of US \$ 2000 for *Case Study in Jalna District of Maharashtra*.

13. Academic Activities

The academic activities of the executive staff etc. of the School during the year are given in brief in Sub-Section I and those reported by the Honorary Fellows in the Sub-Section II.

SUB SECTION I

Prof. V. S. Chitre

Elected President of the Council of the School for the year 2013-14 in June 2013.

Worked as Editor of the *Journal of Indian School of Political Economy* during the year and brought out two joint issues of the *Journal*, namely, for January-December 2011 and January-December 2012, during the year.

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Participated in Dandekar Memorial Seminar on "Political Response to Economic Restructuring", organised by the School on August 2 and 3, 2013, and prepared a Note for the seminar.

Participated in a meeting with the Expert Committee on Monetary Policy Framework constituted by the Reserve Bank of India under the Chairmanship of Dr. Urjit Patel, on December 18, 2013, and submitted a Note to the Committee.

Participated in IGIDR Silver Jubilee Conference on Trade and Industry in India: Patterns, Trends and Policies, and chaired a session in the Conference, October 22-24, 2013.

Participated in Golden Jubilee Conference of the Indian Econometric Society held at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, on December 22-24, 2013, and chaired a session in the Conference.

Participated in the National Conclave on Growth, Distribution and Redistribution, organised jointly by Department of Economics, University of Mumbai and Centre for Budget and Government Accountability, held on 4-5 March, 2014, and chaired the Inaugural Session and presented a paper

entitled, “Inclusive Growth and Employment: Voters’ Response” in a Technical Session in the Conclave.

Delivered an Institute Colloquium Lecture at the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, on “Voters’ Response to Economic and Governance Outcomes and Electoral Trade-off between Inflation and Growth: A Study of 2009 Lok Sabha Election”, on April 7, 2014.

Worked as Member, Expert Group for deriving seasonally adjusted series for short term economic data, constituted by Government of India, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Central Statistical Office, New Delhi, and sent comments on the Draft Report of the Expert Group; the Final report of the expert Group was submitted in May 2014.

Continued to work as Member, Board of Management, and Member, Selection Committee of Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai.

Worked as a Member, Governing Council, Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research, Dharwad.

Worked as Chairman of Committee to Review Bipartite/Tripartite MoU and Career Advancement Scheme, appointed by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research, Dharwad, and submitted the Report of the Committee to Chairman, CMDR.

Member of the Search Committee for Director for Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research, Dharwad.

Continued to work as Member, Board of Management, Department of Economics (Autonomous), University of Mumbai, Mumbai. Attended and chaired a meeting of the Board, held on March 24, 2014.

Worked as member, Executive Council, Post-Graduate Programme in Banking and Finance of National Institute of Bank Management, Pune.

Following of my papers were published during the year under report:

“Voters’ Response to Economic and Governance Outcomes and Electoral Trade-off between Inflation and Growth: Evidence from 2009 Lok Sabha Election”, *Journal of Indian School of Political Economy*, Vol. XXIV, No. 1-4, January-December 2012, pp. 33-75.

“Professor A. L. Nagar”, *Journal of Indian School of Political Economy*, Vol. XXIV, No. 1-4, January-December 2012.

SUB-SECTION II

Prof. Ravindra H. Dholakia

PUBLICATIONS

Dholakia, Ravindra H., "Development Strategy Using Input-Output Statistics", in V.V.N. Somayajulu (ed.), *Indian Economy and Economic Reforms: Economy-wide Studies in Inter-Industry Frameworks*, Himalaya Publishing House, 2014, Ch.10, pp. 213-238.

Dholakia, Ravindra H.; Astha Agarwalla; Amir B. Bazaz; and Prasoon Agarwal, "Trends in Technical Progress In India- Analysis of Input - Output Tables from 1968 to 2003", in V.V.N. Somayajulu (ed), Indian Economy and Economic Reforms: Economy-wide Studies in Inter-Industry Frameworks, Himalaya Publishing House, Ch.11, pp. 239-268.

Dholakia, Ravindra H. and Nanda K. Choudhry, "Use of Generalized Inverse to Regionalize the National Input-Output Table", in V.V.N. Somayajulu (ed), Indian Economy and Economic Reforms: Economy-wide Studies in Inter-Industry Frameworks, Himalaya Publishing House, Ch.12, pp.269-280.

Dholakia, Ravindra H. and Amey Sapre, "Inter-Sectoral Terms of Trade and Aggregate Supply Response in Gujarat and Indian Agriculture", IIMA Working Paper No. 2013-07-02, July 2013.

Dholakia, Ravindra H., "Sacrifice Ratio and Cost of Inflation for the Indian Economy", IIMA Working Paper No. 2014-02-04, February 2014

Dholakia, Ravindra H.; Manish B. Pandya; and Payal M. Pateria, "Urban - Rural Income Differential in Major States: Contribution of Structural Factors", IIMA Working Paper No. 2014-02-07, February 2014.

Dholakia, Ravindra H., "Cost and Benefit of Disinflation Policy in India", IIMA Working Paper No. 2014-02-08, February 2014.

TEACHING

PGP-I, IIMA, Macroeconomics and Policy – 60 sessions

PGP-II, IIMA, Public Finance – 7 sessions

FPM-II, IIMA, Public Finance – 9 sessions

FDP, IIMA, Social Cost-Benefit Analysis – 2 sessions

MDP, IIMA, Economic Environment and Policy – 24 sessions

Ph.D. GUIDANCE: One candidate successfully completed doctorate in 2013-14; and one more is in the process.

MEMBERSHIP OF BOARDS and COUNCILS

Member of BoD in Adani Enterprises Limited

Member of BoD in State Trading Corporation Ltd.

Member of BoD in Air India Ltd.

Member of BoD in Union Bank of India

Member of BoG, Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad

Member of Academic Council, Dharamsinh Desai University, Nadiad

Honorary Fellow, Indian School of Political Economy, Pune.

Awards/ Fellowships

ICSSR-Amartya Sen Award for Distinguished Social Scientist (Sociology) 2012 (awarded in May 2013).

Visiting Professor (ICCR Chair), University of Lund, Sweden. October 2012-June 2013.

Other Appointments

Member, Board of Governors, Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA). Since April 2013.

Member, Board of Governors, Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad. Since October 2013.

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Contributions to Indian Sociology* 2013-

Publications

Books:

Interrogating India's Modernity: Democracy Identity and Citizenship. New Delhi: Oxford University Press (edited) 2013.

Culture and Economic Transformation: Perspectives from India and China. New Delhi: Indian Council of Social Science Research and Rawat Publications. (Edited with Surjit Singh 2013)

Chapters in Edited Books

'Changing Manifestations of Caste in the Panth'. *The Oxford Handbook of Sikh Studies*. Eds by Pashaura Singh and Louis E. Fenech. New York: Oxford University Press.

'The "Agrarian Question" and the Developmental State: India's Story of Rural social Transformation' (with Praveen Jha) in Fred Hendricks, Lungisile Ntsebeza and Krik Helliker eds. *The Promise of Land: Undoing A Century of Dispossession in South Africa*. Auckland Park: Jacana.

Lectures/Research Papers Presentations in Seminars and Conferences

'Caste Question in Punjab Studies'. Paper presented in a seminar on Punjab Today, Department of Sociology, **University of Delhi**. February 6 2014.

'Secular State, Religious Communities and Politics of the Public Sphere in Democratic India', paper presented in a seminar on Society, Religion and Modernity in India. **University of Hyderabad**, Hyderabad. November 27 2013.

'Battling for dignity: mobility, identity and Dalit initiatives for change'. Paper presented in a seminar on 'Social Mobility and Inequality in post-reform India'. Department of Sociology, **University of Delhi**. November 7, 2013

'Caste and Class Inequalities in India'. **University of Bologna, Italy**, October 11 2013.

'Neo-liberal Ruralities'. Development Studies Group, Department of Political Science, **University of Lund**, Sweden. 16 April 2013.

'Engaging with Caste in Contemporary India: Changes and Reproduction of Social Inequality'. International Workshop on 'Better Business without Caste Discrimination' **Oslo, Norway**. April 5 2013. (Keynote speaker).

Ethnography and the study of Caste. **Institute of Economic Growth**, New Delhi. February 21 2014.

'Caste and Power: Emerging Patterns and Perspective'. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture. **NISSWAS, Bhubneshwar**. February 14 2014.

'Futures of Caste and Power'. Department of Literature, History of ideas and Religion (LIR), **University of Gothenburg**, Sweden. 19 April 2013.

The Myth of "Global Village". Guest Speaker at the Graduation Ceremony, Masters Programmes in Social Sciences, **University of Lund**, Lund, Sweden. June 11 2013.

'The Pursuit of Happiness?'. Guest Speaker at the BIDS Graduation Ceremony. **University of Lund**, Lund, Sweden, June 10 2013.

'Indian Village in Neo-liberal Times'. Centre of Global South Asian Studies, **University of Copenhagen**, Denmark. 2 May 2013.

'The Indian Middle-Class: Number Games and Social Change'. SASNET, **University of Lund**, Sweden. 24 April 2013.

Prof. Suhas Palshikar

Research:

Currently engaged as one of the Principal Investigators in two collaborative research projects:

- Democracy in South Asia—Round Two (August 2012 onwards);
- National Election Study 2014 (June 2013 onwards).

Work completed during the year:

An overview report on Politics in Maharashtra, commissioned by Planning Department, Govt of Maharashtra, for the Committee on Balanced Regional Development (2011-13); Reimagining Maharashtra: Towards Creative Politics—submitted and accepted by the Committee.

Publications:

- Election Studies, in Suri K.C. (ed.), 2013, *Indian Democracy*, ICSSR Research Surveys and Explorations, (Political Science; Vol. II), New Delhi, OUP, pp. 161-208
- Regional and Caste parties, in Kohli Atul and Prerna Singh (eds.) 2013, *Routledge Handbook of Indian Politics*, Oxford & NY, Routledge, pp. 91-104.

- Series of articles on politics in States of India –in Marathi magazine, *Parivartanacha Watsaru*
- Marathi book: *Raajakaaranaach Taaleband: Bharatiy Lokashahichi Vaatachaal*, 2013, Pune, Sadhana.

Presentations at Seminars/Conferences:

- Ten Theses on State Politics Revisited, Keynote address, 'State as the Centre of National Politics: Issues and Challenges' CRSSE, Jain University, Bengaluru, 21 March, 2014.
- South Asia's Democratic Deficit: Lessons from India, International Conference on Democracy and State in South Asia, Dept. of Pol. Sc., Delhi University, Feb. 28-march 1, 2014.
- Presentation on Satisfaction with Democracy in India, Seminar on How Indians and East Asians Look at Democracy, National Taiwan University, Taipei, 7 Nov. 2013.
- Presentation on How Indians Perceive Democracy, Round Table on How Indians Perceive China, at the Jiao Tong University Shanghai, 4 Nov. 2013.
- Discussant at Workshop on Electoral Change in Urban and Rural India, LSE, London, 19 Sept 2013.
- Discussant at Workshop on Comparative State Politics and Public Policy, King's India Institute, King's College, London, 17-18 Sept. 2013.
- Paper presented: Main findings from Second Round of Democracy Study-India, International workshop on State of democracy in South Asia, July19-20, 2013.
- Discussant and Participation in Round table at the International Conference on Subnational research Comparative politics, Brown University, Providence, US, Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS), May 9-10, 2013.
- Workshop on GIS and matching of Administrative and Electoral Boundaries, Brown India Initiative, May6, 2013.

Other activities:

- Chief Editor, *Studies in Indian Politics*; an international peer reviewed journal brought out by Sage (2013-);
- Visiting Professor at Brown India Initiative, Brown University, Providence, US, April 29-May 11, 2013.

Prof. N. Rath

1. Refereed papers sent by the Editor, *Journal of Indian School of Political Economy and Current Science*.
2. A paper, entitled " Water Rates to be charged for water supplied from the reservoirs on the rivers and streams in Maharashtra for irrigation, industry and household use (for the period 2013-16)", submitted earlier to the concerned State Authority, was published in the January-December 2012 issue of the *Journal of Indian School of Political Economy*.
3. Participated in the annual seminar of the ISPE on Political Response to Economic Restructuring, held on 3rd-4th August, 2013.
4. Compiled, entered in to the computer, designed the pages and published all available letters, preserved by my late father, of Pandit Gopabandhu Das, the outstanding social, educational

and political leader of Odisha during the first 28 years of the twentieth century, under the title, *Correspondence of Pandit Gopabandhu*, in both Odia and English, in a public function in Cuttack on the 12th of February, 2014.

5. Delivered a lecture on the evolution of political parties to the Students and Faculty of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication at Dhenkanal (Odisha) on the 15th of February, 2014.

6. Delivered a lecture on the emergence of Regional and Caste based political parties in India, and the exceptional situation in Odisha, to the students and faculty of the Departments of Sociology and Political Science of the Utkal University in Bhubaneswar (Odisha) on the 17th of February, 2014.

7. Preside over the annual award, by the Maharashtra Foundation, to some distinguished litterateurs, artists, educationists and social workers, in a public meeting in Pune on 14th January, 2014, and delivered the presidential address, in Marathi. The address was published in the SADHANA weekly in next February.

Prof. S. Sriraman

(A) Journal Articles:

1. Governance Issues in Transportation: A Brief note on the Proceedings of the National Round Table Discussions organised on Jan.31- Feb.1, 2013 by the Department of Economics, University of Mumbai and reported in the SAARC Journal of Transport, July, 2013.
2. Economics of Sustainable Transportation, RITES Journal, July 2013.
3. Re-energising the Economy: Thinking outside the Box? RITES Journal, January, 2014.

(B) Projects

-Submitted a policy review of the PMGSY (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana) undertaken jointly with IRMA, Anand as part of a think tank initiative with financial support from IDRC, Canada.

- Continued to Advise to IRMA, Anand on an IL&FS sponsored project ‘‘ Measuring Social Impacts of Infrastructure Projects in India’’ in the context of some of their road and power projects.

(D) Conferences, workshops Attended

1. Presented a paper on ‘‘ Urban Transportation Planning and Investment in India’’ at the International Silver Jubilee Conference on ‘‘Cities and Sustainability’’ organised by the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai during 29-30 Oct, 2013.
2. Made a Presentation on ‘‘Political (and Bureaucratic) response to Reforms in Transport’’ at the National Dandekar Memorial Seminar on Political Response to Economic Re-Structuring’’ organised by the Indian School of Political Economy, Pune during 02-03 Aug, 2013.

3. Made a presentation on “ Urban and Mass Transport Economics” at the 15th World Summit and Exposition on “Creating Smart and Sustainable Cities” organised by India Tech Foundation, Mumbai (sponsored by the Government of India) during 23-24, October, 2013 in Mumbai.
4. Made a presentation on “Financing of the Road Transport Sector” at the National Conference to “ Promote Small Business Finance, Promote India” organised by the Indian Merchants’ Chamber, Mumbai on 7th December, 2013.
5. Member of Panel Discussion on “Future Roadmap for Transportation and Logistics Industry” at the National Seminar on “Resurgence of Transportation and Logistics in India” organised by Institute of Rail Transport, Ministry of Railways, New Delhi during 13-14 Dec, 2013.

(E) Other Activities

- a) Visiting Professor of Transportation Economics at the Symbiosis Centre for Management and Human Resource Development – offered a one-Semester course (in modular form 10 day period) in Transportation Economics: Theory and Practice During Nov.2013-Dec. 13.
- b) Worked on the Board of Studies of the Centre for Habitat Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.
- c) Worked for two months as a Member of the Budget Scrutiny Committee appointed by the Management Council, University of Mumbai for the purpose of careful scrutiny of the budget of the University.
- d. Member of the Academic Council of University of Mumbai
- e) Continued to serve as a Member of the Editorial Board of the RITES Journal.
- f. Edited a text book on “Economics of Road Transport” for the B.A.(Road Transport) Course of the Yashwant Rao Maharashtra Open University, Nashik.
- g. Writing a text book on ‘Road for the B.A.(Road Transport) Course of the Yashwant Rao Maharashtra Open University, Nashik.

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