

INDIAN SCHOOL OF POLITICAL ECONOMY, PUNE

**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR
2019-2020
(APRIL-MARCH)**

1. Journal

Issue for January-March 2019 of the *Journal of Indian School of Political Economy* was published during the year.

The issue of the *Journal* for January-March, 2019, based on the papers by Amita Shah, Samuel Abraham and Deepak Nandani, Baldev Singh Shergill, Manjit Sharma and Satjeet Singh, Mayank Gupta, Seetha Sriraman and S. Sriraman.

Issue of the *Journal* April-June 2019 is the press since March 2020. It is based on the paper by Brijesh Dixit and review article by M.K. Datar. The material for documentation – 1. Niti Aayog 2. Report of the Committee 1968, Chapter VI 3. High Level Safety Committee Report 2012 Chapter IX. Because of the Covid-19 (corona virus) everything has been closed till June 2020.

July-September 2019 and October-December 2019 issues are in process.

The subscription rates continued to be:

Institutions other than colleges:	Rs. 1000/- per annum
Colleges and individuals:	Rs. 500/- per annum

2. Arthabodh Patrika

Launched in 1998, 'Arthabodhpatrika', the Marathi monthly of the School became a monthly publication with effect from 1 April 2003. During the period under review, in all 12 issues were published. A new schedule of the Annual Subscription charges has been introduced. The current number of subscribers stands at (650). Besides Shri Abhay G. Tilak who has been shouldering the responsibility of editing the magazine, Shri Parag Potdar has been associated with the publication in the capacity of an Associate Editor.

It has been realized that close to 300 institutions/individuals have not renewed their subscription. Efforts have been initiated to establish contacts with such institutions/individuals with a view to revive their membership.

3. Seminars/ Discussion Group Meetings/Workshops:

The year 2019-20 was/ is the birth centenary year of Prof. V. M. Dandekar, one of the eminent economists of the land and the Founder Director-of the School. 2019-20 also happened to be the 50th year of the establishment of the School. The School decided to organize a series of seminars and discussion group meetings in honour of Prof. V. M. Dandekar and to commemorate the 50th year of our foundation over the course of the year 2019-20. Accordingly, the following meetings were organized during the course of the year under consideration.

Date	Topic	Name of the Discussant
Monday, 13 May 2019	Aspects of Regional Development in India	Dr. Sharadini Rath, an affiliate fellow at the Indian School of Political Economy And Ashish Andhale, Ph.D. Fellow at GIPE
Wednesday, 31 July 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Inclusive Growth From a Political Economy Perspective”. 2. “Political Economy of Fiscal Federalism in India” 	Prof. D. K. S. Hari, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune. Dr. Manasi Phadke, Economist and independent researcher, Pune.
Wednesday August 14, 2019	“Banking Sector: Creation and Preservation of Value in a Volatile World”	Dr. Shubhada Rao, is the Group President & Chief Economist at YES BANK. She is responsible for Business Economics Banking, providing macroeconomic research outlook at the Bank
Saturday 28 December 2019	India’s Recent Growth Experience	Prof. Vikas Chitre, one of the senior-most and widely acclaimed academician and also a teacher of Macro and Monetary Economics par excellence
Saturday 22 February 2020,	“Employability of Graduates in Maharashtra: Issues and Challenges”	Dr. Manisha Karne, Professor, Department of Economics (Autonomous), University of Mumbai, Kalina
Friday 28 February 2020	Random reflections on CAA.	Dr. Sanjay Jain, Associate Professor and Acting Principal, ILS Law College, Pune

5. Fellowship:

No fresh fellowship was awarded during the year under consideration.

Dr. Sharadini Rath, Bangaluru was awarded a fellowship of the School during the financial year 2018-19. Out of the total sanctioned fellowship amount of Rs. 1.00 lakh, Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) has been released to Dr. Rath so far. According to the progress/status report furnished by Dr. Rath, the work on the assignment has been largely complete and the conclusion of the assignment is expected in a few weeks’ time.

6. Research Projects

A research project was initiated in the month of June 2019 to prepare a sketch of a plethora of acts and legal provisions enacted by the State of Maharashtra having bearing on different facets on the incidence and spread of urbanization in the state. The exercise was undertaken with a

view to explore and understand the inherent linkage between the chronology, plausible logic and rationale behind enactment of laws as well as other legal instruments and the advance of urbanization in the State of Maharashtra. One research assistant was appointed for the study while the overall supervision vested with the Honorary Director. President of the School Prof. Sriraman and one of the Honorary Fellows viz. Dr. Ramanath Jha provided expert inputs and guidance over the course of the work. While the text of the write up was emerging, both Prof. Sriraman and Dr. Jha forwarded their observations and also suggested the direction for further analysis.

First draft of the write-up based on the analysis has been completed. The same is being reviewed by the Honorary Director. We look forward to publishing the piece in the Journal of the School subject to editorial approval.

7. Staff

The list of the academic staff as well as office support staff in position as on 31st March 2020 is given below:

Mr. Abhay Tilak, Member, Honorary Director and Editor, Arthabodh Patrika
Mrs. Shaila R. Konlade, Administrative Officer and D.T.P. Editor for JISPE (on Contract)
Ms. Somya Mathur, Research cum Editorial Associate. (on Contract)
Mr. Parag Potdar, Associate Editor for Arthabodh Patrika. (on Contract)
Ms. Chhaya Mangsulkar, Library-in-Charge-cum-General Assistant (on Contract).
Mrs. Vineeta Mhaske, Office Assistant.

8. Meetings:

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held on 15th of June 2019.

Three meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the period from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020, (i.e. 08/06/2019, 31/08/2019 and 21/02/2020).

9. Library:

The total number of books in the Library is 14,194 and that of documents is 5,434. During the year under report, 22 books were added to the stock, of which 9 books were purchased, 13 books were received as gifts, 36 documents were added to the stock. Out of the additions, 16 were regular documents, and 6 documents were received as gift; 14 CD downloaded at ISPE.

An amount of Rs.4,367/- was spent on purchase of books. In addition, an amount of Rs. 29929/- was spent as subscription towards periodicals and newspapers.

During the year under review, eight 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*. A task of complete re-launch of the Website has been initiated with effect from December 2019. Services of M/s Vedbiz Technologies Pvt. Ltd., a Pune based software development concern have been hired for the same. After initial discussions with the engineers of the said firm, the actual work began in the second half of February 2020. However, due to subsequent lockdown the progress of the re-launch was

disrupted till August 2020. As of now, a large part of the assignment is over and we hope to launch the improvised Website of the School towards middle of October 2020.

11. Computer Equipment, Soft wares and Data Bases:

The School has 9 PCs {Two Core i3, One Assembled Computer, One Lenovo, Two Dell PCs, One Zenith Pentium 4, One Compaq Pentium III, One PCs upgraded to Pentium 4, one Dot Matrix Printer, one Canon Copier-cum-Scanner-cum-Printer, Sharp Copier-cum-Printer, Canon LIDE Scanner}

The School has acquired Devnagari soft-wares, 'Leap Office' and 'Akruti' Shreelipi 7.4, as well as MS Window 7, Office 2003, Windows 98 and Windows XP (HE), SPSS 12, E-Views 5 and Tally 9 Soft-wares updated version, one camera Logitech c170, one Headphone Logitech. H-150, 6th Economic Census Data.

All the PCs are connected to the Internet through BSNL Broad Band. **“Since our VSNL email address has been deactivated from April 27 2019, our new email address ispepune@gmail.com”**

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.

12. General

The School has permission from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India to accept foreign grants

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.

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Gave a Discussion Group Seminar on “India's Recent Growth Experience”, at ISPE, on 28 December 2019.

Prepared (jointly with P.D. Singhal) a paper entitled, “A Theory of Saving for Bequest, Interest Rate and Growth, Based on the Optimum Period of Childhood Dependency”.

Refereed the papers sent to me by Editor, *Journal of Indian School of Political Economy*.

Invited to be one of the judges at the Zonal Round for the West Zone, of the competition - RBI Policy Challenge-2020, organised by the Reserve Bank of India, held on February 14, 2020, at the RBI College of Agricultural Banking, Pune

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

Continued to work as Member, Board of Management, Department of Economics (Autonomous), University of Mumbai, Mumbai.

Prof. Ravindra H. Dholakia, Statement of Work for the year 2019-2020

I. Reports:

1. *Interim Report of the Committee on Sub-National Accounts* (Chairman: Ravindra H. Dholakia), Submitted to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI), Government of India, Nov. 2019
2. *Final Report of the Committee on Sub-National Accounts* (Chairman: Ravindra H. Dholakia), Submitted to MOSPI, Government of India, March 2020. Available at --

II. Research Papers:

1. Dholakia, Ravindra H. (2019): "Economic Growth and Development in Gujarat", paper prepared and presented to the Workshop at the request of the Institute of Human Development, Delhi and 15th Finance Commission at Delhi, May 13-15, 2019.
2. Dholakia, Ravindra H. (2019): "Does High Performance on Productive Capacity Ensure Efficiency and Welfare? – The Case of Gujarat", Professor P.R. Brahmananda Memorial Lecture at the Indian Economic Association Annual Conference held at Raipur, December 28-30, 2019.
3. Dholakia, Ravindra H., et al. (2020): "A Theory of Growth and Threshold Inflation with Estimates", Presidential Address to The Indian Econometrics Society 56th Annual Conference held at Madurai, January 8-10, 2020.

III. Students completing Doctoral Degree:

1. Pavneet Singh (2020): *Governance and Economic Growth in Indian States*, Fellow Programme in Management Thesis, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, March. (Thesis Advisory Committee consisting of Prof. Errol D'Souza; Prof. Ravindra H. Dholakia; and Prof. Tathagata Bandyopadhyay).
2. Arpit Shah (2020): *Urban Land Use and the Heat Island Effect*, Fellow Programme in Management Thesis, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, March. (Thesis Advisory Committee consisting of Prof. Amit Garg; Prof. Vimal Mishra; Prof. Ravindra H. Dholakia; and Prof. P.R. Shukla).

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BOOKS

1. **Surinder S. Jodhka** and Edward Simpson eds. *India's Villages in the 21st Century: Revisits and Revisions*. Delhi: Oxford University Press. **2019**.
2. **Surinder S. Jodhka** and Jules Naudet eds. *Mapping the Elite: Power, Privilege and Inequality*. Delhi: Oxford University Press **2019**.
3. Gurpreet Mahajan, **Surinder S. Jodhka**, Ila Patnaik eds. *Reading India: Selections from Economic and Political Weekly. Volume 2 1966-1991*. Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan. **2019**.
Hindi Translation of *Handbook of Rural India* in 3 volumes by Kamal Nain Chaudhary
Vol. 1. *Gramin Kshetro Mein Manavshashtriya Adhyan*. New Delhi: Vani Prakashan. 2019
Vol. 2. *Gramin Vikas: Pripeksh, Nitiyan aur Karyakaram*. New Delhi: Vani Prakashan. 2019
Vol. 3. *Gramin Privesh ka Badalta Jeevan: Samajik, Arthik evam Rajnitik Pripeksh*. New Delhi: Vani Prakashan. 2019

ARTICLES IN ACADEMIC JOURNALS and EDITED BOOKS

- 'The Haryana State Assembly Elections 2019 Puzzles and Patterns'. *Economic and Political Weekly*. Vol. 54 (50): 17-19
- 'The Youth Budget' in Niraja Gopal Jayal led. *Re-forming India: The Nation Today*. Penguin Random House, India. pages 435-51. 2019

‘Villages and Villagers in Contemporary India’ in *Critical Themes in Indian Sociology* eds. Sanjay Srivastava, Yasmeen Arif and Janaki Abraham. New Delhi: Sage Publications: 77-92. 2019.

BOOK REVIEWS and other relevant PUBLICATIONS

Book Review of Michael Levien. 2018. *Dispossession without Development: Land Grabs in Neoliberal India* published in *Contributions to Indian Sociology* 54.1: 103-106.

Book Review of *Caste Matters* by Suraj Yengde. *The Indian Express*. September 20, 2019.

Book Review of *The Radical Ambedkar: Critical Reflections* by Suraj Yengde and Anand Teltumbde (eds) Penguin Random House 2018. *The Indian Express*, January 26 2019.

LECTURES DELIVERED

‘Diverse Diversities and State Policy: The Indian Experience of Living with Difference and Building Citizenship’. **Keynote lecture**. Asia as a Horizon for Thought: India, Experiences in Modernization and Development. Rabat, Morocco 11-12 December 2019 Interrogating Dalitness. **Valedictory Lecture**. Department of Sociology, Punjab University, Chandigarh March 28 2019.

‘Social Change? Beyond the Hegemonic Narratives’. **Keynote lecture** at the annual conference of IASSI Conference, NIRD Hyderabad. January 11 2019.

PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC DEBATES AND DISCUSSIONS

Synthtalk on ‘The Afterlife of Colonies’ (with Dilip Menon and Gauri Viswanathan) Recorded on December 28 2019. <https://syntalk.wordpress.com/episodes/turn-six/taoc/> (podcast) 14th Annual Discussion on State of Parliamentary Democracy in India – 2019, India International Centre. November 12 2019.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUp_-8wu1_E (YouTube video)

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1. Helped the Editors of JISPE and ArthabodhPatrika in editing articles.

2. Wrote and published the following:

(a) “Constructive Programme for Political Workers”, in English in SADHANA and in Marathi in

ArthabodhPatrika and in the Fortnightly of the Maharashtra Congress, and in Odia in the Samaja.

(b) “On Village Roads” in the Samaja, in Odia.

© “On Migrant Labour from Odisha”, in the Samaja. In Odia.

(d) “Constructive Journalism”, an article in Odia, published in the Book of the Samatitle, in February,

2020, and the “Foreword” to that book, Edited by Ashok Das.

Prof. Suhas Palshikar: Report of Activities—May 2019-April 2020

A) Research Work:

1. Politics & Society between Elections, Joint Project of APU, Bengaluru and Lokniti, CSDS, Delhi (2016-2020)—Completed.

2. Cultural Heritage and Identities of Europe’s Future (CHIEF), International project funded by EU, based at Aston University, Birmingham—Member India Team. India component of the research is based at SPPU, Pune—2018-2021 (ongoing).

3. State of Policing in India (Round Three)—Lokniti, CSDS and Common Cause, Delhi (ongoing)

B) Publications:

1. *Reading India: Selections from Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. 3: 191-2017*; Edited (with Pulapre Balakrishnan and Nandini Sundar), 2019, Orient Blackswan, Hyderabad.
2. Onward March of BJP in Maharashtra, (with Nitin Birmal) in Paul Wallace (ed.), *India's 2019 Election: The Hindutva Wave and Indian Nationalism*, 2020, New Delhi, Sage, pp. 220-34.
3. Politics in the times of hegemony, Seminar, 725, January, 2020, 34-39.
4. Rajakaranacha Bahusankhyakvadi tappa—2019 (ani 2014): Vishleshan choukaticha prashn, (Marathi, Majoritarian phase of politics- 2019 and 2014): Question of Framework of Analysis, *Samaj Prabodhan Patrika*, April-June, 2019, Vol. 57, No. 226, 3-13.

C) Other Activities:

1. Chief Editor, *Studies in Indian Politics*, Sage journal;
2. Series Editor, State Politics in India since 1990s (with Rajeshwari Deshpande);
3. Regular Contributor to *Indian Express*, *BBC Marathi* and *Kartavya* (web portal of Sadhana weekly).

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1. Publication

“Emerging Challenges for Urban Transformation in India with Particular Reference to the Transport Sector”, paper published in *The Journal of Indian School of Political Economy*, Volume XXXI, No. 1, (January-March 2019, Pp. 107-125)

2. Ongoing Work

- a. Writing a textbook on ‘Transport Economics’ for post graduate students.
- b. Writing a research monograph on ‘The Indian Transport Experience’.
- c. Writing a textbook on “Economics of Infrastructure and Services” for under graduate students.

3. Work on Committees, etc.

- a. Member, Academic Council, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune.
- b. Member, Research and Recognition Committee, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Symbiosis International University, Pune.
- c. Chairman, Research, Consultancy and Project reviews Committee, Symbiosis Centre for Management and Human Resource Development, Pune.