

INDIAN SCHOOL OF POLITICAL ECONOMY, PUNE

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2009-2010 (APRIL-MARCH)

1. *Journal*

One joint issue for January-June 2008 and two single issues for July-September and for October-December 2008 of the *Journal of Indian School of Political Economy*, containing research articles on various themes, including papers on Cast Dynamics and Political Process in Bihar along with Observations on Selected Cross Tabulations of Lok Sabha Election (2004) Post-Poll Sample Survey of Voters from Bihar, Economic Survey 2009-10, Government of Bihar, Statistical Supplement on Lok Sabha Election, 2004, All-India Party-wise Performance, The Performance of Indian Iron and Steel Industry and Competitiveness of the Firms, Interpreting the Relation of Money, Output and Prices in India (1991:2008), Land Use Pattern in Indian and Pakistan Punjab. In October-December 2008 issue contained paper entitled 'Development of Social Science Research : Some Neglected Dimensions' by Professor V. M. Rao and The issue 1 for 2008 is almost complete and expected to be published by the end of May 2010.

The flow of articles for the delimited fields of the Journal was more or less adequate, 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 2008 stood at 123, 2009 at 82 and 2010 at 36 while 21 copies are being sent as gratis or on exchange basis. The subscription is expected to grow as we start publishing issues of the journal and the subscription rates continued to be:

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

2. *Arthabodh Patrika*

'*Arthabodh Patrika*', the original bi-monthly periodical of the School, launched in 1998 in Marathi, completed 11 years in November 2009. It became monthly publication with effect from April 2003 issue.

Number of issues published - Twelve (Volume 8, issues 1 to 12). Of these five were Special Issues contained focused articles on subjects such as global recession, environmental degradation, political party system in India, food culture and eating habits, food security, science and scientific research. Together 432 pages of reading material.

Nature of Articles published:

Economic and Industrial - 13, Science & Scientific Research- 11, Technology – 2, Social -11, Urbanisation - 1, Political -10, Environmental - 12, Health -16, Educational-2, Agriculture – 3, Cultural Issues – 6, Religion-1, Food Security-1, Water Security-1, World of Animals 1, Short Notes -6, (Total 76 articles).

Number of readers responses published : 6

Countries covered - India, China, Japan, , Briton, Russia, Iran, Spain, France, Italy, Germany, Australia, Nepal, USA.

References/Sources - Economist, Far Eastern Economic Review, Current History, Ecologist, New Scientist, Nature, Prospects, New Statesman, Survival, Geographical, National Geographic, BBC, Wild Life, Down to Earth, Journal of Asian Studies, Current Science, The Washington Quarterly (in all 16 periodicals). Besides this, 24 books on a variety of subjects and study reports available in the ISPE library as also 33 different Websites.

One of the purposes of the Patrika is to encourage newspapers and other periodicals to reproduce articles from the Patrika free of cost, after acknowledging the source. It is, however, difficult to judge the exact impact as all the periodicals, which reproduce the articles in their issues, do not send copies of their publications to us as expected of them.

At the end of March 2010 the total number of subscribers to the Patrika stood at 411. Special efforts will be made to enroll more direct subscribers during the coming financial year.

WEBSITE

The School has recently launched its own Website and the address is *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 web.

3. Books and Booklets

A Booklet in Marathi on ‘Arthasankalp: Moolbhhot Sankalpana’ is being written by Prof. A. S. Nadkarni which is expected to be published shortly..

The book based on research project by Justice Narendra Chapalgaonkar (Retd) (under the Fellowship programme of the School) on the life and work of three justices – Mahadev Govind Ranade, Kashinath Tryambak Telang and Narayan Ganesh Chandavarkar has been jointly published in Marathi by the School and Mauj Prakashan of Mumbai in 2010. The same has also been translated into English and the School is looking for a suitable publisher for publishing during the year 2010-2011.

A publication based on the Study of Primary Schools conducted by Pune Municipal Corporation, being carried out by the School is expected to be published in Marathi in 2010-11.

Shri Ramesh Panse has agreed to write a new preface/introduction for the second revised edition and add new material about the more recent developments on the subject, in consultation with the other authors of the book “Karta-Karvita” to be published during the year 2010-2011.

4. Seminars/ Discussion Group Meetings/Workshops:

Seminar:

A seminar on 'Changing Nature of Party System in India : The Role of National and Regional Parties' was organized on August 21-22, 2009. Distinguished scholars, experts, representatives of Government agencies, NGOs, social workers participated in the Seminar and put forward their views and suggestions on the subject of vital importance. The following delegates attended the Seminar:

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Shri Tukaram Jadhav, Pune
Dr. Nitin Birmal, Pune
Prof. D. N.Dhanagare, ISPE, Pune
Prof. Ramesh Panse, ISPE, Pune
Prof. Neelakantha Rath, ISPE, Pune
Prof. A. Vaidyanathan, ISPE, Pune
Shri Abhay Tilak, ISPE, Pune
Shri Tukaram Jadhav, Pune

It is proposed to hold a two-day Seminar on “_____” during 2010-2011.

Discussion Group Meetings:

The School organised the following meeting of the discussion group during the financial year 2008-09:

Date	Subject	Discussant
May 10, 2010	World Oil and Gas Scenario	Mr. Anand Barve

5. Fellowship:

Retired Justice Narendra Chpalgaonkar has completed his project on the work of the three Justices and submitted the final chapters. The Marathi version of the study is expected to be published shortly with Mauj Prakashan as co-publisher. The same has been translated in English from Marathi for publication in the form of a book.

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. The draft of the chapter on Arithmetic and the revised draft on the chapter on language teaching were received in the School during the absence of the Hon. Director in the USA. Shri Abhay Tilak and the President 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. Shri Tilak is at it and expects to complete the revision by the end of March 2010.

7. Staff

The list of staff in position as on 31st March 2008 is given below:

Mr. Abhay Tilak, Member, Academic Staff and Editor, Arthabodh Patrika
Mrs. Shaila R. Konlade, Asst. Administrative Officer and D.T.P. Editor for JISPE
Mr. D. B. Bagade, Graduate Clerk,
Mrs. Rajyashri Kshirsagar, Asst. Editor, Arthabodh Patrika
Mr. V. B. Khadilkar, Accountant,
Mr. D. K. Limbore, Clerk-Typist,
Mr. V. G. Redkar, Clerical Grade,
Mr. M. V. Jade, Peon.

Mr. K. Y. Dhawade is working as Administrative Officer in the School in an honorary capacity on year-to-year basis.

8. Meetings:

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held on 6th June 2009 and one resolution was passed by circular meeting.

Two meetings of the Executive Committee were held and one resolution was passed by circular meeting during the period from 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010.

9. Library:

The total number of books in the Library is 13,130 and that of serials is 3,706. During the year under report, 324 books and 107 serials were added to the stock. Out of the additions, 5 books and 29 serials were received as gift; while 9 books were received for

review, 310 books and 66 documents were purchased and 7 were subscribed to. The Library also acquired Databases in CD form on the Census 2001.

An amount of Rs.1,44,120 was spent on purchase of books. In addition, an amount of Rs.900/- was spent as subscription towards periodicals.

During the year under review, 41 persons/students took the advantage of the reference material and reading facilities provided in the Library.

10. Computer Equipment, Softwares and Data Bases:

The School has 11 PCs (Two Dell PCs, One Compaq Laptop, One IBM Pentium 4, One Compaq Pentium 4, One Zenith Pentium 4, One Compaq Pentium III, 3 PCs upgraded to Pentium III and one 386 with tape-drive) two Dot Matrix Printers, one Daisy Wheel Printer (not in use), two HP Laser Printers, Toshiba Laser Printer-cum-Copier, Canon LIDE Scanner, Devnagari soft wares - 'Leap Office' and 'Akruti' as well as Office 2003, Windows 98 and Windows XP (HE), SPSS 12, E-Views 5 Soft-wares.

The School has its own Website, an e-mail address and access to Internet through Air-Tel Broad Band and VSNL. The facility of Internet and e-mail is being extensively used for searching material for JISPE and Arthabodh Patrika and for receiving papers and referees' reports and correspondence with authors of articles for the Journal.

11. 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

Worked as Honorary Director of the School and Editor of the *Journal of Indian School of Political Economy*. One issue for October-December 2006, of the journal, containing research articles on various themes and documentation on Identification of Backward Districts in India was published during the year. The joint issue for January-June 2007, containing research articles on various themes and documentation and statistical supplement on Crime in India, is with the press and is expected to be published by the end of May 2009.

Participated as an invitee in a seminar on GDP-indexed Bonds, organized by the Reserve Bank of India on December 23, 2009, and was the principal discussant of the theme paper.

Participated in the Money and Finance Conference, organised by the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, on January 23-14, 2009, and chaired one session in the Conference and also worked as a discussant of all the papers presented in the session.

Participated as an invitee in a meeting of the Governor, Reserve Bank of India with senior economists, journalists and media analysts on March 23, 2009, on Current Macroeconomic issues in the context of Monetary Policy.

Worked as a member of the UGC Review Committee to review the XI th Plan Proposals of Kurukshetra University, and visited the said University for the purpose on 11th-14th of August 2008.

Invited to continue to work as a member of the Governing Body of the Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research, Mumbai, and the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research, Dharwad. Invited to be a Life Member of the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.

Continued to work as a member of a Committee to prepare the revised Memorandum of Association for the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research, Dharwad.

Appointed a member of the Search Committee for appointment of Director for the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research, Dharwad

Continued to work as an expert member of the Selection Committee of Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai

Worked as an expert member of the Selection Committee for selection of Professors, Readers and Lecturers in Economics of the University of Mumbai on 26th and 27th of August 2008.

Worked as a member of the Selection Panel of National Institute for selection of Faculty and Research Associates on 11 September 2008 and again on 8 November 2008.

Worked as a referee to evaluate a study prepared for Development Research Group of the Reserve Bank of India.

Continued to work as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of Artha Vijnana, and the ICRA Bulletin: Money and Finance.

SUB-SECTION II

Shri Manohar Bhide

1. Member, Regional Council of the Securities and Investments Institute engaged in training and accreditation promoted by the London Stock Exchange and recognized by the FSA of the United Kingdom.

Prof. Lalit Deshpande

Paper Revised for Publication

“ Challenge of Full, Productive and Decent Employment in South Asia” jointly with Anup Satpathy to be included in the forthcoming collection edited by Prof. Muneer Alam and to be published by Oxford.

Papers Presented to seminars organized by Academic Institutes

“ Social Exclusion: Concept and Policies” Paper presented to the seminar on Equal Opportunities Commission, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, December 2009.

“ Unorganised Workers’ Social Security Act, 2008 and Prospects for Urban Unorganised Workers in India” jointly with Sudha Deshpande at the seminar on the same theme at VV Giri National Labour Institute, Noida. March 28-29, 2010.

Other academic work

Commented on four research project proposals received for funding by the VV Giri National Labour Institute on various aspects related to labour markets and employment in the North East Region of India Feb- March 2010.

Research work in hand

I am preparing a monograph on the impact of the global recession on economic thinking and policy making in the broad. The Great Depression of the 1930s is linked directly or indirectly with rise of fascism, the second world war, the welfare state and much else that

affected the relative roles of the Market and the State in economic theory and practice. The Crisis of 2008-09 is rated as second in intensity to the Great Depression. In the trough of the recent crisis, many economists in the academia and the media speculated on the future of capitalism particularly in its globalized version. Some radical economists shed their gloom at the fall of communism and celebrated the Crisis as the triumph of Marxian economics over the mainstream micro- and macro- economics. I plan to present the denouement in simple English first and try to translate it in Marathi later.

In the last eight months despite many interruptions I have written first drafts of five sections of the ten I visualize for the monograph.

Prof. D.N. Dhanagare

Selection Committee

1. Invited as an External Expert member of the Selection Committee for the post of Professor of Sociology, at the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore. Meeting was held on 10 December 2008.
2. The Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai invited me as an Expert Member on their Selection Committees for the posts of Professor, Associate and Assistant Professor in Centre of Women's Studies, Sociology of Education, Rural Development (Tatal Campus, at Tuljapur), Habitat and Livelihood Studies; and also for Committees for Review of faculty for Extension beyond the age of 65, and under Career Advancement Scheme (UGC). Meetings were held on 28-29 April and 1 May 2009.

Workshops, Seminars and Conferences

1. Attended a 'Workshop to suggest measures for greater social integration' organized by the Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Institute of Development Administration, Pune organized on 8 May 2008.
2. Presented a paper entitled "Encounter between the urban fringe, civic politics and the neoliberal capitalism" at the Workshop on 'Urban Neoliberalism: Restructuring South Asian Cities' organized by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai on 27-28 November 2008.

Refreshers /Orientation Courses and invited Lectures

1. Lectured at the Orientation Programme for College Principals organized by the Indian Institute of Education, Pune on 19 June 2008, Topic "Excellence in Higher Education".
2. Delivered a lecture at the Workshop on "Social Science Methodology" organized by the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Pune on 3rd March 2009.
3. Was invited to deliver two lectures at Department of Sociology, Osmania University Hyderabad on 28-29 January 2009; Topics: (i) Globalisation and its Cultural impact in India, (ii) Peasant Movements before Independence and New Farmers' movements in India since the 1970s - A comparative view'.

4. The University of Pondicherry Department of Sociology invited me to deliver four lectures: on topics: New Farmers movements (two lectures), Globalisation and its impact on Indian agriculture, and Karl Marx's critique of political economy on 12-13 March 2009.

Special Lectures

1. The Deccan Education Society organized a National Seminar to celebrate its Post centennial Silver Jubilee on "National Ethos of Higher Education in India" and invited me to deliver its Keynote Address on the topic "On the concept of University" on 16 March 2009.
2. At the Training Programme for Principals of Engineering Colleges in Maharashtra, jointly organized by Walchand College of Engg. Sangli and the V.I.T. Pune at Pune I was invited to deliver a special lecture on "Institution-building, World Class institutions with Global Perspective and Organizational Behaviour" on 20 March 2009.

Participation in Public Life

1. As Chief Guest to give away Awards to authors of two books selected by Pune Marathi Granthalaya on 28 May 2008.
2. As Chief Guest at a function organized by the Maharashtra Granthottejaka Sanstha (the Deccan Vernacular Translation Society) for distributing awards the Sanstha declared to 9 scholarly books based on research. Function was held on 28 June 2008.
3. Inaugurated the 11th *Samarasata Sahitya Sammelan* held at Ichalkaranji on 27-28 December 2008 and delivered a lecture on "Cultural impact of globalisation in India".
4. Invited to be one of the judges for selecting the best books (in Political Science and Sociology) for the Maharashtra State Cultural Directorate's awards for the year 2007-08; assessment was done in September-October 2008, and the award function was held at Ratnagiri in January 2009.
5. Reviewed a funding proposal submitted to the ICSSR for publication funds for a new *Journal of Interdisciplinary Policy Research and Action* in April 2009.

Publication

D.N. Dhanagare, "Social integration: Role of the State and Civil Society", in Muchkund Dubey and M.K. Jabbi (eds.) *A Social Charter for India: Citizens' Perspective of Basic Rights*, Delhi: Pearson Longman (Council for Social development), 2009, pp. 160-70.

Prof. Suhas Palshikar

A) Publications

Articles/Papers

- i. In the Midst of Sub-democratic Politics, 2010, *Economic & Political Weekly*, Vol. 45, No. 7, Feb. 13-19, pp. 12-16.
- ii. Maharashtra Polls—Continuity amidst Social Volatility (with Rajeshwari Deshpande and Nitin Birmal), 2009, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 44, No. 48, 28 Nov; pp. 42-27.
- iii. Between Fortuna and Virtue: Explaining the Congress' Ambiguous Victory in 2009, (with Yogendra Yadav) 2009, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 44, No. 39, 25 September, pp. 33-46
- iv. Political Economy of Humiliation: Tale of a Failed Strike, 2009, in Gopal Guru (ed.), 2009, *Humiliation: Claims and Context*, New Delhi, OUP, pp 163-78.
- v. Lok Sabha Nivadnuk 2009---Vaishishtye, Karanparampara ani Sambhavya Parinam, 2009, *Samaj Prabodhan Patrika*, No. 186, April-June, pp. 178-186.

Books:

- i. *Lokshahi Zindabad*, 2010, (ed. with Yogendra Yadav and Peter R. De Souza), Pune, Samakaleen Prakashan
- ii. *Bharatatil Pradeshik Pakshanche Rajkaran*, 2009, (ed.), Pune, Sadhana

Reading Materials:

- i. *Bharatachya Rajkaranacha Taleband*, 2009, Marathi Reading Material Series, No. 1, Pune, CAS Marathi Reading Material Series, Dept of Politics & Pub. Admin., University of Pune
- ii. *Samakaleen Bharatiy Rajkaranache Vishleshan*, 2009, Marathi Reading Material Series, No. 2, Pune, CAS Marathi Reading Material Series, Dept of Politics & Pub. Admin., University of Pune
- iii. *Muslim Rajkaranachya Watchalipudhchi Avhane*, 2009, Marathi Reading Material Series, No. 3, Pune, CAS Marathi Reading Material Series, Dept of Politics & Pub. Admin., University of Pune

B) Seminars/Conferences attended/organized

- i. Collaborated with ISPE in organizing a seminar on Political Parties in India, August, 2009
- ii. Jointly organized an International Seminar on 'Contextualizing Maharashtra: Comparisons across states' at the Dept of Politics, University of Pune, December 2009
- iii. Resource person and joint organizer of Trainers' Training workshops for National Election Study, 2009, Lokniti, March-April, 2009, Delhi and Guwahati

- iv. Resource person and joint organizer of Field Investigators' Training Workshops at Pune, as part of the National Election Study and Assembly Election Study, April and October 2009

C) Other academic activities

1. Currently conducting a Major Research Project of the UGC titled: Electoral Democracy and structures of Domination: A Study of Assembly Elections in Maharashtra-2009, (Jan. 2009-Dec. 2010).
2. Collaborated with EPW for bringing out the special issue on National Election Study 2009 (Sept 25).

D) Public Dissemination

- i. Published articles in Dailies—*Maharashtra Times*, *Loksatta*, *Indian Express* and *ToI*;
- ii. Appeared as Expert Commentator at the Election Telecasts on IBN-Lokmat (Marathi TV channel during Lok Sabha and Assembly Elections).

Prof. N. Rath

1. Discharged my responsibilities as the President of the Council of the Indian School of Political Economy.
2. Participated in the seminar on Regional and Caste Parties in India, organised by the School in September, 2009.
3. Delivered a lecture on The Economic Origin of the Regional and Caste Parties in India in the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Dhenkanal, Orissa, in February 2010.
4. Presented a paper on Economic Origin of the Regional and Caste Parties in India in the joint meeting of the Economics and Political Science departments of the BJB College in Bhubaneswar, Orissa, in February 2010.
5. Participated in the formal publication of the translation into Oriya, by me, of a Marathi book, *Majha Pravas* by Godse Bhatjee, in Bhubaneswar in February 2010

Publications:

1. "The Co-operative is Dying, but the Co-operative Must be Reborn", in the *Journal of Indian School of Political economy*, Oct-Dec. 2007 (but published in early 2010). The article was also published in Marathi in three consecutive issues of the Marathi weekly, *Sadhana* in 2009.
2. "*Economic Origin of the Regional and Caste Parties*", paper based on my oral presentation in the seminar on regional and caste parties in India in September, 2009. To be published in Marathi in April 2010.
3. "*Social Science Research in India – Response to Dr. Rao's paper*". awaiting publication.
4. "On Primary Education" – an article in Oriya, commissioned by the UNICEF & IIMC, Dhenkanal; published in the SAMAJA. Also presented before a conference on Primary Education in Bhubaneswar in February 2010.

Prof. S. Sriraman

(A) Journal Articles:

1. Long Term Perspectives on Inland Water Transport in India, RITES JOURNAL, Vol.12, No.1, January 2010.

(B) Other Articles in Newspapers/Magazines

1. Review of the book on "The Return of Depression Economics and the Crisis of 2008" by Paul Krugman, RITES Journal, Vol.11, No.2, July 2009,
2. Railways: Lack of a Long-term Strategy, Economic and Political Weekly, July 25-31, 2009.
3. Review of the Book on Bankruptcy to Billions: How the Indian Railways Transformed, Economic and Political Weekly, Nov.28- Dec.4, 2009.

(C) Projects - completed

1. Worked as a Project Advisor to the Planning Commission of India study on "Total Transport System Study for India" being undertaken by the Rail India Technical and Economic Services Ltd. (RITES) as part of the High Level Project Advisory Board since August 2006. This study was completed in June 2009 and the Draft Report submitted in December 2009. This Report is expected to be finalized soon

(D) Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops

- (i) Organising Secretary of the One-Day Workshop on the "Motor Vehicles Act – the Amendments Required Therein" organized by Walchand Hirachand Unit in Transport Economics, Department of Economics, University of Mumbai, the Association for Transport Development in India (ATDI) and the Maharashtra Rajya Truck, Tempo Vahatuk Association, Mumbai on November 21, 2009. Ten presentations were made and suggested amendments based on discussions at the Workshop were submitted to the High Level Committee appointed by the Ministry of Road Transport, Government of India to suggest possible changes in the MV Act.
- (ii) Actively participated as a Resource Person in several workshops organized by the Observer Research Foundation, Mumbai- a think tank- on transport issues in the Mumbai Context

(E) Other Activities

- a) Visiting Professor of Transportation Economics at the TERI University, Delhi during October 2008 and October 2009 – offered a one-Semester course (in modular form 10 day period) in Transportation Economics: Theory and Practice.
- b) Worked on the Board of Studies of the Centre for Habitat Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.
- c) Member of the Research And Recognition Committee in Economics, S.N.D.T. University, 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) Coordinated the Post Graduate Diploma Programmes in Transportation and Logistics and in Maritime Economics and Operations on behalf of the Department of Economics, University of Mumbai with the Tolani Maritime Institute, Mumbai and also taught basic courses in Economics of Logistics and Transportation and Maritime Economics in these programmes.
- e) Conducted several training programmes for the corporate sector including Reliance Infrastructure Ltd., private consultancy firms, Institution of Engineers (India), etc. in Mumbai and outside on Project Evaluation and Pricing in Transport.
- f) Working with some IT , Logistics and Trucking Industry professionals in developing a Business model for a Freight Transport Exchange in the country with active support from the ICICI Foundation and the Institute for Financial Management and Research, Chennai.
- f) Involved in setting up of a Truckers Cooperative at Sangli, Maharashtra. Prepared the Draft Memorandum of Association which is being submitted soon to the truckers' body of the district – the Sangli Transporters Association.
- g) Was actively involved with the work of the All India Confederation of Goods Vehicles Owners Association in submitting detailed memorandum on various issue relating to the trucking industry in India especially on the need to quickly promulgate the Carriage by Road Act.
- h) Continued serve on the Advisory Group on “Modernisation of the Trucking Industry in India” set up by the Shriram Group of Companies, Chennai.
- i) Continued to serve as a Member of the Editorial Board of the RITES Journal.

(F) Ph.D. Students

Names and Topics of Ph.D students who have submitted thesis during this year under my supervision :

- (1) Jeronimo Guilherme Remigio Monteiro- “An Analysis of Productivity, Efficiency and Profitability with Special Reference to Mormugao Port Trust”- submitted in November 2009.
- (2) Kedar Shrikant Bhagwat- “The Passenger Car Industry in India: An Economic Analysis”- submitted in February 2009.

(G) Ongoing Work

- 1. Currently preparing a text book on “Transportation Economics” for post-graduate Students in Economics, Business Management and Government agencies.- to be published by Prentice Hall of India.
- 2. A textbook on “Economics of Infrastructure and Services ” is also being prepared for publication.

3. A research book on “The Indian Transport Experience” is also under preparation.

4. A research publication on “Economic Analysis of the Trucking Industry in India” is being prepared for publication by the Shriram Group of companies, Chennai.

Prof. A. Vaidyanathan

1. Completed script of a book on India’s agricultural growth highlighting the role of natural resource constraints, technology, economic factors and institutions. The book has been accepted by OUP for publication.
2. “India’s Recent Growth experience: Some Puzzles”, invited lecture at the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, May 2009.
3. Contributed a paper, jointly with Barath Jairaj, on Legal Aspects of Water Resource Management for a book on Water Laws edited by Ramaswamy Iyer. Under publication by Sage.
4. Two articles on the impact of the world financial crisis on India: one titled “Managing the Crisis” in the Hindu, November 2008 and the second titled “Reviving the Economy: Problems and Prospects” in EPW, February 2009
5. Delivered the Potla Sen Memorial lecture on ‘Water and governance’ in Hyderabad.
6. Co-organised a conference of academics on “Inclusive Growth through Inclusive Governance: The Future Agenda for Local Government” sponsored by the Ministry of Panchayat raj, February 2009”.
7. Currently chairing a committee to review working of TRS/EARAS/ICS , suggest improvements and explore the use of remote sensing for estimating area and yields.