INDIAN SCHOOL OF POLITICAL ECONOMY, PUNE

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2010-2011 (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*, were

published during the year. The January-June 2008 contains a long research articles 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, and documentation on Economic Survey 2009-10, Government of Bihar, Statistical Supplement on Lok Sabha Election, 2004, All-India Party-wise Performance. The July-September 2008 issue contains research articles on 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 and extensive documentation on India's Iron and Steel Industry. In October-December 2008 issue includes a paper entitled 'Development of Social Science Research : Some Neglected Dimensions' by Professor V. M. Rao and papers received from other scholars, namely, Prof. Nilakantha Rath, Prof. A. Vaidyanathan and Prof. S. Neelkantan in response to Prof. Rao's paper and on the development of social science research: in India and what needs to be done to strengthen it in future and documentation on Restructuring the Indian Council of Social Science Research, Report of the Fourth Review Committee (Chairman: A. Vaidyanathan). The statistical supplement in the January-June 2008 issue of the journal thus updates the information for elections held during the period between 1952 and 2001 published as a statistical supplement in the Journal of Indian School of Political Economy, Vol.15, Number 1-2, 2003.

The joint issue for January-June 2009, containing selected research articles and Notes, submitted for the Seminar organized by the School on August 27-28, 2010, on the theme: Is there a Case for Re-organisation of States in India? –substantially revised by the authors, and documentation on the Report of the States Re-organisation Commission (1955) and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's celebrated article on Thoughts on Linguistic States, is expected to go to the Press shortly. A follow up joint issue of the journal, containing summary of detailed Proceedings of the above-mentioned Seminar along with documentation of Committee for Consultations on the Situation in Andhra Pradesh (Chairman: Shri Justice B.N. Srikrishna) (December 2010) is under preparation.

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 2008 (for which year all issues have been published) was, 126, while 23 copies are being sent as gratis or on exchange basis. 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/- per annum

2. Arthabodh Patrika

Launched in 1998, Arthabodhpatrika, the Marathi monthly of the School has completed 10 years in November 2008. Initially a bi-monthly, it became a monthly publication with effect from 1 April 2003.

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

Number of issues published - Twelve (Vol. 9, issues 1 to 12). Of these, six were special issues. These issues contained focussed articles on subjects such as Water security, Education, Re-organisation of States, Nobel Laureate women authors, Democracy and Contemporary Vidarbha.

Nature of Articles published

Economic and Industrial - 8, Science and Scientific Research - 5, Technology -3, Social - 5, Political - 7, Educational - 5, Environment - 4, Health -3, Urbanisation - 1, Culture and Literature- 12, Water Security - 4, World of Animals - 1, Re-organisation of States - 16, Labour issues - 1, History - 1 Total articles - 76; Short notes (Jikde-Tikde) - 4.

Number of readers' responses received and published - 7

Countries covered - India, China, Japan, America, Britain, Russia, France, Italy, Germany, Australia, Ireland, Turkey, Pakistan, Sweden, Nigeria, Norway, Lain America, South Africa, Poland, Austria, Romania, Abu Dhabi, Portugal, Netherlands, Egypt, Indonesia, Israel, Morocco, Zambia and North Africa

References or sources used - Economist, New Scientist, Nature, New Statesman, Geographical, BBC Wildlife, Down to Earth, Current Science, Journal of Democracy, Appropriate Technology, Business Today, Australian Humanities Review (In all 12 magazines), besides 24 books on a variety of subjects and study reports available in the ISPE library as also 49 different Websites.

As on March 31, 2011, there were 462 subscribers for Arthabodhpatrika. Efforts are being made to approach University affiliated Colleges to enrol as subscribers so that the Patrika can reach to more and more students.

3. Books and Booklets

- The book based on research project by Justice Narendra Chapalgaonkar (Retd Judge of Mumbai High Court) (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 jointly 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 2011-2012.
- A symposium was organised on January 15, 2011, Chaired by the Justice Mr. Vikas Sirpurkar of the Supreme Court, to discuss the salient features and relevance of the book by Justice Chapalgaonkar in the present time. Justice Chapalgaonkar explained his objective behind writing the book, which was to bring out the deep involvement of Justices Ranade, Telang and Chandavarkar in reforming the tradition-ridden Hindu society of the time in the light of western liberal values to which its windows had opened with English education, without losing its own roots, and in fostering civil society organisations so much necessary for deepening such a social transformation. Distinguished scholars Prof. Ashok Chousalkar, Prof. Sadanad More and Prof. Neeraj Hatekar commented on the significance of the chapters from the book on the contribution of the three eminent iudges of the 19th century to the change in the thinking in political, socialreligious, and economic spheres which the 19th century society was undergoing. Justice Sirpurkar highlighted how the book has brought out their contribution through their work in the field of law and jurisprudence to the liberal values, which were just beginning to take roots in the society, and their sensitivity to the national cause while remaining within the constraints imposed by their own positions of authority within the judiciary of foreign rulers. Recently the book has also received an award from the Maharashtra Sahitya Parishad, Pune.
- The School has also published Second Edition of the Book *Karta-Karvita* in Marathi by Shri Ramesh Panse, Smt. Rajyashree Kshirsagar and Smt Anita Deshmukh-Belhekar for which Shri Ramesh Panse, Hon. Fellow, has written the preface.
- A Booklet in Marathi on 'Arthasankalp: Moolbhhot 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 2011-12.

4. Seminars/Discussion Group Meetings/Workshops:

Seminar:

A seminar on the theme 'Is There a Case for Re-organisation of States?' was organized on August 27-28, 2010. 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) Prof. Suhas Palshikar.

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8) Prof. N. Rath

President, ISPE

Pune

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20) Prof. Ashok Naikawade,

Devgiri College, Aurangabad

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5. Fellowship:

Advertisements were inserted in the *Economic and Political Weekly* as well as issues of the JISPE calling for applications for grant of fellowship. However, the proposals received were either incomplete or not suitable to consider for fellowship. Fresh advertisement calling for applications will be issued during the year 2011-12.

6. Visiting/Affiliate Fellows:

As suggested in the Annual General Meeting of the Council of the School held on June 5, 2010 and decided by the Executive Committee of the School, the following persons were appointed as Visiting/Affiliated Fellows:

- a) Visiting Fellows: 1) Dr. Subhash Thakur, , Chicago, USA,
 - 2) Prof. A. L. Nagar (Professor Emeritus and former Pro-Vice Chancellor, Delhi University)
 - 3) Justice Narendra Chapalgaonkar (Retd. Judge, Mumbai High Court)

b)Affiliate Fellows:

- 1) Prof. L.G. Burange, Department of Economics, University of Mumbai, Mumbai
- 2) Dr. Rajeshwari Deshpande, Department of Political Science, University of Pune, Pune
- 3) Dr. Satish Deodhar, I.I.M., Ahemedabad
- 4) Dr. Sanjivani Mulay, Retired Faculty Member, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune
- 5) Mrs. Bhushana Kelkar, Retired Officer, Govt. of Maharashtra, Pune
- 6) Dr. Nishita Raje, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai
- 7) Dr. Sharadini Rath, Independent Consultant, Bangalore
- 8) Dr. Rupa Rege-Nitsure, Chief Economist, Bank of Baroda, Mumbai
- 9) Dr. Rinki Sarkar, Independent Consultant, New Delhi
- 10) Dr. Sangita Shroff, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune
- 11) Mrs. Jyoti Tilak, ICFAI Business School, Pune
- 12) Dr.Rajendra Vaidya,Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai"

7. 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 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. The work on finalising the report in Marathi is complete while that of translating the same into English is nearing completion.

8. Staff

We regret to report the sad and sudden demise of one of the oldest employees of the School, Mr. Dnyaneshwar B. Bagade, on December 14, 2010.

The list of staff in position as on 31st March 2011 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

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.

9. Meetings:

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held on 5th June 2010.

Three meetings of the Executive Committee were held and 4 resolutions were passed by circular meetings during the period from 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011.

10. Library:

The total number of books in the Library is 13,549 and that of serials is 3,783. During the year under report, 436 books and 78 serials were added to the stock. Out of the additions, 43 books and 29 serials were received as gift; while 3 books were received for review, 386 books and 49 documents were purchased and 3 serials were subscribed to. The Library also acquired Databases in CD form on the Census 2001.

An amount of Rs. 227,622 was spent on purchase of books. In addition, an amount of Rs. 15,579/- was spent as subscription towards periodicals and newspapers.

During the year under review, 15 persons/students took the advantage of the reference material and reading facilities provided in the Library.

11. 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.

12. Computer Equipment, Soft wares and Data Bases:

The School has 11 PCs {One Leveno, 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)} two Dot Matrix Printers, , two HP Laser Printers, Sharp Copier-cum-Printer, Canon LIDE Scanner (The School has one 386 tape-driver PC, One Apple Laser Writer 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 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 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.

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. N. Rath

- 1. Carried out the normal duties as President of the School. Refereed a few papers for the JISPE.
- 2. Wrote a series of six articles, in Odia in the daily newspaper *Sambad* in Bhubaneswar, on the *Employment Situation in Orissa*, covering issues of agricultural, industrial, public sector employment, education and agricultural development, in September, 2010.
- 3. Wrote and published two articles, in Odia in the newspaper *Samaja*, in November, 2010, on *Approach to Flow Irrigation from the Rivers in Orissa*.
 - The above eight articles and two of my articles on Primary Education and Linking of Rivers, published earlier in EPW and in the Samaja, were published in form of a book by the Newspaper Sambad in January, 2011, and formally discussed in a seminar in Bhubaneswar in February, 2011.
- 4. Submitted a paper on Regional Imbalance in Maharashtra, in the Seminar on the subject in the ISPE in September, 2010.
- 5. Delivered a lecture on Decentralisation in a conference of Sarpanchas in Angul, in Odisha, In February, 2011.
- 6. Delivered a lecture on the work of late Professor D. R. Gadgil, in Pune, on the occasion of the publication of a volume containing his writings on Planning and Development by the Oxford University Press, in February, 2011.
- 7. Delivered a lecture on Approach to Co-operation, in an all-India Seminar on Co-operation, organised by the Vaikuntha Mehta Institute of Co-operative Management and the Yashwantrao Chavan Pratishtan, in Pune in March 2011.

Prof. V. S. Chitre

• Worked as Honorary Director of the School and Editor of the *Journal of Indian School of Political Economy*. The joint issue for January-June 2008, containing a long research article on Caste Dynamics and Political Process in Bihar, and documentation based on Economic Survey of Bihar for 2009-10 and the Budgets of Government of Bihar from 2001-02 to 2009-10, and a statistical supplement giving data compiled by the Data Unit of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi, for all Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha elections held during the period between 2002 and 2009, and all Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha elections

held in Bihar since 1952, and two single issues, one for July-September 2008 containing research articles on various themes and documentation on India's Iron and Steel Industry and the other for October-December 2008, containing articles by eminent Indian social scientists on the development of social science research: in India and what needs to be done to strengthen it in future and documentation on Restructuring the Indian Council of Social Science Research, Report of the Fourth Review Committee (Chairman: A. Vaidyanathan), were published during the year. The statistical supplement in the January-June 2008 issue of the journal thus updates the information for elections held during the period between 1952 and 2001 published as a statistical supplement in the *Journal of Indian School of Political Economy*, Vol.15, Number 1-2, 2003.

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- Prepared (jointly with Shri Abhay Tilak) the Background Note for circulation among the participants of the seminar organised by the School on the theme 'Is There a Case for Re-organisation of States?'
- Invited to participate in the International Conference on Economic Policies for Inclusive Development, organized on 30 November- 1 December 2010, in New Delhi, by Ministry of Finance, Government of India, and the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi. Presented a paper entitled, "Monetary and Fiscal Policy for Inclusive Growth" in the Plenary Panel 2 on Monetary and Fiscal Policies for Economic Development in the Conference on November 30.
- Delivered Valedictory Address at the Research Methodology Course on 'Computer Application in Social Science Research', organized on July 19-28, 2010, by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research, Dharwad.
- Delivered an address on "Inflation and Growth in India", as Guest Speaker on 27th Feb, 2011, on the occasion of the 12th Anniversary of 'CKP Industrial and Professional Center'.
- Prepared papers on "Measurement and Causes of Inflation" and "Aggregate Price Indices for Goods and Services in India", for *Arthabodhpatrika*.
- Prepared, jointly with Professor A.L. Nagar, a review of the book, *The Asian Economy and Asian Money*, by M. Dutta, Emerald, North America, 2009, submitted to the *Journal of Indian School of Political Economy*.

- Re-nominated 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 University nominee on the Board of Management of the autonomous Department of Economics, University of Mumbai.
- Was appointed as a Management Representative of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell set up at the Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research, Mumbai following NAAC recommendation.
- Worked as an expert member of the Selection Committee of Indian Institute of Education, Pune, for selection of Professors and Associate Professors.
- Continued to be a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of *Artha Vijnana*, and the *ICRA Bulletin: Money and Finance*.
- Worked as an external examiner for a Ph.D. thesis submitted to the University of Hyderabad.
- Following of my papers were published during the year under report:
 - "Capacity Output and Cycles in Non-agricultural Output of the Indian Economy", *Journal of Quantitative Economics*, January 2010, pp. 1-41.
 - "Professor K. N. Raj- Obituary", *Journal of Indian School of Political Economy*, July-September 2008, pp. 685-690.

SUB-SECTION II

Surinder S. Jodhka

Publications 2010-11

Books

Religions, Communities, Development: Changing Contours of Policy and Politics in Contemporary India (edited with Gurpreet Mahajan): New Delhi: Routledge. 2010

Books in press

Changing Caste: Mobility, Ideology, Identity. New Delhi: Sage Publications. 2011 edited. (in Press)

Series Editor: Religion and Citizenship. New Delhi: Routledge.

Research Papers

'Comparative Contexts of Discrimination: Caste and Untouchability in South Asia' (with Ghanshyam Shah). *Economic and Political Weekly*. Volume 45 (48) pp. 99-106 November 27, 2010.

<u>Religious Mobilizations for Development and Social Change: A Comparative Study of Dalit Movements in Punjab and Maharashtra, India</u> Religions and Development Research Programme, University of Birmingham (with Avinash Kumar) Working Paper 47 (2010). http://www.religionsanddevelopment.org/index.php?section=47

'Dalits and Development'. *India: Social Development Report 2010*. Delhi: Oxford University Press. Pp. 51-61. **2010**

The Language of Globalization: Meritocracy, Productivity and the Persistence of Caste-Based Stereotypes among Indian Employers, Katherine S. Newman and Surinder S. Jodhka *in Discrimination in an Unequal World* Eds. Miguel Angel Centeno and Katherine S. Newman. New York: Oxford University Press

Book Review

Review of *The Sikhs: Ideology, Institutions and Identity* by J.S. Grewal and Sikh *Diaspora Philanthropy in Punjab: Global Giving for Local Good* edited by Verne A. Dusenbery and Darshan S. Tatla in *The Book Review* Vol. XXXIV (6) June 2010. pp. 12-13.

RESEARCH PAPERS(S) PRESENTATIONS IN SEMINAR/CONFERENCES

'What is happening to the rural?: Revisiting marginalities and dominance in rural northwest India'. University of Oxford, Oxford, March 29 2011.

Can the Language of Social Exclusion help us Develop a Critical Sociology of Caste? University of Hyderabad, March 23 2011

'Biography of Rural Development in India'. SANPAD seminar on Rural Development, Beijing, China, February 29 2011.

'Challenges of diversity and the Indian Youth'. Macau, November 2 2010

Dalit Religious Movements. Paper presented at the conference of European Association of South Asian Studies, Bonn, Germany, July 27 2010

Religion, Politics and Governance: The Indian Experience. University of Birmingham, Germany July 21 2010.

ORGANIZED SEMINAR

'Plural Societies and Imperatives of Change'. International seminar April 19-20 2010.

Awards/Honours/Appointments

Appointed Advisor to the Indian Council of Social Sciences Research, New Delhi. June 2010.

Prof. Suhas Palshikar

Ongoing research

- Principal Investigator, UGC Major Research Project, Electoral Democracy and structures of Domination: A Study of Assembly Elections in Maharashtra-2009, (May 2009-April 2011)
- BCUD Project: Comparative study of State politics in India, (Aug. 2009-July 11)
- Review of Election Studies (1977-2010), An ICSSR Project for the review of research in Political Science

Publications

- Limits of Dominant Caste Politics, *Seminar*, 620, April, 2011; pp. 47-50.
- Transitions, Stagnations and Transformations, (with Yogendra Yadav), *Seminar*, 620, April, 2011; pp. 14-20.
- Towards Radical Social Sciences: Lessons from D.R. Gadgil, in Sulabha Brahme (ed.), 2011, The Indian Political Economy: Problems and Prospects—Selected Writings of D.R. Gadgil, New Delhi, OUP, pp. 409-424.
- Need for a Caste Census, *Seminar*, 617, January 2011; pp. 72-76.
- Quality in Higher Education: Complex Issues, Superficial Solutions, 2010, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 45, No. 20, May15; pp. 29-31
- Coalitions in Maharashtra: Political fragmentation or Social reconfiguration? (with Nitin Birmal and Vivek Ghotale), 2010, CAS Occasional Paper Series No. 4, Pune, Dept of Politics & Public Administration, University of Pune.

Presentations at Conferences/Seminars

 Citizens' Assessment of Democracy: Experience from South Asia, 2011, presented at the Conference on Citizens' Assessment of Democracy jointly organized by International IDEA and University of Philippines National College of Public Administration and Governance, Manila, March.

- Rview of Election Studies in India (1977-2010), 2011, Goa, ICSSR, February.
- Survival in the midst of decline: A decade of Congress Rule (1999-2009) in Maharashtra (with Rajeshwari Deshpande and Nitin Birmal) 2011, paper presented at the National Workshop on Electoral Politics in Indian States, CSDS, Delhi, January, 24-26.
- How Far does Study of 'All-India' help understand Maharashtra?, 2010, paper presented at the 13th International Conference on Maharashtra Culture and Society, Organized by University of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Trnava, Bratislava, Slovakia, June 17-19

Other Information

Dean, Mental, Moral and Social Sciences Faculty, University of Pune, Sept. 2010-May 2011

Prof. S. Sriraman

(A) Journal Articles:

- 1. Economic Growth: Bharat and India, RITES JOURNAL, Vol.13, No.1, January 2011.
- 2. The Need for a Transport Policy for India, Commodity Vision (Published by MCEX), Vol.4, No.2, Sept.-Oct.2010.

(B) Other Articles in Newspapers/Magazines

Review of book "Monetary Policy in a Globalised Economy: A Practitioner's View "by Rakesh Mohan- published by Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2009, RITES JOURNAL, Vol.12, No.3, June 2010.

(C) Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops

Invited to present a key note paper on "Road Transport Industry in India: Issues and Challenges" at the National Conference on "Road Transport" organized by the Odisha State Truck Owners Federation at Cuttack in Jan. 2011

(D)Other Activities

- a) Visiting Professor of Transport Economics at the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune offered a one-Semester course in Transportation Economics: Theory and Practice between July and Nov. 2010.
- b) Visiting Professor of Transport Economics at the Symbiosis Centre for Management and Human Resource Development, Hinjewadi. Pune offered a one-Semester course in Transportation Economics: Theory and Practice (in modular form) Nov. and Dec.2010.
- c) Worked on the Board of Studies of the Centre for Habitat Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.
- d) Member of the Research and Recognition Committeee in Economics, S.N.D.T. University, Mumbai.
- e) Worked for two months (December 2010 and January 2011) 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.

- f) Conducted several training programmes for the private sector and public sector in collaboration with Central Institute of Raod Transport, Pune on Project Evaluation and Pricing in Transport.
- g) Working with some Trucking Associations like the Odisha Truck Owners Federation and Tirupur Truckers Association (Tamilnadu) to form Trucking Cooperatives.
- h) 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 Motor Vehicles Act.
- i) Continued serve on the Advisory Group on "Modernisation of the Trucking Industry in India" set up by the Shriram Group of Companies, Chennai.
- j) Continued to serve as a Member of the Editorial Board of the RITES Journal.
- k) Member of the High level Working Group on Railways (headed by the Chairman, Railway Board) aet up by the Planning Commission..
- 1) Chairman of Sub-Group on ". Pricing, Costing and Accounting Systems on Indian Railways" appointed by the Planning Commission.

(F) Ph.D. Students

Names and Topic of Ph.D student who has submitted thesis during this year under my supervision Mahendra B.P.Parihar "Economic Analysis of the Trucking Industry in India" submitted in Nov.2011.

(G) Ongoing Work

- 1. Currently finalizing 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. Preparing a Policy paper for the Planning Commission on "Passenger Road Transport Regulation in India".
- 3. Currently preparing a policy paper for the Ministry of Urban Development on "Need for Fresh Look at the National Urban Transport Policy".

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- The last year saw the publication of my book on Agricultural development by OUP.
- The Expert group on improvement of agricultural statistics, which I chaired, completed the work and submitted its final report in February this year.
- I am currently chairing a Planning commission working group to review the current state of data on water resources and their utilisation.
- I am also co-editing a book on Tamil Nadu economy yields.