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From the Director's desk.....

It is with pleasure that I am sharing the Newsletter 7 for the period April-December 2019 which is the first since I took charge as Director on 1st April 2019. An eventful year has passed as we look forward to a more academically challenging year ahead in 2020. I wish all to be blessed with good health and happiness, along with academically stimulating times ahead.

Team CESS has several academic achievements reflected in the events through the year. Collectively we had a good experience interacting with the ICSSR Review Committee which visited our Institute during 6-8 June. As we surged into the year another collective event unfolded in November: the *INSEE- CESS International Conference on Climate Change and Disasters: Challenges, Opportunities and Responses*, along with tenth INSEE biennial conference. Prof Ramesh Chand, Member NITI Ayog delivered the fifth Foundation Day lecture on *Transforming Agriculture for Challenges of 21st Century*. Two books authored by Prof R Radhakrishna were released in July. We also organized a short refresher programme on *Application of Quantitative Methods for Economic Analysis* for the teachers from undergraduate and postgraduate colleges in the State with the support of Telangana State Council for Higher education.

The Centre has also inked an MoU with PJTSAU (Prof Jayshankar Telangana State Agricultural University) to synergize common thrust areas of research. The Centre has undertaken the gigantic work of compiling Telangana State Gazetteer under the aegis of General Administration Department, Government of Telangana. It is first of its kind to bridge the information gap of more than a century since the Imperial Gazetteer of India Provincial Series – Hyderabad State published in 1909. The fourth batch of students in the regular PhD Programme were admitted in September which has a healthy composition of students from the State as well as all over India.

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Publications

Journals

Dayakar, P., Climate and Weather Induced Agricultural Distress and Migration: Characteristics and Evidence (with K.S. Kavi Kumar, Brinda Viswanathan), *Productivity*, 60(2), 2019, pp. 126-135.

Revathi, E., Economic Analysis of Farm Mechanisation in Chickpea Crop in Rainfed Regions (jointly authored), *Indian Journal of Agricultural Marketing*, 33(2), 2019.

Srinivasa Reddy, M., Biofortification: A Promising Strategy for Fighting Hidden Hunger, *Indian Economic Journal* (Special Issue), December 2019, pp. 274-278.

Srinivasa Reddy, M., Asset Management by SC Fishermen in Andhra Pradesh: A Quick Assessment, *IASSI Quarterly: Contributions to Indian Social Science*, 38 (3), July – September 2019, pp 472- 491.

Srinivasa Reddy, M., Potential and Constraints of Zero Budgeted Natural Farming (ZBNF): A Study of Andhra Pradesh (co-authored with B. Guruva Reddy and V. Ratna Reddy), *Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 74 (3), July-September 2019, pp 321-332.



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Edited books

Srinivasa Reddy, M., Education and Employment: Issues and Challenges in India, Higher Education in India: Issues & Challenges, T. Sudarsana Reddy (ed.), *Paramount Publishing House*, New Delhi & Hyderabad, 2019, pp.147-155.

Ramachandraiah, C., Special Economic Zones. In. Anthony M. Orum (ed.), *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*, Wiley Blackwell, 2019.

Ramachandraiah, C., Hyderabad. In. Anthony M. Orum (ed.), *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*, Wiley Blackwell, 2019.

Others: Conference Volumes, News Papers, Blogs etc.,

Srinivasa Reddy, M. (with T. Koti Reddy), “Education and Employment: Issues and Challenges in India,” *National Seminar on Higher Education in India: Issues & Challenges*, Department of Economics, YogiVemana University, Kadapa, A.P., 11-12 July 2019.

Dayakar, P. (with K.S. Kavi Kumar), “Farmer’s Perception on Soil Erosion in Rain-fed Watershed Areas of Telangana, India”, *Madras School of Economics Working Paper, No. 180/2019*, April 2019.



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Chakradhar, J. (with Kumar, R.) “An assessment of fishing vessel capacity on subsidies, non-tariff measures, and attaining Sustainable Development Goals”, ARTNeT Working Paper Series, No. 184, May 2019, UNESCAP, Bangkok.

Krishna Rao, Ch., “Growth and Financing of Higher Education in India”, *National Seminar on Higher Education in India: Issues & Challenges*, Department of Economics, Yogi Vemana University, Kadapa, A.P. during 11- 12 July 2019.

International seminars/conferences/lectures

Chakradhar, Jadhav., *Zone-wise variations of employment probabilities and occupational choices in Indian manufacturing sector* in the 13th BMEB International conference on “Maintaining Stability, Strengthening Momentum of Growth Amidst High Uncertainties in Digital Era”, organised by Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Asia-Pacific Applied Economics Association (APAEA), 29-30 August 2019, Bali, Indonesia.

Vidya, C.T., presented two papers entitled *Networks analysis of trade in value-added services and mapping the GVCS: A cross-country analysis*, and *Efficiency and effectiveness of investor protection: A comparative analysis of India vis-à-vis selected countries* in the 8th Applied Financial Modelling Conference organized by Asia-Pacific Applied Economics Association (APAEA), 11-12 April, 2019, Sehir University, Istanbul.

—————*Is Trade Integration Leading to Regionalisation? Evidence from Cross-country Network analysis*, in the Research

Conference on Economic Integration in Asia and Europe: Lessons and Recommended Policies for the special issue of Journal of Economic Integration (JEI) 28-29 October 2019, Tokyo, Japan.

National seminars/workshops/lectures/others

Alivelu, G., *Narrative for Global Governance* in the International Conference of Managing Global Governance, Alumni Meet, organized by German Development Institute, Bonn, Germany and Quality Control of India, New Delhi, 28-29 April 2019, New Delhi.

—————*SDG Goal 6 WASH* in the international workshop along with the participants from Mexico, Indonesia and South Africa for the Ph.D students of CESS, 26 April 2019, Hyderabad.

————— *Toolkit for Sustainable Development* in the International Conference on Training and Dialogue on Implementation of 2030 Agenda organized jointly by German Development Institute, Bonn, Germany and ASCI, Hyderabad, 25 April 2019, Hyderabad.

Aparna, P., *Educational Status of the Muslim Minority in Telangana*, CESS faculty seminar, 28 November 2019.

Chakradhar, Jadhav., *The Effect of Economic Distance and Trade Cost on India’s Trade Flows: An Application Modified Panel Gravity Model*, CESS faculty seminar, 4 May 2019.



Dayakar, P., *Farmers Perception on Soil Erosion in Rainfed Watershed Areas of Telangana, India*, CESS faculty seminar, 5 July 2019.

Krishna Rao, Ch., *Growth and Financing of Higher Education in India*, National Seminar on Higher Education in India: Issues & Challenges, 11-12 July 2019, YogiVemana University, Kadapa, A.P.

————— participated in a Two-day Training Programme on *ICT in Agricultural Marketing*, organized by Council of State Agricultural Marketing Boards (COSAMB), New Delhi and Indian Society of Agricultural Marketing (ISAM), Hyderabad, 19-20 September 2019, Hyderabad.

Ramachandraiah, C., made a presentation on “World Bank and AIIB’s withdrawal from Amaravati” in a workshop on “Indian Civil Society’s Role in Ensuring Quality and Sustainable Infrastructure Investment” organised by VANI, Forum of Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC) and Heinrich Boell Foundation (HBF), Delhi, 11 October 2019.

————— made a presentation on “Industrial Corridors, Land issues and Amaravati” in a two-day seminar on “Understanding and Re-imagining Andhra Pradesh: A Critical Appraisal of Developments after 2014” organized by Institute for Research on Andhra Pradesh (IRAP), 11-12 August 2019, Vijayawada.

————— was a member of Expert Committee constituted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh on the issue of merger of A.P State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) into the government and induction of electric buses into APSRTC. The Committee finished its work during June-September 2019.

Revathi, E., *Cotton Production and Value Chain in Telangana State: Issues and Challenges* (jointly with B. Suresh Reddy and Arifa Sultana) in a Workshop on “Mapping of Fundamental Principles and Rights at work (EPRW) in Cotton Supply Chain – Issues and Possible Methodologies” 30-04-2019, CESS, Hyderabad.

————— was one of the invited speakers in the release of the book “India Social Development Report 2018: Rising

Inequalities in India” edited by T. Haque and D.N. Reddy (Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2019), 24 July 2019, Hyderabad.

————— participated on 15th September in the Regional Workshop for Implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), organized by Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, New Delhi, 3-19 September, 2019, Bengaluru.

————— chaired a Brainstorming Session on Polavaram project, 6 September 2019, Hyderabad.

————— delivered a lecture on Methodological Foundation of Neo-classical Economics to participants of a workshop on “Application of Quantitative Methods for Economic Analysis,” 23 September 2019, CESS, Hyderabad.

————— participated in the first meeting of Regional Advisory Group (RAG) on Farms, Farmers and Rural Areas for Telangana State for the year 2019-20 NABARD, Telangana Regional Office, Hyderabad on 15 October 2019.

————— participated in the UNICEF Partners Meet, 11 September 2019, Hyderabad.

————— delivered Keynote Address in a symposium on “Textile Sector in Telangana: Issues and Challenges” organized by MJPTBCWR Degree College for Women, Wargal, Siddipet (District) and Telangana Economic Association (TEA), 23 October 2019, Wargal.

————— was a Keynote Speaker in a Symposium on “Rethinking Globalization Issues and Challenges of Indian Agricultural Sector” organized by Awareness in Action, Hyderabad, 14th December 2019.

————— was a Panel Speaker in the Special Session on “Food Systems Transitions Underpinning rural-urban and Nutrition Linkages” and spoke on “Linkages between agriculture, food systems and nutrition in tribal areas” in the 27th Annual Conference of the Agricultural Economics Research Association (India), AERA-2019, organized by Department of Economics & Sociology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, 17-19 December 2019.



delivered Inaugural Address at the National Seminar on “Minor Irrigation – Issues and Challenges” jointly organized by CESS, Hyderabad and Satavahana University, Karimnagar, 30 December 2019, Karimnagar.

Sreenivasulu, Y. *Absentee Landowning Households in Agrarian Structure and Their Implications on Agrarian Economy: A Study in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana State*, CESS faculty seminar, 24 April 2019.

Srinivasa Reddy, M., *Biofortification: A Promising Strategy for Fighting Hidden Hunger*, 102nd Annual Conference, Indian Economic Association, 27-29 December 2019, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

Potential and Constraints of Zero Budgeted Natural Farming (ZBNF): A Study of Andhra Pradesh, 79th Annual Conference, the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics (ISAE), 21-23 November 2019, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyala, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

Working and Living Conditions of Sewerage Workers: A Study in Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, 61st Annual Conference, Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE), 7-9 December 2019, CDEIS, Punjab University, Patiala.

Marketing of Vegetables in Rain-fed Regions: A Case of Long-Term Gains from Rythu Bazars to Small Farmers in Telangana, National Conference cum Workshop on “Doubling Farmers Income: Strategies for Rain-fed Agriculture”, 18 -19 November 2019, MANAGE, Hyderabad.

Participated in Training Program on Extension Approaches for Water Management, 21-25 October 2019, MANAGE, Hyderabad.

Tenant Cultivators Situation in AP and Telangana, Round Table Conference on Implementation and Impact of Andhra Pradesh Land Licensed Cultivators Act- 2011, Andhra Pradesh Kavulu Rythu Sangam, 2 July 2019, Vijayawada.

Education and Employment: Issues and Challenges in India (co-authored with Thamma Koti Reddy, National Seminar on Higher Education in India: Issues & Challenges, 11-12 July 2019, Yogi Vemana University, Kadapa, A.P.

Effects of Quality of Higher Education on the Demographic Dividend in India: Issues and Challenges, National Seminar on Higher Education in India: Issues & Challenges, 11- 12 July 2019, Yogi Vemana University, Kadapa, A.P.

Impact of Climate Change on Tenant Farming in AP and Telangana, Round Table Conference cum Workshop on Tenant Farmers Suicides, Jointly organized by Andhra Pradesh Kavulu Rythu Sangam and Rythu Svarajya Vedika, 24 July 2019, Vijayawada.

Participated Two day Training Programme on *ICT in Agricultural Marketing*, organized by Council of State Agricultural Marketing Boards (COSAMB), New Delhi and Indian Society of Agricultural Marketing (ISAM), Hyderabad, 19-20 September 2019, Hyderabad.

Vidya, C.T., was a guest speaker on “Unfolding India’s Economic growth slowdown” organized by Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL), 6 December 2019, Hyderabad.





Events

1. Prof. M. H. Suryanarayana, Professor at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai delivered a Special Lecture on “Preliminary Steps in Econometrics” on 13 December 2019.
2. Prof. K. SeetaPrabhu, Tata Chair Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai delivered a Special Lecture on “Human Development Approach” on 12 December 2019.
3. Dr. Sanjaya Baru, Distinguished Fellow, Institute for Defense Studies and Analysis, New Delhi delivered a Special Lecture on “Bombay Plan: A Blueprint for Economic Resurgence” on 2 December 2019.
4. Tenth INSEE Biennial Conference on “Climate Change and Disasters: Challenges, Opportunities and Responses” was held during 6-8 November 2019.
5. Dr. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog, New Delhi delivered the 5th CESS Foundation Day Lecture on “Transforming Agriculture for Challenges of 21st Century” on 31 October 2020.
6. Brainstorming Session on Polavaram project, organised by Division for Social Inclusion, CESS, 6 September 2019, Hyderabad.
7. A workshop on “Application of Quantitative Methods for Economic Analysis” was organised during 23-28 September 2019 at the instance of the Telangana State Council for Higher Education (TSCHE), Hyderabad.
8. A report entitled “Secondary Education - Means to End Child Marriages - Empirical Evidence from Andhra Pradesh” was released by Ms. K.Sandhya Rani, Commissioner, Department of Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh on 25 September, 2019 at Vijayawada. The report was an outcome of a study sponsored by Mahita-Plan India under the aegis of Girls Advocacy Alliance.
9. A workshop on “Mapping of Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (FPRW) in cotton supply chain - Issues and Possible Methodologies” was held in collaboration with ILO, New Delhi on 30 April 2019.
10. Two books authored by Prof R Radhakrishna entitled *Essays on the Econometrics of Consumer Behaviour* and *Essays and Econometrics of Inflation, Consumption and Welfare* were released on 25 June 2019 by distinguished panellists Prof K.L. Krishna, former Chariman, CESS, Prof M. Chandrakanth, Director ISEC, and Prof R.K Mishra, Director IPE.

11. A Policy Brief on “Seed, Soil and Culture: Interfacing Farmers’ Science with Formal Science” was released on 31 July 2019. This Policy Brief was an outcome of a series of Agro-anthropological workshops jointly organised by CESS (Hyderabad), Deccan Development Society (Pastapur) and New Field Foundation (US).

INSEE-CESS International Conference

The CESS co-organised and hosted the INSEE-CESS International Conference on **Climate Change and Disasters: Challenges, Opportunities and Responses** during 6-8 November 2019 in partnership with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ), India and the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), Hyderabad. The inaugural function was chaired by Prof. C H Hanumantha Rao (Honorary Professor, CESS). Prof. E Revathi (Director, CESS) welcomed the delegates. Dr Vinod Thomas (Former Senior Vice President, World Bank) delivered the inaugural address. Prof. K N Ninan (President, INSEE) delivered the Presidential address. Dr W R Reddy (Director-General, NIRD&PR), Rajeev Ahal (Director, GIZ-India) and Bhagirath Gop (TATA TRUSTS) also addressed the inaugural session.

There were 5 Plenary Sessions with Keynote Addresses by Mr. Rajeev Ahal (GIZ-India), Prof. Kirit S Parikh (IRADE), Prof. Thomas Sterner (University of Gothenburg, Sweden), Prof. N H Ravindranath (IISc, Bangalore) and Prof. Madhu Verma (IIFM, Bhopal). There were 12 Parallel Technical Sessions of about 60 contributed papers, 10 Panel Discussions and a Valedictory Session.



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A noteworthy feature of the conference was the plenary session where the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) organised an IPCC Outreach event where the Special Reports of the IPCC and the ongoing AR6 process was disseminated by IPCC Authors.

Prof. C H Hanumatha Rao was honoured and conferred the **Lifetime Achievement Award** for his outstanding contributions to agricultural economics, environmental economics and development studies. INSEE also honoured and conferred the title of INSEE Fellow on Professors M N Murty, Ramprasad Sengupta and Madhu Verma for their outstanding contributions to ecological economics. The First Bina Agarwal Prize for Ecological Economics was awarded to Prof. Joan Martinez-Alier for his contributions to ecological economics, especially on environmentalism of the poor and environmental justice.

The Valedictory Address was delivered by Prof. Gopal Kadekodi. The conference saw participation of over 200 registered participants from all parts of India and from abroad. The delegates comprised of students, researchers, practitioners and policy makers. Dr Jeena T Srinivasan (Associate Professor, CESS and Secretary, INSEE) was the Organising Secretary of the Conference.

CESS signs MoU with PJTSAU

Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS) and Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU), Rajendranagar had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a desire and intent to develop co-operation and collaboration in research for development, training, and other agreed activities that further the aims and objectives of the both the institutions. The MoU was signed on 5 December 2019 by Prof. E. Revathi, Director, CESS and Dr. S. Sudheer Kumar, Registrar, PJTSAU in the presence of Dr. R. Praveen Rao, Vice-Chancellor, PJTSAU and Prof. R. Radhakrishna, Chairman, CESS. The MoU will be in force for a period of 5 years.



ICSSR Review Committee visits CESS

A four-member committee consisting of Prof. Sanjay Kumar (Satyardhi), Convenor, Prof. Rajeev Srinivasan, Prof. D.K. Nauriyal and Prof. M.H. Suryanarayan visited CESS as part of the ICSSR Review Committee during 6-8 June, 2019. The members interacted with faculty, students and staff, inspected the infrastructural facilities available in the Centre and submitted their report to the ICSSR.

M.Phil/PhD Programme

1. Eight students were admitted into the regular PhD Programme for the academic year 2019-20. The PhD students Induction Programme was held on 18 September 2019 by the Division for Graduate Studies, CESS.

2. Ms. Arifa Sultana was awarded PhD Degree in Development Studies by Dr B.R.Ambedkar University, Hyderabad in the discipline of Commerce for her thesis on "Farmers' Producer Companies-A Study of Telangana State." She worked under the supervision of Prof. S. Galab and Prof. E. Revathi.
3. Ms. A. Rajalaxmi was awarded PhD Degree in Development Studies by Dr B.R.Ambedkar University, Hyderabad in the discipline of Economics for her thesis on "Agricultural Technology Adoption and Sustainable Intensification in Chickpea Crop in Rain-Fed Region: A Study in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh." She worked under the supervision of Prof. E. Revathi.



Rajeev Ahal



Kirit S Parikh