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1. Mission

Malcolm S. Adiseshiah and Elizabeth Adiseshiah founded the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) in 1971 with the following objectives:

- To undertake studies and research pertaining to development problems with special reference to the agro-rural aspects of Tamil Nadu, and the problems of the economically and socially backward sections of the population throughout the country.
- To conduct seminars and conferences on development problems and programmes of Tamil Nadu.
- To foster inter-university cooperation among social scientists of the universities of the four southern states.
- To promote interdisciplinary research and bring out publications relating to the above three functions.

In 1977, MIDS was reconstituted as a National Institute jointly funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi and the Government of Tamil Nadu.

The research foci of the faculty are wide-ranging, from the concerns of development economics, such as agriculture, rural development, industry, urbanisation, and labour, to interdisciplinary areas, such as gender, environment, human development, social and political movements, and social criticism.

Through its seminars and workshops, MIDS has become a centre for critical thinking on development issues relating to Tamil Nadu in particular and India in general. The services of faculty members are sought by state and central government departments, autonomous agencies, universities and colleges, and non-governmental and international organisations.

2. Governing Council

Ex-officio Chairperson

K. L. Krishna

Chairperson, MIDS
(up to 31.07.2020)

N. Gopalaswami

Chairperson, MIDS
(w.e.f. 01.08.2020)

Representatives of
Government of Tamil Nadu (GOTN)

Additional Chief Secretary

Finance Department, GOTN, Secretariat, Chennai

Additional Chief Secretary

Planning, Development & Special Initiatives
Department, GOTN, Secretariat, Chennai

Representatives of the
Indian Council of
Social Science Research (ICSSR)

Member–Secretary

ICSSR
JNU Institutional Area, Aruna Asaf Ali Marg
New Delhi

P. Kanagasabapathi

Nominee of ICSSR

Representatives of
four Southern Universities

Saji Gopinath

Vice Chancellor
Kerala University of Digital Sciences
Thiruvananthapuram

Phanindra Goyari

Professor, School of Economics
University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad

S. Pushparaj

Head, Department of Econometrics
Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai

T. S. Somashekar

Registrar
National Law School of India University
Bengaluru

Co-opted Social Scientists

Pami Dua

Director, Delhi School of Economics
University of Delhi, Delhi

Sugata Marjit

Distinguished Professor, Indian Institute of Foreign
Trade and RBI Chair, Centre for Studies in
Social Sciences, Kolkata

Trustees

C. T. Kurien

Former Chairperson, MIDS

P. V. Rajaraman

Former Finance Secretary
Government of Tamil Nadu

M. Govinda Rao

Member, 14th Finance Commission

Girija Vaidyanathan

Former Chief Secretary
Government of Tamil Nadu

Representatives of Faculty

L. Venkatachalam**M. Vijayabaskar**

Ex-officio Member–Secretary

P. G. Babu

Director, MIDS

3. MIDS Trust

Ex-officio Chairperson

K. L. Krishna
Chairperson, MIDS
(up to 31.07.2020)

N. Gopalaswami
Chairperson, MIDS
(w.e.f. 01.08.2020)

Members

C. T. Kurien
Former Chairperson, MIDS

P. V. Rajaraman
Former Finance Secretary
Government of Tamil Nadu

Ajit Ranade
President & Chief Economist
Aditya Birla Group

M. Govinda Rao
Member, 14th Finance Commission

Girija Vaidyanathan
Former Chief Secretary
Government of Tamil Nadu

P. Duraisamy
Former Vice-Chancellor
University of Madras

Ex-officio Invitee

P. G. Babu
Director, MIDS

4. Academic Council

Ex-officio Chairperson

P. G. Babu
Director, MIDS

External Members

S. Chandrasekhar
Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research
Mumbai

Bhangya Bhukya
Department of History, School of Social Sciences
University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad

Malathy Duraisamy
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
Indian Institute of Technology Madras
Chennai

Ram Singh
Department of Economics
Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
Delhi

MIDS Faculty

Ajit Menon
S. Anandhi
Ananta Kumar Giri
K. Jafar
Karen Coelho
A. Kalaiyarasan
Kripa Ananthpur
Krishanu Pradhan
C. Lakshmanan
Shesadri Banerjee
K. Sivasubramaniyan
M. Umanath
L. Venkatachalam
A.R. Venkatachalapathy
M. Vijayabaskar

MIDS Student Representative

P. Jijin

5. Academic Staff

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| S. Anandhi , Professor | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gender; Caste; Identity politics. |
| Kripa Ananthpur , Associate Professor | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civil society and governance; Local institutions; Local governance; Farmers' movements; Women's political participation in local governance. |
| P. G. Babu , Professor & Director | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Microeconomic theory; Game theory; Environmental and natural resource economics; Law and economics; Politics, philosophy and economics, and their applications. |
| Shesadri Banerjee , Assistant Professor | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Macroeconomic modelling; Business cycles; Inflation dynamics; Fiscal and monetary policies; Time series econometrics. |
| Karen Coelho , Associate Professor | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urban anthropology; Urban studies; State reforms; Urban water management and ecologies; Affordable housing; Slums and resettlement. |
| Ananta Kumar Giri , Professor | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social movements and social transformation; Social theory; Criticism; Creativity. |
| K. Jafar , Assistant Professor | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education and development; Migration; Financial inclusion; Local planning; Informality; Intellectual property rights; Gender. |
| A. Kalaiyaran , Assistant Professor
(on study leave) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour markets and their link with poverty and inequality; Regional political economy in India. |
| K. L. Krishna , Chairperson
(up to 31.07.2020) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Econometrics (Methodology and Applications); Industrial economics; Economics of productivity; Regional inequality; Empirics of trade. |
| C. Lakshmanan , Associate Professor | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Political theory and culture; Political economy; Dravidian politics; Subordinated social groups/movement; Governance; Film studies. |
| Ajit Menon , Professor | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Political ecology; Environmental politics; Environmental history; Agrarian studies. |

- Krishanu Pradhan**, Assistant Professor (up to 13.10.2020)
- Public debt and fiscal sustainability; Banking sector NPAs; Macroeconomics; National accounts statistics.
- K. Sivasubramaniyan**, Professor
- Agriculture; Water management; Irrigation; Irrigation institutions; Rural development; Village studies; Coastal environment management; Pollution problems.
- M. Umanath**, Assistant Professor
- Agricultural production; Natural resource management; Institutional arrangement for sustainable development.
- L. Venkatachalam**, Professor & RBI Chair
- Environmental economics; Ecological economics; Behavioural economics; Institutional economics.
- A. R. Venkatachalapathy**, Professor
- Social and political change; Social history; Cultural history; Intellectual history.
- M. Vijayabaskar**, Professor
- Political economy of regional development; Agrarian change; Rural–urban interactions; Industrialisation; Value chains; Labour processes.

6. Non-Academic Staff

Administration

Administrative Officer	T. R. Ramakrishnan
Assistant	E. Lakshmanakumar
Junior Assistants	V. Mohan
	N. Cibi
	C. Anitha
	G. Karpagam
	R. Sumathi
Drivers	P. Pargunan
	S. Srinath
Record Clerk	A. Sampathkumar
Sweeper	K. Pencilamma

Finance

Finance Officer	K. R. Ramadurai
Senior Assistant	S. Thirupurasundari
Junior Assistant	B. Azhagarsami

Information Technology

System Analyst	R. Dharumaperumal
System Assistant	P. Thyagarajan

Library

Librarian	R. Murugan
Library Assistants	A. Tamil Selvi
	G. Murugan
	S. Ramakrishnan

Publication

Publication Officer	Ashok R. Chandran
Publication Assistant	A. Arivazhagan

7. Research Scholars

Full-Time

Scholar	Research Topic	Guide
G. V. N. Aishwarya	Understanding State-Society relations in the context of Urban Governance	Karen Coelho
K. V. Ajisha	An Enquiry into the Marine Fishing Technology and the Approach of Market Towards Sea: The Case of Kerala	Ajit Menon
P. C. Anitha	Social and Cultural change among Tribal Community	M. Vijayabaskar and S. Kalavathi (Queen Mary's College, Chennai)
U. G. Unnimaya	Labour Economics	M. Umanath
P. Jijin	Investment Impact of Remittances: The case of India	M. Vijayabaskar
Brinda G. Krishnan	Climate Change and Regional Farming Systems: A Study of Spice Production in Kerala	M. Vijayabaskar
Muhammad Shafeeque Aliparambil	Institutional Interventions and Transaction Costs in Agriculture: A Study of the Weekly Market Programme in Kerala	L. Venkatachalam
Boddu Srujana	Mobility and Segmentation in Urban Informal Labour Markets: The Case of Hyderabad City	M. Vijayabaskar
Titu Mahanta	Institutions, Upgrading and Livelihoods: Study of Small Tea Growers of Assam	M. Vijayabaskar
Anee Bhattacharyya	Structural and Everyday Discrimination Against Transgenders in India	Karen Coelho and C. Lakshmanan
Rituparna Borah	Ecotourism in Majuli: Glocal Assemblages in the changing Political Ecology of a river island	Ajit Menon and S. Kalavathi (Queen Mary's College, Chennai)
Anjaly Baby	Poverty: A Behavioural Economics Approach	L. Venkatachalam
V. Firsha	Spirit Possession among Muslim Women in Kerala	A. R. Venkatachalapathy

Scholar	Research Topic	Guide
Pema Choden Bhutia	Ecotourism and Development: With Special Reference to Sikkim	L. Venkatachalam
Rahul Reghu	Contemporary Land Question in Kerala	Ajit Menon and C. Lakshmanan
G. Elayaraja	A Study of Rural Non-Farm Employment in India with Special Reference to Tamil Nadu	K. Sivasubramaniyan
K. Sankara Pandi	Migration and Organization: Its impact on people and their socio-economic mobility	K. Sivasubramaniyan
J. Arun Bharathy	Rural Livelihood Diversification Strategies in a Transitional Economy: A Case Study of Tamil Nadu	M. Vijayabaskar
S. Balamurugan	Payment for Ecosystem Services for Wetlands Management	L. Venkatachalam
D. Chandrasekar	Dalits and Access to Common Property Resources	Ajit Menon
Safwan Amir	The Muslim Barbers of Malabar: Histories of contempt and ethics of possibilities	A. R. Venkatachalapathy
G. Surabhi	Contract Farming in South India	Ajit Menon
R. Saravanakumar	Development Interventions in Indian Rainfed Agriculture: Analysis of Institutions and Processes	M. Vijayabaskar
S. Kokilavani	Propaganda and Second World War in Madras Presidency (1939–1945)	A. R. Venkatachalapathy
R. Sethunath	Parental Perceptions on schooling: Unravelling the school choice process in Kerala	Karen Coelho
K. Bharathidasan	Recovering Outcaste History: A Case Study of Arunthathiyars in Colonial Tamil Nadu	S. Anandhi
V. Suresh	Economic Analysis of Decentralisation in Tamil Nadu	L. Venkatachalam

Part-Time

Scholar	Research Topic	Guide
R. Manivasagan	Poverty and Nutrition in India	D. Jayaraj (Retd.)

V. Jegatheesan	Peri Urban Development and Sustainability: The Case of Chennai City in Tamil Nadu	K. Sivasubramaniyan
E.S. Muhammed Aslam	Social History of Mappila Muslims	S. Anandhi
Bibhuti Bhusan Pradhan	Economic Analysis of Internal Migration	M. Vijayabaskar
S. Andrew Michael	Impact of MGNREGS on Rural Development with special reference to Rights- Based Approach in Villupuram District, Tamil Nadu	Kripa Ananthpur and John Sundar David (VIT University, Vellore)

Non-Stipendary

Scholar	Research Topic	Guide
Gargi Sridharan	Gross Household Happiness	L. Venkatachalam

Thesis Submitted

Scholar	Research Topic	Guide
A. Bhavana	Special Economic Zones: Contributions and Controversies (2016)	G. S. Ganesh Prasad
Aparajay Kumar Singh	Distributional Analysis of Group Differentials Relating to Deprivation and Achievement (2019)	D. Jayaraj (Retd.)
S. Suriya	Gender and the Hindu Marriage Reform: A Case Study of Legalising Self-Respect Marriage in Tamil Nadu (2020)	S. Anandhi

Degree Awarded

Scholar	Research Topic	Guide
E. Deepa	Gender and Informal Sector: A Case Study on Women Domestic Workers in Chennai City	S. Anandhi
K. V. Preetha	Dynamics and Politics of Environmental Clearance (EC) Process: An Analysis of EC in Selected Developmental Projects in Tamil Nadu	Ajit Menon

8. Director's Report

The Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), a unique and the oldest social science institution in Tamil Nadu involved in research, teaching and training on development issues from an interdisciplinary perspective, is about to celebrate its Golden Jubilee in 2021-22 amidst a raging pandemic which is in its third wave. Founded in 1971 by the late Prof. Malcolm Adiseshiah, MIDS was reconstituted as a National Institute in 1977. Since then, it has been funded jointly by the Government of India (GOI) through the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and the Government of Tamil Nadu (GOTN).

MIDS has historically made remarkable contributions to development policy and programme evaluation in the state of Tamil Nadu in particular, and India in general. That trend got further strengthened with two of its alumni currently heading the State Planning Commission of Kerala and State Planning Commission of Tamil Nadu. Some of MIDS' faculty members serve as members of several important commissions and in various high-level expert committees. In recent years, MIDS has also supported the formulation of planning documents for various plans for the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Government of Puducherry, and the Government of India, and it is in the process of doing more for the state.

Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey (TNHPS)

The Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey (TNHPS) is an important new panel survey supported and funded under the TANII scheme from the Planning and Development department of the GOTN. TNHPS aims to show how social and economic outcomes evolve over time as a result of policies as well as trajectories of individual and societal development. The TNHPS aims to measure change in income, occupation, and other outcomes at the household level over a period of time in Tamil Nadu. This project is a collaborative effort of the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), the Department of Economics and Statistics (DES), Government of Tamil Nadu, and, the Survey Research Center (SRC) at the University of Michigan. It was initiated in 2016.

Tamil Nadu COVID Pulse Survey (TNCPS)

Tamil Nadu COVID Pulse Survey (TNCPS), as a rapid response telephonic survey, was designed to take place at regular intervals over one year (2020-21, once every 4 months) to assess the impact of the global pandemic and the subsequent lockdown measures over time on sampled households in all 32 districts of the state. The main objective of the TNCPS was to provide the GOTN with useful and valid data to design appropriate policy measures in order to start reversing the adverse impact of the

global pandemic. Sampling for TNCPS was drawn from a sub-sample of TNHPS sample based on social stratification (around 10k). Three rounds of surveys assessed the impact of the pandemic on various domains such as income, occupation, reverse migration, food security challenges during the pandemic and the role of welfare schemes, Covid infection, mental health, challenges of online education and vaccine hesitancy in the same households. The outcomes were shared with the government for evidence-based policy making.

MIDS as a Catalyst

One of the most important academic contributions of MIDS comes from the role of its library as the single most important reference source for social science research in the state. In collaboration with the Anna Centenary Library, MIDS is digitizing its rare collection of books, journals and maps, which would be available for public use through Government of Tamil Nadu's pioneering Digital Library project.

As India has embarked on a new phase of accelerated pace of economic growth, integrating with the global markets for investment and trade, and actively seeking new technologies for its development needs, the need for understanding the implications to society—to the vulnerable sections of society—environment and natural resources has also become more urgent and intense. The State of Tamil Nadu will be expected to play a leading role in achieving the national aspirations of social and economic development, with an inclusive and sustainable dimension. In such a milieu, it is only fitting that MIDS works as a catalyst, a Centre for Excellence in Development Policy to continue as a world-class institution and keeps nurturing best human talent.

MIDS is doing both theoretical and applied policy research in eight core social science areas from an interdisciplinary perspective: (1) Poverty, Inequality, and Deprivation, (2) Human Development and Population, (3) Natural Resource Management, Climate Change, and Sustainable Development, (4) Gender, Caste, and Women Studies, (5) Industrialisation, Labour Market, and Employment, (6) Social Mobilisation and Social Justice, (7) Governance and Institutions, and (8) Social and Cultural History of Tamil Nadu.

Core Objectives of MIDS

The objectives of the institute enunciated at the time of its inception were:

- To undertake studies and research pertaining to development problems with special reference to the agro-rural aspects of Tamil Nadu and the problems of the economically and socially backward sections of the population throughout the country.

- To conduct seminars and conferences on development problems and programmes of Tamil Nadu.
- To foster inter-university cooperation among social scientists of the universities of the four southern states.
- To promote interdisciplinary research, and bring out publications relating to the above three functions.

These objectives have remained the guiding framework for the activities of the institute in the past 49 years.

MIDS Vision

MIDS is completing 50 years of its journey as a social science research institution in 2021. With MIDS approaching a significant milestone of its Golden Jubilee year in 2021, we look forward to a future of academic excellence. With the changing social and economic conditions in the country, MIDS perceives the need to expand its activities in terms of both range and scale. The need for intensive knowledge inputs to design policies, fine-tune programmes and achieve broad-based public discourse is obvious and has been explicitly recognised. MIDS is uniquely placed to contribute to this effort as an established development research institution in the state.

A critical resource that needs to be augmented is its faculty. Its present portfolio of research areas must be enlarged to offer a fuller understanding of transformations taking place in the social and economic spheres for better policymaking. The institute aims to expand its PhD programme and recognises the need for some core research programmes. MIDS will continue to collaborate and network with social science institutes at home and abroad as well as strengthen its knowledge sharing and dissemination mechanism. We expect the setting up of MIDS as the Centre of Excellence will also lend much greater dynamism to our overall work programme. MIDS aims to become one of the key data centres for research and will augment its infrastructure facilities, both physical and electronic. We plan to have a strong digital presence within the next few years.

The key to implementing these strategies would be increased availability of finances. Increasing the corpus fund, establishment of new faculty positions and specialized programmes such as Intellectual Property Rights, Ageing, and Regulation, raising specific funds for a modern digital library, auditorium, classrooms and overall physical rebuilding of the existing campus to house increased number of activities, faculty and student offices are essential to the sustained development of the institute. Such sustained funding over the next five years for such specific programmes would be essential with appropriate freedom for the institute to conduct these programmes with academic autonomy and accountability.

Articulating the Vision

The Vision of the institute for the next 5-10 years is to establish itself among India's leading Centres of Learning and Research on Social and Economic Development. The institute will be

- a centre of research on the important issues that are of societal concern
- recognised for its deep understanding and insights on wide-ranging issues
- a repository of knowledge resources, research output and data
- a vibrant and dynamic research institution maintaining strong links with other institutions of research and learning.

It will remain an interdisciplinary Development Research Institution providing opportunities to promote high-quality development research by enabling scholars to carry out rigorous research and build collaborative interdisciplinary programmes of research regionally, nationally and globally to further this vision. More specifically, its features will include

- Providing opportunities for PhD and other students to learn and contribute to knowledge in social sciences
- Focusing on ways in which we can point to more sustainable and equitable socio-economic development
- Providing forums for interactions with academia, policymakers and the general public on issues of relevance to social and economic development of the state, country and matters of global interest.

To reiterate, the vision of the institute follows from its core objectives set out by its founders and leading scholars of social science. The environment for individuals and organisations, including government, for achieving the development objectives has become far more complex today than it was five decades ago. Technological changes and changes in social and political institutions have altered the nature of policy interventions required to achieve public policy goals. At the same time, these changes have also presented new opportunities. The operating environment for the social science research institutions has also changed. The challenges are more formidable than ever and the need for collaborative and open approach to research processes is essential. The opportunities to understand changes in society have expanded as methods of data collection and processing have improved.

Realising the Vision

In order to achieve these targets for the next decade and more, MIDS will rely on its

past strengths and devise new strategies. The broad thrust areas or strategies include:

- Increasing engagement with the Government of Tamil Nadu and South Indian region
- Augmenting faculty strength
- Strengthening the PhD programme
- Training students and professionals
- Research collaborations
- Knowledge sharing and dissemination
- Wider academic engagement
- Engaging with the establishment and work for the new Centre of Excellence

The institute will have to scale up its operations to make effective contribution to public discourse and policy analysis. It has to expand its reach to scholars and their work — attract high-quality talent and disseminate its work widely. The changes we seek in the next decade are significant and they will require a number of steps and new initiatives.

MIDS has been able to make these manifold contributions to development research and policy despite the limitations of its ever-binding space constraints. MIDS is housed at present in a land area of less than 20 cents, which severely limits the scope for its present functioning and future expansion, including the library, its most valuable intellectual asset. Limitations of space do not allow MIDS to provide enough office space to staff and hostel facilities to the students. Still more serious is the problem of its old building structures, parts of which were constructed more than 50 years ago. All of it would need major physical and manpower investments, made difficult by a pandemic which is already in its third wave. Challenges such as these are also opportunities, as we have shown through our scholarship and policy advice amidst severe working environment constraints.

MIDS Publications

MIDS has a unique and ambitious publication plan for several scholarly books in Tamil in the area of economic, cultural and social development. At least six of them are in the pipeline and are mostly funded by M&EA Trust and ICSSR. MIDS faculty have published numerous Tamil articles in local newspapers, journals, etc. and also their work has been covered by the press and media. In the context of the pandemic, MIDS faculty and students produced nineteen specially commissioned papers under its Covid-19 Occasional Policy Paper Series covering various sectors of the

economy. This series of papers received a lot of attention in the print media, which carried lead stories based on several papers. They are slated for publication as a book entitled *Economic Policy in Covid-19 Times* which is soon to be released by the reputed international publisher Orient Blackswan. The Tamil version of the book is also nearing publication. Six books and monographs appeared during this difficult year as also several chapter contributions to various edited books from the MIDS faculty. Some of the MIDS work also found their way into state assembly debates and eventually served as major inputs into government policy making.

Review of Development and Change

The MIDS Journal *Review of Development and Change* is over two-and-a-half decades old and is the successor to the monthly *Bulletin: Madras Development Seminar Series* started by Malcolm Adiseshiah. The last regular issue of the Bulletin was published in December 1994, and the journal *Review of Development and Change* was launched in 1996. It is a biannual peer-reviewed journal and its objective is to examine diverse aspects of the changes taking place in our society and encourages multidisciplinary theoretical and applied scholarship that perceives problems of development and social change in depth, documents them with care, interprets them with rigour and communicates the findings in a way that is accessible to readers from diverse backgrounds. The journal focuses on multidisciplinary scholarship pertaining to issues related to industry, agriculture, urbanisation, environment, social sector, and poverty and inequality. From 2019 onwards, MIDS publishes the journal in association with SAGE Publishing, New Delhi. During the past two years, the journal is achieving a new milestone in terms of submission, peer review, production, circulation and online usage. For example, in 2020, 141 manuscripts were submitted to the journal, which is an increase of 206.5% from 2019 (46 submissions). The article acceptance rate stands at 20% in 2020. In 2020, the circulation was 2,277 which increased to 2,466 in 2021. As far as the online usage of articles is concerned, we had 5,849 full-text downloads which has gone up to 7,834 till the middle of 2021. All these developments were made possible due to the cooperation of members of the editorial advisory board, editorial committee members, reviewers, authors and readers!

Research Methodology Workshop

Apart from its own Ph.D. programme, MIDS also provides training to PhD scholars and young faculty from other institutions in the state through its annual Research Methodology Workshops and organises national and international conferences regularly on different development themes. A Ten Days' Online Research Methodology Workshop, sponsored by the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR), has been conducted by MIDS from 15th February to 26th February, 2021. The workshop was coordinated by MIDS faculty, Dr. L. Venkatachalam (Course

Director) and Dr. K. Jafar (Co-Course Director). The advertisement for the course was sent to various colleges, universities and research institutes across the country and it was disseminated through MIDS website as well as social media (Facebook, WhatsApp, etc.). We have had an overwhelming response for our advertisement with 514 scholars applying for the course. Applications were received from researchers from the following social science disciplines: economics, econometrics, sociology, anthropology, social work, management and public policy, development studies, women studies and education. A rigorous selection process with criteria such as quality of the research proposal, candidates from regions with poor research facilities, etc. has been adopted to finally select 140 candidates. During the workshop, we covered thirty topics under research methodology. We started with Philosophy of Science, Role of Inter-disciplinary, multi-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary research in social sciences and moved on to topics like, doing critical review of literature, quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods, sampling design, survey methods, experimental methods, analysing data through statistical packages, writing research report and concluded with topics covering 'art of publishing'. The resource persons for the workshop were some of the top social scientists in the country, drawn from institutes such as IDS, Kolkata; ISEC, Bengaluru; NCAER, New Delhi and faculty from MIDS. The participants appreciated various aspects of the workshop such as topics covered, quality of the resource persons, method of conducting workshops, etc., and provided a very encouraging feedback. The participants also suggested that MIDS should conduct the workshop periodically in the future so that a larger research community can constantly benefit out of it.

National Seminar on Union Budget

On 11th February, 2021, MIDS organized an online seminar entitled National Seminar on Union Budget 2021-22 to critically evaluate the potential impact of union budget 2021-22 on various sectors of the Indian economy. The seminar started with the Inaugural Address by Prof. P. G. Babu, Director, MIDS. After Prof. L. Venkatachalam introduced the speakers to the audience, Prof. Sugata Marjit from Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi spoke about the expectations from the union budget in the context of uncertain future and worries of the middle class in India. Prof. Ganesh Kumar from IGIDR, Mumbai spoke on the reforms needed in the agriculture sector. While Prof. Rudra Sensarma from IIM, Kozhikode focused on the issues involved in privatisation and financial investments in the country Dr. Barendra Kumar Bhoi, Former Head, Monetary Policy Department, RBI spoke about how budget proposals help in cleaning the bank balance sheet, especially, the double entry book keeping issue faced by banks in India. Prof. Ram Singh from Delhi School of Economics highlighted how the union budget 2021-22 can fulfil the infrastructure dream of India and Dr. Sakthivel from Public Health Foundation of India highlighted the challenges faced in the health sector and how the union budget sheds light on addressing some

of the problems in the health sector. After the presentation by the panelist, we had a detailed question and answer session and the seminar concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. K. Jafar.

Relieving of Professor K. L. Krishna, Chairperson as on 31st July 2020

MIDS has been fortunate to have Professor K. L. Krishna as its Chairman for the past seven years. We economists revere him as Bhishmacharya of Indian Economics profession. He is the quintessential Teacher's Teacher. As Kaushik Basu puts it, he is not just the Greatest Economics Professor this Country is fortunate to have, but is a rare combination of simple lifestyle, and modern and progressive views – on Politics, Lifestyle and Religion. He is one academic whom Prime Ministers greet first before going on to the stage. He has been a pillar of strength, continuity in governance, pure knowledge source and wisdom not just to MIDS, but many other top institutions in India. He also helped create, along with other illustrious colleagues of his such as A. L. Nagar, The Indian Econometric Society (TIES) of which he was President. More importantly, he was the Founding Managing Editor of the Society's Official *Journal of Quantitative Economics* (JQE). It is my good fortune to be in his position as the Managing Editor of JQE.

At MIDS, I have had the good fortune to work with him closely. He is the epitome of a great Chairman, always there to offer advice when asked together with non-interference in routine matters. His subtle nudges and hints helped us a great deal in administration. If we have not used his calibre and academic spirit to the fullest potential, the fault is ours. In my opinion, the only way to acknowledge and say Thank You to such a great scholar, who is always excited about the next new academic idea, is through our academic work.

Thank you so much Professor Krishna, for your scholarship, wisdom and subtle guidance. Your mere presence enlightened us, the MIDS community, for the past seven years and the Adyar Gandhinagar roads are likely to miss your morning walks as much as we do.

Joining of Shri. N. Gopaldaswami, IAS (Retd.), Chairperson w.e.f. 1st August 2020

N Gopaldaswami, a former Chief Election Commissioner of India (2006-2009), is a Padma Bhushan awardee (2015). A Gold Medalist post-graduate in Chemistry from Delhi University (1965), Mr Gopaldaswami joined the I.A.S (1966) and served in the State of Gujarat for 25 years, in various positions, before moving to Delhi (1992) to

serve in the Government of India (Gol). During the early eighties, he earned a Diploma in Urban Development Planning (1982) from the University of London.

While in the Gol, he served in the Department of Electronics in charge of Software Development Division; in the Planning Commission in Charge of Education, Culture and Sports; in the National Human Rights Commission as its Secretary General; as Secretary in the Ministry of Culture and later as Union Home Secretary before being appointed as Election Commissioner (2004) and later as Chief Election Commissioner (2006). During his stewardship, the Election Commission successfully implemented many important innovations such as the introduction of Photo Electoral Rolls to improve the quality and prevent impersonation, and Age-cohort analysis of Electoral Rolls to improve their fidelity and accuracy.

In 2015, he was conferred with Padma Bhushan award for his distinguished career and service as a civil servant. He was until recently Chairman of Kalakshetra Foundation (2014-19), the premier Dance Teaching Institution in Chennai. In February 2018, he was appointed to head the Empowered Expert Committee to select 20 Institutions (Institutions of Excellence), both public and private, that had the potential to become world-class institutions. He is currently the President of Vivekananda Educational Society which runs a group of 25 schools in and around Chennai. He is also currently the Chancellor of the National Sanskrit University at Tirupathi. He heads the Madras Sanskrit College's Executive Committee. He is conversant in Tamil, Hindi, Gujarati, Sanskrit and English.

Obituaries

Professor A. Vaidyanathan: He did his undergraduate education in Loyola College, Chennai and obtained his Ph.D. from Cornell University, Ithaca. He was an economist at NCAER, Delhi from 1956 to 1962. Throughout the next decade, he was at the Perspective Planning Division of the then Planning Commission, New Delhi. This was followed by a three-year stint at the World Bank, after which he was a professor at CDS, Trivandrum for eight years. Since 1984, he was continuously associated with MIDS in various roles of Professor, Director, Emeritus Professor, and Trustee. He returned to the Planning Commission to hold the prestigious position of a Member. His research and policy advice broadly focused on various aspects of Indian economy, in particular, agriculture, irrigation, water management, employment, poverty and more importantly, quality of data. Given his pan-Indian academic presence and incisive policy work, the entire economics and policy making community of the country, and MIDS in particular, will dearly miss his wisdom and sharp analysis.

Dr. H. B. N. Shetty: It is with deep regret that we record the passing away of H. B. N. Shetty (1932–2021), a long-time trustee of MIDS. Hailing from the South

Canara district of the then Madras Presidency, Hanehalli Bandimat Narayan Shetty graduated in Chemistry from the Presidency College, Chennai. In 1955, Dr Shetty joined the Madras State Civil Service and, in 1966, was promoted to the IAS. Dr Shetty held many important positions including as Secretary, Department of Education in the Government of Tamil Nadu. After his retirement he served on the State Land Tribunal. A PhD in Public Administration of the Osmania University, Dr Shetty also acquired a degree in Law. Dr Shetty was also the Executive Trustee of the Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust.

Professor M. Anandakrishnan: It is with deep regret that we record the passing away of Professor M. Anandakrishnan, former chairperson of MIDS (2003–2008). Born in Vaniyambadi in present-day Thirupattur district, Professor M. Anandakrishnan graduated in civil engineering from the College of Engineering, Guindy and then obtained his Ph.D from the University of Minnesota. After a long teaching career at IIT Kanpur, he served in the UN for nearly fifteen years. Vice-Chancellor of Anna University for two terms, he was also chairperson of the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education. A champion of digital technology in Tamil, his contribution to technological development in Tamil is widely recognized. In 1990, the Government of India conferred him with the Padma Shri.

The Chairperson, the Director, Members of the Academic Council, staff and students of MIDS pay homage to the departed Professors for their services to the institute.

9. Research Projects

Completed Projects

Project	Funding Agency	Project Director(s)
A Review of the Challenges in School-to-Work Transition among Adolescents and Youth in Tamil Nadu — An Exploratory Study	UNICEF, Chennai	M. Vijayabaskar

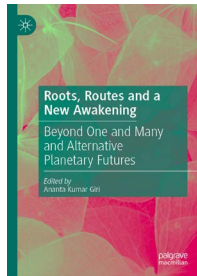
Ongoing Projects

Project	Funding Agency	Project Director(s)
Coastal Transformation and Fisher Wellbeing: Synthesized Perspectives from India and Europe	ICSSR, New Delhi, under EU-India Platform for the Social Sciences and Humanities Call for Collaborative Research: Sustainability, Equity, Wellbeing and Cultural Connections	Ajit Menon
Tamil Nadu COVID-19 Pulse Survey 1, 2 and 3	Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Department, State Government of Tamil Nadu	L. Venkatachalam, Kripa Ananthpur and K. Jafar
Rural livelihoods programs: Lessons from the past as a guide to the future – A qualitative study in Tamil Nadu	The World Bank, New Delhi	Kripa Ananthpur
Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey	Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Department, Government of Tamil Nadu	Kripa Ananthpur, L. Venkatachalam, and K. Jafar
Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services of 80 Prioritised Wetlands	State Development and Policy Council, Government of Tamil Nadu	L. Venkatachalam

Project	Funding Agency	Project Director(s)
Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services of Four Restored Wetlands in Chennai	State Development and Policy Council, Government of Tamil Nadu	L. Venkatachalam
Dalits and the Making of the Public Sphere in Colonial Tamil Nadu: A Documentation of <i>Tamilan</i> , 1907–1914	ICSSR SC–ST Component for 2016–17 (One-time grant by MIDS)	A. R. Venkatachalapathy
India’s Politics in its Vernaculars	King’s College London, European Union	A. R. Venkatachalapathy
Becoming a Young Farmer: Young Peoples’ pathways into Agriculture	SSRC, Canada	M. Vijayabaskar
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10. Faculty Publications

Books



ANANTA KUMAR GIRI (editor)

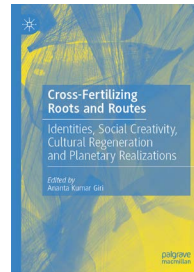
Roots, Routes and a New Awakening

Beyond One and Many and
Alternative Planetary Futures

Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore

2021

This book seeks to find creative and transformative relationship among roots and routes and create a new dynamics of awakening so that we can overcome the problems of closed and xenophobic roots, and rootless cosmopolitanism. The book draws upon multiple philosophical and spiritual traditions of the world such as Siva Tantra, Buddhist phenomenology and Peircean Semiotics and discusses the works of Ibn-Arabi, Thoreau, Tolstoy, Gandhi and Raimon Panikkar among others. The book is transdisciplinary, building on creative thinking from philosophy, anthropology, political studies and literature. It is a unique contribution for forging a new relationship between roots and routes in our contemporary fragile and complex world.



ANANTA KUMAR GIRI (editor)

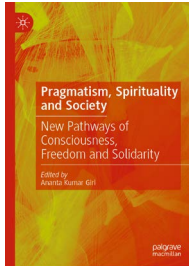
Cross-Fertilizing Roots and Routes

Identities, Social Creativity, Cultural
Regeneration and Planetary Realizations

Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore

2021

The book discusses how we can cross-fertilize relationship between roots and routes with and beyond the logic of closure, monological assertions and violence. The book draws upon multiple philosophical, historical, religious and spiritual traditions of the world to rethink our conceptions and productions of identity as well as our conventional understanding of roots and routes. The book particularly explores the vision and practice of creativity, socio-cultural regeneration and planetary realizations to cultivate new pathways of identity realization and new relationship between identities and differences in our fragile world today. Trans-disciplinary in engagement and trans-civilizational in its dialogical pathway, the book is a unique contribution to our contemporary scholarship about ethnicity, identity, social creativity, cultural regeneration and planetary realizations.



ANANTA KUMAR GIRI (editor)

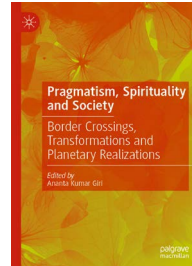
Pragmatism, Spirituality and Society

New Pathways of Consciousness, Freedom and Solidarity

Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore

2021

This book explores the dynamics of interaction between pragmatism and spirituality in the constitution and working of consciousness, freedom and solidarity. This book is cross-cultural and transdisciplinary in nature and brings critical and transformative perspectives from different philosophical and spiritual traditions of the world. It discusses the works of seminal thinkers such as William James, Rudolf Steiner, John Dewey, Swami Vivekananda, Martin Heidegger, Claude Levi-Strauss, Jordan Peterson, Slavos Zizek, Paul Valeri and O. V. Vijayan. It also explores dialogues between pragmatism and other philosophical and intellectual traditions such as Semiotics, Saiva Siddhanta, Vedanta, Trika Shaivism and Tantra. It explores themes such as pragmatism and belief, evolution of consciousness and happiness, spiritual pragmatism and economics of solidarity, value levels democracy, the performative as an aspect of spirituality and transformation of political theology from Kingdom of God to Gardens of God.



ANANTA KUMAR GIRI (editor)

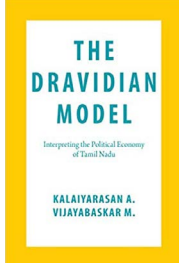
Pragmatism, Spirituality and Society

Border Crossings, Transformations and Planetary Realizations

Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore

2021

This book explores border crossing among pragmatism, spirituality and society. It opens up American pragmatism to dialogues with pragmatism and spiritual quest from other traditions such as India and China, thus making contemporary pragmatism a part of much needed planetary conversations. It cultivates new visions and practices of spiritual pragmatism building upon the seminal works of Charles Sanders Pierce, William James, Sri Aurobindo, John Dewey, Martin Heidegger, Mahatma Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar, Ludwig Wittgenstein and Luce Irigaray which can help us rethink and transform conventional conceptions and constructions of practice, pragmatism, language, religion, politics, society, culture and democracy and create new relationships of pragmatism, spirituality and society.

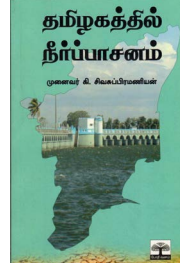


KALAIYARASAN A. VIJAYABASKAR M.

The Dravidian Model

Interpreting the Political Economy of Tamil Nadu
Cambridge University Press, UK
2021

The Dravidian Model: Interpreting the Political Economy of Tamil Nadu maps the politics and processes contributing to the distinct developmental trajectory of Tamil Nadu. Kalaiyarasan and Vijayabaskar use a novel interpretive framework and draw upon fresh data and literature to explain the social and economic development of the state in terms of populist mobilisation against caste-based inequalities. Dominant policy narratives on inclusive growth assume a sequential logic, whereby returns to growth are used to invest in socially inclusive policies. Tamil Nadu's focus, on redistributing access to opportunities in the modern economy, has sustained a relatively more inclusive and dynamic growth process. Democratisation of economic opportunities has made such broad-based growth possible; interventions in social sectors reinforce the democratisation. The book adds to the literature on dynamics of regional development in the global South. It also speaks to the nascent literature on the relationship between modernisation and status-based inequalities in the global South.



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Thamilagaththil Neerppaasanam (Irrigation in Tamil Nadu)

Bodhivanam Publications, Chennai
March 2021

தமிழகத்தில் நீர்ப்பாசனம் என்ற தலைப்பிலான இந்நதப் புத்தகம் (மறுபதிப்பு) சென்னை வளர்ச்சி ஆராய்ச்சி நிறுவனத்தின் பொன்விழா ஆண்டு நினைவாக வெளியிடப்பட்டுள்ளது. இப்புத்தகம், மழைநீர் சேகரிப்பு (10 கட்டுரைகள்); கால்வாய் பாசனம் (5); ஏரிப்பாசனம் (11); கிணற்றுப் பாசனம் மற்றும் வேளாண்மை (7); வானொலி ஓளிபரப்பு கட்டுரைகள் (4), ஆக மொத்தம் 37 கட்டுரைகளின் தொகுப்பாகும். இக்கட்டுரைகள் அனைத்தும் நூலாசிரியரின் 40 ஆண்டுகால வேளாண்மையின் நேரடி மற்றும் ஆராய்ச்சி அனுபவ அடிப்படையில் எழுதப்பட்டவையாகும். இக்கட்டுரைகள் மூலம் தமிழகத்தின் வேளாண்மை நிலை, மூன்று வகையான நீர்ப்பாசனங்களின் தற்போதைய நிலை, வேளாண்மையின் உற்பத்தித்திறன் போன்ற பல்வேறு விசயங்களை அறிந்துகொள்ள முடியும். தமிழகத்தில் குறிப்பாக ஏரிப்பாசனத்தை மேம்படுத்துவது எப்படி என்பதற்கான ஆராய்ச்சி அடிப்படையிலான மற்றும் அனுபவபூர்வமான முடிவுகளை அரசு தனது கொள்கை முடிவுகளாக இதனை ஏற்று செயல்பட்டால் தமிழக ஏரிப்பாசனம் சிறப்பாக மேண்மையுறும் என்பதனை தெளிவாக இப்புத்தகம் வெளிப்படுத்தியுள்ளது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கதாகும்.

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(with Vikas Kumar and Poonam Singh) Joblessness and Opportunity in Tamil Nadu, *The Hindu*, 9 July 2020.

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A. KALAIYARASAN

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K. SIVASUBRAMANIYAN

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M. UMANATH

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L. VENKATACHALAM

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A. R. VENKATACHALAPATHY

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M. VIJAYABASKAR

(with U. S. Mishra) Stratified Universal: Schooling in India, *The Education Paper*, 13 July 2020.

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11. Academic Activities

Faculty

Papers Presented at Seminars / Conferences / Workshops

KRIPA ANANTHPUR

Covid-19 and its impact on SDGs – What role Local Governments can play?. Covid 19 and Local Governments in Karnataka, Karnataka State Rural Development & Panchayat Raj University, Gadag, ISEC, Bangalore and SIRD, Mysore, 10 June 2020. (Online)

Panel Surveys for Informed Policy Decisions – Tamil Nadu Covid Pulse Survey. Connecting with the data we can Trust, Department of Economics and Statistics, GoTN, Chennai, 20 October 2020.

P. G. BABU

Job Search, Employment and Covid-19. Professor Vedagiri Shanmugasundaram Endowment Lecture, University of Madras, Chennai, 18 February 2021.

SHESADRI BANERJEE

Pre- and Post-COVID-19 Economic Scenario in India. Covid-19: Impact on the Global Economy, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, 14 August 2020.

(with Jibin Jose, RBI; and Radheshyam Verma, RBI) **Financial Shock to Banking Sector and Business Cycle Outcomes in India.** DEPR Study Circle, RBI, Mumbai, 14 September 2020. (Online)

(with Madhusudan Mohanty, BIS) **US Monetary Policy and the Financial Channel of the Exchange Rate: Evidence from India.** Research Meeting, Bank for International Settlements, Basel, Switzerland, 6 November 2020. (Online)

(with Madhusudan Mohanty, BIS) **US Monetary Policy and the Financial Channel of the Exchange Rate: Evidence from India.** Economic Theory and Policy Web Conference, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), New Delhi, 30 March 2021.

KAREN COELHO

Governing Congregation and Collectivity in the Post-Covid City. Cities in the Time of Corona, IIT-Madras and Tel Aviv University, 9 September 2020. (Online)

Affordable Housing: Demand and Supply in the Chennai Metropolitan Area. Urban Housing, State Development Policy Council, Tamil Nadu, 4 November 2020. (Online)

The Politics of Urban Waters . INSEE Lecture Series, Indian Society for Ecological Economics, 16 December 2020. (Online)

ANANTA KUMAR GIRI

Corona Viruses and the Viruses of Aggression and Authoritarianism: With and Beyond Bare Lives and a Greening of Consciousness and Transformation of Socio-Political Institutions. The Socio-Political Dimensions of Covid-19, Lady Keane College, 9 July 2020. (Online)

Socio-Political Scenario on Covid Times: Ethics, Politics and Spirituality and Alternative Post-Covid Futures (Keynote Address). The Socio-Political Dimensions of Covid-19, Lady Keane College, 21 July 2020. (Online)

Writing Post-Pandemic Life Worlds and Living Words: Ethics, Aesthetics and Spirituality and Sadhana and Struggles for New Civilizations and Alternative Planetary Futures. Department of History, Ravenshaw University, 22 July 2020. (Online)

Writing Post-Pandemic Life Worlds and Living Words. Social and Cultural Challenges during COVID-19 Pandemic in Indian Society: Local and Global Concerns, Post-Graduate Department of Social Science, Fakir Mohan University in collaboration with Indian Sociological Society (ISS) and Ethnographic and Folk Culture Society, Balasore, Odisha, 27–29 July 2020.

Inter-religious Dialogue. Science and Spirituality, Lady Keane College, 8 September 2020. (Online)

Rethinking and Transforming the Discourse of Smart Cities and Sustainability. Making Cities Smart and Sustainable (Webinar), Institute of Public Enterprises, Hyderabad, 15–16 September 2020.

With and Beyond the Postcolonial: Critique, Creativity and Transformations and the Calling of Planetary Realizations. Rural Institute of Higher Education (RIHS), Bhogarai, 26 September 2020. (Online)

Rethinking Satyagraha: Travel, Truth and Translation. Central University, Kerala, 29 September 2020.

Science, Religion and Spirituality: Transformations in Self, Society and the World and Alternative Planetary Futures. Department of Philosophy, Rural Institute of Higher Studies (RIHS), Bhograi, Balasore, Odisha, 30 September 2020.

Satyagraha: Satya, Yayra o Anubada [Satyagraha: Truth, Travel and Translation]. Department of Odia, Vishwaneedam Center for Asian Studies in collaboration with Ravenshaw University, 2 October 2020.

Republican Democracy and the Calling of Planetary Realizations: Trans-Religious Dialogues, Multi-topical Hermeneutics and Global Responsibility, Creative Theory Colloquium, 17 October 2020.

Planetary Ethics and Global Ethics. Alternative Perspectives and Global Concerns (APGC), 13 November 2020. (Online)

Vigyan (Science), Atmagyan (Self-Knowledge) and the Calling of Trans-Religious Dialogues and Dialogues Among Civilizations: Covid-19 and a New Hermeneutics of Jai Jagat, Global Responsibility and Planetary Realizations. Center for Rural Management, 14 November 2020.

The Future of Law: Love, Dharma, Responsibility and Alternative Planetary Futures. Mythologenes of Law: Irrational in Law, Kufian Moscow State Law University, 2 December 2020. (Online)

Towards a New Poetics of Law, Justice and Development: Multi-topial Hermeneutics and the Calling of Planetary Realizations. Mythologenes of Law: Irrational in Law, Kufian Moscow State Law University, 4 December 2020. (Online)

Lokavidyara Srujana o Swapna: Bhumisanjukta Gyana, Biswamy Kathopakathna o Jagatika Rupantara. [The Creativity and Dreams of People's Knowledge: The Ground Linked Knowledge, Planetary Conversations and Transformations], Folklore Foundation, 7 February 2021.

Rethinking and Transforming the Epistemic Conditions of Contemporary Research: With and Beyond Epistemologies from the South, Epistemic Responsibility Multi-topial Hermeneutics and the Contemporary Challenges of Planetary Realizations. Contexts of Research: Perspectives in Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Philosophy, Assam University, Silchar, 11 February 2021. (Online)

Rethinking and Transforming Self, Society, Language and State and the Calling of Alternative Planetary Futures: Walking and Meditating with the Social and Political Thought of Sri Aurobindo in a Comparative Global Perspective. The Philosophy and Practice of Sri Aurobindo, Center for Philosophy, JNU and Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Delhi, 23–24 February 2021. (Online)

Towards a New Yoga and Tantra of Self-Development and Social Transformations: New Horizons and Movements of Breathing of Social Healing, Reconciliation and Planetary Realizations. Yoga Speaker Series, University of Guelph, 25 February 2021.

Agonal Spirituality, Swadhyaya and Challenges of Self and Social Transformations. Innovative Spirituality: Revisiting the Life, Philosophy and Teachings of Saints of Modern India, Holistic Science Research Center, Surat, 13 March 2021.

K. JAFAR

Writing and Presenting Data and Results: Selective Reporting and Misrepresentation of Data. Ten-Day Online Workshop in Research Methodology for MPhil, PhD and Postdoctoral Scholars in Social Sciences, MIDS Chennai, 26 February 2021. (Online)

Survey Methods, Tools of Data Analysis, and Reference Tools. Training Programme on Research Methodology, Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai, 24 March 2021.

A. KALAIYARASAN

(Co-presenter) **Perspective on Social Policy.** Union Budget 2019–20: Implications for the Economy, MIDS, Chennai, 9 August 2019.

Framing Academic Question or Data and Methods in Social Science. Academic Writing Workshop for Scheduled Caste MPhil/PhD Scholars, Centre for Dalit and Subaltern Studies, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur and MIDS, Chennai, 26–27 August 2019.

Structural Change in Tamil Nadu, 1980–2010: Limits of Sub-National Development. Faculty Seminar, MIDS, Chennai, 6 September 2019.

C. LAKSHMANAN

Covid19 Pandemic Lock down and Atrocities against the Dalits in Tamil Nadu.

Department Seminar, PG Department of Development Management, Madras School of Social Work, Egmore, Chennai, 22 May 2020. (Online)

Caste Arrogant Killings: The Need for New Law. EWA Jonathan Callaghan Lecture Series, Department of Social Work, Madras Christian College jointly with Anti-Human Trafficking Club, Madras Christian College, Chennai, 29 June 2020. (Online)

AJIT MENON

(with Arun Kumar A.S.) **Industrializing Cuddalore: The State, Private Capital and the Promises of Development.** Coastal Development and Coastal Livelihoods (Part of a series on Coastal Environments in Global Asia), New York University (NYU), Abu Dhabi, 18 March 2020. (Online)

K. SIVASUBRAMANIYAN

Conserving Water for Irrigation. A Two-Day National Level Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Irrigation and Rural Development, Thiru Vi Ka Govt. Arts College. PG and Research Department of Economics, Tiruvarur, 8 July 2020. (Online)

Necessity for Water Conservation. A series on Social Thinking, Prof. GSK's Social Laboratory, Bangalore, 8 August 2020. (Online)

L. VENKATACHALAM

Economic Valuation of Wetland Ecosystem Services and Its Policy Implications.

Workshop on Water Stress and Water Resource Management, State Development and Policy Council, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai, 5 August 2020.

Ecosystem Services of Wetlands and Livelihoods, Virtual Consultation on Science for Resilient Food, Nutrition and Livelihoods: Contemporary Challenges, M S Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai, 7 August 2020.

Participation in Seminars / Conferences / Workshops

S. ANANDHI

(Guest Lecture) **Dravidian Movement and Marriage Reform**. Themes in Political Development of Tamil Nadu, Arakkar TV , Chennai, 8 August 2020. (Online)

(Panel Speaker) **Periyar's Thoughts on Gender Equality and Inclusive Growth**. International Conference on Periyar and Indian Politics, European Periyar –Ambedkar Comrade Federation, 26 September 2020. (Online)

(Guest Lecture) **Caste and Dalit Women's Activism**. Yale-NUS College, Singapore, Prof. Cecilia Van Hollen, Department of Anthropology, 15 January 2021. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Gender and Development in colonial and contemporary times**. Covering gender series, Asian College of Journalism, Chennai, 16 January–10 March 2021. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Caste, Gender and Marriage : Self-respect marriage reform in Tamil Nadu**. Cultural Heritage and Weddings/Marriage in Tamil and Parsi communities in India and the UK, ICHR-AHRC, National Institute of Advance Studies, Bengaluru, 9 February 2021. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Intersectionality : Issues concerning caste, gender and tribal communities**. Ten Days-Research Methodology Workshop, MIDS, Chennai, 22 February 2021. (Online)

(Panelist) **Rethinking Social Justice – Introducing the Book and its contents**, Dravidian Movement and Rethinking Social Justice, Dravidian Professional Forum, Chennai, 17 March 2021. (Online)

KRIPA ANANTHPUR

(Moderator and discussant with Dr. Meenakshi Sundaram) **Role of PRIs in times of Crisis - opportunities and challenges with decentralization**, Charcha 2020, Rural Development Fireside chat, The Nudge, Centre for Rural Development, 15 May 2020. (Online)

(Invited Participant and discussant) **Challenges of dealing with the pandemic – A woman's perspective**, Global women's experience of Covid 19, Gihan Abou Zeid, Independent Gender Consultant, 16 May 2020. (Online)

(Lecture) **The Anatomy of Failure – An Ethnography of a Randomized Trial to Deepen Democracy in Rural India**. Development Policy in Practice, Azim Premji University, Bengalur, 2 December 2020. (Online)

(Presenter) **TNHPS – Pre-Baseline survey results – Presentation** . Presentation to the GOTN – ACS, Finance and ACS, P&D, MIDS, Chennai, 10–11 December 2020. (Online)

(Invited Participant and speaker) **Rural livelihoods programs: Lessons from the past as a guide to the future- A qualitative study in Tamil Nadu.** WB Regional review of rural Livelihoods Programmes, The World Bank, New Delhi, 15 December 2020. (Online)

(Presenter) **TNCPS Wave 2 presentation of preliminary results.** Presentation to the GoTN – ACS, Finance and ACS, P&D, MIDS, Chennai, 29 January 2021. (Online)

(3 Lectures) **Mixed Methodology, Data Processing, Field Notes, Coding and Analysis and Digital Data Collection.** Ten-Day Online Workshop on Research Methodology for MPhil, PhD and Postdoctoral Scholars in Social Sciences, MIDS, Chennai, 23 February 2021. (Online)

(Presenter) **TNCPS Wave 3 presentation of preliminary results.** Presentation to the GoTN – ACS, Finance and ACS, P&D, MIDS, Chennai, 25 March 2021. (Online)

P. G. BABU

(Panelist) **Will the NEP 2020 be helpful in promoting Research and Development Culture in India?** INDCON 2020-21 Industry Academia Conclave, IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mumbai, 18–20 January 2021.

(Discussant) **New Foundations of Law and Economics: Equilibrium, Fairness and the (behavioral) sense of Justice,** International Economic Association Round Table on Law and Economic Development, International Economic Association, Delhi, 21–23 January 2021.

(Inaugural Keynote Address) **Application of Game Theory.** ARTH Intercollegiate 2021, M.O.P. Vaishnav College, Chennai, 30 January 2021.

(Inaugural Address) **Union Budget 2021-22.** National Seminar on Union Budget 2021-22, MIDS, Chennai, 11 February 2021.

(Inaugural Address) **Methodology: Finding the Middle Ground.** ICSSR-MIDS Ten Day Workshop on Research Methodology for Scholars in Social Sciences, MIDS, Chennai, 15–26 February 2021.

(Invited Speaker) **Augmenting State Finances: The Past and the Future,** The Augmentation of State Financial Resources, State Development Planning Council, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai, 15 June 2020.

(Invited Participant) **Mid-Term Meeting and Convocation,** Erasmus Plus European Law and Economics Program, University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany, 11–12 February 2021.

SHESADRI BANERJEE

(Discussant) **Measuring Trend Inflation in India.** Measuring Trend Inflation in India authored by Harendra Behera and Michael D. Patra, DEPR Study Circle, RBI, Mumbai, 24 November 2020. (Online)

KAREN COELHO

(Panellist) **Urban Spatial Restructuring and Women's Work**, Panel on Gender, migration and work, in the series: Gender and the Changing World of Work, Prajnya and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Prajnya and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 30 September 2020. (Online)

(Panelist) **Implications of the Draft EIA notification 2020 for Urban Environmental Governance in India**, Discussion on the Draft EIA Notification 2020, Center for Development Studies, Trivandrum, 23 October 2020. (Online)

(Guest Lecturer) **Urban Transformations in India**. Foundation Course TISS-BALM, Banyan Academy of Leadership in Mental Health, 25 November 2020. (Online)

(Expert Participant) Focus Group Discussion for the project CoUP: Connecting the Urban and Peri-urban, Anglia Ruskin University, UK, 2 December 2020. (Online)

(Panelist) **Gaps and Challenges in TN's Housing Policy**, TN's Housing Policy, Consumer and Civic Action Group, MIDS, and IRCDUC, 3 December 2020. (Online)

(Invited Lecture) **Slum Evictions and Resettlement in Chennai**, Lecture Series of the Blue Club Media Fellowship, 11 February 2021. (Online)

(2 Lectures) **Research Methodology Workshop**, MIDS, 26 February 2021. (Online)

(Moderator) **The Writing and Publishing Game: Demystifying Academic Writing**, Writing Urban India Fellowship, 13 March 2021. (Online)

ANANTA KUMAR GIRI

(Lecture) **Confucianism, Vedanta and Social Theorizing: Cultivating Planetary Conversations**. 2nd Refresher Course, HRDC, JNU, New Delhi, 13 October 2020.

(Lecture) **Reflections on presentations on the book Sopana Pare Sopana (Steps after Steps) by Chitta Ranjan Das**. Sopana Pare Sopana: Prema, Prasna or Setura Alingana o Atikramana (Steps After Steps: The Embrace and Transcendence of Love, Questions and Bridges, 12–13 November 2020.

(Lecture) **Social Movements, A New Jeevanartha and the Calling of Planetary Realizations**. Refresher Course in Forecasting Social Unrest, North Eastern Hill University, 18 March 2021.

K. JAFAR

(Panelist) **Mitigating the Socio-Economic Impact of Pandemic: An Islamic Finance Alternative**. Academy of Excellence, Kerala State Higher Education Council, and Amal College of Advanced Studies Nilambur, 23–24 September 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Introduction to Academic Research and Ethics**. Research training-workshop, ActionAid, Chennai, 9 February 2021.

A. KALAIYARASAN

(Invited Special lecture) **Does Capital fight Caste?**. In Confronting Caste series, Kings College London, London, 12 November 2020.

(Invited Special lecture) **The Dravidian Model: Interpreting Political Economy of Tamil Nadu**. Brown University, 3 December 2020.

(Invited Special lecture) **The Fate Indian Federalism**. Federalism and Indian Democracy, Columbia University, 11 December 2020.

C. LAKSHMANAN

(Resource Person) **Theoretical Framework/Perspectives for Social Science Research**. Research Methodology in Social Sciences: An Online workshop for the academics, researchers, students and industry professionals of all disciplines in social sciences, Hindustan Institute of Technology & Science (Deemed to be University), School of Liberal Arts and Applied Sciences, Chennai, 7 May 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Refreshers Course in Political Science and Public Administration**. Babasaheb Ambedkar's Constitutional Secularism: Issues and Challenges in Contemporary Politic, UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Osmania University, Hyderabad, 10 October 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Interpretation of Data and Statistical Values**. 10 days Workshop on Research Methodology and Data Analysis, Department of International Business, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi, 25 February 2021.

(Keynote Speaker) **Constitution of India and Women's Rights: An Agenda for Gender Politics**. International Women's Day Celebration Programme Centre for Women's Studies (UGC Funded), Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai, 10 March 2021. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Dr. B R Ambedkar's Contributions to Social Science**. Buds Talk 2021 Nobel Peace Prize Lecture, Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University in association with Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Trichy, 30 March 2021. (Online)

AJIT MENON

(Discussant) **Session on Cheap Oceans: Commodification, Accumulation and Dispossession Along the Last Frontier**. The Third Biennial Conference of the Political Ecology Network (POLLEN), 22-25 September 2020. (Online)

(Discussant/Moderator), **Book Discussion on Ground Down by Growth** by Shah et al. 2018. Dalit Intellectual Collective Book Review Series, Dalit Intellectual Collective, 21 November 2020. (Online)

(Invited Speaker) **Conservation Landscapes and the Politics of Belonging in the Tamil Nadu Western Ghats**. Part of Tetso College (Nagaland) Webinar Series, Tetso College, Dimapur, Nagaland, 25 November 2020. (Online)

(Invited Speaker) **Politics of Sustainable Development.** Sustainable Development, St. Cyril's College, Adoor, Kerala, 10 February 2021. (Online)

(Lecture) **Critical Reading and Review.** Ten-Day Online Workshop in Research Methodology for MPhil, PhD and Postdoctoral Scholars in Social Sciences, MIDS, 16 February 2021. (Online)

K. SIVASUBRAMANIYAN

(Resource Person) **Consumer Pyramids Household Survey,** CMIE Mumbai, 4 September 2020. (Online)

(Participant) **Women in the Informal Sector Work: A Case Study of Paid Domestic Workers in Chennai Urban Slum.** Viva Presentation, PhD Viva-voce, MIDS, Chennai, 1 October 2020. (Online)

(Participant) **Politics and Dynamics of Environment and Development: The Political Ecology of a Proposed Ultra Mega Power Project in Tamil Nadu.** Viva Presentation, PhD Viva-voce, MIDS, Chennai, 7 October 2020. (Online)

(Chief Guest) **Nutrition Guarantee – Awareness Programme,** DHAN Foundation, Tiruvallur, Karakambakkam, 4 February 2021.

(Participant) Budget 2021, IEG, Delhi, 8 February 2021. (Online)

M. UMANATH

(Resource Person) **Resource Economics,** Guest lecture series, Kumaraguru Institute of Agriculture, Erode, 16 December 2020.

(Resource Person) **Quantitative Analysis–I: Statistical Inference, Hypothesis Testing, Types of Data, Summary Statistics,** Ten-Day Research Methodology Workshop for MPhil/Ph.D./PDF Scholars in Social Sciences, MIDS, Chennai, 18 February 2021.

L. VENKATACHALAM

(Resource Person) **The New Normal Economy in COVID-19 Era.** COVID-19 and Its Impact on Indian Economy, Department of Economics, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore, 21 May 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Art of Publishing in Reputed Journals.** COVID-19 and Its Impact on Indian Economy, Department of Economics and Rural Development, Alagappa University, Karakudi, 26 May 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Behavioural Changes in the Post Covid-19 Era.** COVID-19 and Its Impact on Indian Economy, Social Transformation Centre, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, 28 May 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **The New Normal Economy after COVID-19 Crisis**, COVID-19 and Its Impact on Indian Economy, Department of Economics, Kandaswami Kandar's College, P. Velur, 29 May 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **The New Normal Economy after COVID19 Crisis**, COVID-19 and Its Impact on Indian Economy, Department of Economics, St. Berchmans College, Changanaserry, Kerala, 30 May 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **The Environment Sector after COVID-19 Crisis**, COVID-19 and Its Impact on Indian Economy, Department of Economics, Periyar University, 3 June 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Insights from Behavioral Economics to deal with COVID19 Crisis**, COVID-19 and Its Impact on Indian Economy, Department of Economics, Holy Cross College, Trichy, 8 June 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Managing Water through Institutional Arrangement**, COVID-19 and Its Impact on Indian Economy, Department of Economics, Government Arts College, Coimbatore, 18 June 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Environmental Reforms in the Post-COVID-19 Era**, COVID-19 and Its Impact on Indian Economy, Department of Economics, Gurunanak College, 26 June 2020.

(Resource Person) **Agricultural Sustainability in the post-COVID-19 Era**, Indian Economy, Bharathiyar University College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore, 13 July 2020.

(Resource Person) **Agricultural and Environmental Reforms in the New Normal Economy**, COVID-19 Impact on the Indian Economy, Tyagbir Hem Baruah College, Jamugurihat, Assam, 28 July 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Agriculture and Environmental Reforms in India after COVID-19 Crisis**, COVID-19 and Its Impact on the Indian Economy, Indian Economic Association and SIVET College, Chennai, 1 August 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Environmental Accounting**, Post-Graduate Programme in Environmental Management, DHAN Foundation, Madurai, 6 August 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **The New Normal Economy**, Guest Lecture Series, Department of Economics, CUTN, Thiruvarur, 13 August 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **The New Normal Economy in the Post COVID-19 period**, Guest Lecture Series, Shankar IAS Academy, Chennai, 16 August 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Behavioural Changes in the post COVID-19 era**, Guest Lecture Series, Govt. Arts and Science College, Ambalapuzha, Kerala, 22 August 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Valuation of Ecosystem Services and Wetland Management**. Training Programme for the Forest Officials, Department of Forests, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai, 24 August 2020. (Online)

(Guest Lecture) **Behavioural Economics**, Guest Lecture Series, Department of Economics, Madras Christian College, Chennai, 3 October 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Role of Coastal Wetlands in Enhancing Livelihoods**, Food Security among Fishermen, Dr. MGR Fisheries College and Research Institute, Ponneri, 8 October 2020. (Online)

(Inaugural Address) **Role of Behavioral Economics in the New Normal Economy**, Economic Association Inaugural Event, Department of Economics, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, 7 November 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Sustainable Development Goal 6: Achieving Clean Water and Sanitation—Challenges and the Way-forward**, Refresher Course on SDGs, Human Resource Development Centre, University of Madras, Chennai, 3 December 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Behavioural Economics for Indian Economy**, Refresher Course on Indian Economy—Current Challenges and the Way-forward, Department of Economics, University of Madras, Chennai, 4 December 2020. (Online)

(Resource person) **Economics and Psychology**, Refresher Course on Cognitive Economics, Department of Economics, Bharathiar University Coimbatore, 31 December 2020. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Economics and Psychology**. Refresher Course on Cognitive Economics, Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, 3 January 2021. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Cognitive Economics: An Introduction**, Refresher Course on Cognitive Economics, Department of Management and HRDC, Kannanoor University, Kerala, 20 January 2021. (Online)

(Resource Person) **Review of Literature**, Research Methodology Workshop, Department of Sociology and HRDC, University of Madras, Chennai, 27 January 2021. (Online)

(Inaugural Address) **Fundamentals of Behavioural Economics**, Guest Lecture Series on Behavioral Economics and Data Sciences, Sree Narayana College for Women, Kollam, 8 February 2021. (Online)

(Resource Person) **MDG Goal 6: Opportunities and Challenges**, Youth Empowerment and Sustainable Development Goals, Department of Environmental Science, Central University of Kerala, Kasargod, 12 February 2021. (Online)

(Resource person) **Research Design**, Ten-Day Workshop in Research Methodology for MPhil, PhD and Postdoctoral Scholars in Social Sciences, MIDS, Chennai, 16 February 2021. (Online)

(Resource person) **Questionnaire Design**, Ten-Day Workshop in Research Methodology for MPhil, PhD and Postdoctoral Scholars in Social Sciences, MIDS, Chennai, 19 February 2021. (Online)

(Resource person) **Design and Structure of Paper, Report and Book**, Ten-Day Online Workshop in Research Methodology for MPhil, PhD and Postdoctoral Scholars in Social Sciences, MIDS, Chennai, 26 February 2021. (Online)

A. R. VENKATACHALAPATHY

(Special Lecture) **Academic Writing**. UGC Stride Component, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, 26 June 2020. (Online)

(Special Lecture) **Bharati, the Poet of Indian National**. Subramania Bharati Centenary Lecture Series, Department of Tamil, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, 11 December 2020. (Online)

(Special Lecture) **Bharati Studies: The Way Forward**. Bharati Centennial Lecture Series, Department of Tamil, Peradeniya University, Sri Lanka, 16 January 2021. (Online)

(Lecture) **Archival Data Collection**. Ten-Day Online Workshop in Research Methodology for MPhil, PhD and Postdoctoral Scholars in Social Sciences, MIDS, 24 February 2021. (Online)

(Endowment Lecture) **Madhavia's Daughter: The Lives of Women in the Early Twentieth Century**. Annual Endowment Lecture, International Women's Association, 17 March 2021. (Online)

M. VIJAYABASKAR

(Panelist) **Edhai Nokki Selgiradhu Indhiya Poruladharam**, SRV Schools Tiruchirapalli, 10 July 2020. (Online)

(Panelist) **Inclusive Education: Emerging Concerns**, Department of Management Studies, The American College, 15 July 2020. (Online)

(Panelist) **Some Considerations for a Migration Policy**, Migration Policy – during Pandemic & beyond, UNICEF, 06 August 2020. (Online)

(Invited Speaker) **Pulam Peyar Thozhilalargalum Arasu Kolgaigalum**, AIDWA, 13 August 2020. (Online)

(Chair) **Panel on Social Science**, 13th Doctoral Thesis Conference, IBS Hyderabad and IGIDR, Mumbai, 10 October 2020. (Online)

(Invited Speaker) **Dimensions of Inequality in Tamil Nadu: Overview and Possible Interventions**, Access and equity: Economic resource ownership – property rights, wages & inheritance laws, State Development Policy Council, GoTN, 14 October 2020. (Online)

(Invited Speaker) **Structural Transformation in India: Policies and Constraints**, Coaching Classes for IAS Aspirants, All India Civil Services Coaching Centre, Chennai, Anna Institute of Management.GoTN, 20 October 2020. (Online)

(with A. Kalaiyaran) (Invited Speaker) **The Dravidian Model: Interpreting the Political Economy of Tamil Nadu**, Book Adda— The Dravidian Model: Interpreting the Political Economy of Tamil Nadu, Brown University, USA, 03 December 2020. (Online)

(Invited Lecture) **Structural Transformation in India: Sectoral Policies and Issues**, Madras University Refresher, University of Madras, 09 December 2020. (Online)

(Invited Lecture) **Inter-Disciplinarity: Relevance and Challenges**, Research Methodology Workshop, MIDS, 16 February 2021. (Online)

(with A. Kalaiyaran) (Invited Speaker) **The Dravidian Model: Interpreting the Political Economy of Tamil Nadu**, Book Discussion, King's Institute, University College London, 05 March 2021. (Online)

Other Academic Activities / Administration / Achievements

S. ANANDHI

Member, Doctoral Committee: Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras (5 students); Centre for Women's Studies and Department of Economics, University of Madras (1 student).

Member, Board of Studies and Member of Curriculum Committee – Centre for Women's Studies, RGYNID, Sriperumpudur.

Member, Board of Studies, Women's Studies Centre, Ethiraj College, Chennai.

Member, Examination Committee of a PhD Candidate at IIT, Madras.

Member, Evaluation Committee of applicants and proposals for Faculty Selection National Institute of Advanced Studies.

Advisory Member for project on Pandemic and Precarity, Michigan State University, USA.

Advisory Board Member, Centre for Women's Development and Research, Chennai.

Member, Board of Studies, Women's Studies, Centre for Women's Studies, Alagappa University, Karaikudi.

Refereed an article for the Journal *Social Identities: Journal of the Study of Race, Nation and Culture*.

Refereed an article for the Journal *Asian Journal of Social Science*.

Refereed an article for the Journal *Hypatia*.

Refereed an article for *Journal of Women's History*.

Refereed an article for the *Journal Sociological Bulletin*.

Reviewed a Manuscript for Oxford University Press.

Reviewed a Book proposal for Routledge Publishers.

Evaluated a PhD thesis for Centre for Women's Studies, JNU, New Delhi.

Evaluated a PhD Thesis for Centre for Community Health and Medicines, SSS, JNU, New Delhi.

Viva voce examiner for a Thesis at the Centre for Community Health and Medicines, JNU, New Delhi. (28th December 2020).

Conducted Viva Voce Examination at the Department of Media Sciences, Anna University, Chennai (17th July 2020).

Associate Editor, *Review of Development and Change*.

PhD guide: MIDS (1 student).

Member, Councils & Committees at MIDS: Academic Council; Library Committee (Chair).

KRIPA ANANTHPUR

Conducted 3 qualitative research training for resource persons from SIRD, Mysore and students from RDPR university, October 2020.

Member of Board of Studies in Agri-Business Management, University of Mysore

Member, Doctoral Committee: IIT Madras (1 student); Stella Maris College, Chennai (1 student); MIDS (2 students).

Refereed a paper for the journal: *World Development* (17 December 2020).

External reviewer for an Azim Premji University research proposal (12 January 2021).

PhD guide: MIDS (1 student).

Member, Councils & Committees at MIDS: Academic Council; PhD Committee.

P. G. BABU

Member, Board of Governors, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi.

Chairman's Nominee to the Senate, IIT Bombay.

Chief Justice of India's Nominee to the Academic Council, Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai.

Member, Covid-19 High Level Committee to advise on the medium term response headed by Dr. C. Rangarajan, Government of Tamil Nadu, May to September, 2020

Subject Expert, Board of Studies: Department of Economics, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur.

Nominated to the Standing Committee, Faculty of Arts, Annamalai University as External Member, Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram.

Member, Technical Committee, Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program, Tamil Nadu Operations Research Program.

Member, Executive Committee, Tamil Nadu Rural Transformation Project, Government of Tamil Nadu.

Member, Executive Committee, Tamil Nadu Council for Science and Technology, Government of Tamil Nadu.

Faculty Recruitment Committee, IISER Bhopal, CSSS Kolkata and Shiv Nadar University Delhi.

Ph. D. Thesis examiner: National Law School of India University, Bengaluru.

Editor-in-Chief, *Review of Development and Change* published half-yearly by Sage Publishers and Managing Editor, *Journal of Quantitative Economics* (journal of The Indian Econometric Society) published quarterly by Springer Nature.

PhD guide: IGIDR, Mumbai (1 student).

SHESADRI BANERJEE

Refereeing work for the journals namely: *Journal of Quantitative Economics*, *Asian Development Review*, *Economic Modelling*.

Member of the Standing Committee on Centralised Information Management System (CIMS), Reserve Bank of India.

Member of Doctoral Committee of PhD Scholars at IIT Madras.

Coordinator, MIDS PhD Programme Committee.

Member, Councils & Committees at MIDS: Academic Council; Library Committee.

KAREN COELHO

Refereed articles for: *Review of Urban Affairs*; *Economic and Political Weekly*; *Geoforum*; *Urban Studies Journal*; *International Journal of Housing Policy*.

Served as external examiner for: Raquel De Silva, TU Delft University, Netherlands.

Serving as International Corresponding Editor, *Urban Studies*.

Member of International Scientific Advisory Panel for the project Revitalising Informal Settlements and their Environments (RISE), Monash University, Melbourne, funded by Wellcome Trust and ADB.

Member of Editorial Advisory Committee, *Review of Urban Affairs (RUA), Economic and Political Weekly*.

Member of Advisory Committee, Research Unit on Local Self Government, Center for Development Studies, Trivandrum, Kerala.

Founding Member of "Writing Urban India", a fellowship program supporting writing on urban issues in India, supported by Urban Studies Foundation.

Co-organised an online webinar on TN's Housing Policy in Chennai with Consumer and Civic Action Group and IRCUDUC, 3 December 2020.

Edited a special issue of the journal *Urbanisation*, on the theme of 'Boundaries and Contestations in the Indian Urban'.

PhD guide: MIDS (2 students).

Member, Doctoral Committee: MIDS (5 students); TISS, Mumbai (1 student).

Member, Councils & Committees at MIDS: Academic Council; (Chair) Internal Complaints Committee; Research Advisory committee.

ANANTA KUMAR GIRI

Reviewed a PhD thesis of Mr. Ajit Manger on Traditional Folk Music Instruments, Department of Sociology, Sikkim University, Gangtok and also conducted the Viva Voce Examination. (Online)

K. JAFAR

(Coordinator) National Seminar on 'Union Budget 2021–22', MIDS, Chennai, 11 February 2021.

(Co-Course Director) Ten-Day Online Workshop in Research Methodology for MPhil, PhD and Postdoctoral Scholars in Social Sciences' organised by Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai during 15–26 February 2021.

Lecture delivered: Advanced Social Sciences (3), Advanced Macroeconomics (1), Research and Publication Ethics (4)

Refereed 1 article for *Asian Journal of Social Science*.

Taught 'Indian Economic Development' course for MA students at MSE, Chennai.

Doctoral Committee Member: MIDS (2) ; MSE (1); IIT (1).

Associate Editor, *Review of Development and Change*.

Member, Councils & Committees at MIDS: PhD Committee; Publication and Editorial Committee.

C. LAKSHMANAN

University of Nominee to the Syllabus Committee, Department of History, Loyola College.

Doctoral Committee Member at Department of Humanities and Social Science, IIT Madras.

Doctoral Committee Member, Department of History, Bharathidasan University, Trichy.

Ph.D. thesis evaluated in September 2020 and Online Viva Voce Examination was conducted online for Mr. G. Dharmarajan, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

On February 2021, Ph.D. Viva Voce Examination was conducted for Mr. V. Arjunan, Department of Political Science, Presidency College, University of Madras, Chennai.

PhD Co-Supervisor: MIDS (2 students).

AJIT MENON

Project Director, *Rupture, Gendered Adaptation and the Social Economy of Indian Ocean Fisheries*, Social Science Research Council (SSRC), U.S.

Thesis examiner: NIAS (1 student) and conducted a PhD viva.

Conducted a PhD viva at CDS, Kerala.

Refereed two articles for *Journal of South Asian Studies*.

Refereed one article for *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*.

Refereed one article for *Frontiers in Human Dynamics*.

Refereed one article for *Ecology and Society*.

Refereed one article for *Oxford Development Studies*.

Refereed one article for *Marine Policy*.

Managing Editor, *Review of Development and Change*.

Editor, *Conservation and Society*.

Associate Editor, *Journal Maritime Studies*.

PhD guide: MIDS (5 students), Other institutions (2 students).

Member, Doctoral Committee: Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (3 students), IIT Madras (3), Stella Maris College, Chennai (1), TISS Mumbai (1) and MIDS (6).

Member, Councils & Committees at MIDS: Academic Council; Library Committee (Chair).

K. SIVASUBRAMANIYAN

PhD guide, MIDS (3 students); Anna University (3 students).

Member, Councils & Committees at MIDS: Academic Council; Faculty Seminar Committee (Coordinator).

M. UMANATH

Reviewed 3 research papers for journals and working papers .

Member, Councils & Committees at MIDS: Research Advisory Committee; Research Ethics Committee.

L. VENKATACHALAM

Member, Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority, 2018-2021.

Member, Expert Committee on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS), National Biodiversity Authority, 2018 -2020.

External Examiner to conduct Viva-Voce Examination for Mr. Parvaze Ahmad Kira, A PhD student at Department of Economics, University of Madras, 3rd August, 2020.

External Examiner to conduct Viva-Voce Examination for Mr. Mani, a PhD student at Department of Economics, University of Madras, 22 June, 2020.

External Examiner to conduct Viva-Voce Examination for Ms. Maya, a PhD student at Department of Econometrics, University of Madras, 1st October, 2020

External Examiner to conduct Viva-Voce Examination for Ms. Sarada Gopalakrishnan, a PhD student at Department of Economics, University of Madras, 5th October, 2020.

External Examiner to conduct Viva-Voce Examination for Mr. A. Solaimalai, a PhD student at Department of Economics, A. M. Jain College, Chennai, 7th October, 2020.

Member, Board of Studies (Economics), Tamil Nadu Open University, 2020-2023.

Member, Board of Studies, Department of Economics, Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore.

Member, Board of Studies, MBA Programme in Disaster Management, Department of Disaster Management, Alagappa University, Karaikudi 2018-2020.

Member, Board of Studies, Department of Economics and Rural Development, Alagappa University, from November 2017 - 2020.

Member, Board of Studies, Department of Economics, Stella Maris College, 2019 -2020

Member, Board of Studies, Department of Economics, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, 2020 -2023.

Member, Board of Studies, Department of Economics, Lady Doak College, Madurai -2018 -2020.

Member, Doctoral Committee: MIDS (3 students); University of Madras (3 students); Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvallur (3 students); NIIT, Trichy (2 students); MSE, Chennai (1 student); HSS, IITM (1 student); Indian Maritime University, Chennai (1 student).

Member, Programme Advisory Committee, Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust, Chennai, 2017-18.

Member, Sweden-India Alumni Network on Water (2019–).

Evaluated Two Research Reports for Dr. APJ Abdula Kalam Centre for Policy Research, IIM, Shillong.

Reviewed a Working Paper manuscript for ISEC, 20th July, 2020.

Reviewed a Working Paper manuscript for ISEC, 11th August, 2020.

Reviewed a Working Paper manuscript for ISEC, 14th September, 2020.

Reviewed a Research Paper for the Journal of Asia-Pacific Economy, 14th November, 2020

Reviewed a Research Paper for the journal of Urban Studies, 15th November, 2020.

Reviewed a Research Paper for the Journal of Marine and Freshwater Research, 20th February, 2021.

Guided EIGHT interns (at Undergraduate Level) from Stella Maris College (March –July, 2020)

Guided SIX interns (at Postgraduate Level) from Stella Maris College (March –September, 2020).

Course Director, Online Research Methodology Workshop 2021 at MIDS (with Dr. K. Jafar) from 15th February to 26th February, 2021.

Coordinated the Online National Seminar on Union Budget 2021-22 at MIDS (with Dr. K. Jafar), 11th February, 2021.

Managing Editor, *Review of Development and Change*.

PhD guide: MIDS (5 students).

Member, Councils & Committees at MIDS: Governing Council; Finance Committee and Executive Council; Academic Council; PhD Committee; Research Advisory Committee; Publication and Editorial Committee; Investment Committee; IT Infrastructure Committee.

A. R. VENKATACHALAPATHY

Editing the manuscript for publication of S. Neelakantan, *Navasevviyal Poruliyal* (An Introduction to Neo-Classical Economics).

Editing the revised edition of Thomas Trautmann, *Dravida Chandru* (Tamil Translation of Nations and Languages, University of California Press, 2006).

Editorial work for the forthcoming publication of Malcolm Adiseshiah's collected essays in Tamil, *India Porulaathaaram: Varalaru Kaatum Vazhigal*.

Acted as referee for Cambridge University Press, and *South Asian History and Culture*.

PhD guide: MIDS (3 students).

M. VIJAYABASKAR

Refereed a paper for the MIDS Journal, *Review of Development and Change*.

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Oxford Development Studies*.

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *South Asia Multi-Disciplinary Academic Journal (SAMAJ)*.

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*.

Core member, *Network for Rural and Agrarian Studies (NRAS)*.

Refereed papers for the CDS and ISEC working paper series, *Economic and Political Weekly* (2 papers), *South Asia Multi-Disciplinary Academic Journal*, *Environment and Planning A*, *Urban Studies*, *Journal of South Asian Development*, *Journal of Public Affairs* and *Indian Economic Review*.

Refereed a Book Proposal for Cambridge University Press.

External Examiner Ph.D thesis for following Universities: Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Symbiosis University, Pune.

Conducted Viva for Ph.D thesis, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Member, Doctoral Committee: MIDS (5 students); IITM, Chennai (4 students); RGNIDYD, Sriperumbudur (1 student).

PhD guide: MIDS (8 students).

Member, Councils & Committees at MIDS: Ph. D. Committee; Infrastructure Committee; Acquisition and Disposition Committee.

Research Scholars

Publications

(with Iti Vyas & Nithin Mani) Jijin, P. **Do financial development drive remittances? Empirical evidence from India**, *Journal of Public Affairs*.

Michael, Andrew. **MGNREGS as a Safety-Net: Reflections in the Context of Economic Crisis and Covid-19**, *Social Action*, 71(April-June), 191-203, 2021.

Michael, Andrew. **MGNREGS and Women Empowerment in Tamil Nadu: Prospects and Challenges amidst the existing Socio-Cultural Reality**, *IAR J Huma Soc Sci.*, 2(2),10-23, 2021.

Gargi Sridharan, **How much time is too much time? – The growing gender gap in time-use and well-being**, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Volume 26 & 27, June 2021.

Amir, Safwan and Mital, I. **The Anatomy of Obesity: Cartman and the Economy of Consumption in South Park**, in *Food Culture Studies in India: Consumption, Representation and Mediation*, SpringerNature, 2021, ISBN 13: 978-9811552533

Papers Presented in Conferences / Workshops

ANDREW MICHAEL S.

Welfare and Social Security Measures for the Transgenders: Issues of Accessibility in Tamil Nadu, Three Days International Webinar on “The Impact of Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization”, P. G. & Research Department of History, C. Abdul Hakeem College, Ranipet, Tamil Nadu from 3-5 June 2021.

Occupational Identity of Women Street Vendors and their Social Life: An Empirical Evidence from the Larger Markets in Chennai, Three Days International Webinar on “The Impact of Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization”, P. G. & Research Department of History, C. Abdul Hakeem College, Ranipet, Tamil Nadu from 3-5 June 2021.

Street Vendors in the Larger Markets: Occupational Difficulties of Women Vendors from Koyambedu and Kothavalchavadi Markets in Chennai, National Webinar, Kamaraj College, Thootukudi, 20 March 2021.

Availability and Accessibility of Government Welfare Measures for the Transgender Community in Tamil Nadu, Ten-Day International Webinar On “Women and Girls in Difficult Situations: Towards A Gendered Social Policy”, Department of Sociology in association with Centre for Women’s Studies, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, 1–10 March 2021.

MGNREGS As A Safety-Net: Reflections in the Context of Economic Crisis and Covid-19, Three-day 47th Kerala Sociological Society Annual conference (Webinar) on “Sociological Insights on the New Normals during Covid-19”, Kerala Sociological Society, 18-20 February 2021.

(Joint Paper) **Challenges Faced by Visually Impaired College Students in their Academic and Social Life during the Covid-19 Pandemic in Tamil Nadu**, Three-day 47th Kerala Sociological Society Annual conference (Webinar) on “Sociological Insights on the New Normals during Covid-19”, Kerala Sociological Society, 18-20 February 2021.

MUHAMMED ASLAM E.S.

Missionary Encounters: Literacy and Print Culture in Colonia Malabar, Department of History, Govt. Brennen College, Thalassery, Kerala, 3 October 2020.

Presentations at MIDS

Date	Scholar	Title
27 August 2020	Mohammed Shafeeque Aliparambil	Institutional Interventions and Transaction Costs in Agriculture: A study of the Weekly Market Programme in Kerala
	Rahul Reghu	The Politics of Tribal Development in Kerala: A Case Study of Kadars
	Brinda G. Krishnan	Interaction of Climate Change and Regional Farming Systems: A Study of Spice Production in the Context of Kerala
	Gargi Sridharan	Measurement of Happiness and Wellbeing at the Household Level: Theoretical and Methodological Issues
	Rituparna Borah	Glocal Assemblages, Ecotourism and the Political Ecology of Majuli
	Andrew Michael	Impact of MGNREGS on Rural Development with Special Reference to Rights-Based Approach in Villupuram District, Tamil Nadu
	Balamurugan. S	Economic Instruments for Environmental Protection: Payment for Ecosystem Services and Water Resource Management
Pema Choden Bhutia	Estimating the Recreational Value of Ecotourism Benefits: Travel Cost Method	
28 August 2020	Titu Mahanta	Institutions, Upgrading and Livelihoods: Study of Small Tea Growers of Assam
	Boddu Srujana	Mobility and Segmentation in Urban Informal Labour Markets: The Case of Hyderabad City
	Saravana Kumar	Constraints to Diffusion of System of Rice Intensification (SRI) technology in Tamil Nadu: An institutional Analysis
	Arun Bharathy. J	Rural Nonfarm Livelihood Diversification Strategy in a Transitional Economy: A Case Study of Tamil Nadu
	Anjaly Baby	Financial Inclusion of Urban Poor: A Study of households in the Urban slums of Chennai
	Safwan Amir	The Muslim Barbers of Malabar: Histories of Contempt and Ethics of Possibilities
	Sankara Pandi	Migration and Urbanisation: Its Impact on People and their Socio-economic Mobility (Tentative)

Date	Scholar	Title
18 March 2021	Brinda G. Krishnan	Supply Chains and Local Ecology
	Gargi Sridharan	Measurement of Happiness and Wellbeing at the Household Level: Theoretical and Methodological Issues
	Anjaly Baby	Financial Inclusion of Urban Poor: A Study of households in the Urban slums of Chennai
	Muhammad Shafeeque	Institutional Interventions and Transaction Costs in Agriculture: A study of the Weekly Market programme in Kerala
	Pema Choden Bhutia	Estimating the Recreational Value of Ecotourism Benefits: Travel Cost Method
	Balamurugan. S	Economic Instruments for Environmental Protection: Payment for Ecosystem Services and Water Resource Management
	Rahul Reghu	The Politics of Tribal Development in Kerala: A Case Study of Kadars
	Rituparna Borah	Glocal Assemblages, Ecotourism and the Political Ecology of Majuli
19 March 2021	Anee Bhattacharyya	Understanding Transgender Space and Everyday Life: An Ethnography in Assam
	Chandrasekar. D	Dalits And Social Capital
	Surabi. G	Contract Farming in Southern India
	Boddu Srujana	Mobility and Segmentation in Urban Informal Labour Markets: The case of Hyderabad city
	Titu Mahanta	Institutions, Upgrading and Livelihoods: Study of Small Tea Growers of Assam
	Jijin. P	Migration and Remittances

12. Visiting Scholars

Affiliates

Scholar	Research Topic	Guide
Sarah Elizabeth Hodges	The making of India: Affordable pharmacy to the world, 1970-present (with particular attention to Tamil Nadu)	S. Anandhi
Nidhi Subramaniyan PhD Student, City & Regional Planning, Cornell University, USA	Planning at the Periphery: Producing the Infrastructure of Growth and Governance in a Secondary City	M. Vijayabaskar
Ieva Zumbyte PhD Student, Department of Sociology, Brown University, USA	Childcare Arrangements in Urban Settlements in India (Doctoral dissertation project)	Karen Coelho

ICSSR Senior Fellows

Scholar	Research Topic	Period
V. Gurumoorthy Former Associate Professor and Head (Sociology), Human Resource Development Department, Rani Anna Government College for Women, Tirunelveli	Sociological Perspective of Agriculture in Tamil Nadu: A Comparative Study between Organic and Chemical Fertiliser- based Farming	23 January 2020 to 22 January 2022
V. Suryanarayan Former Director, Centre for South and South East Asian Studies, University of Madras.	The Other Tamils of Sri Lanka: People of Indian Origin: New Opportunities New Challenges	05 October 2020 to 04 October 2022

13. Events

Workshop

Ten-Day Online Workshop in **Research Methodology for MPhil, PhD and Postdoctoral Scholars in Social Sciences**, 15–26 February 2021 (Online)
(Course Coordinators: Prof. L. Venkatachalam, Dr. K. Jafar)

Speaker	Topic	Date
P. G. Babu	Methodology: Finding the Middle Ground	15 February 2021
Achin Chakraborty	Philosophy of Social Science: Foundations of Positivist and Interpretative Traditions	15 February 2021
M. Vijayabaskar	Interdisciplinary, Multidisciplinary, Transdisciplinary Approaches	16 February 2021
Ajit Menon	Critical Reading and Review	16 February 2021
L. Venkatachalam	Research Design	16 February 2021
Brinda Viswanathan	Understanding Data: Sources, Nature; Census, NSSO, CMIE/ASI and Online Databases	17 February 2021
Sowmya Dhanaraj	SPSS/STATA: Applications–I & II	17 February 2021
M. Umanath	Quantitative Analysis–I: Statist. Inference, Hypothesis Testing, Data Types, Summary Statistics	18 February 2021
B. P. Vani	Quantitative Analysis–II: Statist. Tests, Probability, Bi-variate/ Multivariate, Panel Data Analysis	18 February 2021
Vijayamohan Pillai N.	Quantitative Analysis–III: Time Series Analysis	18 February 2021
L. Venkatachalam	Questionnaire Design	19 February 2021
Hukum Chandra	Survey Methods and Sampling	19 February 2021
Shagun Sabarwal	Experimental Methods: Application of RCTs	19 February 2021

Speaker	Topic	Date
Karen Coelho	Qualitative Research–I: Qualitative and Ethnographic Methods	22 February 2021
Karen Coelho	Qualitative Research–II: Principles, Tools and Techniques	22 February 2021
S. Anandhi	Qualitative Research–III: Intersectionality—Issues Concerning Caste, Gender & Tribal Communities	22 February 2021
Kripa Ananth Pur	Mixed Methods	23 February 2021
Kripa Ananth Pur	Data Processing, Field Notes, Coding and Analysis	23 February 2021
Kripa Ananth Pur & TNHPSurvey Team	Digital Data Collection	23 February 2021
Santanu Pramanik	Quality of Survey Data and Survey Estimates	
Ashok R. Chandran	Ethics in Social Science Research and Publishing	24 February 2021
A. R. Venkatachalapathy	Archival Data Collection	24 February 2021
S. Armstrong	Academic Writing, Editing and Publishing	25 February 2021
Sriram V.	Reference Manager & Citation Styles	25 February 2021
K. Kaliyaperumal and S. Baskaran	Avoiding Plagiarism	25 February 2021
L. Venkatachalam	Design and Structure of Paper, Report and Book	26 February 2021
K. Jafar	Writing and Presenting Data and Results: Selective Reporting and Misrepresentation of Data	26 February 2021
K. M. Shibu	Publishing in Journals: Publication Process; Indexing Databases; Open Access	26 February 2021

14. MIDS Publications

Book

(Reprint) K. Sivasubramaniyan. *Thamizhagathil Neerpasanam* (Irrigation in Tamil Nadu). 2021. Co-published with Bodhivanam Publications.

Journal

Review of Development and Change (Co-published with SAGE Publications)
ISSN 0972-2661; Online ISSN: 2632-055X

- Vol. 25, No. 1, June 2020
- Vol. 25, No. 2, December 2020

Working Papers

- 238 Krishanu Pradhan. *Growth-Maximising Fiscal Rule Targets in India*. April 2020.
- 239 Kalaiyarasan A. *Structural Change in Tamil Nadu, 1980-2010*. September 2020.
- 240 Sujata Patel. *Social Theory Today: Eurocentrism and Decolonial Theory*. December 2020.

Occasional Policy Papers (Online)

- 1 Shesadri Banerjee. *Pre- and Post-Covid-19 Macroeconomic Scenarios for India*. June 2020.
- 2 L. Venkatachalam. *Reforms in the Agriculture Sector During the Post—Covid-19 Era*. June 2020.
- 3 M. Vijayabaskar. *Sustaining Industrial Clusters in Tamil Nadu for Employment Generation: Some Policy Lessons from Tiruppur*. June 2020.
- 4 A. R. Venkatachalapathy. *The Tamil Book-Publishing Industry and the Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic: A Note*. June 2020.
- 5 K. Sivasubramaniyan. *Irrigation in Tamil Nadu: Pre- and Post-Covid-19 Eras*. June 2020.
- 6 Karen Coelho and A. Srivathsan, CEPT University, Ahmedabad. *Affordable Housing in Chennai and Some Notes on Post-Pandemic Prospects*. June 2020.
- 7 S. Anandhi and E. Deepa, Research Scholar, MIDS. *Protecting Livelihood, Health, and Decency of Work: Paid Domestic Workers in the Time of Covid-19*. June 2020.

- 8 K. Jafar and Kalaiyaran A. *Covid-19 and Migration: The Experience of Tamil Nadu*. June 2020.
- 9 P. G. Babu and Chandan Kumar, IGIDR, Mumbai. *Infrastructure Development Post Covid-19: PPP Contracts and Design Issues*. June 2020.
- 10 Kripa Ananthpur. *Role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Dealing with Covid-19 Crisis*. July 2020.
- 11 P. G. Babu, Vikas Kumar, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru and Poonam Singh, NIIIE, Mumbai. *Employment and Covid-19: Trends and Issues in Tamil Nadu*. July 2020.
- 12 Gayathri Balagopal, Independent Researcher, and M. Vijayabaskar. *Covid-19 Pandemic and Social Protection in Tamil Nadu: Need to Strengthen a Life-Cycle Approach*. July 2020.
- 13 C. Veeramani, IGIDR, Mumbai and P. G. Babu. *Why Assemble in Tamil Nadu?: Ideas from Global Trade Trends*. July 2020.
- 14 Krishanu Pradhan. *Measures to Revive Tourism Sector in Tamil Nadu After Covid-19 Pandemic*. July 2020.
- 15 P. G. Babu, A. Ganesh-Kumar, and Chandan Kumar, IGIDR, Mumbai. *Reforms out of Ordinances: Agriculture Markets*. July 2020.
- 16 Umanath Malaiarasan. *Food Security in the Covid-19 Era*. July 2020.
- 17 P. Durairasu, Forest Department, Government of Tamil Nadu and L. Venkatachalam. *Environmental Reforms in Tamil Nadu After Covid-19*. July 2020.
- 18 Ajit Menon and Maarten Bavinck, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. *Covid-19 and Tamil Nadu's Marine Fisheries Sector*. August 2020.

15. Support Services

Administration

The Administration section reported the following activities in 2020–21:

Grants: Corresponding with the funding agencies, ICSSR, and Government of Tamil Nadu; submitting claim towards the sanction and release of Grant; forwarding the grant-in-aid bill and utilisation certificate to ICSSR and Government of Tamil Nadu.

Projects: Assisting the faculty with signing of MOU with funding agencies, forwarding the project proposal, all project-related appointments, submission of grant-in-aid bill and utilisation certificate, and forwarding the unused balance and final report to the funding agencies.

Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah (M&EA) Trust: All correspondence relating to requests for support for research and academic activities, PhD fellowship, Founder's Day Lecture, and other academic programmes.

RBI Chair and other Endowments: All correspondence with RBI relating to Annual Plan, submission of progress report and utilisation statement; assisting the Professor of RBI Chair in official matters; Ford Foundation and Union Planning Commission endowments.

Affiliation: Dealing with Affiliate-related issues, including approval, preparation of academic certificate, and updation of details of Affiliate (joining, academic performance and exit, etc.) in website of Foreigners Regional Registration Officer from time to time.

Appointment of Fellows (ICSSR Senior Fellow, Visiting Professor/Fellow, Post-Doctoral Fellow): Preparing the approval note and issuing appointment letter, forwarding joining report, forwarding six-month report, and submitting of grant-in-aid bill to ICSSR.

PhD programme: Facilitated the PhD programme, by issuing the advertisement for admission; assisting the PhD Committee in admission (shortlisting of candidates, conduct of written test and oral interview, publication of results, issue of admission letters); coordinating with candidates to get their University admission, registration and formation of Research Advisory Committee; conducting biannual seminars; and assisting scholars in submission of synopsis and thesis, getting award communication, etc.

Miscellaneous: Handled service matters of academic and non-academic employees of MIDS, including appointment, promotion, fixation of pay, maintaining the leave, retirement, settlement of terminal benefits, etc. Undertook all campus maintenance work, including civil and electrical; logistics assistance for air-tickets; accommodation booking; transport arrangements; providing tea, snacks, lunch for all meetings; and renewal of insurance for buildings and cars.

Finance

The Finance section reported the following activities in 2020–21:

Sources of Finance: Handled funding from ICSSR, matching grant from Government of Tamil Nadu, Corpus endowed by RBI, Corpus endowed by Planning Commission, Corpus fund of the institute, M&EA Trust (for Fellowship and Founder’s Day Programme), and Other receipts (such as affiliation charges, user charges for the use of auditorium for public affairs events by other agencies).

Accounting: Accounting all receipts and monitoring the proper utilisation of receipts; Payroll for regular staff and project staff; maintaining separate accounts for each funding agency; preparing the detailed financial statement for each account and consolidated financial statement; preparation of budget estimates for ‘Plan’ and ‘Non-Plan’ under Institute’s main accounts for approval by the FC/EC/GC/BOT; preparation of Cash Flow and Funds Flow Statement.

Statutory Compliance: Ensuring statutory compliance, return filing, and remittance are within the due date for PF, ESI, TDS, IT Return, and FCRA.

Projects: Preparing the utilisation statement for the funding agency as per their prescribed format; sending the monthly utilisation statement of project accounts to the Project Director to intimate the funds position and availability of funds under each budget head.

Co-ordination: With academic, non-academic, and project staff; with EC/FC/GC/AC/BOT (meeting detail preparation); with funding agencies; With auditors (Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Local Fund Audit department of Government of Tamil Nadu, and Statutory auditor.)

Investment: Maintaining the investment and ensuring the plough back deposit as per the condition of the endowments. Monitoring the maturity date of the investment to intimate the management to take an appropriate decision.

Information Technology

The IT infrastructure in MIDS consists of state-of-the-art computing facilities with latest hardware, software and supporting equipment.

As of March 2021, the Institute has around 80 Intel-based Desktops, 13 Notebooks, 23 multi-function printers, laser printers, scanners, LCD Projectors and digital display for presentation. The Desktops and notebooks are loaded with Windows 10 / 8.1 / 7 / XP. Office automation package used in MIDS includes Open Office, MS Office 2016, Adobe Readers, Statistical software (SPSS, Stata, Eviews), DTP software (Adobe Creative Cloud for Teams) and Accounting software (Tally ERP), under windows environment.

A Linux based web server is hosted in the campus which works round the clock on all days. A structured Ethernet based Local Area Network and Wi-Fi facilities are configured in the campus. A Linux based library automation server is configured using LIBSYS software. The Institute has two Internet Service Providers for email and internet facilities i.e., 'National Knowledge Network, Government of India' and 'Tata Communications Ltd'. A centralized antivirus EPO server is installed in the campus using McAfee Endpoint Protection Suite to prevent virus threat in our MIDS network.

Development / Maintenance Activities (April 2020 to March 2021)

- Facilitated IT support in organizing major workshops / conferences / meetings and events online during the Pandemic period through Zoom / Google Meet.
- The Institute is using libsys software for library automation, which is very old. So we have taken an attempt to improve it with Koha, a library automation software widely used by other institutions and libraries. The installation and customization of Koha is completed and is ready for data migration and library routine activities customizations.
- The annual subscription and maintenance related to firewall licenses, server room UPS, anti-virus licenses, Tally ERP subscription and Adobe Creative Cloud for Teams license are renewed.

IT Support

- Manages the functioning, maintenance and updates to the web server and the institute's website which works round the clock on all days.
- Manages library automation server and takes back up of library data on a regular basis.
- Manages McAfee EPO Server in the campus, and ascertain the daily updates to the server and clients to prevent virus threat.
- Provides support related to hardware (PC, Laptop, Tab, Printers), software and network troubleshooting (LAAN / Wi-Fi) to faculty, staff and students on a daily basis.
- Provides support related to data processing to the members of the institute.

Library

MIDS Library caters to students, faculty, and the general public. It has 61,402 printed documents and subscribes to 108 journals. The library subscribes to 55 international and 50 Indian periodicals. MIDS Library has added 158 new books in the year 2020-21.

MIDS Library is using LIBSYS software for its in-house operations. J-Stor, Econlit, CMIE-Economic Outlook, PROWESS IQ, EPWRFIT, and India stat Databases are available in the library

to enrich the knowledge base of students and faculty. The library acquires databases in the form of CD-ROM/DVD for our academic use. The Collection includes Census of India, DLHS, NSSO (Mainly Consumer Expenditure, Employment and Unemployment, Household Assets, Morbidity and Health Care etc).

Online Services

- Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) Service
- E-Journal Service: MIDS library subscribes nearly 105 academic journals in the form of printed subscription. Out of this nearly 56 journals are now available through online access and the members can access these journals in the campus on all days. Apart from this, the ICSSR has provided the access of J-Stor, Econlit, and Proquest IQ to us annually on a consortium basis.
- Database Service: MIDS library procures electronic databases such as Census of India, NSSO, ASI etc on a regular basis. These databases are available in the form of CD-ROM / DVD. The library also subscribes the online access of Economic Outlook from CMIE and EPWRF time series database. In addition to this, the ICSSR supports us in subscribing Indiatat.com annually.
- Digital Library Service: The library provides documents, reports, journals etc. in electronic format from the Institute's archive, public domain and from other libraries to its users.

Customised Services

- Reference Service: The library provides reference services to the readers in the library. The library staffs assist the users in locating their reference materials from the stock.
- Document Delivery Services: The library arranges to provide document delivery services on request from other academic libraries to our faculty members and students. To avail this facility, we depend mainly on some of the academic libraries in Chennai.
- Reprographic Service: The library provides photocopying services to its members and other library users.
- A regular update on the arrival of new books/reports added in the library is intimated to the students and faculty periodically.
- Information Service: The library in MIDS provides the bibliography details to its faculty and students based on their specific subjects.
- Inter-Library Loan Services (ILS): The MIDS Library is a member of British Council Library and Anna University Central library. With this facility the library arranges inter-library loan facilities to the faculty and research scholars in the Institute.

Publication

In 2020–21, Publication cell was active during the COVID lockdowns. The major new activities were as follows:

- Involved in the coordination of manuscripts and subsequent copyediting of the same for the MIDS Journal Review of Development and Change (RDC).
- Two issues of RDC were brought out as planned: Volume 25, Issues 1 & 2 respectively in June and Decemeber 2020.
- Three working papers were published.
- 18 Occasional Policy Papers were brought out in a series centered around Covid and its effects on economic policies. This specific set of papers are slated for publication as a book in both English and Tamil languages in the upcoming year.
- Provided technical support for the co-published book titled Irrigation in Tamil Nadu.

The Cell continued to publish print and digital editions of working papers and support the publication of institute's journal *Review of Development and Change* (RDC).

16. Finances

Financial Statements

Balance Sheet as on 31 March 2021

Source of Funds	Amount in Rs.
1. Corpus fund	36,69,18,950.59
2. Current liabilities	
(i) Sundry creditors	1,25,47,710.38
(ii) MIDS general endowment	0.00
(iii) Other current liabilities	21,47,469.73
TOTAL	38,16,14,130.70

Application of Funds	Amount in Rs.
1. Non-current assets	
Fixed assets	
(i) Computer assets	1,17,22,036.65
(ii) Library assets	5,22,86,786.56
(iii) General assets	1,01,29,965.73
2. Current assets	30,74,75,341.76
TOTAL	38,16,14,130.70

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Date : 01-10-2021

Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Expenditure	Amount Rs. P.	Amount Rs. P.	Income	Amount Rs. P.	Amount Rs. P.
Salary and other allowances	4,77,87,311.48		Direct income		5,34,05,252.00
Salaries	4,47,97,879.48		Grant—ICSSR	1,97,69,000.00	
Fellowship	2,19,250.00		Grant—GOTN	2,63,00,000.00	
Project staff remuneration	27,70,182.00		Grant—ICSSR—Fellowship	99,250.00	
Other administrative expenses		1,40,69,176.51	Project grants	72,37,002.00	
Library	1,74,500.00		Other income		1,97,36,863.05
Research programmes	2,37,098.00		Dedicated funds	55,41,454.00	
Maintenance—Computer	6,44,461.00		SB interest	7,12,709.00	
Research publications	4,06,178.00		Interest on sweep account	7,23,152.00	
Printing & stationery	1,86,227.00		Interest on funds, FD		1,16,90,185.17
Postage & telephone	58,122.54		and bonds (excl. accrual)		
Travelling expenses	1,54,534.00		Sale of discarded assets		0.00
Campus maintenance	25,00,906.00		and old papers/newspapers		
Vehicle maintenance	1,11,970.00		Other income	10,69,362.88	
Other admn expenses	58,37,070.62				
Research project expenses	29,13,780.42				
Non-recurring expenses	0.00				
Plough back interest	8,44,328.93				
Excess of income over Expenditure		1,12,85,627.06			
TOTAL		7,31,42,115.05	TOTAL		7,31,42,115.05

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