

the 13th Lok Sabha Elections in Chennai (The Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust)

Science, Technology and Social Science and Higher Education in Tamil Nadu: A Study of Democratization of Access and Disciplines (MHRD, Department of Education, Government of India)

Dr. M. Thangaraj: Land Reforms in Tamil Nadu (The Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy, Mussorie)

Evaluation of the ten point programme for development of Dalit Christians in Tamil Nadu (MISEREOR, Germany)

Ongoing Projects

Dr. Ananta K Giri: Self Development and Social Transformation: An Enquiry into the vision and Practice of Swadhyaya Parivara (ICSSR, New Delhi).

Prof. S. Janakarajan: From confrontation to cooperation: Farmers' Dialogue as a Means for Breaking the Cauvery Deadlock (International Water Management Institute, India)

Catalyzing action through effective communication: Disseminating results from the Local Water Management Project (Institute for Social and Environmental Transition, US)

Groundwater Depletion, Water Pollution and Agricultural Stagnation in the Palar Basin, (IDRC, Canada)

Dr. Kripa Ananthpur: Formal and Informal Local Governance in India (IDS, Sussex)

Support for Dissemination of information on Panchayatraj through public radio to rural citizens in

Karnataka (The Ford Foundation, New Delhi)

Prof. K. Nagaraj: Rights, Representation and the Poor (Institute of Development Studies, Sussex)

Prof. V.K. Natraj: Resourcing for Redistribution: Fiscal Devolution in Indian States, sponsored by IDS, Sussex.

Prof. Nirmal Sengupta: A Framework for the Economic Analysis of the Protection and Sustainable use of Traditional Knowledge: Effectiveness of Incentive Mechanism (South Asian Network for Developmental Economics (SANDEE), Kathmandu, Nepal)

Prof. Nirmal Sengupta and Dr. Moana Bhagabati: A Study on Trade Facilitation Measures (Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India, New Delhi)

Prof. Padmini Swaminathan: The interface between education and Nutrition: Budget analysis of Tamil Nadu's noon-cum nutrition meal scheme from a gender perspective (United Nations Development Fund for Women, New Delhi)

Gender, markets and livelihoods in the context of globalisation: A study of the cashew sector in South India (International Institute of Environment & Development, London)

Dr. M. Thangaraj: TAHDCO - Welfare of Adi Dravidars and Tribals - Implementation of economic development schemes - Evaluations of impact of the schemes (TAHDCO, Chennai)

From the Editor...

This issue of *Midstream* coincides with the presentation of the Malcolm Adiseshiah Award for distinguished contributions to development studies. The recipient this year is Professor Jandhyala Tilak of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi. His work relating to inequalities in education has been highlighted by the jury while nominating him for the award.

This is the second issue of *Midstream* which will be published bi-annually. In the past year several significant developments have taken place. Professor C. T. Kurien relinquished office as Chairman at the end of July 2003. However, he will continue his association as Professor Emeritus and as a Trustee. Mid-Stream would like to place on record Professor C.T.Kurien's contributions to the development of MIDS. Professor M. Anandakrishnan, former Vice-Chancellor, Anna University assumed office as Chairperson from August 2003. Mid-Stream takes pleasure in welcoming Professor Anandakrishnan.

Professor Y. Subbarayalu, an eminent epigraphist and historian of medieval South India is the Malcolm Adiseshiah Visiting Professor for 2003.

The faculty has become richer with the induction of three Assistant Professors and the appointment of the Adiseshiah Chair in Policy Studies.

The doctoral programme has become more vibrant with four new scholars with diverse research interests joining us.

Thanks to the initiative of some members of the faculty - a monthly discussion group on important themes called AMIDST was started. It has already completed its fourth meeting.

The Institute's IT infrastructure has been modernized and we are now able to provide round the clock Internet access. Simultaneously, the library has also been largely computerized.

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Dr. M. Anandakrishnan has assumed office as Chairperson of MIDS in August 2003. He succeeds Prof. C.T. Kurien who relinquished office as chairman at the end of July 2003. Dr. Anandakrishnan is a former Vice-Chancellor of the Anna University and former Vice Chairman of the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education (TANSCHE). Educated in the University of Madras and University of Minnesota, USA Dr. M. Anandakrishnan is a distinguished Civil Engineer who has also held high positions with the United Nations. He served for a few years as Science Counsellor in the Embassy of India, Washington, D.C. He is recipient of the Padmashri and also an award from the International Institute of Tamil Studies for enabling the use of Tamil in computers and on the internet. Dr. M. Anandakrishnan was Vice Chairman of the IT Task Force of Tamilnadu chaired by the Chief Minister of Tamilnadu.

Faculty Research

Dr. C. Lakshmanan has joined the institute as an Assistant Professor. His research interests include Political Theory, Political Economy, Dravidian Politics, sub-ordinated social groups/movements, governance and film studies. He has contributed articles to journals, newspapers and edited volumes on themes of his interest. Currently, he is working on the political economy of Tamil film industry. He is also working towards publishing his doctoral work entitled 'Personality Cult in Tamil Nadu Politics: A Study of the Culture of the Dravidian Parties'.

Dr. M. Vijayabaskar joined the faculty early this year. His interests range from socio-economic dynamics of new technologies to industrialisation processes and labour markets. In addition to publication of papers in journals and edited volumes, he has recently completed a report on impact of information and communication technologies on labour markets in India. He is at present jointly editing a volume on ICTs and Indian Development.

Dr. G.S. Ganesh Prasad has joined the institute as an Assistant Professor. His area of specialisation is decentralisation, rural development and natural resource management with special emphasis on water management. He has been involved in intensive fieldwork in the above areas in association with national and international agencies. In addition to articles on food security, groundwater and Panchayat Raj, he has also edited a volume on conservation of water resources. At present, he is jointly engaged in the MIDS study on fiscal devolution.

Prof. S. Subramanian's interests in various dimensions of poverty and inequality now find expression in literacy measurement, and in collaborative works with Dr. Jayaraj on ageing and relationships between women's well-being and sex ratio at birth. He was a Visiting Fellow in WIDER, Helsinki in May 2003.

Apart from completing two books, Dr. Ananthakumar Giri is currently in the process of finalising

Seminars by Visiting Scholars

Management of Change: The missing art in Organisations, Dr. G.K. Jayaram, Director, Infosys Leadership Institute.

Violence and New World Order : Germany after 1989 - Special case or example?, Dr. Detlev Claussen, Professor for Sociology and Theory of Culture and Science, Hanover University, Germany.

What is Indian Secularism for?, Prof. Rajeev Bhargava, Head, Dept. of Political Science, Delhi University.

Right to Food, Prof. Jean Dreze, Delhi School of Economics.

India's Fiscal Matters, Prof. Partha Shome, IMF Training Institute, Singapore.

F.W. Ellis and 'Madras Orientalism', Prof. Thomas Trautmann, University of Michigan.

The Operation as a Political Theatre: Notes on Transplantation, Sterilisation and Castration, Dr. Lawrence Cohen, Dept. of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley.

Forced Migration, Conflict and Development in South Asia, Dr. Nicholas Van Hear, Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark Dr. Cathrine Brun,

Department of Geography, Trondheim, Norway

Adaptive Behaviour and Learning in Social Choice under Bounded Rationality, Dr. Raghavendra, Madras School of Economics, Dr. Sitabhra Sinha, Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai.

Reimagining the Indian Economy, Dr. A.K.J. Wyatt, Department of Politics, University of Bristol, UK.

Internationalism and the poetics of Decolonization, Prof. Gauri Visvanathan, Class Of 1933 Professor in the Humanities & Director, South Asian Institute, Columbia University', U.S.A.

Theory in an Uneven World, Prof. R. Radhakrishnan University of Massachusetts, Amherst, U.S.A.

Secularism: A Critique of the Rawlsian Perspective, Dr. Nalini Rajan, Political Philosopher, Asian College of Journalism, Chennai.

Dalits, Discrimination and Struggle for Equal Citizenship in Panchayatraj Institutions, Professor Gopal Guru, Delhi University, Delhi.

Debates over Debated Forestlands: Claims and Rights in Nature, Early 19th Century Nilgiris, Dr. Gunnell Cedaloff, Institute of Anthropology, Uppsala University, Sweden.

Completed Research Projects

Dr. S. Janakarajan: Conflicts in Groundwater Use and Local Water Supply Options (IDRC, Canada)

Prof. K. Nagaraj: Abortions in Dakshina Kannada: Socio-Cultural & Medical Underpinnings and Consequences (Health Watch Trust, New Delhi)

Contractual Agreements in the Labour

Markets: The Cases of Plantation (V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Ministry of Labour, Government of India)

Prof. Padmini Swaminathan: Gender Budget Analysis (National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD), New Delhi)

Prof. P. Radhakrishnan: Women and Electoral Politics: Voting behaviour in

Seminars, Conferences & Workshops

WORKSHOPS / CONFERENCES

A meeting of Cauvery family

MIDS, with the support of the IWMI-Tata Water Policy Program organised the first meeting of 'From Confrontation to Collaboration: Multi-stakeholders' Dialogue as a means for Breaking the Cauvery Deadlock' in Chennai on 4th and 5th April 2003. The basic objectives were to bring farmers of both states together so as to undo apprehensions and misgivings on both sides and set in process a move towards resolution on the basis of a genuine understanding between the two communities. The overwhelming response led to the second meeting in Bangalore on 4th and 5th June 2003. A Committee has been formed with 12 members each from Tamilnadu and Karnataka. The Committee has already met twice and has even initiated dialogue on the core issue of sharing of water during deficit years. The dialogue is co-ordinated by Prof. Janakarajan.

Workshops on Trade Facilitation / WTO

A workshop on Trade Facilitation was held on 13th February 2003 at the Institute. A Survey on perception of Indian exporters and trade facilitation needs in other countries was the main agenda of the workshop. Participants included Government officials from the Ministry of Commerce and Revenue. Prof. Nirmal Sengupta chaired the workshop while the theme presentation was made by Dr. Moana Bhagabati of MIDS.

Another seminar on "WTO: from Doha to Cancun" was held on 20 June 2003 at MIDS. Sponsored by the European Union. MIDS outlined the

issues in the WTO Doha Development Agenda (2001) in the run-up to the fifth WTO Ministerial Conference at Cancun (September 2003). Representatives of the Government of India and the EU presented the positions of the respective governments on the subjects before the Conference.

Workshop on Fiscal Devolution

A workshop on Pathways to Fiscal Devolution was organised on 7 April 2003. Papers on the Evolution of Devolution process in three states of Karnataka, Tamilnadu and West Bengal were presented during the workshop. The three sessions were chaired by Mr. K. V. Palanidurai, Mr. T.R.Satish Chandran and Mr. D. Bandhyopadhyay. The final session on Comparative Perspective was chaired Professor Mick Moore, DRC, IDS, Sussex. The workshop was attended by senior bureaucrats from the three states and experts in the field of decentralisation.

Workshop on Dialogue Across Margins

The MIDS in collaboration with the University of Michigan, co-ordinated a workshop on 'Dialogue Across Margins: Culture, Gender and Empowerment Among Minorities' from 18-31 July 2003 for Afro-American students from the University of Michigan. The workshop, through interaction with prominent Dalit activists and intellectuals from Tamilnadu explored the intersections of Race, Caste and Gender across different social and cultural contexts. The workshop was co-ordinated by Dr.S. Anandhi along with Dr.Ram Mahalingam, Assistant professor, University of Michigan, USA.

two book manuscripts including an edited volume on social research theory and methods. This year, he has completed a sabbatical at the International Institute of Asian Studies, Berlin, Leiden Ben-Gurion from, Israel and University of Kentucky, USA.

In addition to his work on sex differentials, Dr. D. Jayaraj, jointly with Prof. S. Subramanian, has worked on age structures of populations and the 'agedness of population'. In offing is the publication of their work on child labour in rural India and another on the relationship between women's wellbeing and the sex ratio at birth.

Dr. M. Thangaraj, in addition to editing a book on land reforms in Tamilnadu, is currently engaged in examining the nexus between status of Dalits and land tenure systems in Tamil Nadu. He is also working on a socio-economic survey based on reports prepared by IAS probationers.

Prof. K. Nagaraj has completed a study on Plantation Labour in the Nilgiris and another one on pregnancy wastages among the poor in Dakshina Kannada region of Karnataka. An ongoing project is on Rights and Representation, a cross-country study on the extent to which representation gives voice to the poor in influencing state policy.

One of Prof. Padmini Swaminathan's ongoing study is on capturing different components of the cashew supply chain. She is also examining budget allocations for the noon meal programme in Tamil Nadu as a part of a larger exercise to

Malcolm Adiseshiah Award

Jandhyala B.G. Tilak has been nominated for the Malcolm Adiseshiah Award for Distinguished Contributions to Development Studies for 2003. The jury has highlighted Professor Tilak's "work relating to the economics of inequality in education which is an extremely valuable contribution". That he chose to direct his energies to a relatively neglected sphere of inquiry affirms his intellectual belief that investment in education can make a significant contribution to improvement in social welfare. Virtually all of his writings study education at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels and always with a concentrated focus on the weaker sections, comprised of the Scheduled Castes and Tribes, the backward castes and women. His major findings are best conveyed in his own words, "Not only as a matter of charity, grace and social equity, but also from a strictly efficiency point of view, investment in education of weaker sections, including women, needs to be expanded".

Prof. Tilak also demonstrates that secondary education makes the largest, and higher education the least contribution. Hence, there is a need to redirect public subsidies towards school education. This conclusion flows from his book *Education for Development in Asia*. And it must be a matter of pride for Tilak, as indeed it is to us, that Dr Malcolm Adiseshiah expressed the opinion that the book was "both instructive and illuminating on many issues".

understand how state governments translate programmes into action.

Prof. *Nirmal Sengupta*'s book on 'Development and Identity' has been accepted for publication. He also jointly works on a research study supported by the Union Ministry of Commerce on trade facilitation.

Apart from the IDS supported study on fiscal devolution, Dr. *V. Chandrasekara Naidu* is also working on a detailed study of Tamilnadu's finances. It includes work on financial devolution to rural and urban local bodies, with special focus on Chennai Municipal Corporation.

Dr. *K. Sivasubramaniyan* has published jointly on well irrigation in Palar basin. He is currently engaged in building a database on the quantum of water supply in major river basins in India.

Dr. *A.R. Venkatachalapathy* has written on literary canon formation in colonial Tamilnadu. He has also completed a monograph on popular literature in colonial Tamilnadu. He is currently editing the third volume of the Variorum edition of Pudumaipithan's works.

Dr. *S. Anandhi*'s recently completed work on women, work and abortion practices is to be published soon. At present, she is engaged in a study of Muthulakshmi Reddy and her critique of the public sphere in colonial Tamil Nadu.

Dr. *Kripa Ananthpur* is currently working on radio broadcasts and its effective role in local governance as well as on the nexus between formal and customary institutions of local

governance. She is also actively involved in the MIDS study on fiscal devolution and co-authored a report on history of devolution in Karnataka.

Dr. *Moana Bhagabathi* continues to work on the study of trade facilitation (TF) measures in India. Apart from co-authoring an interim report of the above study, she has also contributed to the 10th Five Year Plan of Tamil Nadu.

Prof. *V. K. Natraj* is the Principal Investigator of the fiscal devolution project funded by DRC at IDS, University of Sussex. Apart from co-authoring a report on various aspects of devolution in Karnataka, he has also written on relevance of public policy in the age of globalisation.

Prof. *P. Radhakrishnan* continues to work on positive discrimination, backward caste/class politics and politics of conversion. Apart heading an ongoing project on democratisation and access to higher education, he is also in the process of finalising a manuscript for a book on problems of governance in India.

Prof. *S. Janakarajan* coordinates the MIDS initiative on 'Multi-stake holders Dialogue as a means of breaking the Cauvery Deadlock'. In addition, he has co-authored a book on water governance in South Asia.

Prof. Nirmal Sengupta was selected to the Malcolm Adiseshiah Chair in Policy Studies in February 2003. Dr. S. Janakarajan and Dr. A.R. Venkatachalapathy have been selected as Professor and Associate Professor respectively this year.

Malcolm Adiseshiah Visiting Professor

Dr. Y. Subbarayalu, renowned historian and epigraphist, has been nominated Malcolm Adiseshiah Visiting Professor for 2003. Formerly Professor of Archaeology at Tamil University, Thanjavur, Dr Subbarayalu has earlier held visiting professorships at the University of Tokyo and Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris.

Recognized as the foremost authority on Chola epigraphy, his *Political Geography of the Chola Country* is a much-cited work. A pioneer in the use of computers for analyzing

inscriptional data, he has collaborated extensively with Professor Noboru Karashima. He has conducted major archeological excavations at Vallam, Kodumanal and Periyapattinam and has been part of international archaeological teams in Sri Lanka and South East Asia. Presently he is working on a historical atlas of south India under the aegis of the French Institute, Pondicherry.

Professors Uma Chakravarty and Kaushik Basu have earlier held the prestigious Malcolm Adiseshiah Visiting Professorship.

For the first time, MIDS is publishing a book in Tamil titled, "Avalanilayil Thamizhaga Aarugal" edited by Prof. S. Janakarajan on the deteriorating river basins in Tamilnadu. This is an outcome of the multistakeholders' dialogue meeting of water users of the Palar river basin.

New Doctoral Candidates and areas of research

Mr. R. Manivasagan: Poverty and Nutrition in Tamil Nadu.

Mr. C. Jerome Samraj: The Question of Land to the Dalits: A Historical Perspective.

Dr. S. Revathi: Practice of Ethnomedicine: A Study among Tribals in Tamil Nadu.

Mr. M. Arivalagan: Forests, Environmental Change and Tribal Communities in Colonial Tamil Nadu.

Books Published in 2002-03

Dr. Ananthakumar Giri: *Building in the Margins of Shacks: The Vision and Projects of Habitat for Humanity*. New Delhi: Orient Longman, 2002

Conversations and Transformations: Towards a New Ethics of Self and Society. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books and Rowman & Littlefield, 2002.

Co-edited with Philip Quarles van Ufford, *A Moral Critique of Development: In Search of Global Responsibilities*. London: Routledge, 2003

Prof. S. Janakarajan: *The Fluid Mosaic: Water Governance in the Context of Variability, Uncertainty and Change* (jointly with Marcus Moench, Ajaya Dixit, M.S.Rathore and Srinivas,M), NWCF, Nepal and ISET, Boulder, USA, March 2003.

Dr. M. Thangaraj (ed.): *Land Reforms in India - Tamilnadu: An Unfinished Agenda*, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2003.