

FOREWORD

The Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, like all human constructs, exists on two planes – the physical and the conceptual.

President (Dr) Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan saw a magnificent opportunity for the creative fluxion of the two in the Presidential abode nestled by the western Himalaya. In his vision of setting up this Institute for Advanced Study in that building he received intellectual and administrative support of the then Vice President of India, Dr Zakir Husain and the Minister in-charge of education, Dr M.C.Chagla. More, he received the spontaneous appreciation of academics and those interested in the human mind's analysis of its own conditions, worldwide

This narration of the Institute's known genesis is not gratuitous. It serves to remind those connected with the institution that it has an address of origin, and one of its destinations, which interestingly enough, can never be a terminus, only a staging post for continuing the journey.

Each year in the life of the institute has seen effort, achievements and challenges, which are sometimes overpowering but most times overcome. They are, however, always, part of those very complexities of individual and collective life which the Institute, in one form or another, studies.

The year under report has been no different.

To return to the opening thought of this Foreword, it has been gratifying to see the physicality of the premises receive restorative attention. Work with cement, brick, plaster, stone and wood can never be wholly satisfying, for each of those substances has a texture and life of its own which either resists or responds to human design. And human design, even when it follows archetypes and blueprints, has in it the subjectivisms of the designer's choice. But in this case, the systemic attention given by the Archaeological Survey of India and the CPWD has begun to show results, which are yet to unfold in their totality, hold forth the promise of appropriateness. It is to be hoped that very soon those who ponder the edifice will say 'Here, Dr Radhakrishnan's physical gift is in hands as sure of grip as his intellectual power has been in hands that are sure of grasp'.

One of the accomplishments of the Institute's academic life during the year was the setting up of the Tagore Centre for the Study of Culture and Civilisation (TCSCC). Confronting as it does, a struggle between "the open and the narrow, the progressive and the retrograde" our times will benefit from such a Centre located at the IAS, from where it could retell the richness and diversity of Indian culture and civilization and, relating it to other cultures and civilizations, help us navigate the existential perils we face.

The Institute has increased the number of its Fellows, the foremost and finest reflections of its mandate. The range of its work has widened, the depth excavating new seams of knowledge and understanding. No harvest yields corn in the same gold of ripeness. IAS, Shimla is not an exception to that verity. It knows that no husbandry proceeds on the assumption that its tillage will be unflawed, only in the belief that no effort will be spared towards that end, half a glance being directed skywards for the gift of good luck.

No institution, howsoever high-minded of purpose and far-sighted in vision can be neglectful of the minutiae of its financial accountability. An institution such as the IAS, which is funded by the people of India through the Government of India has to be doubly so. This requirement has not been overlooked. The Accounts Section has been streamlined by initiating several measures such as the Computerisation of pay bills of officers, staff and pensioners, the development of software for the GPF final payments, the planning of investment of GPF in a manner so as to yield maximum return, getting registered under the Central Record Keeping Agency in connection with the New Pension Scheme, ensuring timely payments of all bills to Fellows and staff, ensuring 100 per cent utilisation of Grants-in-Aid etc.

As members of the Society peruse this Report they may, therefore, do so with pride at what has been done, hope about what may be done better, and understanding of flaws which are not the same thing as fallacies.

GOPALKRISHNA GANDHI
President and Chairman
IAS Society and Governing Body

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

A sense of the routine and a sense of the new both seem to characterize the year gone by. Perhaps this is a measure of an institution that is at once secure, but not complacent, that is excited by the spirit of inquiry and not dulled by the dead habit of performing its functions in a mechanical manner. In 2012, we believe, the Indian Institute of Advanced Study reached this stage of intellectual self-confidence, comfortable in its intellectual diversity of theme, location, and scholarship. The academic calendar and the list of scholars and activities bears witness to this achievement. But only having a diverse group of scholars at IAS and a diverse set of academic events is not enough to announce a level of satisfaction. More achievements need to be recorded. The years gone by were also years of developing a vibrant intellectual community that came into its own, a social community in the best sense and one that is living in the world of ideas. This is the true meaning of the IAS, as a place where a life of the mind can be lived and enjoyed in fellowship.

To sustain such a community, the material conditions need to be in place. In the last few years the IAS has worked on renovations of offices and houses, improvements in support services, promotions of administrative staff, building both the hard copy and digital collection of the Library, inauguration of a sports day (something new to bind the community together), investing in ICT infrastructure, and even something as insignificant as repairing the old Ambassador cars, since purchase of new cars were not permitted, so that the community would have support all through the day. I mention these aspects to affirm that nothing was too small for our consideration since we were committed to reach certain goals for IAS. This report is a record of these achievements.

This has been possible because of the generous support received from the Chairman and the Members of the previous and present Governing Body as well as the Members of the Society, from the Fellows who have been active in giving the intellectual community a distinct persona, from the administrative and support staff who because they deeply believe in the idea of the Institute have given it their best. I am grateful to all for their policy support, intellectual energy, faith expressed in an idea, and for the unwavering confidence in me. I have been privileged to be the Director of such a great Institution. Can one hope to get a better reward?

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2011-2012

The Indian Institute of Advanced Study Society was established in 1965, under the Societies Registration Act of 1860. Located at the Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla, the Institute is devoted to higher levels of research, primarily in the areas of Humanities and Social Sciences. The academic body of the Institute consists mainly of the community of Fellows in residence as well as Visiting Professors, Visiting Scholars, Associates etc. who pursue their individual research and interact with each other, both formally and informally. Rashtrapati Nivas itself, and the natural surroundings which constitute the estate, provides an ambience conducive to living a life of the mind and exploring the different facets of the human condition.

The Institute's Memorandum of Association offers the Institute's perspective on research which is that:

- (a) The areas of investigation should promote inter-disciplinary research;
- (b) The areas identified should have deep human significance.

THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION ALSO SPELLS OUT THE AREAS OF STUDY, WHICH ARE:

- (a) Social, political and economic philosophy;
- (b) Comparative Indian literature (including ancient, medieval, modern folk and tribal);
- (c) Comparative studies in philosophy and religion;
- (d) Education, culture, arts including performing arts and crafts;
- (e) Fundamental concepts and problems of Logic and Mathematics;
- (f) Fundamental concepts and problems of natural and life sciences;
- (g) Studies in environment – both natural and social;
- (h) Indian Civilisation in the context of its Asian neighbours and the world; and
- (i) Problems of contemporary India in the context of national integration and nation-building.

THE MEMORANDUM MENTIONS THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO:

- (a) Theme of Indian unity in diversity;
- (b) Integrality of Indian consciousness;
- (c) Philosophy of education in the Indian perspective;

- (d) Advanced concepts in natural sciences and their philosophical implications;
- (e) Indian and Asian contribution to the synthesis of science and spirituality;
- (f) Indian and human unity;
- (g) 'Companions' to Indian Literature;
- (h) Comparative studies of the Indian epics; and
- (i) Human Environment.

I. ADMINISTRATION

During the year under report, the Indian Institute of Advanced Study Society and its Governing Body were headed by Professor Bhalchandra Mungekar, presently Member of Rajya Sabha, former Member, Planning Commission, Government of India, who besides being a distinguished scholar, is one of India's leading agricultural economists as well as an influential thinker and reformer. The term of the President and Chairman as well as the Society and Governing Body was till 5th January 2012. The new Society and Governing Body under the Presidentship and Chairmanship of Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi, former Governor of West Bengal, author and columnist were constituted on 24th February 2012. The members of the Society and the Governing Body are eminent personalities who are drawn from different walks of life. The Institute has a Finance Committee, which includes representatives from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, besides other members from the Society and Governing Body of the Institute to advise the Governing Body on financial matters.

The Institute is headed by a Director who is assisted by a Secretary and other officers. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza continued as Director in the period of report.

II. FELLOWS IN POSITION

Fellowship programme is the flagship programme of the Institute. The National Fellows/ Fellows stay at the Institute and pursue research on their respective projects. Their tenure is for maximum period of two years. At the end of their term the Fellows submit a monograph which, if found suitable for publication, is published by the Institute. They are also required to take part in seminars, discussions and deliberations. In 2011-12, the following National Fellows/Fellows were in position:

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Scholars</i>	<i>Research Project</i>
1.	Professor Madhavan K. Palat (National Fellow)	<i>Working Class Violence in Late Imperial Russia</i>
2.	Professor Ghanshyam Shah (National Fellow)	<i>Globalisation, Civil Society and Governance</i>
3.	Professor Gangmumei Kamei (National Fellow)	<i>A History of Manipur: The Modern Period 1826-2000 A.D.</i>
4.	Professor G.C. Tripathi (National Fellow)	<i>Monastic Traditions of Buddhism and Christianity</i>

5. Dr. Rajvinder Singh *The Unknown Continent of Indian Literature*
6. Dr. Ranjeeta Dutta *The Biographical Process of a Saint: Ramanuja in Tradition and in History*
7. Dr. Shashi Joshi *Religious Crossings and Boundaries: Gandhi, Dinabandhu, Andrews and Din-Sevak Elwin*
8. Dr. Pramod Kumar *Discourse of Nationalism and Novel (with special reference to 'Gora' and 'Rangbhumi')*
9. Dr. Sanjay Palshikar *Modern Indian Interpretation of the Gita*
10. Dr. P. Narayanan *Tripunithura Grandhavan – A Critique*
11. Dr. Vijaya Singh *Trains in the Early Cinematic Imagination of India*
12. Dr. Soumyabrata Choudhury *Theater, Number, Event: Three Studies on the Relationship between Sovereignty Power and Truth*
13. Dr. Veena Sharma *The Concept of God and Modes of Knowledge Transmission in the Akan Spiritual Tradition and Advaita Vedanta: A Comparative Study*
14. Dr. Anita E. Cherian *Performing the Nation: Institutions, Cultural Policy Shaping of a National Theatre in Post-Independence India*
15. Dr. Dhananjay Singh *Pravasi Shram Itihasa ka Maukhik Dastavez: Bhojpuri Lok Sahitya*
16. Dr. Jaya Tyagi *Contestation and Compliance: A Socio-Historical Study of Religious Observances, Rites and Rituals performed by Women (from the Early Historic to 1200 CE)*
17. Dr. Queeny Pradhan Singh *Developing the Hill: A Comparative in the Study of Simla, Darjeeling, Ootacamund and Mount Abu (19th and 20th Century)*
18. Dr. Yoginder Singh Sikand *A Critical Analysis of Discourses of Islamic Feminism*
19. Dr. Prachi Khandeparker *The Making of Marathi Literary, Theory During the Colonial Era*
20. Dr. Swadhinta Mahanta *Development of Assamese Modern Short Story During 'Ramdhenu Period'*
21. Dr. U.A. Vinay Kumar *Synthesis of World Religions: Constructing a General Metaphysical Structure*
22. Dr. Piyush Mathur *Towards a Global Conception of Environment Citizenship*

23. Professor Satish K. Sharma *Visual Expression: Emerging Signals in the Study of Culture and Social Structure*
24. Professor T.R.S. Sharma *Cultural Encounters in Ancient Indian Literature*
25. Dr. Nandini C. Sen *Women in Combat: A Study of the Naxalbari and the Mau Movement*
26. Dr. Sarfraj Ahmad *Translation Introduction and /edition of Matheer-i-Jahangiri wih Valuable Footnotes.*
27. Dr. Manisha Gangahar *Contemporary Literature and Media Reports to locate the Idea of Kashmiriyat and Ambivalence*
28. Dr. Amitranjan Basu *Of Knowledge: Politics of Culture and Psychiatry in Modern India*
29. Shri Aditi Nath Sarkar *Translate Bharatchandra Roy Annadamangala*
30. Professor K. Gopal Iyer *Globalization, Agrarian reforms and Rural Social Transformation.*
31. Professor Kavita Panjabi *Eros and Politics: Desire in the Face of Armed Struggle in the Tabhaga Movement.*
32. Dr. Vrinda Dalmiya *Caring to Know: Towards a Comparative Care-Based Epistemology*
33. Prof. Manish Kumar Thakur *The Politics of Indigenous Social Sciences: Radhakamal Mukherjee and the Quest for an Indian Sociology*
34. Dr. Ambrose Pinto *Liberalisation and Indian Democracy.*
35. Shri Jasvir Singh *India's Constitutional Democracy and the Victims of Socio-Economic Injustice (With special reference to the Agricultural Wage workers in India)*
36. Ms. Sayantoni Datta *Narratives on Environmental Conflicts and Losses in the Upper and Middle Damodar Valley: A Spatio - Temporal Analysis*
37. Dr. Anupama Vohra *Reflections of Post 1990 Turmoli in the Writings of Kashmiri Muslim/Pundit Writers: A Comparative Study*
38. Dr. Aleksandra Wenta *Dancing in the Sky of Consciousness the Construction of the Ritual Body in Medical Cidambaram.*
39. Dr. Ambalicka Sood Jacob *The Maternal Metaphor in Art: The Woman: Woms and Wisdom*

III ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

A. Workshops, Seminars, Conferences andD Colloquim

1. NATIONAL SEMINAR ON “TEACHING AND RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCES: EMERGING CRISIS, CHALLENGES AND THE ALTERNATIVES” (18-19 APRIL 2011)

Rationale: While the need to make use of Social Science knowledge and methods to bring about improvement in the well-being of human beings and in meeting the global challenges, such as preserving international peace, elimination of want, formulation of effective policies to shape the world for greater good, has increased enormously in the international context, paradoxically the socio-economic disparities are hampering their growth and development in the developing nations. The large scale disparities in research capacities across nations, as well as within a nation, create problems for the application of Social Sciences to meet the emerging challenges. Indian Social Sciences, which have so far grown and thrived primarily on the basis of dominant western social science perspectives and paradigms, are no exception to the emerging crisis and challenges. There has been little attempt to develop Indian social sciences as a body of integrated and accumulated knowledge capable of understanding Indian social realities, especially fast changing socio-cultural, economic and political life under the all-pervasive forces of change through Indian perspectives and paradigms. At the theoretical and conceptual level there are a large number of critical conceptual and methodological issues needing explanations: Do we have theory and methods in Indian Social Science to understand the principles of organic linkages and societal unity of India? Are the Oriental and Indological perspectives, conceived as purely Indian and purely static approaches, able to explain the changing Indian realities over the period of time and space? What kind of Social Sciences can help understand the emerging complexities due to the ongoing changes in different spheres of human life and which effect social structure, social system, human relationships, economy, political system and many other associated and diverse areas of human society? Does the twenty-first century India demand some new Social Science thinking in the regional, national and the international context? Do we need to have inter-disciplinary collaborations to deal with social phenomena having economic, political and even technological dimensions on the one hand and regional, national and international implications on the other?

The Seminar on “Teaching and Research in Social Sciences: Emerging Crisis, Challenges and the Alternatives” was organized at IAS in collaboration with ICSSR, North Western Circle, Chandigarh and Department of Sociology, H.P. University, Shimla on 18-19 April 2011. Professor O.P. Monga, Chair, Department of Sociology, H.P. University welcomed the delegates. Professor Satish K. Sharma, Fellow and Convenor of the Seminar introduced the theme. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IAS presided over the function and inaugurated the seminar.

Participants: Professor Bhupinder Brar, Professor Ronki Ram, Professor Sherry Sabbarwal, Professor Manjit Singh, all from Panjab University,

Chandigarh; Professor Birinder Pal Singh, Punjabi University, Patiala; Professor J.P. Pachauri, Garhwal University, Srinagar; Professor Paramjit S. Judge, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar; Professor Arvind Agarwal and Dr. Vivek Sood, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala; Professor S.R. Ahalawat, M.D. University, Rohtak; Professor Ashok Kaul, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi; Professor B.K. Nagla, M.D. University, Rohtak; Dr. Ramesh Kumar Chauhan, Professor S.N. Ghosh, Professor O.P. Monga, Professor Mohan Jharta, all from Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla; Professor K. Gopal Iyer, Consultant, Haryana Institute of Rural Development, Nilokheri, Haryana; Professor Navjeet Singh Johal, Punjabi University, Patiala; Dr. Anand Mohan, Director, Jan Shiksha Sansthan, Institute for Communication Development, Mohali; Mr. Nirmal Sandhu, Deputy Editor, The Tribune, Chandigarh; Mr. Balbir Singh Jandu, Correspondent, Punjabi Tribune, Chandigarh; Mr. Rajesh Kathpalia, Kadam A Forum for Social Justice, Chandigarh; Professor Vepa Rao, Shimla; Professor P.S. Vivek, Mumbai University, Mumbai; Professor Keshav C. Kaistha, Former Director, Population Research Centre, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

Following presentations were made during the National Seminar:

Professor Paramjit S. Judge:	<i>Making Social Sciences Matter</i>
Professor Arvind Aggarwal:	<i>Social Science and the Emerging Concerns</i>
Professor Sherry Sabbarwal:	<i>Teaching Social Sciences in Indian Universities: Some Dilemmas</i>
Professor P.S. Vivek:	<i>Some Methodological Concerns in Social Science Research</i>
Dr. Lallan Baghel:	<i>Limits of Derivative Discourses in Social Sciences: A Quest for an Epistemology of the South.</i>
Dr. Ronki Ram:	<i>Knowing the Obvious: Social Sciences and Fieldwork Interface</i>
Professor Karori Singh:	<i>Social Sciences on Area Studies Mode in India: Challenges and Opportunities</i>
Professor B.K. Nagla:	<i>Approaches to Social Sciences</i>
Dr. Vivek Sood and Dr. Shruti Sharma:	<i>Role of Language in Social Science Teaching and Social Research</i>

A symposium on Social Sciences at Crossroads was also organized. The panelists included Professor Bhupinder Singh Brar, Professor Paramjit Singh Judge, Professor Manjit Singh and Professor Birinder Pal Singh.

2. SEMINAR ON “CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:
THE MAKING OF MODERN DEMOCRATIC INDIA” (27-29 APRIL 2011)

Rationale: Education is that process by which a society retains its identity. It is also the tool by which a society reinvents itself. Few events in India’s historical canvas have altered the social and cultural landscape of India as Christian Educational Institutions have. A simple statistical survey helps one understand the enormity of the influence of these institutions and the contribution they have made to the making of a modern and democratic India. However, it is to be noted that there are various perspectives, sometimes even contrary, to the notion of Christian Educational Institutions and their role in the construction of a modern democratic India. Hence it was significant that the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla in collaboration with Salesian College, Siliguri, Sonada and Don Bosco University, Assam organized a national seminar “Christian Educational Institutions: The Making of Modern Democratic India”, the first of its kind. This seminar held at IAS during 27-29 April 2011 offered an intellectual, creative, dialogical and analytical platform to engage with the topography of the dominant educational systems in India as to suggest ways for reform. The seminar was attended by many educationists involved in the field of higher education. Around 30 papers were presented which engendered very fruitful discussions.

Fr (Dr.) George Thadathil, Principal, Salesian College, Sonada and Siliguri, Convener of the Seminar introduced the Seminar. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IAS welcomed the participants. Professor Mrinal Miri, Member, NCHER, Delhi, gave the Inaugural address. Keynote address was presented by Professor Thomas Menampambil sdb, Archbishop, Guwahati, Assam while Smt. Vibha Puri Das, Secretary, Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, delivered the Valedictory Address.

Participants: Professor Valerian Rodrigues, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Professor Virginius Xaxa, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, North East Region Campus, Gauhati; Dr. Archbishop Thomas, Menam Parambil, Assam; Dr. Joseph Bara, JNU, New Delhi; Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, Arul Anandar College, Madurai; Dr. Stephen Mavelly, Vice-Chancellor, Assam Don Bosco University, Guwahati; Dr. Brendan Mac Carthaigh, St. Joseph’s College, Kolkata; Dr. Neeta M. Khandepekar, K J Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce, Mumbai; Fr. Joseph Puthenpurakal, Director, Don Bosco Museum, Sacred Heart College, Shillong; Dr. Pius V. Thomas, Assam Central University, Silchar; Dr. Jose Kalapura, St. Xavier’s College, Patna; Dr. Saju Chackalackal, Christ University, Bangalore; Professor Rajan C. Thomas, Former Professor, Mar Thoma Church, Kerala; Dr. Thomas Pallithanam, People’s Action for Rural Awakening, Hyderabad; Dr. Lilian I. Jasper, and Dr. Jayanti Richard, both from Women’s Christian College, Chennai; Dr. Sandeep Sinha, Serampore College, Hooghly; Dr. John Dayal, Delhi; Dr. D. Caroline Nesabai, Lady Doak College, Madurai; Dr. Charlotte Simpson Viegas, St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata; Dr. Fleur D’Souza, Vice Principal, St. Xavier’s College, Mumbai; Dr. Praveen Perumalla Prabhu Sudheer, University of

Madras; Dr. Rajendra Prabhu, Senior Journalist, New Delhi; Fr. George Plathottam, Executive Secretary, Social Communication, CBCI, Centre, Delhi; Brother Mathew Thaiparambil, Director, Don Bosco, Self Employment and Research Institute, Howrah; Fr. Kuriala Chittattukalam sdb, Executive Secretary, CBCI Commission for Education and Culture, New Delhi; Dr. Tom Kunnunkal, St. Xavier's School, New Delhi; Dr. Pushpa Joseph, University of Madras; Bernadette Sangma, Auxilium Convent, Nongthymmai, Shillong; Sr. Theresa Phawa, FMA, Auxilium Girl's School, Agartala; Sr. Stella Rose Potteparambil, FMA, Auxilium, New Delhi; Dr. Queeny Pradhan Singh, Fellow, IAS; Dr. (Sr.) Molly Abraham, Principal, St. Bede's College, Shimla; Dr. G.R. Negi, Government PG College, Rampur Bushahr, Shimla; Dr. Rudi Heredia, St. Xavier's Institute of Education, Mumbai; and Mr. Sandeep Singh, Salesian College, Sonada and Siliguri.

Following presentations were made during the conference:

1. Joseph Bara: *From Missionary Machinery to Nation Making: Christian Higher Education in Modern India*
2. Valerian Rodrigues: *Community, Justice and Market: Tensions and Dilemmas in Christian Education in India*
3. Virginius Xaxa: *Impact of Christian Education on Marginalized Communities*
4. Queeny Pradhan Singh: *Novitiate in the Hills: Reproduction of Imperial Ethics*
5. Sandeep Sinha: *Missionaries and Education: A Review of its Genesis and Development in British Bengal, 19th and 20th Centuries*
6. M. Arockiasamy Xavier: *Catalytic Role of CEI on the Indian National Movement during the Freedom Struggle*
7. Stephen Mavelly: *The Arrival of Christian Universities in India: Assam Don Bosco University...a response to the signs of the times*
8. Charlotte Simpson Viegas: *Contribution of the Jesuits of Calcutta Province to Education in Modern Democratic India*
9. Saju Chackalackal: *Igniting the Minds to Transform the Society: Legacy of K.E. Chavara and CMI Institutions for Innovative and Inclusive Patterns of Education in India*
10. Bernadette Sungma: *Empowerment of Women and Girls in Northeast India*
11. Rajan C. Thomas: *'Rereading' the 'Liberal' Project and 'Modernity' Product: Education Process of Women in Kerala Central Travancore by the Mar Thoma Church*
12. Pushpa Joseph: *Christianity and Access to Education: The Contribution of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary to Education of the Urban Poor*

13. Thomas Pallithanam: *Christian Educational Institutions and Marginal Groups: The Challenges of Redeeming Our Pledge*
14. Praveen Perumala: *Dalit Appreciation of Christian Educational Work in Telangana*
15. Jose Kalapura: *Education and Community Development: A Study of Purposive Action among the Bettiah Christians of Bihar*
Community Development through Education
16. Molly Abraham: *Non-Nobis Solum': A Woman's Dream for Women to Mould Themselves and Build the Nation*
17. Fleur D Souza: *Towards Social Commitment: Building Social Consciousness in the Mumbai's Catholic Colleges*
18. Brendan Mac Carthaigh: *Christian Brothers and Educational Culture in India*
19. Lilian Jasper & Jayanti Richard: *Towards a Secular Democracy: Christian Education for Women through Women's Christian College*
20. G.R. Negi: *The Contribution and Impact of Christian Missionaries in the field of Education in India with Special Emphasis on Simla and Punjab Hill States*
21. Neeta M Khandpekar: *Christian Missionaries as Pioneers of Education in Western India (Maharashtra)*
22. Mathew Thaiparambil: *Christian Educational Institution and Technical Skill Training in Modern Democratic India*
23. Tom Kunnunkal: *Open Distance Learning to Achieve Saakshar Bharat*
24. Kuriala Chittattukalam: *CBCI and the Christian Schools & Colleges*
25. J. Puthenpurakal: *Education for Preservation, Promotion and Celebration of Cultures Christian Contribution, North East India*
26. Caroline Nesabai: *Protestant Mission Feminist Movement in Tamilnadu: (1870-1920) - A Study of Sources*
27. Geroge Palthottam: *A Critical Look at the Christian Contribution to Language Development and Mother Tongue Education in India with Special Focus on Bengal and Northeast India*
28. Pius V. Thomas: *Democratic Affirmation and the Public Sphere: The Christian Educational Institutions and Christian Identity*

3. STUDY WEEK ON “INDIAN LOGIC AND EPISTEMOLOGY” (LEVEL-III) (2-13 MAY 2011)

Rationale: Classical Indian intellectual traditions considered knowledge of the structure of language, knowledge of the structure of discourse, and knowledge of Logic and Epistemology, as most essential components towards the development of scholarship in human beings. Accordingly, *Pāṇinian* grammar, *Purvamémāmāsā* system of Indian Philosophy (Indian Hermeneutics) and Nyāya śāstra (Indian Logic and Epistemology) formed the core and compulsory subjects in the classical education programme. Before choosing a particular area for specialization, one used to master these three disciplines. Not only that, scholars used to be honoured by the society by the most-coveted title: Pada-Vakya-Pramāna-jna (One who has mastery over structure of language (grammar), discourse –structure and logic and epistemology).

Unfortunately, these aspects of scholarship-building programme have not been and are not being given due consideration and emphasis in our prevailing education system. Knowledge developed over thousands of years, therefore, could not find a place in the main stream of our education. The result is our contemporary experiences in the institutions of higher education in our country.

Another aspect of classical Indian intellectual traditions is the primacy of dialogical form of discourse. Nothing was taken for granted without engaging in a meaningful dialogue. All opinions found their due space including the world-view of *Cārvāka* in the dialogue, and only that truth could be accepted which could withstand the scrutiny of logic and rationality.

Here too, the prevailing impressions about Indian past among the Indian intellectuals are contrary to the evidence. These are mere “impressions” because they are not based on original sources which are in Sanskrit language. Had dogmatism been honoured there would have been only one philosophical system and not nine, only one Vedānta not multiple ones of *Sankaracārya*, *Rāmanuja*, *Madhva*, *Vallabha*, *Nimbarka* and so on up to *Chaitanya Mahāprabhu*, only one school of *Pūrvamémāmāsā* and not three, and only one school of Buddhism and not four.

It is only through a structural dialogue the unbelievable depth in all Indian Philosophical systems could be achieved.

In a meaningful dialogue, however, the most important factor is the understanding of the views of the participants and that depends on the medium of dialogue. Natural Sanskrit language was such a medium of discourse upto 1000 AD. *Udayanacārya*, the celebrated logician of Mithila, realised, way back in the 10th Century AD that natural language leaves scope of ambiguity and that is why the participants sometimes fail to capture the intension of participants’ point of view and hence there was a need to develop a language of discourse which should minimize the scope of ambiguity. This gave a linguistic turn to the classical Indian intellectual traditions. A new language of discourse, which should be free from any scope of ambiguity, started emerging and by the 12th century AD it took a concrete shape and in the 13th century AD we find a monumental work on Indian logic and epistemology named *Tatvacintāmani* written by *Gangesopadhyāya* of Mithila. This language is known by the name of *Navya Nyāya*. Once this language was developed and scholars were convinced about its utility, scholars of all

system of knowledge started using it and writing books in this language of *Navya Nyāya* and even today in traditional discourse the same language is being used.

But unfortunately, this language is not being taught in any institutions of higher learning today and as a result very rich and intellectual discourses of over 800 years on various issues have remained in those writings only and are beyond the access of contemporary scholars.

In the three levels three original texts have been taught. In the first level a broad introduction was provided and basic concepts were made clear. In the second level the process of decoding affirmative sentences was taught and in the third level the participants got exposed to the process of decoding negative sentences. In the third level programme scholars identified 17 areas of research where they found that this knowledge of *Navya Nyāya* Logic and Epistemology can be gainfully applied. Some of the topics where there is scope for multi-disciplinary research are as follows.

1. Application of *Navya Nyāya* language to interpret Vedic Texts (Mau Dasgupta)
2. Comparative Analysis of *Navya Nyāya* Theory of Meaning and the Picture Theory of Wittgenstein (Subhankari Pati)
3. Comparative Analysis of Non-existent Entities in *Navya Nyāya* and Russell's Philosophy (Shikha Jha).
4. Buddhists on Relation (Satish Kumar Singh)
5. Concept of Dharma (Property) in *Navya Nyāya* (Chandan Bhattacharya).
6. Locating the Universal (*sāmānya*) from East to West (Chandan Chaudhari).
7. Understanding Sociological Research Methodology from *Navya Nyāya* Perceptive – An Attempt (Madhumita Sen).
8. Re-rearing early Wittgenstein from *Navya Nyāya* point of view (Mita Bandopadhyay)
9. Jagannatha's Definition of Rasa (R.I.Nanavati).
10. Theory of Causation (Rajeshwar Prasad Yadav)
11. Main Focus in Understanding Sentence Meaning – Some Indian Perspectives (Rajeev Ranjan Sinha).
12. Nature of Reality – Buddhists Vs. *Nyāya* (Anil Tiwari).
13. Application of *Navya Nyāya* Methodology to disambiguate ambiguous Sentences in Telugu (Srinivasa Murthy)
14. Application of *Navya Nyāya* in Psychology of Education (Sridhara Reddy).
15. *Navya Nyāya* Method of Analysis and Data-mining – (Ambuja Salgaonkar and Meera H.R).

As a case of study, two participants (Ambuja Salgaonkar and Meera H.R) demonstrated in the valedictory session, how the knowledge of Indian Logic and Epistemology as presented in this three-level course can be fruitfully applied to create educational softwares.

Participants: Ms. H.R., Meera, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore; Dr. Chandan Bhattacharya, University of Gour Banga, Malda; Shri M.S. Murthy, Hyderabad; Shri Anil Kumar Tiwari, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra; Shri Sridhar Reddy, Hyderabad; Professor Rajiv Ranjan

Sinha, Vidya Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi; Dr. Mita Bandyopadhyay, Serampore College, Serampore; Shri Prashant Shukla, Lucknow; Ms. Rashmi Mishra, University of Lucknow; Dr. Ambuja Salgaonkar, University of Mumbai; Dr. R.P. Yadav, University of Lucknow; Ms. Subhankari Pati, Delhi; Dr. Chandan Chaudhuri, Asutosh College, Kolkata; Dr. Madhumita Sen, Maulana Azad College, Kolkata; Shri Satish Kumar Singh, DAV PG College, Varanasi; Dr. Mau Dasgupta, University of Calcutta, Kolkata; Shri Rajendra Nanavati, M.S. University, Baroda; and Dr. Shikha Jha, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi.

4. WORKSHOP ON “INDIAN MUSLIM WOMEN’S STRUGGLE FOR EQUALITY, JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT” (21-23 MAY 2011)

Rationale: As numerous reports have shown, Muslims are among the most deprived and marginalized communities in India. Muslim women are triply marginalized: as Muslims, as women and as members of a community that, taken as a whole, is economically disadvantaged. If the state and the ‘mainstream’ media can be held to be largely indifferent to the question of Muslim ‘backwardness’, Muslim ‘leaders’—political and religious—can rightly be held to be indifferent to the specific problems of Muslim women that have, in part, to do with internal hierarchies often legitimized in the name of Islam. The subordination of Muslim women owes to a host of factors, including the social, economic, political and educational marginalization of the Muslim community as a whole, as well as the indifference of agencies of the state as well as Muslim ‘leaders’ to the question of Muslim women’s subordination and the need for their substantive empowerment.

Debates about Muslims in contemporary India—and globally as well—generally focus on issues related to Muslim religious beliefs and identity. Although these questions are indeed pertinent, the framework of these debates is extremely limited, leaving out substantive issues of economic, educational, social and political marginality, without which the conditions of the community, including Muslim women, can hardly be properly understood. These debates routinely raise issues related to the conditions of Muslim women, linking their ‘backwardness’ simply to competing discourses about the normative status of women in Islam. Clearly, this is a very skewed and limited perspective.

By locating Muslim women’s status and conditions solely within a religious framework, the material causes for their overall ‘backwardness’, in which the state and wider society are also deeply implicated, is conveniently side-stepped. Critics routinely argue that the ‘backwardness’ of Muslim women owes principally to Islamic scriptural prescriptions that, they allege, are inherently misogynist and patriarchal, while Muslim apologists insist that the contrary is true: that Islam provides women with all the rights they ‘need’, and that only if Muslims were to truly follow the prescriptions of Islam in the ‘right’ manner, the problems of Muslim women could easily be solved. But as to what constitutes Islamic normativity, including on issues related to gender, continues to be hotly debated among Muslims themselves. There being no church in Islam that can lay down doctrine for all Muslims to follow, there is a multiplicity of voices, each claiming to solely represent the ‘authentic’ Islam, offering diverse, indeed conflicting interpretations of precisely what

Islam has to say about relations between the genders and about the status of Muslim women. On the one hand are a range of patriarchal voices that clearly subordinate Muslim women to men and narrowly circumscribe their social roles, all in the name of Islam, while, on the other hand, are a number of Muslim scholars and activists who insist that Islam stands for full equality for Muslim women, in the process articulating what has been called an Islamic feminist vision.

A workshop on “Indian Muslim women’s Struggle for Equality, Justice and Empowerment” was organized at IIAS during 21-23 May 2011. Professor Ghanshyam Shah, National Fellow, welcomed the participants. Professor Asghar Ali Engineer gave the Keynote address. Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Yoginder Singh Sikand, Fellow and Convener of the workshop.

Participants: Subhashini Ali, All India Democratic Women’s Association, New Delhi; Rosina Nasir, Central University Hyderabad; Jameela Nishat, Shaheen Women Resource and Welfare Association, Hyderabad; A. Faizur Rahman, Chennai; Asghar Ali Engineer, CSSS, Mumbai; Zenab Banu, Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur; Sehba Taban Farooqui, All India Democratic Women’s Association, Delhi; R. Santhosh, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion, Mangalore; Mohammed Wajihuddin, Mumbai; Esita Sur, Scottish Church College, Kolkata; Zehra Taherbhai Cyclewala, The Surat District Mahila Sangh, Reformist Activist, Surat; Hadil Mohamed Salah EL-Khouly, International Women’s Association, Musawah, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Auswaf Ahsan, Calicut; Ahmed Syed, Manali, H.P.; Mushtaq ul-Haq Sikander, Kashmir University; Sheeba Aslam Fehmi, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Zakia Johar Soman, Co-ordinator, Bharatiya Muslim Mahila Andolan; Nasiruddin Haider Khan, New Delhi

Following presentations were made during the Workshop:

1. Yoginder Sikand: *Multiple Readings of the Quran and Gender Issue of ‘Ijma’*
2. A Faizur Rahman: *Critique of Patriarchal Religious Discourses*
3. Sheeba Aslam Fehmi: *Muslim Women Reclaiming Religious Authority*
4. Amin Usmani: *Muslim Samaj aur Khawatin ke Huquq*
5. Nasiruddin Haider Khan: *All-India Muslim Personal Law Board aur Muslim Mahilayen*
6. Mohammed Wajihuddin: *Islamic Feminism in India and the Media*
7. Zakia Soman: *Muslim Women as Citizens: The Bharatiya Muslim Mahila Andolan Experience*
8. R. Santosh: *Islamic Feminism: What Does it Hold for Muslim Women in India?*
9. Roseena Nasir: *Equality and Justice for Muslim Women*
10. Jameela Nishat: *Multiple Forms of Muslim Women’s Oppression*
11. Esita Sur: *Muslim Women and their Third Space: Politics of Resistance, Negotiation and Empowerment*

12. Zehra Cyclewala: *Bohra Reformist Women's Struggles for Justice*
13. Zenab Bano: *Empowerment of Muslim Women in Rajasthan*
14. Hasina Khan: *Struggles for Equality for Muslim Women*
15. Sahba Taban: *Muslim Women's Rights as Human Rights*
16. Subhashini Ali: *All India Democratic Women's Association*
17. Hadil Salah El-Khouly: *Promoting Muslim Women's Rights: The Experience of Sisters-in Islam/Musawah*
18. Mushtaq ul-Haq Sikander: *Women in Conflict: A Case Study of Kashmir Valley*
19. Auswaf Ahsan: *Mappila Women and Modernity: Challenges, Experiences and Prospects*
20. A. Kamila: *Promoting the Rights of Muslim Women in Tamil Nadu*

5. INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON "CHANGES IN CASTE HIERARCHIES IN RURAL INDIA AND THEIR POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS" (1-3 JUNE 2011)

Rationale: Along with the School of Advanced Study (SAS), University of London and South Asian Studies Council, MacMillan Centre, Yale University, the IIAS has taken an initiative called the Shimla Retreat to organize an Annual Conference on India at Shimla.

The purpose of this initiative is to explore the different aspects of the transformation that is under way in democratic India. The first conference under this programme was organized from 1-3 June 2011 on "Changes in Caste Hierarchies in Rural India and their Political Implications". The focus of the seminar was to discuss the changes that have taken place at the grassroots levels in the traditional caste hierarchies and their implications for democratic politics. It was a collective and cross disciplinary approach to look critically and empirically at the changing socio-political processes in different parts of the country with a view to explore how the democratic system and the processes have influenced not only the caste structure but also its values. Some of the questions that the conference deliberated were: Does the caste system increasingly come to denote 'difference' more than 'hierarchy'? How the changes in the ritual hierarchy opened the way for emergence of new forms of dominance at the grassroots, to more accommodative or more brutish power relations within society? How have transitions occurred made from dominance based substantially on caste hierarchy to dominance based on other things? Does the change undermine the power within local arenas of once-dominant castes; has it also made it impossible for people there to get things done on their own through collective action – so that they turn increasingly to higher levels of government for assistance? What types of resistance to dominance from below have emerged, and what has been their impact? How have the various social welfare programmes weakened caste based discrimination and empowered the lowest social groups?

Sixty scholars from all parts of the country, Europe – UK, Netherlands, USA, Australia and Canada participated in the deliberation. The participants were not only from universities and research institutes from different disciplines – history, sociology, anthropology, political science, economics, psychology, demography etc., but were also

social activists as well as civil servants and policy makers including from the UNDP. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Professor Bhalchandra Mungekar, the President of IAS. Besides Inaugural and Concluding sessions, the seminar was divided into eight sessions in which twenty two papers were presented. All the papers were circulated in advance and each paper had a discussant. The papers not only dealt with theoretical issue on caste system but also empirical studies from different parts of the country – Kerala, Karnataka, Goa, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. It also discussed caste among Muslims and its political implication. Besides this, one session of the seminar focused on welfare programmes and their implication on caste hierarchy and also on globalization and civic consciousness in Europe and India for the ‘common good’.

Participants: K.B. Saxena, Council for Social Development, Delhi; Neelima Khetan, Seva Mandi, Udaipur; Sudha Pai, and Surinder S. Jodhka both from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; N. Jayaram, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai; Jagpal Singh, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi; Jan Breman, University of Amsterdam, G.K. Karnath, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore; Gangmumei Kamei, National Fellow, IAS; Ajay S. Mehta, Seva Mandir, Udaipur; Parag D. Parobo, Goa University; Louise Tillin, Newnham College, University of Cambridge, UK; B.N. Yugandhar, Hyderabad; Masood Alam, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Lucknow; Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi; Ravi Arvind Palat, Binghamton University, New York; K. Gopal Iyer, Consultant, Haryana Institute of Rural Development, Karnal; J. Devika Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum; Abram De Swaan, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands; Ms. Merijke Kerseborn, University of Amsterdam; Manish Thakur, IIM Calcutta, Kolkata; D.L. Sheth, CSDS, Delhi; Robin Jeffery, Former Director, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University; John Harriss, Director of the School for International Studies; Simon Fraser University, Canada; James Manor, School of Advanced Study, University of London; Professor K. Sivaramkrishan, Chair, South Asian Studies Council, The MacMillian Centre, Yale University; Professor Steven Wilkinson, Yale University; Paramjit Singh Judge, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar; Ms. K. Seeta Prabhu and Ms. Caitlin Wiesen, both from UNDP, New Delhi; Asghar Ali Engineer, CSSS, Mumbai; Ms. Corinne Lennox, University of London; Ronki Ram, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

Following presentations were made during the Conference:

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| 1. D.L. Sheth: | <i>Caste and Exclusion: Issues of Theory and Policy</i> |
| 2. Sukhadeo Thorat: | <i>Dynamics of Caste System – Exploring the Complexity of Changes and Causation</i> |
| 3. Ghanshyam Shah: | <i>Changes in Caste Hierarchies and Politics: An Impasse</i> |
| 4. Manish Thakur: | <i>Caste and the Democratic Imaginary: Notes from Bihar</i> |

5. K. Gopal Iyer: *Caste Hierarchy and Class Hierarchy: A Comparative Study of Tamil Nadu and Bihar*
 6. J. Devika: *Getting Beyond the Governmental Category: Contemporary Dalit Assertions in Kerala*
 7. Yogesh Kumar and D.C.Sah: *Caste Hierarchies and Substantive Discrimination through NREGA*
 8. Ajay S. Mehta and Neelima Khetan: *Togethering Across Caste and Communal Distinctions: the Story of Delwara*
 9. Jan Breman: *The Promise of Social Welfare for India's Labouring Poor in Past and Present*
 10. Sudha Pai: *Land, Caste and Power: Impact of Land Distribution on Dalits in Madhya Pradesh*
 11. Jagpal Singh: *Can Dalits also form a Dominant Caste? Changing Patterns of Power Relations in Rural Uttar Pradesh*
 12. Surinder S. Jodhka: *Caste and Power in the Lands of Agri-Culture: Revisiting Rural North-West India*
 13. Paramjit S. Judge: *Politics of Difference and Changing Caste Relations: Understanding Contestations in Punjab*
 14. Satish K. Sharma: *Persisting Hierarchies, Perpetuating Inequalities Historically: Lived Realities of Dalits in Rural Himachal Pradesh*
 15. Parag Parobo and Alito Siqueria: *The Rise of Goa's Bahujan Samaj: Shifting Domains of Hegemony and Power*
 16. Masood Alam Falahi: *Caste and Caste Based Discriminations Among Indian Muslims*
 17. Ashish Saxena: *State Initiatives and Scheduled Castes: Analyzing Shifting Caste Hierarchies in Rural Jammu Region, J&K State*
 18. G.K. Karnath: *Caste and its Emerging System: In Search of a New Vocabulary*
 19. John Harriss: *Caste and Class*
 20. James Manor: *The Declining Power of Caste Hierarchies and Abram de Swaan's Concept of a "Social Consciousness"*
6. CONFERENCE ON "THE PHILOSOPHY, VISION AND WORK OF NARAYANA GURU AS AN INSTRUMENT OF EGALITARIAN SOCIAL CHANGE" (7-9 JUNE 2011)

Rationale: Vedantic wisdom took shape originally in the Upanishads appended to the four Vedas of India. A long line of masters redefined this wisdom, making it more precise,

keeping in mind the exigencies of their times. Narayana Guru continued this tradition by restating and redefining Vedantic wisdom in line with the mindset of the Age of Science. Living in Kerala between 1854 and 1928, he expressed his vision through philosophical poems and hymns - sixty in number - in three languages: Sanskrit, Malayalam and Tamil.

Narayana Guru was no armchair philosopher; he taught people how to live this philosophy, thus sparking off individual and social change all through Kerala, particularly with respect to untouchability and caste prejudices and practices. It would not be an exaggeration to say that Narayana Guru played a large role in instrumenting the religious amity evident in Kerala society even today, rarely to be seen in other parts of India. In this context, it may be remembered that the first Parliament of Religions in the history of Asia was organized by the guru, in 1924.

The conference intended to focus on the originality and scientificity of the Vedantic teachings of Narayana Guru, examining how he looked at casteism and religious differences, and exploring the possibility of impacting discourses on caste, in order to animate processes to undermine caste prejudices and religious feuds.

The possibility of applying Vedantic wisdom as an absolute norm in the realms of economics, politics and education was also be discussed, keeping in mind Narayana Guru's thoughts on these topics as well as the work of the gurukula in continuing the thought processes initiated by him.

A Conference on "The Philosophy, Vision and Work of Narayana Guru as an Instrument of Egalitarian Social Change" was organized at IAS during 7-9 June 2011. Professor G. Mohan Gopal and Ms. Kala Krishnan Ramesh were the Conveners of the Conference. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director IAS welcomed the participants. Introduction to the conference was given by Professor G. Mohan Gopal while the Keynote Address was delivered by Muni Narayana Prasad, Guru and Head, Narayana Gurukulam, Sreenivasapuram, Varkala, Kerala.

Participants: Fr. George Thadathil, Principal, Salesian College, Sonada and Siliguri, Darjeeling; Santha Sukumaran, Narayana Gurukulam, Varkala; P. Sukumaran, Manager, Narayana Gurukulam, Varkala; P.R. Sreekumar, Ernakulam, Kerala; Sateesh Chandra Bose, Govt. Sanskrit College, Pattambi, Kerala; B. Sugeetha, Research Officer, State Institute of Languages Nalanda, Thiruvananthapuram; K.P. Gopalakrishnan, Narayana Gurukulam, Kundaliyur, Thrissur; R. Subhash, Aso, Nso (FOD), Govt. of India, SRO, Kollam; P.K. Sabu, Associate Professor of Geology, Department of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering, Trivandrum; Anil Kumar K., Narayana Gurukulam, Cheruvathur, Kerala, Swamy Tanmaya, Narayana Gurukulam, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu; Swami Santhananda Theerdha, Narayana Gurukulam, Varkala; Sathya Bai Sivadas, Chief Editor, Shivagiri (Eng) Quarterly, Sivagiri, Mutt, Varkala; Mariakutty Joseph, Treasurer, Guru Dharma Prachar Sabha, Hyderabad; B. Vanitha, Department of Economics, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore; D. Viswambharan, Sree Narayan Guru Dharma Mutt, Pottayadi, Kanyakumari; T.S. Sidharthan, Guru Smarana Samithy, Ernakulam,

Kochi; C.A. Madavan, Guru Smarana Samithy, Ernamkulam, Kochi; Viswanadhan V., Narayana Gurukulam, Sreenivasapuram, Varkala; D. Rajan, Narayana Gurukulam, Sreenivasapuram, Varkala; S. Radhakrishnan, Narayana Gurukulam, Sreenivasapuram, Varkala; S. Omana, Former HOD of Philosophy, Thiruvananthapuram; C. Divakaran, Narayana Gurukulam, Sreenivasapuram, Varkala; K.P. Subheesh, Narayana Gurukulam, Sreenivasapuram, Varkala; Swami Tyageeswaran, Narayana Gurukulam, Sreenivasapuram, Varkala; Prabhavathy Prasanna Kumar, Narayana Gurukulam, Sreenivasapuram, Varkala; D. Lathika, Narayana Gurukulam, Sreenivasapuram, Varkala; B.N. Bindhu Chandrasekharan, Teacher, GGHSS Cotton Hill, Thiruvananthapuram; Varghese C.I., Narayana Gurukulam, Edappally, Cochin; Rugmini Ramakrishnan, Narayana Gurukulam, Sreenivasapuram, Varkala; V. Ramachandran, Trivandrum; Swamy Vinaya Chaithanya, Swami Ridhambarananda, Sivagiri Mutt, Varkala; Vyasa Prasad, Narayana Gurukula, Fernhill, Ooty.

Following presentations were made during the Conference:

1. Swamy Tanmaya: *Methodological Innovations of Narayana Guru in Metaphysical Inquiry*
2. S. Omana: *Epistemology of Sree Narayana Guru*
3. Geroge Thadathil: *The Legacy of Narayana Guru and the Question of Discipleship*
4. Satheese Chandra Bose: *Gnosis and Ethics: Narayana Guru's Critique of the Absolute Otherness*
5. Vinaya Chaithanya: *Contributions of Narayana Guru to Ethics and Aesthetics*
6. Nancy Yielding: *Passion and Compassion of Narayana Guru* (paper presented by Muralee Mohan Lal or Dr. B. Sugeetha)
7. B. Sugeetha: *Concept of 'One Faith' of Narayana Guru*
8. Sathyabai Sivasadas: *Casteism as Redefined by Guru*
9. G. Mohan Gopal: *Annihilation of Caste as the Key Determinant in the Struggle for Justice in India*
10. B. Vanitha: *Role of Economics in Human Life*
11. R. Subhash: *Economics as derived from the Philosophy of Narayana Guru*
12. S. Radhakrishnan: *Role of Politics*
13. Prabhavati Prasannakumar: *Politics as derived from the Philosophy of Narayana Guru*
14. Swami Rhithambarananda: *The Guru as an Educational Expert*
15. Swami Ramatheertha: *The Goal of Education-Creating a Loyal Citizen or a Real Human Being*

16. Peter Oppenheimer: *Education, Root and Fruit: Educational Psychology in the Light of Narayana Guru* (presented by C. Divakaran)
17. Swami Vyasa Prasad: *Guru's Philosophy as Real Education*
18. P.K. Sabu: *Cultural Degradation Caused by Modern Educational Trends and Remedial Measures.*

7. WORKSHOP ON UNDERSTANDING COLLECTIVE ACTION, VIOLENCE AND POST-COLONIAL DEMOCRACY” (26-28 SEPTEMBER 2011)

Rationale: Democracy's claim to pacification and social ordering is as old as its history and is regarded as an integral part of its normative architecture. By contrast, its association with collective violence in a country like India has been empirically established and is debated. Violence, according to its normative claim, is always located *outside* the democratic domain implying thereby that its recurrence marks less of - and ironically at the same time a direct threat to - democracy. Democracies are called upon to 'manage', 'tackle' or 'deal with' it not necessarily through democratic means. Democracy, in other words, harbours no obligation towards those who do not observe its rules.

The perspective immediately changes insofar as one proposes to define collective violence as a form of collective action and most importantly as a means of collective claim-making— which democracies can ignore only to their own peril. If democracy as a regime has the effect of 'governmentalizing' social relations by ruling, monitoring and chiseling its population, we have to understand that democratic institutions cannot always subsume democratic politics. Democratic institutions and democratic politics are thus implicated in an endless process of dialoguing. Democracy is not a being but a process of eternal becoming. The greatest challenge of democracy is to come to terms with its own normative architecture. The alternative to democracy therefore can only be democracy itself. The workshop held at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla on 26-28 September 2011 made a case for a claimant-centred approach rather than a state or regime-centred approach and methodology in order to understand the functioning of democracy in a post-colonial society like India.

The short inaugural session chaired by Ranabir Samaddar began with the welcome address by Gangmumei Kamei on behalf of IIAS. In his introductory remarks, Pradip Kumar Bose underlined the emancipatory streak of 'pure' violence, that is to say, violence shorn of any ideological meaning and justification while making a brief review of the writings on collective violence.

Participants: Professor Samir Kumar Das, Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta; Dr. Suhit K. Sen, Senior Researcher, Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata; Professor Samita Sen, School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University; Professor Pradip Kumar Bose, Honorary Professor, Centre for Study in Social Sciences, Kolkata; Dr. Mithilesh Kumar, Research and Programme Associate, Mahanirban Calcutta

Research Group, Kolkata; Dr. Anuradha Sharma, Research Scholar, Centre for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Dr. Prem R. Bhardwaj, Associate Professor, Govt. P.G. College, Nahan; Dr. Swarna Rajgopalan, Chennai; Dr. Pradeep Bhargava, Director, G.B. Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad; Professor Ashutosh Kumar, Department of Political Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh; Dr. Ratna Kapur, Delhi; Dr. Amit Prakash, JNU, New Delhi; Dr. Partha Pratim Shil, Department of Political Science, Hindu College, Delhi; Dr. Ashok Agrwaal, New Delhi; Dr. Mayur Suresh, New Delhi; Dr. Lawerence Liang, Alternative Law Forum, Bangalore.

Following presentations were made during the Workshop:

Session I: Approaches to Understanding Legality, Constitutionality and Violence in Post-Colonial Democracy

Speakers:

1. Mayur Suresh: *Encountering Self Defence: Reading Life and Death into the Legal Text*
2. Ashok Agrwaal: *Inclusion as Violence*
3. Suhit Sen: *Congress and Bureaucracy: Contesting Sovereignty*

Session II: State-building, Persistent Inequalities and Histories of Violence

Speakers:

1. Partha Pratim Shil: *Assembling the Indian State: Constabulary Strikes, Indian Independence and the Question of Colonial 'Inheritance', British India 1945-47*
2. Ashutosh Kumar: *Democratic Institutions, Social Inequalities and Violence in India*

Session III: Patriarchy, Gender, Democracy and Violence

Speakers:

1. Ratna Kapur: *The Boomerang Effect of Progressive Politics: Critiquing Feminist Legal Engagements on Violence against Women*
2. Swarna Rajagopalan: *Baby Girl Blues: Patriarchy, Gender, Democracy and Violence*

Session IV: Democratic Institutions and Violence

Speakers:

1. Samir K. Das: *Institutions, Equality and Violence: Reflections on the State of Democracy in Contemporary India*
2. Sabyasachi Basu Roy Chowdhury: *Election and Violence*

8. INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON "TAGORE, CÉSAIRE, NERUDA: A VIEW FROM THE SOUTH" (4-6 OCTOBER 2011)

Rationale: The Seminar on *Tagore, Césaire, Neruda: A View from the South* was convened at the IAS in the first week of October. The seminar which ran over seven sessions, including an inaugural, strove to foreground certain key concerns, among them, initiating a re-examination (within a comparative frame) of the work of these three poets, all of whom challenged 'the contradictions of an unfair world system,' while also directing 'renewed reflection and action' towards the theme of a 'reconciled universal.' In addition, the conference was concerned with bringing to the table broader questions such as the power of poetry, the specificities of colonialisms, the creation of cultures of silence, forms of resistance, creolization, methodologies of comparative analysis, and broadening frames of study beyond the boundaries of the nation and national literatures.

The Inaugural session brought together the Director, Professor Peter Ronald deSouza's opening remarks with Professor Shiv Visvanathan's Keynote address, 'Dreams of Another Time'. Professor Visvanathan's address used as its provocation, the linked questions: 'can poets be policy makers?' and what would be the critical implications of reading UNESCO's policy declarations regarding the three poets as literary texts? The session which followed, interrogated the idea of the global south, through papers which considered Pablo Neruda and Aimé Césaire as poets with a potential affiliation and interest in that idea.

Session II, foregrounded in different ways, the idea of the performative, with papers dealing with, on the one hand, Tagore's interest in the significations of dance and choreography, and on the other, with the questions posed by oral knowledges and performative cultures in a time when digital technologies proliferate.

Session III on day two, juxtaposed a close reading of Rabindranath Tagore's search for an alternative to European modernity, with an ardent, yet carefully argued appeal to bring the methodologies forged within comparative literature into play when studying poets from diverse political, linguistic and geographic contexts. The papers in Session IV engaged radically with the concepts of home and world, nation and region, creolization, myth making and history, technology and popular culture. Session V examined firstly, Césaire's work in light of his political and aesthetic concerns, and secondly, the debates among expatriate Afro-Caribbean artists and political activists in the London of the 1980s, concerning issues of nationalism, race and class.

The final session, on day three, brought together a paper interested in the intersections of the individual and the collective in the poetry of Pablo Neruda, and another, which

looked at the anti-colonial positions taken up by the three poets through a queer analytic.

In conclusion, it might be acknowledged that the conference brought together an unusually provocative array of papers. It is intended that a volume be constituted comprising the papers presented at the seminar.

Participants: Dr. Annie Paul, University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica; Dr. Carpanin Marimoutou, Professor of Literature, University of Reunion Island; Dr. Jorge Heine, Chair in Global Governance, Balsillie School of International Affairs, Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario; Dr. C.J. Wan-Ling Wee, Associate Professor, Division of English, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; Shri Keki N. Daruwalla, National Commission of Minorities, New Delhi; Dr. Rimli Bhattacharya, Department of English, Delhi University; Professor Shirshendu Chakrabarti, Department of English, University of Delhi; Dr. Ipshita Chanda, Professor of Comparative Literature, Centre for Studies in African Literatures and Cultures, Jadavpur University; Dr. Vijaya Venkataraman, Associate Professor, Department of Germanic and Romance Studies, University of Delhi; Professor Shiv Visvanathan, Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology, Gandhi Nagar; Dr. Hoshang Merchant, Hyderabad.

Following presentations were made during the International Seminar:

Jorge Heine:	<i>Pablo Neruda and the Global South</i>
Francoise Verges:	<i>Aimé Césaire, an Idea of the South: Towards a Cartography of Struggles</i> (Paper was presented in absentia by Carpanin Marimoutou)
Rimli Bhattacharya:	<i>Playing with Time</i>
Annie Paul:	<i>Archives of Human Wisdom: Citing/Siting Oral Wisdom in the Time of the Digital</i>
Shirshendu Chakrabarti:	<i>Tagore and the Search for an Alternative to European Modernity</i>
Ipshita Chanda:	<i>'From Time to Time I Inhabit One of My Wounds' Like 'The Light of Hidden Flowers': Questions to Imperial Modernism from 'World' Literature</i>
Carpanin Marimoutou:	<i>Home and the World</i>
C.J. Wan-Ling Wee:	<i>Nation: Nationalism, Region: Okakura Kakuzo, Rabindranath Tagore and Contemporary East Asia</i>
Keki Daruwalla:	<i>Aimé Césaire and the Tangle of Politics</i>
Maria Aurora Couto and Annie Paul:	<i>In Conversation</i>
Vijaya Venkataraman:	<i>The Individual and the Collective in Neruda's Poetics</i>
Hoshang Merchant:	<i>Tagore, Césaire, Neruda: Three Anti-Colonial Poets</i>

9. INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON “ORALITY: WORD, TEXT AND BEYOND” (10-12 OCTOBER 2011)

Rationale: Recent academic trends reflect a new interest and seriousness about understanding the characteristics of orality, oral literatures, and oral communication patterns, since for any understanding of the contemporary culture the pervasive existence of orality has to be taken into account. Historically all cultures began as oral cultures, and most communities and societies in the world operate, even today, as oral and relational societies in their communication formats. India is an example of a culture that has traditionally emphasised the primacy of ‘oral’ and ‘aural’ expressions as against the ‘written’ or ‘textual’. The epics such as the *Mahabharata* and the *Ramayana* have been re-evaluated in the light of their several oral versions that simultaneously exist.

Oral tradition might appear to have lost its orientation due to the dependence on literate and analytical tools in the production of knowledge, yet it remains a useful mode for dissemination of knowledge. The imposition of Western-literate categories on oral literatures resulted in a failure to understand both the nature and function of the language. Walter Ong has argued that literacy is a ‘pre-emptive and imperialistic activity’ since it displaces other ways of conceptualizing. While emphasising that the oral and the literate exist on the same continuum, and are not dichotomous, we need to take a fresh look at what constitutes the oral imagination, the poetics of oral literature, oral epistemology as well as the taxonomy of primary and secondary orality in the present social context.

An International Seminar on “Orality: Word, Text and Beyond” was organized at IIAS during 10-12 October 2011. Professor Satish C. Aikant, Department of English, H.N.B. Garhwal University, Pauri, Convener of the Seminar introduced the theme. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IIAS delivered the Director’s remarks. Professor Paula Richman, Department of Religion, Oberlin College, Oberlin, USA gave the Keynote address on “*How an Epic Narrative Lives: Song, Speech and Enactment in Ramayana Performance*”.

Participants: Professor Paula Richman, Department of Religion, Oberlin College, Oberlin, USA; Professor Rustom Bharucha, Kolkata; Professor Geoffrey V. Davis, Department of English, University of Aachen, Germany; Professor Annie Montaut, INALCO/CNRS, Paris; Professor Charles Malamoud, EPHE, Paris University, Paris; Professor Bhalchandra Nemade, Mumbai; Professor Malashri Lal, Department of English, University of Delhi; Dr. Anita Cherian, Fellow, IIAS; Professor Chetan Singh, Department of History, Himachal Pradesh University; Professor Aruna Chakravarti, Delhi; Professor Mahendra Kumar Mishra, ASGP, Bhubaneswar; Professor G.N. Devy, Bhasha Research Centre, Baroda; Professor Alok Bhalla, New Delhi; Professor Rukmini Bhaya Nair, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Delhi; Dr. Ravikant, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi; Professor Lachman M. Khubchandani, Centre for Communication Studies, Pune; Dr. Rakshanda Jalil, Council for Social Development, New Delhi; Dr. Susmita Chatterjee, Fellow IIAS; Dr. Nila Shah, Jasani Arts and Commerce College, Rajkot; Dr. Kavita Panjabi, Fellow, IIAS; Professor Malashri Lal, University of Delhi.

Following presentations were made during the Seminar:

Bhalchandra Nemade:	<i>Speech: Language: Writing</i>
Malashri Lal: <i>Orality,</i>	<i>Social Change and Empowerment: Santhal Women in Birbhum, West Bengal</i>
Anita Cherian:	<i>Acting, Speaking, Writing: Transcribing Revolutionary Acts</i>
Chetan Singh:	<i>Crafting the Past: Oral Tradition and Folklore in a Western Himalayan Kingdom</i>
Aruna Chakravarti:	<i>The Bauls of Bengal</i>
Mahendra Kumar Mishra:	<i>Orality and Textuality: Exploring the Tribal Oral Tradition of Odisha</i>
Rukmini Bhaya Nair:	<i>Script Boxes and Story Boxes: The Material Culture of Oral Narratives in India</i>
Alok Bhalla:	<i>Crisis in Ayodhya: A Reading of One Miniature Painting from Chamba Ramayana Folio</i>
Nilu Shah:	<i>Ethos and Collective Identity in the Oral Narratives of Dungs I Bhils of Gujarat</i>
Lachman M Khubchandani:	<i>Orality and Textuality: A Dialectic of Mass Culture and Literate Culture</i>
Ravi Kant:	<i>Language Flows: The Oral, the Cinematic and the Virtual</i>
Devapriya Roy:	<i>Secret Lagoons of Knowledge: Women and Orality</i>
G.N. Devy:	<i>The Silenced Oral</i>
Geoffrey V. Davis:	<i>How to Write an Oral Culture: Indigenous Tradition in Contemporary Canadian Native Writing</i>
Annie Montaut:	<i>Oral Culture in Written Literature: Krishna Baldev Vaid's Punjabi Folk Culture and Mrinal Pande's Uttrakhand Folkculture as Informing the Art of Narration</i>
Rakshanda Jalil:	<i>Songs for all Seasons: The Oral Tradition in Urdu Literature</i>
Charles Malamoud:	<i>The Blackness of Writing</i>
Susmita Chatterjee:	<i>Why Write it? Orality and Textuality in Early Medieval Eastern India</i>
Kavita Panjabi:	<i>Epistemological Pitfalls and Stepping Stones of Oral History</i>
Documentary Film:	<i>Jharu-Katha/Broom Stories, Introduction to the film and Discussion by Rustom Bharucha</i>

11. INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON “THE HOME AND THE WORLD:
RABINDRANATH TAGORE” (14-16 NOVEMBER 2011)

Rationale: The Institute organised an international seminar titled “The Home and The World: Rabindranath Tagore” during 14-16 November 2011. This seminar was among the events organised by the Institute to commemorate the sesquicentennial of Rabindranath Tagore. The seminar, around Rabindranath Tagore’s idea of ‘The Home and the World’ with the intention of decoding Tagore’s idea of the two concepts, discussed prominently through the conversations among the three major protagonists in his novel *Ghare Baire* (The Home and the World), was conceived with the aim to extend the scope of its discussion, not only to the other writings of Tagore, but also to an investigation of the unexplored spaces of the idea, through a reconsideration of the issues of belonging and dispossession from the ‘vantage point of our newest experiences and fears’. The seminar aimed also to extend beyond the mere explication of Tagore or the identification of his solutions regarding the issues of belonging and dispossession, and to open a conversation with Tagore on this theme having a significant bearing on our times. This conversation with Tagore intended for a discussion on the effects of the forces of history on the homes of peoples, and how due to these forces, many of them have come to be deprived of their homes, and in effect confronted with a world order that is ambivalent as to their right to live in it with dignity and respect. This naturally involved other voices speaking of identity and amnesia. In the three day seminar twenty papers were presented by scholars from around the country and from outside.

The inaugural session began with a welcome address by Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IIAS, followed by an introduction of the seminar theme by Dr. Gangeya Mukherji, Convener. Thereafter, Tapan Raychaudhuri (Oxford), and Sari Nusseibeh (Jerusalem), made the inaugural and the keynote presentations, respectively.

Participants: Professor Tapan Raychaudhuri, U.K.; Professor Sari Nussiebeh, President, Al Quds University, Jerusalem; Professor Uma Das Gupta, ex-Rabindranath Tagore Chair; Professor Rukmini Bhaya Nair, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi; Professor Tridip Suhrud, Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology, Gandhi Nagar; Professor Manas Mukul Das, Allahabad; Professor George Gispert-Sauch, Professor (Emeritus) of Indology and Systematic Theology, Vidyajyoti College of Theology, Delhi; Dr. Victor A. Van Bijlert, Kern Institute, Department of Language and Cultures of South and Central Asia, Leiden University, Netherlands; Professor Patrick Colm Hogan, Department of English, University of Connecticut, USA; Professor Lalita Pandit Hogan, Department of English, University of Wisconsin at La Crosse, La Crosse; Professor Arindam Chakrabarti, Director of South Asian Studies, University of Hawaii, USA; Professor Sasheej Hegde, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad; Dr. Said Zeedani, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem; Professor Sharad Deshpande, Retired Professor, University of Pune, Pune; Professor Chetan Singh, Department of History, H.P. University, Shimla; Professor Gangmumei Kamei, Shri Rajvinder Singh, National Fellows; Shri Aditi Nath Sarkar, Dr. Anita Cherian, Dr.

Soumyabrata Chaudhury and Dr. Kavita Punjabi, all Fellows of the Institute.

Following presentations were made during the International Seminar:

1. Professor Uma Das Gupta: *Home and the World: Rabindranath's Experiments with Education, Community, Nation at his Santiniketan Institutions*
2. Professor Rukmini Bhaya Nair: *The Nature of Language and the Language of Nature: Rabindranath Tagore's Shabdo Tattwo (The Essence of Words)*
3. Professor George Gispert-Sauch: *Roots that Walk*
4. Shri Aditi Nath Sarkar: *The Road that Leaves from Home: Towards a New Reading of Pather Panchali*
5. Professor Patrick Colm Hogan: *The Politics of the Personal: Tagore's Short Stories and the Narrative Ethics of Feeling*
6. Professor Lalita Pandit Hogan: *Imagining Home and Rabindranath Tagore's Storyworlds: Bakhtinian Chronotopes in "Ghat's Story" and the Wreck*
7. Shri Rajvinder Singh: *Culture is: Self Culture – Tagore, Myself and a Home Abroad*
8. Dr. Said Zeedani: *Palestinians in Israel: The Undesirable Others*
9. Professor Gangmumei Kamei: *Tagore's Concept of 'Home': A Regional Perspective. The Crisis of Identity in Manipur*
10. Professor Sasheej Hegde: *Sincerity and the Ends of Authenticity: Some Remarks on Tagore and Gandhi*
11. Professor Tridip Suhrud: *Exiled at Home: The Burden that is Gandhi*
12. Professor Manas Mukul Das: *Meditations on the Relationship between Home and the World in Tagore's Lyrics of 'White Light'*
13. Dr. Victor A. Van Bijlert: *Dialogue between Religions: Some Observations on Tagore and T.S. Eliot*
14. Professor Sari Nussiebeh, President, Al Quds University, Jerusalem, delivered Keynote Address on *Where Freedom Is: A Reflection on the Turmoils of National Liberation.*

12. SEMINAR ON "ANNIHILATION OF CASTE" (21-23 NOVEMBER 2011)

Rationale: Dr. Ambedkar's "Annihilation of Caste" published 75 years back is still relevant today for more than one reason. It provides a comprehensive theoretical articulation on the caste system. This has to be read with his earlier "Castes in India: Their mechanism, Genesis and Development" written in 1916 and his subsequent writings and political actions. On a normative/theoretical level, the Indian Constitution envisages building a

social order around the principles of equality, liberty and fraternity- the principles for which Dr. Ambedkar stood firm and argued at length.

It is time to revisit Dr. Ambedkar's thesis on annihilation of caste. The Text needs to be contextualized in his ideal social order, political philosophy and the nature of the contemporary caste system. Along with this, a larger question for the discourse may be addressed thus: Is the Brahminical caste system, based on purity and pollution, anywhere near the process of annihilation after sixty years of Independence? Or is the traditional social order reasserting its value system, hierarchy and ethos? If it is reasserting, what is its nature and modus operandi? What is the impact of modernity – liberal values, democratic system, social-engineering measures, and market on the caste based social system? It is worthwhile to examine empirically what is the nature of caste in India today? Similarly does the essential core of the system – purity and pollution, ritual and occupational hierarchy perpetuate among the castes, or have it changed? If so, what changes have taken place and what features have continued in the last sixty years in the midst of a democratic system, market and liberal education system? Has caste now become confined more to identity/marker, rather than ritual hierarchical system? Does the erosion, (if any) of the ritual hierarchical order mean the problem of exclusion of traditionally deprived groups from socio-economic development process has become irrelevant? When the elite of the lower caste demand for an enumeration of caste category do they wish to legitimize ritual and social role of caste? Can caste based mobilization lead to social transformative process – eventually weakening, if not annihilating the caste system – challenging dominant social classes? Or has such process come to an impasse?

The seminar focused on the following themes related to annihilation of caste system: (a) Discussing Ambedkar's Texts, (b) Other texts on abolition of caste system: Lohia, Nehru, Tagore etc.; (c) Anti caste movements in the post-Independence India. (d) Nature of the caste system today: Is it weakening? Is it getting strength? Role of democracy, modernity, market etc. in the changing nature of caste; (e) Social Engineering: (i) Welfare policies of the Indian State, (ii) Reservation. Consequences of these measures on the caste system; and (f) Way Ahead.

A Seminar on "Annihilation of Caste" was organized at IAS during 21-23 November 2011. Professor Ghanshyam Shah, National Fellow and Convener of the Seminar introduced the theme and welcomed the participants. Professor B.L. Mungekar, Chairman, IAS gave the Keynote Address. Dr. Manish Thakur, Fellow, IAS, proposed the vote of thanks.

Participants: Dr. Anand Teltumbde, Indian institute of Technology, Kharagpur; Professor Valerian Rodrigues, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Dr. Yasumasa Sekine, School of Sociology, Kwansei Gakuin University, Japan; Professor Rajkumar Hans, Department of History, M.S. University of Baroda; Professor Kalpana Kannabiran, Director, Council for Social Development, Hyderabad; Professor Satish Deshpande, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics; Professor G. Aloysius, Department of Social Exclusion Studies EFLU, Hyderabad; Professor Yogendra Yadav, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi; Professor Badri Narayan Tiwari, G.B. Pant

Social Science Institute, Allahabad; Dr. Vasanthi Raman, Deputy Director, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi; Professor Ashwini Deshpande, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi; Dr. Martin Macwan, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi; Dr. Meena Dhanda, University of Wolverhampton, School of Law, Social Sciences and Communications, Wolverhampton; Dr. Rajendra P. Mamgain, Director, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi; Professor Sambaiah Gundimeda, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS); University of London; Professor Gangmumei Kamei, National Fellow, IIAS; Professor K. Gopal Iyer, Dr. Manish Thakur, Professor Satish Sharma and Dr. Dhananjay Singh, all Fellows of the Institute.

Following presentations were made during the Seminar:

1. Valerian Rodrigues: *Why Caste has to Go? Ambedkar's Two Texts on Caste*
2. Raj Kumar Hans: *Annihilation of Caste for the Survival of Nation and Religion: Contribution of Santram B.A. of Jat-Pat-todak Mandal*
3. Satish K. Sharma: *Annihilating Caste Perpetuating Caste: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Arya Samaj*
4. Yogendra Yadav: *Ram Manohar Lohia on Caste*
5. Anand Teltumbde: *Revisiting 'Annihilation of Castes'*
6. G. Aloysius: *The Academic Agenda of Caste: Affirmation or Annihilation*
7. Vasanti Raman: *Gender, Caste and Emancipator Project in the 21st Century: Critical Issues and Challenges*
8. Yasumasa Sekine: *What is to be annihilated; Caste, Jati, Varna and/or Untouchability: Untouchables are not simply the lowest status of Hindu caste hierarchy*
9. Kalpana Kannabiran: *Discrimination and Untouchability: Constitutional Articulations*
10. Satish Deshpande: *The Law and the Annihilation of Caste: Non-Discrimination, Inequality, Backwardness and Castelessness*
11. Meena Dhanda: *Annihilation of Caste through Inter-Caste Marriages: A Study of Punjabis*
12. Ashwini Deshpande: *Merit, Mobility and Modernism: Caste Discrimination in Contemporary Indian labour Markets*
13. Rajendra P. Mamgain: *Caste and Anti-Poverty Programmes*
14. K. Gopal Iyer: *Structural Changes in the Caste System in Tamil Nadu and Bihar; Tendencies of Perpetuation and Limit to Annihilation*
15. Sambaiah Gundimeda: *Reading Ambedkar Today: Contemporary Dalit Political Strategies to go beyond Caste*

16. Martin Macwan: *Annihilation of Caste: Who would want to Annihilate and who would not?*
17. Badri Narayan: *A Beggar's Song of Democracy: A Study of Invisible Dalits*
18. Ghanshyam Shah: *Caste Struggles: Quest for Sanskritization or Equality?*

13. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "GOA: 1961 AND BEYOND" (18-20 DECEMBER 2011)

Rationale: Anniversaries evoke passions and emotions, taking over the empirical discussion. The Golden Jubilee of Goa's Liberation required an academic engagement that would move beyond biographical accounts of colonial and post Liberated Goa. International Conference *Goa: 1961 and Beyond* was an intellectual event to mark 50 years of Goa's Liberation and in doing so the objective was not to reduce 1961 as a mere event in the history of India but to focus on the end of the 'Ultra Colonialism' of the Portuguese in Goa and the subsequent impact on the world. Post-colonial Goa has a story to tell, a story that must find an appropriate place in the imaginary of Independent India as well as that of post-colonial Portugal. The key conceptual framework was to map the *Afterlife of a Territory where Colonialism first set foot in 1510* and how *1961 marked the beginning of the end for the Portuguese empire.*

The idea of the 'afterlife' assumes death which included efforts to wipe out memories, eradicate symbolic markers and revive painful memories. This suggests that something of the previous persists and hence we need to explore what that 'something' is, how long it persists, and why does it do so? The idea of an 'afterlife' allows us to examine the societal transformations brought about during the colonial period. This can help us recognize the residues of these transformations: both the fractures and the continuities that persist in either a robust or a feeble form. These have a role to play in the dynamics of the present. With time they either grow stronger, or remain the same, or just fade away into irrelevance. This question of a residue's longevity is significant if we wish to explore the afterlife of a territory since we will need to explain what persists, what fades, and why. Just discussing events, or themes, or even processes, as many of the seminars that have been organized to mark the anniversary have done, without acknowledging the issue of the *'afterlife of both the metropolis and the colonies'* may not provide valuable data and insights into the event, theme or process but gives what one can at best describe as a hermeneutic minima.

An International Conference on "*Goa: 1961 and Beyond*" was jointly organised by the IIAS, Goa University, Centro de Estudos Sociais (CES, Centre for Social Studies), Coimbra University from 18-20 December 2012. The Conference was supported by Indian Council of Historical Research, Indian Council of Social Science Research and Directorate of Art and Culture, Government of Goa. Professor Dileep N. Deobagkar, Vice Chancellor, Goa University welcomed the participants. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, Indian Institute of Advanced Study introduced the theme of the Conference. Professor Basudev Chatterji, Chairman, Indian Council of Historical Research inaugurated the Conference

while Professor Boaventura de Souza Santos, Director, Centre for Social Studies, Coimbra University, Portugal delivered the keynote address. Vote of thanks was proposed by Shri Parag D. Parobo, Department of History, Goa University.

Participants: Miguel Cardina, Researcher, Centre for Social Studies, University of Coimbra; Michelle Cahill, Poet, Editor, Literary Review, Wahroonga, Australia; Maria Paula G. Menses, Centre for Social Sciences, Coimbra University, Portugal; Manisha Pal, Language Specialist (Portuguese Translator), Exemplar Worldwide, Kottivakam, Chennai; Lynn Mario T. Menezes de Souza, Universidade de Sao Paulo, Faculdade de Filosofia, Letras e Ciencias Humanas, Rua do Iago, Brazil; Koshy Tharakan, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Goa University, Goa; Joao Rafael De Figueiredo Miguens Mendes, Lawyer, Av. CondeValbom, Lisboa, Portugal; Joana Passos, Auxiliary Researcher, Centro de Estudos Humanisticos, Universidade do Minho, Campus de Gualtar, Braga, Portugal; Janet Rubinoff, Founders College, York University, Toronto, Canada; Giri Suzuki, Taisho University, Tokyo, Japan, Filipa Lowndes Vicente, Researcher, Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon, Portugal; Everton V. Machado, Centre for Comparative Studies, University of Lisbon, Alameda da Universidade, Lisbon, Portugal; Nishta Desai, Director Children's Rights in Goa Angod, Mapusa, Goa; Delfim Correia Da Silva, Visiting Lecturer of Portuguese, Goa University Goa; Constantino Xavier, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, USA; Claudia Pereira, Anthropologist, Instituto Universitario de Lisboa, Centro de Investigacao e Estudos de Sociologia, Lisbon, Portugal; Arthur Rubinoff, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Toronto, Canada; Aparna Lolayekar, Assistant Professor, D.M's College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Assagao, Bardez, Goa; Anjali Arondekar, University of California, Anabela Rodrigues Drago Miguens Mendes, Faculdade de Letras, Universidade de Lisboa, Alameda da Universidade, Lisboa, Portugal; Amitha Shanbhogue, Assistant Professor, S.S. Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, Altinho, Panaji; Alexander Henn, Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies, USA; Alberto Gomes, La Trobe University, Australia; Albertina Almedia, Advocate and Researcher (Independent) Taleigao, Goa; Shalia DeSouza, In Charge, Centre for Women's Studies, Goa University, Goa; Cajetan Rapose, Assistant Professor, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa; Maria Aurora Couto, Writer, Carona, Bardez, Goa; Angela Barreto Xavier, Instituto de Ciencias da University of Lisboa, Portugal; Yusuf A. Sheikh, Editor and Publisher of "O Re Soi" Goa; Ved Melo Furtado, Department of Audiology, Manipal University, Manipal; Tolentino Antonio Colaco, Goa Shipyard Limited, Vasco da Gama-Goa; Steffi D'costa, Goa University, Goa; Solano Da Silva, Independent Researcher, Goa; Sneha Sawant, Goa University, Goa; Sarah Joseph, Retired Lecturer in Political Science, Goa; Renji George Amballoor, Principal, Govt. College of Commerce Margao, Goa; *Dr. António José Marques Sabido Costa*, Consulate General of

Portugal in Goa, Panaji; Raisa Cardozo, Goa University, Goa; Rafael Fernandes, Associate Professor, Department of English, Goa University, Goa; Pinky Pawaskar, Lecturer, BITS Pilani, Goa; Pandharinath Damodar Lotlikar, Editor and Publisher of "Paklleo" Goa; Nomratha Fernandes, Freelance Journalist, Panjim, Goa; Maria Do Ceu Barreto, Visiting Faculty, Department of Portuguese, Miramar; Mari Korpela, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Tampere, Finland; Manuel Caldeira, Independent Researcher, Moira, Bardez, Goa; Jose Lourenco, Margao, Goa; Janet Araujo, Goa University, Goa; Ishwar Singh, Lecturer, Centre for Inclusion and Exclusion, Goa University, Goa; Freda Tavares, Goa University, Goa; Fernando Elgar Noronha, Advocate High Court, Panaji, Goa; Favita Dias, Goa University, Goa; Emma Martin, Goa, Elizabeth Bara, Goa University, Goa; Edgar Melo Furtado, Civil Engineer, Panaji; Chantal Pinto, Director Xandev Foundation London, U.K; Cecil Pinto, Writer, Panjim, Goa; Augusto Pinto, Associate Professor, S.S. Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, Panjim, Goa; Agostinho Dias Gender, Surveyor, Goa; Vishal Char, Assistant Professor, MES, College of Arts and Commerce, Zuarinagar, Goa; Venisha Fernandes, Centre for Women's Studies, Goa University, Goa; Dr. Strella Mascarenhas-Keyes, Department for Education, U.K; Sidh Daniel Losa Mendiratta, Architect, Department de Arquitectura, Univeridade de Coimbra, Portugal; Shubhro Michael Gomes, Colombo Plan Lecturer; Gaeddu College of Business Studies, GEDU, Bhutan; Sharon Braganca Sousa, Assistant Professor, CES College of Arts and Commerce, Cuncolim Goa; Rubina Jasani, Health Sciences Research Institute, University of Manchester; Robert S. Newman, USA; Raghuraman Trichur, Associate Professor, California State University, Sacramento, USA; R. Bedito, Ferrao, Dirkbeck College, Department of English, University of London, UK; Priyanka Velip, Project Fellow, Centre for Women's Studies, Goa University, Goa; Dr. Pranab Mukhopadhyay, Associate Professor, Goa University, Goa; Paul Melo e Castro, Lecturer in Portuguese, Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, University of Leeds, UK; Dr. Blanche Mascarenhas, Associate Professor, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa; Dr. Carmo deSouza, Honorary Director, Ismilda Research Consultancy, Goa; Dr. Susana Sardo, Universidade de Aveiro, Portugal; Dr. Amitav Ghosh, Writer, Delhi; Dr. Rahul Tripathi, Associate Professor, Goa University; Alito Sequeira, Associate Professor, Goa University; Gopal Guru, JNU; Dr. Alakananda Shringare, Assistant Professor, Goa University; Dr. P.K. Sudarshan, Associate Professor, Goa University; Dr. Prakash Dessai, Assistant Professor, Goa University; Prakash Paryekar, Assistant Professor, Goa University; Dr. Rafael Fernandes, Associate Professor, Goa University; Prajal Sakardande, Assistant Professor, Dhempe College, Goa; Dr. Neena Caldeira, Associate Professor, Goa University; Dr. Seema S. Risbud, Assistant Professor, Goa University; Dr. Remy Dias, Deputy Director of Education, Government of Goa and Associate Professor, Government College, Quepem; Dr. Anuradha Wagle, Associate Professor, Goa University; Edith Melo Furtado, Associate Professor, Goa University;

Frederick Noronha, Writer and Publisher, Goa; Vishram Gupte, Writer, Goa; Victor Rangel-Ribeirio, Writer, USA; Damodar Mouzo, Writer, Goa; Madhavan K. Palat, Former Fellow, IAS; Savia Viegas, Independent Researcher and Curator, Goa; Shahid Amin, Delhi University; Margret Frenz, University of Leicester, Leicester, UK; Cristiana Bastos, Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon, Portugal; Pamela D'Mello, Independent Researcher, Goa; Jason Keith Fernandes, Department of Anthropology, ISCTE- Lisbon University Institute, Portugal; Matias Echanove, Institute of Urbanology, Aldona, Goa; Rahul Srivastava, Institute of Urbanology, Aldona, Goa; Dr. Victor Ferrao, Co-ordinator of Special Study Centre, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Rachol Seminary, Goa; Keki Daruwalla, Writer, New Delhi; Madhavi Sardesai, Associate Professor, Goa University; Professor Shiv Vishvanathan, Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology, Gandhinagar; Professor Rukmini Bhaya Nair, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi; Professor Bhagwan Josh, JNU; Shashi Joshi, Former Fellow IAS.

Following presentations were made:

Plenary Session I

Shaid Amin:

Making the Nation Habitable

Rukmini Bhaya Nair:

The Goa That Never Was: Jose Saramago's Counterfactual Narrative

Session I: The Beginning of the End (Operation Vijay and the End of Colonization)

Dalila Cabrita Mateus:

Goa and Satyagraha (in absentia)

Maria de Lourdes

Bravo da Costa Rodrigues:

Dr. Salazar's Attempt to Recover Goa

Nishtha Desai:

Liberation vs Armed Aggression the Media Response to Operation Vijay

Public Life of History

Maria Paula Meneses:

A Kind of a Low Silence: Narratives of Nationalist Struggle in 1961 Mozambique

Angela Xavier:

Past is Always Present, History and Identity in post-colonial Goa

Sidh Mendiratta:

New and Old Ideas for Old Goa: the Gracias/Vassalo e Silva Conservation and Musealization Plan of 1960 and its Aftermath

Questioning Goa's Development

Shaila de Souza:

Dynamics of Tourism Development and the Status of Women in Goa (in absentia)

Janet A. Rubinoff:

Fisheries Development in Goa: Transformation of Traditional Fishing Communities over 50 Years

Blanche Mascarenhas: *Evolution and Growth of Trade Unions in Goa during the post-Liberation Period*

Session II: Literature, Power and 'Otherness'

Vishram Gupte: *Absence of an 'Exile' at the Centre of Goan Literature: Some Problematic Issues*

Everton V. Machado: *Postcolonial Studies and Goan Literature in Portuguese: Limits and Challenges*

Victor Rangel-Ribeirio: *The Liberation of the Colonial Mind in Goa, and the Literature that is Flowing from It*

Damodar Mouzo: *How Liberated is Goan Literature?*

Identity and Hegemony and II. Gender

Parag D. Parobo: *Rise of the Little Selves: Bahujan Samaj and the Political Space in Postcolonial Goa, 1961-2011*

Claudia Pereira: *Caste and Post Colonialism- Comparing the Gaudde in Contemporary Goa and in "Signo da Ira"*

Priyanka Velip: *Does Goa Listen to Tribal Women's Voices?*

Voices from the Diaspora

Michelle Cahill: *From Silence to Rhetoric: The Poet As Ethnographer*

R. Benedito Ferrao: *The Many Africa's of Goa: Liberation and Literature in the Making of Subjectivity*

Shubhro Michael Gomes: *The Forgotten Portuguese of Mirpur, A Study on their 'Paribartan' (transformation)*

Stella Mascarenhas-Keyes: *The Role of Portuguese and British Colonialism in the Migration and Settlement of Goans in Britain*

The Struggle for Liberation Aspirations and Testimonies

Plenary Session II

Aurora Couto: *Politics of Erasure*

Madhavan K. Palat: *The Europes that Goa and the rest of India Saw*

Session III: Re-Imaging and Re-Positioning Goa

Filipa Lowndes Vicente: *Writing from many Frontiers: Jose Gerson da Cunha's Historical and Journalistic Approaches to Past and Present Colonialisms (1870-1900)*

Savia Viegas: *Angelo da Fonseca: The Making of the Indigene Artist*

Liberation of Goa and Beyond

Arthur Rubinoff: *How Different are Goa's Politics?*
 Margret Frenz: *East African Goan Perspectives on 'Goa 1961'*
 Miguel Cardina: *1961: The Year that Shook the Portuguese dictatorship*
 Postcoloniality, Identity Politics
 Alberto G Gomes: *Soiled Blood: Hybridity and the Portuguese Eurasians in Malaysia*
 Alexander Henn: *Moving the Self through Post-Colonial Spaces: The Gaude Jagor*
 Cristiana Bastos: *Beyond Predicaments: Goan Writings on Identity and History*

Session IV: Land, Law and Village

Pamela D'Mello: *Changing Markets in Land, its Impact on Politics and the idea of Village and Belonging*
 Remy Dias: *The Story of Goa's Land Reforms since Liberation: 1961*
 Cajetan Raposo: *Jurisdiction and Ownership of Comunidade Lands: Threats and Challenges*
 Religion, Integration and Social Transformation
 Sharon Braganca Sousa: *Politico-Ecclesiastical Metamorphosis of the Church in Goa after Liberation*
 Venisha Fernandes: *Displacement and the Sacred: The Re-Membered Village*

Language, Gender, Power

Delfim Corriea da Silva: *Does Goa have the Potential to Become the Future Excellence Hub in Asia for Learning and Teaching Portuguese*
 Edith Melo Furtado: *Women's Voices after 1961*
 Frederick Noronha: *Goa and its Elites: New and Old — A Look at how the Media has Built and Unbuilt Elite Perceptions in the Last Five Decades*

Session V: Resistance and Recovery

Anjali Arondekar: *Margins of Desire Sexuality, Historiography, Goa*
 Gitika Gupta: *Goa em 1956: Colonial Resistances and Contrapuntal De/colonization Hi/story (In absentia read by Benedetto Ferrao)*
 Paul Melo e Castro: *"The Portuguese Soldier's Return" by Lambert Mascarenhas and "Um Portuguesem Baga" by Epitacio Pais*

- Joana Passos: *Goan Literature in Portuguese: Consolidation, Resistance, Activism and Contaminations*
History and its Residue
- Jason Keith Fernandes: *Spices, not Christians*
- Matias Echanove and Rahul Srivastava: *The Portuguese Past in Contemporary Mumbai Heritage Village and Futuristic Slums: A Perspective from Urban Planning*
- Victor Rangel-Ribeirio: *The Liberation of the Colonial Mind in Goa: Promise and Fulfillment, a View from the Outside*
- Constantino Xavier: *Into the Mainstream: "Goa Lusophona"*

Afterlife of Colonialism and Goan Society

- Victor Ferrao: *The Afterlife of Colonialism and the Condition of Inter-Religious Harmony in Goa*
- Carmo D'Souza: *Buried Heritage of Civil Law Traditions in Goa: Vision for 2011 and Beyond*
- Albertina Almedia: *Vistas on the Road from Portuguese Civil Code to Family Laws of Goa*

Plenary Session III

- Keki Daruwalla: *For Pepper and Christ: A Novel Historical fiction around Vasco da Gama's Voyage to "discover" India*

Session VI: Language, Education and Politics

- Madhavi Sardesai: *The Konkani – Marathi Conflict and its Impact on the Standardization of Konkani*
- Giri Suzuki: *The Language Issue in Post-Colonial Goa: From the Standpoint of Modern Japanese Experience*
- Lynn Mario T. Menezes de Souza: *Lazy Reasoning and the Waste of Experience: Apprehending Indigenous Dissensus in Educational and Language Policy in Brazil*

Memory, Culture and Dislocation

- Manisha Pal: *Goa and Portugal: Their Musical Links (during Twentieth Century)*
- Susana Sardo: *Music, Conflict and Conciliation: Rethinking some Postcolonial Approaches through the Case of Music in Goa*
- Anabela Mendes: *Recreation and Memory: Goa, and Inexpugnable Place*

Session VII: Transformations: Consuming in Goa and Consumption of Goa

Amitha Shanbhogue, Vishal Chari,

Aparna Lolayekar and

Pranab Mukhopadhyay:

Economic Transitions-Financial Growth and Consumption Outcomes

Raghuraman S. Trichur:

Articulating Tourism: State Formation in Post-Liberation Goa

Valedictory Address presented by Professor Shiv Vishvanathan and Vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Rahul Tripathi.

14. INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON “THE NATURE OF REALITY:
THE PERENNIAL DEBATE” (1-3 MARCH 2012)

Rationale: The nature of reality has been a long debated issue among scientists and philosophers. Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941) met Albert Einstein (1879-1955) at the latter’s house in Kaputh, Germany on 14th July 1930 and had a long conversation on the nature of reality. The important question that Tagore and Einstein discussed was whether the world is a unity dependent on humanity, or the world is a reality independent of the human factor. Einstein took the stand adopted by Western philosophers and mathematicians such as Aristotle, Plato, Frege, Russell etc., namely that reality is something independent of the mind and the human factor. On the other hand, Tagore adopted the opposite view. Nevertheless, both Einstein and Tagore claimed to be realists—their conceptions of reality were obviously fundamentally different.

If we are concerned with the purpose of life, what we should be doing, and the meaning of life and death, then the issue of reality (what is) and ethics (what ought to be) is of crucial importance to us. If things are different from how they are presented to us, then the issue of reality becomes crucial to our survival and well-being. Hence, the nature of reality has been an important concern in literature, art, philosophy and the social sciences.

To commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore a three days seminar on “The Nature of Reality: The Perennial Debate” was held from 1-3 March 2012. The intention was to have wide ranging in-depth discussions on the entire gamut of man’s engagement with reality through science, philosophy, language, cognitive science and the social sciences while keeping the Tagore-Einstein conversation as a reference point.

The Seminar began with a welcome address by Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IIAS which was followed by an Overview of the Seminar by Professor Partha Ghose, CAPPS, Bose Institute, Kolkata, who was also the Convener of this Seminar.

Participants: Professor Charles H. Bennet, IBM Research, Yorktown Heights New York; Professor Anthony Sudbery, Department of Mathematics, University of York Heslington, UK; Professor Harvey Brown, Philosophy Centre, Oxford

University, UK; Professor David A. Edwards, Department of Maths, University of Georgia, USA; Professor Bikash Sinha, Former Director, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics and Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre, Kolkata; Professor Bijoy Boruah, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Delhi; Professor Udaya Narayana Singh, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan; Professor Ashis Nandy, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi; Professor C.S. Unnikrishnan, TIFR, Mumbai; Professor Arindam Chakrabarti, Department of Philosophy, University of Hawai, USA; Professor Supriya Chaudhuri, Department of English, Jadavpur University; Professor Sitangshushekhar Chakravarti, New College, University of Toronto, Canada; Professor Nirmalangshu Mukherji, Department of Philosophy, Delhi University; Professor Amiya Dev, former Vice Chancellor, Vidyasagar University, Kolkata; Professor Basudev Chatterji, Chairman, Indian Council of Philosophical Research; Professor Sumantra Chatterji, Neurobiology, National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore; Professor Sharad Deshpande, Retired Professor of Philosophy, University of Pune; Professor Vrinda Dalmiya, Fellow, IAS.

Following presentations were made during the Seminar:

1. Charles H. Bennett: *Quantum Mechanics and Reality*
2. Anthony Sudbery: *Einstein and Tagore, Newton and Blake, Everett and Bohr*
3. Supriya Chaudhuri: *Seeing Things: Tagore's Sense of the Real*
4. Bikash Sinha: *Science and Philosophy of Reality*
5. Amiya Dev: *Tagore's 'Truth'*
6. Harvey Brown: *Einstein on the Reality and Causal Efficacy of Space-time*
7. C.S. Unnikrishnan: *Physical Reality and the Unobservables of Physical Nature*
8. David Edwards: *Unity, Disunity and Pluralism in Science*
9. Sumantra Chatterji: *Remembrances of Things Past and How they Influence our Perceptions of Reality*
10. Uday Narayan Singh: *Translating Reality*
11. Sitangshu Shekhar Chakravarti: *Tagore-Wittgenstein Interface: The Poet's Activism and Virtue Ethics*
12. Sharad Deshpande: *This World is a Human World*
13. Nirmalangshu Mukherjee: *The Sense of Reality*
14. Bijoy Boruah: *Reality and Intelligibility*
15. Arindam Chakrabarti: *Could the Nature of Reality be Interrogative*

15. NATIONAL SEMINAR ON “ETHIC, POLITICS, DEMOCRACY AND REGIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES IN NORTH- EAST INDIA” (16-18 MARCH 2012)

Rationale: Plural character of India’s North East, with diverse socio-cultural communities, is often not taken into consideration when the region is categorised as one homogenous administrative, political and geographical entity. There are differences and differentiations on the basis of race, religion, language, political opinions and geographical features, each state having its own characteristics unique to itself. In spite of these differences, however, most of the states and their inhabitants have nurtured a sense of unity against policies followed by Central Government towards this region. Each ethnic community seems to have its own worldview and have always attempted to be independent from other ethnic communities, and hence urged for autonomy – within or outside the constitutional framework. An interesting manifestation of ethnic politics in this region is the division of the country into administrative units.

The strong urge for autonomy and independent existence has led to the formation of regional political parties for the articulation of their aspiration by a specific ethnic community or group of communities. It is believed that since the national parties have failed to represent the particular needs and aspirations of the people of the region, regional political parties have been formed with ethnic considerations. Ethnic dimension, therefore, has been one of the most important components of regionalism in India’s North-East as almost all regional outfits stand for preservation of ethnic identity of one ethnic community or the other. Formation of the All Party Hill Leaders Conference, which was the outcome of ethnic consideration against the Imposition of Asamese language as the official State language, is a pointer towards the trends of ethnicisation of politics in India’s North East. Sajal Nag describes party politics in the North-East as “contest for marginal space”. In other words, regional political parties in India’s North East compete within the region with very little scope of extending their scope and ideology beyond ‘regional aspirations’.

A seminar on “Ethnic Politics, Democracy and Regional Political Parties in North East India” was organized by the Department of Political Science, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar in collaboration with Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata and Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla. It was participated by university and college teachers and students from different parts of the country. All the states of North East India except Tripura were represented in the seminar.

The seminar commenced with the welcome address as well as a comprehensive introductory note by Dr. Nani Bath, Director of the Seminar and Head of the Department, Political Science, Rajiv Gandhi University. While introducing the theme of the seminar Dr Nani Bath said that the failure of national political parties to articulate regional/ ethnic aspirations and a strong urge for autonomy have led to the formation of regional parties in North East India. In the wake of this, he said that the seminar was an attempt to examine the role of regional political parties in India’s North East and their linkage with ethnicity and democracy.

Chairing the inaugural session, Professor. Pura Tado outrightly rejected the majority-minority syndrome in democracy and tried to develop a board dimension of democracy. The chairman advised the scholars to come up with conceptual clarity and specific

recommendations concerning ethnic politics, democracy and regional political parties in North East India.

Gracing the seminar as Chief Guest, Shri Kameng Ringu, President of Peoples Party of Arunachal, strongly advocated in favour of unity of regional political parties in the country. He shared his experiences in managing the first regional political party in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. The Chief Guest was of the opinion that the sense of democracy can be felt in India with the existence of robust regional parties, representing diverse cultural groups regions. He maintained that in a small state like Arunachal Pradesh, the disease of political defection is the principal root cause of degeneration of regional parties.

There were four academic sessions in addition to Inaugural and Valedictory Sessions.

Participants: Dr. Jyoti Bhattacharya, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Assam University, Silchar; Dr. Bijen Meetei, Department of Political Science, Assam University; W. Socia, Assistant Professor, St. Claret College, Ziro; Dr. Jayanta Krishna Sarmah, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Gauhati University, Guwahati; Dr. Dhruvajyoti Das, Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, Gauhati University, Guwahati; Dr. P. Kanaka Rao: Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Assam University, Silchar; Mr. Mithilesh Kumar Jha, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Delhi; Dr. Dilip Kumar Sonowal, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Kaliabor College, Nagaon, Assam; Ms. Monisha Chetia, Assam; Dr. Tapan Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Assam University, Silchar; Dr. R.B. Tripathy, Associate Professor, Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar; Dr. Aruna Gyati, Assistant Professor, Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar; Ms. Minakshi Buragohain, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Mrs. Momi Gogoi, Assistant Professor, Lakhimpur Girls College; Mr. Naorem Nadaraj Singh, Department of Political Science, Manipur University, Canchipur, Imphal; Ms. Asem Puinabati Devi, Department of Political Science, Manipur University, Canchipur, Imphal; Mr. A.G. Samuel, Patkai Christian College, Dimapur, Mr. Ketoukhrie-U, Patkai Christian College, Dimapur; Ms. Madhumita Das, Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Professor S. Mangi Singh, Department of Political Science, Manipur University, Canchipur; Ms. R. Biswa, Department of Political Science, Saint Mary's College, Shillong; Ms. Lanosha Majaw, Department of Political Science, Sengkhasi College, Shillong; Dr. Homen Thangjam, Maharaja Bodhchandra College, Imphal, Manipur; Dr. P.C. Swain, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Political Science, I.G. Government College, Tezu; Dr. Ayangbam Shyamkishor, Assistant Professor, Mizoram University, Aizawal; Dr. Ajay Kumar Mishra, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Political Science, W.R. Government College Deomali, Tirap, Arunachal Pradesh; Mr. David Gao, Research Scholar, Department of Political Science Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh; Professor Pura Tado,

Department of Political Science, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar; Dr. Sarit Kumar Choudhury, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar; Professor Mangi Singh, Department of Political Science, Itanagar; Dr. Rajvinder Singh, Fellow, IIAS.

Following presentations were made during the Seminar:

- P.C. Swain: *Party System in Arunachal Pradesh: A Theoretical Framework*
- Tapan Das: *Regional Party and Democratic Party: Experiences and Experimentations in NE India*
- A.K. Mishra: *Dimensions of Ethnic Politics in North East India*
- Minakshi Buragohain: *Party System in North East India*
- R. Tripathy and Aruna Gyati: *PPA's Credibility as a Regional Party*
- David Gao: *Regional Political Party and Defection Politics in Arunachal Pradesh*
- W. Socio: *Ethnic Issues of the Nagas: An Analysis the Context of Arunachal Pradesh*
- Madhumita Das: *Ethno-Nationalism and Democracy: the Role of Naga Political Parties*
- Dilip Sonowal and Monisha Chetia: *Election Politics and Performance of Regional Political Parties in Mobilizing Mass Support in Assam – A Study of Kaliabor Sub-division*
- G. Amarjit Sharma: *Bargaining Preferential Administrative Unit: Naga Irredentism and NPF*
- Minakshi Borgohain and Momi Gogoi: *Democracy and Politics of Ethnic Identity in Assam*
- Ayangbam Shyamkishor: *Mizo National Front Sketched a Political Profile of MNF and Electoral Presence in Mizoram*
- Mithlesh Jha: *Ethnic Identity, Regional Aspiration and Democratic Participation: A Comparative Analysis of Assam and Manipur*
- Naorem Nadraj Singh: *Ethnicity and Emergence of Regional Parties in the Hills of Manipur*
- Asem Puinabati Devi: *Federal Party of Manipur: A Study in the Nature and Dynamics of Regional Parties in Manipur*
- Homen Thangiam: *On Success and Tragedy: Manipur People's Party as a Regional Political Party*
- R. Biswa and Lanosa Manjaw: *Regional Political Parties in Meghalaya-Recent Issues and Emerging Trends*

16. SEMINAR ON “TECHNOLOGY, CULTURE AND GLOBALIZATION” (20 MARCH 2012)

A seminar on “Technology, Culture and Globalization” in collaboration with NISTADS, New Delhi and AI & Society, Springer-Verlag, London was held on 20 March 2012 at NISTADS, New Delhi. Welcome address was given by Dr. P. Banerjee, Director, NISTADS, New Delhi. The Introductory Remarks was delivered by Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IAS, Shimla while. Dr. Pradosh C. Nath introduced the theme of the seminar.

First Session

Chair: Professor Peter Ronald deSouza

Speakers:

Dr. Vibodh Parthasarathi, CCMG, Jamia Millia Islamia

Dr. Debasis Patnaik, BITS Pilani, Goa

Dr. Anindya Chaudhuri, NISTADS

Dr. Koshy Tharakan, Goa University, Goa

Second Session

Chair: Professor Karmajit Gill

Speakers:

Dr. Ankhi Das, Public Policy Head in India, Facebook.com

Dr. Balaganapathi, Dravidian University, Kuppam, AP

Dr. Pratik Kanjilal, Columnist and Editor, The Little Magazine

Dr. Tista Bagchi, NISTADS and University of Delhi

Dr. U.A. Vinay Kumar, Fellow, IAS, Shimla.

Concluding Remarks was presented by Dr. Tista Bagchi.

B. Thursday Seminars by Fellows

The Fellows of the Institute presented weekly seminars which are open to other scholars at the Institute, Associates of the Inter-University Centre and faculty of Himachal Pradesh University. These seminars are related to the themes of the projects undertaken by the Fellows of the Institute and provide an opportunity for formal interaction among the scholars. During the period of report, the following weekly seminars were given by the Fellows:

- Dr. Ranjeeta Dutta: *From Hagiographies to Biographies: Ramanuja in Tradition and History* (7 April 2011)
- Professor Madhavan Palat: *Nicholas Roerich, 1874-1947, Artist, Occultist, and Mystagogue* (28 April 2011)
- Professor Sanjay Palshikar: *The Medieval and the Modern: Two Debates on the State of Perfection* (5 May 2011)
- Dr. Narayanan Parameswaran:
Professor Ghanshyam Shah: *Making of Medieval Kerala* (12 May 2011)
Goebbel's Propaganda and Governance: The 2009 Lok Sabha Elections in Gujarat (26 May 2011)
- Dr. Yoginder Sikand: *Indian Muslim Women's Marginalisation and the North Indian Muslim Religion-Political Leadership* (2 June 2011)
- Dr. Soumyabrata Choudhary: *Counting and Trembling during the French Revolution-Elements of a Historical Multiplicity* (9 June 2011)
- Dr. Vijaya Singh: *Intruding upon the Stationary: The Journey of a Thousand Miles and a Thousand Looks* (16 June 2011)
- Dr. Nandini C. Sen: *Women in Combat: A Study of the Naxalbari and the Mau Movement* (23 June 2011)
- Professor Satish K. Sharma: *Visual Expression: Emerging Signals in the Study of Culture and Social Structure* (23 June 2011)

- Dr. Sarfraz Ahmad: *Translation, Introduction and Edition of Maathir-i-Jahangir with Valuable Footnotes* (23 June 2011)
- Dr. Veena Sharma: *Onipa: The Human Person in the Akan World View* (30 June 2011)
- Professor G.C. Tripathi: *Tracing the Roots of Christian Monasticism: The Desert Fathers of Egypt* (7 July 2011)
- Dr. Prachi Khandeparkar: *Interrogating Nationalism Marathi Literary Theory between 1875 and 1900* (14 July 2011)
- Professor Gangmumei Kamei: *Colonial Policy and Practice in Manipur* (21 July 2011)
- Professor TRS Sharma: *Cultural Encounters in Ancient Indian Literature* (28 July 2011)
- Dr. Amitranjan Basu: *Of Knowledge: Politics of Culture and Psychiatry in Modern India* (28 July 2011)
- Dr. Manisha Gangahar: *Contemporary Literature and Media Reports to locate the Idea of Kashmiriyat and Ambivalence* (28 July 2011)
- Professor Kavita Panjabi: *Eros and Politics: Desire in the Face of Armed Struggle in the Tebhaga Movement* (11 August 2011)
- Dr. Queeny Pradhan Singh: *Empire in the Hills: The Politics of Landscape (1820-1920)* (25 August 2011).
- Dr. Dhananjay Singh: *Pravasi Mazdoor: Bidesiya Lok Sanskriti* (1 September 2011).
- Dr. Anita Cherian: *The Nehru Shatabdi Natya Samaroh: Staging Policy, Thinking through a Retrospective* (8 September 2011)
- Dr. U.A. Vinay Kumar: *A Synoptic View of "Synthesis of World Religions: Arriving at the Common Metaphysical Structure* (15 September 2011)

- Dr. Susmita Chatterjee: *Seeing, Seeing Through: Small Talks on Sexuality and Tantric Buddhism in Eastern India* (22 September 2011)
- Shri Aditi Nath Sarkar: *Translate Bharatchandra Roy's Annadamangala* (13 October 2011)
- Dr. K. Gopal Iyer: *Globalization, Agrarian Reforms and Rural Social Transformation* (13 October 2011)
- Dr. Rajvinder Singh: *A Hybrid Portrait of the Literature of Modern Indian Languages* (13 October 2011)
- Dr. Piyush Mathur:
Professor Yashodhara Mishra: *Defining Environment* (27 October 2011)
Festivals, Rituals and Gender: Women of Orissa (17 November 2011)
- Dr. Vrinda Dalmiya: *Caring to Know: Towards a Comparative Care-Based Epistemology* (17 November 2011)
- Dr. Manish Kumar Thakur: *The Politics of Indigenous Social Sciences: Radhakamal Mukherjee and the Quest for an Indian Sociology* (17 November 2011)
- Dr. Jaya Tyagi: *Women as Patrons and Promoters of Religious Cults Defining Domesticity through Ritual Observances. A Study of the Matsyamahapurana (3rd-8th C.E.)* (1 December 2011)
- Dr. Nandini Choudhury Sen: *Gender, Militancy and Memory: A Study of the Mau Mau Mau and Naxalbari Women* (8 December 2011)
- Dr. Ambrose Pinto SJ: *From Democratic Socialism to Neo-Liberalism: The Story of India's Democracy* (15 March 2012)
- Dr. Vijaya Singh:
Professor Satish K. Sharma: *Rail tracks: Mobilizing the Gaze* (22 March 2012)
Visual Expression: Arts and Aesthetics in Socio-historical Context (29 March 2012)

C. *Monographs Received from Fellows:*

The Fellows are required to submit their end product in the form of monographs. The Institute received the following monographs during 2011-2012.

1. Dr. Ranjeeta Dutta: *From Hagiographies to Biographies: Ramanuja in Tradition and History* (12 May 2011)
2. Dr. P. Narayanan: *Tripunithura Temple Grandhavari* (31 May 2011)
3. Dr. Sanjay Palshikar: *The Modern Indian Interpretations of the Gita* (1 June 2011)
4. Dr. Swadhinata Mahanta: *Development of Modern Assamese Short Story during the Ramdhenu Period (1940-1970)* (15 June 2011)
5. Dr. Parmod Kumar: *Rashtravad Ka Vimersh Aur Upanyas (Tagore aur Premchand kye Rajnitik Upnayaso ke Sandhrabh Mein)* (20 June 2011)
6. Doodh Nath Singh: *Creative Evaluation of New Trends in Writings of Muktibodh* (28 June 2011)
7. Dr. Prachi Khandeparkar: *The Making of Marathi Literary Theory during the Colonial Era.* (30th August 2011)
8. Dr. Seshan Radha: *The Khasas of Himachal Pradesh: A Cultural Economics Study.* (30th August 2011)
9. Ichhimuddin Sarkar: *The Question of Separate State as an Identity and Existence: Reflections on the Movement for Greater Cooch Behar State in North Bengal.* (12th September 2011)
10. Dr. Madhavan Palat: *Working Class Violence in Late Imperial Russia.* (12th October 2011).
11. Dr. Ajanta Sircar: *The Category of Children's Cinema in India* (31 October 2011)
12. Dr. Raj Kumar Hans: *History of Punjabi Dalit Literature and its Space in the Historiography of Punjab* (21 November 2011)
13. Dr. Queeny Pradhan Singh: *Developing the Hill: A Comparative Perspective in the*

Study of Simla, Darjeeling, Ootacamund and Mount Abu (Nineteenth and Twentieth Century) (2 March 2012)

14. Dr. Nandini C. Sen: *Women in Combat: A Study of the Mau Mau and Naxal Movements* (13 March 2012)

15. Dr. Ambrose Pinto: *From Democratic Socialism to Neo-liberalism: The Story of India's Democracy* (27 March 2012)

D. National Fellows Lecture Series:

The Institute has started National Fellows Lecture Series. On the joining of the National Fellows, they deliver a lecture on any intellectual theme of their interest. These lectures are open to the Fellows of the Institute, Scholars in residence, Associates of Inter University Centre, and to Faculty of Himachal Pradesh University. During this period following lectures were held:

Professor Madhavan Palat: *The Making of History in Modern Times* (18 August 2011).

Professor Ghanshyam Shah: *Democratic Social Transformation and Neo-liberal Economy* (20 October 2011)

Professor Gangmumei Kamei: *The Ethno-nationalism in Manipur* (24 November 2011)

Professor G.C. Tripathi: *Peeping behind the thick walls of Monasteries: The Daily life of the Christian and Buddhist monks* (15 December 2011)

E. Visiting Professors

Eminent scholars are invited by the Governing Body of the Institute as Visiting Professors to deliver lectures on the subjects of their specialized interest. They stay at the Institute for three to four weeks and interact formally with the Fellows of the Institute. The Visiting Scholars come to the Institute for a week on invitation by the Director. They give seminars on the themes of their choice. The faculty of Himachal Pradesh University and the intellectually inclined individuals of the town are invited to attend all these lectures and seminars.

VISITING PROFESSOR

1. Professor G.N. Devy, Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology, Gujarat gave following lectures:
Aphasia: Indian Languages Today (12 July 2011)
Understanding Adivasi: Voice and Silence (13 July 2011)

F. Visiting Scholars

The Visiting Scholars come to the IIAS for a week on invitation by the Institute. They give seminars on the themes of their choice. The faculty of Himachal Pradesh University and other scholars from the town are invited to attend all these lectures and seminars. Besides, the Fellows of the Institute, scholars in residence and Associates of IUC attend lectures by the Visiting Scholars. During the period under reference following lectures were given by the Visiting Scholars:

1. *Blindspot: the Hidden Biases of Good People* (17 August 2011) by Professor Mahzarin R. Banaji, Richard Clarke Cabot Professor of Social Ethics, Harvard University.
2. *Cyberdefence as Democracy's Opportunity* (19 August 2011) by Dr. R. Bhaskar, an Independent Scholar, Cambridge Massachusetts.
3. *Copyright Piracy: Issues of Access and Equity* (30 August 2011) by Dr. Madhukar Sinha, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi.
4. An informal talk on "Colonial Simla Through Subaltern Eyes: Raja Shivaprasad as Grassroots Educator and Munshi at the Simla Agency" (21 February 2012) by Professor Ulrike Stark, South Asian Languages and Civilizations Centre, The University of Chicago.
5. *Sustainable Hyderabad Public Goods and Participative Democracy on the Local Level* (5 March 2012) by Dr. Hans-Liudger Dienel, Berlin University of Technology, Germany.

G. Guest Fellows

Guest Fellows are invited to the Institute for a maximum period of three months. They are, however, not paid any Fellowship amount. The Institute reimburses their travel expenses and provides them local hospitality during their period of stay. They participate in all academic programmes of the Institute and use the library. Their obligation is to make one presentation on a topic of their choice before the academic fraternity of the Institute. During the period of report Professor Tridip Suhrud, DAIICT, Gandhinagar; Professor Keki N. Daruwala, Member, National Commission for Minorities, New Delhi; Dr. Rakesh Pandey, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi; Professor Sharad Deshpande, Retired Professor, Department of Philosophy, Pune University, Pune; and Dr. Maria Aurora Couto, Writer, Goa were invited as Guest Fellows.

H. ICCR FELLOSHIP

The IIAS has entered into an arrangement with Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) whereby the latter sponsors foreign scholars to the Institute. The Fellowship is paid by the ICCR. The ICCR Fellows participate in all academic programmes and are like

the Fellows of the Institute. Before the end of their term they are required to make one presentation before the academic fraternity of the Institute.

During the period of report ICCR sponsored two Fellowships: Dr. Laura Yerekesheva, Associate Professor, Institute of Oriental Studies, UNESCO Chair coordinator, Kazakhstan and Dr. Kazunori Sasaki, Department of Indian Philosophy and Buddhist Studies, The University of Tokyo, Japan. The presentations made by the two ICCR Fellows are as follows:

Dr. Laura Yerekesheva: *“Of Culture and Religion: The Conversion into Christianity in the XIX century Kazakh Steppe”*
(21 April 2011)

Dr. Kazunori Sasaki: *“European Discovery of Indian Buddhism in 19th Century”* (4 August 2011)

I. Programme under IUC Scheme:

1. SUMMER SCHOOL ON “THE CONCEPTUAL UNIVERSE OF THE *MAHABHARATA*”
(12-26 JUNE 2011)

Rationale: Concepts, as we have come to know, are tools for organizing the world around us and our perspectives, experiences and actions. Philosophical debate on relations between concepts, words, meanings and the world has been highly contentious and muddled. While one may wish to circumvent these issues in an exploration into epic concepts, they do, however, remain central to inquiry. To put it plainly, to the extent concepts are products of abstraction, which can as well be pre-linguistic, they impinge upon the way one acts and understands the world. For those who see concepts as inevitably tied to certain words, changes in their meanings in a given context and through time become important. Possessing a concept, thus, becomes inalienable from having some linguistic referent and knowing its meaning, even though, this may not assure us of its correct or desired uses. For some a concept may be in use for a sufficiently long period of time without having a word for it, while such a concept may guide human action. One is forced to think if many a time our actions and practices not only help a concept to be formed but also to be changed and erased from our consciousness. One may also query if a concept is not produced in the act of describing an event or action without necessarily having a specific word for it!

The Summer School on the Mahabharata opened up the epic’s conceptual universe by raising a variety of questions in this light. Does possessing concepts determine the way one individually or collectively acts? How far the concepts become routes to theories of actions and morals? What does knowledge of certain concepts mean when motivations for human action lead to opposing directions? To what extent is a look into the conceptual universe of the epic anachronistic? Do we impose a progressivist account onto the epic concepts and rather carelessly treat them as a resource to fix our contemporary malaise?

And lastly, one may ask, if epic concepts form some sort of intellectual heritage, distant and yet familiar?

The Summer School commenced on the 12th June 2011 with an inaugural address by the Director of the Institute Professor Peter Ronald deSouza who emphasized the need for bringing the Epic Mahabharata into the academic scholarship. Dr. Rakesh Pandey introduced the theme of the School and a video recording by the Late scholar Professor G.C. Pande opened fresh perspectives on the Mahabharata and the Bhagavad-Gita.

Resource Persons: Ms. Sudha Gopalakrishnan, Executive Director, Sahapedia, New Delhi; Professor G.C. Tripathi, National Fellow, IAS; Dr. Rakesh Pandey, CSDS, Delhi; Dr. T.R.S. Sharma, Fellow, IAS; Professor Ram Karan Sharma, Delhi; Jitendra Bhai Shah, Ahmedabad; Professor Ganesh Devy, Bhasha Research and Publication Centre, Vadodara; Dr. Gangeya Mukherji, Allahabad; Professor Radhavallabh Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi; Professor Uma Chakravarti, New Delhi; Dr. U.A. Vinay Kumar, Fellow, IAS; Dr. Jesse Knutson.

Participants: Dr. Iswar Parida, University of Hyderabad; Dr. Alpna Saini, Khalsa College for Women, Ludhiana; Dr. Anil Kumar Thakur, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi; Dr. Maneeta Kahlon, Shanti Devi Arya Mahila College, Dinanagar, Gurdaspur; Dr. Pinak Sankar Bhattacharya, Lovely Professional University, Phagwara; Dr. Neekee Chaturvedi, Govt. P.G. College, Dausa, Rajasthan; Dr. Shreyasee Datta, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi; Dr. Sharia Anjum, Aligarh Muslim University; Dr. Praggnaparamita Biswas, and Dr. Amit Kumar Upadhyay both from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi; Dr. Anirban Bhattacharjee, Jadavpur University, Kolkata; Dr. Prasanta Chakravarty, University of Delhi, Delhi; Dr. Gowhar Yaqoob, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Dr. Jai Singh, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad; Dr. Lakshmi Kuchibhotla, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bangalore.

Following lectures were delivered by the Resource Persons during the Summer School:

1. Rakesh Pandey: *Epic and Concepts*
2. TRS Sharma: *Studying the Mahabharata: Methods and Approaches*
3. Sudha Gopalakrishnan: *Conceptual Frames in the Story of Nala and Damayanti*
4. Jessee Knutson: *The Mahabharata's Hellish Vision*
5. Sudha Gopalakrishnan: *Purusha-arthas? Ideas of Selfhood and Goals of Life of Women in the Mahabharata*
6. Jessee Knutson: *Social Life in Ancient India: narrative Logic and Concepts*
7. TRS Sharma: *Kalavada: Time will Tell*
8. Gangeya Mukherji: *Yuddhishthira: The Logics of an Epic Character*

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| 9. TRS Sharma: | <i>The Epic's Architectonics</i> |
| 10. Gangeya Mukherji: | <i>The Concept of Violence in the Mahabharata</i> |
| 11. Jitendra Bhai Shah: | <i>Jain Philosophy and the Mahabharata (Lecture-I & II)</i> |
| 12. Uma Chakravarti: | <i>The Queen and the Dasi: The Politics of Caste and Gender in the Sabhaparvan</i> |
| 13. G.C. Tripathi: | <i>Mahabharata and the Jatakas</i> |
| 14. Ramkaran Sharma: | <i>Aspects of Rajdharma (Lecture-I & II)</i> |
| 15. Uma Chakravarti: | <i>Cast out from Royal Power: The Meaning of Stigma in the Making of Lineage</i> |
| 16. G.N. Devy: | <i>The Concept of Articulation in the Mahabharata</i> |
| 17. U.A. Vinay Kumar: | <i>The Concept of Purusharatha in the Mahabharata (I)</i> |
| 18. G.C. Tripathi: | <i>Concepts of Free-will and destiny in the Mahabharata</i> |
| 19. G.N. Devy: | <i>Memory (Smriti) as Constructed by the Mahabharata</i> |
| 20. U.A. Vinay Kumar: | <i>The Concept of Purushartha in the Mahabharata (II)</i> |
| 21. Radhavallabh Tripathi: | <i>Mahabharata and Indian Nationalism (I)</i>
<i>Literary and Aesthetic Concepts in the Mahabharata (II)</i> |

2. WINTER SCHOOL ON "LIFE AND THOUGHT OF GANDHI" (1-15 DECEMBER 2011)

Over the last three decades the scholastic, intellectual, political and social interests in Gandhiji's life and thought has acquired a new urgency and depth. Gandhiji's writings like 'An Autobiography' Or 'The Story of My Experiments with Truth and Hind Swaraj' have been subject of minute textual, philosophical and literary studies. The theory and practice of Satyagraha, constructive work and the institutions that Gandhiji established have come to be studied by historians, political theorists and commentators and chroniclers of social movements. Lives of Gandhiji's associates and interlocutors like Mahadev Desai, J C Kumarrapa, Mirabeau, C F Andrews and Lanza Del Vasto have added to our understanding of Gandhiji. As a result of these studies our understanding of Gandhiana has emerged deeper, richer and nuanced.

The aim of the Winter School was to acquaint the participants to this variegated intellectual tradition of thinking of, and about, Gandhiji. The School provided a non-fragmentary understanding of Gandhiji's life and thought. Quite often we have come to look at political Gandhi as quite distinct from the Gandhi of the constructive work or see Gandhiji's spiritual quest as distinct from his quest for *Swaraj*. The School also tried to unravel the underlying relationships between seemingly disparate practices, utterances and writings.

The major thematic of the workshop were:

1. The Biographical Gandhi

2. The Gandhi of Historians
3. The 'Bapu' of associates and ashrams
4. The practice and theory of Satyagraha
5. Constructive work and the creation of a community
6. Gandhi in Dialogue
7. Gandhi and the quest for Swaraj and Moksha
8. The seven principles texts of Gandhi
9. Gandhi and the literary imagination
10. Gandhi of the contemporary Social

The Winter School on the "Life and Thought of Gandhi" was held at the Institute from 1 to 15 December 2011. Professor Tridip Suhrud was Convenor of the School.

Resource Persons: Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IIAS, Professor S.R. Mehrotra, Shimla, Professor Tridip Suhrud, Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology, Gandhi Nagar, Dr. Gangeya Mukherji, Allahabad, Dr. Rakesh Pandey, Centre for Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi, Dr. Ananya Vajpeyi, Centre for Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi.

Participants: Rajneesh Choubisa, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Delhi, Akhil Alha, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, Shantanu Gupta, Panchayat Bhavan, Lalitpur, Temaji Dongre, University of Hyderabad, Ashish Shukla, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Sahdev R. Luhar, Assistant Professor, N. S. Patel Arts College, Anand, Anwar Syed Hashmi, University of Bombay, Vashi, Dilip Gogoi, Department of Political Science, Cotton College, Guwahati, Srotoswini Majumdar, Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University, Sanghamitra Sadhu, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Cotton College, Guwahati, Grishma Manikrao Khobragade, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Birla College, Kalyan, Minakshi Buragohain, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Anju Christine Lingham, University of Hyderabad, Uma Katju, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Ashish Agnihotri, Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, Chirantana Bhatt, Principal Correspondent, Divya Bhaskar, Ahmedabad, Parveen, Assistant Professor, National Law University, Jodhpur, Abhayraj Naik, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, Yugank Goyal, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, Tauqueer Ali Sabri, National Foundation for India, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, Parmod Sharma, Associate Professor, H.P. University, Shimla, Sana Khan, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Rosina Nasir, Assistant Professor, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Hyderabad, Vrinda Dalmiya, Amitranjan Basu and Kavita Panjabi, all Fellows of the Institute.

During the School resource persons gave lectures as follows:

1. Professor S.R. Mehrotra: *Emergence of Gandhi as Leader of India*
2. Dr. Gangeya Mukherji: *Biographical Tradition of Gandhi*
3. Dr. Ananya Vajpeyi: (i) *Gandhi's Hind Swaraj*; (ii) *Gandhi's Gita*
4. Dr. Rakesh Pandey: *Gandhi and the Hindi Intellectual World (two lectures)*
5. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza: *Gandhi's Trusteeship*

J. Associates

The Associates who visited the Institute during the period of April 2011 to March 2012 are as follows:

APRIL 2011

Dr. Sameera Maiti (Lucknow): *Effects of Economic Developmental Measures on the Quality of Life of Tharu Women* (20 April 2011)

Ms. Namita Sethi (New Delhi): *Politics is not the Business of a Woman: The Case of Delarivier Manely* (20 April 2011)

Ms. Laxmi Sindhu (Arki, Solan): *Dimensions of Son Preference in India: Some Critical Observations* (20 April 2011)

Dr. Partha Dutta (Dinajpur, West Bengal): *Social Security and Labour Mobility: A Study of Jute Industries in Bengal* (21 April 2011)

Dr. Sudhir B. Wadekar (Ahmednagar): *Water Disputes between India and Pakistan* (21 April 2011)

Dr. Sunetra Mitra (Kolkata): *The Spectre of Theatre in Colonial Calcutta: Performers, Spectators and the State* (21 April 2011)

Dr. Mridula Sharda (Shimla): *Problems and Prospects of Panchayati Raj Institutions: An Overview* (25 April 2011)

Dr. Prakash K. Singh (Deoghar, Jharkhand): *Human Rights: A Study of Chinese Perspective* (25 April 2011)

Dr. Sunil Khosla (Ludhiana): *Dawn of Due Process in the Right Jurisprudence in India* (25 April 2011)

Dr. Arun Kumar Pandey (Tirap, Arunachal Pradesh): *Lok Sanskriti ka Jan Jatiya Sandhrabh: Arunachali 'Nokte Janjati' ki Lokpratha ka Aitihasaik Pariprkshay* (25 April 2011)

MAY 2011

Dr. Lohitakshya Joshi (Nuapada, Orissa): *Folklore and the Nigerian Novels: A Study of Chinua Achebe's Things Fall Apart* (18 May 2011)

- Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya (Gujarat): *In the service of the machine: technology and pedagogy* (18 May 2011)
- Dr. Rajesh Rawal (Rajkot): *Sri Aurobindo aur 'Dinkar' Krit Urvashi: Ek Tulnatmak Addhyan* (18 May 2011)
- Dr. Putul Sathe (Mumbai): *Reading 'Difference' in Dalit Women's Autobiographies: A Study of Baby Kamble's the Prisons We Broke and Urmila Pawar's the Weave of My Life* (18 May 2011)
- Dr. Umesh Singh (Wardha): *Machwaraon ka Jeeveen Sanghrash: Ek Mulyankan* (18 May 2011)
- Dr. Swati Mandal Adhikari (Kolkata): *In Search of Continuity and Change in the Temple Art of Chattisgarh- A Case Study of Images of Ganga and Yamuna* (19 May 2011)
- Dr. Davinderpal Kaur (Ludhiana): *Women Education and Political Participation* (19 May 2011)
- Dr. Haresh Mehta (Palitana): *Folk Songs of Gujarat* (19 May 2011)
- Dr. Manish Sinha (Bodh Gaya): *The Bengal Middle Class and the Revolt of 1857* (19 May 2011)
- Dr. S.P. Behera (Bolangir, Orissa): *Maraguda Valley- A Rare Historical Site* (19 May 2011)
- Dr. Rajesh Kumar Sahu (Nuapada, Orissa): *Puri Jagannath Mandir- Aakraman Aur Mahima Dharam ke 'Kavi Bhim Bohi'* (24 May 2011)
- Ms. Jummyr Basar (Itanagar): *Security, Development Perspectives and Tribal Traditions: Scrutiny* (24 May 2011)
- Shri Santosh Kumar Meher (Nuapada, Orissa): *Rational Decision Making and Distress Seasonal Migration* (24 May 2011)
- Dr. Anita Dash (Cuttack, Orissa): *Women's Images in Media: Emerging Gender Issues- Indian Experience* (24 May 2011)
- Dr. Ramesh Chandra Meena (Rajasthan): *Pratirodh Bannam Hinsa: Vishesh Sandhrabh 1084ve Ki Maa* (24 May 2011)
- Dr. Akhila Ranjan Padhi (Jajpur, Orissa): *Post-Death Rites in Vedic Society* (24 May 2011)
- Dr. Sreekumar Nellickappilly (Chennai): *Language, Tradition and Knowledge* (25 May 2011)
- Dr. Ram Pujan Singh (Khagaria, Bihar): *'Tinka Tinke Pass': Ek Uttar Aadhunik Mulyankan* (25 May 2011)

JUNE 2011

- Dr. Neeraj Kumar (Bodh Gaya): *Champions of Challenges and Conquerors of Situations: A Comparative Stance of R.K. Narayan and Manju Kapur* (17 June 2011)
- Dr. Karan Singh (Mohindergarh, Haryana): *'Singing Voice and Talking Voice': Critiquing Gender Formulations in the Folk Songs of South Haryana* (17 June 2011)
- Dr. Sarah Hilaly (Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh): *Imagining Colonial Assam: The Figuring of the 'Wastelands' in its Making* (17 June 2011)
- Dr. Manvati Singh (Gorakhpur): *'Abhigayn-Sakuntalm' mein Swachand-Pravriti* (17 June 2011)
- Dr. Manbendu Pathak (Pune): *Transnational Terrorism in Kashmir: A Critical Analysis* (20 June 2011)
- Dr. Ajay Pratap (Varanasi): *Rethinking the Rock Art Imagery of the Vindhyas: An Interpretative Approach* (20 June 2011)
- Dr. Saumendra Kumar Dash (Orissa): *Hinduisation of Tribal Deities in Odisha-and its Impact* (20 June 2011)
- Dr. Manju Jaidka (Chandigarh): *Narratives Accross Chronotopic Borders* (20 June 2011)
- Dr. Anil Kumar Vishwakarma (Auraiya, U.P.): *Janpakshdharta ke Kavi: Nagaarjun* (21 June 2011)
- Dr. A.K. Tripathy (Orissa): *From Empowerment to Curbing Basic Rights (A Study on Dangaria Kondhs of Niyamgiri Hills in Kalahandî)* (21 June 2011)
- Dr. Bhupender Singh (Hisar): *Spatio-Temporal Analysis of Tuberculosis in Haryana* (21 June 2011)
- Dr. Hitendra Kumar Mishra (Ghazipur): *Saundaryasashtra Aur Dalit Sahitya* (21 June 2011)
- Dr. Sarswati V. Kupwade (Belgaum): *Multi-Culturalism in Indian English Novel, with Special Reference to Anita Desai's "Clear Light of the Day"* (22 June 2011)
- Professor Mamta Mokta (Shimla): *Challenges of Public Service Delivery* (22 June 2011)
- Dr. Bikramaditya K. Choudhary (Varanasi): *City as a Space/Place of Production/Consumption* (22 June 2011)
- Dr. Raman P. Sinha (New Delhi): *The Perception of Shamsher* (22 June 2011)
- Dr. Jajati K. Pattnaik (Tezus): *Analyzing the Course of Development* (24 June 2011)
- Dr. Ramesh Dhar Dwivedi (Varanasi): *Teaching in Constructivist Paradigm* (24 June 2011)
- Shri Sunil Aggarwal (Ludhiana): *m3, Tier II Problem and Interaction Capacity: Revisiting Structural Realism from a Monetary Perspective* (24 June 2011)

JULY 2011

- Dr. Hitendra Kumar Patel (Kolkata): *The Intelligensia, Ideology and Tradition: A Study of Ambika Datta Vyass* (20 July 2011)
- Dr. Varun K. Tripathi (Katra): *On Agreement on Ethical Issue Despite Metaphysical Disparity in Indian Philosophy* (20 July 2011)
- Dr. Jahnabi Gogoi Nath (Assam): *Autobiography as History: Understanding Society and Patriarchy in Colonial Assam* (22 July 2011)
- Ms. Navdeep Batth (Yamunanagar): *Neo-Five Factor Inventory: An Indian Experience* (22 July 2011)
- Dr. H. Srikanth (Shillong): *Changing Land Relations in Tribal Societies: A Study of Meghalaya* (22 July 2011)
- Dr. Anubhava Srivastava (Sant Kabir Nagar): *Bharatiya Sanskriti Mein Dohada* (25 July 2011)
- Dr. S.N. Upadhyaya (Jaunpur): *Buddhists Sites in India: Political and Economic Issues* (25 July 2011)
- Dr. Rajesh Chandra Mishra (Sant Kabir Nagar): *Hind Swaraj' Evam Desh Ki Baat' ka ek Punarpath (Revisiting Hind Swaraj' and Desh Ki Baat')* (25 July 2011)
- Dr. V. Raju Nayak (Hyderabad): *The Demand for a Tribal State: Telangana and the Adivasi Question* (26 July 2011)
- Dr. D.K. Singla (Patiala): *An Appraisal of Matrimonial Cruelty under the Personal Laws* (26 July 2011)
- Dr. Jayashree Samantaray (Hamirpur): *Inclusive Education in India (with special reference to Himachal Pradesh)* (26 July 2011)
- Dr. V. Badari Narayana (Guntur): *Small Scale Industry: Special Reference to Handloom Industries in Andhra Pradesh* (27 July 2011)
- Dr. Swarnalatha Rangarajan (Chennai): *In Andal's Garden: the Ecological Implications of Earth-Based Religiosity* (27 July 2011)

AUGUST 2011

- Dr. Virendra Singh Yadav: *Mohan Rakesh ke Upanyason mein Badalte Pariwarik Stri-Purush Sambandhon ki Trasdi* (19 August 2011)
- Dr. Shalima Tabassum: *Vedic Richaonaur Kurani Aayatooke Sandhrabhmein Dan Avam Jakatki Mahtta* (19 August 2011)
- Dr. Jyoti Sinha: *Sangeet Chikitsa mein Sahayak Rag ke Vishisht Tatvonki Bhumika* (19 August 2011)

Dr. R.K. Srivastava: *The Use of Hinglish in the Bollywood Movies released after 2001* (23 August 2011)

Dr. Priti Sagar: '*Dohare Shosan se Muktik i Chatptahat*', *Vishesh Sandhrabh: Hindi ki Dalit Stri Atamkathain* (23 August 2011)

Shri Bhaskerjit Neog: *Framing Collective Intension* (24 August 2011)

Dr. Deepak Prakash Tyagi: *Bisvin Shatabdi ke Prem Kendrit Hindi Upanyason ki Parampara mein 'Deewar mein Ek Khirki Rahati thi' ka Mahatva* (24 August 2011)

Dr. Mahmood Ansari: *Agrarian Justice, Practical Reason and Rationality: A Study of the Conditions of Existence in the South Asia* (24 August 2011)

SEPTEMBER 2011

Dr. Kaustav Chakraborty: *Expounding Effeminacy: Reviewing Three Indian Movies on Marginalized Male* (19 September 2011).

Dr. Leena Chauhan: *Jivan Se Pare* (19 September 2011).

Dr. Harinder Kaur: *Tribes in Transition: The Case of Bards in Punjab* (19 September 2011).

Dr. Kala Joshi: *Snachar Madhyamon mein Bhashaki Prakriti* (20 September 2011).

Dr. Sangeeta Handa: *Dialectics of Identity* (20 September 2011)

Dr. Narendra Kumar Behera: *Land Acquisition, Displacement, Resettlement and Rehabilitation in Western Odisha* (20 September 2011)

Dr. Vijay Prakash Singh: *Burma: From the Land of the Golden Pagoda to a Land of Tyranny* (21 September 2011).

Dr. Bijay Kumar Barnwal: *India Myanmar Relations: Dilemmas and Options* (21 September 2011).

Dr. Chandrabhan Singh Yadav: *Vigyapan mein Mahila: Deh aur Dard* (21 September 2011).

Dr. Madan Lal: *Spatio-Temporal Variation in Agricultural Diversification in Himachal Pradesh* (22 September 2011).

Dr. A. Thulasendran: *Hero Stone in Tamilakam* (22 September 2011).

Dr. Rajnarayan Shukla: *Bajarikaran ke Daur mein Hindi Bhasha ka Badalta Swarup* (22 September 2011).

Shri Debasish Paul: *Education of the Chakmas in Mizoram: a Critical Study* (23 September 2011).

Dr. Pushpesh Kumar Pande: *Uttarakhand ka Sakatgrast Adam Samaj Vanraji* (23 September 2011).

Dr. Rajeev Bargoti: *Contemporary Perspective and Landscape of the National Defence Academy, India* (23 September 2011).

Dr. Paul Kaur: *Punjabi Poetry (Historical Study)* (23 September 2011).

OCTOBER 2011

Dr. Ravinder Singh: *Punjabi Diaspora Literature and Crisis of Cultural Identity* (14 October 2011).

Professor Mehboob Desai: *Manpartra of Gandhiji* (14 October 2011).

Dr. Anuradha Sharma: *Panchtantra and Child Marriage* (14 October 2011).

Dr. Susanta Kumar Bardhan: *A Synthetic Approach to Stylistics* (14 October 2011).

Dr. Jaydeep Sarangi: *Will Anxiety for Indianness Travel?* (17 October 2011).

Dr. Vachaspati Dwivedi: *Negotiation of Identity in the Poetry of Sudesh Mishra* (17 October 2011).

Dr. Amod Kumar Rai: *(De) Colonisation of Indian Drama* (17 October 2011).

Dr. Brijesh Kumar Pandey: *Sant Vinoba ke Sashik Vicharoo ki Prasangikata* (17 October 2011).

Professor Sushil Kumar Sharma: *Hindi aur Lotha ki Vyakarnik Kotiyoo ka Vyatiraki Addhyan* (17 October 2011).

Dr. Amarendra Kumar: *The Sidi Factor in the Maratha Naval Policy under Shivaji* (18 October 2011).

Dr. Baisali Hui: *De-scribing the Nation: Women in Partition Fiction* (18 October 2011).

Dr. Yamini Rai: *Sanchar Madhyam-swarup aur Tatvik Visleshan* (18 October 2011).

Dr. Ramesh Dhage: *In their own Tongue and Tone: Ambedkarite Women's Poetry in Maharashtra* (18 October 2011)

NOVEMBER 2011

Dr. Munni Pareek: *Revolt of Awah in the Princely State of Jodhpur, Rajasthan, 1857*

Dr. Manjeet Bhatia: *Rooted Patriarches and Honour Killing: Some Cases*

Dr. Maheshwar Mishra: *Mimansakon Ka Vakayarath Sidhant*

Dr. Rakesh Ranjan: *Swatantra Tabla Vadan: Ek Adhyayan*

Dr. Arti Pandit Dhawan: *Human Resource Development (HRD) Climate: A Facilitator for Good Governance*

Dr. Om Prakash Gusai: *Effective Estimation of Carbon Credit: An Indian Perspective*
Dr. G. Amarjit Sharma: *Power Subservient to Sacred: Invention of Core State and Political Community in Manipur*
Dr. Vijay Pratap Mall: *Rajnitik Avishvasneeyata Aur Bhrashtachar*

MARCH 2012

Dr. Charanjeet Kaur: *Decolonising and Re-visioning English Literatures Syllabi in India*
Dr. Davinderpal Kaur: *Violation and Protection of Human Rights: The Role of State and Non-State Actors*
Dr. R. Suresh: *Tibetan Right to Self-determination: The International Response*
Dr. Harish Thakur: *Theories of Roma Origins: Shahnama Revisited*
Dr. Anupama Tandon: *Hunger and Food Security in India: Problems and Interventions*

Dr. Getanjali Mehendra: *From Victim to Victor: A Study of Githa Hariharan's The Thousand Faces of Night*
Dr. Nuzhat Zaman: *Contribution of Muslim Women in the Economic Development of the Nation (With a Special Reference to Madhya Pradesh)*
Shri Pulak Chandra Devnath: *Elementary Education in Dhubri District of Assam*
Dr. Siyaram Sharma: *Theka Shram Bharat Mein (20 March 2012)*
Dr. Anjali Dewan: *Domestic Violence against Women – A Wake up Call !*
Dr. Pankaj Basotia: *Mrityu Evam Uska Atikraman: Mahabharat ke Vishesh Sandharbh Mein*
Dr. Nandji Rai: *Prayukt Vigyan ki Mahatavpurna Uplabdhi: Prachin Sthal Yatayaat ke Sandharabh Mein*
Dr. Anita Sharma: *Judith Wright: A Poetic Voice with a Distinct Female Perspective*
Dr. Rajni Walia: *Literature a Agency in Challenging Gender Discrimination: Cultural Revision in Selected Modern Indian Writing (21 March 2012)*
Dr. Sandeep Sinha: *Disease, Moraliti and the American Native Society: Review of a Few Major Issues*

K. *Other Programmes*

Special Lecture on “Rethinking Innovation in the Age of Ubiquitous Technology” by Professor Karamjit S. Gill, University of Brighton (6 April 2011)

Voyaging and Poetry (A Session with Keki Daruwalla, New Delhi and Professor Madhavan Palat, National Fellow, IAS) (15 June 2011)

Lecture on “Trusteeship and Philanthrocapitalism: Allies or Strangers” by Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Director, IAS (11 July 2011)

Special lecture on “Cyberdefence as Democracy’s Opportunity” by Dr. R. Bhaskar, an Independent Scholar based in Cambridge, Massschusetts (10 August 2011)

The Lost Ones, a performance based on the works of Samuel Beckett, Directed by Dr. Soumyabrata Chowdhury, Fellows, IAS (1 September 2011)

Birth Anniversary of Professor Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, as a Teachers’ Day, Lecture on “Lokpal Bill and Civil Society Movement” by Professor Ghanshyam Shah, National Fellow, IAS (5 September 2011)

Special Lecture on ‘**Understanding Bangladesh**’ by Mr. Matiur Rahman, Editor of *The Daily Prothom Alo* and Mr. Asaduzzaman Noor, Member of Parliament, Cultural Secretary (Awami League) (13 March 2012)

IV. PUBLICATION

The publications of the Institute include monographs of Fellows, seminar proceedings, lectures by Visiting Professors and Visiting Scholars and two bi-annual journals *Summerhill: IAS Review* and *Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences*. Till now the Institute has published more than 500 titles. Besides producing books on its own the Institute also has co-publication arrangements with some leading commercial publishers. This arrangement is now on firm footing and several books are in different stages of co-publication with Oxford University Press, SAGE, Routledge, Orient Blackswan etc. During the period of report the following publications were brought out:

1. *Mapping the Bodhicaryavata: Interpretive Essays on Mahayana Ethics* by P.K. Roy
2. *The Concept of Equity in Sukraniti and Arthasastra: A Comparative Study* by T.R. Sharma
3. *A Comparative Study of the Selected English and Bhasa Novels of Women Writers* by Jaiwanti Dimri
4. *Ideas and Movements in the Age of the Mauryas with Special Reference to Pali and Ardhamagadhi Sources* by S.N. Dube
5. *Re-scribing Tradition: Modernisation of South Indian Dance Drama* by Guru Rao Bapat

6. *The Promise of Time: Towards Phenomenology of Promise* by Satya Brata Das
7. *Reading Images Temples of Early Mediaeval Peninsular India* by Archana Verma (Co-publication with Ashgate)
8. *Representing Diversity: Ideas and Institutions* edited by Gurpreet Mahajan (Co-publication with OUP)
9. *Diversities in the Indian Diaspora: Nature, Implications, Responses* edited by N. Jayaram (Co-publication with OUP)
10. *Studies in Humanities & Social Sciences* Vol. XVI , 1 & 2 (2009)
11. *Summerhill IIAS Review* Vol. XVII No.1 (Summer 2011)

V. SALES AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION

The Rashtrapati Nivas is a centre of attraction for the tourists visiting Shimla. With the addition of infrastructural facilities the tourists flow to the Institute is increasing every year. As compared to the last financial year the number of tourists has increased by 17 per cent. During the period from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 the Institute received 1,47,892 tourists (1,39,287 domestic and 8,605 foreigners) as against 1,26,292 tourists during 2010-11.

The income from the sale of entry tickets for tourists in the year of report has been Rs. 31,13,205.00 while tickets for entry of vehicles and use of camera has been to the tune of Rs.7,42,640.00. Thus the total income from the sale of entry tickets during the year was Rs. 38,55,845.00.

Souvenir Shop: It was in the later part of the year 2009 that the Institute renovated the old fire station and two garages into a Souvenir-cum-book-cum-coffee shop. The Souvenir shop is running well and the facilities created by the Institute are very much appreciated by the visitors to the Institute. Souvenir items placed in the shop are also source of attraction for the visitors. During the period following souvenir items were sold: Booklet on the Viceregal Lodge (2524), Caps (840), Picture post cards (19920), Coffee mugs (872), Sweat shirts (487), T-shirts (528), Greeting cards (1059), Scarfs (21), and Calenders (177). The net income from the sale of souvenirs was Rs.4,09,740.00.

IIAS Book Shop: The IIAS book shop is having books from leading publishers of the country such as Oxford, Orient Blackswan, SAGE, Manohar, Taylor and Francis, Indus Publishing Company, Aryan Books International, Rajkamal Prakashan, Sahitya Akademi and Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya etc., besides having Institute's own publications. The Institute sold 1655 books of these publishers during the period and the net income from the sale of books was Rs.1,50,243.00. Similarly the book shop has sold 560 books published by the Institute and has earned a sum of Rs.71,477.00. In addition to this the Institute has sold 1720 books published by the Institute to out station clients during the period and has earned Rs. 2,44,205.00. Thus, the total sale of IIAS publications during this period was Rs. 3,15,682.00.

The Court Gallery is also an added attraction for the tourists. About 40 rare photographs of Viceregal Lodge which were received by the Institute from Middlesex University and the Bowood Estate are displayed here.

COFFEE SHOP

The Institute has started a Coffee Shop in its renovated Fire Station Café which was earlier known as Fire Station. *Tea, Coffee, Snacks, Cold Drinks, Toasts, Sandwiches, Biscuits, Idli Sambhar* and other eatables are being served in the Café.

The Café is under the direct control and supervision of the Fellows' Mess/Canteen. Three persons have been engaged in the Café on contract basis.

Income and Expenditure Statement during the period under Report (April 2011 to March 2012) of the Café is as follows:

Months	Income (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)	Excess of Income over expenditure (Rs.)
April	58,409.00	33,062.00	25,347.00
May	1,10,403.00	68,174.00	42,229.00
June	1,51,626.00	98,595.00	53,031.00
July	66,243.00	38,089.00	28,154.00
August	36,939.00	24,076.00	12,863.00
September	36,721.00	27,924.00	8,797.00
October	56,752.00	36,875.00	19,877.00
November	47,719.00	26,707.00	21,012.00
December	64,263.00	45,107.00	19,156.00
January	48,639.00	22,668.00	25,971.00
February	32,304.00	23,013.00	9,291.00
March	59,280.00	51,678.00	7,602.00
Total	Rs. 7,69,298.00	Rs. 4,95,968.00	Rs. 2,73,330.00

The Institute has also been making efforts to increase the items to be served in the Café since it has been cheerfully accepted by the Tourists, Fellows, IUC Associates, Guests and the Employees of the Institute.

V. LIBRARY

The library of the Institute caters to the needs not only of its regular Fellows but also of the Visiting Professors, Visiting Scholars, IUC Associates, consulting members and seminar participants etc. from all over the country. The library regularly keeps its collection updated by purchasing the latest books and periodicals as per the recommendations of the selection committee constituted for the purpose.

For the last several years the library has been putting extra efforts to build-up and update its collection in the area of Social Sciences and Humanities. During the period of report, the library acquired 2070 books and subscribed to 214 printed journals and periodicals. The Library has over 1,34000 printed books in different languages like Arabic, Persian, Urdu, English, Hindi and Pali on various subjects. The library is fully computerized and traditional circulation system has been replaced with fully automated issue and return system of library materials. Library catalogue is online. By using the Internet, users can access library catalogue 24x7, from anywhere at any time. The library has enrolled 27 new members by charging membership fees. Besides, 60 members were also allowed to consult the library material for short period. Total 2055 visitors have visited the library last year.

The library has come up with a new look by adding new book stacks, new study carrels for the users and modern light fittings has been installed.

The library has developed a well-equipped and interconnected Digital Resource Centre which has round the clock access to wealth of knowledge in digital form. It has access to a number of electronic resources, e.g. E-Books, E-Journals, Back volumes and electronic archives of major primary and commercial publishers. The library has completed the bar coding of the main collection of Library. Bar code labels have been pasted on the entire library collection. It is a step towards complete modernization of IAS library.

The library has converted all microfilms and audio cassette into digital files (PDF) and audio CD of lectures delivered by the eminent scholars during last twenty years. After converting these contents into DVDs, these files have been uploaded on the Institution repository. Users can access these contents from their desktop computers. This technology has enabled the Institute to preserve these valuable documents for longer period.

The library has developed a separate audio video collection. In order to strengthen this section, the Library has procured 118 (one hundred and eighteen) documentaries, addressing social issues from the firm Magic Lantern, New Delhi. Besides this, the library has also procured classical award winning movies, feature films including epics of Mahabharata and Ramayana etc. Users can access these movies and documentaries using the multimedia server.

VI. DISPENSARY

The Institute has a well equipped dispensary with a Resident Medical Officer and a Pharmacist for providing medical assistance to Fellows, IUC Associates, staff and their families. During the period under report, 3500 patients were examined and treated in the dispensary. 53 patients were given emergency medical services beyond duty hours. A health camp on Yoga was organized from 5-9 September 2011 in the Institute.

VII. MAINTENANCE OF ESTATE AND SPECIAL REPAIR WORKS

During the period under report, both wings of the CPWD, Civil as well as Electrical continues to attend the day-to-day maintenance work and special repairs of the IIAS Campus. The ASI has also planned and initiated action to execute the work of restoration and preservation of the Rashtrapati Nivas Estate especially the repair of Varandah roofs on the Main Building and Public Entry Building. The major works that the Institute did during this period for the maintenance and upkeep of the Estate are given below:

A. REPAIRS AND RENOVATION OF FELLOWS RESIDENCES.

1. The renovation work of the Bilaspur House for the residences of Fellows was completed and eight flats have been allotted to the Fellows.
2. The renovation work of the Starry Cottage for the residence of Fellows was completed and two flats have been made for accommodating the Fellows.
3. The renovation work of Flat No.2 of Courteen Hall was completed and the flat has been allotted to a Fellow.
4. During the year DSP Cottage (two sets), Fellows House (three sets) and Grass Shed were also renovated for accommodating the Fellows.
5. Both wings of CPWD – Civil and Electrical – were instructed to attend the minor complaints of Fellows on priority basis.

B. TAGORE CENTRE

During the period under report the repair and renovation work the Old CPWD Enquiry was in full swing. This will be used for Study space for Tagore Fellows.

C. CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION OF IIAS BUILDING

The ASI has started the execution of the preservation work of Flat Varandah roof in the main building but could not complete the work during the year under report. The work is still going on and it has critically damaged the building and caused serious damage to the Library Hall. The ASI could not stop leakage in the main building/Public Entry building which damaged the building and resulted in loss of goods and articles.

D. WORK DONE IN THE EMPLOYEES RESIDENCES

1. Out house near courteen Hall was renovated during the period under report.
2. One set behind Fellows house was renovated during the period under report.
3. One set in Block "C" was renovated during the period under report.

E. REPAIRS OF ROAD AND PATHS

During the period under report the road leading from main gate to Boileaugang was repaired.

F. REVIEW OF FIRE FIGTHING SYSTEM

During the year under report the Institute has initiated steps for an effective fire system to be put in the R P Nivas Building. On the basis of the estimates submitted by the CPWD the Institute has released the payment of Rs. 1,52,18,636/-. The Institute has requested the CPWD authorities to execute the work at the earliest.

G. GENERAL CLEANLINESS OF THE IIAS CAMPUS

There has been a great rush of tourists and visitors to the Institute during summer months and the tourist litter the campus. The Institute has been facing the problem of garbage which has increased monkey menace on the campus. The Estate section launched a special drive to clean the campus and daily wagers engaged through outsourcing have been put on the job.

VIII. ACCOUNTS AND BUDGET

- A) The approved Revised Estimates and Budget Estimates for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 respectively are as under:

	Revised Estimates 2011-2012	Budget Estimates 2012-2013 (Rupees in lakhs)
Non-Plan	725.00	772.00
Plan	816.33*	550.00

*This includes the unspent of previous years.

The accounts of the Institute for the year 2011-2012 duly audited by the Accountant General (Audit), Himachal Pradesh, Shimla are enclosed as **Annexure - I**.

B) IUC ACCOUNTS

The Accounts of the Inter-University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences (IUC) Scheme are audited by a firm of Chartered Accountants M/s Rajendra Ravi & Harish of Shimla. The expenditure for the year 2011-2012 was Rs. 125.87 lakhs.

The Audited Statement of Accounts of the Inter-University Centre (IUC) Scheme for the year 2011-2012 is placed below as **Annexure - II**.

IX. GARDEN

The IIAS is housed in the erstwhile Viceregal Lodge, a heritage building and has a very beautiful garden with a variety of flowers, shrubs and trees. This is perhaps one of the highest landscape gardens in the world. The garden is dependent on rain water, which is harvested for its maintenance. Harvested rain water is being used for the maintenance

of lawn and gardens as well. The following works were done during the period of report:

1. Large numbers of ornamental plants/shrubs are propagated in the mist chamber for the purpose of use in the Institute. Some of them have been sold out and the rest have either been planted in the gardens of the Institute while the remaining are being planted in the vicinity of the gardens of the Institute.
2. New roses have been planted in Rose Garden. The area has been developed as a Rose Garden. Beautification of the area has been done with the white stone work and use of the waste red slates as pathways for this rose garden.
3. Nursery for the rainy and winter season annuals are prepared for the plantation in the month of June-July and November-December, respectively.
4. Institute has won Second Prize in Flower Decoration and in Flowers collection in the flower show organized by SAGES held in June 2011.
5. Avenue plantation has been done with evergreen plants like *Deodara* spp.
6. Landscaping of the "Bilaspur House" was done. White stones and other waste material was collected and was used to beautify the area. New plantation of perennials and annuals has been done in this area.
7. Regular maintenance of the gardens of the Institute which include cleaning of garden pathways, removal of weeds/ overgrown grasses in and around the plantation beds and Lawns, plantation of seasonal annuals is done as and when needed.
8. Flower arrangements (bouquet preparation, maintenance of flower pots etc.) inside the building, during seminars/ symposium/ during cultural activities is being done by the Garden section.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER INITIATIVES

During the year under report we have initiated a couple of new initiatives which will fructify during the on-going year.

- During the period of report the Fellowship Award Committee met once on 8th November 2011. In the meeting of the FAC recommended for the award of Fellowship to 17 scholars. They include Dr. Vibha Arora, Shri Om Prakash Valmiki, Dr. Aleksandra Wenta, Dr. Suneetha SRV Achuta, Dr. Umesh Kumar Singh, Dr. K.G. Poulouse, Shri Jasvir Singh, Dr. Ambrose Pinto, Professor N. Jayaram, Dr. Ambalicka Sood Jacob, Dr. Sunita Raina, Dr. Priyambada Sarkar, Shri Pridip Phanjoubam, Dr. Malavika Kasturi, Dr. Prem Poddar, Ms. Sayantoni Datta, Dr. Anupama Vohra.
- The vacancy of the Senior Private Secretary to the Director, Section Officer-1, Assistants – 2, UDCs – 4, Garden Choudharies and Daftry – 1 have been filled through departmental promotion.

INDIAN AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR OF AUDIT (CENTRAL),
CHANDIGARH-160017

No.: Central/SAR/IIAS/2012-13/312-13

Dated: 27-12-2012

To

The Secretary
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resources and Development
Department of Education
New Delhi

Subject: Separate Audit Report on the accounts of Indian Institute of Advanced Study,
Shimla for the year ended 31 March 2012.

Sir,

I am to enclose a copy of the Separate Audit report on the accounts of Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla for the year ended 31 March 2012 for necessary at your end. The report may be kept confidential till its presentation in the parliament.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

Dy. Director

Encl. As above.

Copy of the above along with copy of separate Audit Report is forwarded to Director,
Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.

Sd/-

Dy. Director

Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on the Accounts of Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla for the year ended 31 March 2012

1. We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla as at 31 March, 2012, the Income & Expenditure Account/Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended on that date under Section 20(1) of the Comptroller & Auditor General's (Duties, Powers & Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 read with Section 60 of the Memorandum of Association of IIAS. The audit has been entrusted for the period upto 2012-13. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Autonomous Body's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.
2. This Separate Audit Report contains the comments of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) on the accounting treatment only with regard to classification, conformity with the best accounting practices, accounting standards and disclosure norms, etc. Audit observations on financial transactions with regard to compliance with the Law, Rules & Regulations (Propriety and Regularity) and efficiency-cum-performance aspects, etc., if any, are reported through Inspection Reports/CAG's Audit Reports separately.
3. We have conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidences supporting the amounts and disclosure in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.
4. Based on our audit, we report that:
 - i. We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
 - ii. The Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account/Receipts & Payments Account dealt with by this report have been drawn up in the format prescribed by the Government of India, Ministry of Finance.
 - iii. In our opinion, proper books of accounts and other relevant records have been maintained by IIAS, Shimla in so far as it appears from our examination of such books.
 - iv. We further report that:
 - A. Income and Expenditure Account
Expenditure
Other Administrative Expenses (Schedule 12): Rs 9.09 Crore
The above includes Rs.383.78 lakh (Maintenance of residential and non-residential buildings Rs 21.72 lakh, Electrical Works Rs 13.30 lakh, Special repair and maintenance of Rashtrapati Niwas: Rs 348.76) which was given as advance for deposit works to CPWD, but was accounted as final expenditure in the Income and Expenditure Account. This has

resulted in overstatement of Expenditure and understatement of Current Assets, Loans and Advances by Rs.383.78 lakh.

B. General

Net impact of Audit comments on the Annual Accounts

Net impact of Audit comments on the Annual Accounts of Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla for the year ending 31 March 2012 is as under:

- i. Asset understated by Rs.383.78 lakh.
- ii. Capital/Corpus Fund understated by Rs 383.78 lakh.
- iii. Surplus for the year understated Rs 383.78 lakh.

C. Grants-in-aid:

Out of the grants-in-aid of Rs 15.43 crore received during the year 2011-2012, and un-utilised grant of Rs.0.02 crore brought forward from the year 2010-11, the Institute could utilize a sum of Rs.15.21 crore during the year, leaving a balance of Rs.0.24 crore as unutilized grants as on 31 March 2012.

D. Management letters:

Deficiencies which have not been included in the Audit report that have been brought to the notice of the institute's management through a management letter issued separately for remedial / corrective action.

- v). Subject to our observations in the preceding paragraphs, we report that the Balance sheet, Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payment Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of accounts.
- vi) In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said financial statement read together with the Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts, and subject to the significant matters stated above and other matters mentioned in Annexure to this Audit Report give a true and fair view in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in India.
 - a) In so far as it relates to the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla as at 31 March 2012; and
 - b) In so far as it relates to Income & Expenditure Account of the surplus for the year ended on that date.

For and on behalf of the C&AG of India

Sd/-

Principal Director of Audit (Central),

Chandigarh

Place: Chandigarh

Dated: 27.12.2012

Annexure

a. Adequacy of Internal Audit System

There is no internal audit system in the institute.

b. Adequacy of Internal Control system

The internal control system is considered adequate and commensurate with the size and activities of the Institute.

c. System of Physical verification of Fixed Assets/ Inventory:

Physical verification of fixed /Inventory had not been done during the year 2011-12.

d. Register of fixed assets

Register of fixed Assets as required to be maintained in the form prescribed in General Financial Rules had not been maintained.

e. Regularity in payment of statutory dues:

Institute is regular in depositing undisputed statutory dues.

Sd/-
Dy. Director

INDIAN AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR OF AUDIT (CENTRAL),
CHANDIGARH-160017

Ajaib Singh, IA &AS
Principal Director

No. Cent.Exp./SAR/IIAS/2012-13/315

Dated: 27-12-2012

Dear Shri deSouza,

While conducting the audit of annual accounts of your Institute for the year 2011-12, it was noticed that:

1. Balance Sheet

1.1 Assets

1.1.1 Fixed Assets (Schedule-3):Rs.1608.19 lakh

- a) Schedule of Fixed Assets had not been prepared in the format prescribed in form of Financial Statements for the Central Autonomous Bodies by the Government of India, Ministry of Finance. The Institute had also not charged depreciation as prescribed in Form of Financial Statements. The Accounting Policy at Sr. No. 3 regarding not charging of depreciation on fixed assets is also incorrect.
- b) The above include Fixed Assets valuing Rs19.36 lakh, which have already been declared unserviceable but no provision towards anticipated loss of the value of these assets has been made. This has resulted in overstatement of 'Fixed Assets' and 'Surplus' for the year by Rs. 19.36lakh.

1.1.2 Current Assets(Schedule-4)

Sundry Debtors

Debts outstanding for a period exceeding 6 months: Rs 4.62 lakh

Debts considered good for recovery and those considered doubtful have neither been shown separately nor this fact disclosed in the schedule of 'Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts'.

1.1.3 Loans and Advances (Schedule-4a): Rs 47.80 lakh

There is a difference of Rs .04 lakh between the figures of Miscellaneous Advances (Rs.40.39lakh) shown in the Accounts and the figures of subsidiary Ledger (Rs

40.35 lakh). This has resulted in understatement of 'Grant-in- Aid' and 'Miscellaneous Advances' to that extent.

2. Income and Expenditure Account

Income

Other Income (Schedule9):Rs 72.52 lakh

The above is understated by Rs.30,000/- due to wrong accountal of Ticket booth Receipts at Rs. 48,90,140/-. This has also resulted in understatement of Bank Balance by Rs.30,000/-.

3. General

In respect of Provident Fund accumulations, the Institute has not followed the Government of India instructions dated 24 January 2005 regarding investment out of provident fund subscription.

I shall be grateful, if you could kindly look into the matter personally and take corrective measures,

Warm Regards

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-
(AJAIB SINGH)

Sh. Peter Ronald deSouza,
Director,
Indian Institute of Advanced Study,
Shimla

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BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH, 2012

		(Amount in Rs.)	
Capital Fund & Liabilities Schedule		As on 31.3.2012	As on 31.3.2011
Capital Fund	1	145960547.22	130257029.03
Current Liabilities and Provisions	2	56281317.40	51304871.40
Total		202241864.62	181561900.43
Assets			
Fixed Assets	3	160819017.73	150334707.73
Current Assets, Loans & Advances	4	41422846.89	31227192.70
Total		202241864.62	181561900.43
Dated: 19.06.2012	sd/- Accounts Officer	sd/- Secretary	sd/- Director

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 2011-12

(Amount in Rs.)			
Income	Schedule	Year Ended 31.03.2012	Year Ended 31.03.2011
Grant received	5	154347000.00	98108000.00
Fees/Subscription Received	6	45685.00	54900.00
Income from Royalty, Publication etc.	7	788672.94	1153632.33
Interest Earned	8	1895480.00	1187098.00
Other Income	9	7251630.64	6385152.00
Increase/ Decrease in stock	10	195681.63	435991.80
Total (A)		164524150.21	107324774.13
Expenditure			
Establishment Expenses	11	54266715.00	52401214.00
Other Administrative Expenses	12	90915938.02	57338783.00
Fixed Assets written off during the year + Prior period adjustments		19995.00	1312401.00
Total (B)		145202648.02	111052398.00
Excess of Income/ Expt.(A-B)		19321502.19	-3727623.87
Balance being Surplus /Deficit carried to Capital Fund		19321502.19	-3727623.87
Shimla -171005	sd/-	sd/-	sd/-
Dated: 19.06.2012	Accounts Officer	Secretary	Director

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Schedules 1 to 4 Attached To & Forming Part of Balance Sheet

SCHEDULE 1	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2012	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2011
CAPITAL FUND		
Opening Balance	130257029.03	134202015.90
Add: Additions during the year	29853824.00	29636461.00
Less: Deductions during the year	33471808.00	29853824.00
 Add/Deduct : Balance of net income/expenditure transferred from the Income & Expenditure A/C	 19321502.19	 -3727623.87
Balance at the year-End	145960547.22	130257029.03

SCHEDULE 2	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2012	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2011
CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS		
A. Current Liabilities		
(a) GPF Payable	21998287.40	20850127.40
(b) GPF/ GIS Payable	69942.00	138939.00
(c) New Pension Scheme	695510.00	401873.00
(d) Karamchari Kalyan Samiti Recoveries	0.00	14338.00
(e) Other Remittances	45770.00	45770.00
B. Provisions		
a) Gratuity	21157879.00	19413917.00
b) Leave Encashment	12313929.00	10439907.00
Total	56281317.40	51304871.40

SCHEDULE 3	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2012	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2011
FIXED ASSETS		
Opening Balance 01.04.2011	150334707.73	142814552.73
(+) Assets Added during the year	10504305.00	8832556.00
(-) Prior period adjustments	0.00	66000.00
(-) Assets written off during the year	19995.00	1246401.00
Total	160819017.73	150334707.73

SCHEDULE 1**YEAR ENDED
31.03.2012****YEAR ENDED
31.03.2011****A. CURRENT ASSETS:****1. Stock in Hand**

Stock of IIAS Publications	2475430.57	2367907.94
Stock of IIAS Publications with Co-Publishers	1460781.00	1372622.00

2. Sundry Debtors

a) Debts outstanding for a period exceeding 6 Months	461738.33	509144.83
b) Recovery from CPWD	1652253.00	1652253.00
c) Recovery from HP University	36864.00	36864.00
d) TDS from Sh.Manas Ray & Sh. S C Chaudhary	90542.00	90542.00
e) GPF cont. from Sh. Manas Ray	2397.00	2397.00
f) GIS recoverable from LIC of India	120.00	0.00

3. Cash Balance in Hand

a) Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00
b) Imprest Balance	20000.00	30000.00

4. Bank Balances :**On Current Accounts**

a) SBI Boileuganj, Shimla C/A No.10116685058	5034309.59	54066.51
b) Canara Bank, Shimla C/A No.437	667657.00	37842.00
c) SBI New Delhi C/A No.24	0.00	6671.00
d) SBI Defence Colony, Delhi C/A No.62212	0.00	4528.02
e) SBI Boileuganj C/A No. 32049729199	1351550.00	0.00

On Saving Accounts

SBI Saving Bank A/C (GPF)	3328787.40	1230627.40
New Pension Fund Subscription	695510.00	401873.00
New Pension Fund Contribution	695510.00	401873.00

On Deposit Accounts

Fixed Deposit (GPF)	18669500.00	19619500.00
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Total (A)	36642949.89	27818711.70
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Schedule 4A. LOANS, ADVANCES AND OTHER ASSETS

Loans and Advances	4679084.00	3307668.00
Security with P & T	36200.00	36200.00
Security with Vineet Gas	19000.00	19000.00
Deposit with Municipal Corporation	980.00	980.00
Deposit for Fuel	40000.00	40000.00
Others	4633.00	4633.00
Total (B)	4779897.00	3408481.00
Total (4 & 4A)	41422846.89	31227192.70

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SCHEDULES 5 TO 12 ATTACHED TO & FORMING PART OF
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

SCHEDULE 5	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2012	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2011
GRANTS RECEIVED		
Grant received from MHRD (Non-Plan)	72500000.00	54493000.00
Grant received from MHRD (Plan-Gen)	77059000.00	39700000.00
Grant received from MHRD (Plan-NER)	4018000.00	3645000.00
Grant received from ICPR, New Delhi	270000.00	270000.00
Grant received under MGIEP	500000.00	0.00
Total	154347000.00	98108000.00

SCHEDULE 6	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2012	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2011
FEES/SUBSCRIPTION RECEIVED		
1) Subscription of Journals	0.00	300.00
2) Library Membership Fee	45685.00	54600.00
Total	45685.00	54900.00

SCHEDULE 7	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2012	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2011
INCOME FROM ROYALTY, PUBLICATION ETC.		
Income from IAS Publications	648926.94	1148672.33
Income from Publications through Co-Publishers	139746.00	4960.00
Total	788672.94	1153632.33

SCHEDULE 8	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2012	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2011
INTEREST EARNED		
1) On Term Deposits;		
a) With Scheduled Bank -STDR's	83045.00	0.00
b) Others Interest received on GPF deposits	1812435.00	1187098.00
Total	1895480.00	1187098.00

SCHEDULE 9	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2012	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2011
OTHER INCOME		
1) Ticket Booth Receipt	4890140.00	4484604.00
2) Sale of Fruits/Plants	13180.00	16875.00
3) Income from interest on advances to Employees	245141.00	247972.00
4) Income from recovery of License Fee & Furniture	573309.00	264686.00
5) Recovery of Water & Electricity Charges	238489.00	78374.00
6) Misc. Income - others	669934.64	933314.00
7) Court Fee	30000.00	14350.00
8) Income from Guest Houses	591437.00	344977.00
Total	7251630.64	6385152.00

SCHEDULE 10	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2012	YEAR ENDED 31.03.2011
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN STOCK		
a) Closing Stock		
- Stock of Publications of IIAS	2475430.57	2367960.94
- Stock of Publications with Co-Publishers	1460781.00	1372622.00
Total	3936211.57	3740529.94
b) Less : Opening Stock		
- Stock of Publications of IIAS	2367907.94	2310676.14
- Stock of Publications with Co-Publisher	1372622.00	993862.00
Total	3740529.94	3304538.14
Increase/(Decrease) in stock (a-b)	195681.63	435991.80

SCHEDULE 11**YEAR ENDED
31.03.2012****YEAR ENDED
31.03.2011****ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES**

1) Pay & Allowances	37862433.00	31607588.00
2) Medical, LTC, Honorarium & Bonus	804059.00	572672.00
3) TA/DA to Officers & Staff	386544.00	538917.00
4) Overtime Allowances to Non-Gazetted Staff	20914.00	13977.00
5) Interest on GPF	1812435.00	1187098.00
6) Monthly Pension & Pensionery Benefits	13318274.00	18463412.00
7) Rewards	62056.00	17550.00
Total	54266715.00	52401214.00

SCHEDULE 12**YEAR ENDED
31.03.2012****YEAR ENDED
31.03.2011****OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES ETC.**

1) Advertisement & Publicity	270785.00	224871.00
2) Audit Fee	70950.00	144540.00
3) Electricity & Water Charges	3891176.00	3661998.00
4) Wages	30000.00	28750.00
5) Printing & Stationery	530597.00	377773.00
6) Postage	205000.00	147346.00
7) Telephone Charges	260933.00	296130.00
8) Repair & Maintenance of Fixed Assets	421937.00	383831.00
9) Maint. of Residential and Non-Resid. Bldgs.	2655448.00	3004762.00
10) Liveries	110238.00	107424.00
11) Contingencies	563537.00	820586.00
12) Institute's Vehicle Running Expenses	479076.00	288003.00
13) Institute' Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	211206.00	129995.00
14) Rent of Building - RP Nivas	12000.00	12000.00
15) Furniture Rent of RP Nivas	6000.00	6000.00
16) CPWD Electrical Works	1477310.00	1500000.00
17) Special Repair & Maintenance of RP Nivas	43975126.00	11908151.00
18) Horticulture Expenses	654682.00	548101.00
19) Legal Expenses	183610.00	103685.00
20) Municipal Taxes	88625.00	98473.00
21) Dispensary & Medicines	272855.00	287926.00
22) Consumable Stores	309850.00	206601.00
23) Fellowship grant including TA/DA	21736750.00	16699759.00
24) TA/DA to Members of Society	1654168.00	1411808.00
25) Rent of Delhi Guest House	440000.00	403152.00
26) Publication Expenses	609206.00	1827490.00
27) Seminar, Conference & Workshops,	5692917.00	5080165.00
28) TA/DA to Visiting Scholars & Professors	103674.00	276262.00
29) Ticket Booth Expenditure	2835536.00	2984759.00
30) Hospitality & Entertainment Expenses	34765.00	32319.00
31) Preservation & Restoration of RP Nivas	0.00	2625686.00
32) Library Other Expenses	359891.00	641889.00
33) Word Processors	452771.00	917250.00
34) EPBAX	268713.00	145350.00
35) Bank Charges	46606.02	5948.00
Total	90915938.02	57338783.00

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2012

RECEIPTS	YEAR ENDED 31.3.2012	YEAR ENDED 31.3.2011	PAYMENTS	YEAR ENDED 31.3.2012	YEAR ENDED 31.3.2011
I. Opening Balance					
a) i) Cash in hand	0.00	0.00	I) Establishment Expenses		
ii) Imprest Balance	30000.00	30000.00	Pay & Allowances	37850433.00	31274928.00
b) Bank Balance			Medical,LTC,Hon & Bonus	804059.00	572672.00
i) In Current Accounts	103107.53	12425215.53	TADA to Officers & Staff	386544.00	538917.00
			OTA to Non Gazetted Staff	20914.00	13977.00
			Interest on GPF	1812435.00	1187098.00
			Pensionary Benefits	13318274.00	18463412.00
			Rewards	62056.00	17550.00
II) Grant received			II. Administrative Expenses		
a) Grant received from MHRD	154077000.00	97838000.00	Advertisement & Publicity	270785.00	224871.00
b) Grant received from ICPR	270000.00	270000.00	Audit Fees	70950.00	144540.00
III) Interest earned			Electricity & Water Charges	3891176.00	3661998.00
On Term Deposits	83045.00	0.00	Wages	30000.00	28750.00
On Saving Account	0.00	0.00	Stationary	530597.00	377773.00
Interest received on GPF deposits	1812435.00	1187098.00	Postage	205000.00	147346.00
Interest received on advances to employees	245141.00	247972.00	Telephone Charges	260933.00	296130.00
			Repair & Maintenance of Fixed Assets	421937.00	383831.00
			Main. of Residential &		
			Non-Residential buildings	2655448.00	3004762.00
			Liveries	110238.00	107424.00
			Misc. Contingencies	563537.00	820586.00
			P.O.L.	479076.00	288003.00
			Maintenance of Institute's Vehicle	211206.00	129995.00
			Rent of Building RP Nivas	12000.00	12000.00
			Furniture Rent of RP Nivas	6000.00	6000.00
			CPWD Electrical Works	1477310.00	1500000.00

IV. Other Income:				Special Repair of Residential &		
Subscription of Journals	0.00	300.00	43975126.00	Non-Residential buildings		11908151.00
Library Membership/ Consultation Fee	45685.00	54600.00	654682.00	Maintenance of Garden		548101.00
Income from IAS Publications	550082.94	1062432.33	183610.00	Legal Expenses		103685.00
Income from Publications	139746.00	4960.00	88625.00	Municipal Taxes		98473.00
Co-Publishers			272855.00	Dispensary		287926.00
Ticket Booth Receipt	4890140.00	4484604.00	309850.00	Consumable Stores		206601.00
Income from Sale of Plants	13180.00	16875.00	21736750.00	Fellowship Grant including TA/DA etc.		16699759.00
Recovery of License Fee & Furniture Rent	573309.00	264686.00	1654168.00	TA/DA to Members of Society		1411808.00
Recovery of Water & Elect. Charges	238489.00	78374.00	440000.00	Rent of Delhi Guest House		403152.00
Misc. Income-Others	669934.64	933314.00	609206.00	Publication & Printings		1827490.00
Income from Guest House	591437.00	344977.00	Seminar, Conferences and Workshops etc.		5080165.00	
V. Other Receipts:			103674.00	TA/DA to Visiting Scholars & Professors		276262.00
a) Recovery of Advances			2835536.00	Ticket Booth Expenditure		2984759.00
Recovery of Misc. Advances	7696662.00	8943476.00	34765.00	Hospitality & Entertainment Expenses		32319.00
Recovery of Adv. to Employees	335870.00	310257.00	12000.00	Project on Indian Civilization		332660.00
Recovery of Imprest Advances	17796.00	28060.00	0.00	Special Repairs to RP Nivas		2625686.00
Recovery of Income tax	3234686.00	2561131.00		Preservation & Restoration		
				Lib. Books & Periodicals/Lib Equipments		
Recovery of Court Fee	30000.00	14350.00	359891.00	& Back Volumes		641889.00
			452771.00	Word Processors		917250.00
b) Remittances:			268713.00	EPBX		145350.00
GPF, GIS etc.	9728579.00	9513751.00	10504305.00	III.Expenditure on Fixed Assets		8832556.00
				Purchase of Fixed Assets		
c) Other Receipts				IV) Other Payments :		
i) Deposit for fuel	0.00	0.00	293637.00	New Pension Scheme		146556.00
ii) Sundry Debtors	146250.50	58960.67	8654298.00	Miscellaneous Advances		8921990.00
iii) KKS	56870.00	61334.00	749650.00	Advances to employees		214302.00
			37796.00	Imprest Advances		28060.00
			0.00	Deposit for Fuel		40000.00
			46606.02	Bank Charges		5948.00

Remittances:			
1) Income Tax	3234686.00	3201652.00	
2) GPF, GIS etc	9797696.00	9429511.00	
3) KKS	71208.00	46996.00	
V. Closing Balances:			
1) Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00	
2) Imprest Balance	0.00	30000.00	
3) Bank Balances			
- Current Accounts	7053516.59	103107.53	
TOTAL	185579445.61	140734727.53	140734727.53

Shimla 171005
Dated: 19.06.2012

(Rajesh Sharma)
Accounts Officer

(Prem Chand)
Secretary

(Peter Ronald deSouza)
Director

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY
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SCHEDULE SHOWING DETAIL OF SUNDRY DEBTORS AS ON 31.03.2012

S No.	Year	31.03.2012	31.03.2011
1	1988-1989	3523.55	3523.55
2	1989-1990	610.03	610.03
3	1990-1991	5083.45	5083.45
4	1991-1992	3946.30	3946.30
5	1992-1993	4669.00	4669.00
6	1993-1994	3157.00	3157.00
7	1994-1995	5571.00	5571.00
8	1995-1996	2725.00	2725.00
9	1996-1997	6602.00	6602.00
10	1997-1998	7648.00	7648.00
11	1998-1999	32454.00	32454.00
12	1999-2000	19922.00	19922.00
13	2000-2001	29901.50	29901.50
14	2001-2002	8723.00	8723.00
15	2002-2003	68154.00	68154.00
16	2003-2004	42175.00	42175.00
17	2004-2005	46634.00	46634.00
18	2005-2006	21648.50	32588.50
19	2006-2007	2195.00	2747.00
20	2007-2008	7073.00	17819.00
21	2008-2009	1950.00	8941.50
22	2009-2010	19663.00	69310.00
23	2010-2011	18866.00	86240.00
24	2011-2012	98844.00	0.00
Total		461738.33	509144.83

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY, RASHTRAPATI NIVAS, SHIMLA - 171 005

Particulars	Assets as on 31.3.2011		Assets added during the year		Assets Written off during the year		Assets as on 31.03.2012	
	Non -Plan	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan	Total Assets
Office Equipment	1546856.64	6915913.99	33288.00	21680.00	0.00	0.00	1580144.64	8517738.63
Electronic Equipment	0.00	7231718.00	42150.00	1562553.00	0.00	0.00	42150.00	8836421.00
Furniture & Fittings	1556792.07	3422283.68	0.00	1172439.00	1964.00	0.00	1554828.07	6149550.75
Vehicles	151699.64	1893022.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	151699.64	2044721.64
Library Equipment	47747.51	5878394.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47747.51	5926142.38
Other Equipment	593901.20	356580.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	593901.20	950481.20
Publication Equipment	0.00	839040.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	839040.02
Library Books & Periodical	40239858.25	77659427.18	0.00	7672195.00	0.00	0.00	40239858.25	125571480.43
Source Book Scheme	247622.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	247622.12	247622.12
Equipment Source Book Scheme	41087.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41087.56	41087.56
Garden Equipment	163836.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18031.00	0.00	145805.00	145805.00
Audio Visual	0.00	422500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	422500.00
Project towards the centre for the study of Indian Civilization	0.00	518442.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	518442.00
Word Processors	0.00	607985.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	607985.00
Grand total	44589400.99	105745306.74	75438.00	10428867.00	19995.00	0.00	44644843.99	160819017.73

Accounts Officer

DETAILS OF LOAN AND ADVANCES AS ON 31.03.2012

S.No.	Particulars	As on 31st March 12	As on 31st March 11
1	House Building Advance	33849.00	63369.00
2	Scooter Advance	6640.00	18640.00
3	Computer Advance	449302.00	24302.00
4	Misc. Advances	4038938.00	3081302.00
5	Warm Clothing Advances	21094.00	16144.00
6	Festival Advance	128830.00	103480.00
7	Bad Climate	120.00	120.00
8	Flood Advance	311.00	311.00
	Total	4679084.00	3307668.00

sd/-
Accounts Officer

ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES ON ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH, 2012.

1. The Accounts of the Institute for the year 2011-2012 have been prepared in the new format prescribed by the Government of India for Autonomous bodies.
2. The Accounts of the Institute have been prepared on accrual basis. Provision of gratuity of Rs.2,11,57,879.00 and leave Encashment of Rs.1,23,13,929.00 up to 31.3.2012 have been credited to the Capital Fund.
3. The Institute has not provided any depreciation on the fixed assets as Rule 151(4) (b) of GFR provide that the Bodies mainly financed by the grant from Government will be required to maintain a register of assets in the Form (GFR 19). However, assets written off during the year have been deducted from the schedule of Fixed Assets.
4. The Closing balance also includes imprest of Rs.20,000.00 at Institute and Rs.20,000.00 with Chairman of the Institute.
5. Institute's Publication amounting to Rs. 24,75,430.57 and publication with Co-Publisher of Rs.14,60,781.00 as shown in the balances Sheet under "Current Assets" is based on the information submitted by PRO.

(Rajesh Sharma)
Accounts Officer

(Prem Chand)
Secretary

(Peter Ronald deSouza)
Director

Rajendra Ravi & Harish

Chartered Accountants

77/1, The Mall, Shimla

Phone: off. 2653171

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the 'Balance Sheet' of Inter University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences (UGC), Shimla as at 31st March, 2012 and also their 'Receipts & Payment Account' & 'Income & Expenditure Account' for the year ended on that date, annexed hereto and report that:-

These financial statements are the responsibility of the UGC's Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Subject to foregoing remark we report that:-

1. We have obtained all the information and explanation which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of audit.
2. in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to explanation given to us the said accounts read with the notes contained in Schedule 2, give a true and fair view:-
 - (a) In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Centre as at 31st March 2012.
 - (b) In the Case of Income & Expenditure Account of the amount utilized from Grant in Aid for the year ended on that date.
 - (c) In case of Receipts & Payment Account of the amount received and payment made during the year ended on the date.

For Rajendra Ravi & Harish
Chartered Accountants

Sd/-

(Harish Kumar)

Partner

M.No. 17768

PLACE: SHIMLA

DATE: 25th June 2012

Rajendra Ravi & Harish

Chartered Accountants

77/1, The Mall, Shimla

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UTILISATION CERIFICATE

Certified that the grant of Rs.1,58,00,000/- (Rs. One crore fifty eight lakh only) was sanctioned to the Director, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla by the University Grant Commission, New Delhi vide letter No.F.6-2/2009(IUC/NFC) dated 05.08.2011 for Inter University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences (UGC) Shimla. After adding unspent balance of Rs. 28,51,212.51 (Rs. Twenty eight lakh fifty one thousand two hundred twelve and fifty one paise only) of the previous year in the above grant, it becomes Rs. 1,86,51,212.51 (Rs. One crore eighty six lakhs fifty one thousand two hundred twelve and paise fifty one only).

The Institute has utilised Rs. 1,22,72,457.00 (Rs. One crore twenty two lakh seventy two thousand four hundred fifty seven only) and includes Rs. 31,50,000.00 (Rs. Thirty one lakh fifty thousand only) paid to CPWD for renovation of IUC Guest House and Rs. 36,51,000.00 (Rs. Thirty six lakh fifty one thousand only) paid to ASI for renovation of Kranchi Line which has been considered as maintenance expenditure though work was under progress as on 31.03.2012 (net of Rs. 4,03,812.00 as revenue receipts and interest on grant) for the purpose for which it was sanctioned in accordance with the terms and condition laid down by the Commission during the Financial Year 2011-12. A sum of Rs.63,78,755.51 (Rs. Sixty three lakh seventy eight thousand seven hundred fifty five and paise fifty one only) remained unspent as on 31.03.2012.

If as a result of check or audit objection, some irregularity is noticed at a later stage action will be taken to refund/adjust or regularise the objected amount.

Sd/-
Accounts Officer

Sd/-
Secretary

For Rajendra Ravi & Harish
Chartered Accountants

PLACE: SHIMLA
DATE: 25th June 2012

Sd/-
(Harish Kumar)
Partner
M.No. 17768

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY
RASHTRAPATI NIVAS SHIMLA – 171 005 (H.P.)

Balance sheet of Inter University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences (UGC) as at 31st March, 2012

Liabilities	Amount	Assets	Amount
Grant-in-Aid		Fixed Assets:	
Opening Balance as at 1.4.2011	2851212.51	(As per Schedule 1 attached)	6264756.00
Add: Grant received during the year	16115000.00	Misc. Advances Pending Adjustment	
	18966212.51	Prof. R.S. Mishra (94-95)	18475.00
Less: Amount Spent for Capital Expenditure	13639.00	Misc. Advances (2003-04)	100000.00
		Misc. Advances (2005-06)	10000.00
Less: Amount Spent for Revenue Expenditure	12573818.00	Misc. Advances (2006-07)	180116.00
		Balance Lying with the Institute	6070164.51
Capital Reserve			
Opening Balance as at 1.4.2011	6251117.00		
Add: Additions during the year	13639.00		
Sub: Deletion during the year			
Total	6264756.00	Total	12643511.51

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Accounting Policies & Notes to Accounts: As per Schedule – 2 attached.

(Rajesh Sharma)
Accounts Officer

(Prem Chand)
Secretary

(Peter Ronald deSouza)
Director

Auditors' Report

As per our report of even date annexed.

For Rajendra Ravi & Harish
Chartered Accountants
(Harish Kumar)
Partner

Place: Shimla

Dated: 25.06.2012

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY
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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF INTER UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES (UGC) FOR THE
YEAR ENDING 31.03.2012

Expenditure	Income	Amount (In Rs.)
To Maintenance Allowance to IUC Associates	By Sale of IUC Journal	8450.00
To TA/DA to Associates	By IUC Misc. Receipts	197989.00
To IUC Research Seminar & Study Weeks	By Interest Earned (Bank)	197373.00
To Admin. & Secretarial Support (Postage, Medical, Stationery)	By Amount spent out of GIA received	12573818.00
To Publication Expenditure		
To Misc. Contingent Expenditure		
To Rent/Maintenance of Guest House		
To Admin. Unit (Wages, Pay & All.)		
To Maintenance of IUC Vehicle		
To Strengthening Books and Periodicals		
Total	Total	12977630.00

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For Rajendra Ravi & Harish
Chartered Accountants
(Harish Kumar)
Partner

Place: Shimla

Dated: 25.06.2012

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY
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Receipts & Payment Account of Inter University Centre for Humanities & Social Sciences (UGC) for the Year Ending on 31.3.2012

Receipts	Amount	Payments	Amount
By Opening Balance as on 1.4.2011	2527621.51	Revenue Expenditure	
By UGC Grant in Aid received	15800000.00	To Maintenance Allowance to IUC Associates	1091600.00
By GIA from ICHR	180000.00	To T.A./D.A. to Associates	680951.00
By GIA from ICSSR	135000.00	To Research Seminar & Study Weeks	1351775.00
Revenue Receipts		To Admin. & Secretarial Support	165611.00
By Sale of IUC Journal	8450.00	(Postage, Medical, Stationary)	
By Interest Earned	197373.00	To Publication Expenditure	22638.00
By IUC Misc. Receipts	197989.00	To Misc. Contingent Exp.	118561.00
		To Rent/Maint. of Guest House	8342125.00
Other Receipts		To Admin./Unit (Wages, Pays & All.	989783.00
By Misc. Advances Adjs.(Current Year)	1595500.00	To Maintenance of IUC Vehicle	214586.00
By Misc. Advances Adjustments (Old)	15000.00	To Strengthening Books and Periodicals	0.00
By Income Tax (TDS)	66920.00	Other Payments	
		To Misc. Advances Paid	1595500.00
		To Income Tax (TDS)	66920.00
		To Computer Facility & Other	13639.00
		To Closing Balance with Institute	6070164.51
Total	20723853.51	Total	20723853.51

(Rajesh Sharma)
Accounts Officer

(Prem Chand)
Secretary

(Peter Ronald deSouza)
Director

Auditors' Report

As per our report of even date annexed.

For Rajendra Ravi & Harish
Chartered Accountants
(Harish Kumar)
Partner

Place: Shimla
Dated: 25.06.2012

SCHEDULE-1

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY
RASHTRAPATI NIVAS, SHIMLA - 171 005 (H.P.)

Inter University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences (UGC) Schedule of Fixed Assets as on 31.03.2012

Sl. No.	Item	Opening Balance 01.04.2011	Addition during the Year	Deletion during the Year	Closing Balance
31.3.2012					
1	Electrical Equipment	520525.00	13639.00	0.00	534164.00
2	Furniture & Fixtures	809164.00	0.00	0.00	809164.00
3	Library Books	2809649.00	0.00	0.00	2809649.00
4	Vehicle	265054.00	0.00	0.00	265054.00
5	Computers	1846725.00	0.00	0.00	1846725.00
	TOTAL	6251117.00	13639.00	0.00	6264756.00

sd/-
Accounts Officer

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY
RASHTRAPATI NIVAS, SHIMLA-171005

ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES TO ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.03.2012

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Accounts have been maintained on cash system of accounting.
2. Depreciation on assets is not being charged in view of the Rule 151(4) of General Financial Rules.

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

3. Advance of Rs.18,475.00 is recoverable from Professor R.S. Mishra is long outstanding since 94-95. Steps are being taken to adjust/recover the same at the earliest.
4. Advance of Rs.1,00,000.00 is recoverable from Dr.V.C. Thomas since 20.03.2004. Steps are being taken to adjust/recover the same at the earliest.
5. An advance of Rs.15000.00 was paid to Director ICAR New Delhi through ARO for seminar. Out of above Rs.10,000/- is still outstanding. Steps are being taken to adjust/recover this amount.
6. An advance of Rs.2,75,000.00 was paid to Registrar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on 30.03.2007 through ARO for organizing seminar and amount of Rs.1,80,116.00 is outstanding . Efforts are being made to adjust/recover this amount.
7. Rs.31,00,000.00 paid to CPWD for renovation of IUC Guest House and Rs. 36,51,000.00 paid to ASI for Renovation of Kranchi Line during financial year 2011-12 has been considered as maintenance expenditure for the year though work was under progress as on 31.03.2012.

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