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*Newsletter-1*

# Mélange

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♥ ***From Editors' Desk***

We, the editorial board take immense pleasure to bring to you our very first edition of scholars' newsletter, "Mélange"! At this special moment, we would like to thank a few important people who are the driving force behind this. We express our overwhelming gratitude to Prof. R Radhakrishna, Chairman of CESS for being the constant inspiration for all of us. We thank, the captain of our ship, the Director of CESS, Prof. E Revathi, for trusting us with this responsibility. Our guiding light, Dr. K Alivelu, Dean of DGS, for always showing us the right path. Mr. Jadhav Chakradhar, Academic coordinator, DGS for hanging in there with us through the thick and thin. Last but not the least, Dr. Y Srinivasulu, Academic coordinator, DGS, Mr. Venkataiah, and, Ms. Parveen Begum, the team DGS, for their relentless support.

The Mélange, explores our (the Ph.D. scholars of CESS) pursuits. It includes, mainly the academic and non-academic activities that we engage in. The newsletter brings into the spotlight our publications, research activities, recognitions and other important activities. Mélange is very special for the editorial team, as we feel privileged to be part of this exciting yet perplexing journey of turning this idea into reality. Also, as we wanted to make the design of the Newsletter to be unique, we decided it to be the hand painted version of the signature beauties of CESS; The Cherry blossom trees and Peahens. We hope, this is the beginning of Mélange's long and prosperous voyage. And, we wish you a very happy and safe new year 2021.


*The Editorial Team* 🍷

## **Director's Message**

My heart fills with joy to write these few words for the newsletter brought out by our PhD students and scholars. The PhD programme in collaboration with Telangana University, young in age, has now taken firm roots and just begun to bloom. The arduous task of carrying out research requires to be interspersed with other creative activities. As we have a sizable number of students and scholars it makes way for unleashing of their talent and enrich learning in multiple ways. The *Mélange* provides a platform to showcase the achievements, in academic, literary, sports and culture and in many other ways. I congratulate all of you for bringing this newsletter and look forward to see the PhD scholars of CESS to bloom to the fullest capacity.



*Prof. E Revathi*

*E Revathi*   
Director

## **Quick Glimpse**

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## **About the Ph.D. Programme**

Division for Graduate Studies (DGS) at Centre for Economic and Social Studies, is committed towards conducting the Ph.D. Programme in Development Studies. It is a diverse Programme which includes, various disciplines such as, Economics, Sociology/Anthropology/Social Work, Geography, Public Administration/Political Science, Development Statistics and, Commerce and Business Management. All the candidates who are admitted to the Ph.D. Programme have to undergo a course work for one year. Currently the Programme accommodates 37 scholars under these disciplines. The scholars come from several prestigious institutions across India who are passionate and dedicated towards their respective research.



 **Scholar's Info.**
**Area / Topic of Interest**

- Shoeb Ahmed
  - Moulkar Rajeshwar
  - Mumtaz Begum
  - D. Veerabhadra Rao
  - Souda Ramesh
  - N Shankar
  - Suchitra Roplekar
  - Gattu Ramesh
  - M Venu Madhav
  - Y S Prakash Anil
  - Kappe Yadagiri
  - C.Uma Maheshwari
- Social support and mental health: a study of elderly in Telangana State, India  
Economic analysis of farm-level adaptation to climate change in Dry land Agro-ecosystem-a study in Telangana State  
Islamic Microfinance - a tool for financial inclusion: a study of Telangana State  
Consumer behavior towards eco-friendly (FMCG) products- a study on green marketing in Telangana State  
A study on child sex ratio in Wanaparthy district: a socio-cultural approach  
The study of urban governance in Warangal Municipal Corporation  
India - Nepal relations in the changing political scenario: post 2010  
Causes and consequences of child marriages in rural areas: a study in Jogulamba Gadwal districts of Telangana  
Governance of water and sanitation programs in local self governments: a study on the role of community-based organizations in Telangana State  
Repeasantization in Indian agriculture: a case of zero budget natural farming in Andhra Pradesh  
Universalization of quality formal graduate education: challenges of governance  
Impact of GST on MSME

 **2016-17**

- ❖ M Srividya
  - ❖ Ponnamaneni Padmaja
  - ❖ O Pranathi
  - ❖ Abhinav Deekonda
  - ❖ Lingaiah Meesala
  - ❖ Ranukuntla Saroja Sree
  - ❖ Ch Lavanya
- Internationalization of textile sector in India  
Export competitiveness of Indian turmeric – a post WTO analysis  
Political participation of women in urban local bodies: a study of AP Municipal Corporations  
Growth and development of the ICT industry in India: a study of Hyderabad software industry  
Natural resource management and livelihood practices among Hill Area tribe: a case study of Gonds in Telangana State  
Agricultural growth and economic well – being of farmers in India – a study of Telangana State  
Children growing up with MDGs – an evidence from Telugu states in India

 **2017-18**

- Kasarapu Sathya Suresh Kumar
  - Satish Goud
  - Tamatapu Rama Priya
  - Raju Cheviti
  - Gandam Thiloth Rao
  - Panthangi Sampath
- Information technology services in Hyderabad – Lean six sigma approach  
Food security  
Environmental Economics  
Decentralized Governance  
Issues related to marginalized groups, public debt, federal finance  
Agricultural economics, Food security, sustainable production and consumption of food and non-food commodities

 **2018-19**

- L Shravani
  - R Shital
  - A Ramesh
  - Medha A.S.
  - Rincy Simon
  - Srija Mitra
- Rural women entrepreneurship  
Employability of graduates  
Financial inclusion  
Sustainable human development & Small-scale fisheries  
Housing economics  
Development economics, Labour economics

 **2019-20**

- Rohith Abba Aviation/Aerospace industry
- Amit Kumar Chaurasia Agriculture workforce, gender dynamics- feminization of agriculture
- Radha Lekshmi M Development and justice, access to justice (rural women's access to justice) and legal pluralism
- Suadath V Sociology of health and wellbeing
- Santosh Gugulothu Tribal studies
- Vinitha Anna John Local Governance and disaster management

## 2020-21

## Our Research

## Publications

- **Ahmed, S.** (2020). What Elders Lost: Review of Factors Affecting Elderly Quality of Life. *Indian Journal of Gerontology*, 34(1).
- Rama Rao, C. A., Raju, B. M. K., Rao, A. V. M. S., Rao, K. V., Ramachandran, K., ..., **Rajeshwar, M.** & Sammi Reddy, K. (2018). Climate Change Impacts, Adaptation and Policy Preferences: A Snapshot of Farmers' Perceptions in India. *Policy Paper*, 1, 34.
- Rao, C. R., Raju, B. M. K., Samuel, J., Dupdal, R., Reddy, P. S., Reddy, D. Y., ..., **Rajeshwar, M.** & Rao, C. S. (2017). Economic Analysis of Farming Systems. *Agricultural Economics Research Review*, 30(347-2017-2035), 37-45.
- **Mumtaz Begum.** (2019) Relevance of New Institutional Economics in growth of Islamic Finance Sector. Published in: Book of conference papers. ISBN: 978-81-940369-0-6.
- **Ramesh, Gattu.,** Rukmini Priya. (2018). The problems of Trafficked Female, who restored their home: A study in two districts of Telangana State. Social Work Education and Practice in India: *A panoramic Appraisal*, Ed (1), 42-52. ISBN: 978-81-936800-5-6.
- **M Venu Madhav,**(Forthcoming) "Water Governance for Sustainable Development: Role of Community Participation, Opportunities and Challenges" in Springer Book ISBN : 978-981-15-8236-3. <https://www.springer.com/in/book/9789811582363>
- Revathi, P. **Padmaja, C.** Jadhav (2020). India's Oil Palm Trade Restrictions: Beneficial or harmful? *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Oct-Dec. (Summary accepted)
- Radhika.P, **Pranthi,O,** (2020) A study on impact of higher education on women's Agency in Household and in the Society. Kamala Kandi (Eds) Teaching Learning Strategies in Higher Education. (pp. 327-332) *Gen Next Publication*.
- **Ramesh, A.** (2019). Importance of green bonds in India. *International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews*, 6(1), 17-22. <https://doi.org/10.1729/Journal.19797>.
- **Ramesh, A.** (2019). Digital banking services : a way forward towards India's cashless economy- a study. *Journal of Ele*, 6(2), 669-673. <https://doi.org/http://doi.one/10.1729/Journal.2012>
- **Shital.R.,** (2019). Insights on Corporate Social Responsibility. Page No: 1266 ISSN NO: 2236-6124 Abstract Page No: 1267. VIII (2236), 1266-1271.
- **Sravani Labishetty, P.** (2019). Impact of GST on Indian economy. Page No: 142. ISBN NO: 978-93-88808-24-8
- Jadhav Chakradhar & **Medha A S** (2020, May 23). 20 lakh crore package: Stimulus or frivolous? *The Hans India*, <https://www.thehansindia.com/hans/opinion/news-analysis/20-lakh-crore-package-stimulus-or-frivolous-624024>.
- **Rincy Simon** (2020, May 10). From hotspot to safe zone: A close study of the Kerala model, *The Hans India*, <https://www.thehansindia.com/hans/opinion/news-analysis/from-hotspot-to-safe-zone-a-close-study-of-the-kerala-model-621636>.

## Conferences and Paper Presentations

- **Rajeshwar, M.** (2017). Factors Determining the Adaptive Capacity to Climate Variability and Change. In CCAW2017-International Seminar on “Global Climate Change: Implications for Agriculture and Water”, Water and Land Management Institute (WALMI), Aurangabad, Maharashtra, December
- **Mumtaz Begum.** (2018). Contemporary issues on Corporate, personal and Microfinance banking, insurance and financial analysis. In Telangana Economic Association (TEA). Shiva Shivani Institutes of Management, Hyderabad.
- **Srija Mitra, Soumen Ghosh.** (2019). The Women-Owned Enterprises in India: Performance, Condition and Challenges: An Overall Picture from NSS 73<sup>rd</sup> round Database. In 61<sup>st</sup> annual conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE). Punjab University, India, December
- **Medha A S.** (2020). Heterodox economic policy outlook: A proven boon at the time of a global Pandemic. In International Conference of Association of Heterodox Economics(online), London, July.

## Our News

- Special lecture on Time series Econometrics were conducted for the Scholars by Dr. Arun Balachandran, University of Groningen in July, 2020
- Special lecture on Simultaneous equation model, by Prof. Rama Krishna, 7-8 August, 2020
- Doctoral committee presentations for batches 2016-17 and 2017-18 was held during 12-21 October, 2020
- We welcomed our fresh batch of students, on 19 October, 2020. There are 6 students in the new batch from various disciplines.
- Second semester examination of Batch 2019-20 were held from 18 December 2020
- New Gym equipment were gifted to students by our beloved Faculty member Dr. K Chandrashekar on 29 December, 2020.
- New Table Tennis and Badminton court were presented to the scholars by DGS on 26 January, 2021
- Lecture on “Agricultural Markets – why they are important and exciting” (CESS Lecture Series on Development Themes-1), delivered by Barbara Harriss-White, FAcSS Emeritus Professor and Fellow, Wolfson College, Oxford University, was held on Wednesday, 20th January, 2021
- Presentations on the “Impact of COVID 19 on the economy” was held on 29 January 2021 in which students from all the batches presented on specific topics followed by discussions



Barbara Harris during her lecture at CESS.



Scholars' presenting at the event of "Impact of COVID 19 on the economy."



New batch 2020-21 with DGS



## 🌹 **Accolades**

- Medha A S (Batch 2019- 20) won the 2020 *Early Career Prize* for best conference paper from the Association of Heterodox Economics (AHE), London

## 🌹 **Our Activities**

- The Scholar community initiated three general clubs,
  - *'The Quiriosity club'*, in which all the academic-related activities will be carried out
  - *'Roots'*, is a cultural club where we can come together and explore our talents, culture, and creativity
  - *'Smash'* is our sports club in which we organize various sports-related activities and events
- Event named *'Title-thon'* was organized by the Quiriosity club as a competition to name the scholar's newsletter which was won by Radhalekshmi M of Batch 2020-21
- Medha A S, was the guest speaker for an online webinar on graduate project writing for Economics undergraduate students at the University of Maiduguri, Borno state, Nigeria, Africa, July 2020
- M Venu Madhav completed collecting data from Jagtial district of Telangana



*Researchers on their field work.*

## 🌹 **Workshops and Training**

- M Srividya, completed 12-week online course on Data Analytics with Python conducted by Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee (January to April 2020)
- Ramesh Annamela, attended a Research Methodology Course (in Social Science Research for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Research Scholars) at Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore, during 9-18 March, 2020
- Sravani Labishetty attended the Online Training Programme on “The Future of Work Navigating Transformations Effectively”, V.V. Giri National Labour Institute during 20-22 May, 2020
- Medha A S, completed a course on “Phenomenology and Social Research” conducted by NIAS consciousness studies programme, School of Humanities, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bangalore, October 2020
- Rincy Simon attended Seventh Annual Ph.D. Workshop at Indian Institute of Human settlements (IIHS), Bangalore, 11-13 January 2021
- Rincy Simon completed an internship at Centre for Socio-Economic and Environmental Studies (CSES), December 2020
- Srija Mitra & Ramesh A participated in the Online Training Programme on “The Future of Work: Navigating Transformations Effectively”, V.V.Giri National Institute during 10-12 June, 2020

## ♥ For Your Information

- Sixteenth International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus, Oxford, UK. (21–23 July 2021) <https://thesocialsciences.com/2021-conference>
- Coronavirus & Society: Call for Papers. <https://www.journals.elsevier.com/social-sciences-and-humanities-open/call-for-papers/coronavirus-society-call-for-papers>
- The 5th International Conference on Social Science, Humanities and Education, August 27-29, 2021 in London, UK. <https://www.icshe.org/call-for-papers/>
- Rethinking Space Beyond the Pandemic, by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021. <https://ellids.com/>
- The 12<sup>th</sup> Asian Conference on the Social Sciences, May 24-25 2021. Held online from Tokyo, Japan. <https://acss.iafor.org/call-for-papers/>
- Migration in Literature: Special Issue of Journal of Migration Affairs, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai

## ♥ Upcoming Events

- Discussion on Union Budget by scholars on 19 February, 2021
- First Doctoral committees of Batch 2019 – 2020 to be held from 8-19 March 2021

## ♥ Gallery



Iconic Nizamiah Observatory at CESS



Scholar's study room at CESS



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Prof. E. Revathi inaugurating the badminton court



Table Tennis at CESS



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