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CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH
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VISION STATEMENT

*** VISION :** To be a leader among the influential national and international think tanks engaged in the activities of undertaking public policy research and education for moulding public opinion.

*** OBJECTIVES:** The main objectives of the Centre for Policy Research are:

1. to promote and conduct research in matters pertaining to:
 - a) developing substantive policy options;
 - b) building appropriate theoretical frameworks to guide policy;
 - c) forecasting future scenarios through rigorous policy analyses;
 - d) building a knowledge base in all the disciplines relevant to policy formulation.
2. to plan, promote and provide for education and training in policy planning and management areas, and to organise and facilitate Conferences, Seminars, Study Courses, Lectures and similar activities for the purpose;
3. to provide advisory services to Government, public bodies, private sector or any other institutions including international agencies on matters having a bearing on performance, optimum use of national resources for social and economic betterment;
4. to disseminate information on policy issues and know-how on policy making and related areas by undertaking and providing for the publication of journals, reports, pamphlets and other literature and research papers and books;
5. engage the public sphere in policy debates; produce policy briefs to liaison with legislatures; and
6. to create a community of researchers.

*** AREAS OF CORE COMPETENCY**

1. Political Issues and Governance;
2. International Relations and Foreign Policy/Diplomacy;
3. Economic Policy Issues, National, Bilateral, Regional, and Global;
4. Security - Internal and External;
5. Policy Service Delivery;
6. Institutional Design;
7. Civil Society;
8. Regulation of Capitalism;
9. Population, Public Welfare Services, and Sustainable Development;
10. Constitutional and Legal Theory;
11. Institutional and Administrative Capacity Building for delivering Macro-Management of Reforms;
12. Educational Testing and Personnel Policy Research;
13. Dialogues with Strategic Partner Countries for Enhancing Engagement with focus on South Asian and other Asian countries.
14. Sectoral Policies for Infrastructural Development (Energy including Electric Power, Telecommunications, Roads, Ports, Airports etc.); and
15. Regional Development among States with special reference to Northeast India and Kashmir.

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AS ON 31.3.2005**

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

During the year, 2004-2005, the Center for Policy Research continued to occupy a prominent position amongst research institutions in India. Despite some financial constraints, the institution continued to shape a wide variety of policy debates in a diverse set of fields: security, foreign policy, energy, water, governance, the political economy of the North East, constitutional law and regulation. Indeed looking back on the activities and publications during the past year, it is clear that CPR is now occupying a new intellectual niche in policy circles. While it continues to welcome academics and practitioners from a variety of fields, its strengths are increasingly moving the areas that are at the intersection of governance and policy, rather than economics. Indeed, it could be argued, the CPR is one of the few institutions that is taking the political economy of policy making more seriously than policy institutions are apt to. Rather than simply devise technical solutions to policy problems, CPR is now devoting more effort to understanding the political and social determinants of policy making. Almost all the new projects that have recently been initiated in CPR have something of this character, whether it be the study of public institutions, innovation in agricultural research, urban governance, decentralization, energy regulation, population or water. The range of topics on which CPR faculty published will be evident from the enclosed list that follows. In each of these areas CPR is becoming more aware of the million negotiations through which policy making processes are filtered. And it is trying to shed analytical light on these processes. While it will continue to encourage work in a variety of fields, the intersection of economics, law, regulation, governance and politics, is likely to remain a strong area of focus. In many ways, this emphasis is in keeping with some of CPR's traditional function. The mark of a successful policy institution is its ability to bridge the divide between technocrats and political decision makers, so that political decision makers can understand the intellectual issues better, and technocrats can better take into account genuine political constraints.

In some ways CPR's challenge was to translate this intellectual niche into concrete outcomes. Much of 2004-5 was spent in ways of strengthening the links between the world of knowledge and the world of decision making. CPR (with crucial assistance from Mr. C V Madhukar) submitted a proposal to set up a Parliamentary Research Service, whose task would be to produce first class policy briefs that could be used, not just by members of parliament, but civil society at large. The writing of this proposal made CPR think a lot about the policy process and what successful interventions in that process entail. This proposal was submitted for funding in the year 2004-2005, and although formal approval for the funding of this proposal came only at the beginning of 2005-2006, this proposal remains one of the highlights of the years past. It will strengthen CPR's capacity for consequential policy research.

This focus on political economy also marked many of our seminars. The year saw a feast of riches as far as seminars in this area are concerned. Led by Mr. KC Sivaramakrishnan, we had a wonderful session on the future of the Rajya Sabha, with Mr. Fali S Nariman as the lead speaker. These were followed by sessions (just to name a few examples) on the future of tax reform with Mr. Vijay Kelkar, pension reforms with Prof. Mukul Asher, health reforms with Mr. Jeffrey Hammer, Governance reforms with Dr. Bimal Jalan, China's future with Mr. Rod MacFarquahr and so on. While the enclosed list will speak for itself, this common thread running through many of these seminars remained bridging the gap between good policy and politics. CPR also remained active in areas of its traditional strengths: engagement with a variety of countries, including China, Canada, Pakistan, United States, Serbia-Montenegro. It has actively

participated in the Kunming initiative, in line with its attempts to contribute to a rethinking of a new Asian regional order.

Besides strengthening its links with the policy world CPR is making a concerted effort to strengthen its links with institutions of academic excellence. CPR has been in active collaboration with SAIS, Johns Hopkins, hosting their research scholars. It is also working on a joint research project on India and China that will culminate in a conference in early July 2006. CPR also collaborated with the American Political Science Association to explore ways of bringing Indian social science scholarship and American Political Science closer together. The ground work for this collaboration was prepared during this year, but culminated in the first visit ever to India by a President of the American Political Science Association in early 2005-2006. CPR also has entered into collaborative research arrangements with the World Bank.

As the enclosed list will also attest, CPR faculty remain extraordinarily important and productive in their fields. CPR continued to encourage publication in a variety of genres: public writing, government reports and academic journals. It has tried to remain true to its original mandate of combining academic excellence with public engagement. While CPR remains an institution of great repute, and its faculty renowned, CPR faces some significant challenges in terms of its faculty in the coming years. In part, these challenges, are linked to the financial challenges discussed later in the Report. But there are independent sources of concern in the area.

Ideally, CPR needs three kinds of faculty. The first is a core group of 8-10 members who have the capacity for sustaining long research careers of excellence in their chosen fields. These are faculty members whom CPR gives the freedom to define the agenda for the policy world, to build long term research capacity and to be leaders in their fields. This group will have more academic backgrounds, and will be insulated from the pressure to think in terms of short term projects. The second group that CPR needs is faculty who come to us through specific projects for a time horizon of anywhere between two to five years. While these faculty will also build excellence, their areas of research are more clearly delineated, as are the time horizons under which they operate. The third group of faculty would come to us in even shorter affiliations to help with very specific interventions.

CPR is in an acceptable position as far as the second kind of faculty go. More projects are being located in CPR with some impressive results. CPR's ability to attract faculty on very short term affiliations will also be enhanced in coming years by the induction of a Parliamentary Research Service. But CPR, with the minor exception being in the field of security, does not have an adequate complement of long term faculty in a variety of disciplines. While it is getting significant project based funding to facilitate short and medium term appointments, it does not have an adequate corpus to sustain the critical mass of faculty it needs. This remains a significant area of concern for the future.

One of CPR's greatest strengths is its reputation for impartiality and credible scholarship. In part this reputation has been sustained by the fact that it is not beholden to any single funding agency but seeks to maintain a diverse funding base. The resources are varied such as grants from the ICSSR, project overheads, from foundations, from earnings of its own activities, and from government. No one source is allowed to dominate its finances. This is a wise policy and should be continued. However, while CPR's financial situation is stable at the moment, it needs to generate massive resources to be able to fully realize its vision. While it is not doing too badly in terms of project based grants, it needs to generate more endowment grants to be able to hire long

term faculty. Building up its endowment will also secure its financial and intellectual freedom and this is one area where CPR needs to improve a great deal.

During the period April, 2004 – March 2005 CPR published 3 books; 8 Working Papers; 4 Occasional Papers and conducted 42 Seminars/Lectures by Indian scholars and policy makers and internationally reputed scholars and policy makers. CPR Faculty contributed 200 articles in the various journals.

I joined as President in August with, I must admit, some trepidation. Not only was CPR an august institution, administrative protocols of most Indian institutions are enough to weigh down any hope for scholarly activity. But I have been astonished by the dedication of CPR's staff and faculty, many whom have been working without seeking rewards commensurate to their efforts and have stood by CPR in some difficult times. They have convinced me that CPR is a place conducive for intellectual activity as well. I would also like to thank, Members of the Board for their full cooperation, and particularly members of the Executive Committee, Mr. K C Sivaramakrishnan, Prof. P V Indersan, and Mr. Eric Gonsalves for providing help whenever needed. And the faculty who have made Monday meetings very interesting indeed.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

The following research studies were brought out during the year 2004-05:

A. Books Published (under CPR imprint)

1. Population Policy of India: Implementation Strategies at National and State Levels

Edited by Badri N Saxena, Charan D Wadhva and O P Sharma

New Delhi; Sterling Publishers Private Limited; 2004, 432 p.

An edited volume of papers presented at the Final Consultative Meeting of CPR's Population Policy Project.

The book deals with various dimensions of the population policy and its implementation for India as a whole as also for the Empowered Action Group States

2. India 2025: Social, Economic and Political Stability

Edited by R K Sinha

New Delhi; Shipra Publications; 2004, 527 p.

A compendium of articles which offers a comprehensive assessment of almost every aspect of the country's development contours from the post-independence years to 2025.

Thought provoking and insightful, the projections made by experts in every field make this a valuable acquisition for every reference library.

3. Crossing the Frontiers of Conflict in The North-East And Jammu and Kashmir, from Real Politik to Ideal Politik

by Lt. Gen. V K Nayar (Retd.)

New Delhi, Shipra Publications; 2005, 312 p.

A study of violence, conflict and terrorism in two major frontier areas of India – Jammu & Kashmir and the North-East.

The distinctive features of each region are examined separately along with the historical perspective, geo-political dynamics and contemporary experience of the people in these areas.

B. Articles Published by Faculty

About 200 articles were also published by the CPR Faculty members in the major national/international dailies and popular journals during the year (listed under individual faculty).

C: CPR Working Paper Series 2004-05 (New Series)

- i. **The Economic Experiences of the Indian diaspora**
by K.R.G. Nair
New Delhi; Centre for Policy Research, 2004, 9p.
[CPR Working Paper No.11] May 2004.
- ii. **Socio-economic and Environmental Impacts of Water Resources Development Schemes**
by R. Rangachari
New Delhi; Centre for Policy Research, 2004, 11p.
[CPR Working Paper No.12] May 2004.
- iii. **Silting of Rivers: Problems and Solutions**
by R. Rangachari
New Delhi; Centre for Policy Research, 2004, 8p.
[CPR Working Paper No.13] May 2004.
- iv. **Post-Cancun WTO Perspectives: India's Negotiating Position as a Developing Country**
by Charan D. Wadhva
New Delhi; Centre for Policy Research, 2004, 15p.
[CPR Working Paper No.14] May 2004.
- v. **Impact of Globalization on South Asian Economic Development**
by G.P. Isser
New Delhi; Centre for Policy Research, 2004, 120p.
[CPR Working Paper No.15] June 2004.
- vi. **All India Services: Retrospect and Prospects**
by S.R. Maheshwari
New Delhi; Centre for Policy Research, 2004, 45p.
[CPR Working Paper No.16] July 2004.
- vii. **India's Foreign Policy in 2004 : A Historic Opportunity**
by Jagat S Mehta
New Delhi; Centre for Policy Research, 2004, 49p.
[CPR Working Paper No.17] July 2004.

- viii. **Selection of Assistant Administrative Officers for Life Insurance Corporation of India: A Post Examination Analysis.**
by K. P. Garg
New Delhi: Centre for Policy Research, 2004, 39p.
[CPR Working Paper No.18] October 2004.

D: CPR Occasional Paper Series 2004-05 (New Series)

The revised texts of the following four lectures delivered by eminent scholars under the CPR Lecture Series 2003-4 on contribution to public policy have been brought out as CPR Occasional Papers under the CPR Occasional Paper Series 2004-05.

- i. **Evolution of India's Nuclear Doctrine.**
by Waheguru Pal Singh Sidhu
New Delhi; Centre for Policy Research, 2004.
(CPR Occasional Paper No. 9)
31p.
- ii. **Water: Towards a Transformation A Critique and a Declaration.**
by Ramaswamy R Iyer
New Delhi; Centre for Policy Research, 2004.
(CPR Occasional Paper No.10)
38p
- iii. **Security of Outer Space: Technology and Strategic Implications.**
by Amitav Mallik
New Delhi; Centre for Policy Research, 2004.
(CPR Occasional Paper No. 11)
14p.
- iv. **Acquisition and Development of Technology : The Indian Experience.**
by Ashok Parthasarathi
New Delhi; Centre for Policy Research, 2004.
(CPR Occasional Paper No . 12)
31p.

DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS AND SEMINARS

During the year under review, the CPR organised several seminars and special discussion meetings in addition to weekly faculty discussion meetings with distinguished experts as also some workshops-cum-conferences. These are listed below:

1. i) **Democracy in Arab World** }
 ii) **General Election Scene in India (Lok Sabha)** } (5 April 2004)

Speaker(s): Dr. Subhash C. Kashyap
 Prof. B.G. Verghese

Chair: Dr. Charan Wadhva

2. **Comparative Regionalism: Lessons from ASEAN for SAARC (8 April 2004)**

Speaker(s): Dr. Kripa Sridharan, Sr. Lecturer, Department of Political Science,
 National University of Singapore

Chair: Dr. Charan Wadhva

Discussant: Dr. Amitav Acharya, Deputy Director & Head (Research), Institute of
 Defence Strategic Studies, Singapore

3. **USA-Pakistan Relations and India-Pakistan Relations ((12 April 2004)**

Speaker(s): H.E. Mr. Aziz Ahmad Khan, High Commissioner of Pakistan to India

Chair: Mr. Eric Gonsalves, Member, Governing Board of CPR Society

Co-Chair: Mr. R.K. Mishra, Chairman, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi

4. **(i) Missile Defence Collaboration:**

Speaker(s): Prof. G. Parthasarathy

Chair: Dr. Ajit Mozoomdar

- (ii) All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) – Control of Technical
 Education (19 April 2004)**

Speaker(s): Prof. P.V. Indiresan

Chair: Dr. Ajit Mozoomdar

5. **Coalition Politics (19 April 2004)**

Speaker(s): Mr. Paranjay Guha Thakurta
Mr. Shankar Raghuraman, Times of India

Chair: Prof. D.L. Sheth, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi

Discussants: Prof. B.G. Verghese
Mr. H. Vasudevan, Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia
University, New Delhi

6. **Current Developments in China and India: Interactive Meeting with Visiting Chinese Scholars (21 April 2004)**

Speaker(s): Participants (In-House Faculty Discussion Meeting)

Chair: Dr. Charan Wadhva

7. **Discussion Meeting with Dr. Frederic Lowy, Rector & Vice-Chancellor, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada and signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Centre for Policy Research and Concordia University, Canada (21 April 2004)**

8. i) **Proposal for an Academic Forum on 'Asian Union' by the Visiting Chinese Scholars**
ii) **Proposal on mutually signing MoUs between CPR and Shanxi University; and between CPR and Shanxi Provincial Academy of Social Science (22 April 2004)**

Speaker(s): Visiting Scholars from China and CPR's Faculty

Chair: Dr. Charan Wadhva

9. **Acquisition and Development of Technology: The Indian Experience (26 April 2004)**

Speaker(s)(s): Prof. Ashok Parthasarathy, Professor, Centre for Studies in Science Policy, JNU, New Delhi

Chair: Dr. M.G.K. Menon, Dr. Vikram Sarabhai Distinguished Professor, Indian Space Research Organization

Discussant: Dr. V. Siddhartha, Advisor & Outstanding Scientist, Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), New Delhi

10. **Impact of Globalisation on South Asian Economic Development (3 May 2004)**

Speaker(s): Amb. G.P. Isser, CPR

Chair: Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director-General, Research and Information System for the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi

Discussants: Dr. Shri Prakash, Professor, Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi
Mr. M.C. Verma, Adviser, Union Ministry of Labour, Government of India, New Delhi
Dr. O.P. Sharma, Adviser (International Trade), Planning Commission, Government of India, New Delhi
Dr. Naushad Ali Azad, Dean, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi

11. **Technology Day Celebrations (11 May 2004)**

Coordinator: Mr. R Rangachari, Honorary Research Professor, CPR

Speake(s): (i) Mr. M Gopalkakrishnan, Secretary-General
International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage, New Delhi
(ii) Mr. Vipin Tyagi, President & CEO
Network Programmes (India) Ltd., Noida
(iii) Mr. P Venkatram, ITC Consultant, New Delhi

Chair: Prof. P V Indiresan, Member, Governing Board, CPR

Mr. Gopalakrishnan in his presentation gave a comprehensive overview of the National Water Policy 2002. He noted that in the policy transfer of water from surplus to deficit basin is seen as one of the means of achieving sustainable planning, development and management of water resources. His presentation explored the various aspects of inter-linking of rivers like the objectives and opportunities of the proposed scheme. He also gave a brief account of India's water vision and possible future scenario.

Mr. Vipin Tyagi, gave a presentation highlighting the significance of market-driven innovation to ensure better chances of success. He made a comparative study between, India, Israel and Japan and noted that India was possibly lagging behind in the 'Advanced Technology Group'. He also proposed a road map for promotion of innovation in IT.

Mr. P Venkatram, a well known Information Technology and Communications (ITC) Consultant in New Delhi spoke about the "Evolving Corporate Strategy: Building Sustainable Technology Business within a given Policy Framework".

12. **General Election Results May 2004 (17 May 2004)**
- Speaker(s):* Prof. Subhash C. Kashyap & Others
- Chair:* Dr. Charan Wadhva
- Discussants:* All Faculty
13. **The New Government – June 2004 (24 May 2004)**
- Speaker(s):* All Faculty
- Chair:* Prof. Subhash C. Kashyap
14. **Inter-State Disparities in Industrial Development: Pre and Post-1991 Economic Reforms (28 May 2004)**
- Speaker(s):* Prof. K.R.G. Nair
- Chair:* Dr. N.J. Kurian, Consultant, NIPFP, New Delhi
- Discussants:* Dr. Gulshan Sachdeva, Associate Research Professor, JNU, New Delhi
Dr. Rajesh Chadha, Economic Advisor/Chief Economist, NCAER, New Delhi
Dr. B.N. Goldar, ICRIER, New Delhi
15. (i) **Challenges before the UPA Government Led by Congress }
(ii) **National Security Scene } (31 May 2004)****
- Speaker(s):* Prof. Bharat Karnad and Others
- Chair:* Prof. P.V. Indiresan
- Discussants:* All Faculty
16. **Common Minimum Programme of the United Progressive Alliance Govt. with special reference to the Economic Policy and Imperatives (7 June 2004)**
- Speaker(s):* Prof. K.R.G. Nair
- Chair:* Prof. Charan Wadhva
- Discussants:* All Faculty

17. **Latest Round of India-Pakistan Talks including Bagliher River Project and Nuclear Confidence Building Measures (21 June 2004)**
- Speaker(s):* Faculty
Chair by: Dr. Ajit Mozoomdar
Discussants: Faculty
18. **Interactive Session-cum-Discussion Meeting with Mr. Steve Howard, Secretary, Global Foundation, Melbourne, Australia (22 June 2004)**
- Speakers(s):* Visiting Guest, Faculty and other Participants
19. **India's Foreign Policy in 2004: A Historic Opportunity (28 June 2004)**
- Speaker:* Mr. Jagat S. Mehta, Former Foreign Secretary, Government of India
Chair: Dr. Ajit Mozoomdar
Discussant: Mr. Muchkund Dubey, President, Council for Social Development, New Delhi
20. **Soft Skills of India's Economic Diplomacy (30 June 2004)**
- Speaker:* Dr. Mukul G. Asher, Professor of Public Policy
National University of Singapore
Chair by: Amb. Kishan S. Rana (Retd.)
Discussants: Amb. A.N. Ram (Retd.)
Shri J.C. Sharma, Secretary (PCD)
Ministry of External Affairs, GOI, New Delhi
21. i) **Chinese Model for Rural Business Centres Town & Village Enterprises (TVEs)**
ii) **Issues, Domestic & International Before Budget Session of the Parliament**
(beginning today) (5 July 2004)
iii) **Developments in Pakistan**
- Speaker(s):* Dr. Nimmi Kurian
Mr. Sanjoy Hazarika
Amb. G. Parthasarathy
Chair by: Prof. P.V. Indiresan
Discussants: Faculty

22. **Indian Economy after UPA Government's First Budget and Challenges Ahead (12 July 2004)**
- Speaker:* Dr. Arjun Sengupta, Chairman, Centre for Development & Human Rights, New Delhi
- Chair by:* Dr. Ajit Mozoomdar
- Discussants:* Dr. Mahesh Purohit, Director,
Foundation for Public Economics & Policy Research
Dr. M. Nagarajan, World Bank
23. **Discussion on the book entitled "Too Many with Too Little: Challenge of India's Development Paradigm" authored by George B. Assaf (12 July 2004)**
- Speaker:* Dr. George B. Assaf, Representative & Regional Director,
United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), New Delhi
- Chair by:* Dr. S.P. Gupta, Former Member, Planning Commission
- Discussants:* Prof. K.R.G. Nair
H.E. Mr. Jorrge Heine, Ambassador of Chile
Dr. John Wood, Vice President – India Office, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi
Prof. Lallan Prasad, South Campus, Delhi University
24. **Bridging the Developed-Developing Country Divide on Corporate Social Responsibility (19 July 2004)**
- Speaker:* Dr. Kernaghan Webb, Senior Legal Policy Advisor and
Chief of Research for the Canadian Office of Consumer Affairs, Canada
- Chair by:* Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, Chairman, AKC Group of Companies, New Delhi
- Discussants:* Dr. Reema Ramachandran, Director General, FIIB, New Delhi
Dr. Kiran Karnik, Chairman, NASSCOM
Mr. M.P. Brzbaruah, Ombudsman, Banking Sector, New Delhi
Prof. Lallan Prasad, South Campus, Delhi University
25. i) **Announcement regarding selection of the President – CPR**
ii) **Punjab's Unilateral abrogation of Inter-State Sharing of river waters (19 July 2004)**
- Speaker:* Faculty
- Chair by:* Prof. K.C. Sivaramakrishnan
- Discussants:* Faculty

26. **i) Current Economic Scene (including failure of Global Trust Bank) and Policy Imperatives;**
ii) Parliamentary Affairs;
iii) External Affairs Ministries last weeks visit to Islamabad; and (26 July 2004)
iv) Iraq: Indian Hostages
- Speaker(s):* Prof. K.R. G. Nair
Dr. Ajit Mozoomdar
Prof. P.V. Indiresan
Chair by: Dr. Charan Wadhva
Discussants: Faculty
27. **SAARC – A Partnership (26 July 2004)**
- Speaker:* Dr. Tarlok Singh
Chair by: Dr. Ajit Mozoomdar
Discussants: Faculty
28. **i) Welcome of Dr. Pratap Bhanu Mehta, newly joined President of CPR;**
ii) Challenges before CPR (2 August 2004)
- Speaker(s):* Faculty
Chair by: Prof. K.C. Sivaramakrishnan
Discussants: All Faculty
29. **Seminar on Reforming the Rajya Sabha and Reviving Bicameralism (12 August 2004)**
- Speaker(s):* Shri Fali S. Nariman
Shri Rajendra Sachhar
Shri Yogendra Yadav
Shri K.C. Sivaramakrishnan
Chair by: Shri K.C. Sivaramakrishnan
30. **i) Finance & Defence(6 September 2004)**
ii) Terrorism
- Speaker(s):* Faculty
Chair by: Dr. Ajit Mozoomdar
Discussants: Faculty
31. **i) Report of individual Faculty Member (13 September 2004)**
ii) Northeast Issues
- Speaker(s):* Faculty
Chair by: Prof. K.C. Sivaramakrishnan
Discussants: Faculty

32. **Discussion meeting with visiting group of Senior Researchers from the Institute of World Economics and Politics of the Vietnam Social Science Academy (21 September 2004)**
- Speaker(s):* Visiting Researchers from Vietnam and CPR Faculty
33. **Discussion meeting with visiting Delegation from Karachi Council on Foreign Relations, Economic Affairs and Law (KCFREL), Pakistan (23 September 2004)**
- Speaker(s):* Visiting Delegation from Karachi and CPR Faculty
34. **Roundtable on The Politics of Tax Reforms (24 September 2004)**
- Speaker(s):* Dr. Vijay Kelkar, Adviser to Finance Minister
Dr. Ajay Shah, Consultant, Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs
- Chair by:* Dr. Pratap Bhanu Mehta
35. **Electricity Governance Indicator Toolkit Application (6 December 2004)**
- Speaker(s):* Dr. Sudha Mahalingam, Sr. Fellow, IDSA
Dr. Navroz Dubash, Sr. Fellow, NIPFP
- Chair by:* Dr. Pratap Bhanu Mehta
- Discussants:* CPR Faculty
36. **Seminar on India's Economic Performance 1980-2020 (7 January 2005)**
- Speaker(s):* Dr. Arvind Subramanian, International Monetary Fund
37. **Seminar on Civil Service Pensions Reforms in India (10 February 2005)**
- Speaker(s):* Dr. Mukul Asher, National University of Singapore
38. **Seminar on China in Transition (15 February 2005)**
- Speaker(s):* Prof. Roderick Macfarquhar, Harvard University and former MP House of Commons, UK
39. **Seminar on Building Regulators in India (24 February 2005)**
- Speaker(s):* Dr. Ajay Shah, Consultant, Department of Economic Affairs
Ministry of Finance, Government of India

40. **Roundtable on Multilateral Reforms (1 March 2005)**

Speaker(s): Mr. Ross Hornby, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Planning & Public Diplomacy, Foreign Affairs, Canada
Amb. G. Parthasarathy, CPR
Dr. Charan Wadhva, CPR

Discussants: All Participants

41. **Discussion Meeting of Committee to examine the working of the Armed Forces Special Powers' Act (AFPSA) (7 March 2005)**

Speaker(s): Committee Members

42. **Seminar on Money for Nothing: The Dire Straits of Medical Care in Delhi (10 March 2005)**

Speaker(s): Mr. Jeffrey S. Hammer, Lead Economist in the Development Research Group
(Public Services Team), World Bank

RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPLETED

1. **Good Governance and Development Policies: A Comparative Study of Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra**

The draft of this study conducted by Dr Amit Prakash has been completed and was presented before the CPR faculty and invited experts at a seminar held on 9 July 2001. Before publication, it is imperative to revise the study in the light of the relevant Census 2001 data, which are in the process of being published. Revised draft should be ready for publication soon after such data are available.

2. **Internal Threats to India's Security**

The study has been completed by Lt. Gen. V K Nayar (Retd.) and the book entitled *Crossing the Frontiers of Conflict in the North –East and Jammu and Kashmir, from Real Politic to Ideal Politic* published by Shipra Publications has been brought out.

3. **Self Governance in the North East**

During the period, Mr Sanjoy Hazarika, Research Professor has completed his draft final report on Self-Governance in the North East with special focus on Meghalaya, Manipur and Nagaland. The study has since been handed over to Action Aid India, which had supported the project.

4. **Socio-Economic and Environmental Impact of Bhakra-Nangal Project**

The objective of this research project was to undertake a study of the economic, social and environmental impacts of the Bhakra Dam and auxiliary structures, which formed part of the Bhakra-Nangal Project (BNP). The sphere of influence of BNP extends over the States of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan and the NCT Delhi. It stabilises and improves the century old Sirhind canal irrigation system. In addition it brings irrigation to a vast new area. It generates significant hydro-power and links with the northern regional grid to serve domestic and industrial uses. In addition, it enables flood- moderation, serves as the source of industrial and domestic water supply to metropolitan areas, cities and villages and offers numerous incidental benefits. The CPR study looked into not only the primary objectives served but was also aimed to look into secondary and tertiary impacts and the manner in which it had contributed to the development of the region and the country.

The Project was completed in June 2004.

Mr. R.Rangachari, Honorary Research Professor was the Coordinator and Director of this Project.

5. **Economic Reforms and Regional Disparities in Economic and social Development in India**

The study enquired into the nature and causes of change in inter-state disparities in the levels of economic and social development in India in the light of the prevalent views in this regard the world over with attention particularly focused on a comparison between India's regional experience in the pre and in the post reform periods. Split into five chapters, it analysed the manner in which inter-state disparities in economic development, as indicated by per capita net state domestic product (NSDP), have changed over time in India. It also carried out a similar exercise of other indicators of levels of living like consumer expenditure, percent people below poverty line and human development index. It tried to explain not only inter-state disparities in HDI and in per capita NSDP but also such disparities in per capita value added in manufacturing, disaggregating the sector even further into registered and unregistered manufacturing.

Dr. K.R.G. Nair was the Project Director.

6. **Impact of Globalisation on South Asian Development**

Amb. Prof. G P Isser revised his report on the research project on the Impact of Globalisation on South Asian Economic Development. This has been brought out as a CPR Working Paper No. 15 in June 2004.

7. **Working of Wards Committees in the states of West Bengal, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala**

Mr. K C Sivaramakrishnan, Honorary Research Professor coordinated a Comparative Study on the Working of Wards Committees in the states of West Bengal, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala, sponsored by the Ford Foundation and under the auspices of the

Institute of Social Sciences. The study pertains to the constitutional requirements under the 74th Amendment for people's participation in urban management at the ward level. The study has been completed and awaiting publication.

8. **Census of 2000 and its spatial and economic implications, in particular, for urban areas**

The study on the Census of 2000 and its spatial and economic implications, in particular, for urban areas undertaken by Mr. K C Sivaramakrishnan jointly with Prof. Amitabh Kundu of JNU, and Shri B N Singh has been completed, reviewed and awaiting publication by Oxford University Press.

CONTINUING RESEARCH PROJECTS

CPR faculty continue to publish in a variety of areas. Listed below are projects formally under auspices of CPR:

1. **A Definitive Study in the Evolution and Operation of the Provisions of the Constitution of India**

Work on the Project on *A Definitive Study in the Evolution and Operation of the Provisions of the Constitution of India* continued. Draft Studies on articles of the Constitution are in different stages of completion / finalisation:

- i. Studies on Preamble, Union and its Territory (articles 1 to 4), Citizenship (articles 5 to 11), Fundamental Rights (articles 12-13), The Union-Executive and Legislature (articles 52-123): finalised.
- ii. Studies on articles 124-137 and 264-275: 2nd drafts completed.
- iii. Studies on articles 352-395: parts completed.
- iv. Studies on articles 152-157, 148, 275-323, first drafts ready.
- v. Introductory chapters to the Study- 2nd drafts completed.

Dr Subhash C. Kashyap, Honorary Research Professor is in charge of this project.

2. **The Political Economy of India's Energy Security**

Work on the above research project is being done by Mr. R.K.Sinha. Effort has been made to contact concerned ministries of government, both at the centre and the states, for collection of material pertinent to the subject matter. A lot of material has been accessed, and some more is being collected. The project is expected to be completed soon.

Mr R K Sinha is working on this study as its Project Director.

3. **Emerging Security Scenarios in Asia: Recasting India's Diplomacy**

Dr. Nimmi Kurian completed three draft chapters of ongoing research project on *Emerging Security Scenarios in Asia: Recasting India's Diplomacy*. The first chapter

examines new critical investigations into security that look beyond an exclusively politico-military interpretation to arrive at a more nuanced definition of security. The second chapter looks at the emerging patterns and trends that characterize the Asian security architecture. She also completed the chapter that looks at India's moves towards greater integration with the wider Asian region and its initiatives to break out of the conceptual confines of a purely South Asian frame of reference. She commenced work on the fourth chapter that examines the range of security issues in Asia in empirical detail, particularly those with trans-border implications such as international terrorism, ethnic strife, environmental degradation, drug trafficking, migration, organised crime among others. The chapter will examine the multilateral initiatives that are emerging as a defining feature of Asia's security landscape and seeks to critically examine the efficacy and durability of region-wide solutions that have been arrived at.

4. **Technology and Security – India's Long-Term Interests**

This study is being conducted by Professor Brahma Chellaney.

5. **Future of Nuclear Deterrence**

This study is being conducted by Professor Brahma Chellaney

6. **Optimising Forces for Conventional Wars and Low-Intensity Conflicts in a Nuclearised Southern Asia**

Prof. Bharat Karnad is working on the Research Project on "Optimising Forces for Conventional Wars and Low-Intensity Conflicts in a Nuclearised Southern Asia".

7. **A Role for India in the Israeli-Arab Conflict**

Work is in progress on the research project on "A Role for India in the Israeli-Arab Conflict"

Prof. Bharat Karnad is working on this Research Project.

8. **India's Development Experience: 1950-2001**

Work is in progress on the study on "India's Development Experience: 1950-2001". Mr. Sharad Marathe and Prof Pradeep Apte (both based in Pune) are working on this Research Project.

9. **India's Energy Security Options**

This study is being undertaken by Mr. G. Parthasarathy, Honorary Visiting Professor and Dr. Nimmi Kurian, Associate Research Professor.

10. **Analysis of the Case Laws relating to Panchayats involving the examination of nearly 800 judgments of different High Courts and the Supreme Court.**

The study is sponsored by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India, funded by the UNDP and undertaken through the auspices of the Institute of Social Sciences is in progress.

Mr. K C Sivaramakrishnan ,Honorary Research Professor is acting as Coordinator of the study.

11. **Conflict Zones**

In recent years there has been a virtual revolution in the academic literature on armed conflicts inside countries. This literature is quite relevant to an understanding of the conflicts in Northeast India and has important implications for Indian policy. Unfortunately communication between these two worlds has been limited. With the goal of bridging this gulf we are in the process of commissioning a number of papers and planning a workshop on conflicts in Northeast India. Participants will include academics as well as those with policy experience. Proposed papers will cover general themes as well as focus on particular conflicts. Among them are: (a) reviews of policy tools such as the autonomy accords and the Sixth Schedule; (b) India's evolving counter-insurgency doctrine; (c) the logic of conflict economies; (d) the challenge of development in an environment of insurgency; (e) the Naga peace process; (f) the mapping of conflicts in Manipur, and (g) the Bodo conflict and prospects of the Bodo Territorial Council.

Dr. Sanjib Baruah, Visiting Professor is working on this project.

12. **The Look East Policy**

Dr. Sanjib Baruah began working on a project on the Look East policy. He organised an issue of *Seminar* on 'Gateway to the East: A Symposium on Northeast India and the Look East Policy.' The issue (No 550) is to be published in June 2005.

13. **Electricity Governance Indicator Toolkit Application – Pilot Phase, India Country Study**

Dr. Sudha Mahalingam , Senior Research Fellow is working on this project.

14. **Governor and Governance**

Mr. Ved Marwah, Honorary Research Professor is in the process of collecting material for the proposed project on Governor and Governance.

15. **Justiciability of Social and Economic Rights**

Dr. Pratap Bhanu Mehta, President, is working on this project. This study empirically examines the effectiveness of court decisions in the sphere of social and economic rights.

16 **New insights into promoting rural innovation: Learning from civil society organisations about the effective use of innovation in development.**

This project addresses policy issues concerned with making more effective use of science, technology and innovation (ST&I) in rural development initiatives that seek to reduce poverty. The project will pilot test the use of the innovation systems framework in a number of rural technology sectors in India and East Africa. The purpose is to use the framework (i) as an appropriate approach for understanding innovation processes that reduce poverty, and (ii) derive lessons from innovation processes associated with civil society led initiatives that are effectively using ST&I in poverty reduction. It tests the proposition that the civil society sector has been successful in leading initiatives where innovation used for pro-poor rural development, and draw lessons for innovation policy to meet poverty reduction goals. An innovation in the research methodology is the creation of a Rural Innovation Policy Working Group in India to link the research more effectively to policy makers. This policy group will be a prototype mechanism for generating a policy debate on rural innovation grounded in on-going empirical experiences of innovations for development.

Dr. Rajeswari Raina, Senior Research Fellow is working on this project.

17. **Institutions for poverty reduction: understanding and enabling institutional changes that promote pro-poor post-harvest innovation**

The main hypothesis of this policy research project is that institutional change is an important way of shaping pro-poor innovation. The project addresses the nature of institutional changes - new/modified ways of working, rules, norms, that bring about pro-poor innovation. Different actors in rural innovation systems need capacities and skills to create and sustain these pro-poor institutional changes. The project will use a combination of approaches - (a) a synthesis of lessons learnt from past initiatives, (b) build and enable a learning alliance with a key intermediary actor in rural innovation and development, such as the rural banking system, and (c) conduct wider participatory policy consultations at the national level, that are crucial for building ownership of the policy research process and for uptake of lessons/policy recommendations. Action research will explore the nature of institutional changes that bring about pro-poor innovations. These lessons will then be used for capacity development and policy consultations held at regional and national levels.

Dr. Rajeswari Raina, Senior Research Fellow is working on this project.

FACULTY NEWS*

- 1 **Dr. Charan D Wadhva** after completing his term as President, CPR, demitted his office on 31 July 2004 and assumed responsibilities of Research Professor of the Centre.

During the year under review, Dr. Wadhva, was involved in the following research and allied activities:

Professor Charan Wadhva is working on the manuscript of two books being jointly edited by him on:

1. India-Canada First and Second Policy Dialogues
2. India-Serbia and Montenegro First and Second Policy Dialogues.

Publications

Books

Population Policy of India : Implementation Strategies at National and State Levels (co-edited), New Delhi : Sterling Publishers Pvt. Ltd., 2004, 432 pp.

Papers/Book Chapters

- (i) Charan Wadhva, "India Trying to Liberalize: Economic Reforms since 1991", in Jim Rolfe (ed) *The Asia Pacific: A Region in Transition*, Honolulu, Hawaii (USA), 2004, Ch.16 (pp 259-284).
- (ii) "Economic Development and the Role of National and State Level Governments in the Implementation of Population Stabilization Policy with Special Reference to Four EAG States" (Co-authored with lead authorship in *Population Policy of India*, op.cit.

CPR Working Paper

Charan D Wadhva, "Post-Cancun WTO Perspectives: India's Negotiating Position as a Developing Country", New Delhi, (CPR Working Paper No. 14), Centre for Policy Research, May 2004, 15 p.

Books under Publication

- (i) *Asian Regionalism : Indian and Canadian Perspectives*, New Delhi; APH Publishing Corporation, 2005
- (ii) *India and Serbia Montenegro : Revitalizing Bilateral Relations*, New Delhi; APH Publishing Corporation, 2005

* We regret that we are not able to report the activities of all Faculty Members due to non-availability of information in some cases.

Other Related Activities

- i. Participated in the Second India and Serbia & Montenegro Dialogue at Belgrade during June 9-10, 2004. This dialogue was co-sponsored by the Institute for International Politics & Economics, Belgrade and the CPR (with the financial assistance of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India).
 - ii. Professor Charan Wadhva has been invited to join as a member of Board of Management of the Centre for Strategic Studies and Simulation of the United Services Institutions (USI) of India with effect from January 1, 2005.
 - iii. Professor Wadhva made a lead presentation at a Seminar on “India-2020 and New Business Opportunities between India and Denmark” at Copenhagen, Denmark on March 18, 2005. This Seminar was organized by the Asia Business forum, a joint venture of the Copenhagen Business School and the Asia Heritage Foundation based in Copenhagen, Denmark.
 - iv. Professor Wadhva made a presentation on “India and China in 2020: A Great Leap Forward ?” at London, UK on March 23, 2005. This discussion meeting was organized by the Foreign Policy Centre, London - a think tank with Prime Minister Tony Blair as its patron.
- 2 **Dr. Pratap Bhanu Mehta** joined CPR as its President and Chief Executive on 31 July 2004 A.N. During the period under review, he was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Books (edited)

Hindu Nationalism & Indian Politics (Oxford University Press, 2004)

Articles

- i. ‘Hinduism and Democracy’, *Journal of Democracy*, 2004
- ii. ‘Secularism and the Identity Trap’, in Mushirul Hasan (ed.) *Will Secular India Survive* (Delhi, Imprint One)
- iii. “From State Sovereignty to Human Security” in Terry Nardin and Melissa Williams (ed.) *Humanitarian Intervention* (NYU Press, 2005)
- iv. ‘Affirmation without Reservation’, *Economic & Political Weekly*, October 2004
- v. ‘Governors with Change of Governments’, *Manupatra Newslines*, August-September 2004
- vi. ‘Language Rights’, in S. Khurshid edited, *The Fate of Urdu*, Oxford University Press
- vii. ‘Governance & Accountability’ published in *Proceedings of the Indira Gandhi Seminar*
- viii. ‘Lessons on Globalization’ Yale Global, August 2004
- ix. India’s Kinder and Gentler Globalization, Yale Global, August 2004
- x. ‘Constraints on Electoral Mobilisation’, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 18-24 December 2004
- xi. ‘Rousseau, Education and the Quest for Dignity’, *Contemporary Education Dialogue*, October 2004

- xii. 'Natural Allies' at Odds', *Seminar 545*, January 2005

Review Articles

- i. Reviewed 'Confessions of Secular Fundamentalist' by Mani Shankar Aiyar, *The Indian Express*, 12 December 2004
- ii. 'An End to Suffering: The Buddha in the World', *Biblio*, November- December 2004
- iii. 'In Primay Colors' A Review of Bill Clinton's My Life, *Tehelka*, July 2004
- iv. 'Forget Kathmandu : An Elegy for Democracy' by Manjushree Thapa, *The Indian Express*, 23 January 2005
- v. Reviewed "Indian Political Trials" by A G Noorani, *The Indian Express*, 13 February 2005
- vi. 'Ambassador of Hindu-Muslim Unity: Jinnah's early politics' by Ian Bryant Wells, *The Indian Express*, 13 March 2005

Columns

- i. 'Mantriji may be a rogue, but he's popular too', *The Indian Express*, 4 August 2004
- ii. 'Scholars and stooges', *The Telegraph*, 12 August 2004
- iii. 'The inhuman cliches of history', *The Indian Express*, 2 September 2004
- iv. 'Homo commiticus', *The Telegraph*, 15 September 2004
- v. 'Crossing the Line : A hardworking peace"', *The Indian Express*, 8 October 2004
- vi. 'Joy and despair"', *The Telegraph*, 14 October 2004
- vii. 'Can judges judge themselves?', *The Indian Express*, 28 October 2004
- viii. 'The power of weakness', *The Telegraph*, 28 October 2004
- ix. 'Liberal Education', *Education News*, October 2004
- x. 'God is Partisan', *The Indian Express*, 6 November 2004
- xi. 'Gunfire on the Eastern front' *The Indian Express*, 15 November 2004
- xii. 'The future of an illusion', *The Indian Express*, 24 November 2004
- xiii. 'Debates and divisions', *The Telegraph*, 25 November 2004
- xiv. 'Taking the XIIth standard country-leaving exam (Part-I)', *The Indian Express*, 26 November 2004
- xv. 'B A Pass, M A Pass, give talent a pass (Part-II)', *The Indian Express*, 27 November 2004
- xvi. 'A space of delusions' *The Telegraph*, 7 December 2004
- xvii. 'Left/Right, right?', *The Indian Express*, 9 December 2004
- xviii. 'The meaning of life', *The Telegraph*, 23 December 2004
- xix. 'Sex and Sensibility', *The Indian Express*, 29 December 2004
- xx. 'Most NRIs wear loincloths, not suits', *The Indian Express*, 7 January 2005
- xxi. 'Secularism at stake', *The Indian Express*, 23 January 2005
- xxii. 'We, the People of India', *The Indian Express*, 26 January 2005
- xxiii. 'The end of truth', *The Telegraph*, 29 January 2005
- xxiv. 'Baby Elephant Walk', *The Indian Express*, 11 February 2005
- xxv. 'Figure it out', *The Telegraph*, 14 February 2005
- xxvi. 'Truth, confessions and videotape', *The Indian Express*, 17 February 2005
- xxvii. 'Party powered', *The Telegraph*, 3 March 2005
- xxviii. 'A heretic in Harvard', *The Telegraph*, 9 March 2005
- xxix. 'Manmohan's brave new world' *The Indian Express*, 10 March 2005
- xxx. 'A new non-alignment?' *The Indian Express*, 23 March 2005

- xxxi. 'Justice by the law, not by a vigilante', *The Indian Express*, 25 March 2005
- xxxii. 'Losing the Kathmandu', *The Telegraph*, 30 March 2005
- xxxiii. 'The making of Manmohan', *Hardnews*, December 2004

Seminars/Talks

- i. 'Equality of Opportunity: Some Paradoxes', Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education, Delhi University, 4 October 2004
 - ii. 'Democracy and Liberalization', 9th Indira Gandhi Conference 2004, 19-20 November 2004
 - iii. 'Creativity & Liberal Values', in Discussion with Salman Rushdie, Kolkata
 - iv. Post Democratic Parliaments, Centre for Law & Governance, Jawahar Lal Nehru University
 - v. 'Globalization and the State', University of Pune
 - vi. 'Plato's Critique of Democracy', Academic Staff College, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi
 - vii. 'The Structure of Education Reforms', National Institute of Education Planning and Administration, New Delhi
3. **Dr. Sanjib Baruah** joined CPR on 15 January 2005 as a Visiting Professor and was involved in the following research and allied activities.

Articles

- i. 'Take the jungle to the law,' *The Indian Express*, 9 March 2005.
- ii. 'The Road to China,' *The Indian Express*, 10 April 2005.
- iii. 'Of Broken Promises and False Starts,' *The Telegraph*, 12 April 2005
- iv. 'Think Out of the Box,' *The Telegraph*, 14 May 2005
- v. 'The Problem,' Seminar 550, June 2005 on 'Gateway to the East: A Symposium on Northeast India and the Look East Policy.'

Papers Presented

- i. 'Looking East Via the Northeast' at the National Conference on Dialogue on the Northeast, Delhi University, Gandhi Bhavan, 2 March 2005.
- ii. 'Imagining a Trans-border region Across Northeast India' at a Symposium: on Sharing Sovereignty: Thinking Beyond Nation-States in South Asia, George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs, Washington D.C., USA., 16 April 2005.
- iii. 'Gandhi and the Nagas' at National Conference on Gandhi and Contemporary Society, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, 28 April 2005.

4. During the year under review, **Dr. Brahma Chellaney**, Research Professor was involved in the following research and allied activities:
5. During the year under review, **Mr Sanjoy Hazarika**, Research Professor was involved in the following research and allied activities:

Worked on a project on Sub national identities in the Northeast
6. During the period under review, **Research Professor Bharat Karnad** was involved in the following research and allied activities:

Papers/Publications

- i. 'Deconstructing India's Nuclear Doctrine' in Pervaiz Iqbal Cheema and Imtiaz H. Bokhari (eds.), *Arms Race and Nuclear Developments in South Asia* (Islamabad, Islamabad Policy Research Institute, 2004)
- ii. 'Firming up the Critical Capability Triad: Strategic Muscle, Sub-Conventional Punch and IT-enabled Network-Centricity and Electro-Magnetic Warfare Clout' in Lieutenant General (Retd) Vijay Oberoi (ed.), *Army 2020: Shape, Size, Structure and General Doctrine for Emerging Challenges* (New Delhi, Centre for Land Warfare Studies and Knowledge World, 2004)
- iii. 'De-militarization of LoC: Negative Strategic Ramifications' in P.M. Kamath (ed.), *India-Pakistan Relations: Courting Peace from the Corridors of War* (New Delhi, Promilla & Co. Publishers in association with Bibliophile South Asia, New Delhi and Chicago, 2005)
- iv. 'Shaping the Indian Special Forces into a Strategic Asset', Paper presented at the National Seminar on 'Special Forces', November 29-30, 2004, Centre for Land Warfare Studies, New Delhi.
7. During the year under review **Dr. Subhash C Kashyap**, Honorary Research Professor was involved in the following research and allied activities:

Books, Papers/articles published

- i. *The Framing of India's Constitution: A Study*, Second Edition, IIPA, Universal, New Delhi, 2004
- ii. *Constitution Making Since 1950: An Overview*, IIPA, Universal, New Delhi, 2004
- iii. *Our Parliament*, NBT, New Delhi, 2004 (Fifth Revised Edition).
- iv. *Our Constitution*, NBT, 3rd revised ed. & 2 Reprints, 2004
- v. *Bharat ka Samvidhanik Vikas our Samvidhan*, Delhi University, 2nd revised ed. 2004
- vi. *Sansad ka Itihas*, 2 Vols. 2005

Articles

- i. Should Governor Select the CM?, *Economic Times*, 13 March 2005.
- ii. Lightning Strikes at Raj Bhavans, *Indian Express*, 7 March 2005.

- iii. King, Parties and Maoists in Nepal, *The Pioneer*, 3 March 2005.
- iv. The (Governor's) Office Matters, *The Pioneer*, 20 February 2005.
- v. The Coup in Goa, *The Tribune*, 8 February 2005.
- vi. Dismissal of Government after winning Confidence Vote (Hindi), *Bhaskar*, 4 February 2005.
- vii. Relevance of Hinduism, *South Asia Politics*, Vol.3, No.10, February 2005.
- viii. Who are We?, *South Asia Politics*, Vol.3, No.9, January 2005.
- ix. Going Back to Gandhi, *Global Peace*, Vol.4, No.2, December 2004
- x. Executive-Legislature Interface in the Indian Polity, *The Journal of Legislative Studies*, Vol.10, Nos. 2 &3, Spl. Issue, 2004, pp. 278-294.
- xi. El concepto de buen gobierno en el Arthashastra de Kautilya (Spanish – translated from English original), *Papeles de la India*, Vol. 33(1), 2004.
- xii. Remembering Rajiv Gandhi, *The Grassroots Governance Journal*, Vol.II, No.2, Spl. Issue, December 2004.
- xiii. National Shame, *South Asia Politics*, Vol.3, No.8, December 2005.
- xiv. Concept of Good Governance and Kautilya's Arthashastra, *Administrative Change*, Vol. XXXI, No.2 & Vol. XXXII, No.1, Jan-Dec 2004.
- xv. Time for masses to intervene, *Sahara Time*, 13 November 2004.
- xvi. Denigrating the Icons, *South Asia Politics*, Vol.3, No.6, October 2004.

Meetings/Seminars/Conferences where paper presented or address delivered

- i. Paper presented and Address delivered on "The Concept and Problems of Governance in India" at ICPR National Seminar for Research Scholars, Gauhati (March 2005).
- ii. Address at JNU on Lessons from Goa and Jharkhand (13 March 2005).
- iii. Paper on Constitutional History of India presented at the Interactive Workshop at IIC (7 March 2005).
- iv. Address on Electoral Politics and Constitutional Developments at the Symposium on "Post-Colonial India – Some Futuristic Visions" (Power-point presentation), (28 February 2005).
- v. Address at Gandhi Smarak Nidhi on Indo-Pak meet on Sufism (20 February 2005)
- vi. Paper on 'Hinduism, its Meaning & Relevance' presented at the National Conference at Uppal Orchid Hotel, Rashtriya Jagriti Sansthan (5 February 2005)
- vii. Address at Arya Samaj Hall, Chandni Chowk on present political situation and agenda for action (28 January 2005).
- viii. Address at IHC on Electoral Reforms (22 January 2005).
- ix. Address (Power-point presentation) to Tibetan scholars on 'Democracy – Problems & Prospects' at Dehradun (20 January 2005).
- x. Address (Power-point presentation) at the National Defence College on Making of India's Constitution (17 January 2004).
- xi. Presided at the meetings of Citizenship Development Society (December 2004).
- xii. Address on the Constitution of India at the International Training Programme in Legislative Drafting, BPST, Parliament House Annex (December 2004).
- xiii. Address at Relevance of Hinduism for Understanding India – Preparatory Workshop (December 2004)
- xiv. Convocation Address delivered at University of Mysore (December 2004).
- xv. Presidential Address at the National Convention on "Do Reforms Need Course Correction?" session on 'Regional Disparities, Social Sector and Path of Development' (November 2004).

- xvi. Inaugural (keynote) Address at the Seminar on the Changing Role and Future of Parliament in Indian Polity, BHU, Varanasi (November 2004).
- xvii Address at the Samta Seminar on Yoga, Constitution Club, N.D. (November 2004).

Other work and Recognition:

1. During the year functioned in an Honorary Capacity as:
 - A. President** (a) Citizenship Development Society
(b) Rashtriya Jagriti Sansthan
(c) ORF Institute of Politics and Governance (since left)
 - B. Chairman** (a) Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research; (b) Editor-in-Chief, (i) ICSSR Journal (since resigned) and (ii) South Asia Politics; (c) Chairman, (i) NIEPA Review Committee (work completed, report submitted), (b) High Level Committee on S.C. Judgements on Minority Institutions, Fee Structures etc.; (e) Member (i) Auroville Governing Board, (ii) International IDEA Board of Directors: Attended the June and November meetings of the Board at Stockholm (5-8 June & 27-30 November), (iii) ICSSR, (iv) Research Governing Council, Rai University.
2. Interviewed by the print and electronic media frequently from within the country and abroad.
8. During the period under review, **Dr. Nimmi Kurian** was engaged in the following research and research related activities:
 - i. Completed a Certificate of Proficiency Course in Mandarin, School of Foreign Languages, Ministry of Defence.
 - ii. Presented a paper “China’s New Security Concept and South Asia: An Indian Perspective” at the International Conference on *China’s South Asia Policy* organised by the Shanghai Institute of International Studies in Shanghai on 9-10 November 2004.
 - iii. “Reading the Tea Leaves: Prospects for Transborder Economic Linkages between India and China” for the Special Issue on China of the refereed journal *International Studies* (forthcoming).
 - iv. “Eastward-Bound: Reviving India’s Asian Ties and Implications for China” in James Qian Jiang and Isabelle St. Mezard ed., *China and India: Political and Strategic Perspectives*, (University of Hong Kong, forthcoming).
 - v. “Takes two to Solve a Water Crisis”, *Indian Express*, 17 August 2004.

9. **Dr. Sudha Mahalingam** , Senior Research Fellow was involved in the following research and other allied activities.

Recent Newspaper Articles (Energy-related)

- i. Problems in the Pipeline – *Indian Express*, 16 February 2005.
- ii. In Pursuit of Energy Security, in *The Hindu*, 1 February 2005.
- iii. Power Lesson Goes Up in Gas – *Economic Times*, 31 January 2005.
- iv. LNG Pricing – Relevance of Oil Linkage – *The Hindu* dated 24 January 2005
- v. Towards Sustainable Energy – *The Hindu* dated 18 November 2004
- vi. Riding the Oil Tiger – *The Hindu* dated 11 October 2004

Papers published between October 2004 and March 2005

- i. ‘Gas – Fuelling India’s Future’ in Survey of Indian Industry 2005 published by ‘The Hindu’ group of publications, Chennai.
- ii. “Bangladesh Gas in India’s Energy Calculus” – in Contemporary India, the journal of Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi, Volume 3, No.2 (April-June 2004 – but just out!!)
- iii. Economic Reforms, Power Sector & Corruption – chapter in edited volume entitled ‘Politics of Economic Reforms’ Editor: Jos Mooij, Sage.2005

Papers Under Publication

- i. Regulatory Experiments in the Indian Power Sector: Missing The Wood For The Trees- Paper being published as part of an edited volume entitled Administration in the Perspective of Reforms, Editor: Amita Singh, being published by Sage for The Centre For the Study of Law & Governance, JNU.
- ii. Electricity Act 2003 – Markets through the back door – chapter in a book on Power Reforms edited by Joel Ruet. Being published by Manohar Publications.

Papers Presented in Seminars between October 2004 and March 2005.

- i. ‘Accessing Neighbourhood Energy – Thinking out of the box’ at the seminar on ‘India & its neighbours – Energy Co-operation for Prosperity’ organized by the Association of Indian Diplomats, New Delhi on 10 March 2005.
- ii. ‘Geopolitics of Energy & The Persian Gulf’ at the International Conference on Persian Gulf organised by IPIS, Tehran on 1-2 March 2005.
- iii. ‘A Case Study of Independent Electricity Regulation in Five Indian States’ presented at the workshop on “Developing Institutions for Public Accountability in Urban Services” organised by Water & Sanitation Program of World Bank, New Delhi on 15 & 16 February 2005.

- iv. 'Role of Russia in India's Energy Security' presented at Conference on India and Russia in 21st Century – Foundations of Partnership' organized by Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi on 31 January – 1 February 2005.
- v. 'Neglected Dimensions of Power Reforms – Equity' – at Think-Share Seminar organised by Prayas Energy Group, Pune, 11 & 12 January, 2005.
- vii. 'Iraq & Oil' – at a national seminar on "Different Dimensions of pre and post Iraq War organized by Lucknow University in Lucknow 3-5 December, 2004.

Projects Completed

Role of Regulation in Improving Service Delivery in India's Electricity Sector : A Case Study Of Five Indian States' project being implemented for the Voice & Client Power Program of Water & Sanitation Program, World Bank, New Delhi.

Participation in Workshops

- i. NCAER-CERNA Workshop on 'Stakeholder Fora, Implementation of Regulation & Competition in Urban Water & Electricity Sectors - The French Experience in a European Perspective and Lessons for India at New Delhi on 9 & 10 February 2005.
- ii. USAID-SARIE semi-annual Seminar on Regional Electricity Trade, Delhi, October, 2004.

Lectures Delivered

- i. Role of Nuclear Energy in India's Energy Security – Lecture delivered at the Centre for Environmental Policy, JNU, New Delhi on 22 February 2005.
 - ii. Rising Global Oil Prices and Implications for India – Lecture delivered to Army officers on training at IDSA on 29 October 2004.
10. During the year under review, **Prof. K.R.G. Nair**, Honorary Research Professor was involved in the following research and allied activities:

Papers presented at Seminars/Conferences

- i. "A shining Example of Untapped Potential: the case of bilateral Economic relations between India and Serbia & Montenegro" at the Second India, Serbia & Montenegro dialogue organised by the Institute of International Politics and Economics, Belgrade and the Centre for Policy research, New Delhi at Belgrade, 9-10 June 2004
- ii. "Economic Reforms and Regional Disparities in Economic and Social Development in India" at the Department of Economics at the University of Montenegro, Podgorica, 11 June 2004

I Publications

Book Reviews

Sushma J.Varma and Radhika Seshan, "Fractured Identity: The Indian Diaspora in Canada", *Indian Social Science Review*, Vol6, No 1, January-June 2004, pp173-175

Books

Kerala: The Land of Opportunities: (edited jointly with Dr. Jacob John and Dr. K.P. Sunny) Brijvasi Publishers, New Delhi, 2005.

Papers

- i "The Economic Experiences of the Indian Diaspora", Working paper no 11, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, May, 2004.
- ii "A shining Example of Untapped Potential: the case of bilateral Economic relations between India and Serbia & Montenegro", *Review of International Affairs*(Belgrade), Vol 55, no 1114, April - June, 2004, pp 19-21.
- iii "Industrialisation in Kerala", in Nair, K.R.G, Jacob John and K.P.Sunny(ed), Kerala: The Land of Opportunities, Brijvasi Book Distributors and Publishers, Delhi, 2005 pp67-87.

II Completed Research work/guidance

- i Supervised, jointly with Dr. V.K.Kaul of the Department of Business Economics of the University of Delhi, the successful Ph.D dissertation entitled "Anti-dumping, Countervailing Measures and Safeguard Provisions in Multilateral Trade Regime" by Mr. Ved Prakash in October 2004.
 - ii Completed a research study entitled "Economic Reforms and Regional Disparities in Economic and Social Development" funded by the Planning Commission of the Government of India.
11. During the period under review, **Lt. Gen. V K Nayar (retd)** presented a paper on "Understanding The North East" at a seminar at Observer Research Foundation in November 2004
 12. During the period under review, **Mr. G Parthasarathy**, Honorary Visiting Professor presented the following papers at various conferences, seminars and meetings:

Papers Presented

- i. "Nuclear Disarmament, Nuclear Proliferation and Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction – An Indian Perspective" at an International Seminar organized by the U N University, the International Peace Council, New York and the Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto on 23 October 2004.

- ii. “Challenges to Democracy and Pluralism in India and its Neighbours at the annual “Jerusalem Summit” organized in Israel on 27 November 2004.
13. During the period under review, **Mr R Rangachari**, Honorary Research Professor, was involved in the following research and allied activities:

Conferences and meetings

- i. Made a presentation on the Regional and Nationalist of the Bhakra Nangal Project at an international workshop sponsored by the Third World Center for Water Management (TWCWM), Mexico, International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID), International Hydro power Association (IHP), International Water Resources Association (IWRA) and the Middle-east Technical University, Ankara on the impacts of large dams, at Istanbul, Turkey on 25 –28, October, 2004
 - ii. Nominated as the only non-official member of the Task Force on Flood Problems and Management appointed by the Government of India in August 2004. He served as the Chair of the Drafting Group for the Report.
 - iii. Appointed as an expert non-official member of the Technical Advisory Committee for the National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee.
14. During the period under review **Mr. K C Sivaramakrishnan**, Honorary Research Professor was involved in the following research and allied activities:

Seminars / Conferences attended

- i. Participated in an International Workshop on good governance held at CIRDAP (Centre for Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific) during 18 to 22 April 2004 and presented a paper on Decentralized Democratic Structures.
- ii. Participated in an International Workshop “The Delhi Urban Forum” organised by the Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars, Washington DC on 24 and 25 June 2004 and presented a paper on Municipal and Metropolitan Governance: Are they relevant to the Urban Poor?
- iii. Participated in August 2004 in the International Conference in Erice, Italy organized by the World Federation of Scientists and the Ettore Majorana Foundation on Planetary Emergencies and presented a paper on International Migration and Asia.
- iv. Participated in a workshop on the Constitution and the Conflict of Views between the Judiciary and the Parliament, on 19 and 20 September 2004.
- v. Participated in a Retreat for Urban Secretaries in the States and the Government of India at Goa organised by the NIPFP, on 25 and 26 September 2004.
- vi. Participated in an Interstate Round Table conference convened by the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj and participated in the discussions about the jurisprudence emerging from the case law relating to the 73rd and 74th Amendments to the Constitution, on 7 October 2004.

- vii Participated in a meeting with the State Election Commissioners from different states organised by PRIA to discuss issues and problems in the conduct of elections, on 13 October 2004. Also conducted a meeting with the State Election Commissioners organised by the Institute of Social Sciences to follow up on the discussions of the 13th October and to formulate issues to be discussed at the next interstate Round Table at Guwahati, on 26 October 2004.
- viii Participated in an interstate Round Table of Ministers of Panchayati Raj and presented a paper on the conduct of elections and issues such as preparation of common electoral rolls, reservation of seats, delimitation of panchayat wards etc. on 27 and 28 October 2004.
- ix Participated in an international conference organised by the Government of Bangladesh and USAID to discuss South Asian experience in decentralisation and presented a paper on the Indian experience, on 7 and 8 December 2004.
- x Participated in a meeting of the High Level Committee in the Planning Commission to discuss the issues relating to maintenance of minimum flow in the Yamuna, on 6 January 2005.
- xi Addressed the 45th course of senior officers in the National Defence College, on 4 February 2005.

15. During the year under review **Mr. B G Verghese**, Honorary Research Professor was involved in the following research and allied activities:

In view of a growing public interest in water issues, the India Research Press sought re-publication of Verghese's *Waters of Hope* as a paperback in order to reach a wider readership. A chapter was accordingly written by Mr. Verghese updating developments since the second edition of the book appeared in 1998 and this is now in the press.

Mr. Verghese's association with the Task Force on Inter-Linking of Rivers ended in mid-2004 as the new UPA Government decided to review the programme and pursue it Departmentally. However, he attended a large international conference on this theme in Dhaka in December 2004 as the ILR concept had caused great alarm in Bangladesh and Nepal as a result of misperceptions born of lack of communication. He has now been asked to contribute an explanatory article that is proposed to be brought out on that theme by some Bangladeshi scholars.

Otherwise, Mr. Verghese is on a panel put together by the World Bank to produce a series of studies on water resource development in the Northeast for discussion with the Government of India as a prelude to funding certain programmes in this sector.

Early in 2005, Mr. Verghese participated in a Conference in Guwahati on the Northeast and read an address on the region's external relations.

He was part of a South Asians for Human Rights mission to Pakistan to report on minority rights in South Asia and continued Track-II discussions on Kashmir and other issues as a member of the Indo-Pakistan Neemrana Dialogue. He delivered keynote addresses at two Kashmir-related conferences in Jammu and read a paper on A Vision for Kashmir-2015 and followed up with papers and articles on the current Indus

water disputes raised by Pakistan, arguing the case for conceptualising and negotiating an Indus-II agreement on the basis of the 1960 Indus Treaty in order to try and harness jointly with Pakistan the full potential of the three Western Rivers that are allocated to that country but whose upper catchments lie on the Indian side of the LOC. This is a concept that is beginning to arouse considerable interest on both sides of the border.

He was invited to expand on this theme in a keynote address on "Sharing Rivers Among States and Nations" at an IWMI-Tata seminar at IRMA, Anand in February 2005 on "India's Water Economy - Bracing for a Turbulent Future" in Anand, Gujarat, in February 2005.

Mr. Verghese completed a biography of Ram Nath Goenka of the *Indian Express* which is to be published by Viking/Penguin Books in October 2005. He is currently engaged in editing a volume entitled "Past Forward: Emerging India" that is being written by alumni of St Stephen's College, Delhi, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary. This too will be a Penguin publication.

Mr. Verghese wrote on the alarming demographic decline of the Parsees for the Indian Express in an article entitled "Awaiting a Second Flowering (December 6, 2004)" and on "Landmark Elections in J&K" for the Tribune (February 5, 2005) with reference to the successful conclusion of the urban body polls. There was another article by him later in February in "Tehelka Weekly", entitled "Social Fractures Threaten Future".

He reviewed the two-volume autobiography of H.M. Patel for "The Book Review".

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION & DISSEMINATION SERVICES

Library

During the year 2004 –2005, 265 books were added to the library of the Centre. The acquisition programme of the library was mainly restricted to books relating to subjects such as Policy Sciences, Economic Policy, Banking, Political Science, Futurology, Social Indicators, Foreign Policy, Defence and other fields of relevance to Research Programmes of the Centre.

The CPR library has a collection of a total of 11946 volumes including bound periodicals. The library subscribed to 43 journals and received gratis 25 periodicals. These cover major policy fields of concern to scholars at CPR. In addition to these 17 daily newspapers are being received in the library.

The computerised system developed for processing and indexing of books is in operation.

During the course of the year CPR continued to use its e-mail account with M/s VSNL for sending and receiving e-mail. The library continued to be a member of the Developing Library Network (DELNET), New Delhi. One fax machine and e-mail service are being used extensively for communication and information retrieval purposes.

Cable Broad band internet services were further improved by installing fibre optics connectivity. Proxy Server installed in the library enables users over LAN to access INTERNET simultaneously . One Compaq Presario 6800 PC with Internet facility provided by the ICSSR is being used by CPR faculty/researchers.

With the help of two plain paper copiers, better and efficient reprographic facilities were provided to researchers and other staff of the Centre.

For other material and publications, the CPR library depends upon the services of 20 libraries of various academic and other research institutions in Delhi which have been generous enough to lend their books and journals for the Centre's use on the principle of reciprocity.

COMPUTER UNIT'S ACTIVITIES

During the year under report the following activities were undertaken by the Computer Unit.

1. To support examination and testing work of ET&PPR Unit, systems analysis was done and necessary software developed for data processing of pre and post examination work of nine recruitment/admission tests conducted for various posts and categories.
2. To support the Research Work of ET&PPR Unit, statistical analysis of examination data of a major public sector undertaking was done and tables were brought out. Following analysis was done on a sample picked up by SRS method.

- Frequency distribution of scores on Reasoning ability test, Numerical ability test, general knowledge and awareness of current affairs test and English language test for total score on all tests combined.
 - Means, Medians and variances of each of these frequency distributions.
 - Percentage cumulative frequencies, Percentile Ranks and frequencies of test scores.
 - Facility value and discrimination Index for each item after dichotomizing the distribution of scores into 27% highest and lowest scorer groups.
 - Scoring weight for each item by inverting the facility value.
3. The following new Hardware purchases were made.
- Five Pentium IV computers (256 MB RAM, 40GB HDD, CD writer, 17" Colour monitor) were purchased.
 - Two 15" Colour monitors were purchased.
 - One HP Laserjet 3020 printer was purchased.
 - Six Units of Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) were purchased.
4. Following Software purchases were made.
- Keeping in view the changed requirements of pay calculation, a payroll system operating in windows environment was purchased and implemented.
 - An upgraded version of Tally Accounting software was purchased and implemented.
 - Software to maintain record of leaves was purchased and implemented.
 - An in-house Software was developed for maintaining record of the inventory of CPR Assets.
5. To further improve the functioning of Internet, a fiber optic cable was laid and the bandwidth has been increased to 256kbps.
6. System support services were provided for presentations related to seminars and conferences held at the centre during the year. Maintenance and Upgradation of hardware and software of the Centres computers were carried out as per requirement.

RESEARCH AND ADVISORY SERVICES

Educational Testing and Personnel Policy Research (ET & PPR) Unit

During the year under review, The ET & PPR Unit was involved in the following research and allied activities:

- i. The ET&PPR unit of the Centre conducted all level examinations for an apex organization of the Government of India concerned with General Insurance for its Assistant Administrative Cadre Posts in the disciplines of Computer Science, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Electronics, Law, Chartered Accountancy and Statistics (including Econometrics and Mathematics). Tests in Reasoning and General Awareness for this purpose were developed internally while tests in English Language and Professional Aptitudes were

- developed with the help of outside experts. The unit also conducted an examination for the supervisory cadre posts for an industrial organization of repute. Besides, entrance examinations for the Graduate and PG Diploma level courses of an institution of the Government of India concerned with tourism and travel management, PG Diploma level course in Business Management of a reputed educational institution and for a course in Mass Media and Mass Communication of a central university, were also conducted by the unit. Recruitment examinations for the security personnel of a government organization concerned with internal security, were also conducted by the unit.
- ii. A research study entitled 'Selection of Assistant Administrative Officers for Life Insurance Corporation of India' by K P Garg was brought out as a CPR Working Paper No. 18 in October 2004.

**POPULATION POLICY AND RESEARCH ADVISORY GROUP (PP-RAG)
AS A UNIT OF CPR FOR PROMOTING
SOUTH ASIAN REGIONAL COOPERATION**

A new **Population Policy and Research Advisory Group (PP-RAG)** had been set up during 2003-04 as a Unit of CPR for promoting South Asian Regional Cooperation. PP-RAG is a joint venture of CPR and the National Commission on Population (NCP) of the Government of India with initial corpus grants received by the CPR from the Ford Foundation (Endowment funds for perpetuity worth US \$ 250,000) and matching corpus grants worth Rs. 1.25 crore from the NCP. The income for the pooled corpus funds will be mainly used for establishing a Chair Professorship and a Post-Doctoral Fellowship. The Chair Professor will undertake research studies primarily in the area of population stabilization policies and regional cooperation in this vital area among the South Asian countries (including India). The South Asian region includes eight countries, namely Afghanistan; Bangladesh; Bhutan; India; Maldives; Nepal; Pakistan; and Sri Lanka. The Post-Doctoral Fellow will undertake research studies for promoting South Asian regional cooperation in any area connected with socio-economic development of this region (including population policy; human resource development; and improving the quality of life of the huge population of this region). A Memorandum of Association (MoA) for establishing PP-RAG as a Unit of CPR with the above objectives had been signed between the CPR and the NCP. The Ford Foundation was notified about this MoA on 8 May 2003.

Progress on Operationalising PP-RAG

During the year 2003-04, no noteworthy progress could be made to activate the working of PP-RAG Unit due to the transfer of responsibilities from the National Commission on Population (NCP) from Planning Commission to Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. A 7-member Steering Committee headed by Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Hon'ble Shri Anbumani Ramdoss, as Chairman of PP-RAG Unit at CPR in his capacity as Vice-Chairman (NCP), has been notified by CPR vide Order dated 30.3.2005, to administer the affairs and management of activities of PP-RAG Unit at CPR.

A meeting of the steering committee under the chairmanship of the Union Minister is likely to be held shortly.

Research Study Completed

The following research study has been completed during 2004-05 at CPR with relevance for promoting regional and bilateral economic cooperation among the South Asian countries:

“Impact of Globalization on South Asian Economic Development” (Ambassador G.P. Isser, Honorary Adjunct Research Professor at CPR is in charge of this project). The research study has been completed and also brought out as “CPR Working Paper No. 15”.

GRANTS

The CPR received the following grants from the ICSSR during the financial year – 2004--05

1.	Recurring grant (Non Plan)	Rs 32.00 lakh
2.	Recurring grant (Plan)	Rs 16.00 lakh
3	Additional/Previous Year Grant Received during year, if any	Rs 9.00 lakh
4.	Additional Grant (Non Recurring)	Rs 2.00 lakh

	Total :	Rs 59.00 lakh

The CPR gross corpus fund now stands at Rs. 650.82 lakhs. The CPR's gross expenditure (including capital expenditure but excluding depreciation) during the year was Rs 133.50 lakhs and the total specific project research during the year including research project expenditure was Rs. 130.54 lakhs

INSTITUTIONAL AND NON-INSTITUTIONAL DONORS

A number of state governments, public sector undertakings/institutions and private sector corporations as named below continued their support to the Centre:

(A) List of Institutional Donors

- 1 M/s General Insurance Corporation of India Ltd.
- 2 M/s . Samtel Color Ltd.

(B) List of Corpus Donors/Providers of Endowment Grants

- 1 Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
- 2 Ministry of Finance, Government of India
- 3 Government of Assam
- 4 Government of Karnataka
- 5 Government of Punjab
- 6 Government of Tamil Nadu
- 7 Delhi Administration
- 8 M/s Ashok Leyland Ltd.
- 9 M/s Associated Cement Company Ltd.

- 10 M/s Bajaj Tempo Ltd.
- 11 M/s Escorts Tractors Ltd.
- 12 M/s Exide Industries Ltd.
- 13 The Ford Foundation
- 14 M/s Hindustan Times Ltd.
- 15 M/s Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.
- 16 M/s ICICI Ltd.
- 17 M/s Infrastructure Leasing and Finance Ltd.
- 18 M/s Kamani Engineering Corporation Ltd.
- 19 M/s Larsen and Toubro Ltd.
- 20 M/s Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Co. Ltd.
- 21 M/s Marpol Chemicals Ltd.
- 22 M/s Modi Rubber Ltd.
- 23 M/s Sutlej Cotton Mills Ltd.
- 24 M/s Tata Chemicals Ltd.
- 25 M/s Tata Iron and Steel Company Ltd.
- 26 M/s Tata Power Company
- 27 M/s Wartsila Diesel Ltd.
- 28 The Unit Trust of India
- 29 Mr. K R Venugopal
- 30 Lt. Gen. (Retd.) A.M. Vohra

(C) List of Project Grantees

1. Action Aid India
2. Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada
3. Third World Centre for Water Management
4. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
5. Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India
6. Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India
7. National Resources International, UK
8. Planning Commission, Govt. of India
9. United Nations University, Institute for New Technology (UNU/INTECH)
10. World Resource Institute, USA
11. World Bank

CPR had been approved u/s 35(1)(iii) of the Income Tax Act 1961 which entitles the Donor under the present Income Tax Laws a weighted deduction @ 125% of the amount of donation till March 31, 2005. CPR has also been approved u/s 80G(5) (vi) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 for the period from 12.6.2003 up to 31.3.2005 which entitles the donor 50% tax deduction of the net qualifying amount. For the period beyond 31.3.2005 to 31.3.2008, CPR has applied for extension of their approval through Director of Income Tax (Exemptions) and the same are likely to be received in due course.

CPR FACULTY AND STAFF
(As on 31 March 2005)

Faculty

	Name	Designation
1	Charan Wadhva Ph.D.(Yale, USA)	President & Chief Executive and Research Professor (upto 31 July 2004 A.N.)
2	Pratap Bhanu Mehta Ph.D.(Princeton University)	President & Chief Executive (w.e.f.31 July 2004 A.N.)
3	Brahma Chellaney Ph.D. (Jawaharlal Nehru University)	Research Professor
4	Bharat Karnad M.A. (University of California)	Research Professor
5	Sanjoy Hazarika	Research Professor
6	G P Isser, IFS (Retd)	Honorary Research Professor
7	Ramaswamy R. Iyer, IAAS (Retd) M.A (University of Bombay)	Honorary Research Professor
8	Subhash C Kashyap M.A., LLB., Ph.D. (Allahabad University)	Honorary Research Professor
9	Ved Marwah, IPS (Retd)	Honorary Research Professor
10	Ajit Mozoomdar, IAS (Retd) D.Phil (Oxon), Bar-at-Law	Honorary Research Professor
11	K R G Nair Ph. D. (Delhi School of Economics) University of Delhi	Honorary Research Professor
12	Lt. Gen. V.K. Nayar (Retd)	Honorary Research Professor
13	R. Rangachari B.E. (Hons), Anna University	Honorary Research Professor
14	K.C. Sivaramakrishnan, IAS (Retd) M.A., BL (Law) (Madras)	Honorary Research Professor

15	B.G. Verghese BA(Hons.) (Delhi and Cambridge Universities)	Honorary Research Professor
16	Amb.G Parthasarathy, IFS (Retd)	Honorary Visiting Professor
17	R.K. Sinha, IAS (Retd) B.Sc. (Engg.) (Hons.), Patna University	Honorary Visiting Professor
18	Nimmi Kurian Ph.D. (Jawaharlal Nehru University)	Associate Research Professor
19	Sudha Mahalingam Ph.D. (Jawaharlal Nehru University)	Senior Research Fellow (w.e.f. 15.1.2005)
20	Sanjib Baruah Ph.D.(University of Chicago)	Visiting Professor (w.e.f. 15.2.2005)
21	Kanta Prasad Garg Ph.D. (Jamia Milia Islamia)	Consultant
22	S.S. Marathe M.A. (University of Bombay)	Project Director (Based at Pune)
23	Swapan Kumar Bhattacharya Ph.D (Jawaharlal Nehru University)	Honorary Adjunct Faculty Research Associate
24	Kamal Jit Kumar M.A., M. Lib.Sc (University of Delhi)	Chief Librarian and Programme Officer (CL&PO)
25	Ajay Nayyar M.Sc., PGD in Computer Science (Kurukshetra University)	Senior System Analyst and Associate Programme Officer (SSA&APO)
26	Nawal Kishore Paswan Ph.D. (Jawaharlal Nehru University)	Coordinator (Research & Publications) (up to 30.11.2004)
27	Ms. Sreerupa	Research Assistant (Project based) (up to 17.5.2004)

Administration, Accounts & Other Services

1.	V.K. Bhal B.A. (University of Delhi)	Chief, Administrative Services
2.	Jagmohan Chander B.Sc (University of Delhi)	Administrative Officer (Admn. & Public Relations)
3.	L. Ravi B.Sc. (Nagarjuna University) PGDIRPM (Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan)	Administrative Officer (Admn. & Vigilance)
4.	Pradeep Khanna B.Com (University of Delhi)	Chief Accounts Officer (w.e.f. 1.10.2003)
5.	M.C. Bhatt B.Com (Kumaon University)	Accounts Officer
6.	Sunil Kumar B.A. (Hons.) (University of Delhi) PGDPR (Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan)	Associate to President (w.e.f 14.1.2005)
7.	Pramod Kumar Malik B.A. (University of Delhi)	Associate to President (w.e.f. 14.1.2005)
8.	Vivek Bhargava B.A. (University of Delhi)	Special Assistant (Administrative Coordination)
9.	V.K. Tanwar M.Sc. (Kurukshetra University)	Assistant System Analyst and Assistant Programmes (ASA&AP)
10.	Dharam Kumar M.A. (Agra University) MLI.Sc. (University of Delhi)	Librarian (Resigned on 1 August 2004)
11.	Dinesh Chandra	Senior Supervisor
12.	Shiv Charan	Senior Supervisor
13.	H. R. Yadav	Senior Supervisor
14.	Y.G.S. Chauhan	Assistant Librarian

Secretarial & Other Staff

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| 1. | Ms Sonia Bhutani | 5. | Ram Bahadur |
| 2. | Vinod Kumar | 6. | Ranjit Singh |
| 3. | Ms Kusum Malik
(Project Staff) | 7. | Ramu Dura |
| 4. | Ms. Suman Sablok | 8. | Poona Ram |