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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The year 2007-2008 saw CPR strengthen its position as a leading public policy think tank and research organization. Last year's newly recruited faculty – Dr. Bibek Debroy, Dr. Lavanya Rajamani, Prof. Syed Iqbal Hasnain and Dr. Jishnu Das – used this time to bolster CPR's growing reputation as a source of rigorous and analytical research on important themes. We were also pleased to welcome Michael Walton, formerly of the World Bank and co-director of the *World Development Report 2005-06* as a faculty member. With a wealth of experience in the World Bank, he brings to CPR a strong focus on political economy, inequality and poverty issues.

Academically, CPR continued to build its credentials in three niche areas:

1. Law and Society
2. Urbanization
3. Legislative Research

In looking at the intersection of law and social sciences, Shylashri Shankar completed her ground-breaking empirical investigation of the effectiveness of Courts as a protector of social and economic rights. The important findings of this study are soon to be published as a book by the Oxford University Press. Lavanya Rajamani continued her seminal legal scholarship on the relationship between India's developmental goals and the international climate change regime. Her foray into the field of global governance yielded significant rewards for CPR in the form of a joint conference with the Institute for International Law and Justice at New York University. Bibek Debroy continued his work on legal and economic reforms, particularly focusing on issues of economic growth, globalization, labour markets and trade. My own work focused on the challenges of constitutional governance in India.

The urbanization cluster at CPR gathered considerable momentum this year. Mr. K.C. Sivaramakrishnan, CPR's foremost urban expert, and Partha Mukhopadhyay, a trained economist and infrastructure specialist, were able to effectively identify the gaps in current academic and institutional capacity in the domain of urban studies, and propose a unique initiative that received one of the first grants of the Google Foundation in India. This generous grant will fund a network of centres and research institutes that focus on the challenges of urbanization, with CPR as the nodal institution. Additionally, Mr. S.N.

Menon, former Secretary of Commerce to the Government of India, completed a study on Special Economic Zones (SEZs). CPR also welcomed Mr. Ardhendu Sen, former Secretary of Industry to the Government of West Bengal, as part of the team working on urbanization.

PRS Legislative Research once again had a strong year. With increased support from MPs and other stakeholders in the system, it was able to build on the hard work and innovative practices of the last two years in order to establish itself as an important player in the legislative domain. PRS outputs are now regularly cited by academics and the media, and its role in enhancing the quality of public debate around important legislative issues is widely acknowledged. As always, the young and dynamic PRS team continued to develop new ways of reaching out to its target audience. Along with more in-depth interactions with MPs and a richer menu of research products, an important innovation in this regard was the start of an internship programme that places college students in direct contact with MPs. Such progress for PRS requires a steady base of resources, both human and financial. Therefore it was a proud moment for CPR when in recognition of its pioneering work PRS was awarded a generous grant from the Google Foundation this year, and this has enabled it to expand its core team to a total of nine highly qualified members.

In other areas of focus for CPR, Lavanya Rajamani earned herself the double distinction of having earlier participated in the Kyoto negotiations on global climate change, and now in the United Nations Climate Change Conference at Bali, a key event in the post-Kyoto global climate change negotiations. Jishnu Das continued his work on the political economy of service delivery using quantitative and qualitative primary data from cross-country surveys. CPR continued its tradition of top-notch academia in foreign policy and security issues. Bharat Karnad completed his seminal work on India's nuclear policy, soon to be published, and through his other works carried forward CPR's theoretical tradition of realism in its approach to international affairs. Academic frontiers were also pushed forward in the areas of agriculture innovation, water and governance. Particularly noteworthy in this regard is the completion of Ramaswamy Iyer's book on *Water and the Laws in India*, a comprehensive account of the national and state-level legalities of water.

This was also a remarkable year in the range of conferences and meetings that CPR organized.

The year 2007-2008 concludes the following four broad areas:

Governance and Economic Development

CPR's focus in this area encompasses diverse elements that make up the whole of governance and economic development in India. Subject clusters include urbanization

and the governance of Indian cities, the debate over Special Economic Zones (SEZs), economic growth, inequality, governance and innovation in agriculture, and CPR's flagship programme in this domain, PRS Legislative Research, which continues to break new ground every year. CPR's key faculty members in the areas of governance and development continued their pioneering work by initiating new projects and disseminating previously researched materials through publications in the media and academia. On the faculty front, CPR was delighted to welcome Michael Walton, formerly of the World Bank and co-director of the *World Development Report 2005-06*. He brings to CPR a strong focus on political economy, inequality and poverty issues.

On the programme front, the biggest news of the year was a generous grant from the Google Foundation to support CPR's activities in the domain of urbanization and legislative research. K.C. Sivaramakrishnan and Partha Mukhopadhyay were able to effectively identify the gaps in current academic and institutional capacity in the domain of urban studies, and launch a unique initiative called the 'Urban Futures Network', which aims to create strong foundations for a network of academic centres and research institutes that focus on the challenges of urbanization, with CPR as the nodal institution. The initiative involves the creation of interlocking communities of researchers, policy makers, practitioners and concerned citizens to participate in the generation of analysis and policy advocacy around issues of urbanization in India, its economic and spatial dimensions, its impact on land, water, energy, transport and environment and requirements of governance.

Google's largest CPR grant went to PRS Legislative Research, whose Director C.V. Madhukar guided PRS into what promises to be an exciting new phase, with three new initiatives focused on tracking Parliament, creating citizen engagement in the legislative process, and collating state laws into a searchable database. On the whole, the past year was significant for PRS in several ways. Even as PRS completed its second year, it continued to increase its user-base among Members of Parliament. By March 2008, PRS staff had interacted with over 90 MPs from 16 political parties and provided research support on legislation and other issues debated in Parliament. PRS held a national competition for law school and postgraduate students on analysing legislative bills – Analysis 2007. It also conducted two MP Legislative Assistantship programmes during the Monsoon 2007 and Winter 2007 sessions of Parliament, in which college students were trained and provided research assistantship to MPs.

Within programme areas, CPR faculty members were kept busy by specific projects during the year. S.N. Menon, former Secretary of Commerce and a recent addition to the CPR faculty, completed a study on Special Economic Zones and their implications, particularly in relation to urbanization. K.C. Sivaramakrishnan and Partha Mukhopadhyay began working on a study on the policy issues of urbanization in India, vis-à-vis land,

water, migration, energy and governance in the context of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). Moving away from the urban sphere, Nimmi Kurian and Rajeswari Raina started a project on innovation systems for inclusive development in rural China and India. This project focuses on India's north-east and China's south-west to explore how pro-poor innovation can be enabled through a better understanding of the actors in different domains of innovation systems in these regions. These insights can help design flexible and socially coherent pro-poor innovation for development of specific regions in both these countries.

CPR faculty was active in publishing its research through various channels during the year. Especially strong on the governance side was Bibek Debroy, who contributed to a variety of academic journals and edited volumes on issues of Special Economic Zones, economic reforms, growth and inequality. He also released two books - *Handbook of Transformation to Market Economy*, and *Economic Freedom for States of India, 2007* (co-authored). On the development side, Rajeswari Raina presented papers and contributed to volumes on issues of rural innovation, bio-innovation and agricultural technology. PRS Legislative Research also contributed significantly to the catalogue of publications in 2007, with 17 Legislative Briefs in addition to Session Alerts, Session Wraps and Plan vs. Performance documents for each of the three sessions of Parliament, Vital Statistics of the Indian Parliament, a primer on the Union Budget, a fortnightly Legislative Alert circulated to all PRS subscribers and several background papers for individual MPs upon request. It was encouraging for the young PRS team to learn that the Parliament Library has started displaying copies of PRS Legislative Briefs in its racks, and that the Parliament reference section has started including PRS publications in the information packet on Bills that it prepares for MPs.

CPR also hosted a number of discussions and seminars on topics related to governance and development. A two-day workshop on 'Indian and American democracy reconsidered' brought some eminent international academics to CPR, including Ira Katznelson of Columbia University, Margaret Levi of the University of Washington, Sudipta Kaviraj of Columbia University, Ashutosh Varshney of Michigan University, Peter deSouza and Yogendra Yadav of CSDS, and others. Two urban-focused workshops were also held in order to lay the foundations for the proposed urban network that will be coordinated by CPR. Various organizations working on urban issues attended these workshops and shared their thoughts on the future direction of the Urban Futures project. On the topic of development and inequality, Angus Deaton of Princeton University gave a talk on 'Growth, poverty and (mal)nutrition in India,' and Bibek Debroy hosted a brainstorming session on inequality in India. Working to bridge the rural-urban divide, Rajeswari Raina gave a talk on fostering bio-innovation in Asia. In addition to the above, PRS Legislative Research organized various 'curtain raisers' for MPs in partnership with India Habitat Centre. Topics

included land acquisition and Special Economic Zones, and events in Pakistan and implications for India.

Law and Society

The interactions between law and society have over the last decade become a subject of focus for CPR. As the global movement for good governance and accountability of public institutions grows, it is increasingly important to understand how the law both promotes and obstructs the achievement of society's objectives. CPR's work in this domain has been spearheaded by Shylashri Shankar, Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Bibek Debroy and Lavanya Rajamani. Together they tackle a variety of topics in this domain, covering the justiciability of social rights, constitutional law and public policy, judicial reform, and international environmental law. Their work is widely cited within academia and the media, and their efforts have collectively given a fillip to the relatively new law and society cluster at CPR.

During the year, Lavanya Rajamani was prolific in her writings on environmental law and the Indian experience of global and national regulatory regimes in this regard. She presented papers on India's climate challenges and its position (as well as China's) on climate change at various conferences in India and abroad. She was also invited to the UN Climate Change Conference at Bali in December, 2007. Her research in environmental law broadly follows two tracks. In the first track, she is currently researching the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol's Clean Development Mechanism in India. She is also putting together a book proposal on the osmotic passage of certain principles of international environmental law into the domestic laws of select developing countries (provisionally, India, South Africa and Brazil). In the second track, she is researching the impact of public interest environmental litigations on issues relating to poverty and livelihood.

Pratap Bhanu Mehta's work focused on constitutional law and the judiciary in India. He completed a project on comparative secularism, which focused on identifying the conditions under which secular constitutions take hold in countries, and the conditions under which they come under stress. Shylashri Shankar completed a book on whether courts make a difference to the achievement of social and political rights in India.

On the events front, CPR hosted a discussion on the Judges Inquiry Bill 2006, which was chaired by former Chief Justice of India Mr. J.S. Verma, and has panelists Mr. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan, Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law and Justice and Mr. Fali S. Nariman, Senior Advocate.

Political Economy and Service Delivery

CPR recognizes the importance of transparent, efficient and accountable mechanisms of service delivery for the overall prosperity of large sections of the Indian population. It has over the years tried to focus on important services including education, health, water, sanitation, transport etc. that are a part of the daily lives of millions of Indian citizens. Through its efforts to improve these services via careful research and observation, CPR has set a high standard among its peer institutions. However, while finding technical solutions to public policy problems in service delivery is one thing, negotiating the politics of service delivery at local, state and national levels is entirely another. Therefore a special political economy slant to the analysis of service delivery is required to ensure that optimum policies are designed within a framework of what is realistically achievable. Many of CPR's faculty have devoted their academic careers to the study of political economy and service delivery, particularly the political economy of service delivery.

One of CPR's more experienced hands in this regard, Ramaswamy Iyer, India's foremost expert on water policy, was highly active during this year. Working on a major book-length project titled 'Water and the Laws in India,' he coordinated the writing and editing of papers from various experts for an edited volume, which would be the outcome of the project. The final manuscript of the book has been submitted to his publishers and can be expected early in 2009. Another experienced faculty member, B.N. Saxena, spent the year working on an innovative research project funded by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) that evaluates the prospects of public-private partnerships for improving maternal care, safe delivery practices and new born care at home level. In addition to the above, Jishnu Das, a recent addition to CPR's faculty, built upon his experience with the World Bank and focused on issues of education and health, with an emphasis on the South Asian region, particularly India and Pakistan. Michael Walton, formerly of the World Bank and an expert in political economy, was a welcome addition to CPR's faculty in 2007.

Water remained an important theme for CPR this year, with the publication of the fourth edition of B.G. Verghese's popular book, *Waters of Hope*. Ramaswamy Iyer published a remarkable book titled *Towards Water Wisdom: Limits, Justice, Harmony*, which aims at a comprehensive account of India's water sector and discusses ways in which to achieve equity and harmony in the sharing of water resources in India. Prof. Iyer was also active in academic journals like the *EPW* and in contributing to edited volumes on water issues, especially on federalism and water-sharing, dams and displacement/rehabilitation, water governance and politics, etc.

During the year, CPR organised a number of talks and seminars on political economy and service-delivery. Prominent among these were a talk on 'Foreign Capital and Development in

India' by Arvind Subramaniam of the IMF, a lecture by Pulapare Balakrishnan of the Nehru Memorial Museum & Library on public policy and growth in the Nehru era, a discussion with Peter Berman of the World Bank on India's National Rural Health Mission, and a talk by Stuti Khemani of the World Bank on the political incentives for public spending in the MPLADS programme in India.

International Affairs/Foreign Policy/Security

International affairs and issues of internal and external security have traditionally been one of CPR's strongest suits, and this year was no different. CPR's core faculty in this area represented a diverse range of perspectives on topics ranging from nuclear policy to sub-regional diplomacy. Bharat Karnad and Brahma Chellaney continued to lend their weight to CPR's status as one of a handful of modern think tanks steeped in the realist tradition, while Nimmi Kurian and Bibek Debroy provided the perfect counterbalance through their focus on conflict resolution, sub-regional issues, trade and political economy. Nimmi in particular has been active on India-China studies, and for her expertise and achievements she was awarded the prestigious two-year fellowship of the India-China Institute at the New School. Ambassador G. Parthasarathy brought to bear his wide-ranging experience and understanding of Indian diplomacy on developments in India's neighbourhood and other strategic areas including India-Iran relations and the developing Indo-US relationship.

During the year, Baladas Ghoshal completed a project that aimed to take a fresh look at India's Look East Policy. Apart from articulating a strategic vision for India in Southeast Asia, the project also focused on India's comparative advantages in the region as a regional hub for higher education, as a multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multi-cultural polity, and as a model for post-colonial democracy. In a more strategic vein, Bharat Karnad continued work on two research projects. The first aims to coherently map a role for India in the Israeli-Arab conflict, and the second is more strictly focused on India's military capabilities, particularly on the issue of optimising forces for conventional wars and low-intensity conflicts in South Asia's nuclear neighbourhood. Brahma Chellaney continued working on two projects with a long-term view, on technology and security through the prism of Indian interests, and a broader study on the future of nuclear deterrence. Nimmi Kurian completed a research project on "Margins and Mainstreams" that focuses on discourses within India and China that are beginning to look beyond their boundaries to integrate their respective peripheries with the extended neighbourhood. With a timely focus on India and China, the study focuses on the two countries' respective conceptions of peace and the challenges of legitimacy and participatory governance in their peripheries with special reference to Tibet and the Northeast.

CPR faculty continued to publish widely on various topics relevant to international affairs and security. Bharat Karnad completed a much awaited book-length study titled *India's Nuclear Policy: Credible Minimum Deterrence*, currently with his publishers and expected later this year. In addition, he published and presented academic papers, attended and spoke at conferences, and contributed to edited volumes on the topics of nuclear policy, foreign policy, national security strategy and the Indo-US relationship. Nimmi Kurian focused largely on sub-regional issues through her publications and attendances at various conferences. Her emphasis on domestic social change and political economy in India and China, and her attempts at finding parallels and divergences between the two emerging Asian powers have been a refreshing change from the traditional security perspective on the India-China relationship. Ambassador Parthasarathy has written regularly and widely in Indian newspapers and periodicals, consistently providing the perspective and clarity of a diplomat and an educated observer of international affairs. In addition, he presented a paper on the implications of the Iranian nuclear impasse at the 57th Annual Pugwash Conference in Bari, Italy. Bibek Debroy too augmented the impressive catalogue of publications this year with his co-edited volume, *India's Liberalization Experience, Hostage to the WTO?*

Along with a steady stream of publications on international affairs and security, CPR also maintained an active environment for debates and discussions on various topics relevant to this area. Highlights included Professor Atul Kohli's talk on 'Imperialism: Old and New,' Professor Placid Rodriguez's talk on 'Nuclear India at 60', and the visit and accompanying talk by His Excellency Dr. Ahmad Salem Al-Wahishi, Head of the Arab League Mission, on the 'Arab Peace Initiative.' Seminars and workshops were also organized or co-organized by CPR. Two prominent ones in this regard were a two-day workshop on 'Northeast India and Its Transnational Neighbourhood' in collaboration with IIT Guwahati and the International Institute for Asian Studies, the Netherlands; and an international conference on 'China and India: Economic & Social Development' in collaboration with the National University of Singapore and Johns Hopkins University. On the whole, these events were successful and well-attended, and they dealt with key issues within the domain of CPR's expertise in international affairs. They continued to be a reminder of the importance of dialogue and academic exchange in bringing about new ideas and reinvigorating old ones.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

The following research studies were brought out during the year 2007-08:

A. Books Published (under CPR imprint)

- i Waters of Hope : Facing New Challenges in Himalaya-Ganga Cooperation
4th edition, Revised & updated**
By B G Verghese
New Delhi ; India Research Press,2007
544p.

B. CPR Issue Briefs

- i Troubled Transitions : The Politics of Social Harmony in China**
By Nimmi Kurian
New Delhi; Centre for Policy Research, 2007
4 p.
(CPR Issue Brief Number 1)
- ii India's Negotiating Position on Climate Change : Legitimate but not Sagacious**
By Lavanya Rajamani
New Delhi; Centre for Policy Research, 2007
4 p.
(CPR Issue Brief Number 2)

C. Articles Published by CPR Faculty

About 300 articles were also published by CPR Faculty Members in major national/ international dailies and popular journals during the year.

DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS AND SEMINARS /WORKSHOPS

(Organized by CPR)

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

- i. "Foreign Capital and Development in India" by Arvind Subramanian, IMF and IIE 16 April 2007.
- ii. "Understanding Political Incentives for Public Spending: What can we learn from the MPLADS Experience in India" by Stuti Khemani, Development Research Group, World Bank Washington, USA, 24 May 2007.
- iii. Lecture by Prof. Atul Kohli of Princeton University, USA on "Imperialism: Old and New", 17 July 2007
- iv. Two-day Workshop on "Indian and American Democracy Reconsidered" on 27-28 July 2007. The participants included:
 1. Ira Katznelson, Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History, Columbia University
 2. Margaret Levi, Jere L. Bacharach Professor of International Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle.
 3. Rogers M. Smith, Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor and Chair of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania
 4. Partha Chatterjee, Professor of Anthropology, Columbia University
 5. Sudipta Kaviraj, Professor of South Asian Politics, Columbia University
 6. Ashutosh Varshney, Professor of Political Science, Michigan University
 7. Peter Ronald deSouza, Visiting Senior Fellow, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), New Delhi
 8. Yogendra Yadav, Co-Director of Lokniti and Senior Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), New Delhi

9. Rajeev Bhargava, Director, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), New Delhi
 10. Niraja Gopal Jayal, Professor, School of Law & Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
 11. Pratap Bhanu Mehta, President, Centre for Policy Research (CPR)
- v. Talk by Prof. Placid Rodriguez of IIT Chennai on “Nuclear India at 60: From 30 Years of Isolation to Global Leadership in 30 Years OR.....?”, 20 August 2007.
 - vi. Talk by H.E. Dr. Ahmad Salem Al-Wahishi, Head of Arab League Mission on “Arab Peace Initiative”, 3 September 2007
 - vii. Half-a-day Brainstorming Session with Japan Bank of International Cooperation (JBIC) Team on Providing Urban Amenities in Rural Areas (PURA) on 10 September 2007, organized by Prof. P.V. Indiresan.
 - viii. Brainstorming Session on “Inequality in India” by Dr. Bibek Debroy on 24 September 2007.
 - ix. Lecture by Prof. Pulapare Balakrishnan, Senior Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi on “A Visible Hand: Public Policy & Growth in Nehru Era” on 27 September 2007
 - x. Talk on “The Great Food Puzzle: Growth, Poverty, and (Mal)nutrition in India” by Prof. Angus Deaton, Dwight D. Eisenhower Professor of International Affairs and Professor of Economics and International Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the Economics Department at Princeton University 14 November 2007.
 - xi. Interacted with a visiting Japanese Delegation led by Tadashi Yamamoto, President, JCIE on 22 November 2007
 - xii. China India Consultation Workshop on “Experiences in Innovation for Development”, jointly organized by CSSP (JNU), CDS (Trivandrum) and CPR at JNU, New Delhi on 22-24 November 2007.
 - xiii. Presentation by Representative of Yamuna Jiye Abhiyaan on “State of River Yamuna in Delhi” on 3 December 2007

- xiv. Discussion on “Judges Inquiry Bill 2006”, addressed by former Chief Justice of India Mr. J.S. Verma. The other panelists were Mr. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan, Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law and Justice and Senior Advocate Mr. Fali S. Nariman on 4 December 2007.
- xv. Launch of “The State of India’s Democracy” (A Journal of Democracy Book) by Mr. Hamid Ansari, Hon’ble Vice President of India on 11 December 2007.
- xvi. Two-day Workshop on “Global Regulatory Governance: India, The South and The Shaping of Global Administrative Law” jointly organized with Institute for International Law & Justice, New York University School of Law on 5-6 January 2008. The list of participants included:
 - 1. Pratap Bhanu Mehta, President, Centre for Policy Research
 - 2. H.E. Mr. David Malone, High Commissioner of Canada in India
 - 3. Benedict Kingsbury, New York University
 - 4. Bhupinder Chimni, Jawaharlal Nehru University
 - 5. Sudha Mahalingam, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library
 - 6. Robert Howse, University of Michigan
 - 7. Geoffrey Miller, New York University
 - 8. Navroz Dubash, Jawaharlal Nehru University
 - 9. Vikram Raghavan, World Bank
 - 10. Sudhir Krishnaswamy, NLSIU
 - 11. Nirmalya Syam, Jawaharlal Nehru University
 - 12. Rochelle Drefuss, New York University
 - 13. Phillipe Cullet, SOAS
 - 14. Samir Gandhi, Economic Law Practice
 - 15. Malathi Lakshmikumaran, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan
 - 16. Simon Chesterman, New York University
 - 17. Samuel Issacharoff, New York University
 - 18. Upendra Baxi, Warwick University
 - 19. Ratna Kapur, Centre for Feminist Legal Research
 - 20. Pamela Philipose, Senior Journalist

21. C.V. Madhukar, PRS Legislative Research
 22. T.N. Ninan, *Business Standard*
 23. Raju Nariseti, *MINT*
 24. Smita Narula, New York University
 25. Asmita Kabra, Delhi University
 26. Bina Agarwal, Institute of Economic Growth
 27. Mahesh Rangarajan, Delhi University
 28. Nitin Desai, TERI
 29. Richard Stewart, New York University
 30. Lavanya Rajamani, Centre for Policy Research
 31. Yukari Takamura, Ryukoku University
 32. Andrew Hurrell, Oxford
 33. Amb. C. Dasgupta, TERI
 34. Surabhi Ranganathan, New York University
 35. Meneka Guruswamy, Advocate
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- xvii. Two-day Workshop on “Northeast India and Its Transnational Neighbourhood” jointly organized in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology (Guwahati, India) and International Institute for Asian Studies (Leiden, The Netherlands) on 17-18 January 2008 at Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati.
 - xviii. Discussion with Prof. Marc Galanter, John and Rylla Bosshard, Professor of Law and Professor of South Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin Law School on 21 January 2008.
 - xix. One day Workshop on “Urban Studies” on 31 January 2008.
 - xx. One day Workshop on “Special Economic Zones” on 5 February 2008.
 - xxi. Discussion on “Independence for Kosovo and its Implications for Kashmir, etc.” by the members of the Lord Byron Foundation on 14 February 2008.
 - xxii. Talk on “Oil, Middle East, Iran - India US Relations” by Dr Karin Kneissl, Visiting Austrian Scholar on 10 March 2008.

- xxiii. Talk on “Nuclear Deal: Balancing Indian Concerns and US Calculations” by Dr. Anupam Srivastava, Center for International Trade and Security, University of Georgia, USA on 11 March 2008.
- xxiv. Jointly organized an International Conference on “China and India: Economic & Social Development in collaboration” with The East Asian Institute, NUS, Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS and South Asia Studies The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University on 17-18 March 2008 at Grand Capthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore. The Indian participants included:
1. Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi
 2. Bibek Debroy, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi
 3. Partha Mukhopadhyay, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi
 4. Patricia Uberoi, Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi
 5. Jessica Seddon Wallack, Director, Centre for Development Finance, Institute for Financial Management & Research, Chennai
- xxv. Talk on “India’s National Rural Health Mission: Towards A Health Systems Analysis” by Prof. Peter Berman, Lead Economist, Health Nutrition Population (HNP), The World Bank, New Delhi on 24 March 2008.

RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPLETED

1. **A Fresh Look on India's Look East Policy: Strategic Dimensions**

Prof. Baladas Ghoshal, Senior Research Fellow has completed the above project, sponsored by Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and has finalized the report.

2. **Special Economic Zones and their Implications, in Particular, their Relationship to Issues of Urbanization**

The above study has been completed and a draft report has been submitted to CPR. Mr. S N Menon former Secretary, Commerce, Government of India and Senior Fellow has carried out this study

3. **Water and the Laws in India**

Work on the book 'Water and the Laws in India', a CPR project, edited by Mr. Ramaswamy R Iyer, Honorary Research Professor, went on throughout the year. Papers were received, edited, comments sent, papers got revised, put together and structured; and introductory and concluding chapters written. The book in finished form has been handed over to the publishers (Sage). It is expected to come out in January 2009.

CONTINUING RESEARCH PROJECTS

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

1. PRS Legislative Research

The past year was significant for PRS in several ways. Even as PRS completed its second year, it continued to increase its user-base among Members of Parliament. By March 2008, PRS staff had interacted with over 90 MPs from 16 political parties and provided research support on legislation and other issues debated in Parliament. The Ford Foundation decided to extend its support to PRS and has provided a second round of grant for the next three years. PRS has also undertaken three new projects. First, to collate and digitise state level laws so these can be accessible to the general public. Second, to engage with civil society and journalists and build capacity to engage with the legislative process in an effective manner. Third, to track the activity of Parliament and provide succinct reports to the general public and the media. PRS has received a grant from the Google Foundation to pursue these projects.

PRS continues to look for innovative ways to pursue its mission of making the legislative debate better informed, transparent and participatory. During the year, PRS conducted two pilot programmes. It held a national competition for law school and postgraduate students on analysing legislative bills - Analysis 2007. The competition, judged by a former Chief Justice of India, a sitting MP and a former Governor, created interest among students in analysing forthcoming laws. PRS also conducted two MP Legislative Assistantship programmes during the Monsoon 2007 and Winter 2007 sessions of Parliament, in which college students were trained and provided research assistantship to MPs.

The PRS core team has grown to nine members - coming from diverse backgrounds of political science, economics, finance, journalism and law. PRS has also leveraged extensively on experts and stakeholders while researching various issues.

Publications and Dissemination

- i. **17 Legislative Briefs** were published on 18 Bills during the year
 - The Competition Amendment Bill, 2006
 - The Limited Liability Partnership Bill, 2006
 - The Maintenance of Parents and Senior Citizens Bill, 2007
 - The Micro Financial Sector (Development and Regulation) Bill, 2007
 - The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2005
 - The Gram Nyayalayas Bill, 2007
 - The Carriage by Air (Amendment) Bill, 2007
 - The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2006
 - The Judges (Inquiry) Bill, 2006
 - The Private Detective Agencies (Regulation) Bill, 2007
 - The Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Bill, 2007
 - The Information Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2006
 - The Unorganised Sector Workers' Social Security Bill, 2007
 - The Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Bill, 2007
 - The Land Acquisition (Amendment) Bill, 2007
 - The Rehabilitation and Resettlement Bill, 2007
 - The Constitution (One Hundred and Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2007 (Amendment of Articles 244 and 332), The Sixth Schedule to the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2007
- ii. For all Bills on which PRS has not produced a Legislative Brief, a one-page **Bill Summary** was published on the website.
- iii. For each of the three sessions of Parliament, a **Parliament Session Alert** containing the list and status of all Bills that are planned to be introduced or passed in the Budget Session 2008 was published. At the end of each session, PRS published a **Session Wrap** and a comparison of **Plan versus Performance**.
- iv. **Vital Stats** analysing statistics related to Parliament were published on the PRS website.

- v. One **Primer** on the Union Budget was published. The primer explains the process and details of the budget in simple language so that any citizen can follow the discussions related to the budget and analyse the budget documents.
- vi. In response to requests from MPs, PRS produced several **Backgrounders** on issues that came up for debate in Parliament, and had a number of briefing meetings with MPs. These included diverse topics such as the India-US Civil Nuclear Agreement, inflation, national policy for farmers, delimitation of constituencies, volatility in financial markets etc.
- vii. The PRS website is an important channel for disseminating research and news. All research products are posted on the website. The website is updated daily with links to legislative news in major newspapers. During parliamentary sessions, the daily agenda and business of both Houses are also reported.
- viii. A fortnightly **Legislative Alert** containing the major legislative news is emailed to all registered users on the website.
- ix. PRS has submitted oral evidence on one Bill and written analysis on three bills to the respective Standing Committees of Parliament.
- x. The PRS team has written columns in leading newspapers. PRS has initiated discussions with the management of Lok Sabha Television to support the channel in its programmes related to legislation.
- xi. The Parliament Library has started displaying copies of PRS Legislative Briefs in its racks. The Parliament reference section (LARRDIS) has also started including PRS publications in the information packet on Bills that it prepares for MPs.
- xii. Members of the PRS team participated in several seminars and consultations – in Delhi as well as in a couple of states – related to legislation. Through these platforms, PRS has been engaging with civil society on both the legislative process and on issues relating to specific legislative bills.

Events and Programmes

- i. PRS held a national competition – **Analysis 2007** – for law and postgraduate students. The purpose of the competition was to encourage analytical work on

forthcoming legislation. The participants analysed a draft legislative Bill and summarised the implications of its provisions. The competition attracted entries from over 20 leading institutes.

- ii. Two pilot **Legislative Assistantship Programmes** were conducted during the Monsoon and Winter sessions of 2007. College students were exposed to the various Parliamentary tasks of MPs (Questions, calling attention, legislative debates etc.) and went through a short training course. Subsequently, each of them worked with an MP, and provided research support. This programme provided an opportunity for young students to participate in the legislative process.
- iii. A Compendium of all Legislative Briefs of 2007 was released on 3 December 2007 at the India Habitat Centre. The Compendium was released by Mr Arun Shourie, former Cabinet Minister. Several senior and eminent Parliamentarians such as Mr Amar Singh, Dr M S Swaminathan, Mr K S Rao, Mr M V Mysura Reddy, Prof. M Ramadass and Dr R Senthil participated in the event.
- iv. Several “Curtain Raisers” for MPs were held in partnership with the India Habitat Centre. Topics included Land Acquisition and Special Economic Zones, and events in Pakistan and implications for India.
- v. PRS started a project to compile all state government laws. The list of laws for 12 states (updated till 2004) were compiled. PRS has also collated soft copies of laws for two states (Kerala, Karnataka) till 2004, and hard copies of one state (Nagaland till 2002). PRS has initiated discussions with a number of other states to pursue this effort. PRS is also setting up a process for updating these lists as states pass new laws.
- vi. PRS has initiated efforts to contact journalists in several states to plan out a project to train journalists on how they can track the work of individual MPs in Parliament, and the work of Parliament, including legislation. PRS plans to leverage existing networks of journalists and the voluntary sector in this project.
- vii. The Population Foundation of India has contracted PRS to help it track Parliamentary activity on subjects related to children and reproductive health, and population.

Other Projects

- i. PRS partnered with UNDP to provide them with inputs pertaining to Parliamentary proceedings related to development issues and Millennium Development Goals.
- ii. PRS has also partnered with the Population Foundation of India to provide inputs to them and their other partner institutions on Parliamentary and legislative activity, with a special focus on issues related to child and reproductive health and population.

OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS

1. **Margins and Mainstreams: India-China Regional Imaginaries**

The study looks at discourses within India and China that are beginning to look beyond their boundaries to integrate their respective peripheries with the extended neighbourhood. Currently working on the final chapter "Debating Issues of Peace, Representation and Governance" that looks at India-China subregional visions and debates whether these are likely to coincide or not. It focuses on their respective conceptions of peace and the challenges of legitimacy and participatory governance in their peripheries with special reference to Tibet and the Northeast.

Dr. Nimmi Kurian, Associate Research Professor is working on the above study.

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

This study is being conducted by Professor Brahma Chellaney.

3. **Future of Nuclear Deterrence**

This study is being conducted by Professor Brahma Chellaney

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

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

5. **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”.

Professor Bharat Karnad is working on this Research Project.

6. **Public Private Partnership for Improving the Maternal Care/Safe Delivery Practices and New Born Care at Home Level**

Dr. B.N. Saxena, Honorary Research Professor is working on the above research project, sponsored by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi

7. **Policy Issues of Urbanization, in particular, those relating to Land, Water, Migration, Energy and Governance and how far these issues are being addressed in the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission**

Mr. K C Sivaramakrishnan, Honorary Visiting Professor and Prof. Partha Mukhopadhyay, Senior Fellow are working on this study.

NEW RESEARCH PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN

1. Urban Issues

CPR has initiated a major research programme on Urban Issues. It involves creation of interlocking communities of researchers, policy makers, practitioners and concerned citizens to participate in the generation of analysis and policy advocacy around issues of urbanization in India, its economic and spatial dimensions, its impact on land, water, energy, transport and environment and requirements of governance. Prof. K C Sivaramakrishnan and Prof. Partha Mukhopadhyay will be coordinating the Study.

2. Situational Analysis of Cotton Farming in India

During the period under review, CPR continued the study titled "Situational Analysis of Cotton Farming in India". This is a study on the socio-economic condition of cotton farming in India. The study is being coordinated by Prof. Dipankar Gupta.

FACULTY NEWS¹

1. During the year under review, the President, **Dr. Pratap Bhanu Mehta** was involved in the following research and allied activities:

Conferences/Seminars/Talks

- i. "Approaches to India's Intellectual History", in a Workshop on Writing Modern

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

- India's Intellectual History organized by Prof. Sunil Khilnani , Fellow at the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin Institute, 28 March -3 April 2007
- ii. Delivered a talk on "University for the 21st Century" at Vedanta Foundation, Mumbai on 13 April 2007.
 - iii. Attended and spoke on "Judicial Overreach" as Plenary Speaker in the High Court Justices National Colloquium on Emerging Issues in Public Law organized by the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal on 27 April 2007
 - iv. Delivered a talk on "The Politics of Reform in India" at the National University of Singapore during 14-21 May 2007.
 - v. Delivered a talk on "Human Capital Requirements in India" at Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi on 23 May 2007.
 - vi. "India as an Emerging Power" in a two day Seminar on Between Two Worlds: India as an Emerging Power organized by Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Washington, USA from 18-21 June 2007
 - vii. Made a presentation on "Indian Higher Education Policy" at NCAER on 17-18 July 2007
 - viii. Acted as a Panelist for a discussion on "60 Years of US-Indo Relations" at American Center, Embassy of USA, New Delhi on 10 August 2007
 - ix. "New Governance Architectures" in a two day Breaking Global Deadlocks meeting held on 5-6 September 2007, Vancouver, Canada
 - x. Delivered a talk on "Breaking Global Deadlocks" during his visit to Seoul from 16-22 September 2007 at Korea Development Institute, Seoul.
 - xi. Delivered a talk on "Is Bihar Emerging from its Political Economy Traps" at World Bank, New Delhi on 4 October 2007
 - xii. Delivered a keynote address on "The Boundaries of Freedom in Modern India" in the 36th Annual Conference on South Asia of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA on 12 October 2007.

- xiii. Delivered the SAI Distinguished lecture on “The Jurisprudence of Exasperation: Law and Public Reason in Contemporary India” organized by the South Asia Institute at Columbia University, USA on 15 October 2007.
- xiv. Chaired a session on “Global Governance: The Asian Impact on New Political Architecture” of the 2nd Global Public Policy Network Conference on Globalizing Asia or Asian Globalization? held at National University of Singapore on 22-23 October 2007.
- xv. Delivered a talk on “Political Outlook” at JP Morgan’s India Conference in Mumbai on 7 November 2007.
- xvi. Delivered a lecture at Banasthali University, Jaipur on 8 December 2007.
- xvii. Chaired a lecture by Prof. Larry Diamond on “Politics & Democracy in Developing Countries” at IIC on 10 December 2007.
- xviii. Acted as discussant in a session on “Political Economy of Reforms” in the Ninth Annual NBER Neemrana Conference jointly organized by ICRIER, NBER and NCAER from 13-15 January at Neemrana Fort Palace Resorts, Rajasthan.
- xix. Attended and participated in a Discussion during the third evening of The Globalised Crystal Ball: The Future of the International Community Predicted organized by De Balie Centre for Culture & Politics, Amsterdam, Netherlands on 15 January 2008.
- xx. Attended and participated in a Brainstorming session on “French and European Foreign Policy” with French Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Bernard Kouchner in Paris on 19 January 2008.
- xxi. Acted as a discussant at a book launch entitled “Conflict & Diplomacy” by Gen. S.P. Bhatia & Jaswant Singh on 31 January 2008.
- xxii. Delivered a talk on “Political Development in India” to visiting group of students from Sciences Po, France on 8 February 2008.
- xxiii. Attended and participated in a two day conference on Environment/ Climate Change / Energy / Global Governance organized by Japan Institute of International Affairs, Tokyo on 12-13 February 2008 in Tokyo.

- xxiv. Attended and participated in a two-day Workshop on “Globalisation and the State in India”, organized by the National Foundation for India, New Delhi at CPR on 20-21 February 2008.
- xxv. Chaired a session on “The Possibility of Contemporary History: Disciplinary Formation and the Social Sciences in Post-1947 India” at Institute of Economic Growth on 29 February 2008.
- xxvi. Chaired the Session on “Rules of Law and Environment” in an International Conference on China and India: Economic & Social Development jointly organized by CPR and The East Asian Institute, NUS, Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS and South Asia Studies The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University on 17-18 March 2008 at Grand Capthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore

Paper

- i. “The Rise of Judicial Sovereignty”, *Journal of Democracy*, April 2007.
 - ii. “Passion and Constraint: Courts and Regulation of Religious Meaning” in Rajeev Bhargava (ed.) *Politics and Ethics of the Indian Constitution* (Oxford University Press), 2008.
 - iii. “The Political Economy of Conflicts in Bihar”, Background Paper, World Bank, 2008.
 - iv. “Globalization and India’s Sense of Self”, *Current History*, April 2007.
 - v. “Between Two Worlds: India as an Emerging Power”, *Asian Voices*, Sasakawa Foundation, 2007.
 - vi. “Europe and Shifting Balance of Power”, Background paper submitted to Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France.
2. During the year under review, **Dr. Bibek Debroy**, Research Professor was involved in the following research and allied activities:

Academic papers

- i. “The Special Economic Zones (SEZs) Debate,” in Raj Kapila and Uma Kapila edited, *Economic Developments in India*, Vol.111, Academic Foundation, 2007.
- ii. “State of the States”, *India Today*, 24 September 2007, jointly with Laveesh Bhandari.

- iii. "India as a Developed Country by 2020: More than Just Economic Reforms," in Hernaikh Singh edited, *South Asia in the Global Community: Towards Greater Collaboration and Cooperation*, National University of Singapore and Institute of South Asian Studies, Singapore, 2007.
- iv. "The flavour of e-content in India," in *e-Content for Development in India, Showcasing India's Best e-Content*, Osama Manzar edited, Digital Empowerment Foundation, 2007.
- v. "The Demographic Deficit," *Indicus Analytics White Paper*, November 2007.
- vi. "Exclusive Growth – Inclusive Inequality," FISME Policy Paper, Occasional Papers Series, November 2007, jointly with Laveesh Bhandari.
- vii. "India's Economic Liberalization and the WTO," in *India's Liberalization Experience, Hostage to the WTO?*, edited by Suparna Karmakar, Rajiv Kumar and Bibek Debroy, Sage Publications and ICRIER, 2007.
- viii. "Choice in Health," *Indicus Analytics White Paper*, February 2008.
- ix. "Zoning Development – Foreword", in *Special Economic Zones in India, Myths and Realities*, Amitendu Palit and Subhomoy Bhattacharjee, Anthem South Asian Studies, Anthem Press, 2008.

Books

- i. *India's Liberalization Experience, Hostage to the WTO?* Jointly edited with Suparna Karmakar and Rajiv Kumar, Sage Publications and ICRIER, 2007.
- ii. *Economic Freedom for States of India, 2007*, jointly with Laveesh Bhandari, International Management Institute and Excel Books, 2008.
- iii. *Handbook of Transformation to Market Economy*, liberal Verlag GmbH, Berlin, 2008.

Popular articles

- i. "Indicators and Indices," *A-Z Family Friend*, Mobile Creches, April 2007.
- ii. "An Elephantine Problem" *India Today*, 18 June 2007

- iii. "SEZ Issues," *IMI interface*, April-June 2007.
 - iv. "North by North-East," *India Today*, 24 September 2007, jointly with Laveesh Bhandari.
 - v. "A Case for India Whining," *India Today*, 24 September 2007, jointly with Laveesh Bhandari.
 - vi. "The Indian Macroeconomy – Underlying Trends," *MEDC Monthly Economic Digest*, 29 October – 28 November, 2007.
 - vii. "A Budget with Only One Rationale," *Yojana*, Special Issue, March 2008.
 - viii. "Prey Commission", *India Today*, 26 March 2008
3. During the year under review, **Prof. Ramaswamy R. Iyer**, Honorary Research Professor was involved in the following research and allied activities:

Meetings, Seminars, Conferences

- i. International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis, Laxenburg, Austria, invited for consultations on water policy and science, presented paper on 'Water Policy and Science', 18 April 2007.
- ii. International Environmental Law Research Centre, Geneva, Conference on Legal Aspects of Water Sector Reforms, International Environment House, Geneva, 20 - 21 April 2007: Interventions, followed by a paper on 'Water and Questions of Law'.
- iii. Army War College, Mhow, MP, Higher Defence Orientation Course 2, Lecture on 'Water Security', 18 June 2007.
- iv. PRAYAS and JNU, National Consultation on Regulation for the Poor, IIC, New Delhi, 12-13 July 2007, presented Paper on 'A Regulatory Authority for the Poor?'
- v. International Water Management Institute, National Workshop of IWMI (Challenge Programme on Water and Food) on Strategic Analysis of India's National River Linking Project, NAASc Complex, New Delhi, 9-10 October 2007: chairing a session.

- vi. Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi, Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration (APPPA), Lecture on Water Resource Policy and Planning, 23 October 2007.
- vii. United Services Institution of India, National Security Lecture 2007, USI, New Delhi, on 'India's Water Relations with Her Neighbours', 19 December 2007.

Government Committees, Conferences, Consultations

Participated, presented papers or spoke in the following:

- i. National Groundwater Congress, and the National Council on the Artificial Re-Charge of Groundwater, as Member of the latter, 11-12 September 2007.
- ii. Programme Steering Committee for the Rajasthan State Partnership Programme with the European Union on water sector policy formulation, as Member, Jaipur, 14 - 16 September 2007.
- iii. Inter-State Council's Conferences on Federalism, as invited delegate: (a) National: Kochi, 26-27 July 2007, presented paper on 'Water-Sharing in a Federal Context'; (b) International (Fourth International Conference on Federalism), Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, 5 - 7 November 2007: spoke on the same lines as at Kochi.
- iv. Consultations by ISC Secretariat on inter-State water disputes, ISC Secretariat, 7 January 2008.
- v. Delhi Vision Group constituted by the Lt. Governor of Delhi, Raj Nivas, Delhi, 25 October 2007, as Member, followed up with a letter to the LG.
- vi. Meetings on River Conservation Strategy, (a) chaired by Principal Secretary to PM, PMO, 7 July 2007; (b) Chaired by PM, PMO, 5 November 2007. Spoke at meetings and followed up with a letter to Principal Secretary to PM.
- vii. Ministry of Environment and Forests -Consultations on Options for the Ganga Action Plan 2nd Phase: Member of Team headed by Secretary E&F to Varanasi, 29 February - 1 March 2008; Report made to Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests.

NGO Events

- i. Meetings of the 'Cauvery Family' (TN and Karnataka farmers) under the auspices of Prof. S. Janakarajan of MIDS: as Member of 'Cauvery Family'; MIDS, Chennai, 30/31 July 2007, Bangalore (University of Agricultural Sciences), 31 August-1 September 2007.
- ii. People's Tribunal on the World Bank, as Member of the Jury Panel, JNU, 21-24 September 2007.
- iii. Hearing on Narmada Rehabilitation, Supreme Court (CJI's court), (partly at NBA's request, partly as a signatory to a separate petition submitted by a number of persons), 10 March 2008.

Publications

Books

- i. *Towards Water Wisdom: Limits, Justice, Harmony*, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2007.

Contributions to Books

- i. 'Policy and Institutional Reforms in the Water Sector: Experiences and Lessons from China and India' (with K V Raju and Jinxia Wang) in *The Dragon and the Elephant*, ed. Ashok Gulati and Shenggen Fan, The Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, for IFPRI Washington, 2007. (Also Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2007).
- ii. 'The Dams Debate in India and a Supply-Side Conundrum', in *Global Perspectives on Large Dams*, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Report No. 13, Fall 2007.
- iii. 'Water Governance, Politics, Policy' in *Governance of Water: Institutional Alternatives and Political Economy*, ed. Vishwa Ballabh, Sage, 2008.

Articles

- i. 'Towards a Just Displacement and Rehabilitation Policy', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 28 July 2007.

- ii. 'The Cauvery SLPs: Some Intriguing Questions', *The Indian Advocate*, Vol. XXXV, 2007.
- iii. 'Water: A Critique of Three Concepts', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XLIII, No. 1, 5 January 2008.
- 4. During the year under review, **Professor Bharat Karnad** completed a book length study titled – *India's Nuclear Policy: Credible Minimum Deterrence*, and sent off the manuscript to his American publishers and was involved in the following research and allied activities:

Major publications

- i. "Security and Sovereignty" in Hans Gunter Brauch, Ursula Oswald Spring, P.H. Liotta, et al. eds., *Globalization and Environmental Challenges: Reconceptualizing Security in the 21st Century*, Vol. 3/Hexagon Series on Human and Environmental Security and Peace [Berlin, Heidelberg, New York: Springer-Verlag, 2008].
- ii. "The India-United States Rapprochement, the Nuclear Deal, and Indian National Interest" in Prakash Nanda, ed., *Rising India: Friends and Foes* [New Delhi and Olympia Fields, IL: Lancer Publishers, 2007].
- iii. "Emerging Threats and Commensurate National Security Wherewithal and Strategies", Annual Seminar 2007 on 'Strategic Transformation Initiatives for Realizing Joint Capabilities', College of Defence Management, November 2007.

International seminars/conferences

- i. International Conference on "Peaceful nuclear activities of Iran", Tehran, 22 November.
- ii. International Conference on "A New Nuclear World Order: Asian Perspectives", jointly hosted by the Brookings Institution and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Affairs, National University of Singapore, 6-7 March.

Lectures: Invited to give talk on

- i. "India's strategic outlook and programmes" to the entrant-level engineers, Brahmos cruise missile programme, 11 May.

- ii. “Indo-US civil nuclear deal and 123 Agreement” at the orientation course for Foreign Military Attaches, 15 May.
- iii. “Indo-US nuclear deal: Where are the blocks?”, panel discussion, Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, 18 May.
- iv. “Diplomatic, military, and economic measures to mitigate the threat from China”, 33 Corps Headquarters, Guwahati, 23 May.
- v. “Challenges of nuclear proliferation”, National Defence College, 3 July.
- vi. “Nuclearisation of India and strategic neighbourhood: Its impact on the Indo-US nuclear deal”, Army Central Command – Formation Commanders’ Orientation Programme, Nainital, 4 July.
- vii. “Indo-US relations with special reference to the current complexities in the 123 Agreement and the nuclear deal”, College of Defence Management, Secunderabad, 17 August.
- viii. “Need to reconfigure India’s foreign policy with respect to Tibet and China”, Tibetan Youth Forum, 13 November.
- ix. “India’s nuclear security policy”, National Police Academy, Hyderabad, 14 September.
- x. “India’s nuclear strategy”, 31st Higher Command Course, College of Air Warfare, Secunderabad, 25 September.
- xi. “A SWOT analysis of the Indo-US nuclear deal”, panel discussion, Combined Operational Review and Evaluation (CORE) programme, College of Air Warfare, 2 November.
- xii. “National defence policy, parameters and imperatives: Nuclear dimension”, National Defence College, 5 November.
- xiii. “India’s nuclear weapon status and capability: Implications”, Annual Study Fortnight on Nuclear, Biological Chemical Warfare, College of Military Engineering, Pune, 9 November.

- xiv. "Nuclear Security", 9th Joint Civil-Military Training Programme on National Security, IAS Academy, Mussoorie, 14 November.
- xv. "Strategies to deal with emerging threats", Annual Seminar 2007, College of Defence Management, 29 November.
- xvi. "The negatives of the Indo-US nuclear deal", Centre for Air Power Studies, 8 February.
- xvii. "Nuclear threat to national security", National Security Seminar, National Police Academy, Hyderabad, 23 February.

Requested to interact with

- i. the US Congressional Delegation on "Challenges of nuclear proliferation", 3 July 2007,
- ii. MEA Task Force on Disarmament and Nonproliferation, 25 July.
- iii. Team from the Australian Defence Intelligence Organization on "India's strategic policy", 29 August.
- iv. United Service Institution, brainstorming session on "The 123 Agreement", 31 August.
- 5. During the year under review, **Dr. Nimmi Kurian**, Associate Research Professor was engaged in the following research and allied activities:

Seminars / Conferences

- i. Presented paper on "India-China Relations: Lessons in Conflict Resolution" at the National Seminar on India's Foreign Policy: Emerging Trends in the New Century, University of Kerala, 2-3 April 2007.
- ii. Spoke on "The Image Problem in India-China Relations" at a meeting of a select group of scholars invited by the Chinese Ambassador, 8 June 2007.
- iii. Nimmi Kurian and Rajeswari S. Raina from CPR, in collaboration with Centre for Studies in Science Policy, JNU, New Delhi and Centre for Development Studies,

Trivandrum, organized the China-India Consultation Workshop on Experiences in Innovation for Development, held at the India International Centre and JNU, New Delhi, 22-24 November, 2007.

- iv. Presented paper "Locating the Subregion in National Narratives: Debating Social Exclusion in India and China" at the China-India Consultation Workshop on Experiences in Innovation for Development, held at the India International Centre and JNU, New Delhi, 22-24 November, 2007.
- v. Presented paper on "Competing or Compatible? The Subregional Visions of India and China" at the International Conference on Northeast India and its Transnational Neighbourhood, 17-18 January 2008 jointly organized by the CPR, IIT, Guwahati and the International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden.
- vi. Presented paper on "The Periphery's Vision or a Peripheral Vision? Locating the Northeast in India's Subregional Diplomacy" at the International Conference on Emerging India: Strategic Options in the New Century" organized by the School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, 26-28 February 2008.
- vii. Participated in the first Residency of the India China Fellowship Programme on Prosperity and Inequality in India and China, New York, 14-28 March 2008.

Publications

"Troubled Transitions: The Politics of Social Harmony in China", *CPR Issue Brief*, No. 1, 2007

Articles

- i "China's Growth Pangs", *BSENSEX* (Mumbai), August-September 2007.
- ii Contributed an article on "Future of China Studies in India", *Institute of Chinese Studies Occasional Paper*, *forthcoming*.

Initiated a Project in association with Dr. Rajeswari R Raina titled:

"Innovation Systems for Inclusive Development: Insights from Rural China and India,"

Co-ordinating partners:

Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi (Dr. Rajeswari Raina and Dr. Nimmi Kurian)
Zhejiang University, Hangzhou (Prof. Xiaobo Wu)

Collaborating partners:

In India - Centre for Development Studies, Gujarat Institute of Development Research, and Central University Hyderabad.

In China - National Natural Science Foundation of China, Centre for Chinese Agricultural Policy, Tsinghua University, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

Sponsored by – Innovation Technology Society programme, IDRC, Canada

Duration – three years

This project focuses on India's north-east and China's south-west to explore how pro-poor innovation can be enabled through a better understanding of the actors in different domains of innovation systems in these regions. If innovation is defined as a socially embedded process or series of processes which brings together different actors (organizations and individuals) to generate and utilise knowledge in economically productive ways, it is imperative that the social embeddedness of poverty be understood. Methodologically, it analyses the macro-level political-economy that defines the institutional frameworks within which these actors operate and uses four case studies of 'positive deviants' to draw principles and process lessons. These insights can help design flexible and socially coherent pro-poor innovation for development of specific regions in both these countries.

Others

- i Selected as Fellow, India China Institute, New School, New York under the India China Fellowship Programme on Prosperity and Inequality in India and China, (2008-2010).
- ii Invited to be on the Advisory Board of the Northeast Centre for Rural Livelihood Research (NECRLR), Jorhat, Assam.
6. During the year under review, **Dr. Rajeswari S Raina**, Senior Research Fellow was engaged in the following research and allied activities:

Workshops/Seminars organized

- i. China-India consultation workshop on Experiences in Innovation for Development, organized in collaboration with Centre for Studies in Science Policy, JNU, New Delhi and Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, 22-24 November 2007, at the India International Centre and JNU, New Delhi.

Papers presented in Conferences/Workshops

- i. "Social integration and inclusive approaches: pro-poor and rural innovation," paper to initiate discussion, presented at the China-India consultation workshop on Experiences in Innovation for Development, IIC and JNU, 22-24 November, 2007.
- ii. "Fostering Bio-innovation in Asia: How and Why are Domains Important?" paper presented to the ITS group, at IDRC, Singapore, 15 November 2007.

Publications

In books

Rajeswari S. Raina and Rasheed Sulaiman V. (2007) "From Technology Development and Dissemination to Learning Approaches: Institutional Change for Rural Development," in Ballabh, V (Ed.) *Institutional Alternatives and Governance in Agriculture*, Academic Foundation: New Delhi.

Currently working on chapters in the following books

- i. Rajeswari S. Raina (2008) "Interactive Policy Research for Rural Innovation," in Wickremasinghe and Gupta (Eds.) *S&T Policy Research and Statistical Indicators for Developing Countries*, published by NAM S&T Center: New Delhi. (Ch 15)
- ii. Rajeswari S. Raina (2008) "Innovation for Eco-friendly Development - Towards Institutional Reform in Scientific Research and Policy-making," in Guimaraes-Perreira and Funtowicz (Eds.) *Science for Policy*, Oxford University Press: London and New Delhi.

Consultancies completed

- i. End of project evaluation of the Indo-UK Oilseeds Research Project, 1998-2006, for DFID (India), April-May 2007.

- ii. Fostering Bio-Innovation in Asia: Ways Forward. A research support strategy for IDRC Asia, for the Innovation, Technology, Society theme.

(Sponsored by IDRC, Canada, (Singapore Office) November, 2007.

Assignments on-going

- i. Member, Working Group on Knowledge Applications in Agriculture, of the *National Knowledge Commission* of the Government of India, December 2007-April 2008.
- ii. Resource person, Co-ordinating Lead Author (ESAP- Chapter 4), and author of ESAP Summary for Decision Makers, and IAASTD Synthesis Report, for the International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD), Sub-Global assessment in the East-South Asia and Pacific region, November 2005-April 2008.

Initiated the following Project titled

“Innovation Systems for Inclusive Development: Insights from Rural China and India,”

Co-ordinating partners:

Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi (Dr. Rajeswari Raina and Dr. Nimmi Kurian)
Zhejiang University, Hangzhou (Prof. Xiaobo Wu)

Collaborating partners:

In India - Centre for Development Studies, Gujarat Institute of Development Research, and Central University Hyderabad.

In China - National Natural Science Foundation of China, Centre for Chinese Agricultural Policy, Tsinghua University, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

Sponsored by – Innovation Technology Society programme, IDRC, Canada

Duration – three years

7. During the year under review, **Dr. Lavanya Rajamani**, Associate Research Professor was involved in the following research and allied activities:

Meetings, Seminars, Conferences and Workshops

- i. Presented a paper on India's Climate and Energy Challenges at the Academic Advisory Group to the International Bar Association's Section on Energy, Environment, Resources and Infrastructural Law, Banff, Canada, May 2007
- ii. Delivered a series of lectures on European Environmental Law at the Osaka Gakuin University School of Law, Osaka, Japan, September 2006 and Cambridge, UK, 2007
- iii. Lectured on Differential Treatment in International Climate Change Law at SOAS, University of London, UK October 2007
- iv. Presented a paper on India and China's Positions on Climate Change and Development at a conference titled A Globally Integrated Climate Policy for Canada, University of Toronto, Canada, October 2007
- v. Attended, as part of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat team, the 13th Intergovernmental Conference of Parties to the Climate Change Convention, Bali, Indonesia, December 2007
- vi. Presented a paper on Global Administrative Law and the CDM in India, at the GAL, CPR-NYU Workshop, New Delhi, January 2008
- vii. Presented a paper on Common Responsibilities for Climate Change at a side event of the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit, TERI, February 2008
- viii. Presented a paper on Developing Countries and the Bali Negotiations at the TERI ADAM Project Workshop, New Delhi, February 2008

Publications

Chapters in Books, Articles and Papers

- i. "Public Interest Environmental Litigation in India: Exploring Issues of Access, Participation, Equity, Effectiveness and Sustainability," *Journal of Environmental Law* (OUP, UK), (2007)

- ii. "The Right to Environmental Protection in India: Many a Slip between the Cup and the Lip?" 16 (3) *Review Of European Community and International Environmental Law* 274 (2007)
- iii. "China and India on Climate Change and Development," in Bernstein, Brunnée, Duff and Green (eds), *A Globally Integrated Climate Policy for Canada* 104 (University of Toronto Press, February 2008)
- iv. "The Indian Way: Exploring Synergies between Development, Energy and Climate Goals", in Barrera-Hernandez, Omorogbe, Redgwell and Zillman (eds), *Beyond the Carbon Economy*, (OUP, March 2008)

Also working on the following Publications

- i. "From Berlin to Bali and Beyond: Killing Kyoto Softly," *International and Comparative Law Quarterly* (forthcoming October 2008)
- ii. "Indian Perspectives, Policies and Practices on Climate Change and Energy" in *The State of the Environment in Asia 2007/2008* (Japan Environmental Council, in Japanese, forthcoming fall 2008)
- iii. "Re-thinking India's International Climate Policy," *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte* (Politics and Contemporary History, in German, forthcoming May 2008)

Ongoing Research

- i. "Exploring India's Role in the International Climate Change Order: What Is and Could Be" (draft under review)
- ii. "Reflections on the Indian Judiciary: Its Power, Promise and Reach," in Niraja Gopal Jayal and Pratap Bhanu Mehta (eds), *Oxford Companion to Politics in India* (currently being drafted)
- iii. "The Expansion of International Law and Democratic Legitimation in India" (currently being researched)
- iv. *International Environmental Law in Indian Courts: The Vanishing Line Between Rhetoric and Law*, Book manuscript scheduled to be submitted to Oxford University Press, New Delhi, Spring 2009.

8. During the year under review, **Mr. K C Sivaramakrishnan**, Honorary Research Professor was involved in the following research and allied activities:

Seminars/Conferences attended

- i. Participated in the National Symposium organized by the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy on Fiscal Decentralisation of Local Government in Kochi from 11 to 13 April 2007.
- ii. Participated in the meeting of the Planning Commission's Steering Group on Urban Development on 17 April 2007.
- iii. Participated in the International Conference on Metropolitan Governance in Federal Countries organized by the Forum of Federations in Johannesburg, South Africa from 21 to 25 April 2007.
- iv. Participated in the Technical Advisory Group meeting of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission on 17 May 2007.
- v. Chaired and participated in the first meeting of the Expert Group on Chandigarh MRTS set up by the Government of Chandigarh on 31 May 2007.
- vi. Participated in the Programme of Residency organized by the India-China Institute of the New School University, New York as part of the India-China Fellowship programme. Visited the cities of Shanghai, Hangzhou and Beijing and participated in the meetings and discussions arranged as part of the residency from 6 to 17 June 2007.
- vii. Participated in the India-Burma-South Africa Local Government Forum conference in Delhi from 17 to 19 January 2008 and made a presentation on 17 January 2008 about decentralised governance in Indian cities.
- viii. Attended the World Conference on Cities organized by Porto Alegre in Brazil from 11 to 20 February 2008 and made a presentation on Democracy in Urban India at the conference. He visited Curitiba, Brazil on the 16 and 17 for meetings and discussions with the City authorities.
- ix. Visited Bangalore on 15 March 2008 and met the Governor of Karnataka as part of the Expert team to submit the final report on Governance in the Bangalore Metropolitan Region.

- x. Attended the India China Institute programme of ICI Fellows at the New School University, New York from 24 March to 2 April 2008 and made presentations on Prosperity and Inequality. He visited the Rockefeller Foundation and made a presentation on CPR's work to explore possibilities of Rockefeller Foundation's association with the CPR.

- 9. During the year under review, **Dr. K P Garg**, Consultant, developed Tests in Reasoning, General Awareness, Quantitative Aptitude for written examination on behalf of various public sector organizations, state police organizations and educational institutes and got developed other tests in technical disciplines.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION & DISSEMINATION SERVICES

During the year 2007-08, 210 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 12526 volumes including bound periodicals. The library subscribed to 54- journals and received gratis 40 periodicals. These cover major policy fields of concern to scholars at CPR. In addition to these, 20 daily newspapers are being received in the library.

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. 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 Centre.

1. Broadband speed provided by M/S Bharti Airtel was upgraded to 2 mbps (pure) in order to provide fast internet services to the Centre. Area in and around Library and President's office was made Wi-fi enabled.
2. To support examination and testing work of the ET&PPR Unit, Systems were designed and necessary software was developed for data processing of pre and post examination work of recruitment/admission tests conducted for various posts and categories. In all the Computer Centre handled sixteen projects involving about 2,70,000 candidates and scanned about 1,50,462 reflex sheets.
3. **Hardware and Software purchased**
 - a. For scanning and data capturing of data related to examination work of ET&PPR unit, a new OMR scanner (Model OPSCAN-10) was purchased in lieu of the existing old scanner.
 - b. One Rack with other networking hardware was installed in order to streamline the centre's networking.
 - c. Three Compaq Presario desktop and five note book computers were purchased.
 - d. One Dlink 8 port switch and two Linsys Wi-fi routers were purchased.
 - e. Five Xerox phaser laser printers were purchased.
 - f. Eleven MS Win vista (with one media) and One MS office 2007 (with one media) academic paper licenses were purchased.

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 Centre's computers were carried out as per requirement. The functioning of mailing services was looked after.

RESEARCH AND ADVISORY SERVICES

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

During the year 2007-08, the ET&PPR Unit undertook and completed the following projects:

- i. Assisted State Police Organization and Union Territory Police Organization in their recruitment exercises during the year involving 69693 candidates.
- ii. On behalf of two reputed education institutions, the Unit conducted the Entrance Tests for their Bachelor and PG Courses involving 5697 candidates. The results were finalized and handed over to them.
- iii. On behalf of two different Government Undertaking insurance companies, the Unit conducted the written examinations for recruitment to the officer cadres involving 10622 candidates. The results were finalized and handed over to them.
- iv. Assisted a Government of India organization in their recruitment exercise of executive cadres involving 27532 candidates.

GRANTS

The CPR received the following grants from the ICSSR during the financial year 2007-08 (in lakhs):

1. Recurring grant (Non Plan)	Rs. 32.00
2. Recurring grant (Plan)	Rs. 18.00
3. Additional Grant (Non-Plan) (Non Recurring)	Rs. —

4. Additional Grant (Plan) (Non-Recurring)	Rs. —
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Total:	Rs. 50.00
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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. 309.86 lakhs and the total specific project research expenditure during the year including research project expenditure was Rs. 290.89. The ICSSR recurring grant is 8.71% of CPR's receipts of Rs. 573.63 lakhs during the year.

INSTITUTIONAL AND NON-INSTITUTIONAL DONORS

A number of agencies and Government departments as named below continued their support to the Centre during the year:

List of Project Grantees

1. American Political Science Association, USA
2. Australian National University, Australia
3. CIMMYT
4. DFID India, British High Commission
5. Google.org
6. IKEA Social Initiative, Sweden
7. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
8. JBIC, Japan
9. Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India

10. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Govt. of India
11. UNDP
12. UNICEF
13. World Bank

Tax Exemption for Donations to CPR

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 31 March 2005. For the period beyond 31.3.2005 up to 31.3.2008, CPR has applied for extension of approval through Director of Income Tax (Exemptions) and the same is likely to be received in due course. CPR has also been approved u/s 80G(5) (vi) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 for the period from 1.4.2008 up to 31.3.2011 which entitles the donor 50% tax deduction of the net qualifying amount.

CPR FACULTY AND STAFF

(As on 31 March 2007)

FACULTY

President & Chief Executive

Year of joining

- 1 Pratap Bhanu Mehta
Ph.D.(Princeton University)

August 2004

Professors

- 2 Brahma Chellaney
Ph.D. (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

July 1993

- 3 Bharat Karnad
M.A. (University of California)

April 1996

- 4 Bibek Debroy
M.Sc (Trinity College -
University of Cambridge)

March 2007

Associate Professors

- 5 Nimmi Kurian
Ph.D. (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Research Fellow since October
1996 Associate Professor since
January 2002

- 6 Lavanya Rajamani
D.Phil (University of Oxford)

September 2006

Senior Fellows/Fellows

- 7 Sudha Mahalingam
Ph.D. (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

January 2005

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| 8. | Rajeshwari Raina
Ph.D. (Kerala University) | October 2007 |
| 9. | Baladas Ghoshal
Ph.D. (Jawaharlal Nehru University) | December 2005 |
| 10. | Partha Mukhopadhyay
Ph.D. (New York University) | February 2006 |
| 11. | Shylashri Shankar
Ph.D. (Columbia University, New York) | February 2006 |
| 12. | Syed Iqbal Hasnain
Ph.D | January 2007 |
| 13. | Jishnu Das
Ph.D. (Harvard University) | January 2007 |
| 14. | Ardhendu Sen
Sr. Visiting Fellow | August 2007 |
| 15. | Michael Walton
Sr. Visiting Fellow | September 2007 |

PRS Legislative Research

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| 16. | C.V. Madhukar
Project Director, PRS Legislative Research
MPA (John F. Kennedy School of Govt.,
Harvard University, USA)
MBA, University of Houston, USA;
B.E., Bangalore University | September 2005 |
| 17. | M.R. Madhavan
Senior Fellow & Research Head,
PRS Legislative Research
B.Tech., IIT Madras
PGDM, Fellow, IIM, Calcutta | January 2006 |

Professor Emeritus

18. Charan Wadhva Ph.D (Yale, USA)

September 2005

Honorary Research/Visiting Professors

19. K.C. Sivaramakrishnan, IAS (Retd)
M.A., BL (Law) (Madras)

20. Ramaswamy R. Iyer, IAAS (Retd)
M.A (University of Bombay)

21. Subhash C Kashyap
M.A., LLB., Ph.D. (Allahabad University)

22. Ved Marwah, IPS (Retd)

23. Ajit Mozoomdar, IAS (Retd)
D.Phil (Oxon), Bar-at-Law

24. K R G Nair
Ph. D. (Delhi School of Economics)
University of Delhi

25. V.K. Nayar Lt. Gen. (Retd)
M.Sc. (Defence Studies, University of Madras)

26. R. Rangachari
B.E. (Hons), Anna University

27. B.N. Saxena
M.D (Lucknow University); F.A.M.S.

28. Sanjib Baruah
Ph.D.(University of Chicago)

29. Sanjoy Hazarika
Diploma in Journalism (London School of Journalism)

30. G. Parthasarathy
B.E. (University of Madras)
31. B.G. Verghese
BA (Hons.) (Delhi and Cambridge Universities)
32. Kavita Sharma
Ph.D. (University of Delhi)
33. Kanta Prasad Garg
Consultant Ph.D. (Jamia Milia Islamia)

Chief Librarian and Programme Officer (CL&PO)

34. Kamal Jit Kumar
M.A., M. Lib.Sc
(University of Delhi)

Senior System Analyst and Associate Programme Officer (SSA&APO)

35. Ajay Nayyar
M.Sc., PGD in Computer Science
(Kurukshetra University)

Research Associates

36. Kaushiki Sanyal
Senior Research Associate
Ph.D. (Jawaharlal Nehru University)
37. Chakshu Roy
Analyst
38. Priya Parker
Consultant
39. Omair Ahmad
Senior Analyst
(Up to September 2007)

40. Vinod C.B.
Research Associate
L.L.B (Mahatma Gandhi University)
(Up to November 2007)
41. Mohit Sinha
Research Associate
B.A (Hons.) Delhi University
(Up to July 2007)
42. Anindya Saha
Research Associate
(Up to February 2008)
43. Rohan Mukherjee
Programme & Research Coordinator
44. Sarita Vanka
Analyst
45. Arundhati Maiti
Research Associate
46. Kanhu Charan Pradhan
Research Associate
47. Shikha Bhasin
Research Associate
48. Avinash Celestine
Senior Analyst

Administration, Accounts & Other Services

1. L. Ravi
B.Sc. (Nagarjuna University)
PGDIRPM (Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan)
HDSM (NIIT)
Chief, Administrative Services

2.	Jagmohan Chander B.Sc (University of Agra)	Administrative Officer (Admn. & Public Relations)
3.	Pradeep Khanna B.Com (University of Delhi)	Chief Accounts Officer
4.	Vivek Bhargava B.A. (University of Delhi)	Assistant Administrative Officer
5.	M.C. Bhatt B.Com (Kumaon University)	Accounts Officer
6.	V.K. Tanwar M.Sc. (Kurukshetra University)	Assistant System Analyst and Assistant Programmes (ASA&AP)
7.	Dinesh Chandra	Senior Supervisor
8.	Shiv Charan	Senior Supervisor
9.	Y.G.S. Chauhan Certificate Course in Library Science	Assistant Librarian
10.	Sunil Kumar B.A. (Hons.) (University of Delhi) PGDPR (Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan)	Associate to President
11.	Pramod Kumar Malik B.A. (University of Delhi)	Associate to President
12.	Sonia Bhutani Gulati B.Com (University of Delhi) MDBA (University of Pune) B.LIS (Annamalai University)	Public Relations Associate
13.	Vinod Kumar M.A. (Meerut University)	Deputy Supervisor
14.	Kusum Malik B.Com (University of Delhi)	Administrative Assistant (Project based)

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| 15. | Suman Sablok
B.A. (University of Delhi) | Secretarial Assistant
(Project based)
(Up to December 2007) |
| 16. | Geddham Anand
B.Sc (University of Delhi) | Assistant (Administration)
(Project based)
(Up to August 2007) |
| 17. | Priyanka Belwal | Receptionist-cum-Telephone
Operator
(Up to June 2007) |

Other Secretarial Staff

18. Ram Bahadur
19. Ranjit Singh
20. Ramu Dura
21. Poona Ram



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. to engage the public sphere in policy debates; produce policy briefs to liaise with legislatures; and
6. to create a community of researchers.

* LIST OF ACTIVITIES/SUBJECTS PURSUED

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. Public Services Delivery Policies;
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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