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Preface

The Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE) was established in New Delhi and registered as a Society on 29 January 1999 under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. It is a regional society affiliated to the International Society for Ecological Economics (ISEE). INSEE aims to further the cause of sustainable development by providing a forum for continuous dialogue among scholars, practitioners and policy analysts working at the interface of ecology, economy and society.

The membership base of INSEE has been growing over the years. INSEE has currently 634 members comprising of 618 Life Members, 12 Student Members and 1 Corporate Member.

INSEE is governed by an executive body elected by its members. The term of the Twelfth Executive Committee of the INSEE ended in April 2022 and following successful conduct of the Elections, the Thirteenth Executive Committee (2022-2024) assumed the responsibilities of the Secretariat.

The reporting year was an eventful year for INSEE. One of the major achievement was to renew the Registration under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act. The Society organized a few events, consolidated working of the Secretariat and is working towards successful organization of the Twelfth Biennial Conference. The Annual Report provides a brief summary of events and matter relevant for the Society members.

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Secretary

Executive Committee Members of INSEE (2022-24)

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Handover of Duties from INSEE Executive Committee (2020-2022) to INSEE Executive Committee (2022-24)

Place: Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi

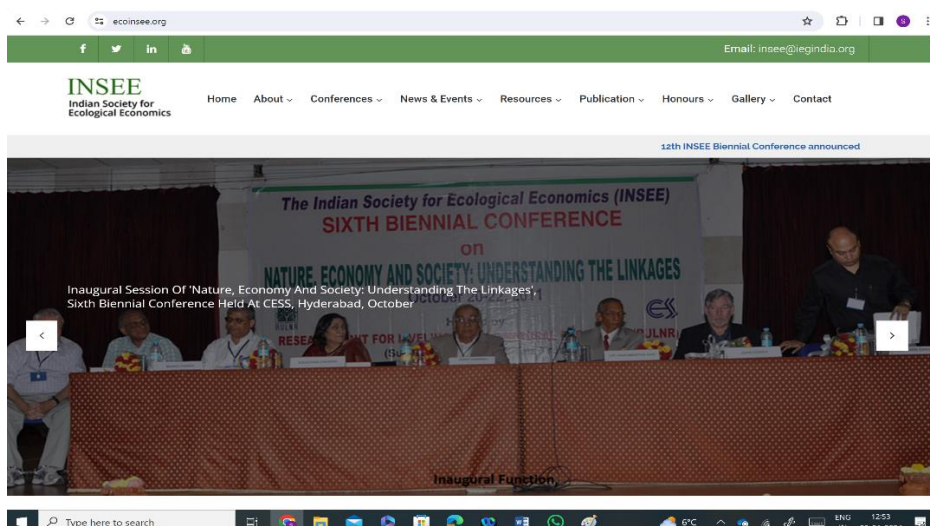
Date: 14th May 2022.

(Left to Right): Amanath Tripathi, Chandra Sekhar Bahinipati, Shyamasree Dasgupta, Manjula Menon, Seema Purushothamam, Shreekant Gupta, Nilanjan Ghosh, Gaurav Arora, Subir Sen, Pradyot Ranjan Jena and Chandan Singha.

Introduction

The year 2022-23 was an eventful year for the Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE). INSEE completed 23 years of its existence as a registered society, and the Thirteenth executive Committee took over the secretariat in May 2022. There were three major activities in the reporting year 2022-23. The first activity was the “ICSSR Sponsored two-week Capacity Building programme on Academic Writing and Publication processes for early career teachers organized along with Jamia Milia Islamia University, Delhi in December 2022. The response was motivating and many INSEE members including former Presidents and executive members acted as key resource persons. The second event was organized with the Society’s first corporate member, Mongabay India on “Environmental Economics for Journalists” in February 2023. The third event was in collaboration with the Orissa Economic Association. A virtual panel discussion on the topic “Climate Change, Agriculture and Western Odisha” Implications for SDGs” witnessed participation of INSEE President, members from the Executive Committee and Life Member of the Society.

The Journal of the Society came out with its new volumes and there were further consolidation of the editorial board. INSEE continued to receive financial support from the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR). The Registration under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act was successfully renewed and the renewed certificate is valid for a period of Five years with effect from 1st April 2023. The society completed the financial audits and the financial support in kind received from esteemed members is placed on record. In this report, we summarize the major and minor activities.



Revamped webpage of the Society

Major Activities

ICSSR Sponsored two-week Capacity Building Programme on Academic Writing and Publication Processes for early career teachers

Venue: Jamia Millia Islami

1-14 December 2022

The CBP was organised by Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia with INSEE and Biodiversity Collaborative as knowledge partners.

Kanchan Chopra, Pranab Mukhopadhyay, Vikram Dayal, Sudha Vasan, Nilanjan Ghosh contributed towards structure, form and contents of the CBP. Vikram Dayal, Nilanjan Ghosh, Shailly Kedia, Deepak Malghan, Pranab Mukhopadhyay, and Nandan Nawn – all INSEE members – served as resource persons. Nandan Nawn also served as the Director. A sum of 08 (Eight) Lakh was sanctioned by the Training and Capacity Building division of Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi (Grant no. F. No: 10-3/GEN/2022-23/TCB).



Group photograph at the end of Inaugural Function; 01.12.2022; PC: JMI

Programme webpage: <https://www.jmi.ac.in/Home/EventDetails/2792>

Some images



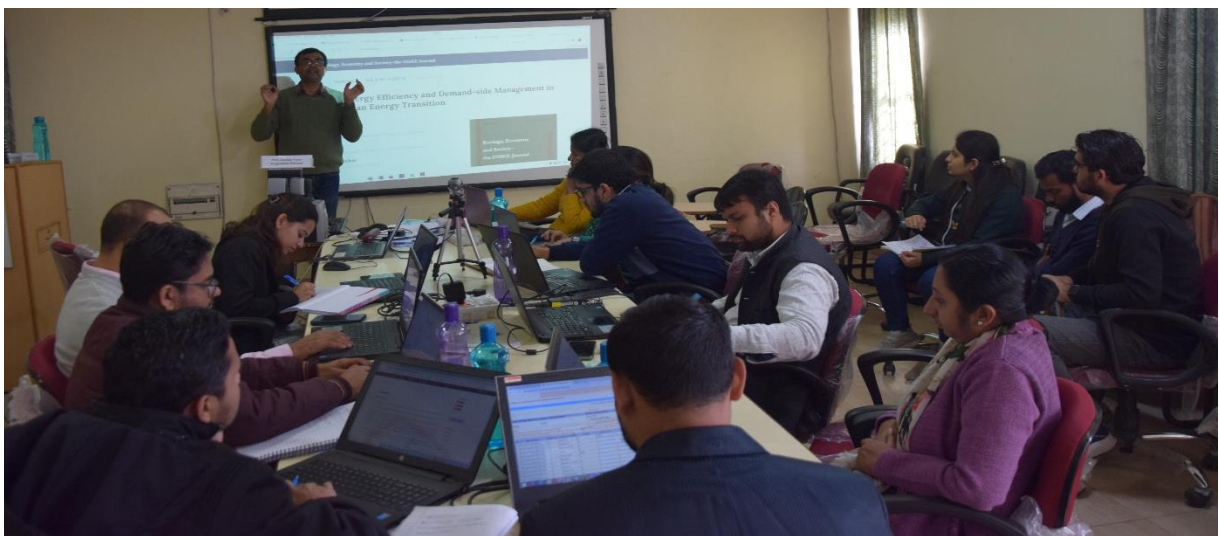
From Left: Pranab Mukhopadhyay (Former President, INSEE and Professor of Economics and Vice-Dean (Research), Goa Business School, Goa University), Asheref Illiyani (Head, Department of Economics, JMI), Savyasaachi (Programme Co-Director and (former) Professor, Department of Sociology, JMI), Najma Akhtar (Vice Chancellor, JMI), Nandan Nawn (Programme Director, and Professor, Department of Economics, JMI, Former Secretary, INSEE and Member, Biodiversity Collaborative), Mohammad Zahid Ashraf (Director (Academics) and Head, Department of Biotechnology, JMI; 01.12.2022; PC: JMI



Session 2.1. Writing components of a Proposal: Research Methods, Data/sources, Tools of Analysis by Pranab Mukhopadhyay; 02.02.2022; PC: Nandan Nawn



Session 3.4. Using RStudio for display items, documents and reproducibility (hands on) by Vikram Dayal; 03.02.2022; PC: Nandan Nawn



Session 7.2. Violation of Publication Ethics and Misconduct, Authorship/ Co-authorship, Complaints & Appeal Provisions by Nandan Nawn. 08.12.2022; PC: Tajamul Rehman Sofi



Session 8.4. Making effective communications during an oral presentation by Nilanjan Ghosh. 09.12.2022; PC: Nandan Nawn



Session 9.3. Revisions and response sheets by Deepak Malghan. 10.12.2022; PC: Nandan Nawn



Session 10.1. How to communicate research beyond the 'academia'? by Shailly Kedia. 11.12.2022; PC: Nandan Nawn

INSEE - Mongabay India Workshop



The poster features a background image of a lush green forest. At the top right, logos for MONGABAY INDIA, INSEE (Indian Society for Ecological Economics), and ICIMOD SANDEE are displayed. The main title 'ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS FOR JOURNALISTS' is in large green letters. Below it, two sessions are listed. Session 1, 'The economics of urban waste management in South Asia', is led by Mani Nepal, Lead Economist at ICIMOD and Program Coordinator at SANDEE. Session 2, 'Economic valuation of ecosystem services', is led by Vikram Dayal (Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi) and Suresh Babu (Dean, School of Human Ecology, Ambedkar University, Delhi). The event is scheduled for 10/02/2023 from 9.30 AM to 5.00 PM. A QR code is provided for registration, with the text 'SCAN TO APPLY' next to it.

Online Event, 10 February 2023

Workshop Description

The first workshop in the series of the INSEE-MONGABAY capacity building on Environmental Economics for Journalists was held on 10th February 2023. The workshop had two technical sessions (i) The Economics of Urban Waste Management in South Asia and (ii) Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services. A total of 54 journalists participated in the workshop. The country-wise spread of the journalists is India - 37, Nepal - 9, Sri Lanka - 4, Bangladesh - 3, based in Norway – 1. For more details on the sessions and the discussions, refer to the workshop report.

Summary of the sessions:

Panelists and participants discussed story ideas and approaches on different topics, ranging from mining to attitudes in Indian newsrooms about environmental economics, tourism, pollution, assessing and approaching authors of studies that journalists look at for a particular story, use of proxy data, etc.


The webinar ended with a request to participants to pitch their story ideas based on environmental economics and to submit their feedback about the webinar. A summary of their feedback responses showed that most of them felt they benefited greatly from the webinar and appreciated the clarity of concepts covered by the panelists.

For more information see: https://india.mongabay.com/2023/01/workshop-environmental-economics-for-journalists/?fbclid=IwAR0vukv2MnSwZrb6u-d_ZsJdH2OG7XFUpRbE09huK_XgCUY7WwND3z7RcaQ

INSEE and OEA Online Panel Discussion


Invitation
Online Panel Discussion

Climate Change, Agriculture and Western Odisha: Implications for SDGs









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Speakers

 <p>Dr. Nilanjan Ghosh <i>President, INSEE</i></p>	 <p>Dr. Pradyot Ranjan Jena <i>NIT, Surathkal</i></p>
 <p>Dr. Bibhu Prasad Nayak <i>TISS, Hyderabad</i></p>	 <p>Professor Arabinda Mishra <i>Chairperson, Development and Environment Futures Trust (DEFT)</i></p>
 <p>Dr. Architesh Panda <i>UNU-EHS, Bonn</i></p>	 <p>Moderator Dr. Chandra Sekhar Bahinipati <i>IIT, Tirupati</i></p>

Chair
Professor Keshab Das
President, OEA





February 18, 2023 (Saturday)
Time 3.00 -5.00 PM

Link to the Meeting: <https://meet.google.com/wta-zizp-fik>

Organisers
Orissa Economics Association
&
Indian Society for Ecological Economics

Recording available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NsOBXwk_Izg

Speakers: 1. Dr. Nilanjan Ghosh, President, INSEE, 2. Prof. Arabinda Mishra, Chairperson, Development and Environment Futures Trust, 3. Dr. Bibhu Prasad Nayak, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad, 4. Dr. Pradyot Ranjan Jena, National Institute of Technology Surathkal, Karnataka, 5. Dr. Architesh Panda, UNU-EHS, Bonn, Germany

Moderator: Dr. Chandra Sekhar Bahinipati, Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, India

Chair: Prof. Keshab Das, President, Odisha Economics Association

Summary:

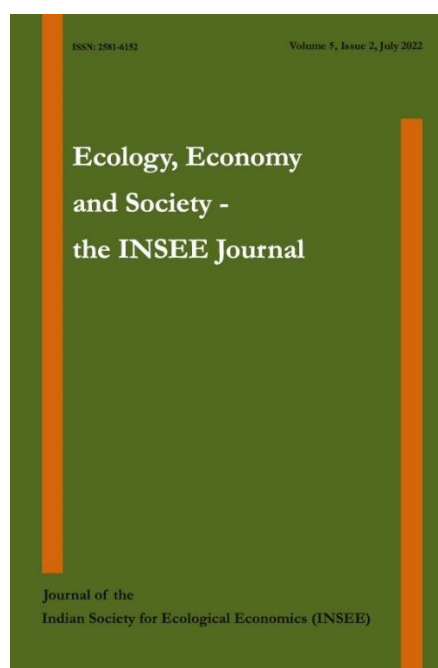
The panel discussion starts with initial remarks by Prof. Das on the nexus between climate change, agriculture, and Odisha's economy. Dr. Bahinipati moderated the panel discussion by introducing each panel member and providing a particular theme for each panel member to elaborate further and discuss.

Dr. Ghosh set the stage by discussing the broader theme of 'climate change, food security, and water security, in the context of different states in India, including Odisha. Following this, Dr. Nayak and Dr. Jena have discussed the impact of climate change on agriculture and also adaptation strategies undertaken by the farmers, particularly in the undivided KBK regions. After this, Dr. Panda highlighted the adoption of crop insurance and its role in mitigating loss and damages from climate variability and extreme events. He has discussed it by bringing evidence from Africa and South Asia. In the end, Prof. Mishra elaborated on the required institutional setup and financial mechanisms to promote adaptation options.

Other Matters

A. Publication of journal

In the year 2022-23, *Ecology, Economy and Society – the INSEE Journal* released two issues, Volume 5 No. 2 on 24th July 2022 and Volume 6 No. 1 on 31st January 2023. The editorial board witnessed new members noteworthy, Prof Pranab Mukhopadhyay (University of Goa, Goa) and Dr. Suresh Babu (Ambedkar University, Delhi) have been appointed as Associate Editors.



Features pertaining to indexation –

- Enlisted under UGC Care List
- Has Scopus Index
- Received the DOAJ seal
- DOI obtained for EES with a license from Crossref
- In the Free Journal Network
- AgEcon Search

B. Executive Committee and General Body Meetings

The following meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Body of INSEE was conducted during 2022-23:

- **The 52nd meeting** of the Executive Committee (EC) of the Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE) was held **in-person on**

Saturday, 14th May 2022 at the Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIITD), New Delhi.

- The 53rd meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of the Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE) was held online **on Sunday, 24th September 2022.**

C. Membership Matters

INSEE had a total of 620 members comprising of 605 Life Members and 15 Student members as on 1st April 2022. The number rose to a total of 634 members comprising of 618 Life Members, 12 Student Members and 1 Corporate Member, Mongabay India.

D. Financial Assistance from ICSSR

The Society has been receiving generous support from the Indian Council for Social Science Research. INSEE received the Grant-in-aid for Maintenance and Development of INSEE for the financial year 2022-23 vide letter No. F.No.13-M-2/2016-17/RSP dated 23rd March 2023. The Society also received ICSSR Annual Grant-in-aid for Publication of the Journal 'Ecology, Economy and Society: The INSEE Journal' for the year 2022-23 vide letter No. F.No.14-J-1/2022-23/PRS dated 23rd March 2023.

E. 12th Biennial Conference Announcement

INSEE International Conference

SDGs and Climate Change: Understanding the Imperatives and Intersections

31 January - 02 February 2024

Concept Note

With the mid-term review of the SDGs approaching in September 2023, it may aptly be stated that the global development paradigm is at a critical crossroad! This review comes at a time when the Covid-19 pandemic and the Ukraine crisis created exogenous shocks for the global economies exposing their vulnerabilities irrespective of their positions in the global development curve, impeding the SDG ambitions.

The force that has emerged as the perennial stressor for the global development ambitions in the forms of the UN SDGs is definitely global warming and climate change. No doubt, Sustainable Development Goals, which have emerged as the cornerstone of global development governance have been impeded by this "global common bad" (as opposed to the good). The G20 under the Indian presidency adequately appreciates that as can be witnessed from various communiqués. All the SDGs need to be achieved while combating forces of global warming and climate change. SDG13 therefore talks of climate action to combat climate change either through mitigation and/or adaptation efforts. Climate change has its ubiquitous impact on all human **endeavors** thereby affecting SDG achievements.

Given this background, the overarching question is: What should be the development trajectory that needs to be followed by nations of the global south to achieve the avowed development ambitions while combating the forces of global warming and climate change? How would the concerns of distributive justice and "just transition" pan out under the conditions of the polycrisis faced by the planet due to the threats of climate change, the pandemic and the Ukraine crisis, all of which are proving inimical for achievement of the SDGs? This is what the 12th Biennial Conference of INSEE intends to address. The Conference papers are envisaged to address some critical issues that will be of interest to the Quadrilateral G20 Presidencies from the global south that got initiated with Indonesia in 2021-22, moved to India in 2022-23, and are then planned to move to Brazil (2024) and finally to South Africa (2025).
