

### **Prof. Shreekant Gupta:**

**Brief Bio:** I am Professor at the Delhi School of Economics (DSE), University of Delhi where I teach masters courses in environment and development, climate change and environmental economics. I have also taught at National University of Singapore, Jawaharlal Nehru University and University of Maryland. I do applied research in various areas of environment including climate change. My research has a strong policy focus and entails collaboration with experts from other areas. I have used both primary and secondary data in my research. For example, my work on poverty and environmental degradation entailed extensive fieldwork in Jhabua district of Madhya Pradesh across 60 villages and 550 households. In that project I also collaborated with natural resource scientists such as remote sensing experts. In recent years I have been working on the impacts of climate change. I have also been closely associated with IPCC as an author in the Fifth Assessment Report (2014) and the forthcoming Sixth Assessment Report. I received my PhD in Economics from the University of Maryland. I was Fulbright Fellow at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Shastri Fellow at Queen's University, Canada.

**Contribution to INSEE Activities:** I have two immediate goals if I am given the opportunity to serve as INSEE President: (i) to make the INSEE journal financially self-sustaining within a period of one year, and (ii) to secure funding for the INSEE biennial conference for the next 2- 3 conferences.

### **Dr. Gaurav Arora**

**Brief Bio:** Gaurav Arora is an applied microeconomist with specialization in natural resource economics, agricultural economics, applied econometrics and remote sensing. As an empiricist, he enjoys developing and applying econometric models to tease out causal mechanisms that are rooted in the microeconomic theory for decision problems at the intersection of agricultural production and natural resource management. He is a recipient of the Faculty Research Fellowship (2020-2022) at IIIT-Delhi; the James R. Prescott scholarship (2016) for outstanding creativity in research at Iowa State University (ISU); and the Earl O. Heady Fellowship (2012) for academic excellence at ISU. Prior to obtaining his PhD in Economics from ISU, he completed M.S. in Agricultural and Resource Economics from the University of Arizona, and Bachelor of Technology in Environmental Engineering from Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad (now called as IIT(ISM) Dhanbad).

**Contribution to INSEE Activities:** As an INSEE Executive Committee member, Gaurav will be keenly interested in contributing to the society's objective of fostering interdisciplinary research between social sciences and earth sciences, and among the earth sciences specifically remote sensing, GIS and paleoclimate research. To further this objective, he would be willing to organize reading groups, workshops and/or talk-series where scholars interested in the problems related to natural resources, ecology, and environment can connect, discuss their research and share ideas. Besides that, he will also help in the organisation of INSEE's biennial conference on Ecological Economics.

## **Dr. Subir Sen**

**Brief Bio:** Subir Sen is Assistant professor in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee. He obtained his PhD from the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore with fellowship under the “Reserve Bank Scheme of Endowment of Professorial Chairs and Research Fellowship”. His research areas are Economics of risk and uncertainty, Insurance economics, and Economics of climate change and natural disasters. He worked at TERI University, New Delhi and Madras School of Economics, Chennai before joining IIT Roorkee. He received several awards such as First Prize under Japanese Outstanding Research on Development (ORD) from Global Development Network (GDN) in 2015 and subsidy for thesis from the Association Internationale pour l’Etude de l’Economie de l’ Assurance (the Geneva Association). He contributed to sponsored research by the Govt. and International agencies like Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, IRDAI, SANEI, and IFC, World Bank Group. He presented his research in different national and international conferences and has few publications to his credit. Currently, he is also a Member of the Board of Governors, Asia Pacific Risk and Insurance Association (APRIA).

### **Contribution to INSEE Activities:**

The first and foremost contribution the I plan is to organise a series of events at IIT Roorkee under the INSEE banner and utilising the academic resources in the Society. Such events could be research proposal writing workshop in the area of environmental economics to organising training workshops for economists in general with interest in environment, ecology and climate at large. I also wish to organise the Biennial Conference here at IIT Roorkee. The second contribution would be to expand the outreach of the society working closely with the other elected members. The third contribution would be to execute the assigned duties by the executive committee.

## **Dr. Tapas Kumar Sarangi**

**Brief Bio:** I am professionally an economist, having specialization in Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics, at present working as an ‘Assistant Director’ at National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development (NILERD), Delhi, an Autonomous Institution under NITI Aayog, Government of India. I have earlier worked with various organizations like Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), Delhi, Research Unit for Livelihoods and Natural Resources (RULNR) at Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad. NABARD’s Bankers Institute of Rural Development (BIRD), Lucknow and Xavier Institute of Management (XIM), Bhubaneswar. I served as an EC member cum Treasurer of INSEE for the period 2018-20.

**Contribution to INSEE activities:** Being a Life member of INSEE since last ten years and as EC member cum Treasurer of INSEE for past two years, I have been closely associated with INSEE activities. If elected as an EC member again, I can continue my contribution by attracting more young researchers and students to become life member of INSEE. Having experience of the financial position and accounting matters of the INSEE, I can work further for the better management and utilization of INSEE funds as well as can work for the fund raising from various agencies.

## **Dr. Anitha V**

**Brief Bio:** Anitha V, is currently working as Professor and Head, Department of Economics, the University of Kerala interested in alternative economic solutions to environmental issues. Done PhD on the topic "Medical Pluralism in Kerala: A Socio-economic Analysis of Rural-Urban Variations" from MG University, Kerala. She is teaching Environmental Economics, Health Economics at PG level as well as research guide at the University. She presented a number of papers in national and international conferences and also published articles in reputed journals. The project titled "Household Drinking Water and Sanitation in Urban Kerala" is going on with the financial support of ICSSR-IMPRESS scheme.

**Contribution to INSEE activities:** If I am elected, I will work according to the bylaws of INSEE. I have co-ordinated one International Conference and two National Conference under the area of Environmental Economics. Besides a lot of other National Programmes are organised. I am sure I can contribute to INSEE.

### **Dr. Aparna Sawhney**

**Brief Bio:** Aparna Sawhney is a Professor of Economics at the Centre for International Trade and Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University. Her research areas include International Trade; Renewable Energy, Environmental Goods and Services, Sustainable Development. She served as the Chairperson of the Centre during 2015-2017. Earlier she was faculty at the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore. She has also served as Member of the Advisory Committee on Trade and Environment Issues, Ministry of Commerce and Industry; and as External Expert in the Consultative Committee on Trade and Environment, Ministry of Environment and Forest; and consultant for the World Bank, UNCTAD, ICTSD, ICRIER, and TERI.

**Contribution to INSEE activities:** I have been supportive of INSEE since I became a member. Indeed, when the Managing Editor of *Ecology, Economy and Society—the INSEE Journal* reached out to me for support in March 2019 for its inclusion in the UGC CARE list, I applied for it through the Internal Quality Assurance Cell at Jawaharlal Nehru University. The recommendation ensured that our journal was listed in the UGC CARE list by June 2019. As an EC member I intend to be support more actively, and serve as Co-Coordinator of INSEE's Biennial Conference.

### **Ms. Brototi Roy**

**Brief Bio:** I am a PhD student at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain focusing on environmental justice movements against coal in India. I am also a part of the Barcelona based think-tank *Research&Degrowth* which focuses on scholar and activist work around socio-ecological justice and equity. In the past I have been responsible for the social media dissemination of INSEE on Facebook and Twitter, as part of the executive committee member of INSEE for two terms- 2016-2018 and 2018-2020.

**Contribution to INSEE activities:** I would like to continue with this role, focusing on making these social media platforms more interactive, where members can write about their latest research or anecdotes on the history of INSEE, conference stories etc. I would also encourage more young researchers from different disciplines to get involved with INSEE. Since I am currently based in Barcelona, I would also be interested to push for stronger alliances with the European Society for Ecological Economics and the International Society for Ecological Economics.

### **Dr. Prajna Paramita Mishra**

**Brief Bio:** Prajna Paramita Mishra is Assistant Professor in the School of Economics of University of Hyderabad. Before joining UoH she has worked as Assistant Professor in CESS, Hyderabad. Her research area is Environmental and Natural Resource Economics. Her earlier research has concentrated in the areas of mining and economic valuation. Currently she is undertaking a research on urban sanitation funded by ICSSR and ESRC. She has supervised 4 Ph.D and 12 M.Phil students. She has published her research in journals like Environment and Development Economics, Environmental Science and Pollution Research, Benchmarking an International Journal and India Growth and Development Review.

**Contribution to INSEE activities:** I have ten years of teaching and research experience in the area of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics. I will try to strengthen the core activities of INSEE, i.e. training programmes and workshops for young scholars and researchers. I will try to raise funds to organise workshops. I will plan to target college teachers and lecturers in the South to improve quality of teaching and training in Environmental Economics in college and state universities. I will work towards improving the visibility of INSEE Journal and invite subscriptions and submission of paper for the journal in various ways.

### **Dr. Lavanya Suresh**

**Brief Bio:** Dr Lavanya Suresh is an Assistant Professor at BITS-Pilani, Hyderabad campus. Her areas of research interest are political ecology, decentralisation and public administration. Her work has been published in journals of repute like the Economic & Political Weekly, South Asia Research among others. Her most recent publication is a book titled “Decentralised Democracy: Gandhi’s Vision and Indian Reality” co-authored with Prof. M.V. Nadkarni and N. Sivanna published by Routledge in 2018. She has a PhD in Political Science from the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC). Before working at BITS, she was an Assistant Professor at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Hyderabad.

**Contribution to INSEE activities:** I want to contribute to furthering INSEE’s aims to providing a forum for continuous dialogue among scholars, practitioners and policy analysts working at the interface of the economy, society and the ecosystem. Contributing to help organise the bi-annual conference would be one task I would like to assist in. My experience in being part of the local organising committee for the Hyderabad conference will hold me in good stead here. I would also like to try to help get young blood into the group by actively recruiting PhD scholars working on environmental issues. I would also be eager to help in organising outreach activities, like lectures and workshops outside of the Bi-annual conference to help the group get more exposure. I would also like to facilitate the writing of joint panel proposals for international conferences, like the IASC, that will help members work together on areas of common research interest.

### **Dr. Dhaval Nagendhi**

**Brief Bio:** Dhaval Negandhi is an Ecological Economist with The Nature Conservancy's India programme and supports all programme teams in conducting economic analyses for conservation projects. In addition, his research interests and work at the science-practice interface include landscape-level conservation planning through development of new tools, methods and techniques to identify win-win solutions for conservation and human development. An alumnus of the Indian Institute of Forest Management, Dhaval also worked with the Institute on issues related to ecosystem services, conservation finance and natural capital at the science-policy interface.

**Contribution to INSEE activities:** I propose to focus on two major kinds of activities if elected as a member of the Executive Committee of Indian Society for Ecological Economics, apart from supporting various coordination activities. These include: Training and capacity building of young researchers, as well as researchers in disciplines with high relevance for incorporating principles of ecological economics; these will be through webinars as well as in-person workshops; Training and capacity building within major conservation and development NGOs working in India – I believe that the rich science that is generated needs to be translated and put into practice through these organizations in addition to policy which is often the focus

### **Dr. Indrani Roy Chowdry**

**Brief Bio:** Dr. Indrani Roy Chowdhury is currently an *Associate Professor (Economics)*, at the Centre for the Study of Regional Development (CSR/D), School of Social Science (SSS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). Her areas of specializations are Environmental Economics, Health Economics and Applied Game Theory. She has recently worked on the health impact of the air pollution in the coal mining region. Currently she is involved in ICSSR/IMPRESS project on transhumance pastoralism in Himachal Pradesh. She is also involved with multiple projects related to Economics of Cancer. She has earned her publications in various peer reviewed international and national journals (like International Journal of Industrial Organization, Journal of Economic Policy Reforms, Bulletin of Economic Research, Economics Bulletin, Indian Growth and Development Review, International Game theory Review, Indian Economic Review, Ecology, Economy and Society etc.). She did her Ph.D. in Environmental Economics, from the Centre for International Trade and Development (CITD), School of International Studies (SIS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and MPhil in Economics from Jadavpur University. She is also involved in teaching and supervising PhD/MPhil students in the fields of Environmental Economics, Health Economics, Quantitative Economics and she has designed and introduced courses for Health economics and Environmental Economics for the MPhil /PhD course work.

**Contribution to INSEE activities:** I propose to contribute to the INSEE activities as follows: Capacity Building in the field of Environmental, Ecological and Natural Resource Economics: Interested in conducting workshops for the University and college students, researchers, faculties and policy makers, with an objectives of capacity building and sharing technical expertise, which may cover theoretical concepts, methodological issues including some frontier areas in these fields; Dissemination of knowledge and interdisciplinarity in the domain of Ecology and Environment in the wider discourse, debates, policies, participation and training involving diversified stakeholders, like policy makers, civil societies, school education etc; Provide assistance in the organization of INSEE Biennial Conference and pre conference

workshops; Provide assistance at any capacity towards the management of INSEE Journal (Ecology, Economy and Society); Participate in the academic dialogues and national and international collaborations for upholding the challenges of South Asian regional environmental, ecological aspects; Promote the interdisciplinarity and convergence in the approaches of Social sciences and Natural Sciences in the management of natural resources and environment