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At the fifth Annual Meeting of the Monitoring Committee held in Pondicherry on 11th October 2002, the report on the academic activities of the various departments of the two French Research Institutes in India were presented and reviewed. It was also an occasion to look back, as both the President of the Monitoring Committee, Dr. Jacques Pouchepadass as well as the Ambassador, M. Bernard de Montferland, spoke of an imminent reform and restructuring of the existing mechanisms to assess the quality and relevance of the academic output of French Research Institutes world-wide.

Three distinctive features emerged from the day-long exercise that enabled Indian academicians to interact with their French counterparts in an atmosphere of cordiality and honest self-appraisal. First, it was abundantly clear that the Institutes had made enormous strides in the areas of visibility and networking over the past few years. The volume of scientific work produced was impressive, both in terms of quality as well as relevance. Second, the trend towards inducting Indian scholars, already in evidence at the IFP, was further strengthened at the CSH. This, however, drew attention to a somewhat worrisome trend: that of a serious depletion in the ranks of French scholars in the field of Indian studies. Finally, the importance of the European dimension was easily discernible in the collaborative research being proposed and in progress.

The review also threw up a number of suggestions for further exploration such as the emerging big power status of India, its perspectives on globalisation and its constitutional framework for political integration, in the context of the European Constitution under way. In the identification of new areas of concern and possible thrusts for further research activity, water resource management and climatic change were among the most prominent. A plea was made for more comparative perspectives in studies on economic reforms, notably on privatisation and decentralisation.

As the meeting drew to a close, it became apparent that many changes were in the offing: Dr. Denis Depommier was all set to return to France and Dr. Frederic Grare too was nearing the end of his tenure. Both can look back with satisfaction at the strides made by the respective institutes under their stewardship. The Indian scientific community will remember the impetus they gave to Indo-French academic collaboration. We wish them Godspeed in their new assignments, and au revoir.

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& Member of the Monitoring Committee

FOCUS

All of us experienced the event of nations coming closer to one another in the last few decades on account of several factors. This is one of the greatest achievements of the recent past. India conveyed its greater message several centuries earlier by declaring 'vasudhavakutumbakam' which means that the entire globe is nothing but one family. This is a paradigm shift from globalisation of trade and technology to globalisation of social and human relationships. India and France maintained their friendly relations in the past and will continue to do so in the future. This will work to the advantage of both the nations. Closer relationships and establishing the idea of a global family is not achievable merely on account of making trade, economic and defense collaborations. There is a need to touch the inner realms of both the nations by making collaboration of ideas, thoughts and principles of life. In my point of view, the IFP and CSH are contributing richly towards the achievement of greater goals of uniting the two nations through a second variety of collaboration. The work done by these institutes in the past through their departments of Indology speaks volumes about the commitment. The projects undertaken by the department of Indology at IFP reveal many secrets of life in India through their publications over the past few decades. There is a need to continue and strengthen the department of Indology as

ideas and thoughts are the core elements of civilisational progress. India and France cannot afford to ignore their mutual efforts in collaborating their ideas and thoughts based on their rich and vast literary wealth acquired by greater sacrifices of their thinkers.

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RESEARCH

▷ INDIA-CHINA RIVALRY THROUGH BURMA/MYANMAR: BURMA AND THE INDIAN NORTH-EAST IN INDIA'S CHINESE POLICY

The aim of this Ph.D project is thus to analyse the foreseeable strategic competition between India and China in Burma and the North East of India and to consider the options India could have at its disposal to contain Beijing's military and economic strategy in Myanmar and in the Bay of Bengal and to secure its eastern flank. It will examine New Delhi's policy towards this area. The strategic location of Burma is specific interest for India's security concerns. Since the Coup d'Etat of 1988 in Rangoon, the new Burmese military junta become an almost all-weather ally of Beijing.

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▷ AIDS EPIDEMIC IN INDIA : FROM INDUSTRIAL POLICY LOGIC TO HEALTH POLICY LOGIC.

This project, initiated by the Agence Nationale de Recherche sur le Sida (ANRS), Ensemble Contre le Sida, and the Centre d'Economie de l'Université Paris Nord (CEPN), focuses in part on the achievement of generic producers in developing countries such as Brazil, Thailand and India. This study is conducted at the CSH with the support of the French Embassy to enlighten the performance of the generic industry in India in the field of ARV production. On this occasion, the study will analyse whether the possibilities offered by the pharmaceutical industry are exploited to deal with the concentrated epidemic in India. Finally, the impact of TRIPS agreement on the future course of pharmaceutical industry and on the address of Aids epidemic will be questioned.

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▷ MICRO - FINANCE IN SOUTH INDIA

The study of microfinance and local finance in South India means the study of financial organisations providing savings, loans and insurance services. These institutions have emerged from the initiatives of: 1) local actors (particularly in the framework of non-governmental organisations and in certain cases territorial communities), 2) impulsive action taken by ministers at a national level and duplicated among different populations and target areas, 3) and organisations of cooperation focussing on bilateral and multilateral development (like the World Bank, International Labour Organisation, etc.).

The project aims at understanding the functioning and the stakes of these close financial institutions, as also the role that their beneficiaries would like it to play with regard to personal and collective strategies. This implies a very large approach between the relationship of the populations with finance and money, and the networking of social relationship through a system of debts and acts of payment that accompany what is usually called economic transactions

One of the issues of this research project is to better understand the bonded labour in debt and how microfinance can tackle it. Besides the analyses of the financial behaviour of the South Indian people, the study deals with appreciating the impact of the local dynamics that micro-finance supposes and induces.

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▷ MALLINATHA: AS A CRITIC

The present research is an attempt to collect and interpret the informative sources and literary interpretations of Mallinatha and to evaluate his analysis of the poems as a critic. Casually it may cover other commentators on the poems, above both in extent and literary criticism to evaluate the real contribution of Mallinatha. The authentic monograph when ready will serve as background of Indian literary criticism in general and Sanskrit in particular.

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▷ IMPACT OF PARTICIPATORY FORESTRY EXPERIMENT IN INDIA

India resorted to participatory forestry Joint Forest Management (JFM) during June 1990 providing legal and institutional structure for local people to protect forests along with Forest Department and share a portion of the profits. Since then tremendous progress was made initiating over 63,000 Forest Protection Committees covering an area of over 15 million ha, constituting nearly 60% of the open forests. The forests in JFM are found to be regenerating profusely, particularly in Orissa and West Bengal. Apart from improvement in the regeneration, standing biomass has also improved in most forests. JFM has made a presence in the country and has spread to 27 states.

To spread the concept effectively, the Government needs to adopt an efficient strategy that involves less investment, as external support is declining.

A major criticism of JFM is inadequate participation of forest dependent community. The evaluation reports have shown a huge potential of generating employment in the JFM programme to reduce seasonal migration of landless labour. Adequate measures to improve their participation and means to improve their livelihood would give them a reason to help in the cause. There is a need to undertake intensive analysis to develop an implementation strategy to enhance the participation of rural poor and generating rural employment to make JFM a success.

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Recent epigraphical discoveries made by **G. VIJAYAVENUGOPAL** (EFEO) include: a group of Chola-period Jaina inscriptions in Kuvanur, Tirukkoyilur Taluk, Villupuram District. (reported in *The Hindu*, 10th September 2002); two inscribed bronzes in Pondicherry Museum (reported in *Dinamalar* in October 2002); and a Kulottunga inscription in Patur, Ulundurpet Taluk, Villupuram District, 17th November 2002.



ORGANISATION OF SEMINARS/ CONFERENCES / EXHIBITIONS / WORKSHOPS...

16th December 2002 Workshop on "Water Management and Conservation in the National Capital Region of Delhi: Conditions and Means to Enhance their Overall Quality," organised by CSH at IIC.

19th September 2002 Conference « *School Management and the Quality of Teaching: A field Study in Rural Madhya Pradesh* » by M. François Leclercq, Researcher, CSH, co-organised by CSH and IIC at IIC.

16th and 17th October 2002 Seminar « *India, the European Union and the WTO* » co-organised by the Delegation of the European Commission, Fundacio Orient, the European Studies Programme at JNU, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and CSH, in the School of International Studies at JNU.

19th October 2002 Conference « *China's Integration in the World Economy: An International Comparison* » by Mrs Françoise Lemoine, Economist, Centre d'études prospectives et d'informations internationales, Paris, co-organised by IIC, CSH and IIC.

26th October 2002 Conference « *The Rise of the Lower Castes in North Indian Politics* » by M. Christophe Jaffrelot, Director, CERI, organised by CSH at their Auditorium.

13th November 2002 Seminar « *Secularism and Tolerance in India and France* » co-organised by ICSSR, IIC and CSH at IIC.

20th November 2002 Conference « *Good Governance - the Magic Recipe for Development with reference to Asia and Africa* » by M. Gilbert Etienne, Emeritus Professor, Institut des Etudes Internationales et Développement, Geneva, co-organised by Institut de Croissance Economique (IEG), CSH and IEG.

21st November 2002 Conference « *Islamic Militancy in India and France* » by M. Jean-Luc Marret, Researcher, Fondation de Recherches Stratégiques, Paris, co-organised by IIC, CSH and IIC.

21st November 2002 Conference « *Some Recent Trends of China's Economy with Reference to India* », by Prof. Gilbert Etienne, Emeritus Professor, Institut des Etudes Internationales et Développement, Geneva, co-organised by the School of Social Sciences (SSS), JNU.

21st and 22nd November 2002 Seminar « *India, Europe and the Changing Dimensions of Security* » co-organised by the Delegation of the European Commission, Fundacio Orient, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, India International Centre, the European Studies Programme' of JNU, CSH and IIC.

22nd November 2002 Conference « *Agriculture: The Forgotten Sister in Asia* » by Prof. Gilbert Etienne, Emeritus Professor Institut des Etudes Internationales et Développement, Geneva, co-organised by the School of Social Sciences (SSS), JNU.

17th December 2002 Seminar « *Water Management* » co-organised by IIC and CSH at IIC.

19th & 20th December 2002 Seminar « *Globalisation of*

firms: China, India and Russia » co-organised by IIC, CSH at IIC.

K. ANUPAMA, S. ARAVAJY, S. PRASAD (IFP) 'Temporal variations in diversity – comparison of pollen assemblages from surface samples with plant abundances from the hills of the Eastern Ghats, South India' paper presented at the National Conference on Biodiversity – Past & Present, Palaeobotanical Society, Lucknow, 28th – 29th November.

P. CURMI (IFP) participated to the Indo-French Cell for Water Sciences (IFCWS) annual Joint Committee at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, 18th October.

N. DEJENNE (IFP) attended the third 'Dubrovnik International Conference on the Sanskrit Epics and Puranas' in Dubrovnik (Croatia), 2nd-7th September.

D. DEPOMMIER, C. PLAZA, S. COLLIN, H. ISSOUFALLY (IFP): 'The multiple uses of mangroves of the Godavari delta (India) and Rekawa lagoon (Sri Lanka): traditional ecological knowledge and importance of wood supply and exploitation by the local communities' paper presented at the International Workshop on the 'Assessment of mangrove degradation and resilience in the Indian subcontinent: the cases of Godavari estuary and southwest Sri Lanka', IFP, 21st – 25th October.

D. DEPOMMIER, S. V. PATIL, P. GRARD (IFP) 'Traditional ecological knowledge, management and socio-economic importance of multipurpose trees in Tamil Nadu: the IFP database, a comprehensive diagnosis tool to design adoptable agroforestry technologies and promote sustainable actions in social forestry' paper presented at the National Workshop on Agroforestry – Prospects and Challenges, Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (ICRFRE), Coimbatore, 22nd November.

B. DE SOLAN, D. LO SEEN, B. SATYANARAYANA, A.V. RAMAN, S. GUÉRITTE (IFP): 'Remote sensing and changes during last two decades' paper presented at the International Workshop on the 'Assessment of mangrove degradation and resilience in the Indian subcontinent: the cases of Godavari estuary and southwest Sri Lanka', IFP, 21st – 25th October.

B. DE SOLAN, G. MUTHUSANKAR, D. LO SEEN, B. THIERRY, A.V. RAMAN, B. SATYANARAYANA (IFP): 'GIS & evolution over historical time scale' paper presented at the International Workshop on the 'Assessment of mangrove degradation and resilience in the Indian subcontinent: the cases of Godavari estuary and southwest Sri Lanka', IFP, 21st – 25th October.

T. GANESAN (IFP): 'Development of Concepts: Medieval Saivasiddhanta', at the seminar on "The Contributions of Tamils to Philosophy, Religion, Culture and Science" organized by the University of Madras and Centre for Studies in Civilizations, New Delhi, 8th October.

T. GANESAN (IFP): 'Agamas and the Saivasiddhanta Teacher', at the Dharmapuram Mutt, Mayiladuthurai, 15th October.

P. GRARD (IFP) participated in the World Summit development at Johannesburg as part of French delegation to present the activities of IFP in the area of Capacity building in Taxonomy, 26th August – 4th September.

P. GRARD, B.R. RAMESH, J.-P. PASCAL (IFP) 'Computer aided identification for Capacity building. An application on trees of Western Ghats (India)', paper presented at the XII Annual Conference on Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy & National Seminar on Plant Taxonomy in Nation Development, Dept. of Botany, University of Goa, 26th – 27th September.

K.S. MURALI (IFP) participated as a resource person in the training programme of Ecological and Economics Research Network, at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, 12th – 15th September.

K.S. MURALI (IFP) "JFM and forest conservation" and "NTFP harvest, livelihoods and forest conservation" papers presented at the Salim Ali School of Ecology and Environment, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, 8th November.

K.S. MURALI (IFP) participated as a resource person in JFM national workshop on monitoring and evaluation of JFM in India and a training programme for Ecological and Economics Research Network, at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, 19th – 22nd November.

S.P. NARANG (IFP): 'Scientific Manuscripts in Sanskrit', at the workshop on Scrutiny of Scientific Manuscripts in Sanskrit, organized by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, at Chennai, 30th September.

V.N.K. PANDURANGI (IFP): 'Dvitiyarthavichar', at the Sadas organized by Pejavar Math Bangalore, 23rd - 24th

September.

S.V. PATIL, D. DEPOMMIER (IFP) 'Sericulture practice through agroforestry systems and their role in conservation of environment' paper presented at the National Workshop on Agroforestry – Prospects and Challenges, Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (ICRFRE), Coimbatore, 22nd November.

J. PROSPERI, B.R. RAMESH, P. GRARD, D. DEPOMMIER (IFP): 'Mangrove species identification software' paper presented at 'Assessment of mangrove degradation and resilience in the Indian subcontinent: the cases of Godavari estuary and southwest Sri Lanka', IFP, 21st – 25th October.

B.R. RAMESH, P. GRARD (IFP) 'Computer aided identification for capacity building. An application on trees of Western Ghats' poster presented at Global Taxonomy Institute, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 10th – 17th September.

V. SRIVATSANKACARYA (IFP): 'Abhitanvayavadah – Anvitanvayavadah', at Sri Poornaprajna Vidyapeetha, Bangalore, 23rd – 24th September; 'Sphota-dhvanit' and 'Sahityasastram vyakaranasastrana nibidasambaddham' at Tirupati Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, 9th October; 'Vedavedanga and Darsanas' at Tirupati Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, 16th October.

D. VERDIN, D. LO SEEN, G. MUTHUSANKAR (IFP): 'Land use / land cover mapping with emphasis on aquaculture ponds' paper presented at the International Workshop on the 'Assessment of mangrove degradation and resilience in the Indian subcontinent: the cases of Godavari estuary and southwest Sri Lanka', IFP, 21st – 25th October.

S.L.P. ANJANEYA SARMA (EFEO): Discourse on 'Janikartuh prakrtih', Sri Ganapati Vakarthava Vidvat Maha Sabha, Sringeri, 14th-22nd September 2002.

S.L.P. ANJANEYA SARMA (EFEO): Discourse on 'Samjnāmurtikīyadhikaranam (Brahmasutra Bhāṣya 2.4.9)', Vakarthava Vidvat Maha Sabha, Mathurapuri Ashram, Padappai, Kanchipuram, 1st-3rd November 2002.

S.L.P. ANJANEYA SARMA (EFEO): Lecture on 'Sabdasaktimuladhvani', Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati, 9th November 2002.

S.L.P. ANJANEYA SARMA (EFEO): Discourse on the Paninisutra 'karmavat karmana tulyakriyah', Srisubrahmanyavakarthava Sabha, Pune, 14th November 2002.

TV. GOPAL IYER (EFEO): 'References in Tamil literature ranging between 3rd Century B.C. and 5th Century A.D. about astronomy', Seminar on Astronomy in Anna University, Chennai, 23rd November 2002.

F. GRIMAL (EFEO): 'The *Kavyadarpana* by Rajacudamani Dikshita'. Series of lectures delivered at the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris, November-December 2002.

N. ROUT (EFEO): 'An Announcement of the forthcoming Edition of the *Siddhantadipika* of Madhyarjuna', All India Oriental Conference (AIOC), 41st session, Sri Jagannath Sanskrit Visvavidyalaya, Srivihar, Puri, Orissa, 9th-11th December 2002.

V. VENKATARAJA SARMA (EFEO): 'A Comparative Study of the Prakriyasarvasvam of Melpattur Narayana Bhattathiri and the Siddhantakumudi of Bhattotij Dikshita', Ganapati Shatri Memorial Lecture, Oriental Research Institute and Manuscripts Library, University of Kerala, Trivandrum, December 2002.

V. VENKATARAJA SARMA (EFEO): attended the 'Vakarthava Sadas' at the Government Sanskrit College, Tripunithura, 26th-29th December 2002.

G. VIJAYAVENUGOPAL (EFEO): 'New Jaina Inscriptions at Kuvanur', lecture delivered at the Tamilnadu Jains Association, Wandiwash, 22nd September 2002.

G. VIJAYAVENUGOPAL (EFEO): delivered a paper entitled 'An inscribed hero stone in Naunatu' and presided over the panel 'Hero-Stones of Thondai Mandalam' at the '3rd Conference on the History of Thondai Mandalam', which was jointly organised by the Tamil Nadu Archaeological Research Centre and the Pondicherry Historical Society in Pondicherry on 29th September 2002.

PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS / CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS...

E. BON presented paper 'Crafting a Common Patrimony out of the Trans-appropriative nature of Water Resources' at The International Seminar on Water Management, co-organised by IIC & CSH on 17th December, New Delhi.

He attended a workshop 'Yamuna Water Management

and Conservation in its Natural and Human Milieu in the Delhi Capital Region : Means and Conditions' at the IIC. 18th December, New Delhi.

J. RUET participated in the 17th European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies, Heidelberg, 9th-14th September. He presented the paper 'Planning of Indian Mega-cities; Issues, the public, and a pinch of civil society.' 6th annual Conference of the International Society for New Institutional Economics, Boston, 27th-29th September. He presented the paper 'Organisational bottlenecks to privatisation of public utilities: power and urban water in India.'

International conference on Electricity Regulation, TERI, New Delhi, 18th-19th October. Topic of the session: 'Regulatory frameworks and restructuring of the electricity sector.'

Third meeting of the Indo-French working group on Energy, New Delhi, 14th November.

Round table on power sector reforms - liberalisation and deregulation, New Delhi, 15th November, organised by the Ministry of Power, India, and the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Industry, France.

He organised a seminar on water and sanitation management issues, New Delhi, 17th December.

He organised a seminar on globalisation of firms: China, India, Russia, New Delhi 19th-20th December.

S. SINGH September 14th, 2002 Presented a paper on "China connection of India's Kashmir Problem", at National Seminar on 'Kashmir Imbroglio: A Quest for an Equitable Solution' organised by Association of Peoples

of Asia at India International Centre, New Delhi.

September 20th, 2002 Delivered a lecture on "China as the rising power and India", to the participants of Orientation Course of Academic Staff College, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

October 23rd-26th, 2002 Presented a paper on "Retrospectives on 1962: India-China war and India's U-turn on Kashmir" at 6th Conference of India Congress of Asia-Pacific Studies held at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, (Uttar Pradesh, India).

October 30th, 2002 Made an opening presentation on "China as an emerging power and its role in a multi-polar world with special reference to South Asia" at a one-day brainstorming meet on debating China held at Army Headquarters (Perspective Planning), Sena Bhawan, New Delhi.

November 9th, 2002 Made a presentation on "Chinese perspectives on Tibet" in a Panel Discussion on 'Changing Face of Tibet' organised by Tibet Study Group at India International Centre, New Delhi.

November 28th-30th, 2002 Presented a paper on "National Security and National Development: Trends in Asia" at the International Conference on 'Issues of Culture, Context and Choice in Development' organised by South East Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO-SPAFA) at Bangkok, Thailand.

S. TAWA LAMA-REWAL 10th September 2002 *Women and Urban Development: Do They Make a Difference? (A Case Study of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi)*, 17th European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies, Heidelberg.

18th September 2002 *Les femmes et la décentralisation dans l'Inde urbaine*, 3^{ème} colloque international des

recherches féministes francophones, « Ruptures, Résistances & Utopies », Toulouse.

The fifth monitoring committee meeting of CSH & IFP was hosted by the IFP on 11th Oct. His Excellency the French Ambassador to India, **Mr. Bernard de MONFERRAND**, inaugurated the meet which was attended by the French Consul General in Pondicherry, **Mr. Michel SEGUY**, **Mr. Pascal CHOSSAT**, Scientific Counselor, French Embassy, **Mr. Jacques POUCHEPADASS**, Chairman of the Monitoring Committee, the Indian members of the Monitoring Committee and the IFP and CSH researchers.

The project "Assessment of mangrove degradation and resilience in the Indian subcontinent: the cases of Godavari estuary and southwest Sri Lanka" final workshop was hosted by the French Institute of Pondicherry from 21st – 25th October 2002. The objective of the workshop was to bring together all the partners involved in the project and discuss the final outcomes and future perspectives. The participating project partners were researchers from the Vrije Universiteit Brussels, Belgium, Katholieke Universiteit Nijmegen, The Netherlands, Andhra University, India, Ruhuna University, Sri Lanka, Stockholm University, Sweden and the French Institute of Pondicherry. Invited researchers were from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh National Herbarium, Bangladesh, Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, MS Swaminathan Research Foundation, Kakinada and the Department of Ocean Development, Delhi and Chennai.

PUBLICATIONS...

Grare F: Pakistan and the Afghan Conflict, 1979-1985, India Research Press, New Delhi, 2002, 250 p.

Kumar G.: Constitutionalising Panchayats: The response of State legislatures, CSH Occasional Paper No. 4, 2002, 104 p.

Kumar G & Buddhadeb Ghosh: State Politics and Panchayats in India, CSH-Manohar, New Delhi, 2003.

Leclercq. F.: The Impact of Education Policy Reforms on the School System: A Field, Study of EGS and Other Primary Schools in Madhya Pradesh. CSH Occasional Paper No. 5, 2002, 170 p.

J. Ruet: "Against the Current: Organizational Restructuring of State Electricity Boards, CSH-Manohar, New Delhi, 2002, 224 p.

J. Ruet, V S Saravanan & Marie Hélène Zerah: The water & sanitation scenario in Indian Metropolitan cities: Resources and management in Delhi, Calcutta, Chennai, Mumbai. CSH Occasional Paper No. 6, 2002, 167 p.

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POUCHEPADASS J., and PUYRAVAUD J.-Ph. (eds.), 2002. "L'homme et la forêt en Inde du Sud – Modes de gestion et symbolisme de la forêt dans les Ghâts occidentaux", IFP/Karthala, 461 p.

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WELCOME

... At the CSH

Attreyee **ROY CHOWDHURY** joined as Publications In-charge in September.

Dr. Swaran **SINGH** joined in as Visiting Fellow in International Relations from JNU in September.

Dr. Samira **GUENNIF** joined in as Visiting Fellow in Economics from Agende Nationale de Recherche sur le Sida (ANRS) from October-December.

Renaud **EGRETEAU** joined in as a PhD student in International Relations from Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris in October.

Satchidinand **SEETHANEN** joined in as PhD student in Economics from Université Paris-Nord in October.

... at the IFP

Mr. Nicolas HUBERT, from ENSIB (National High School of Library Sciences), Lyon, was on mission from 15th September – 15th November, under the responsibility of **Mrs. I. NYFFENEGGER**, CEDUST, Delhi, to work on the training course about preservation and conservation of the documentary resources, to draw a conservation plan for FIP and make proposals for an integrated management of the libraries which will have an additional reading room and storage facilities.

Dept. of Ecology

Dr. K.S. MURALI, a specialist in Joint Forest Management, previously working with the IIS Bangalore, joined the French Institute as Research Director on 2nd September.

Ms. Eva LACARCE from the Paris Crystallography and Mineralogy Laboratory, University Paris VI, joined as a FIP doctoral fellow on 17th October to conduct research on the determinism of black soil formation in the climatic transition zone of Southern India (Bandipur Reserved Forest) in the frame of the joint FIP-CEFIRSE Watershed Project.

Dept. of Social Sciences

Mr. Ilansezhan PERIYASAMY, Ph.D. Student, is affiliated to the Department of Social Sciences from 1st September to end-November. He is working as a research assistant in the micro-finance project coordinated by Jean-Michel Servet.

Dr. Jean-Claude BONNAN, Judge in "Tribunal de grande Instance de Paris", in-charge of the direction of the Tribunal d'Instance de Paris IXe Arrondissement and in-charge of the Anthropology of Law Studies at the University of Paris X Nanterre, joined the IFP as the new head of the Department of Social Sciences from 1st September.

Mr. Laurent PORDIÉ, anthropologist at the University of Aix-Marseille (UMR 6591 of CNRS), is affiliated to the French Institute of Pondicherry as a research fellow for twelve months from 1st October. His works concern the social, political and contemporary dynamics of Tibetan medicine in Ladakh.

Dr. Florence PITTOLO, French Researcher in psychosociology, joined the department again on 1st October 2002 to work on the programme "Breastfeeding and AIDS in South India".

Mr. Rémy DELAGE, a Ph.D. student from the Research Laboratory of Bordelais Dymset is affiliated as an Indo-French fellow from 1st November for one year. His research topic is "Role of pilgrimage and festivals in the rearrangement of territories and geographical identity: case of the Sabarimalai phenomenon in South India".

Lab. of Geomatics

Ms. Sylvie DUBUC, geographer, joined the geomatics laboratory in October for 10 months. She will be working on the project "Indicators of environmental pressure along a gradient of increasing anthropisation: the case of Coorg district, Kanataka", carried out along with CIRAD-Forêt, France the programme 'Breastfeeding and AIDS in South India'.

Lab. of Geomatics **Stéphane GUERITTE**, joined the Laboratory as a Research Assistant specialised in GIS and Remote Sensing at the beginning of October. He has come under a new scheme called 'International Civil Volunteer' (VCI).

David VERDIN, after having completed his 6 months study at the Laboratory and successfully obtaining his Engineer degree from the ENSA, Rennes, has come back to IFP on a 7 months contract to pursue his Remote Sensing work on the Mangroves project.

... at the Dept. of Indology, IFP and EFEO

Nicolas DEJENNE, Ph.D. candidate from the University of Paris III / CNRS, joined the Department in October for a one year scholarship to initiate a study on the development of the notion of Vishnu avatara, focusing more precisely on the case of Parashurama.

