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Dear *Colleague,*

The Indian Economic Service is celebrating its fiftieth year of inception. The service was constituted in 1961 and this important landmark of the service is an occasion to celebrate. The IES Division, Department of Economic Affairs, the cadre controlling authority of the service, has decided to mark this auspicious Golden Jubilee Year by holding a series of events in the coming months. The events that have been tentatively scheduled to be held include Lecture series, an International Conference, a Commemorative Publication, an Essay competition, a calendar and a web project. A core committee has been formed to look into the overall aspect of Golden Jubilee Celebration. Specific committees for each event have also been constituted. The details of the events and the committees associated with each event are attached alongwith.

The IES Officers may associate themselves with the committees that have been formed and contribute to the events. With the growing complexity of the world economy, the Indian Economic Service is bound to play a major role in India over the coming years. Let us work together to make the Golden Jubilee Celebration a success and use this occasion to prepare ourselves for the years to come.

With Warm Regards

Yours sincerely,

(Dr Kaushik Basu)

To,  
All IES Officers  
(via e-mail)

**Events proposed to be held and the Committees formed for  
organizing the events.**

**1. Lecture Series**

It has been decided that **three lectures** would be held on the eve of Golden Jubilee Celebration . The prominent speakers proposed to be invited for the lecture series are:

- i. **Dr Vijay Kelkar**, Chairman of the Forum of Federations, Ottawa & India Development Foundation, New Delhi.
  - ii. **Dr Bimal Jalan**, Chairman of Centre of Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram.
  - iii. **Dr D Subbarao**, RBI Governor.
  - iv. **Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia**, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.
  - v. **Shri Nitin Desai**, former Chief Economic Adviser
- **The first lecture in this series could be combined with the inaugural ceremony of Golden Jubilee Celebrations . The inauguration may be done by Hon'ble Finance Minister.**
  - **The lecture series are scheduled to be held one each in August, September and October 2011**

The Committee for lecture series would include the following officers

1. Dr Ashok Sahu, Principal Adviser, Planning Commission
2. Ms Gangamurthy, Additional Chief Economic Adviser, Ministry of Railways
3. Dr K.L Prasad, Adviser, Department of Economic Affairs
4. Shri R N Dubey, Adviser, Department of Economic Affairs

## **2. International Conference**

- i. An IES Golden Jubilee Conference has been tentatively scheduled on 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2011. **Hon'ble Prime Minister is proposed to be invited as the Chief Guest at this conference.**
- ii. A half day session is to be dedicated to the IES in the international conference organized by the Economic Division of the Ministry of Finance which is scheduled in December 2011.

Shri Rajan Kumar, Adviser , Department of Economic Affairs has been entrusted the overall charge of arranging the inaugural function of the Celebrations and the International Conference.

Shri Rajeev Malhotra, , Economic Adviser, FMO would be associated in this project.

## **3. Commemorative publication.**

The publication would include the following:

- **History of Indian Economic Service**

The history of IES would trace the entire profile of the service including its origin, the discussions held by the then political stalwarts about the service and the major developments in the last fifty years.

- **Interviews with Prominent Economists**

There would be full length interviews of prominent economists and personalities associated with IES .

- **Archival Photographs**

There would be a collection of archival photographs associated with IES.

- **Classic papers**

A few classic papers by luminaries like Shri I.G Patel could also be a part of the publication.

- **Academic papers**

Few articles written by IES officers could also be included.

**Book Project:**

Another publication could be a combination of the articles presented in the lecture series by prominent speakers and a few articles by the IES officers . Prize winning essays from the essay competition could also be included in this publication.

The **history** of Indian Economic Service has been entrusted to following three officers:

1. Shri Shravan Nigam, Senior Consultant, ICRIER
2. Shri R.C. Srinivasan, Ex-Principal Adviser, Planning Commission
3. Shri S. M Jharwal, Chairman, National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

**The work of recording the history of IES would be entrusted to a professional historian and he would be assisted by the above mentioned editorial group.**

The **academic** part of publication would be handled by the following officers:

1. Shri Anil Bisen, Adviser, Department of Economic Affairs
2. Dr P Anuradha Balaram, Economic Adviser, O/o CAG

The **publication** in its entirety would be entrusted to

1. Ms Aditi Ray, Economic Adviser, Ministry of Urban Development
2. Shri Anand Singh Bhal, Additional Economic Adviser, Department of Economic Affairs
3. Shri Sudhir Kumar Tewari, Director, Department of Agriculture and cooperation

An editorial team to screen the articles sent by IES officers is being constituted. This team would be headed by Ms S Bhawani, Senior Adviser, Dept of Economic Affairs. Ms Aditi Ray, Economic Adviser, Urban Development would be associated in this team.

The soft copy of the articles should be ready by November 2011.

***Articles are invited from the IES officers for the book project.***

#### 4 Essay Competition

An essay competition would be organized for college students. The topic for the competition would be technical in nature and there would be three prizes. This competition would be given publicity in newspapers and journals. The prize distribution would be done on the concluding day of the celebration. Prize winning essay would be included in the book project.

The committee for essay competition would be headed by Shri Sudhir Tewari , Director, Department of Agriculture and cooperation.

Evaluation of the essays would be done by the IES officers

***Suggestions regarding Topic for the essay competition are invited .***

#### 5 Calender

A 12 page calendar would be designed with photographs of famous economists/Nobel prize winners which would include a short write up on the economists. Each page could also contain a brief note about IES

- ***Committee for Calender of famous Economists.***

The committee to design the calendar would comprise of the following officers:

1. Shri R. N. Dubey, Adviser, Department of Economic Affairs
2. Shri Anand Singh Bhal, Additional Economic Adviser, Department of Economic Affairs
3. Shri Gyan Bhushan, Additional Economic Adviser, Department of Economic Affairs
4. Ms Rajashree Ray, Additional Economic Adviser , Department of Economic Affairs

## 6 Webproject

A website is proposed to be launched on the eve of Golden Jubilee .It would be started with a few components initially. The important part of the website would be brief notes on economic terms which are specific to Indian context. This would be on similar lines as Wikipedia . The website would be managed by an editorial board comprising of following officers. The composition of the board is as follows:

1. Shri Anil Bisen, Adviser, Department of Economic Affairs
2. Shri P.R Devi Prasad, Director, Fiscal Policy Institute, Bangalore
3. Shri Sudhir Kumar Tewari, Director, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation.
4. Dr P. Anuradha Balaram, Economic Adviser, O/o CAG
5. Ms Bidisha Chaudhuri, Director, Department of Economic Affairs

The Board would be assisted by some of the young officers of IES.

The suggestions made by the CEA regarding the website include

- Each write-up on concepts which are specific to Indian context would bear the name of the officer who has made the original entry and also the names of subsequent contributors.
- A disclaimer needs to be added for the entries that are made
- The length of the entry is to be decided by the editorial board
- A Statcounter for counting the number of hits per day
- Creating a blog space.
- Ensuring that the website gets higher priority in search engines.
- It was proposed that the name of the website should have the suffix 'pedia' to any name which is finalized .
- The website may be linked up with the Wikipedia website .
- Operational guidelines for the website to be formulated. Shri P. R Devi Prasad, Director, Fiscal Policy Institute, Bangalore would look into this aspect.

This webproject is scheduled to be ready by July 2011. 105 concepts would be floated initially. The website would be launched on the inaugural day of the Golden Jubilee celebration.

***Suggestions on an appropriate name for the website are invited.***