

## NEWS AND NOTES

### INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AGRA

The Institute of Social Sciences was established by the Agra University in the year 1956 as a nucleus for the promotion of research and teaching in Social Sciences. At present it undertakes teaching of three courses, viz., M.A. (Sociology), M.S.W. (Master of Social Work) and M. Stat. Apart from teaching these courses, the members of the staff undertake both individually and collectively, various research projects, specially in the field of Social Research.

### NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES BANGALORE

This year we have been entrusted with a research project by the Government of India (Department of Social Security) on "Vagrancy Problem in Urban Areas". And we have been suggested to undertake a research project on "Services for Handicapped Children in Mysore State" by the Central Social Welfare Board. To conduct scientific researches we have formed a research unit consisting of external professors from Government colleges and reputed institutions and the Faculty Staff.

### BOMBAY LABOUR INSTITUTE

The Diploma Course in Labour Welfare was in progress; the 3rd session of the Diploma Course in Trade Unionism was also started from 15th of July 1964; under the Workers' Education Scheme two sessions were conducted during the year. A new three months in-service training course for the Assistant Commissioners of Labour was also conducted at the Institute during the year.

The Foundation Day of the Institute was celebrated on 7th July 1964. Shri N. M. Tidke, Minister for Labour, Government of Maharashtra, presided over the function and released the Fourth Annual Issue of the Bombay Labour Journal.

A function for the distribution of certificates to the successful trainees of the Workers' Education Scheme was held on 12th November 1964. Shri Kalyanrao P. Patil, Deputy Minister for Home and Labour distributed the certificates.

### DELHI SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

In October 1964 Mr. K. D. Gangrade, Head of the Field Work Department of the School, was given leave of absence for one year to take up the post of Lecturer at the Manchester University. Earlier he participated in the meetings of a Working Group set up by the U. N. Economic Commission for Asia and the Far-East, Bangkok. Mrs. Sita Basu, another member of the staff, was deputed to attend the sessions of International Association of Schools of Social Work and the International Conference of Social Work at Athens.

Some changes have been introduced in the curriculum of the School. One major modification has been in regard to the specialization course on Rural Community Department. Beginning next academic year the School will offer specialization in Community Development. The course under this specialization will now include problems and programmes of community development in both urban and rural areas. This is in recognition of the importance that is being attached to the development of community programmes for tackling urban problems. Similarly the section on Family Planning has been considerably strengthened in the specialization course on Medical and psychiatric School Work.

Proposals for the Fourth Five Year Plan in respect of the School were submitted to the University in October 1964. These provide for the strengthening of the fields of specialization offered by the School, promotion of research, expansion of library facilities and institution of a one-year post M.A. course in social administration. These proposals are in keeping with the recommendations made by the Review Committee on Social Work Education appointed by the University Grants Commission and the Ministry of Education.

A survey of drinking habits of people in Delhi was undertaken by the School at the instance of the Prohibition Enquiry Committee headed by Justice Tek Chand. The project was completed and the report on it was submitted to the Committee by Dr. S. V. Phadke. The findings of the survey will shortly be published by the Planning Commission as part of the second volume of the Report of the Prohibition Committee. The report on the survey on Attitude of Women Towards Employment which was undertaken with assistance from University Grants Commission has also been completed. This report, along with a similar report submitted by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences will be published by the Ministry of Education. Mr. R. M. Verma helped in conducting the survey and drafting the report. At the instance of the Department of Social Security in the Ministry of Law and Social Security the school now proposes to conduct an evaluative study of after-care programmes in the country.

#### ASSOCIATION FOR MORAL & SOCIAL HYGIENE, NEW DELHI

The Association for Moral & Social Hygiene in India has set up a family life institute offering services in the area of marriage and family living. To start with, the Institute is offering the following services:

1. Conducting Family Life Education Course at different colleges in Delhi.
2. Providing Library facilities to those interested in reading in the area of marriage, family, sex and adjustment psychology.
3. Counselling service for those having family problem. Some of the varieties of problems that the Institute aims at handling are adolescent, premarital, marital & parental.

The Institute aims at expanding its services to include research and publication of material relating to family problems and family adjustment, specifically in the context of Indian culture.

#### UDAIPUR SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

The status of the School of Social Work continues to be the same as in the past year. Steps have been taken to request the University of Indore for a separate Board of Studies.

The Governing Board had appointed a special Committee of Experts consisting of Dr. P. T. Thomas, Director, Udaipur School of Social Work, Udaipur, and Dr. M. S. Gore, Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Bombay, to examine the present and future needs of the School. This Committee met on July 23, 1964 and has made recommendations.

In co-operation of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, Dept. of Social Security, "A Sample of the Physically Handicapped" is under-taken by the School.

The University Grants Commission has approved of a short-term course in Social Work for Voluntary Workers and sanctioned the grant for it. This course was conducted during May/June 1965.

UNITED NATIONS RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

*Purpose and Nature of the Institute*

The United Nations Research Institute for Social Development which started operation on 1 July 1964, was created for an initial period of three to five years on the basis of a special contribution made by the Government of the Netherlands, in connexion with the United Nations Development Decade.

The purpose of the Institute, according to its terms of reference, is "to conduct research into problems and policies of social development and relationships between various types of social development and economic development during different phases of economic growth". It will carry out research and studies in the field of social policy, economic development planning and balanced economic and social development which are urgent and important to the United Nations Secretariat, the regional planning institutes and national institutes working in this field. The work of the Institute will be closely co-ordinated with that of the specialized agencies concerned.

In setting up its first programmes, the Institute has distinguished three main areas of research.

1. As indicated above it has become clear that in order to guide the development of the various economic and social sectors we must know more about their *interrelationships*.
2. The second area of the Institute's activities is that of *social planning*. In this area the Institute will try to develop quantitative methods which may make it possible to integrate planning in different social and economic fields. This should also help social planners to evaluate returns to

different kind of social expenditure within their fields and to choose among different investment possibilities.

3. The formulation of economic and social development plans at the national level, however, is not a guarantee of development. Planning, which is intended to improve life as it is lived in human communities of various kinds, has to be implemented by people, and at the local level. This indicates a third area in which the Institute intends to work: The first project in this area will be concerned with the means to induce social and economic change at the local level.

XAVIER LABOUR RELATIONS INSTITUTE  
JAMSHEDPUR

The Institute's research programme, under the impetus of Rev. Fr. E. H. McGrath and Dr. (Mrs.) B. Mahadeva, is now concluding a major project on labour mobility. In conjunction with the University of Wisconsin, this project has been conducted in the Tata Engineering and Locomotive Company, the Tata Iron and Steel Company and Hindustan Steel, Rourkela. Also soon to be completed are four monographs on labour problems in this area and several digests on important labour laws. These are being prepared in Hindi, English and Bengali. Depending on their success, they also will be translated into other regional languages.

Solid trade union education has always been an objective of the Institute. But experience shows that any such programme involves untold difficulties. During the past year, careful plans have been laid for a continuing course, in residence and in collaboration with trade unions, for trade in personnel.