

# INDIAN INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, PUNE

## ANNUAL REPORT (1979-80)

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### Introduction

Between 1945 and 1948 a group of leading educationists in the erstwhile State of Bombay was concerned with the establishment of a post-graduate centre in education which would project an independent and national point of view on educational problems and which, besides the usual programmes of teaching and research, would also develop a programme of publications and extension services aimed at creating an informed opinion on educational issues among teachers, students, administrators and the general public. This group included Professor R. V. Parulekar, Professor G. S. Khair, Mr. M. T. Vyas, Mr. M. V. Donde, Mr. B. G. Jagtap, Mr. S. S. Dasnavi, Mr. A. R. Dawood and Professor J. P. Naik. The Indian Institute of Education, Bombay came to be established in 1948 as a result of the thinking and collaboration of this group. This was the first research institution in education to be established in the country and it received full support in all educational circles, both official and non-official. From every point of view, the Institute was at the best of its performance between 1949 and 1955. Between 1955-1975, however, the Institute had to curtail its programmes severely on account of shortages of personnel and finances.

Happily, in 1975 the earlier history of 1945-48 was repeated and the Institute was revived with new vigour as an interdisciplinary school of education recommended by the Education Commission (1964-66). The Institute has made considerable progress during the last five years. It has acquired an adequate site at Pune and constructed a hostel and an academic building thereon at a cost of Rs. 30 lakh, including equipment. Its plans for the construction of buildings at Bombay have been finalised and these are expected to be ready in about 18 months at an estimated cost of Rs 7 lakh. The Institute has been able to put together a good faculty and to develop a fairly good programme of research, training and extension. It has come to be accepted, both nationally and internationally, as a good post-graduate centre of research, teaching and extension.

## Important Events

The hostel building of the Institute at Pune, fully equipped to accommodate 48 persons, was formally inaugurated by Dr. I. G. Patel, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, on 9th March 1980.

The G. D. Parikh Centre for Educational Studies, Bombay, was inaugurated on 30th September 1979 by Professor S. S. Varde, the then Minister for Education, Maharashtra State.

## Staff

A statement of the academic staff of the Institute is given in Annexure I.

## Teaching and Training

The M. Phil. programme had seven students. The Institute was allotted four doctoral research fellowships by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.

## Adult Education

During the year under report, the State Resource Centre had to concentrate on the

- development of the concepts and techniques of evaluation; and
- training of functionaries.

The production of teaching/learning materials continued as before. However, an attempt was made to involve rising young writers in material-production workshops. With their help a movement is expected to be promoted for producing reading materials for retention of literacy and follow-up action.

The programme of the Experimental Adult Education Centre was evaluated and reorganised. An Adult Education Forum was established for Pune City to promote collaborative experimental activities in the Centres conducted by the local organisations.

Prototype primers prepared and published last year for rural men, rural women and urban men have been thoroughly revised. These primers have run into several editions. This year, the primer for urban women was brought out. Two Urdu primers, namely *Jago aur Jagao* ( for men ) and *Gajra* ( for women ) were prepared and published in consultation with and under the guidance from the Directorate of Adult Education, New Delhi.

Two tribal language primers—in Bili and Warli—are ready for the press.

Several two-page folders have been brought out by way of co-literacy and follow-up materials.

All periodical publications are continued. They are :

1. *Samvadini* a Marathi newsletter
2. SRC Newsletter a quarterly

3. **Silver Oak (Aple Arogya)** a health news-sheet brought out in Marathi in collaboration with the Arogya Dakshata Mandal, Pune.

In all, 15 training programmes were organised for Supervisors, Assistant Project Officers, Project Officers, Professors and Lecturers in charge of Adult Education in the universities of Maharashtra, District Adult Education Officers and Resource Persons.

### **Universalization of Primary Education**

This is an action-research project. It is supported by the Government of Maharashtra; Zilla Parishad, Pune; Pune Municipal Corporation and UNICEF. The project covers a period of five years, namely 1979-83.

This programme, covering about 150 villages with a population of about 300,000 in five selected areas of the Pune district, is progressing in accordance with the schedule. The staff necessary for the project, was recruited and the programme was inaugurated on 2 October 1979. As many as 90 classes have been started and they enroll about 1,400 children, of whom more than a thousand are girls.

The Material Production Unit and the Teacher Education Unit are progressing well.

### **Research Completed and Undertaken**

Research programmes mentioned in the last year's report are progressing in accordance with the schedule. The following major research programmes were initiated during the year under report :

- (1) Alternatives in Educational Development (1980-2000)
- (2) Educational Reform in India (1921-80)
- (3) Education of the Scheduled Castes
- (4) Integration of Educational Planning with Overall Planning at the District Level
- (5) Educational Innovations
- (6) Muslim Educational Thought in India (1858-1978)
- (7) Educational Problems of Marathwada
- (8) Teaching of Marathi.

### **Publications**

The Publications Division has prepared a plan to print about 50 books dealing with different themes in Education. About a dozen of them have been commissioned. The following three books have already been published :

- अनौपचारिक शिक्षण
- भारतीय जनतेचे शिक्षण
- भारतातील प्राथमिक शिक्षण



A handbook on Evaluation prepared by Professor S. B. Gogate has gone to the press.

The Institute's quarterly journal in Marathi : *Shikshan ani Samaj* (Education and Society) continues to maintain its progress. In its third year of publication, the journal is the best of its type in Marathi.

### **Seminars and Conferences**

Professor Martin Carnoy from Stanford University, California, U. S. A., Dr. T. G. Whiston, Sussex University, U. K., Dr. Philip Altbach, State University of New York, Buffalo, U. S. A. and Professor J. E. Jayasuriya from Sri Lanka were with the Institute for various periods and gave seminars and lectures.

An all-India seminar was held in September 1979 for preparing criteria for the production of literacy materials. This seminar was specially assisted by the Directorate of Adult Education, New Delhi, and was presided over by Dr. Bh. Krishnamurthy, Professor and Head of the Department of Linguistics, Osmania University, Hyderabad. A critical analysis of the existing primers in nine languages was made in this seminar.

A seminar attended by the southern states was held in September 1979 to finalize the details of monitoring and evaluation of the National Adult Education Programme. Dr. R. H. Dave of the Unesco Institute for Education, Hamburg, Federal Republic of Germany, directed the seminar. Representatives of Sri Lanka also attended the seminar.

### **Consultancy**

Consultancy and resource services were provided by the staff of the State Resource Centre to 27 organizations which included Universities of Bombay, Poona, Shivaji, Nagpur, Marathwada and the S. N. D. T. Univeristy.

### **Participation of Staff in Conferences and Seminars**

Professor J. P. Naik participated in the seminar at Geneva, on 'Goals and Theories of Education' organised by the International Bureau of Education, Geneva.

Professor Naik has been requested to be a Consultant to the World Bank.

Professor Naik was a member of the committee appointed by the Central Government to review the working of the National Adult Education Programme.

Dr. Chitra Naik attended the National Seminar on Training, organised by the Directorate of Adult Education (National Resources Centre) in Delhi.

Dr. C. Naik chaired the National Seminar on 'New Trends in Adult Education for Women with Special Reference to Adult Literacy' organised at New Delhi under the joint auspices of the Indian Adult Education Association and the UNESCO. Smt. Shobha Bhagwat participated in this seminar.

Professor D. A. Dabholkar participated in the international workshop on 'Graduate Employment and Higher Education : Case of West Bengal' at Calcutta in March 1980. This workshop was organised by the Department of Statistics, University of Calcutta with the support of the International Institute for Educational Planning, Paris; the University Grants Commission and the Government of West Bengal.

Professor S. B. Gogate represented the State Resource Centre at the national seminar on 'Monitoring and Evaluation' at Delhi in February, 1980.

### Visitors

Smt. Bimla Bhatnagar, Joint Director, Directorate of Adult Education, visited the State Resource Centre.

Shri P. Sabanayagam, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Education and Culture, visited the State Resource Centre and saw the working of the Experimental Centres and Follow-up Centres.

Ms. Valentina Borremans from the Centro Intercultural de Documentacion, Cuernavaca, Mexico, visited the State Resource Centre, had a discussion with trainees and visited a Centre for women sweepers from the Pune Municipal Corporation.

Dr. R. F. Goheen, Ambassador of United States to India, Dr. Malcom Adishesiah, Dr. Amrik Singh, Professor Goutam Mathur, Shri J. D. Sethi, Professor M. S. Gore, Professor Gabriel Gyarmati, Chile, visited the Institute and participated in seminars, lectures and other programmes of the Institute.

### Condolence

The Institute deeply mourns the sad and untimely demise of Dr. B. S. Bhanage, Vice Chancellor, Shivaji University, Kolhapur. He expired on 29 March 1980 after a severe illness.

Dr. Bhanage was a keen educationist and was associated with the Institute for nearly two years as Honorary Professor. In his death, the Institute has lost a close friend.

### Finances

The Institute received the following grants during the year :

F r o m	Rupees in lakhs
1. Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	5.30
2. Ministry of Education and Culture, Government of India	4.25