

A Week-long Workshop on ‘Human Development’, 3-7 December 2012

IDSK organised a week-long workshop on **Human Development** from December 3-7, 2012 for teachers in colleges, universities and research institutes in eastern India, and others interested in development issues, having at least a Master’s degree in any discipline from a recognized university, working in government and non-government organizations including the media. The objective of the workshop was to help the participants in developing adequate analytical capability to deal with development policy issues from the human development perspective, which is cross-disciplinary. Lectures referred to important studies of both theoretical and applied kind in order to provide an in-depth understanding of the issues, highlighting their contested nature. The topics included (1) Conceptual foundation, (2) Human development and national economic prosperity, (3) Issues in measurement, (4) Population dynamics and health, (5) Participation and empowerment, (6) Regional perspectives on human development in India. The resource persons included, besides the faculty of IDSK, Professor Amiya Bagchi (Emeritus Professor, IDSK), Professor S. Subramanian (Madras Institute of Development Studies), Professor Indraneel Dasgupta (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata), Professor Raghavendra Chattopadhyay (Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata), Dr. Manabi Majumdar (CSSSC), Mr. Kamal Pal (Director, Riddhi), Ms Swati Bhattacharya (Chief Reporter, Ananda Bazar Patrika). Professor Sugata Marjit (Chairman, West Bengal Council for Higher Education) gave the keynote address. 56 participants registered for the workshop. Subrata Mukherjee, Saswata Ghosh and Achin Chakraborty coordinated the programme.