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Part I. Teaching, Training, Research, Projects and Publications

I. TEACHING AND TRAINING

1.1 Degree and Training Courses

During the current term, 6603 candidates applied for admission to the B.Stat. and M.Stat. degree courses, post-M.A./M.Sc. Diploma Courses and research scholarships and took special admission tests at 12 centres in different parts of the country, and the successful candidates were called for interview for final selection. Admission tests were also held for admission to the (1) Evening Course in Statistics at Calcutta and Delhi, (2) One-year Certificate Course in Data Collection and Processing Methods, (3) Two-year Advance Diploma Course in Computer Science, (4) Two-year part time Postgraduate Diploma Course in SQC and OR at Bombay and Madras, and (5) One-year Course in Operation of Punched Card Machines. The annual examinations of the B.Stat. and M.Stat. courses were held in May/June 1980. The 1980-81 academic year commenced on 28 July 1980.

The fifteenth Convocation of the Institute was held on 31 March 1981 and 161 candidates received their degrees, diplomas and certificates.

During the period covered by this report several committees were set up to review the syllabi of some of the courses offered by the Institute. On the recommendations of the committees the syllabi of the M. Stat. Course and the Course on Operation of Punched Card Machines were revised, to be effective from the session 1981-82. The latter course was also renamed Course on Operation of Automatic Data Processing Equipment. The revision of the syllabi of the Evening Course in Statistical Methods Application and the Course in Documentation and Information Science was also under active coasideration of the Academic Council. The proposal for offering a two-year M. Tech course in Computer Science from the session 1981-82 was approved by the Academic Council and the ISI Council and the Syllabus for the course was finalised.

The number of candidates admitted to different degree, diploma and training course during 1979-80 and 1980-81 and the results of examinations held during the period are given below.

	Courses	Number o	students	Number passed in Annual Examination		
1.	Courses leading to a Degree in Statistics :	1979-80	1980-81	1980		
1,1	Bachelor of Statistics with Honours-					
	B.Stat. (Hons.)					
	1st year	29	18	21		
	2nd year	13	21	12		
	3rd year	13	12	13		
	4th year	15	14	14		

	Courses		students	Number passed in Annual Examination	
		1979-80	1980-81	1980	
1.2	Master of Statistics (M.Stat.)				
	Previous year	7	G	8	
	Final year	35	22	33	
1,3	Junior and Senior Research Fellows	107	98		
1.4	Visiting Fellows Ph.D.	107	90	80	
1.4	Fu.D.	_	_	0	
2.	Specialised Courses in Applied Statistics leading to Diplomas:	i			
2,1	Statistical Quality Control and Operations				
	Research (One year)	21	12	14	
•	Communication for Bossessian Francisco				
3.	Courses in Statistics for Persons in Employ ment (jointly with the CSO):				
3.1	Junior Cartificate Course in Statistics	13	16	16	
3.2	Indian Statistical Service Probationers	•	40	40	
	Training Course		19	19	
4.	Evening Courses:				
4.1	Statistical Methods and Applications				
.	(One year)				
	(i) Calcutto	46	46	18	
	(ii) Delhi	12	10	9	
4.2	Two-year Post-Graduate Diploma in Sta	-			
	tistical Quality Control and Operation	8			
	Research (Bombay and Madras)				
4.2.1	.,	16	6	6	
	(ii) Bombay-2nd year	6	6	6	
4.2.2	.,	20	21	12	
	(ii) Mailras—2nd year	14	9	0	
4.3	Six-month Evening Course in Statistical				
	Quality Control at Bongaloro	31	30	23	
	(i) July to December	31	.10	23	
	(ii) January to June	_	_	_	
5.	Electronic Computer Courses:				
5,1	Two-year Advanced Diploma in Com- puter Science	-			
	1st year	17	13	10	
	2nd year	12	13	8	
5,2	One-year Certificate Contre in Data				
	Collection and Processing Methods	5	5	t	

	Courses	Number o	students	Number passed in Annual Examination	
		1979-80	1980-81	1980	
5.3	Intensive Course on Programming and Applications	23	31	31	
5.4	Course on Operation of Punched Card Machines	17	11	17	
6.	Associateship in Documentation & Information Science:			30	
		472	439	336	
	*awarded Ph.D. at the Fifteenth Convocation				

1.2 International Statistical Education Centre (ISEC), Calcutta

The International Statistical Education Centre, started in 1950, is operated jointly by the International Statistical Institute and the Indian Statistical Institute under the auspices of the UNESCO and the Government of India. During the year the Centre functioned under a joint Board of Directors, consisting of: Chairman: Professor C. R. Rao, Members: E. Malinvaud, J. M. Gani and E. Lunenberg (ex-officio members, representing the International Statistical Institute), N. K. Mukherjee (Cabinet Secretary, representing the Government of India), B. P. Adhikari and N. Bhattacharyya (Member-Secretary), (representing the Indian Statistical Institute).

During the year, the Regular Course of the thirtyfourth term of the Centre was conducted with 22 traihees from 10 countries in South and South-East Asia, the Far East and Commonwealth Africa. The Government of India awarded 6 fellowships for the foreign trainees—5 under the Technical Cooperation Scheme (TCS) of the Colombo Plan and one under the Special Commonwealth African Assistance Plan (SCAAP). Three foreign trainees were awarded CFTC fellowship. Five Indian trainees, 3 trainees from Sri Lanka, 2 from Nigeria and 1 from Sudan were supported by their respective governments. Two trainees from Afghanistan oro supported by U. N. fellowships.

The ten-month Regular Course started on 2 June 1980. From June to September the trainers stayed at Calcutta and studied theory and applications of statistics, besides mathematics and economics. During October—November, they underwent six-week training in Official Statistical Systems at New Delhi and other places. This part of the training was conducted by the CSO, Government of India. The general training in statistics was resumed at Calcutta around the middle of November, and was completed by the end of January 1981. The final examination for the Regular Course trainers was held during the first week of February 1981. Thereafter, the trainers entered the last phase of their programme, specializing in selected areas like sample surveys, data processing, economic planning, large scale sample surveys etc. It may be mentioned that some of the courses in statistics, mathematics and economics have been made optional with effect from the current term.

In addition to the above, 4 trainees attended three-month Special Courses during April-June 1980. Two were from Bangladesh, one of them studied National Income Statistics and the other, Price statistics. The third was from Gambia and studied External Trade Statistics. The fourth, from Western Semoa, studied Large Scale Sample Surveys. All these trainees enjoyed CFTC followship.

Mr. S. Yamada from the University of Fisheries, Tokyo, Japan, joined the 34th term in mid-November 1980 as Visiting Teucher and stayed till the end of February 1981.

1.3 Professional Examinations in Statistics

The holding of professional examinations in Statistics for external candidates on an all-India basis has been an important activity of the Institute since 1938. These examinations are based on well-organised syllabi to reach high professional standards and lead to certificates and diplomas.

During the year, examinations for the (i) Statistical Assistantship Certificate, (ii) Junior Diploma in Statistics and (iii) Senior Diploma in Statistics were held at the centres in Bangalore, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Hydershad, Lucknow and Madras in May and November 1980.

The number of candidates who registered, appeared and passed during the terms are shown below:

			Λ	Number of candidates			
Examination	Registered		Appeared		Passed*		
	May	Nov.	May	Nov.	May	Nov.	
Statistical Assistantship Certificate	11	17	6	16	3	6	
Junior Diploma in Statistics	24	31	14	21	4	7	
Senior Diploma in Statistics	17	20	16	18	7	7	

[&]quot;Passed in one or more papers but may not have completed the examination.

The total number of candidates who have qualified for the award of Certificates and Diplomes in these professional examinations in statistics including the results of November, 1980 term are 460 and 232 respectively.

2. RESEARCH WORK

A brief account of the progress of research in different divisions and units of the Institute is given below.

2.1 THEORETICAL STATISTICS AND MATHEMATICS

2.1.1 Calcutta

The list of scientific papers and publications including technical reports give a detailed idea of the work done on research problems in various disciplines of mathematics and statistics. During the period, members of the Division have been engaged in research in the following areas: Algebra, Algebraic topology, Asymptotic theory, Combinatorial mathematics and graph theory, Design of experiments. Functional analysis, Harmonic analysis, Inference about stochastic processes, Measure theory, Multivariate analysis, Probabilistic number theory, Probabilisty theory, Sampling theory, Sediment transport, Stochastic processes and topological automata.

2.1.2 Delhi

The list of scientific papers and publications including technical reports give a detailed idea of the work done on research problems in various disciplines of mathematics and stalistics. These areas include Characterisation problems, Game theory, Linear methods, Mathematical physics and Stochastic processes.

2.2 APPLIED STATISTICS, SURVEYS AND COMPUTING

- 2.2.1 Research: Research activities in the division include both theoretical investigation of methodology and applications of the existing methods to the solution of practical real life problems with social relevance. During the year 1980-81, the following three broad areas of research work were covered.
- (i) Research Activities in Applied Statistics: The research activities of the division cover lopics in sampling theory, design of experiments, combinatories, multivariate analysis and computer science. The main areas of work in sampling during the past one year are randomised response techniques, optimal sampling strategies under exchangeability and other cunditions on variables, replicated and repeated sampling techniques. In design of experiments and combinatories, the principal areas of research activities are orthogonal arrays, optimality considerations of block designs under mixed effects model, robustness of designs and characterisation problems in graphs. Optimality and robustness properties of estimation and lesting procedures are being studied in the context of the general linear model set up. Research has also been carried out in cluster analysis and growth curve models.
- (ii) Research in Computer Science: The main research activities of this Division in the area of Computer Science is in the field of Data-base management and fault tolerant computing studies on consecutive retrieval property in files, integrity in data bases and prevention of deadlocks are under close attention. Two custom tuilored data hase management systems for survey data and time series data are under development. The emphasis in fault tolerant computing is on the design of self diagnosable systems.

under different constraints. In addition looks for diagnosts of sequential and combinatorial circuits are also being investigated. The Division has also taken up a computer system study for drawing contour maps, identify an effective test of antigen and to standardise the method for the survey of immunological profiles of Maharia infection. This is sponsored by the Indian Council for Medical Resparch, INIEST 1.

During 1980-81, the Division also took up a project entitled. A Programme Package for Analysis and Management of Statistical Data. The aim of the project is to give the statisticians a facility to define complicated data structure which is typically found in sample surveys carried out in this country. The project envisages the devolopment of a data base management system which allows the users to define data structures similar to that used in survey data. Further, elaborate facilities for editing of data in this data base and for creating table of different types have also been envisaged. The language design has been completed last your. The overall theoretical design of the system has also been completed.

- (iii) Research in Biometry: Three main aspects of research in Biometry are focused in:
- (1) Biology of Fish Population in relation to Environment, Conservation, Development, Growth and Reproduction: The work covers the following five broad areas (a) Factors affecting survival and mortality of post-embryonic carps, (b) Factors affecting growth of post-embryonic carps, (c) Crowth rates in ponds, (d) Species difference in blood biochemistry, and (e) Survival and growth phenomena in varying environment.
- (2) Macro-Micro Level Examination of Normal Human Health.: Objectives of the above projects, the details of methodological procedures and findings were reported for each group of experiments. The entire statistical and biological aspects will be reported by the end of the year.
- (3) A Comprehensive study of Immunological Profiles of Malaria Infested Area in Ajadhya Hills in Paralia District: The objectives of this project sponsored by Indian Council for Medical Research are the following: (a) to examine the immunological, nutriometric and socio-economic profiles of people living in endemic area; (b) to study the causes of differences and similarity of biochemical, indices of blood and influences of other environmental indices in these areas; (c) to examine the variability of profiles of normal state, disease state and the recovery status; (d) to examine the range of family variability within the same environment-both intra and inter variability; (e) to detect whether intra-individual variability are stable or transient in Ajadhya Hills; (f) to study the effect of migration and the affect of density dependent factors; (g) to assess the efficacy of public health measures and passive immunity; and (h) to study the extent to which antibodies represent an additional weapon against rampaging parasites of infectious diseases.
- 2.2.2 Surveys: A Survey on the socio-economic conditions of some college students of Calcutta (with special emphasis on drug habits of students) was organised

by the trainee officers of the Indian Statistical Services, during August-September 1980. A randomised response technique was used in the survey to elicit information on drug habits. A mimeographed report of the survey findings has been brought out.

- 2.2.3 Seminors: In addition to the seminar and talks given by visitors, ten different faculty members and research scholars of the Institute gave seminars on fourteen topics.
- 2.2.4 In-House Computer System: The Divisional Computer Centre maintains two computer systems: (i) EC-1033 system, and (ii) V-77/200 Varian Computer System.
- 2.2.5 Projects: (i) An enquiry into the nature of urban poverty, Colenta: The project has been completed, (ii) Calcutta Health Survey, conducted by the Calcutta Metropolitan Development Authority. The project has been completed, (iii) Paement Dwelters' Survey, Calcutta. The project has been completed, (iv) Household Survey on Distribution of Public Exapenditure on Social Services in West Bengal. A draft report is under preparation which is expected to be completed by September 1981. (v) Survey of Farmers, field investigation was completed by December 1980, (vi) A Study of Immunological profiles of Malaria Infected Area. The first phose of data collection of this project sponsored by the Indian Council for Medical Research is in progress.
- 2.2.6 Editorial Work: As in the previous years, the Division was entrusted with the editorial work of Sankhya, Series C, parts 1 and 2 (Sample Surveys Theory and Practice).
- 2.2.7 Teaching and Training: Desides participating in the regular teaching activities of the Institute, the following courses were organised by the Division.
 - (i) Advanced Diploma in Computer Science

First batch: 1978-80. Eight students have successfully completed the course and passed the oral examination. One student could not complete his dissertation in due time and was allowed extended time upto 30 July 1981.

Second batch: 1979-81. Twelve students were promoted to the 2nd year of the course after completing their 1st year course work and practical training.

Third batch: 1980-82. Nine students have been admitted to the first year of the course.

(ii) Intensive Course on Programming and Application of Electronic Computers (16th Session: 27 October 1980-3 January 1981)

The objective of this course is to impart training on the use of computer in solving problems. The course covered use of Unit Record Machines, fundamentals of computer

organisation, selected numerical techniques and application in some areas. There were 29 trainees from government departments, public sector enterprises, educational and research institutes. All of them were awarded certificates of merit.

(iii) One-year Certificate Course in Data Collection and Processing Methods :

Session: 1979-80. Two trainees have successfully completed the course.

Session: 1980-81. Five trainees have been admitted to the 1980-81 session of the course.

(iv) Special Course or System Programming in OSIES. Six software experts from V/O Electronorgiechnica, U.S.S.R., conducted a course on Systems Programming OSIES during the period 23 March 1981 to 6 June 1981. Seven and four scientific workers of Applied Statistics, Surveys and Computing Division and the Social Sciences Division respectively of the Institute participated in the course.

(v) Course on Operation of punched card machines

Session: 1979-80. Seventeen students have successfully completed the course. Twelve students have been admitted to the above course for the session 1980-81.

The Divisional Committee of the scientific workers of the Applied Statistics, Surveys and Computing Division held five unetings to formulate proposals for research and developmental programmes and the Technical Advisory Committee met once to finalize the programme of work for the year 1981-82.

2.3 PHYSICAL AND EARTH SCIENCES

2.3.1 Chemistry

The overhearing influence of organic matter on the soil property is universally acclaimed. Our soils are generally poor in human and getting progressively depleted with the growing need of producing more, thus calling for an effective management. A systematic knowledge of not only the human reserve but also the dynamics of the human in soild under different geographical conditions and agricultural practices is essential for any long term planning. In this respect the existing informations are both scanty and inconclusive. The five distinct soil types of West Bengal that are also representative of similar soils in the rest of the country have been tested for their human characteristics and human dynamics. Suitable parameters indicative of the progress as well as the course of humanication processes have been developed on the basis of the data so far obtained.

2.3.2 Electronics

The following research and development activities were pursued.

2.3.2.1 Digital Electronics:

- (i) Development of hierocomputer Systems: A general Microcomputer system with men.ory capacity 24K bytes has been developed around a 6800 Microprocessor chip. The peripherals connected to the system are keyboard, video display unit, paper tape reader, paper tape punch, matrix printer, dual drive floppy disc, audio cassette recorder and A/D, D/A subsystems for communication with the analog world. Various software packages, namely, assembler, basic interpreter, text editor have been developed for the system to enhance its flexibility.
- (ii) Design and Development of a Dedicated Signal Processing System using F.F.T.: A 6800 micro-processor based on-line F.F.T. processor has been developed. On-line data can be fed to the processor through a A/D converter and the power spectrum of the Fourier transformed signal can be seen on oscilloscope screen via the D/A converter. This system can be used to study E.C.G. and E.E.G. signals for possible diagnosis of certain types of human diseases.
- (lii) Data Acquisition System: A 6800 micro computer based data acquisition system is being developed which will be able to monitor eight analog variables, convert them to digital signals, process the information and then take on-line action if necessary. The aim is to develop an inexpensive, portable data acquisition system for on-line collection of data.
- (iv) Development of Special Purpose Software for the Micro-computer: A test programme has been developed to check any memory block including the portion where test programme is loaded. A software routine has also been developed for dumping the contents of a block of main memory on the VDU or getting a bard copy. This programme will be very useful while debugging and developing any programme on the Micro-computer System.
- (v) Theoretical Computer Science: Theoretical works are being carried out on the areas of (a) fault tolerant computing. (b) Microprogramming, (c) Computer architecture, (d) Logic Design, Several useful results have been obtained in these areas.

2.3.2.2 Theoretical Physics:

- (i) Elementary Particles: Strong Interactions and multi-particle production phenomena in lepton-hadron and hadron-hadron collisions are being studied. Also investigations relating to grand unified theories have been taken up.
- (ii) Gravitation and Cosmology: The cosmological implications of baryon number non-conservation are being studied.
- (iii) Solid State Physics: Some aspects of superconductivity, with special reference to cooper pair formation are being studied from the point of view of Quantum Field Theory.

- (iv) Plasma Physics: Problems relating to stability of a plasma are being investigated.
- (v) Measurement Problems: The measurement problem of qunatum mechanics is being systematically investigated from the point of view of relativistic Brownian Motion.

2.3.2.3 Physics of Fluids

- (i) Effect of Uniform Suction on the Flow in Hydrocyclone Separators: Introducing a suitably defined parameter (suction parameter), the effects of uniform suction on
 the axisymmetric laminar boundary layer inside the conical surface and under the roof
 of cyclone have been studied. It is found that the boundary layer thickness and the total
 flow through the boundary layer along the cyclone wall and under the cyclone roof
 decreases as the value of the suction parameter increases from 0 to 1.5. Also the amount
 of fluid which is diverted towards the overflow through the solid body rotating core is
 considerably reduced due to suction. Experiments in regard to demonstrations of the
 above results are in progress.
- (ii) Statistical theory of Turbulence: (a) In the case when turbulence is characterized by very large Reynolds number, it is shown that Von Karman's equation admits of a class of self-similar solutions. Asymptotic behaviours of such solutions for small and large values of wave number are discussed; (b) Longitudinal and transverse correlations are calculated using certain smilarity spectra as obtained with Heisenberg's decay equation, in case of homogeneous turbulence; (c) Studies on the interaction of mean and turbulent fields of temperature and wind velocity are in progress.
- (iii) Problem in Blo-Mathematics: (a) A mathematical model has been constructed for the purpose of simulation of glucose, insulin and glucagon levels in human circulating blood during a prolonged and severe muscular exercise. Bate constants are evaluated suitably so that the simulation of other physiological conditions e.g. starvation and glucose feeding etc. may also be achieved; (b) Considering blood as a non-newtonion fluid, an exact similar solution of the Navier-Stokes equation for unsteady flow in a semi-infinite contracting or expanding tube is obtained, in case where Reynolds number is low.
- (iv) Linear and Non-linear Stability Analysis: Shown that when Reynolds number RcR_c (critical), the magnetic benyancy boundary layer is the unique solution of the Boussinesq equations in presence of transverse magnetic field, and is stable in a slightly weaker sense than asymptotically stable in the mean. Upper bound of R_c is found out from the admissible function which satisfies the Euler-Lagrange equation. (b) The effect of nonlinear temperature profile and rotation on the onset of convection is studied by the method of Weighted Residuols in the frame of linearised stability analysis. Golerkin method has been employed to solve the case when both the boundaries are rigid. (c) Steady sedimentation of a uniform distribution of particles in a liquid

is modelled as two-phase flow problem. By considering the three-dimensional forms of equations with the constant day coefficient, the effect of finite amplitude on the above problem is to carried out.

(v) Sediment Transport Mechanism: A fluid-mechanical model regarding the possibility of transportation of sediments into suspension as caused by the solid body vortices generated from the laminar sublayer, has been constucted. The path of the solid body vortex whose circulation decreases due to viscous dissipation has also been calculated assuming the logarithmic profile for the distribution in channel flow.

2.3.3 Electronics and Communication Science

Research is being carried out dealing with the same undermentioned areas as was being done in the previous year.

- (i) Research in Bio-medical Signal Processing and Development of a Patient Monitoring System: (a) Characteristics of biomedical signals have been studied. Statistical and stochastic nature of those signals are under investigation. The system can be utilized in rural areas, where experts are not available. (b) Some work on partitioned adaptive filtering for parameter estimation, using Kalman litters and its potential for narullel commutation has been undertaken.
- (ii) Hesearch in Digital and Optical Communication Area: (a) In the field of optical communication extensive theoretical studies have been carried out with computer simulation on wave propagation through hollow rectangular and cylindrical anisotropic dielectric guides and also their sensitivity analysis was performed. (b) An important investigation is completed on the effect of phase Zitter and intersymbol interference and their minimization. (c) A microprocessor based communication model has been developed which will be suitable for computer-communication network in developing countries. A microprocessor based PSK modulator has also been developed.
- (iii) Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence Techniques: (a) Varried type of statistical, syntactic, and fuzzy set theoretic algorithms for machine recognition of diverse type of patterns, mainly of biological origin such as speech, hand written characters, finger print EEC etc. have been developed and experimented with successfully. Work is in progress for development of algorithms to be used in satellite imagery patterns. A new area of work on 2-dimensional as well as 3-dimensional image analysis problems have been undertaken which include computer assisted lonography. (b) A new syntactic grammer for generation and recognition of some-handwritten scripts has been developed. (c) A generalized fuzzy set theoretic approach for the study of patterns generated from bio-social systems has been published. (d) An approach for application of possibility theory in Man-Machine System Rehiability Analysis has been published. (e) A fast algorithm for Walsh-Hudamard Transform for feature extraction problems in Image processing by computers has also been published.
- (iv) Acoustic-Phonetic Studies of Speech Sound: (a) Some studies have been performed on phonema structure of some Indian Languages and their application in

ASR Techniques is under study. For this purpose linear predictive method (LPC Analysis) has also been experimented with.

- (v) Studies on the methodology for Image Amolysis and Image Understanding System: (a) Computer recognition of 3-D objects has been taken up. Also some algorithms have been tested. In the area of resources estimation project for classification of the geological rock samples from computer analysis of their microphotograph was undertaken. (b) A work on pattern recognition and image understanding system for Remote Sensing Applications was completed.
- (vi) Studies on Cybernetics and System Theory: Saverul Studies in Generalized fuzzy set theoretic approach for bio-social systems, in man-machine systems and social implications of Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence Research have been undertaken.

2.3.4 Geology

- (i) Integrated programme of geological research in the Pranhita-Godavari Vulley was continued. The main topics of research in stratigraphy and palaeontology of the Gondwanas were: (n) sauropsid reptiles from the Yerrapalli formation (b) Excavation and exploration of theropsid reptiles from Yerrapalli formation, (c) Study of Permain vertebrate fauna, (d) Examination of the fauna of Late Upper Triassic Dharmaram formation, (e) Mesozoic Gondwana vertebrates of the Pranhita-Godavari valley, (f) Review of Lower Jurassic Kota fauna, (g) Examination of spirally coiled coprolites from Maleri, (h) Evolution of rhynchosaurus, (i) New eosuchian reptile from Late Triassic of India, (i) Braincase of a Late Cratecous sauronod dinosaur from India, (k) Geology of an area around Yamanpalli-Lingal-Metpalli in Adilabad district, A.P., (1) Geology of the N.W. part of the Pranhita-Godavari valley, (m) Stratigraphic interrelationships between different Gondwana formation in and around Chinoor, A.P., (n) Studies on calcareous lithounits in Late Triassic Maleri formation (o) Studies on genesis and significance of Maleri red clay, (p) Gondwana stratigraphic classification by statistical method, and (q) Trace fossils from the Trinssic continental Gondwana red beds, (r) Structural analysis of Delhi metasediments of a part of Central Rajasthan and Pakhal rocks in A.P. (s) Early diagenetic glauconitization of feldspar grains in Middle Proterozoic tidal flat complex, (t) Trace Jossils from Proterozoic sediments of Godavari valley and (u) Studies on tidal flat siliciclastic sequence of Pakhal Group in the Ramagundam area.
- (ii) Sedimentological Studies of fluvial deposits around Giridih, Bihar. Growth and accumulation patterns of the point bars of the Usri river and its tributary, the Pathri near Giridih, Bihar, have been worked out.

2.3.5 Physics

2.3.5.1 (i) Studies in the Mechanical Properties of Human Tissues and Organs:
Both pathological and normal samples have been put to tensile and tearing tests to determine the tensile breaking load the ultimate tensile and tearing strength and the ultimate

percentage olongation. The tissues and organs on which investigations have been carried out include 2000 hist strands. 25 gall bladders 35 appendices, 16 skin specimens, 12 tendon, 8 muscles, 6 nerves and 12 miscallaneous specimens. Pathological hair samples include such hair disorders as diffuse alopecia, canitis, vitiligo, male pattern alopecia, alopecial areata, psorinsis and seborcheic capitis and interesting findings of forensic and anatomical importance have been reported. A technique of quantifying the damage of a pathological specimen (non-hair) has been evolved by an index called the damage index µ.

- (ii) Theoretical Study on the Application of the Control Theory to Electrical Mechanics and Power Systems: The theory of de-coupling has been successfully applied to d.w.r. synchronous machine and investigations on non-linear de-coupling, data sensitivity and optimization are in progress.
 - (iii) Interaction of Physics and Medicine: The studies were continued,
- 2.3.5.2 Teaching Activities: The Unit was engaged in teaching Physics Elective in the Second Year B. Stat. Honours Course.

2.3.6 Flume Project

The study of sediment transportation problems was continued by a team consisting of a geologist, a statistician and a mathematician. The problems of generation of unimodality, symmetry and lognormality in the size distribution of particles suspended in flowing water were investigated experimentally and theoretically. Flume experiments were conducted to study the nature of grain size distributions of particles settled from suspension at decelerating water flow velocity.

2.4 BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

2.4.1 Anthropometry and Human Genetics

- (i) Bioanthropological Study of a Migrant African Group, the Sidhis of India: The project aims at understanding of the processes of biological and social adaptation among the Sidhis who came to India from Africa some 400 years back.
- (ii) Bioanthropological studies among the Nandiwallas and Dhangars: The objective of this project is to determine the mode of inheritance of some quantitative dermatoglyphic variables, to examine extent of diversity within and between population, and to assess evolutionary implications of dermatoglyphic variables.
- (iii) Patterns of fertility and reproductive wastages by parity and social class: With respect to national problems of high fortility and increasing population in the stratified society of India at large the project has been undertaken to study from the standpoint of reproductive biology differential fertility, reproductive wastages and casualties among the Bengali mothers.

- (iv) Study of physical growth of Bengali boys: With respect to national problems of health and nutrition of the growing children of India in general the project has been undertaken from the standpoint of growth dynamics to study anthropometrically the norms and rates of growth and development of the pre-adolescents of the Bengali parentage.
- (v) Impact of Allitude on Human Population: The objective is to compare highland and lowland Sherpas, lowland Sherpas and lowland Lepchas, and socioeconomic subgroups of the lowland Lepchas, to evaluate the relative effects of physical environmental and socioeconomic stresses on health status, as judged by demographic, anthropometric, haematological and other clinical traits. The data show that socioeconomic stresses may be more important determinants of health than physical environmental ones. A recent opthulmological survey shows relative infrequency of hereditary eye diseases.
- (vi) Biomedical study of Portuguess-descendants of Mirpur village, district Midnapore, West Bengal: The objective is to compare the mixed Portuguess-Bengali population of Mirpur with a few neighbouring ones, as well as the latter themselves and their subgroups, to evaluate the relative effects of genetic and socioeconomic factors on health/disease. The data show that all the communities suffer from heavy intestinal parasitic infestations and anaemia, fertility is inversely related to socioeconomic condition, and Mirpur (an ethnic minority) is on the verge of extinction.
- (vii) A study on the relationship between socioeconomic condition, nutrition and health: The objective is to compare high, medium and low economic subgroups of the same population, to evaluate the effects of socio-economic condition on nutrition and of nutrition on health/disease. The data show an inverse relationship between health parameters and economic condition.
- (vili) A study on dietary intake pattern, body measurement, purasitic load and other health indicators among the inmates of two old-age homes in Calculta city.
 - (ix) Distribution of intestinal parasites in West Bengal.
- (z) Study of Fertility, sex-ratio and biochemical genetic markers: Between parental and offspring generations the study nims to examine the nature of variation in and association between biochemical genetic markers and reproductive wastages/sexratio in the children.
- (xi) Study of placental enzyme polymorphism in Indian Population: Principal purpose is to study gene frequency of various placental enzymes like alk.ph., PGA1,, Ac.ph., Est-D & LDH in a number of ethnic groups of N.E. Indian in understanding the extent of Mongoloid admixture in the population groups.

Projects 8 and 9 are described under Biochemistry Unit, items (v) and (vii).

- (xtl) Micro-evolutionary dynamics among the Mahars: Main objective is to examine the relationship, if any, between disease of malarin and the biochemical genetic trait of G-6 PD and Sickle Cell haemoglobin amongst the Mahars, a scheduled caste of Maharashtra in the search for geographical parallelism between malurial endemicity and the genetic markers.
- (xiii) Standardisation of existing laboratory techniques in biochemical genetics: Experimental work aims to find out optimum electrophoretic conditions for separation of Amylase, Acid phosphatase, Lactic dehydrogenase, Alkaline phosphatase atc. by quick and more efficient techniques through polyacrylamide get.

2.4.2 Biochemistry

(i) Studies on Inorganic Pyrophosphatase from Green Leaves: The enzyme inorganic pyrophosphatase splits inorganic pyrophosphata to orthophosphate. The partially purified inorganic pyrophosphatase from green levaes of A. biltum L. has been resolved into two components by polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. The presence of two isoenzymes has been confirmed by specific reaction on the gel.

The purified enzyme has also been resolved into two fractions by DEAE-cellulose column chromatography.

Studies on uses inactivation rate has been carried out to differentiate the two isocuzymes separated from the inorganic pyrophosphatase obtained from A, blitum L.

- (ii) Inorganic Pyrophopsphatase during Germination of Phoseolus aureus seed: Inorganic pyrophosphatase is present in germinating seeds. Both the acid and alkaline inorganic pyrophosphatase activity profile has been determined during germination of Phaseolus aureus seed. Total germination time of 96 hours was followed. The pH-activity relationship of both the euzyme has also been elucidated.
- (iii) Affinity Chromatography: The development of anaffinity chromatographic technique for the single step purification of inorganic pyrophosphalase on suitable ligand lixed polyacrylamide matrix is under investigation. Bends of polyacrylamide get were made by dispersing in acetone. Different methods of fixing hexamethylenediamine on the polyacrylamide matrix are being studied.
- (iv) Correlation of Cyanomethaemoglobin and Oxyhamoglobin levels in Adult Human Beings: The object of the project is to examine if any relationship exists between the technically complicated measurement of cyanomethaemoglobin and the oxyhamoglobin (and other hoematological parameters). The data collected so far tentatively suggests that the parameters are highly correlated, implying that the technically simpler parameters of oxyhamoglobin may provide as much information and therefore may be preferable under field situations than cyanomethaemoglobin.

- (v) A Study on Dictary Intake Pattern, Body Measurement, Parastic Load and Other Health Indicators Among the Immets of two Othe-Age Homes in Calcutta City: The purpose of the project is to assess the health status of the etherly population, and the effect of socioeconomic condition on oid-age diseases. Collection of health related data on the etherly section of the people from various regions/communities, etc. and the results obtained should help formulate medical welfare programme(s) for this seection of the Indian populations.
- (vi) Impact of Allitude on Human Population: To compare high land and low land Sherpas and low land Lepchas, with regards to physiological and biochemical parameters to evaluate the relative effects, especially, of allitudinal stresses, vis-a-vis genetic constitution, on health/disease.
- (vii) Distribution of Intestinal Parasites in West Bengal: Intestinal parasitic infestation is one of the major health problems in India. Some data on the distribution of intestinal parasites in different regions of West Bengal exist, but there are large gaps both in terms of spatial and ethenic coverages. Detailed survey of the types and prevalances of these infestations by region, ecological zone, ethenic group etc. should help formulate medical welfare programmes with appropriate emphasis on preventive and curative measures.

2.4.3 Botany

Research activity was primarily concentrated in the following areas :

- (1) Breeding of rice with a view to evolve high-yielding rice varieties from indigenous germ plasm and performance trial of a dual-purpose high-yielding (joint yield of grain and straw) rice variety, developed by the Botany Research Unit and provisionally named 'Subarna., in the farmer's fields under different agro-climatic conditions. The results ore encouraging which call for further extensive trial.
- (ii) Performance trials of intervarietal mixtures of rice, wheat, oat etc., and interspecies mixtures of cerents and lagumes like wheat and gram, wheat and pea, rice and pigeon pea, oat and gram, oat and lentil were conducted with a view to find out the nature of mixture effects. While some varietal and species mixture showed competitive disadvantage, a few mixtures showed mutually stimulated yield performance thus offering the possibility of harnessing this biological phenomenon for higher grain/seed vields.
- (iii) The mechanisms involved in intervarietal and inter species competition and interactions are under investigation.
- (iii) The effect of electromagnetic field on plants was studied. The study demonstrated certain disruption of the mitotic behaviour during nuclear division of the growing roots of Allium ceps following exposure to specific strength of electromagnetic field for a special period.

- (v) The investigation on the behaviour and ecology of field rodent was continued. It was observed that the structural components of nests consists of plant materials of mainty the grass family and also others available in the neighbourhood of the burrow.
- (vi) Preliminary work for planning and execution of the project 'Deforestation: nature cause and consequences' was done.

2.4.4 Crop Science

- (f) Study of Asymmetry in Plants and Animals: General problems of levo and dextro-rotatory situations present therein. Interest in the phenomenon of asymmetry in plants and animals is due to the fact that morphology does not end merely with the presentation of facts in the formof data. So it is to gain knowledge of the laws operative in structure and behaviour in the case of animals and the yield in the case of plants.
- (ii) Exploratory work on the Family Arecarcae (Palmae): The family Palmae comprises of a total of 212 genera, 2779 species and 15 major groups of palms. Uptil now very little attention has been paid to this family, particularly, to the seedling plants, both from the anatomical as well as from morphological points of view. To cope with this problem we have been studying the following aspects of the same. (a) Anatomy of the palm seedling: It includes—anatomy of root, stem and leaf, ontogeny of apical meristem stomata, trichomes, vessels etc.; (b) Developmental stages of fruits of several species till maturity, e.g. to gain knowledge about the development of endosperm and its thifterent stages; (c) Morphology and growth pattern of palm seedlings of several species. The abovementioned studies are aimed to determine the laws of organic differentiation.
- (iii) Studies in the Field of Natural History: It includes general behaviour and ecological studies of different animals, birds, insects etc. It may be noted that during all these studies in the above-mentioned fields, statistical and mathematical tools are applied extensively to explore the pathways of the selection process.

2.4.5 Embryology

- (i) Molecular Embryology of Molluscon eggs: Experiments with Tunicamycin have continued. Scanning electron microscopy shows that not only does it very effectively loosen the cell cennent of Limnaea norulae but also converts the cytoplasm into very regularly shaped globules. It also converts rabbit rbc into echinoid forms. This is the first known example of an antibiotic acting as such an agent.
- (ii) Ecological and Biochemical Study on Wildlife: (a) Study of pheromones of leopards has continued. In the non-amine fraction a ketone of molecular weight 98 has been identified. Olfactory reaction of the cubs has been studied, Olfaction of free ranging lions has been studied in Kenya. (b) The ecological relationship of ants, moths and thorns of Acacia Jeyal and Acacia Elattor has been studied in the remote bushland of Kora. Kenya.

(III) Biomathematical Study of Cellular Growth and Morphogenesis: Stochastic and mathematical models of this fundamental process have been further developed. Mathematical studies in the problems of differentiation, based on these models have been initiated. Biological oscillations have been predicated and these have been considered to form the basic steps of differentiation.

2.4.6 Entomology

Investigations on the acoustic sensitivity of the filarial mosquito (Culex pipiens fatigans) with special reference to the formation of a swarm: Acoustic response/sensitivity of mosquitoes is an established fact. There are reasons to believe that the so called swarming of mosquitoes involves acoustically triggered mating process amongst a large assembly of mosquitoes. Swarming may also therefore be possible to be evoked by sounds of appropriate frequencies. It is the sim of the project to investigate the range of frequency (audible or ultrasonic), if any, most favourable for swarming process.

2.4.7 Leaf Protein

- (1) Screening: Of a few species screened this year, Allmania nodiflora was found to be hopeful and produced 200 kg/ha lenf protein (LP) in 50 days. Studies are being carried out in winged bean, a newly introduced bean crop. The results indicate the immease potentialities of winged bean as a protein yielding crop for the humid tronics.
- (ii) Agronomic Aspects: Studies on three root crops viz. radish, turnip and beet root have been completed in a series of long term experiments to establish the optimum of different aspects for producing maximum root yield as also protein yield from the by-product leaves in this region. The results are being analysed.
- (iii) Microbiological Aspects: (a) Screening of different micro-organisms from whey samples: A number of lungi, bacteria and actinomycets have been isolated and identified on the basis of careful microscopic slides and physiological/biochemical characteristics. (b) Production of citric acid in different whey samples: A citric acid producing mould, Aspergitlus niger NL 1M.594 has been found to propagate well in all the whey samples studied so far. 3. 5g of citric acid per 100 ml of turnip whey was recovered when fortified with 10% sucrose. (c) Production of penicillin in whey: Panicillium chrysogenum, an antibiotic producing mold propagates in all the whey samples. Experiments are being continued for better production of antibiotic.
- (w) Biochemical and Nutritional Aspects: (a) Analytical studies on fibre, a by-product of leaf protein concentrates (LPU) are being continued with the object of utilising the component as an animal feed. (b) Studies on the role of lipids in affecting storage of LPC are in progress. (c) Laboratory evaluation of different heat fractionated LPC of various hopeful species are being studied. The objective is to carry out feeding trials with the hopeful samples in the next phase. (d) Utilization of water

hyacintb: Work is in progress. Among many other factors, known and unknown, we are siming to reduce i) high water content and ii) potassium and Chloride. Through minimizing these two factors, the crop may be made more acceptable as a cattle feed.

2.5 Social Sciences

2.5.1 Demography

- 2.5.1.1 Following studies were completed during the period 1980-81.
 - (i) Education mobility of males and females in rural areas of districts around Calcutts: Education mobility in respect of birth cohort among males of scheduled castes Hindus and Muslicus, between mother and daughter over a period of 25 years in comparison with net upward education mobility between father and son over a period of 35 years: The study shows opposition of the weaker section of the village population to higher education of sons than their fathers, not true reserting that of Gmales.
 - (ii) Evaluation of rural health programme in districts around Calcutta.
 - (iii) Extension education service in rural areas of West Bengal.
 - (iv) Acceptance of sterilization programme in rural areas of Murshidabad, Nadia and Birbhum districts.
 - (v) Marriage pattern among females in rural areas of districts around Calcutta.
 - (vi) Out-migration of villagers of districts around Calcutta.
 - (vii) Literacy among women in family life in rural areas of Murshidabad, Nadia and Birbhum.
 - (viii) Study of differential response by male and female informants regarding contraceptive practice.
 - (xi) Evaluation of widowhood data in Indian Consuses.
 - (x) Effect of socio-economic development and of population control grogramme on fertility in India.
 - (xi) Applications of model life tables to Indian mortality data.
 - (xii) Population estimates of India.
 - (xiii) Management of primary schools in rural areas of West Bengral.
 - (ziv) Drop out reasons.

2.5.1.2 Teaching :

Besides teaching for the degree course and for International Statistical Education Centre students the staff of the Demography Unit imparted training on the following programme:

(i) Specialisation training on Vital Statistics and Demography was arranged for Statistical Officer Trainoes during 2-13 June 1990. (ii) Four trainees of the International Statistical Education Centre (ISEC) underwent specialised training in Demography during 11 February to 21 March 1981.

2.5.2 Economies, Econometrics and Planning

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The research work of the Economic Research Unit has covered a wide range of theoretical and applied problems. There has also been the usual teaching at the graduate as well as undergraduate level, and research guidance of students.

- (A) Economic Theory: (i) One stream of research in economic theory continues to span the broad contours of classical and post-classical theories of nature, distribution and accumulation, eschewing the current neoclassical orthodoxy of the subject.

 (a) Offering a reconstruction of the analytical core of the classical theory of nature and distribution together with an application of it to the 'pure' theory of international trade, starting from certain fundamental classical premises in the theory of capital and production. (b) Working out the logical structure of a number of central conceptions found in the Wealth of Nations. (c) Developing a broad analytical frame for studying the formation of marketed surplus and foodgrains prices in the context of 'backward griculture' broadly concerned. (d) Evolving the broad idea of service versus commodity forms of production on a methodological plane with applications to the methodology of national income estimation and analysis of industrial organisation. A workshop on Economic Theory is held every working Saturday in the above background, being attended by economists from different universities and research organisations in Calcutta.
- (ii) Econometric Methods: Studies in this area have analysed statistical problems in the estimation of single equation econometric models arising from (a) heteroskedastic disturbances, (b) transformation of variables, (c) errors in variables (d) omission of regressors and misspecification of the equation (e) Bayesian Inference, (f) Time series Analysis and Forecasting.
- (iii) Measurement of Poverty, Inequality and Income Distribution: Some studies in progress in this area concern issues relating to measurement of proverty, inequality and tax progression. One study examined the procedure for measuring incidence of undernutrition advocated by Professor Sukhatme.
- (iii) Regional Planning: Research work in progress in this area seeks to cover the following aspects: (a) manufacturing industrialisation and regional

production functional analysis in India (b) monetization of agricultural products and regional surplus-deficit analysis in India (c) spatial linkage and growth centre analysis in Eastern Region of India (d) symthatic statistical analysis for regional planning in Nepal.

- (B) Applied Economic Problems: (I) Economic Planning; One study in progress seeks to work out a plan outline, complete with a monetary, fiscal, price and production policy frame, from the objective of meeting basic human needs within a planning horizon. Preliminary discussions have been held in connection with another project of periodic review of the Indian economy.
- (ii) Problems of the Nural Economy: In a study of the potentialities as well as institutional and other constraints of rural development, the report on the first phase of a survey of four villages in Bankura is in the final stages of preparation. The second phase to be taken up soon in Burdwan will include a study of the impact of the programmes initiated under the Integrated Rural Development Programme in the selected areas. A benchmark survey of the Integrated Rural Development Programme in two blocks in Coochebnar has also been taken up. Socio-economic investigation of some 30,000 village households has been completed and sample tabulation of data for one mouza has also been worked out.
- (iii) Consumer Behaviour and Level of Living: Interregional and intertemporal variation in the level of living is being studied on the basis of 25th Round NSS Household Budget Data. The processing of the data on the Institute computer is in progress. Another study of consumer expenditure pattern using NSS time series data (7th to 28th Round) has been undertaken. As a part of this study, a system of demand equations based on Muellbauer's concept of price-independent generalised linearity is being used.
- (iv) Agriculture: As part of a broader study of Government policy in respect of pricing, production, procurement and distribution of agricultural commodities, acreage response functions are being estimated for particular crops from state-level time-series data.
- (v) Industry: A study on the measurement of productivity in selected manufacturing using Annual Survey of Industries data since the mid-sixties is in progress. Another study seeks to analyse trends in the mark-up factor for manufactured products during the Plan period for major individual industries as well as for output of manufactures as a whole.
- (x) Labour: Data collected in the ICSSR-sponsored survey of unorganised treasport workers in Calcutta is under scrutiny and tabulation in the Institute computer in Calcutta.
- (vii) Energy policy: One study has analysed the relation between investment on capacity for manufacturing sector and expansion of capacity for power generation. Another study has compared the cost of nuclear power and thermal power under Indian conditions, utilising data provided by the American Physical Society in their special report on nuclear power.

- (viti) Social Forestry: A study on social foresty was prepared using data, on utilisation of forest products by households in four villages in Bankura surveyed under the Rural Survey project of the Unit.
- (iz) Money and Bonking: One study has sought to develop an econometric method for forecasting demand for bank credit of the commercial sector in India; A related study sims at analysing the changing seasonal pattern of such demand.
- (x) Foreign Trade: An econometric study of the behaviour of India's import both total imports and imports of various groups of commodities, over the period 1950-51 to 1977-78 is being carried on. Another empirical study is being made of trends in India's exports during the period 1964-65 to 1975-76, with particular emphasis on changing direction and commodity composition of export trade. One note prepared during this period discussed alternative export policy options for the country taking a perspective view of the eighties.

2.5.2.2 Delhi, Planning:

(i) Impact of the Metropolitan City of Bombay on the surrounding region; (ii) Integrated Development—Case study of North Kanara; (iii) Theory of decentralized resource allocation Medianism and Nonlinear input-output models; (iv) Effect of price and quantity controls on the Sugar Industry; (v) Social choice theory and income distribution in India; (vi) Specification of the pattern of income distribution; (viii) Dynamics of deforestation; (viiii) Employment and earnings in the handicrafts sector (ix) Export strategies and development; (x) Impact of social services in rural areas; (xi) Inputont tables for the Indian economy; (xii) Agricultural development and its impact on the less privileged, including field studies; (xiii) Study to estimate the requirements of fertilizers, componentwise, for Punjab, keeping in view the changing cropping pattern. The time series data on production of major crops, fertilizer consumed, area under different crops, irrigated area etc. is being collected; (xiv) Rural agricultural market centres and spatial development; (xr) Commodity trade and employment.

2.5.3 Linguistic Research

The programme of fundamental and applied research is grouped under three broad headings:

(i) Study of the Phonetic Structures of major Indian Languages and Application of the Results in the following areas; (a) Speech Pathology: Speech and language babilitation of hearing impaired children. (b) Second language teaching (c) Cultivation of mother-tongue.

(a) Bengali Phonetics:

Fundamental research: Suprasegmentals of the Bengali language (a) Spectrographic recordings have been made of Bengali monosyllabic words in the first phase

of this receased. Similar data is being collected for disyllabic words, with the purpose of measuring the duration of vowels in Bengali words. (b) Studies are in progress on allophonic varieties of Bengali speech sounds resulting from interaction of speech sounds.

Applied research: Speech Pathology: (a) Studies on articulatory norms in school going children from four to ten years of age. (b) Educational problems of bearing impaired children attending schools for children with normal hearing.

(b) Hindi Phonetics

Fundamental research: Suprsegmentals of the Hindi language: A project has been initiated in collaboration with experts on the Hindi language to carry out a number of studies on the suprasegmentals (prosodio features) of the Hindi language. It is planned to study vowel duration, stress and intonation patterns in monosyllabic, disyllabic and trisyllabic words in the first phase. This is a continuing scheme.

Applied research in Speech Pathology: A methodology for speech habilitation of bearing impaired children baving Hindi as their mother tongue is being prepared.

(c) Teliegu Phonetics

Fundamental research: Suprasegmentals of the Telugu language; Studies are in progress on the suprasegmentals (prosodio features) of the Telugu language, in cultaboration with the Department of Linguistics, Osmania University, Hyderabad.

Applied research: Speech Pathology: Methodological units for speech and language habilitation of bearing impaired children with Telugu as their mother tongue will be prepared in collaboration with Department of Linguistics, Osmania University, Hyderabad.

(d) Puniabi Phonetics

Fundamental research: The articulatory and acoustic phonetic structure of the Punjabi language has been studied and a book has been finalized for publication.

- (ii) Investigation of Problems Relating to the Structure of Meaning
- (iii) A Statustical Approach to Linguiztic Problems: Some statistical studies are in progress and further studies planned on quantitative linguistic and phonetic data from the following languages: Bengall, Hindi, Telugu, Punjabi, Serbo-Croat and English.
- (a) Serbo-Creat: Data provided by Professor Djonlje Kostic on the distribution of grammatical forms and categories according to their frequencies is being processed statistically. It is planned to measure the distance among the areas of linguistic performance in the Serbo-Creat language and individual authors. The work is

being carried out under the linguistic guidance of Visiting Professor Kostic and the statistical guidance of Professor N. Bhattacheryya.

- (b) Bengali: A considerable amount of data has been collected over the years on the vocabularies of Bankius Chandra Chatterjee and Rabindranath Tegore and is ready for statistical processing.
- (c) Comparative studies: A number of technical papers are planned, based on substantial amount of data collected on the Bengali, Hindi, Telugu and Punjabi languages, as well as on Serbo-Croat and English.

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Studies on the Distribution of Income: Studies are continuing regarding investigations covering both private and public sectors subject matters being occupational wage-differentials and distributions of income within CentralGovernment Services and West Bengal State Government Services in the public sector and agriculture, manufacturing industries, mining and planlation in the private sector.

- (ii) Studies on National Accounts: The work on the estimation of state domestic product of West Bengal by districts is continuing. This is a part of the studies on national accounts. Data required for estimating capital formation and capital-stock for West Bengal are also being collected.
- (iii) Studies on Level of Living: Studies on disparities in level of living in India are being carried out on the research work done during the previous year. Some investigation was also made of the effect of different methods of numerical integration for compouting the Lorenz ratios.
- (iv) Studies on Disparities in Purchasing Power between Different States of India: This study is now being followed up by applying the Khamis-Genry methodology. In another study, the construction of a composite consumer price index number is altempted from the available consumer price index numbers of different states and in rural and urban areas and a comparison of this with the national income deflator.
- (v) Studies on Social Indicators and Economic Development: An attempt is made to form a correlation matrix for 13 indicators based on data from 84 selected countries, find out the relative weights for different indicators and construct an index for each country combining all the indicators. The simple correlation between per capita G. N. P. and these indicators will also be examined.
- (vi) Studies in Progress: (a) The variation between different states in shares of monestized and non-monetized components in the total consumption expenditure.

 (b) Consumer durable (c) Urbanization in India.
- (vit) Preparation of series of estimates of capital formation and national income in India from the year 1857 to 1900 (in progress)

2.5.5 Pre-Census Population Studies

The undermentioned research projects dealing with historical studies based on quantitative data were continued during the year.

- (i) Pre-Census Population Project: The purpose of the project sponsored by the Registrar General India is primarily to collect materials bearing on population and allied socio-cenomic variables prior to the first Census of India in 1872. The third pre-census volume covering the period 1811-1830 for the whole of India except the Eastern Zone is getting ready for the press. Compilation and editing of the volumes relating to the period 1801-1910 and 1831-1840 are going on. Twelve maps prepared for publications.
- (ii) Analysis of Socio-Economic Trends in Benguli Writings, 1818-1947: Proceedings of Seminar on Economic Writings in Bengali, 1818-1947 held at Calcutta in 1978 are being seleased from the press. As a part of compilation of a socio-economic bibliography on India, a volume of materials in Bengali were examined with a view to surveying the trends. A monograph on the subject has been sent to the press.
- (iii) Economy of Bengal, 1750-1800: The object is to construct estimates of production and population of the period. Two papers were circulated. Collection of data is almost complete.
- (iv) Editing of Manuscripts of Statistical Survey of Bengol by Francis Buchonan: Compilation work on Gorakhpur has been completed. An analytical introduction is being prepared in collaboration with other scholars. Compilation work on the district of Rungpore is in progress.
- (v) Economic Changes in Rural India: The purpose of these studies is to bring out trents of socio-economic changes in a historical perspective. Reports on the study of 20 villages of Aligarh district 1825-1975 and on the village of Ballavpur, 1926-1976, are nearing completion.

2.5.6. Psychometry

- (i) Development of Intelligence Tests for Deaf Children for Diagnostic Purposes: On the basis of a pilot study and the results obtained from the experimental version of the test battery has been revised and the printing of the same is also over. This test is now planned to be administered at five different schools at Calculta.
- (ii) Usefulness of Aptitude, Achievement and Personality Variables in Industrial and Educational Selection: This is no on-going project, and aims at lesting the hypothesis that the candidates so selected are more suitable to the organisation than those who are selected otherwise.
- (iii) Isolation of Common Patterns of some Personality Traits and its Significance for Vocational Fields: On the basis of this study a paper has been sent for publication.

- (iv) Popular Conceptions of Mental Health: A preliminary report was prepared and circulated amongst the experts for their comments, and they were consulted for devising a suitable methodology for further surveys.
- (v) Study of Internal Locus of Control: The object was to measure the attitudinal dimension named 'internal locus of control or 'subjective efficacy' (defined as a belief that the environment or the outer world could be transformed through personal effort') and to relate it to other psycho-social variables. The study is being carried on from previous year and some perliminary date were obtained.
- (ut) Development of a Scale for Measuring Managerial Potentiality/Skill: Work is going on to know the personal desirability and social desirability of the managers reparding the items written in five different areas of managerial skill.
- (vii) Statistical Analysis of Multiple Choice Test Score: Some analysis is heing programmed with accumulated data in connection with psychometric testing. Different theoretical models and their autiobility are heing considered in investigation. Analysis of data is in progress.
- (utit) Analysis of Educational flow Data: A stochastic model is assumed to characterise the progress of students in schools through an educational system. Data will be collected and analysed.
- (Lx) Rorschach Psychogram through Computer Programming: A standard matter scoring procedure has been achieved. The other portion of the study i.e. the interpretation menual is going on. A paper in this connection is in progress and is expected to be published very soon.

2,5.7 Sociology

- (i) Social Science Research Project and Problems: an inventory/study: Data collected from several research organization/institutions/universities are being analysed. Related survey in the North Bengal region has just been completed.
- (ii) The Study of 'Registry Marriage' and Impact of Legislation in West Bengal: Collated information on the 'registry marriage' are being tabulated and analysed.
- (iii) Content analysis of views on an aspect of societal change in India: the Hinda-Mulim Relations in the 18th Century Bengal: Analysis of the materials so far collected, is being done. A tachuical paper has been prepared and sent for publication.
 - (iv) Study of pilgrim centre: Project completed.
- (v) Variations in Family Structures in India: Processing and analysis of data relating to urban and rural sectors of eastern India are in progress.

- (vi) A study on Socio-economic structure and change in some selected villages of West Bengal has been completed. Survey report entitled, Mahalanobis survey revidited: prospects of agrarian change in West-central Bengal, has been prepared and sent for multication.
- (vii) Field research in various (e.g. socto-religious-economic) aspects of societal problems of two States: Sample survey in Palamau district of Bilan has been completed and data have been scrutinized. Tabulations are being done, together with the processing of primary data, collation of secondary data is also continuing.
- (viii) A study of the Nepalese system of Panchayat Democracy: One book has been published.
- (ix) Law, society and change—a case study of the Indian situation in the period between 1947-1954, that is, the Nehru Era of Indian politics—one aspect of which: study of the socialist movement in India, and the concept of Total Revolution as propounded by Japoprakash Narayan: Two books have already been published. Concluding work on the third volume, which would complete the project, is in progress.
- (x) Problems of deforestation in India (under socio-cultural and biological adaptation in contrasting eco-system): To identify and to quantify the factors influencing the process of deforestation and its consequences on man and environment, a study of domestic consumption of minor forest products as a part of the programme, has been taken up.
- (xi) Village re-survey: Follow up studies are being carried out on the previous years research work.
- (xii) Problems of Adjustment of the Retired Persons in their Family Life: Study has been by canvassing structured questionnaire.
- (xiii) Conflict, Structure and Change: Theoretical frame-work and design of the project have been formulated. Awaiting pilot study for fundisation of research design.
 - (xiv) Preparation of report on Bihar Movement is in progress:
- (xv) A research project to compare network and structure of power relations in different areas is under preparation.
 - (xvi) The conditions of rural progress in India: Report Completed.
- 2.6 Statistical Quality Control and Operations Research
- 2.6.1 General: Statistical Quality Control and Operations Research Division was set up by the Government of India in 1952 under the technical guidance of the Indian

Statistical Institute. The Division continued with its objectives of promoting applications of Statistical Quality Control (SQC) and Operations Research (OR) methods, training and aducation of executives, inspectors, trainers, operators, consultative services to industrial establishments and research in SQC & OR and allied services. The activities of the Division are organised through comprehensive programme under the broad classification of (i) promotion, (ii) training, (iii) plant services and (iv) research.

Promotional activities during the year were conducted in public and private sectors through participation in and organising of seminars, conferences, pilot surveys and implant demonstrative project and serving on expert bodies in the field. Inplant training of technologists, trainess, inspectors and operatives including operative programme in local languages and services continued to have support from a number of public and private sector organisations. The units of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., Hyderabad, Bhopal and Jhansi continued as servicing plants of the Division besides a number of other plants both in public and private sectors. Several organisations were added to the list of servicing plants during the year.

The Division undertook new project assignments during the year, apart from rendering consultative services to factories already on its rolls. The Division has so far trained about 29,000 managers and technologists etc. from various factories and organisations, produced about 650 specialists and prepared over 500 research and application papers in the field of SOC & OR.

The Division continued liaison with various academic and technical institutions, Productivity Councils, societies, association and several other national and international bodies by way of its academic, technical and promotional activities.

2.6.2 The Consultative Services: During the period under review 14 plants joined the SQC services scheme. 179 technical reports were sent to factories and 15 factories discontinued. A total of 55 factories are taking consultative services as on March 1981.

Special studies involving SQC & OR methods were taken up in the areas: Optimize process parameters for spiral welding, recovery of bushing, wave soldering process for printed circuit board of electronic industries, lowest SFC in diesel engine manufacture, quality improvement in heavy machine shop of turbines and generators, productivity improvement in assembly of energy meters, cycle tube manufacture, evaluation of sampling plan IS 2486 for testing insulator caps, technological improvement in manufacture of solid core insulator, evaluation of performance of VT pumps, simulation test using OA techniques for study of motor burn-outs in compressor, vendor quality essurance, application of fibrograph for processcontrol at textiles, optimum strategy for efficiency of a mill under restricted power supply, optimum slicing of wooden sleepers for packing cases, scientific inventory management, quality of conductors and sampling and testing error in its testing, control of rejection at a foundry, lampworks and MICA Vee rings in high voltage tests, sampling scheme for verification of stocks of food

items, factors influencing thickness of pressed magnet, effect of magnetic current on properties of sintered magnets.

2.6.3 Education and training

Implant training programme of various Incluries continued. A series of training programmes for senior executives of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. continued on regular basis basides regular programme for executives at various level. One-year special programme for executives at fairly advanced level blended with practical applications continued for third batch of trainees at Dolhi and later at Madras. The Division organised short-term specialisation training programme in the area of SQC and OR for Indian Statistical Services (ISS) probationors, ISEC trainees and participants from various organisations like RITES, NPC, IIM, polytechnics and a large number of industrial establishments.

During the period under review 2901 managers and technologists etc. were trained in various inplant general and other courses. 121 trainees underwent professional training in SQC & OR at a Post-graduate level and in part-time courses in Calcutta, Bombay, Madras and Bangalore. The Division organised training courses, namely, 7 general courses for 118 participants, 54 inplant courses for 2601 participants and 20 other courses for 303 participants at its units at Bangalore, Barada, Bombay, Calcutta, Colimbatore, Delhi, Hyderabad, Madras, Pune, Trivandrum, T&P, Calcutta and SQC & OR Division, Calcutta.

- 2.6.4. Applied research: During the period under review 9 papers were published, 19 sent for publication and presented at Conferences Seminars etc., 40 manuals and technical reports etc., prepared by the specialists of the division. Some of the areas in which applied research work is carried out inclinde unified theory for phase type renewal process using the properties of Erlangian mixtures, the uniqueness of the optimal solution for pseudo monotonic problem and some non-linear programming problem, combinatorial optimisation in flow-shop scheduling problem, Bayesian three-decision sampling plans, optimal parameters and optimal sampling interval of control chart, acceptance sampling by variables using gauging method etc. explicit expression for fundamental matrix using group generalized inverse, control of ovality using bi-variate examma distribution.
- 2.6.5 Promotional Activities: The specialists from the division delivered 190 lectures and talks to various institutions and organisations. The division also arranged 26 seminars and the specialist from various units attended 44 seminars and symposia.

Introductory visits were paid to 41 factories. Twelve survey and pilot projects were carried out and 15 reports sent.

2.7 Library, Documentation and Information Sciences

2.7.1 Central Library:

With the addition of 2863 new books and 1293 bound volumes of journals,
 the total collection of the Central Library at Baranger rose to 1.65,239 at the close

of the year. The library has a collection of 34, 023 reprints, 3,75,000 maps and a large collection of microfilms, microfisios and photoprints. The services of the branch libraries at Bangalore, Bombay, Giridih and Delhi are co-ordinated with those of the Contral Library to serve researchers, students and staff of the Institute.

- (ii) Acquisitions: A total of 2863 titles were acquired of which 1888 were purchased, 964 were received as gifts and 14 were received on exchange. The Library received a total of about 7800 titles "On inspection/approval and purchase" basis. Of these about 1200 were selected and purchased while 688 were purchased against orders placed on request.
- (iii) Technical Processing: The Library classified 1901 and catalogued 3024 books and other documents, processed 49 titles for Text Book Collection. 4614 and 1868 cards to alphabelical not classified catalogues respectively were added. 23 issues (some combined) of weekly lists of additions to the library and 3 issues of Quarterly Library Bulletin: a classified list of additions to the tibrary were brought out with a view to facilitating the use of the classified catalogue. A project work on "Subject loaks to classified Catalogue" has been undertaken.
- (tv) Periodicals: Altogether 2311 periodicals were received in the library of which 733 were received against subscription, 959 on complimentary besis and 619 on exchange arrangements with national and foreign organisations. The library subscribed to 97 new journals during this period. The library also acquired 276 back volumes of journals. Technical processing including accessioning of 1293 bound volumes of journals was completed. It also brought out 50 issues of weekly list of current journals. A project on 'identification of lacunae in periodical holdings' was also completed.
- (v) Membership and Circulation: The total membership of the Library during the period was 3688 including students, research scholars, stall as well as members of the Institute and students members of other institutions. On loans and reference 707994 books and journals were issued. Special permission was given to 746 readers to use the Library for a short period. The Library borrowed 42 books and journals and issued 47 books and journals under inter-library lending arrangements.
- (vi) Documentation: During the period the Library completed compilation of 2 Bibliographies "Population Studies—A Bibliography of Research Papers and Publications" and "Bibliography on Benergy" of which the former has been published. Compilation of 4 other Bibliographies is taken up; (1) Bibliography on Statistics and Malhematics, (2) Rural Development and Reconstruction and Social and Political Mobilisation, (3) Scanning of Articles on the Application of Stochastic Processes and Management Science and Economics and (4) Bibliographical Resources on Demography and Family Planning, available in the Institute Library. Institute also provides with abort lists of documents in specialized subjects on request.
- (vii) Reprographic and Photographic Services: The library provided with 1,16,967 xerox prints, 5140 bromide enlargements, 2040 photocopies from microfilem, 148

photocopies of large maps and drawings, 730 frames of scientific photographs etc., 403 contact prints, 1463 frames of microfilms of books, journals etc., 572 frames of microfiche of books, journals etc., and 434 slides.

- (viii) Reports and Records: The Library processed 1268 accessioned 554 and issued 1619 official reports and other documents. The Library also sorted and collated 497 official publications for binding. A catalogue of U. N. publications available in the Library was compiled. The Library completed a list of foreign official publications after making entries in the cards. Reference services to the renders are regularly provided.
- (ix) Translation: Four documents were translated from German into English. Two other documents were translated from English into French for the participants of one national and one international conferences. Several documents in Russian also were (caustated into English. Checking of the translation and translateration of 360 titles (in Russian) in the cataloguing cards was carried out for the Special Materials Collection.
- (x) Special Materials: (a) Microfilms: 617 processed and 610 accessioned, (b) Russian titles: 221 accessioned, 200 transliterated, 130 translated into English, 130 classified and catalogued and 570 catalogue cards prepared. A catalogue of Russian language multications available in the Institute Library was also brought out.
- (xi) Circulating Library: The Workers Circulating Library acquired 704 new books bringing the total collection to 30,302. It issued 27406 books to the members. This library was shifted from its temporary shed to the 3rd floor of the new library building in October 1989.

2.7.2 Delhi Centre Library

- (i) With the addition of 862 new books and 641 hound volumes, the total collection of the Delhi Centre Library rose to 17962 volumes at the close of the year. The Library has also a large collection of Reprints and Technical Reports etc.
- (ii) Acquisition: 862 books and 641 bound volumes were accessioned during the year.
- (iii) Technical Processing: The Library classified and catalogued 700 books.
 Five issues of Bi-monthly list of additions were published.
- (iv) Periodicals: The Library received 280 periodicals, of which 270 were received on subscription, one on exchange and 9 on a complimentary basis. Five new periodical titles have been subscribed for.

In addition to the exchange programme already being undertaken with the Institute of Statistical Mathematics, Tokyo, Japan, similar programme with the following

has been undertaken: (1) Universite de Parie-Sud, Centre D'orsey, Cedex, Parie, 2. Mathematics Research Centre, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

In exchange the Institute will send Discussion Papers and Copies of the Journal Sankhua. 641 sets of the Periodicals has been bound and added to the stock.

- (o) Membership and Circulation: The total membership rose to 474 (including staff, research scholars, students and guests) of which student members (outside) numbered 15 and and institute members were 116. Altogether 180 persons used the reading room with special permission. 7400 books and periodicals were issued to members. The Library borrowed 182 publications from local libraries and lent 52 publications to other libraries under the Inter-library lending arrangements.
- (nl) Xeroxing: Services of providing photocopies of about 109 articles consisting of 2450 pages were given during the period.
- (vii) Library Traines: Training was given for four months to 6 students of the Library and Information Science Course on request from the University of Delhi and the Directorate of Training and Technical Education.

2.7.3 Documentation Research and Training Centre (DRTC), Bangalore

- (i) Research: (a) General theory of subject indexing language. (b) POPSI (Postulate-based permuted subject indexing). (c) Classification schemes/classauri/thesauri, (d) Comparative study of schemes for classification. (e) Information systems and services. (f) Data Accessibility and dissemination. (g) Information analysis and consolidation (h) Library networks and library legislation. (i) Computer-based information systems. (j) Bibliometrics.
- (ii) Training: The 1980-82 session of the DRTC Course leading to the award Associateship in Documentation and Information Science commenced on 1 August 1980. In all, 13 candidates were admitted to the course. There were three deputed candidates. One candidates of one candidates of the course from October 1980.
 - (iii) Seminars: About 30 seminars were organised.

3. CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIA

Among different conferences, symposia, seminar and workshops organised by the Indian Statistical Institute mention may be made of the following:

(i) A conference in honour of Professor C. R. Rao on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday: The conference was held at the Delhi Centre from 8 to 13 December 1980 Professor C. R. Rao was the principal invited speaker.

The invited participants from Australia, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Japan, U.S.A. and India gave lectures mainly on the following topics: (i) characterization problems, (ii) design and analysis of experiments, (iii) inference, (iv) limit theorems, (v) multivariate analysis, (vi) sempling techniques, and (vii) stochastic differential equations.

- (ii) Sixth Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population: The Institute collaborated with the Indian Association for the Study of Population in holding its sixth Annual Conference on Population Distribution and Development at the Institute campus, Calcutta during 20-31 December 1980. About 100 economists, demographers and social scientists including six from abroad participated in the deliberations of the conference which was organised in three parallel sessions. Units of the Institute particularly Demographic Research Unit actively participated in the organisation and deliberations of the conference.
- (iii) Documentation Research & Training Centre, Bangelore, Annual Seminar: Information analysis and consolidation: principles, procedures and products. About 80 participants from all over India attended and 21 papers were presented. 23-27 February 1981.
- (w) On 30 January 1981 a Round Table was organised to discuss the Special Bearer Bond Ordinance to mop up bloack money. Several academic and professional organisations of Bangalore City had participated.
- (v) Workshop on Statistical Methods in Human Population Genetics: It was organised at the Institute in collaboration with Indian Society of Human Genetics and Indian Council of Medical Research. Eight faculty members from the Institute, Cancer Research Institute, Bombay, University Department of Statistics, Poona, Indian Agricultural Statistics Research In titute, New Delhi, Department of Bio-statistics, Christian Medical College, Vellore, and Bose Institute conducted the Workshop. Forty participants from several University Departments, Anthropological Survey of India and colleagues attended the Workshop on 6 October and 4 November 1980.

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Series A ; Volume 42, Parts 1 & 2.

Series B : Volume 42, Parts 1 & 2,

Series C : Volume 41, Part 2 (in Press),

Series D : Volume 40, Part 1,

It has been decided that from Volume 43 (1981) Sankhya will be published in two series: A and B. Series A will be devoted to probability and mathematical statistics. Instead of Series B, C and D there will be a single Series B containing all papers on methodology and applications which are of use to practising statisticians and econometricians.

Work is now progressing on the basis of a publication echedule that includes printing of all the back issues of Vol. 42 and bring out the 6 issues of Vol. 43 of the reorganised Series A and B bafore November 1981.

A project to publish Cumulative Index of Sankhya from Vol. 1-42 (total 70 volumes of all Series) has been taken up. An editorial working group has been formed and the work is progressing with necessary computer sid. The Cumulative Index is scheduled to be printed before December 1981.

- (ii) Technical Reports: Twenty Seven technical reports from the Statistics-Mathematics group have been issued.
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