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Prof. Vishwanathaø Teaching specialisation in Economics includes Macro Economics, Development Economics, Demography, Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Micro Finance, Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy Ambedkar Studies, Middle Eastern Studies. His Basic research is in the area of agriculture economics and development studies. Currently, engaged with Social Exclusion, Caste Discrimination and its Impact on Dalits, Development of Inclusive Policies, Displacement and Rehabilitation and Its Implications, HIV/AIDS and Health Issues in Karnataka, Floriculture and Agriculture Development, Measuring Sustainable Agriculture Income and Environmental related issues. Micro-Finance and Development of Women Micro enterprises, Food Security of Marginalised communities, Banking Reforms and Productivity and profitability and Affirmative action and Policies. Labour market discriminations and International Labour Migration. He was the recipient of Erasmus Mundus-IBIES fellowship-2014 awarded by European Union, as Erasmus professor he has designed a course on õEconomic Policy of Indiaø for a Masters Programme of University of Warsaw, Poland and taught the course to International Erasmus students in the University of Warsaw in 2015, He has also been awarded the INDO-FRENCH SOCIAL SECINTIST OVERSEAS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP jointly by ICSSR-MSH PARIS, FRANCE in 2009 to carry out international research study on social exclusion titled õNature, Causes and Patterns of Social Exclusion and Policies to Promote Integration -A comparative study of India and Franceö at INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES, MSH, Boulvard Raspail, PARIS, FRANCE. He was awarded SEPHIS and FORD FOUNDATION Fellowship to do Advance course on Factory of Ideas in racial and ethnic studies in Federal university of Bahia, Salvador. Brazil. He received Travel Fellowship sponsored by SSRC, New York. USA to present a research paper on õ, Law and Livelihoods of Dalits in Indian Societyö in First International Conference onö Inter-Asian Connectionsö organized by SSRC, NEWYORK, USA held at World Trade Center, Dubai, UAE.

As a Erasmus professor in the University of Warsaw he has taught a master degree programme for European International Students at Institute of International Relations, Warsaw, Poland for a semester from April to July 2015. He is the Visiting Professor to Zyeda Womenøs, Sharja University of United Arab Emirates and also to the Dubai School of Governance, Dubai University During 20th to 24th February 2008 on SSRC Fellowship for Social Scientists. He was also worked as Social Scientist in the INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES, MSH, Boulvard Raspail, Paris, France. He is also Visiting Professor to the CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND RESEARCH, CNRS, SAINT GERMAN DE PRESS, PARIS, FRANCE IN SEPTEMBER 2009 and to the University De Paris, PARIS, FRANCE IN OCTOBER 2009.

Prof. Vishwanatha has completed 12 Research Projects Funded By ICSSR and UGC New Delhi. The ICSSR, Sponsored prestigious Social Science Research Programmes titled õDiscrimination and Social Exclusion: A Study on Development Experience of Dalits in Karnatakaö (Five Research Projects on different themes) and õ Educational Status of Scheduled Caste óAttainments and Challenges in Karnataka and Goa Statesö are completed. He has also completed a project sponsored jointly by ICSSR and MSH-PARIS, FRANCE. He has completed 4 Major Research Projects funded by UGC.

He has published four books and more than fifty research papers in journals, edited books and conference volumes. Besides, he has presented more than fifty research papers in both national and international seminars and conferences, he has also organised more than ten national conference/seminars and one international seminar. So far seven PhDs are awarded under his guidance and currently, seven PhD scholars are working under his guidance.