

The research department of ISI has planned various activities. Some of them are mentioned below

- a) Research projects: ISI has planned two research projects on areas that require advocacy and attention of those in authority. These areas are
 - ➔ Land Acquisition Bill: An Assessment with Special Reference to Socially and Economically Marginalized Communities of South India: The objective of the study is to critically look into the impact of Land Acquisition Bill upon the socially and economically marginalized communities, both rural and urban, especially upon SCs and STs and to propose ways for policy changes. The most affected in the Act are the small and marginal farmers, those poor daily wagers who depend on agricultural activities and those poor artisans associated with farming. In the same way, it is the poor slum dwellers, pavement dwellers, and other people in the fringes of urban social milieu who are affected. There have been projects which evicted people both in the rural and urban areas ruthlessly throwing them out of means of livelihood and hope in the future. They lose their daily wages as they are forced to move out of the purview of availability of employment. Such unmitigated eviction causes huge migration and poor and unplanned urbanization which escalate other human and social problems of the poor and the marginalized. It is in this context this study becomes important and also relevant.
 - ➔ Undertrials , their socio economic status and reason for delay in justice: It has been observed that thousands and millions of under trials are languishing in the jails without any trials. Some of them even if convicted would have completed their term and left the prison, but as under trials they continue to be there. By and large, many seemed to have been alleged for petty crimes—imprisoned and thus await their trials. The research will ask questions like what is the socio economic composition of the population, what are the charges under which they are put in prison, why are they languishing in prisons.
 - ➔ Honor killing with special reference to Tamil Nadu: In Tamil Nadu many case of honor killings go unreported as the deaths are often ‘considered’ as suicides. In many part of Tamil Nadu, inter-caste marriages, especially those involving a Dalit marriage, especially those involving a Dalit bride or groom, invariably sparks caste venom with the murders of the dominant Hindu community vetoing it. This phenomenon is on the rise in India, especially in Tamil Nadu. Under these circumstances, it will be appropriate that ISI research unit embarks on an empirical research which would be crucial and apt especially from the vantage point of Dalit women by taking into account Dalit woman’s psyche, castiests’ psyche, social exclusion and ostracization and other allied factors that are involved.
- b) Trainings: the research department will organize two trainings on research methodology- level 1 and level 2. Level 1 focuses on social advocacy and lobbying and SPSS whereas level 2 is advanced level. The research department will develop the modules for these trainings.

- c) Conferences: it has been planned to organize a regional programme on 'Nationalism' involving various participants. It is also planned that on the 125th birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar a national seminar to be organized.
- d) Study circle: the department will organize study circle including various institute, NGOs, colleges. The first discussion will be on garments workers in Bangalore. Participants will include teachers, professors, students, etc.