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*A NEW STATISTICAL DOMAIN IN INDIA:
AN ENQUIRY INTO VILLAGE PANCHAYAT DATABASES*

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Chair: R. Ramakumar

Japanese participants will join us by video link

1600 Indira Chandrasekhar: Introduction

1605 V K Ramachandran introduces the book

1620S Parasuraman speaks

1635 J Okabe and Aparajita Bakshi speak

1650 T M Thomas Isaac releases the book, presents first copies to Gopal Galkar and S Parasuraman

1700-1705 Gopal Galkar speaks

1705-1750 T M Thomas Isaac special lecture, followed by discussion

1750-1800 Chair sums up, speaks

Chief guest and main speaker of the evening: Professor T M Thomas Isaac, Member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly, former Finance Minister of the State, leading organiser and activist of the People's Planning movement in Kerala, and co-author, with Richard Franke, of *Local Democracy and Development: The Kerala People's Campaign for Decentralised Planning*

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