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## **INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

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### **ELECTION NOTICE 2017**

As provided under Article 3 (i) of the Constitution of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS), the term of the officebearers and five members of the present Managing Committee (MC) is expiring on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. In accordance with the Constitution of the Society, the following five members, who were elected to the MC in 2012, retire: D. R. Sahu (Lucknow), Smita Suresh Awachar (Aurangabad), Sukant K. Chaudhury (Lucknow), Paramjit S. Judge (Amritsar) and V. P. Singh (Allahabad).

Election of the President and Secretary (officebearers) and five members of the Managing Committee will be held as per the schedule given below. Polling will take place through online voting. As one-time measure offline voting by Life Members who have not registered their emails with the office of the Society will be allowed.

Life Members whose membership has been accepted by the ISS MC at its Tezpur meeting (December 2016), that is, till LMI No. 4239, are eligible to vote. All Life Members are asked to provide their emails and register themselves for online voting. The list of Life Members whose confirmed emails are available in the Society's office as of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 will be uploaded as the list of Online voters. The List of Life Members who have not registered their email with the office of the society as on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (17.00 hours) will be uploaded as the list of offline voters.

Nominations are invited in the enclosed prescribed form which needs to be downloaded, filled up and sent via email to the Electrol Officer Professor N. Jayaram ([njayaram2@rediffmail.com](mailto:njayaram2@rediffmail.com)) with a copy to the Society's office ([societyinsoso@gmail.com](mailto:societyinsoso@gmail.com))

Each candidate must sign the Nomination Paper to indicate her/his consent to contest the office for which her/his name is proposed. The

uploaded Nomination Paper must have signatures of the candidate and proposers together with details regarding payment of fees of Rs.5000/- or 3000/- as required through net banking or bank deposit slip in favor of the Indian Sociological Society. If these details are not entered, Nomination Paper will not be accepted. In addition, each candidate may send a one page (A-4 size) introduction with photograph with the Nomination Paper (via email) to the Election Officer. This will be uploaded on the Society's website.

**Election Schedule:**

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| 1. | Announcement of Election on ISS Website by Secretary   | 13 November 2017, 10.00 hours      |
| 2. | Last date for sending the nomination paper through email to the Election Officer with a copy to the Society's office   | 23 November 2017, 17.00 hours      |
| 3. | Scrutiny of nomination papers  | 24 November 2017, 10.00 hours      |
| 4. | Announcement of valid nominations in the ISS Website   | 24 November 2017, 17.00 hours      |
| 5. | Last date for withdrawal of nominations through an email to the Election Officer with the copy to the Society's office | 30 November 2017, 17.00 hours      |
| 6. | Announcement of names of contesting candidates on the website  | 1 December 2017 , 10.00 hours      |
| 7. | Online Voting  | 13 – 29 December 2017, 17.00 hours |
| 8. | Offline Voting<br>Dispatch of all Ballot Papers by Speed Post/Courier:   | 4 – 8 December 2017                |
|    | Receipt of Postal Ballot Papers:   | Till 29 December 2017, 17.00 hours |

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| 9. Counting of votes                        | 30 December 2017, 10.00<br>Hours |
| 10. Declaration of result on ISS<br>Website | 30 December 2017, 17.00<br>hrs   |

The relevant extracts from the Constitution and the rules of online election are reproduced herewith. The list of members registered for online and offline voting will be posted on the Society's website by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017. If any candidate wants the list of email addresses of the Life Members, a request to the Office secretary needs to be sent.

New Delhi  
13 November 2017

**Abha Chauhan**  
Secretary

### **Relevant Extracts From the Constitution**

#### **Article 3: Management**

The affairs of the Indian Sociological Society shall be managed by (i) Office Bearers, (ii) Managing Committee, and (iii) Editorial Board.

i) The Managing Committee shall be composed of the President, the Secretary and not more than fifteen other members, all of whom shall be elected by the Life Members of the Society. The Treasurer shall be nominated by the President from amongst the members of the Managing Committee in consultation with the Managing Committee. The President and the Secretary shall be elected every two years, whereas, there shall be a system of rotation among the members of the Managing Committee by which five members shall retire at the end of every two years. Those who retire shall not be eligible for fresh election before at least a period of two years has elapsed after the expiry of their term. A member contesting the election shall be a Life Member.

ii) The President and the Secretary shall arrange for the online election and one time offline election (of Life Members whose emails are not available) of the new Managing Committee in time for it to enter into office without any interregnum.

iii) The MC will make guidelines for conducting elections, holding conferences, managing Research Committees, giving Lifetime Achievement Awards and defining its relationship with Regional Associations and Institutional Members from time to time. It will also be empowered to set up other committees whose names and terms of references it will decide from time to time.

iv) To promote the goal of 'one member one post' and avoid conflict of interests, members of Managing Committee and Office Bearers cannot become a Convener of any Research Committee (RC) and hold any other post at ISS including that of Editor of any of its Journals.

#### **Article 10: Rights of Members**

ii) Only the Life Members shall be entitled to vote in a meeting for any business of the Society including the elections of the Office Bearers and the Managing Committee members, provided they have been on the register of the Society for not less than one year.

iii) Only the Life Members, who have been on the register of the Society for not less than one year, are eligible for election as Office Bearers or as Members of the Managing Committee.

### **Bye Laws for Online Election**

1. A candidate desirous of contesting election for any position in the Managing Committee falling vacant should have the qualifications prescribed to be eligible to contest the election and to vote in it.
2. There will be only one nomination per candidate per post. More than one nomination of the same candidate per post will lead to the invalidation of the candidature.
3. A nomination form will be considered as valid only if all the necessary information asked for is filled in at the appropriate places, and if it is duly signed, and dated by the proposer, seconder and the proposed candidate and uploaded on time as notified in the schedule.
4. A candidate will have to file separate nominations for each position if she/he is nominated for more than one position.
5. A candidate filing her/his nomination for the position of President or Secretary shall need to make a payment of Rs.5000/- and for the position of the managing committee member of Rs. 3000/- to the Society's bank account through net banking or bank deposit slip. A nomination form not having the details of transaction number and/or a copy of the bank deposit slip will be treated as invalid and will not be processed.
6. Candidates may pay through net banking (Credit Card payment not accepted) to the Society's bank account number. Alternatively the fee may be paid through Bank Deposit Slip of any bank to the Society's bank account number (see below). As banks take charges for transferring money, please add this amount to the membership charges and deposit the entire amount (For example, SBI charges Rs.57.50 as transaction charges. If you wish to become a Life Member and want to pay this amount in a bank, then you will have to deposit Rs. 5057.50 in the Society's account).
7. An Election Committee consisting of the President, the Secretary, a Life Member nominated by the President, as the Election Officer will conduct and complete the process of the election. In case the President or Secretary is standing for re-election, the other officer should take over and aid the Election Officer. In case both are standing, the senior most MC member from the five retiring MC Members should assist the Election Officer.

8. Nomination forms will be scrutinized by the Election Committee on the scheduled date and time announced earlier. The Committee will prepare a list of nominations in alphabetical order that are found valid. An introduction longer than a one page of A-4 size paper will not be uploaded.
9. If the number of valid nominations received by the Committee is equal to or less than the number of seats to be elected all such nominated candidates will be declared as elected to their respective positions.
10. If the number of valid nominations is more than the number of positions to be elected from that category, then the actual election will be conducted and notified according to the schedule.
11. The voter must follow all the instructions given in the notification and the votes will be authenticated by the Election Officer.
12. The Society's office will help the Election officer and maintain all the records including the final tally of votes.
13. The Election Officer will reject paper after the date and time stipulated for its acceptance.
14. The results of the election will be announced on the ISS website on the date and time stipulated in the Election schedule and the same will be communicated through email to the candidates immediately. The decision of the Election Committee with regard to the validity or otherwise of a vote will be final. However, the President can overrule the opinions given by the other members with a justification for the same.