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Dear Colleagues,

Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year, 2023! We begin this year on a positive note with a sense of joy and contentment of having successfully organized the 47th All India Sociological Conference at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) held from 20th-22nd December 2022 on the theme *Hundred Years of Sociology in India: Exploring Trajectories for the Future*. Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, the Governor of Assam was the Chief Guest of the Inaugural session, and Prof. T.K. Oommen, Professor Emeritus (JNU, New Delhi) delivered the Inaugural Address. The edited book by Prof. Ajailiu Niumai and Prof. Abha Chauhan titled *Gender, Law and Social Transformation in India* (published by Springer) was launched. On the whole, nearly 1100 delegates attended the conference from different parts of India. Over the three days, more than 850 papers were presented in technical sessions of 28 Research Committees (RC) and 01 Adhoc Group, and 03 Plenaries. There were also 03 Memorial Lectures, a Presidential Address, and the Valedictory session on the last day. Besides these, the meetings of the General Body, Editorial Boards, Managing Committee, RC Conveners, and Regional Associations were held. The cultural programme displaying the rich culture of various tribal and ethnic groups of different states of North East India on the first day evening was mesmerizing.

On behalf of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS), I thank the Hon'ble Chancellor of the USTM, Mr. Mahbulul Hoque; the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. G.D. Sharma; the Organizing Secretary, Prof. B.I. Laskar; Chairperson of the Local Organizing Committee, Prof. Abdul Matin and other members; Dr. Aye, the Head of the Sociology Department, the student volunteers, and the entire team at the USTM for their continuous and consistent support to the ISS for organizing the conference. I am equally thankful to all the delegates and the ISS members for attending the conference and making it an enriching academic event. It is an honour for the ISS, and on behalf of it, I congratulate Prof. I.S. Chauhan and Prof. R. Indira for receiving Lifetime Achievement Awards 2022 conferred on them during the Conference. I also congratulate Dr. Chakraverti Mahajan for getting Prof. M.N. Srinivas Memorial Prize (2022). The Young Researcher Workshop (YRW) was held at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati on the 18th and 19th of December 2022 in which 30 Research Scholars from across the country presented their research papers. For this, I am grateful to Prof. Sambit Mallick, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati, and the Convenor of the Workshop, and his team for their efforts.

Friends, the success of the Conference has been a morale booster for us and provides further incentive to work for the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) - its academic, professional, financial, and administrative excellence. In this endeavour, I am supported by my team of Office Bearers and the Staff, the Managing Committee Members, and RC Conveners. I am thankful to all of them. There are certain issues that need to be addressed and a few remain to be introduced. We would take these up during this year and apprise you all about them from time to time.

Best wishes and warm regards,



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President, Indian Sociological Society