Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Greetings from the President of Indian Sociological Society. We are all passing through difficult and challenging times. In a situation where everybody’s life is at risk, I wish you all the best in life. In view of the situation where life has come to the standstill caused by the pandemic, it is quite a challenging for all of us who have been given responsibility to carry forward the glory of ISS by the sociology fraternity. We have tried our best to ensure that the functioning of the Society must go on. We have done our best to ensure this objective and culture of the society.

The first challenge faced by us during lockdown was the payment of salaries to the support staff. I am grateful to my colleague, Professor Satish Kumar Sharma, Treasurer, ISS, for making it sure that salaries are paid in time. Immediately after the lockdown was partially lifted, the renovation work of ISS office/Guest office began and it has been completed. We are planning to install elevator to ensure that the senior members of the Society do not have to undergo the ordeal of climbing the stairs.

I must share with you that our online journal e-Explorations is now a UGC recognised research journal. My congratulations to Professor Chandan Kumar Sharma, Editor, for his efforts.

Our major intellectual mainstay has continued to be Sociological Bulletin – the Journal of Indian Sociological Society. I am happy to inform you that from the next year onwards the journal will be published quarterly with a special issue. We have already signed an agreement with SAGE to this effect. It is all due to the response we received from the contributors. All journal are publishing in time now. My special thanks to the editors of the journals.

The major cause of worry at the moment is the holding of the next All India conference due to be hosted by the University of Mumbai. In the meeting of the Managing Committee of the society held virtually on 30 August, we have decided to wait till March 2021. We have also worked out the alternative online mode of organising the Conference.

During this periods we have lost two pioneering sociologists, Professor Yogendra Singh and Professor A. M. Shah, but they will always be with us through their writings which have enriched Indian sociology.

At the end, I thank you for your support and wish you all the best.

Paramjit Singh Judge