FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK

IT is with a warmth of pleasure I respond to the
admonishing and admiring appreciations you have
showered on me right at the onset of my tenure as the
Secretary of the ISS. The previous issue of our
Newsletter was effective enough to sensitize the
members to the problems and prospects of the
sociological scenario within our country. The impetus
thus generated is reflected in the themes of the papers
that are emanating from different corners of the country
through various Research Committees. In order to
achieve the common goal of the ISS, the relentless efforts
of many of the RC Convenors are unparalleled. Looking
at the themes of RCS, one will understand that Indian
approach to the Sociological issues is second to none.
Sociological tools have to be sharpened to meet the pace
of technological studies. This is our millennium
challenge.

While appreciating your efforts for the
strengthening of the Newsletter, I wish to bring to your
kind attention that the editorial set up is working under
severe time and financial constraints. The material for
each issue may be sent as early as possible to avoid the
missing of important items. To avoid any delay kindly
contact me over email and send the news items in brief
and in a presentable style. Regarding financial side, it is
well appreciated if influential members can canvas
advertisements. This being a Newsletter with 3000 copies
reaching opinion makers in leading sectors of societies,
any advertisement carried by us will help augment our
efforts in a more meaningful manner.

Hoping to meet all of you at Kanpur.

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GOLDEN JUBILEE SESSION AT
THE WORLD CONGRESS

The Indian Sociological Society organized a spe-
cial session at the XV World Congress of Sociology at
Brisbane (Australia) as a part of its official programme
on 9th July 2002. To commemorate the Golden Jubilee
of the Society, a Panel discussion was proposed by
Prof. B.S. Baviskar, former President of ISS and in all,
five speakers were invited to present papers on:
“Themes in Indian Sociology – Coming Challenges”.
At this special session, chaired by Prof. T.K. Oommen,
former President of ISA and ISS, Prof. D.N. Dhanagare
(currently President of ISS) presented his paper on
“Practicing Sociology Via History: The Indian Experi-
ences”. The other presentations included a paper on
“Indian Sociology: Towards the Issues of Policy and
Governance” by Prof. D. Sundaram (Chennai) and
“Half a Century of Urban Sociology in India” by Prof.
Ravinder S. Sandhu (Guru Nanak Dev University,
Amritsar).

The Panel also included Prof. Partha N. Mukherji
(Senior Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library,
New Delhi) who was to present a paper on
“Indigeneity and Universalisation Social Science:
Overcome the Antinomy”. However, he could not at-
tend the Congress. The fifth speaker Prof. Sujata Patel
(Pune University) dropped out of the Panel at the last
minute. About 25 delegates from India, Australia and
U.S.A attended this special session and participated
in the discussion.

ICSSR DELEGATION TO THE
WORLD CONGRESS

The Indian Council of Social Science Research
New Delhi, the apex body that funds research in so-
cial sciences, sent its delegation to the XV World
Congress of Sociology held at Brisbane (7 – 13 July 2002)
and included in the official delegation the Panel of
Speakers who presented papers at the Special session
of ISS. Besides the Panelists, the delegation included
Dr. Abha Avasthi (Lucknow University), Dr. Poojan
Sen (member of ICSSR), a few others and Dr. Arun
Bali, Director, ICSSR, who acted as Secretary of the
dlegation and of the Panel discussion also.

The Indian Sociological Society places on record
its gratitude to the Chairman and Member – Secre-
tary, ICSSR for approving travel grants to enable the
Chairperson and Panel speakers to participate in the
XV World Congress of Sociology.

ADDENDA

The Editor regrets to note the grave mistake of
wrongly typesetting the name of the profound
sociologist Prof. R. N. Saksena (in the previous
Newsletter P. 9) as R.N.Sharma and also the error
in the heading of the lower paespart of the list of the
Sociological Conferences (1955 –2000) “Prior” may
be kindly read as “After”.

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University of Lucknow
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Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

(Note: The list includes the names of all those registered as delegates as furnished to us by the I.S.A. Registration desk at Brisbane on 11th July 2002 at 11.30 hrs. Some of these delegates could not attend the Congress.)

XXVII All India Sociological Conference
A Report by Lakshmi Bhatia (Sahay), University of Delhi

The XXVII All India Sociological Conference held on December 26 – 28, 2001 at the Dept. of Sociology, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. It marked the Golden Jubilee Year of the Indian Sociological Society under whose aegis the AISc was organized. Sociologists from all over the country assembled to deliberate on various sociological issues for the three day Conference. The theme of the Conference was ‘Half a Century of Sociology in India (1951 – 2001): Challenges, Responses and Expectations’.

The Conference was inaugurated by Prof. Victor S. D’Souza. The Vice-Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University, Prof. S.P. Singh was the Chief Guest. Prof. D’Souza, in his Inaugural Address, underlined the need to pay adequate attention to the individual and to the process of individualization in addition to culture and society. The former, he said, are as important as the latter in the present day context. He also appealed to see social change as part of the broader process of globalization.

Prof. B.S. Baviskar, the outgoing President of the Indian Sociological Society delivered the Presidential Address. He reported the achievements of the ISS in the year 2001. These include Compilation of a Directory of Life Members of ISS, a Consolidated Index of Sociological Bulletin and an eight volume study on the Themes in Indian Sociology. In the conceptual framework of ‘social inclusion’ and ‘social exclusion’, Baviskar also referred to ‘Are Gram Panchayats Inclusive?’, a World Bank sponsored study. Prof. Aneeta A. Minocha read out the Secretary’s Report.
The major highlights of the XXVII All India Sociological Conference were:

- Presentation of the 1st M.N. Srinivas Memorial Prize for a Young Sociologist. Instituted by the ISS and ICSSR, the prize was bagged by Dr. Rowena Robinson of the Department of Humanities, IIT, Mumbai.

- 1st M.N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture, which was delivered by the eminent sociologists, Prof. Andre Beteille on 'Competitive and Hierarchical Inequalities'. In his view, sociologists have, so far, not paid adequate attention to the expanding middle class in India, though it is the hallmark of the present day Indian society.

- Felicitation of the Past Presidents of the Indian Sociological Society. These include Victor S. D’Souza, B.R. Chauhan, A.M. Shah, Indra Deva and T.K. Oommen. Yogendra Singh, Ramkrishna Mukherjee, M.S. Gore, Y.B. Damle and P.C. Joshi, were, however, unable to be present. The Past Presidents, present on the occasion, going down the memory lane, recounted their trials and tribulations as well as their moments of success and glory.

- Besides the meetings of the 24 Research Committees on the ongoing sociological research, 3 Symposia were also organized on:
  
  
  (b) The Emerging Information Society: Challenges for the 21st Century.
  
  (c) Contemporary Punjab: Development, Conflicts and Contradictions.

Symposium I, chaired by Dr. U.B. Bhoite, had among the speakers, Dr. Yogesh Atal, Prof. Karuna Chanana, Prof. Bula Bhadra and Prof. N. Jayaram. Keeping in mind the theme of the symposium, the speakers focused on the past, present and the future of the sociological profession. Taking a historical view, Yogesh Atal did some stock – taking but also drew attention to the future agenda of Sociology. He expressed the need for an interdisciplinary approach. Karuna Chanana, the second speaker, expressed the need to incorporate Education and Gender as Core and Optional courses at the P.G level. Both, in her view, had hitherto occupied ‘margins’ and had been chosen as soft disciplines in Sociology. Bula Bhadra, in her presentation, felt that sociologists had paid too much attention to caste and that it has been used as a handy weapon to show the difference between our culture and other cultures based on the binary stereotypes. N. Jayaram, focused on the problems besetting the profession of Sociology. For instance, lack of professionalism and a sense of direction, a certain ‘drifting’, as he termed it.

Symposium II on ‘The Emerging Information Society: Challenges for the 21st Century’ was chaired by Prof. K.C. Kalitha. The four speakers were, Dr. Vidyu Joshi, Dr. Pradip Kumar Bose, Dr. Amrit Srinivasan and Prof. V.N. Bhat. Attention of the audience was drawn to India, not being an Information Society as yet, but merely an Information Service Society. Indians in this sector being referred to as ‘chip – workers’ in the U.S. Discussion ranged from accessibility of the Information Technology, the nature of the processes of Information production, a shift from work-ethnic to play-ethnic, to the way Information Sector is producing new identities and also to the dehumanizing aspect of IT.

Of particular significance was Symposium III on ‘Contemporary Punjab: Development Conflicts and Contradictions’. The Symposium was chaired by Justice Rajinder Sachar. The speakers included Prof. Raj Mohini Sethi, Prof. Paramjit Singh Judge and Dr. S.S. Jodhka. Raj Mohini Sethi drew the attention of the audience to the issues of gender and sex-ratio in Punjab, incidentally the lowest in the country. Statistics reveal a startling picture of the missing of the girl child in 0-6 years age group in the State of Punjab. The ‘voices of women have been drowned in the dominant cultural ethos of Punjab’ she lamented. P.S. Judge focused on the link between caste-stratification and communalism in Punjab. S.S. Jodhka spoke on the regional identity of Punjab vis-a-vis the nation-state. Regional identities have been of marginal concern to sociologists, who in turn, have been pre-occupied with the concept of the nation-state, much to the detriment of the former, he said firmly.

Last but not the least, all the delegates cherished the traditional hospitality and the richness of the folk – tradition of Punjab, served in ample measure at the Conference. All those present, appreciated the efforts of Prof. R.S. Sandhu, the Organizing Secretary.
### XXVIII All India Sociological Conference

**Venue:** LECTURE HALL COMPLEX OF IIT KANPUR.

**18 – 20 December, 2002**

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**His Excellency the Governor of Uttar Pradesh Shri. Vishnu Kant Sastry has kindly consented to inaugurate the conference at 9.00 am on 18th December 2002. Prof. V.R. Panchmuki, Chairman of the ICSSR will deliver the keynote address at the inaugural session and Prof. D.N. Dhanagare will deliver the Presidential address. Prof. Yogendra Singh has given his consent to deliver the Valedictory address in the afternoon of 20th December 2002.**

#### Prof. M. N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture

Prof. M. N. Srinivas Endowment Committee has selected Prof. P. C. Joshi former President of the Indian Sociological Society and eminent sociologist for the second M. N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture. The first lecture in this series was delivered by Prof. Andre Betille at the 27th All India Sociological Conference held at the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. The convention is to arrange such a lecture as a part of the official programme of the all India conference. However, Prof. P.C. Joshi is in England at present and will not be back till the middle of January 2003. Hence, the Advisory Committee of the M N. Srinivas Endowment and the MC of the ISS will be arranging the second lecture by mutual consultation at a convenient place, date and time."
List of Speakers / Chairpersons invited for the three Symposia

Symposium I : Political Economy under the Global Regime
Chairperson- Partha N. Mukherji
Themes  
(i) Speaker J.V. Raghavendra Rao, Hyderabad  LMI 765
(ii) " Virginius Xaxa, Delhi University  LMI 903
(iii) " Chandan Sengupta, TISS, Mumbai  LMI 799
(iv) " Surendra Munshi, IIM Kolkata  LMI 771

Symposium II : Globalisation, Cultural Pluralism and Identities: The Indian Context
Chairperson- P.K.B. Nayar
Themes  
(i) Speaker Anjan Ghosh, CSSS Calcutta  LMI 644
(ii) " Sharmila Rege, WSC Pune University, LMI 1769
(iii) " Dipankar Gupta, CSSS, JNU, New Delhi LMI 735
(iv) " Sharit K. Bhowmik, Mumbai University, LMI 1086

Symposium III : Knowledge based Societies and Globalisation
Chairperson- Ratna Naidu
Themes  
(i) Speaker Satish Deshpande, IEG New Delhi LMI 1369;
(ii) " E. Hari Babu, Hyderabad LMI 782
(iii) " Vinod Jairath, Central University, Hyderabad LMI 732

(At the request of the Director I.I.T.Kanpur, we have invited Prof. Kochhar, Director, NISTADS, New Delhi and Prof. Jayant Chatterji of IIT, Kanpur to participate in Symposium III. The latter has confirmed his participation.) All the invited Speakers and Chairpersons have confirmed their acceptance. The details of themes/sub-themes are given in the ISS Newsletter, No.1 (June 2002).

Conference with a nuance

1. ISA Research Committee on Sociology of Science and Technology (RC 23) organizes joint session with the Indian Sociological Society at the forthcoming All India Sociological Conference at Kanpur. The theme of the session is 'How Globalization is affecting Science and Technology in Developing Countries'.

2. A special session is being organised in the conference for the NRI/oversea scholars.

FROM THE ORGANISING SECRETARY

By now 280 Registrations have been received and late registration is still on. Those who have not yet registered for the Conference may register as early as possible. Delegates are advised to arrive on 17th December 2002 and carry possibly a blanket/quilt each in view of the weather conditions although arrangements are made for the same. I welcome all the delegates to the XXVIII AISC at IIT, Kanpur.

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INDIA’S SENIOR SOCIOLOGISTS IN PORTRAITS

Dr. O.P Joshi the visiting fellow of the Centre for Social Studies of South Gujarat University, has realized the idea of having portrait post cards of our seniors in Sociology profession. He had personally drawn these beautiful pencil sketches of the pioneers and got their autographs on them. These post cards contain brief profiles, which include their birth, education, career, achievements and contributions to the subject. These will be available for sale at the venue of the All India Sociological Conference at Kanpur.
ISS Congratulates
Prof. Arun Nigavekar- UGC-Chairman

Professor Arun Nigavekar, who is the new Chairman of UGC, is a well-known Physicist & renowned educationalist with 40 years of experience. He was the Vice Chairman and acting Chairman of UGC. He has held several positions including the Vice-Chancellorship of Pune University. Basically a Professor in Materials Science in Pune University since 1977, he established Centre for Advanced Studies in Physics in Pune in 1980. He is a permanent member and presently Vice Chairman of Asian Physics Education Network, an UNESCO organization. He was the founder Director of National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC). He has won several honors notably being Phia Foundation award, UNESCO honor, Swami Vivekananda Award, Advocate D R Nagakar Award.

XXIII All India Conference of Indian Social Science Association

XXIII All India Conference of Indian Social Science Association will be held during 12, 13 & 14 January 2003 at St. Aloysius College, Mangalore

Theme: Communal Harmony, Minority Relations and Cultural Freedom

Additional Themes:
2. Science, Technology and Society

The ISSA also holds a contest of scientific paper presentation for the young social scientists every year at the time of its conference to commemorate the memory of great master Social Scientist Professor Radha Kamal Mukherjee.

Those who wish to present papers and participate in the contest may contact Dr. Richard Pais, (Organising Secretary) St. Aloysius College, Mangalore or Dr. Meena Kharakwal H. No: 5, Wd 11, GRC Road, Pithoragarh (Utrakhand) so as to reach him before 15/12/2002.

British Sociological Association
Annual Conference

Friday 11th – Sunday 13th April 2003 at the University of York
Theme: Social Futures: Desire, excess and waste
For further details visit the BSA’s website: www.britisoc.org.uk/eventsannual2003.htm

Indian Association of Social Sciences and Health (IASSH)

IASSH is the Indian Chapter of the Asia - Pacific Network (APNET) of the International Forum for Social Sciences and Health (IFSSH). Membership is open to Health Social Scientists and Health Professionals. Currently, membership is free. IASSH proposes to hold its first All - India Conference in New Delhi or Thrivananthapuram in October 2003. APNET will have its next Conference in Hanoi, Vietnam in October 2004. Further details and Membership Application Forms can be had from:
Dr. P.K.B. Nayar, (Coordinator, IASSH)
Kochulloor, Thrivananthapuram - 695011
Email: pkbnayar@rediffmail.com

European Sociological Association
6th Annual Conference
September 23-26, 2003, Murcia Spain
Theme: Ageing Societies, New Sociology
For details: Juan Monreal Martinez
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29th Annual Conference

Kerala Sociological Society is holding the 29th All Kerala Sociological Conference on January 17-19, 2003 at Ernakulam, Kerala. The theme of the Conference is ‘Violence and Criminality in a Consumer Society’. Those who are interested to participate may contact:
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National Seminar on Marginalisation and Technology: The Dialogue and the Dialectic

A National Seminar was organized by the Dept. of Sociology, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, during November 15 – 16, 2002 in collaboration with RC-21 of ISS, New Delhi.

The Sub - Themes of the Seminar were
1. Information/ Knowledge Society and Marginalization
2. Marginalization, Technology and Development
3. Gendering of Science and Technology and Marginalization
4. Marginalized Groups and Technology: The Case of India.

Prof. Bipul Kumar Bhadra was the Seminar Director
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#### RC 01. Theory, Concept & Methodology

- **Convenor:** Pradip Kumar Bose  
- **Email:** pradip@csscernet.in  
- **Theme:** Global and Social: Sociological Explorations.

**List of Papers & Presenters**
2. Globalization, Multiculturism and Construction of Scattered Identities: Complexities and Contradictions - Tattwamasi Paltasing, Tata Institute of Social Sciences  
3. The Global and the Local - Susmita Dasgupta, New Delhi  
4. Convergence of 'Global' and 'Local' in Social Network Analysis - Anun Kumar Chatterjee, Kolkata  
5. Dirt: Toward Some 'Global' Delineation - Subhendu Bhownick, West Bengal  

#### RC 02. Family, Kinship & Marriage

- **Convenor:** Abha Avasthi  
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RC 02 announces one-day pre-conference symposium on 'Marriage and Family Network Under Globalization' on December 17, 2002 in Lucknow under the joint auspices of Institute of Environmental Studies and RC 02.  

RC 02 also conducts a National Symposium on 'Indian Marriage and Family under Globalization' at Lucknow on December 13, 2002  

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#### RC 03. Economy, Polity & Society

- **Convenor:** Ravinder Kaur  
- **Email:** ravinder_iid@yahoo.com  

**Panels**

- **Dec 18, 2002 Wednesday**  
  - Globalization and the Economy  
    - Session 1: 2.30 - 4.00  
    - Session 2: 4.30 - 6.00

**Dec. 19, 2002 Thursday**  
- **Globalization and the Polity**  
  - Session 1: 11.30-1.00  
  - A special lecture by Prof. J.P.S. Uberoi (Former Professor, Delhi School of Economics) “Television and the Terror: Globalisation and Public Debate”  
  - Session 2: 2.00-3.30

**Dec. 20, 2002 Friday**  
- **Session 1:** 11.30-1.30  
  - Decentralisation, Democracy, Community and Political Leadership

**List of Papers & Presenters**

2. Violence and Globalization – exploring the conceptual and theoretical inventory - S. Dasgupta  
4. Development Conflicts: A Study of Democratic decentralization and natural resource management in Mahbubnagar district of Andhra Pradesh - S. Sajja  
5. Globalization, State and Local Development: Convergent Community Action in West Bengal - A. Jana  
6. New Biotechnology and Imperatives for the Revival of Traditional Technology - S. Dhal and A. Khurana  
7. Participation, Productivity and Organizational Performance - Hiremath and Kulkami  
8. Globalization and the changing discourses of development and poverty - R. Kaur and A. Motwani  
9. Plans, Habitations and Slum Redevelopment: The Production of Community in Dharavi, Mumbai - R. Chatterjee  
10. Democracy, Cultural Diversity and Secularism in globalizing India - R. Robinson:  
11. Economic Liberalization and the Commodification of Laws, Ethics and Institutions: A Critique of Good Governance - D. Parthasarthy  
14. A pragmatic approach to the problem of child labour in India - V.K. Srivastava
15. Rural Consumption of selected electronic durables: Linkages between decision-making and social values - O. Krishnan
17. The Discontents of Islamic Economic Morality - R. Panda
18. Global Proliferation of Reproductive Technologies and Unchanging Local Social Norms: A Case of Declining Sex Ratios in Haryana - Jyoti Saipru
20. Perceptions of Public Policies and State Governance: A study about AP Govt. - G. Satyanarayana
21. Agrarian Pluralism, Legal Universalism and Globalisation - J. Gupta

RC 05. Education & Society

Convenor: P.S. Vivek
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The Pre-All India Sociological Conference Seminar on 'Education and Society', organized by the Research Committee RC-05 was held at the Centre for Social Studies, South Gujarat University, Surat on October 28-29, 2002. Prof. Vidyut Joshi delivered the keynote address. He spoke of the different method of Sociology of Education in India and commented that Education enjoys only a relative autonomy. It is an ideational autonomy - Education can generate ideas but finds it difficult to implement it. He also touched upon three tensions facing the educational scenario: (1) Local vs. Global, (2) Social Tension vs. Democratic Participation, (3) Economic Growth vs. Human Development.

Afonso Botelho, Santosh Gangurde, Dr. Shankar, Ms. Mariyah Gour, Ms. Simple Bhatia, Rateesh Kumar, Dr. J.C. Patel & Dr. Vimal Trivedy were presented papers at the seminar. Prof. Gopal and Dr. Shankar chaired the sessions. Dr. P.S. Vivek thanked the Director of the Centre and the participants.

RC 06. Religion & Religious Communities

Convenor: L. Thara Bhai
Email: tharab@rediffmail.com

List of Papers & Presenters
2. The Discontents of Islamic Economic Morality - Alatas, Syed Farid
4. Religion and Communism - P.K. Choudhary
5. Evaluation of Rural Development Programmes - T. Rajendran
6. Title Awaited - Binay Pattnaik

RC.7 Rural, Peasant and Tribal Communities

Convenor: Pariyaram M Chacko
Email: pariyaramchacko@rediffmail.com

List of Papers & Presenters
1. Globalization and a Rural Community: A Study Based on Three Nepalese Villages of Rural Assam - K.P. Upadhyaya, Sikkim
2. Globalisation of Agriculture: Depeasantisation to Corporate Farming - Manu Bhaskar, Univ. of Kerala
3. Modernisation and Ethnicity: Interrogating Different Theoretical Perspectives - D.Kumar, Mizoram
5. Women Status and Fertility Behavior in an Agrarian Society in UP - Ravendra Kumar Sharma and Arvind Pandey, New Delhi
6. Social Dimensions of Rural Health: Issues and Strategies - S. Gurusamy, Tamil Nadu
7. Child Labour in Beedi Industry of Nizamabad District in Andhra Pradesh - Gita Pyal, Shillong
8. Interpretive Understanding and Identification of New Migrant Groups of Frontier Bengal: Samita Manna, Kalyani, West Bengal
9. Industry and Community: A Preliminary Study of Community Welfare Schemes of Three Projects of ONGC in Eastern Region - Pranjal Sarma, Assam
10. Impact of Globalisation on Tribal people - S.M. Muthe, Maharashatra
12. Participatory Intervention of NGOs in Rural Development - Biswambhar Panda, Shillong
13. Family and Beyond: Social Networks in Goa - Aurora Martins, Goa
15. Designing the Future of Traditional System of Knowledge for Rural Societies - N.R. Chaudhari, M.H.
16. Women Empowerment for Globalization and Sustainable Development - G Suma & Dr. B.K.N. Swamy
17. Contemporary Issues of Learning for Tribal Students - Jose Boban K., Kerala
18. Visions on Conflict: Village in the Making of Nationalist Discourse - Manish Kumar Thakur, Goa

**RC 08. Social Stratification, Professions an Social Mobility**

Convenor: Amrit Srinivasan
Email: amritsrinivasan@hotmail.com

**List of Papers & Presenters**

**Wednesday 18th December**

2.30 - 4.00 pm Key note Address: Dipankar Gupta Title: Social Stratification Today

4.30 - 6.00 pm Globalisation, Transnationalism & Social Mobility
Old Racism in a New Form: Treatment of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Australia - Raja Jayaraman (Australia)
Women in the Profession of Science: An India-China Comparison - Prema Rajagopalan (IIT Madras)
Globalisation and Enterprise in Food: Mobility Experiences of Udupi Hoteliers-Ganesha Somayaji (Goa).

**Thursday 19th December**

11.30 - 1.00 pm Globalisation, Stratification & Work Culture
Organizational Climate under Globalization: Determinants and Implications - S.L. Hiremath & Jayashree Kulkarni (Gulberg).
Globalization and Occupational Changes - Susmita Das Gupta (Delhi).
Bhumandalikaran ebam Starikaran: Ek Saidhantik Smiksha (Globalization and Stratification: An Evaluation - S.K. Singh (Ranchi).
2.00 - 3.30 pm Globalisation, Stratification & Work Culture (Contd.)
The Tribal Sisters: A Study of the Nursing Profession in Ranchi - Kali Nath Jha (Ranchi).
3.45 - 5.15 pm Globalisation, Education and the New Professions
Title: Awaited - P.V. Illavarasan (IIT Kanpur).
Globalization and the Professions: Changing Scenario in Engineering Education - D eru Arun Kumar (Delhi).
Globalisation and Education: Emerging Professions and New Classes - Sheetal Sharma (Delhi).
Student Technician: A Study on Occupational Aspirations and Orientations - R. Gudagunti (Karnataka)

**Friday 20th December, 11.30 - 1.30 pm**

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**RC 10. Gender Studies**

Convenor: D. Jayalakshmi
Email: prof_jaya@rediffmail.com

**List of Papers & Presenters**

2. Feminist Perspective on Globalization - Yatirajalu Kanaka Sandhya
5. Gender Inequality in India - Yachana
6. Violence against Women in Meerut - Ud haya Pal Singh and Kavitha
7. Women's Movement in India - Rakesh Kumar
8. The Problem of Women Entrepreneurs and Quest for Gender Justice - Anju Rani & K.M. Archana Mishra
9. Globalization and Indian Women - SAH. Moliddin
10. Socio-economic and Cultural Determinants of Women's Status - Dibya Lochan Mohanta
12. Images of Women in Dogri Folk Songs - Vishav Raksha
13. Gender Relations in Software Industry - Deepthi S.
14. Gender in Academic Science, Global Condition or a Product of Indian Specificities - Namrata Gupta & Arun K. Sharma
15. Globalization / Liberalization / Privatization Policy-Impact on Socio-economic with respect to Women's Health - Kiran Soni Gupta
16. Forced Migration and Unintended Consequences: The Case of Kashmiri Pandit Women - Abha Chauhan
17. New Media Image of Women - Richa Yadav.
18. Factors Affecting the Weaker Gender- Empowerment in Indian Society - A Historical Perspective - Sheela Nagar
20. Occupational Segregation and Gender Issues in Transnational Organizations - D. Jayalakshmi
22. Gender and Mental Health Discourse in India - Bindhu Lakshmi.
### RC-12 Population, Health and Society

**Convenor:** R. Venkataratnam  
**E-mail:** ratnav@vsnl.com

2. Industrial Environment and Health in Coal Industry - A.K. Naik & D. Pattanaik, IIT Kanpur
3. The Increasing Trend of MTP during the Second Trimester of Pregnancy - Paramita Datta, IIPS, Mumbai
4. Impact of Household Environment on Infant Mortality - Dipi Kishore Nayak, IIPS, Mumbai
5. Hindi Title - Shashi Rani Agrawal, Bhu, Varanasi
7. Infrastructure Development & Population Growth on the Western Coast of India - P.S. Ranade, JNU
8. Prevalence of Certain Functional Mental Disorders among Male Urban Youth - Manju Jain, Kanpur
9. Global Population Problem: Cultur and Human Fertility in India - Pushpa Gupta, Groakhpur University
15. Malaria Eradication Programme in India - Where is the wring? - Mahendra Panda & A. Mohapatra, ICMM
16. Indian Tribes and Their Urgent & Emerging Health Problems - Mahendra Panda, ICMM, Bhubaneswar
17. Population and Environment Relationships in Developing Countries: A Select Review of Approaches and Methods - M. Panda & K.C. Satapathy, ICMM
18. Maternal Morbidity and Utilisation of Antenatal Care services: A study of Bihar & MP - Ruchi Jain and Ajay K. Singh, IIPS, Mumbai
19. Determinants of Infant and Childhood Mortality in a Primitive Tribe - D.L. Mohanta, Bhubaneswar
20. Title in Hindi - Bhora, Jodhpur
21. Globalization and Health-challenges to the Profession - Bhopurta Panda, IIPS, Mumbai
23. Social Dynamics of Health and Well Being of Tea Plantation Labourers in NE India - A Case Study
24. Maternal Health Care: A Curscular Study in Rural Settings - Aneela Nuken, IIPS, Mumbai
25. Contraceptive Use and Fertility Decline in Assam - P.K. Narzary & Sulabha Parusuraman, IIPS, Mumbai
27. Young Women's Fertility, Reproductive Health, and HIV/AIDS Issues in South East Asian Countries - Srinivasan et al., IIT, Kanpur
28. High Risk of Low Birth Weight Children and Nutritional Status of Mothers - S. Soundararajan, IIPS
29. Assessment of Determinant Factors for Fertility decline in AP - T. Vijayapushpam, NIN, Hyderabad
30. Fertility Differential in West Bengal: The Reflection of Missed Opportunity and Demonstration of Smug Inertia - Sudipta Mondal, IIPS, Mumbai

### RC 14. Culture and Communication

**Convenor:** V.P. Singh  
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**List of Papers & Presenters**

**Session I (18.12.2002)**
- **Chairman:** Dr. Rajesh Misra
- **Globalization of Mass Media and Socio-cultural Change in India - V. P. Singh**
- **Globalization of Mass Media and the Emerging Cultural Response in India - G. Ram**
- **Indian Women and the Obscenities in Media Advertising - G. P. Pandey**

**Session II (19.12.2002)**
- **Chairman:** Dr. V. P. Singh
- **Effects of Mass Media on Youth and Children - G. Bagchi**
- **Effective Communication to Women Empowerment for Globalization and Sustainable Development - G. Suma and B. K Narayana Swamy**
**Session III (20.12.2002)**
Chairman: Dr. G. Ram
ICT in India: Digital Divide – Digital Opportunity
Initiative Debate - Abdul Matin
Religion, Caste and Communication among the
Gaddi - Parvez A. Abbasi
Public Relations and Corporate Communication -
Ramnik Bhatti
Time Independent Reaction Probability and Cul-
tural Pluralism - R. Barik

RC 15 Social Change and Development
Convenor: P.K.B. Nayar
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**List of Papers & Presenters**
RC 15 will have 6 sessions. The programme will be final-
ized after all the papers are received.
1. The Changing Social Life of Malas in Chittoor
District in Andhra Pradesh - B. Rama Murthy,
Tirupati
2. Evaluation of Rural Development Programme -
T. Rajendran, Gandhigram.
3. Emotional Support, Social Integration and Well-
being: A Study of Pensioners in Mumbai. Aparaji-
ta Chatterjee and T.K. Roy, Mumbai.
4. Interface Between Migration and Development: A
5. Development Constraints in a Changing Society: A
Case of Women’s Education – Kirti Pandey, UP
6. Social Exclusion and Quality of Life - Preeti
Pandey, Global Synergetic Institute.
7. Enemies of Petty Commodity Producers: A Case
of BKU in Meerut Commissary – A.
Satyanarayana,
8. Changes in Indian Society in the Age of Global-
ization – U.S. Pandey, Firozabad.
9. Socio – Cultural Changes and Impact of Irriga-
tion in Some Canal Command Area of Western
10. Social Mobility and its Influence on Socialisation and
Conflictology during Transitional Period: An
Example of C.I.S. Sergey Zolotukhin, University
of Kansas, USA – Vasily Shakhgulary,
Kazakhstan and Garib Babayan, Russia.

11. The Relationship between Portfolio Investment &
Socio – Economic Development in the Third
12. Globalization and Community: A Case Study of
Change and Continuity of the Nepalese Commu-
ity – Chura Giri, Assam.
13. Social Change & Development in the Social Struc-
ture of the Deoris; A Case study – P. Baruah, Assam.
14. Development of Human and Natural Resources &
Socio-Economic Emancipation – C. Ganesh, Hyder-
abad

RC 17 Social Movements
Convenor: M.N. Karna
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**List of Papers & Presenters**
1. Ethnic Assertion and the Course of Tribal Move-
ments in Jharkhand - Jitendra Prasad
2. Peasant Movement in Contemporary Bihar: Some
Emerging Issues - R.N. Sharma
3. Women Education for Social Movements and
Globalisation - G.Sumu & B.K. Narayana Swamy
4. Some Notes on the Language Movement in Goa -
Joann Pereira
5. The Fishermen Movement in Goa: A Conflict
between Tradition and Modernity - R.B. Patil
6. The Theory of Relativity and the Concept of
Terrorism-Antiterrorism Equilibrium - R. Barik
7. Social Movements and Electronic Space: Exploring
Dalit Social Movement in the Internet - B. C. Dash
8. Adivasi Pratirodha ke Naye Ayam - R.S. Tripathi
9. Mobilisation of Kisan: Primordial, Civic and Politi-
cal Identities in Interaction - A. Satyanarayana

RC 18. Sociology of Knowledge
Convenor: Satish Deshpande, Satish Saberwal
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**List of Papers & Presenters**
1. Medical Lore in India - V. Sujatha
2. M.N.Srinivas and the Shaping of Postcolonial
Sociology - Satish Deshpande
RC 19. Age and Social Structure
Convenor: Tulsi Patel
Email: t168@mantraonline.com

List of Papers & Presenters
1. Globalization and the Aged - Sushila Jain, Rajasthan
3. Elderly Widows in Old Age Homes: A Case Study of Meerut - Kuntal Agarwal, Uttar Pradesh
4. Adjustment Pattern among Institutionalised and Non-Institutionalised Elderly - S.Saxena & S. Bugalia,
5. In Service, Retired Persons, Economic of Sociological Analysis - M.Singh & A. Bhaduria, Ferozabad
7. Life Satisfaction Among the Old Age Home Residents in Orissa - Anindya Jayant Mishra, Kanpur
8. Dot Com Touch to the Older Generation - Archana Srivastava, Rajasthan

RC 21 Social Problems & Marginalized Groups
Convenor: Bula Bhadra
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List of Papers & Presenters
2. Globalization Marginalization and Migration: A Case Study of Anandapur Village In Medinipur, West Bengal - Maitreee Bardhan Roy, Kolkata
3. Human Rights’ Violation and Marginalization of Tribals in Northeast India - Pralip Kumar Narzary & Laishram Ladusingh, Mumbai
4. Law, Marginalization and Adopted Children of India: A Study of Law And Reality - Supraba Ghosh
5. Marginalization of the Agaris of Maharashtra in the Context of Globalization - Sai Thakur, Bombay
6. Conflicts and Marginalized Groups: A Case Study of Tibetan Refugees in India-Nandita Gracias, Goa
7. Globalization, Trafficking and Marginalization of Women-Shrabonee Basu, Kolkata


National Seminar on Performers and their Arts: Changing Lives, Changing Forms
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The seminar was jointly organized by the Dept. of Sociology, University of Hyderabad and the Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Glasgow, U.K. The inspiration for this seminar was Dr. Simon Charsley’s (University of Glasgow) research project on ‘Popular Performance and Social Change’ funded by the British Economic and Social Research Council, and attached to this Department. In all there were 34 presentations spread over six academic sessions. These sessions were on ‘Folk and Classical Performers: Continuity and Change’, ‘Commercialization / Globalization/ Shifting Identities’ ‘Gender Issues and Social Movements’ and ‘Changing Patronage and Government Policy’. The seminar was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Rama Rao, and the keynote address was delivered by the well-known dance critic Prof. Sunil Kothari. Prof. E. Haribabu explained the activities under the UGC Special Assistance Programme. Prof. Chandrashzekar Bhat introduced the dignitaries. Laxmi Narayan Kadarkar, the convenor of the seminar introduced the area.

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We Miss...

Prof. N.K. Singh (LMI 392)

Prof. N.K. Singh served as Professor & Head at the Department of Sociology, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. Along with his colleagues like Prof. T.K.N Unnithan and Prof. Yogendra Singh at Jaipur in 1960s Prof. Singh had co-edited an important book entitled: “ For a Sociology of India” which was published by Prentice - Hall of India. Prof. Singh’s main research interest was “Study of Bureaucracy” and his doctoral dissertation, subsequently published as a book, was well received in the profession. As an active member of the Indian Sociological Society, currently he was a member of the Editorial Advisory Committee of the Sociological Bulletin.

Rev. Sr. Marie Cecile (LMI 308)

One of the founding members of the Kerala Sociological Society expired on 16th July 2002. She was the Professor and Head of the Post Graduate Department of Sociology at St. Teresa’s College, Ernakulam for about 3 decades. She was also the President of Kerala Sociological Society and the Principal of St. Teresa’s College, Ernakulam.

Dr. Ms. Mabel Fonseca (LMI 409)

Dr. Ms. Mabel Fonseca died on 16th May 2001 in Bombay. She did her doctoral research under Prof. G.S. Ghurye of Bombay University, on Counselling for Marital Happiness (published in 1966). Besides her thesis, she wrote two more books and a dozen papers under the guidance of Ghurye with whom she was in close contact - like a daughter - till his last days.

Dr. Gopal Singh Nepali (LMI 501)

Dr. Gopal Singh Nepali died on 20 January 2002 in Bombay. One of the earliest life members of the ISS, Nepali did his MA and PhD in Bombay University, the latter degree under Dr. G.S. Ghurye on the ‘Newars of Nepal’ (published in 1965). His Newar work remains to be an authoritative source on the topic till now. Dr. Nepali had a dedicated career as a teacher and research guide in Banaras University (1963-86), North Bengal University (Darjeeling; 1986-88) and Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, for a few years subsequently.

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