THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Dear Colleagues,

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to communicate with you through this message. When we look back, it is regrettable noted that as a confluence of various reasons, the activities of the ISS are confined only to the annual conferences other than publishing internationally acclaimed professional journal Sociological Bulletin in a sustained manner for a period of more than five decades. Hence, I strongly feel that the ISS needs to be further strengthened to expand its sphere of activities. As you may be aware, the number of sociology professionals in the country is fairly large who are located either in research institutes or in various Universities across the country. A major step is needed to establish a substantive linkage between the departments of Sociology in the universities and colleges and the ISS through activities such as seminars, conferences and the like.

The student enrolment in the university and college departments of Sociology is gradually dwindling down forcing some universities to close down the departments. Similarly other issues like growing disparity in the quality of sociology training given to the students in the metropolitan universities and the regional universities; undue emphasis on regional language; scarcity of teachers with high caliber etc. are also a growing matter of concern. I think at some point in near future, we as a professional organization should have debates on these and other professionally important issues at the national level.

Needless to say, we have had a well organized 34th All India Sociological Conference at Jaipur. We greatly appreciate the efforts Dr. Arvind Agrawal and his colleagues took to make the conference a great success. We are also grateful to Dr. N.K. Jain, the Vice Chancellor of the Rajasthan University for his benevolent co-operation in the organization of this conference. It is indeed very nice and generous of Prof. Dr. Riyas Panjabi, Vice Chancellor of University of Kashmir, Shrinagar and Dr. Aneesa Shafi, Head of Department of Sociology in the university, for their initiative in and offer for organizing the 35th All India Sociological Conference in their university. I am personally grateful to them.

I am looking forward to see you all in one of the best places in the world and in a vibrant centre of learning.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The ISS Newsletter is entering the 8th year of publication with this issue and I would like to thank every one of you for the support and contribution that have made the newsletter an integral part of the ISS activities. The first issue of the newsletter came out in June 2002 and since then, I believe the newsletter has been an impetus for enhancing ISS activities through performing the role of disseminating information and news of Sociology activities besides chronicling the achievements of our members.

During the last few years, communication has become faster. Thanks to the internet and it was natural that the demand for an e-newsletter would arise. However we have not proceeded with the idea due to the nonavailability of the email IDs of all the life members and preference of ISS members from rural areas for Newsletter in printed form. Any way your thoughts in this regard and feedback on how to improve would be greatly appreciated. I would like to thank all the past and present Managing Committee members for their kind co-operation in helping me bring out the newsletter in a timely fashion. I conclude by hoping that Newsletter will continue to be a pillar of support for the ISS in coming years as well.

Jacob John Kattakayam

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear and Esteemed Friends and Colleagues,

Greetings. I am delighted to bring it to your kind notice that 35th All India Conference of Sociology will be organized by the combined department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Kashmir at Srinagar, from October 10 – 12, 2009. Dr. Aneesah Shafi, Head of the Department has kindly accepted the responsibility of the Organizing Secretary. The University of Kashmir had the honour of organizing a large conference of economists having 1200 delegates recently and will also soon be organizing an international conference having hundreds of overseas delegates. Meeting each other and deliberating on the proposed themes in the calm ambience of the University of Kashmir, will be a lifetime cherished experience for all the delegates. The Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of Kashmir University, Prof. Riyaz Punjabi, has very kindly agreed to provide all the required support to the conference.

Our efforts of having formal MOUs with select national sociological association from each region of the world will hopefully be materialized soon.

International Sociological Association (ISA) has recently accepted our request of providing USD 500 for updating the Website of ISS. The work on this project has already started. However, this task will not bear fruits until each and every member of ISS readily acts in providing his/her email address, mobile and telephone numbers and the ISS Research Committee affiliations. Your immediate cooperation in this regard will not only help in updating the ISS Website but also in bringing out the updated Directory of Members of ISS last published in 2001.

The project of the ISS-Email or ISS-Gram and also the E-Journal of Sociology will depend on your prompt cooperation. ISA has also accepted my proposal of providing both Journals: Current Sociology and International Sociology online, instead of sending one by postal mail on choice.

As you are aware ISS will be celebrating its Diamond Jubilee in 2011 and it is high time that we start preparing to celebrate this event in an appropriate and befitting manner. I have already presented and circulated my suggestions and plan of action to all the MC Members, I would much appreciate receiving your valuable inputs and responses at the earliest.

Looking forward to receiving and meeting you in Srinagar and with best regards,

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masters programme in Development Studies to commence at the I.I.T., Guwahati. Those interested may contact:
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For details visit: http://www.iitg.ernet.in/acad/MA/Web-admission_announcement%202009.htm

Post for Project Fellow
Applications are invited by Bharathidasan Government College For Women, Puducherry for a temporary position of project fellow for three years to work on “Epidemiological Correlates of Obesity and Anaemia among College Going Adolescent Girls in Puducherry” funded by the UGC, New Delhi under Major Research Project Scheme. Age limit is below 30 years. Those interested shall contact:
Dr. Mrs.V.Raji Sugumar  for further details.
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In Memorium: Jaganath Pathy

Dr. Jaganath Pathy memorial lecture was jointly organized by the Department of Sociology South Gujarat University, Surat and the Pathy family on 6th March 2009. The lecture was inaugurated by Dr. B.A. Prajapati, Vice-chancellor, South Gujarat University, in the Dept. of Sociology. Eminent Sociologist and Former President of ISS, Partha Nath Mukherjee, Indian Social Institute New Delhi, delivered the first lecture on Methodology in Social Science. Several social scientists and fellow sociologists besides research students participated in the programme.

ISS thanks Jaipur Conference organisers

The MC meeting held on 30th April 2009 acknowledged the earnest efforts made by the organizing committee of the 34th AISC, Jaipur, under the efficient leadership of Dr. N. K. Jain, Vice-Chancellor, Rajasthan University and Dr. Arvind Agrawal, organising secretary towards the smooth conduct of the conference.

M. N. Srinivas Memorial Prize - 2008 awarded to Dr. Vibha Arora

The M. N. Srinivas Memorial Prize - 2008 was awarded to Dr. Vibha Arora, Asst. Prof. in Sociology, IIT Delhi for her article entitled ‘Assertive Identities, Indigeneity and the Politics of Recognition as a Tribe: The Bhutias, the Lepchas and the Limbus of Sikkim’ published in Sociological Bulletin.
The Department of Sociology, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur organized the XXXIV All India Sociological Conference during 27-29th December, 2008 on the theme ‘Youth, Globalization and Social Transformation’. The conference attracted a large number of delegates not only from the country but also from different parts of the world. The conference was inaugurated by His Excellency, Shri S. K. Singh, the Governor of Rajasthan in the majestic B. M. Birla Auditorium. His Excellency, Shri Singh emphasized upon the need to understand the ramifications of the process of globalization on Indian society particularly the youth. Extolling the position of India as a young nation, he appealed to the academic fraternity to rise to the challenge of preparing the Indian youth to take on the global forces. Dr. Arvind Agrawal, the Organizing Secretary welcomed the delegates and also threw light on the theme of the conference. Prof. Ishwar Modi, Secretary, ISS shared his views on the theme. The session was chaired by Dr. N. K. Jain, Vice-Chancellor, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur.

The ISS has started a tradition of giving ‘Lifetime Achievement Awards’ to senior scholars who have contributed to the academic growth of the discipline. This year the awards were conferred upon Prof. B. R. Chauhan, Prof. T. N. Madan and Prof. P. C. Joshi. The Padma Bhushan recipient Prof. T. K. Oommen was also felicitated on this occasion. Prof. U. B. Bhoite, President, Indian Sociological Society delivered the presidential address on the theme “Indian System of Higher Education in a Critical Phase”. According to him, India has a very exhaustive system of higher education with an average academic profile. In order to become a strong knowledge society, it has to make higher education available to a larger section of the society, particularly the SCs, STs, women and the minorities. There is a need to motivate the institutions of higher education to do better than what they are doing today to meet the challenges brought forth by the process of globalization. The inaugural session ended with a vote of thanks by the Conference Coordinator, Dr. Rashmi Jain.

It was perhaps for the first time in the annals of ISS that a large number of foreign delegates participated in the annual event. Professor Mokong Simon Mapadimeng (South Africa), Professor Jayant Lele (Canada), Professor Volkmar Gessner (Germany), Professor Andrew Gordon (USA), Professor Hanne Petersen (Denmark), Professor Jacek Kurczewski and Joanna Kurczewska (Poland), Professor Pertti Koistinen (Finland), Professor Peter Robson (U.K.), Dr. Olle Frodin (Sweden), Miroljub Jevetic (Serbia), Professor Kieran Allen (Canada), Dr. Sana Nissen (Norway), Professor Sangeeta Sinha (Canada), Dr. Mira Savara, Dr. Nishiyuuchi (Japan), Mr. Hom Gaurtala (Nepal) etc. Many of these noted scholars chaired various sessions in the conference.

M. N. Srinivas Memorial Oration was delivered by Professor Yogendra Singh, Professor Emeritus, JNU, New Delhi on the theme. The conference in Jaipur was split into four symposia sessions discussing the theme of the conference at the international, national and regional level.

Symposia I on ‘Globalization and North-South Hiatus’ was chaired by Dr. Mokong Simon Mapadimeng, President, South African Sociological Association. There were three speakers in this session, viz., Professor Jayant Lele from Queen’s University, Canada, Professor Volkmar Gessner, University of Bremen, Germany and Professor Anand Kumar, JNU, New Delhi.

Symposium II on ‘Globalization, Youth and Challenges of Reconciliation in Transitional Societies’ was chaired by Professor T. K. Oommen. The speakers in this session were Professor N. Jayaram, Professor Anuradha Bhoite, Professor Ashok Kaul and Professor Rajesh Gill. There was an emphasis on the need to have an overall education policy at school level with curriculum which goes well with inclusive capitalism. Professor Gill examined the double pronged effect of globalization on Indian youth in terms of availability of enhanced choices but at the same time also the incapability of exercising these options due to inherent societal barriers.

Symposium III on ‘Globalization and Issues of Core and Periphery with Special Reference to Marginalized Groups in India’ was chaired by Professor D. Sundaram, Professor P. G. Jogdand, Professor Surinder S. Jodhka and Professor Satish Deshpande were the speakers.

Symposium IV on ‘Socio-Cultural Transformation in Rajasthan: Opportunities and Challenges’ was chaired by Professor U. B. Bhoite. Professor K. L. Sharma examined the issue development in terms of economic empowerment, political freedom, social opportunities and transparency guarantees. Professor Vinay Srivastava spoke on ‘On the Concept of Tribe: A Reading of the Report of the High Powered Committee on Gujars Demands’. Professor B. K. Nagla spoke on the political factions and feudalism in Rajasthan.

Apart from these symposia sessions, there were 23 concurrent sessions of the Research Committees (RCs) wherein the delegates presented the papers. Over 700 papers were presented in the RC sessions. The Valedictory Address was delivered by Professor Jayant Lele, Canada and presided by Professor Bhoite. The delegates were enthralled in the evening of 27th and 28th December with cultural bonanza showing the traditional forms of dance and music of Rajasthan.

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REPORTS OF CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

National Seminar on “Good Governance and Development”

National Seminar on “Good Governance and Development” was organized by Professor Ranvinder Singh Sandhu, Coordinator, U.G.C. Special Assistance Programme, Department of Sociology, G N D University Amritsar from March 2-3, 2009. Prof. S.L. Sharma, Former Dean, Faculty of Arts, Panjab University Chandigarh, in his Inaugural Address pointed out that lack of good governance under the influence of market fundamentalism has impeded the process of development. Dr. Parmod Kumar, Chairman, Punjab Governance Reforms Commission delivered the Key Note Address. In all, five sessions were held and thirty research papers were presented on various thematic issues covering Role of Social Structure and Social Institutions, International, National & Local Agencies in Governance etc. Additional issues were also deliberated upon by the scholars from places Like Tata Institute of Social Sciences Mumbai, ICSSR New Delhi, Pondicherry University, University of Lucknow, Punjab University, Chandigarh, Punjab University, Patiala and G N D University, Amritsar.

National Seminar on Women, Violence and Society: Challenges for Restoration Space

The two-day National Seminar was organized by the Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Department of Sociology South Gujarat University, Surat and was inaugurated by the Vice-chancellor, Prof B.A.Prajapati. Seminar was well received by the participants from different parts of the country. Dr. Maithreyi Krishnaraj eminent educationist and expert in Women Studies delivered key note address on the main theme of the seminar.

VIII Karnataka Sociology Conference

The Department of Sociology has conducted VIII Karnataka Sociology Conference under the auspicious of Karnataka Sociology Association on March 30, 31 & April 01, 2009 at Karnataka State Open University, Manasagongthi, Mysore. The theme of the Conference was “Globalization, Social Exclusion and Equity”.

The conference began with welcome speech by Dr. M H Krishnappa, Secretary, Karnataka Sociology Association. The conference was inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. B. A .Viveka Rai.

Prof. D. Sundaram, Former Head, Department of Sociology, University of Madras delivered the Key-note address. Workshop on Research Methodology was also included in the conference, chaired by Prof. R Indira, Department of Sociology, and Director, International Centre, University of Mysore. Four hundred and twenty delegates, including students, research scholars and teachers participated in this conference.

FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Sustainable Tourism: Issues, debates and challenges

The conference will be held from April 22nd to 25th 2010, in Greece. The conference will be hosted by TEI Heraklion, Crete and the School of Sport, Leisure and Travel, Buckinghamshire New University, UK. Abstracts should be submitted electronically to Dr Jenny Briedenhann at: jbred01@bucks.ac.uk or to Dr Eugenia Wickens at: ewicke01@bucks.ac.uk

TSCF 2010 Malta conference

The conference Organized by The Social Capital Foundation will be held from 7 to 10 May 2010 at Mellieha,Malta. This conference will discuss the issues associated with Social Capital in Practice. Abstracts can be sent to abstracts@socialcapital-foundation.org. Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 28 February 2010. For details visit: http://www.socialcapital-foundation.org/conferences/2010
Contact name: Koen Demol

The International Rural Network Forum

“Development Dialogues and Dilemmas”
23rd -28th August 2009, Udaipur, India

The 4th International Rural Network South Asia Group (IRNSAG) in partnership with Seva Mandir announces this event at Udaipur, Rajasthan, India. The Forum will provide an excellent opportunity to showcase and practice the policy in India, as well as for Indian and other delegates to network and share knowledge about experiences from around 60 countries, ‘North’ and ‘South’. For more information contact: IRN Forum Secretariat, C/o Seva Mandir, Fatehpura, Udaipur – 313004 – India, E-mail: irnforum09@gmail.com or visit www.international-rural-network.org
Forum convenors: Baburao Baviskar, ISS, New Delhi; Jacob John Kattakayam, Kerala University; Motilal Dash, BITS, Pilani, Rajasthan; Neelima Khetan, Seva Mandir, Udaipur; Lakshmi Murthy, Vikalpdesign, Udaipur
XVII ISA World Congress Of Sociology

The congress will be held at Gothenburg, Sweden during 11-12 July, 2010. Those interested in presenting a paper should contact as soon as possible the Programme Coordinator and/or the session chair of the Research Committee, Working Group or Thematic Group of her/his choice. The deadline for submission of abstracts is May 1, 2010.

For details visit: www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/index.htm

Mid-term International Conference on “Leisure: A Pathway to Human Happiness and Social Harmony”, Beijing, China

The Mid-term International Conference on Sociology of Leisure (RC 13) of the ISA will be organized in Beijing, China during October 23-26, 2009 by Prof. Ma Huidi, Director, Center for China Leisure Studies, Chinese National Academy of Arts, Beijing, China. Abstracts not exceeding 350 words may be submitted by July 15, 2009 at leisure2010@sina.com. For details contact Prof. Ishwar Modi, President ISA RC 13, at email: iiiss2005modi@yahoo.co.in

Leisure Studies Association Conference 2010

Theme: Diversity and Equality in Leisure, Sport and Tourism. The conference hosted by Leeds Metropolitan University, UK will be held during 8-10 July, 2010. For further information regarding abstract submission, please contact: Samantha Armitage Email: s.armitage@leedsmet.ac.uk Website: www.leisure-studies-association-info/LSAWEB/2010/Main.html

The Asian Conference on Education, 2009


ICTs and Development: An International Workshop for Theory, Practice, & Policy 11-12 March, 2010

The workshop sponsored by International Development Research Centre, Canada will be conducted by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), New Delhi, India, during 11-12 March 2010.

For submission of manuscripts and other enquiries, please write to ICTD2010@gmail.com

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

National Seminar on Globalization and its Impact on Society

Political Science Department of Basanti Devi College, Kolkata in collaboration with RC 16. Urban and Industrial Studies, Indian Sociological Society is organizing the seminar on 15th and 16th July 2009. Interested persons may contact Dr. Maitreyee Bardhan Roy. E-mail: sumabroy@vsnl.net. Registration Rs300/ Stay and food will be provided by the Organizer.

13th NWISA Conference

The 13th NWISA (North-West India Sociological Association) Conference will be held for two days from 30th Sept. to 1st Oct. 2009 at Department of Sociology, University of Kashmir, Srinagar (J & K) to deliberate on the theme “Diversity, Democracy and Development: A Focus on North-West India”. Participants are requested to contact Dr. Aneesha Shafii, Organising Secretary, NWISA Conference. Email: aneesashafi@yahoo.co.in, Mob: 09419007004

17th Gujarat Sociological Society Conference

The conference will be organized by the Department of Sociology, Veer Narmad S.G. University, Surat, during September-October 2009. Those who are interested may contact the Organizing Secretary, Dr. Suguna Pathy, Organising Secretary, Department of Sociology, Veer Narmad S.G. University, Surat

National Seminar on Critical Questioning of Changing Indian Family in 21st Century

The UGC-SERO sponsored seminar will be organized by Department Of Sociology, R.B.V.R.R.Women’s College, Narayanguda, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh during 10th & 11th September, 2009. Abstracts may be sent before 30th April 2009, to Seminar Director, Dr. M.V. Lakshmi Devi, email: mvvakshmid@gmail.com, Mob: 09848114906. For further details visit www.tvrrwomenscollege.net

XXXVI All Kerala Sociological Conference

36th Annual Conference of Kerala Sociological Society will be held from 20th to 22nd November 2009, at Loyola College, Sreekariyam, Trivandrum, Kerala. The theme of the conference is ‘Social Exclusion and Inclusion’. Research papers on related topics of the theme are invited. Those who wish to present papers may send their abstracts by 30th September 2009 to the Secretary via email: antonypalackal@yahoo.com.

Kerala Sociologist, the official journal of Kerala Sociological Society is entering its 37th year of uninterrupted publication.
INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

XXXV ALL INDIA
SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE
(October 10-12, 2009)

Organised by
Department of Sociology and Social Work
University of Kashmir
Srinagar, J&K-190006

Venue
University of Kashmir, Srinagar

Theme
"IDENTITY, DEVELOPMENT AND
NATION BUILDING"

Symposium – I
Development, Diversity and Identity: Contemporary Challenges to Nation Building

Symposium – II
Gender, Culture and Development

Symposium – III
Relevance of Indigenous Intellectual Traditions to Sociology: East-West Dialogue

Symposium – IV
Composite Culture of J&K: Retrospect and Prospects

Invitation for the Conference and suggestions for submitting the abstracts of papers:
It is indeed a great pleasure for us to extend a cordial invitation and hearty welcome to the members of Indian Sociological Society and other participants to the XXXV All India Sociological Conference being organized in the Vale of Kashmir - Paradise on earth, on 10-12 October, 2009.

Call for Abstracts
Those who intend to present their papers in the conference are instructed to submit the abstracts of their papers through any of the 22 Research Committees (RCs) or Adhoc group of the ISS. Since all the paper presentations at the Conference (except those in the Symposia) will be made in the sessions of respective RCs, the paper presenters are advised to contact the Convenors of the concerned RCs for submission of the abstracts and for additional information that they may require. Two copies of the abstract of the paper in not more than 250 words should be submitted to the RC Convenors preferably by email in the Abstract Form latest by August 10, 2009. Each abstract should carry the Membership number of the participant and the Name and the number of the RC to which it is being submitted. Acceptance of the abstract will be communicated by the respective RC Convenors by August 20, 2009. The RC Convenors are requested to send an edited copy of each abstract received by them from paper presenters not later than September 01, 2009 to the Organizing Secretary of the Conference. It will not be possible to include in the conference souvenir/abstract book, those abstracts which would be received in the conference office after the above mentioned date. The ISS members (Life/Ordinary/Student) who have paid the RC Membership Fee (Rs.200/- for 2 years and Rs.400/- for 5 years) per Research Committee are entitled to present papers in the conference.

Regulation
Participants of the conference – delegates, their accompanying persons and paper presenters will have to register themselves for the conference by paying the prescribed Registration fee as shown below:

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1. The registration fee mentioned under the head Delegate* is payable only by those who are currently Life Members / Ordinary Members / Student Members.
2. Those who are not presently members of any of these categories but are desirous of participating in the conference should necessarily enroll themselves as members in any one of the above category.
3. The fee paid for ordinary or student membership is valid only for one year from the date of payment of the fee. Those ordinary and student members whose membership period has got exhausted are required to renew their membership by paying the prescribed membership fee.
4. Only those who have thus become members of ISS will be entitled to be considered for accommodation at the conference time.
5. Only Life Members are allowed to bring with them accompanying persons. A member can bring only two accompanying members with him, and no exception would be made to this rule.
6. The Organisers do not give any assurance about the accommodation to those who would opt for spot registration. The month of October being the peak tourist season, it would be very difficult to get accommodation at the eleventh hour.

Registration fee for Foreign delegates (as per the categories of countries done by ISA): Category A countries: US $ 200, Category B countries: US $ 150, Category C countries: US $ 100. The last date for registration for foreign delegates is September 05, 2009. The foreign participants registering on the spot will be required to pay additional US $ 50 as late fee.

The registration fee may be sent to the Organizing Secretary by crossed Demand Draft drawn in favour of The Organizing Secretary, 35th All India Sociological Conference on any nationalized bank payable at Srinagar, J&K along with registration form. The delegates paying registration fee after September 05, 2009 may not receive the receipt for payments of Registration fee in time. They are advised to produce a proof of the payment of registration fee at the conference venue.

Srinagar city

This summer capital of J&K is a gateway to some of the most scenic and beautiful places of the Indian subcontinent. Dal Lake, in the heart of Srinagar City, is a world famous water body described as the Lake par-excellence. The campus of University of Kashmir is also located along the shores of the lake. Cheshma Shahi, the Royal Spring, is famous as a spring of refreshing digestive water. Uphill from it is situated the Pari Mahal, a school of astrology. Nishat Garden situated on the banks of the Dal Lake in the backdrop of the Zabarwan Hills commands a magnificent view of the lake. Another famous spot Shalimar Garden, 15 Kms from the city centre gets water from Harwan through a canal lined with fountains. Dachigam - the wildlife sanctuary is also well known.

University of Kashmir-The Host University

The University of Kashmir is more than 60 years old situated at Hazratbal and spread over 263 acres of lush green land. The University has 54 Post Graduate Departments running 65 Postgraduate courses and 18 Research Centers, enrolling nearly 3500 students and 430 Research Scholars every year. The University has been accredited with ‘A’ grade by NAAC, UGC. Dept. of Sociology was established in 1989 and was set up as a part of Social Science Faculty. In 2003, the department introduced a new postgraduate programme in Social Work. The Department has organized more than 30 National Level Seminars and Workshops.

Climate of Srinagar City

The month of October, falling in the autumn season, is quite pleasant with an average temperature ranging between 15 and 20 degrees Celsius. Delegates are advised to bring with them some light woolen clothes.

Connectivity

Srinagar has an international airport which is served by Indian, Jet Airways, Kingfisher Airlines, Go Air, Indigo, Jet Lite and Spice jet besides some international carriers. It has direct flights from and to Mumbai, Bangalore, Delhi and Jammu. It is about 14 and 22 Kms away from the City and the University campus respectively. Since there is no train connectivity up to Srinagar, delegates can travel by train up to Jammu (295 Kms from Srinagar) and thereafter by Bus/Taxi/Sumo along very beautiful National highway and reach the Tourist Reception Center (TRC), Srinagar which is the last reaching spot.

Local Transportation

The host university will make a fleet of buses available to the delegates at the airport and Tourist Reception Center (TRC) to take them to their place of stay. Buses will be available to take the delegates to the conference venue and back during the conference days.

Accommodation

The host university would be providing free accommodation only to those delegates who would register up to September 05, 2009 in and around the University Campus for four nights i.e. from October, 09 evening to October, 13 morning only.

Sight Seeing

The local Organizing Committee will arrange sightseeing tours on October 13, 2009 on the demand from delegates and on payment basis. Outstation tours to the places like Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Sonmarg and local resorts like Mughal Gardens and Dal Lake can be arranged provided there are sufficient numbers of interested delegates. The local Organising Secretary should be contacted by August 31, 2009 for the same.

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Prof. Ishwar Modi, Secretary, ISS
Prof. Ravinder Kaur, Treasurer, ISS
Dr. Aneesa Shafi, Organizing Secretary

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RCs AT JAIPUR

RC-1: Theory, Concepts and Methodology

The technical session of this RC was convened under the chairmanship of Dr Rashmi Jain in which 4 papers were presented. Preeti Padgaonkar examined the method of DST (Digital Story Telling) as a tool for better understanding of concepts. Silabhakdara Anuman Panda spoke on "Wither Objectivity or Embedded Objectivity! A conceptual (Re) Assessment of Gadamer's Hermeneutics". Uthara Soman's paper was on the "Impact of Mobile Phones on Indian youth". Haresh Pande from JNU presented his paper on pure theory. It was heartening to see that young research scholars were presenting papers in this research committee.

RC-O2: Marriage, Family and Kinship

Marriage, Family and Kinship has performed actively this year too, with a good response from the members. Following the tradition, the RC held a pre-conference seminar in Patna and brought out two issues of News Letter. In the XXXIV All India Sociological Conference, Jaipur four technical sessions and a business session were organized. Main theme given for discussions was "Advancement and Globalization: Transformation in Social Institutions - Marriage, Family and Kinship". Twenty eight abstracts were received. First session was chaired by Dr. MN Shrivastava Ferozabad. Audited account was presented and election of new executive committee were conducted in the Business Meeting of RC-2. Prof. Indu Mathur was unanimously elected Convener of RC-02 for another term. The convener was authorized by the members to select Executive Committee. Third session was devoted to a symposium. Prof. Harish Doshi, Surat chaired this session. In fourth session Prof. Abha Awasthi and in Fifth Dr. Sushila Jain were in chair. Now the RC is a family of Eighty three members.

RC-10: Gender Studies

In all twenty papers were presented in four different sessions. One technical session was devoted to a panel discussion. Papers presented in session I reflected on both the positive and negative effects of the processes of globalization on gender relations. Papers presented in session II questioned the efficacy of legal mechanisms in protecting the rights of women and highlighted how the legal framework had an inbuilt perception of women 'as victims' only. The third session was devoted to issues of gender relations in the context of reproductive health and female foeticide; while the fourth session looked at the different situations in which the marginalized stood empowered and acquired speech and analyzed the factors behind their empowerment. One session was devoted to a very lively Panel discussion on: Globalisation, Gender and Human Rights: An Interface. The panelists were: Prof. Paramjit Singh Judge, Prof. Sherry Sabbarwal, Prof. Tulsi Patel and Prof. Jana Everett from the University of Colorado, Denver. Prof. Raj Mohini Sethi, RC convener offered the closing comments.

RC-11: Environment and Society

21 abstracts were received and 14 were presented in the three sessions of RC. The themes of the paper focused environmental issues such as urban waste management, organic farming, forest management and environmental conservation through SHGs. Similarly air and water pollution and above all climatic change and environmental movements were the other themes. There were also papers on ecological awareness of children and youth and their role in the management of environmental crises. It is observed by the house that the youth, the most dynamic and powerful group of the Indians population may be empowered through schemes like NSS and NYK and endowed them to have sustainable environmental programmes. There were three technical sessions followed by a business session, chaired by Prof. R.B Patil, convener of the RC. The RC has initiated awarding young research scholars below the age of 30 years for best research presentation from last year 2007. This year there were only two presentations, hence nobody was awarded.
RC-12: Population, Health and Society

In all, thirty four papers were scheduled under six thematic sessions, six of them were written by two authors each and others by single authors. The themes for the sessions were as follows: Occupational and demographic challenges to health, Perspectives on policy, Family and health issues, Issues of Reproductive Health, Chronicity and medical pluralism, Sex ratio and reproductive health, Health, Age, and Social Structure. Of 36 scheduled presentations based on accepted abstracts, 21 papers were presented and each paper was followed with a discussion. A business meeting was held during the lunch hour on 28th Dec 2008. After the call for abstracts will be announced in the ISS website and newsletters will be distributed; RC 12 convener shall send a separate email specifying the guidelines to all RC members highlighting the core issues. The newsletter of RC 12 edited by Tulsi Patel and Arima Mishra was distributed electronically to all members and paper presenters a couple of days before the beginning of the AISC, Jaipur.

RC-13: Science and Technology

In the five technical sessions of RC-13, chaired by Professor Bipul Kumar Bhadra, twenty-one papers were presented for deliberations. A variety of issues were addressed by the author presenters and they covered issues such as the role of ICTs in education, technology applications by the youth, patterns and dimensions of socialization of students to science studies, gender and technology relationships, reproductive technologies and their ethical implications, emergent role of agricultural bio-technology in the contemporary society and debates surrounding it so on. The presenters generated remarkable academic enthusiasm, encouraged active participation, and provoked and catalyzed meaningful interaction amongst all during the course of RC proceedings. Paper presenters in, the RC-13 are requested to note the following themes for deliberations in the next 35th AISC at Srinagar, 2009: * Gender, Technology and Development * New Technologies and Social Relations * ICTs, Deviance and Crime * Governance and New Technologies * Knowledge and/or Information Society.

RC-14: Culture and Communication

The RC organized three academic sessions as well as one business session in which 22 papers were presented and deliberated. The sessions have been successful in discussing issues like how modern trends of cultural dynamics have been interacting with the traditional cultural and communications system; the new merging communicative technology like mobile, internet, mass media creating different social interfaces and their interactions which in turn bring social and cultural dynamics, giving the complex social situations to traditional social structures cutting across regional & cultural dimensions. The sessions have raised some fundamental questions like the futurology of SEZ policy and of folk songs, negative aspect of internet, cosmetics identity as well as ambivalence identity, surveillance and terrorism, etc. Empirical data have not attracted much in such a study of culture and communications. Hence, there was consensus among the participants to involve methodological techniques so that empirical study could be carried out in communication studies. The sessions were chaired by Prof. Harish Doshi from Surat and Prof. Pradeep Singh Choondavat from M.S. University of Baroda.

RC - 15: Social Change and Development

RC discussed in four sessions. The Globalization, Rural Development, Gender and tribal, Community changes and the dynamics of social change. The sessions were chaired by Prof. B. Ramamurthy, Dr. Chura giri, Dr. Alok Chaintia, Dr. D. K. Saha, Dr. Bipul Gogoi, Dr. B.N. Prasad and Dr. U.S. Pandey. In a separate session the RC also discussed the public debates and sociology. The RC facilitated Prof. P.K.B. Nair, the first convener of the RC and former president of ISS and was presented with a momento. Prof. Nair then thanked the RC members for this gesture. RC has also published the 6th issue (March 2009) of its newsletter. RC proposes to invite short notes on changing castes from its members and first published in its Newsletter no.7. The future proposed sessions are Grass Root Development, Dynamics of change, Agitations for change and a specific session on caste and changing scene.

RC- 16: Urban and Industrial Studies

In the 34th All India Sociological Conference, the convener of RC 16 had received 10 interesting papers. The first paper was presented by M. S. Hundal on Education and Dithering State in the Era of Globalization'. The second paper of the day was presented by Arunava Narayan Mukherjee entitled A Culture of Dissonance - An Enquiry into the Current Practice of "Job Hopping" in Indian Economy'. The third paper of the day came from Pranjal Sharma on Urban pre-nursery, nursery and kindergarten schools in Dibrugarh Town, Assam. On the second day of the conference the first paper was presented by Anjana Nayak on The Santhals in an Industrial Setting: A Study of their Migration and Socio-Cultural Patterns'. The next paper was presented by Gurshaminder Singh Bajwa on 'Globalization and Discontent' that threw light on how globalization is remodeling the concept of health. The last
paper presented by Ankhi Sen(Sanyal) was on ‘Environmental Sustainability and Municipal Governance: Issues on Energy Conservation’. Dr. Jasmeet Sandhu and Dr Maitreyee Bardhan Roy chaired both the sessions. A Discussion was held on the topic ‘Globalization, Poverty and Its Impact on the Society’ on the second day. All participated in the discussion.

RC-17: Social Movements
The RC-17 Social Movements has organised four sessions in which 8 papers were presented while Professor K. Gopal Iyer and Professor M.N. Karna have shared these sessions. The presenters were mainly concerned with patterns and forms of student activism in Bengal, policy outcomes of social movements, women issues and the role of civil society in the mobilization process, issues of equity and development and the emergence and role of middle class in national movement in Orissa, environmental issues based social movements, along with caste and tribal role in social movements. These presentations have raised the relevance of subaltern perspective in the comprehension and analysis of social movements in a comparative perspective besides the effectiveness of Gandhian and Marxist perspectives in achieving the goals of movement. The participants felt the need to relate these movements to their historical roots and outcomes in relation to issues related to gender, students, peasantry and other groups. The participants were keen to improve their presentations based on the suggestions provided. Now the team is working to organise a workshop either at Lucknow or at Allahabad in the Dusshera vacations. Once the programme gets a shape it will be shared.

RC-18: Sociology of Crime and Deviance
The RC received 34 papers in total out of which 25 were presented. The committee has attracted many participants and all the papers discussed within the RC were under the convenership of Dr.Ramesh Makwana and Co-convener Dr.Puranmal Yadav. RC had a gamut of papers from different areas like Domestic Violence, Crime against Women, Cyber Crime, Child abuse, Female Criminality, Urban Crime, Terrorism, Globalisation and Crime, Sexual Harassment, Media and Crime, Tribal and Crime, Child labour and Crime. The importance of each of the topic, its causes, implications, nature of origin and the consequence and impact of these and its reflection in the society is well discussed. These generated many views and suggestions from eminent experts present in this RC. This will enlighten the policy makers to take a proper direction, which will empower the women and reduce the crime against them.

RC-19: Ageing and Social Structure
Three technical sessions and one business meeting were organized by the RC-19 at Jaipur. A total of 18 papers were presented on a range of topics that included the conventional sociological debate on ageing as well as the contemporary critique of ageing process in different geopolitical context. Most of the papers debated on the changing social dynamics that produce, reproduce and institutionalize ageing as a social problem in the various micro context. The academic sessions were chaired by Prof. P.K.B Nayar, Prof. Jacob John Kattakayam and Prof. Aravind. K. Joshi. In the business meeting, Prof. Aravind. K. Joshi, Dr. Monica Rao, ICFAI University, Ahmedabad and Dr. Sumesh S.S., Dept of Sociology, Pondicherry University were elected as the new convener, co-convener and secretary cum treasure respectively for a period of two years.

RC-20: Leisure and Tourism
In all there were five sessions, out of that four sessions were devoted to technical sessions and one was business session. There were 19 presentations covered in four sessions. 25 papers were received in RC. 20 on Leisure and Tourism. On the very first day of the conference i.e. on 27th Dec.2008, the first session in the morning was chaired by Dr. Rashmi Jain on Tourism, Leisure and Globalization. There were five presentations and each presenter was given sufficient time. The presentation included themes like Global Tourism, Medical Tourism and Changing Trends in Tourism. Second technical session was chaired by Dr.Birender Kumar Singh which had six presentations. The theme of the session was Tourism: Issues and Concerns. The presentations were related with the local tourism, impact of tourism, interaction between tourism and host etc. Third Technical Session was chaired by Dr. Vishesh Gupta which had four presentation on the theme Leisure, Youth and Women. The women from different categories like from managerial profession, student category and dalit women have been discussed in length. Fourth technical Session on Emerging Patterns of Leisure was chaired by Dr.Madhu Nagla. The themes of the presentation in this session was dominated by information technology, computers and other forms of mechanized leisure. In all the sessions, lot of questions have been raised and discussed. The Business session was concluded with a note to increase the membership drive along with further strengthening of RC-20.

RC - 21, Social Problems and Marginalized Groups
The RC organised 1 panel session and 5 technical sessions in which 29 papers were presented and deliberated. The panel session On Youth, Class, Technology and Gender: the interface
was chaired by Professor M. N. Karni in which the discussants were Prof. Jayaram Panda and Prof. A Karuppiah. The theme of the 1st technical session was on Youth and Information Technology and Social issues, Youth Human Rights and Globalisation chaired by Prof Sherrir Sabbarwal in which 7 papers were presented. The 2nd Session was on Marginalised and and Social problems chaired by Prof. J Krishnamurthy and 5 papers were discussed in the session. The 3rd Session was on Youth and Marginalized chaired by Prof A Karuppiah and 4 papers were presented in the session. The 4th Session was on the theme- India’s youth: Are they marginalized or are they mainstreamed? chaired by Dr. A Somashekharappa in which 4 papers were discussed. The 5th session of the RC was held on Women and Issues of Marginalisation and Prof. S.L. Hiremath chaired the 5 papers presented in the session. Finally, the Open Session was held on Marginalisation chaired by Dr. S.K. Choudhry and 4 papers were discussed in the session.

ISS Adhoc Group on Sociology of Law

A new research group on Sociology of Law under the dynamic leadership of Dr Arvind Agrawal was initiated in 2008. In a very short span, it has emerged as one of the strong groups in ISS, with more than 100 paper presenters in the XXXIV AISc at Jaipur, Prof. Volkmar Gessner (Germany), Prof Jacek Kurczewski, Prof Joanna Kurczewski (Poland) Prof. D Sundaram, Prof. Andrew Gordon (USA), Prof. Peter Robson (Scotland), Prof. Hanne Peterson, Justice R.S. Chauhan chaired the various sessions. The papers were presented on the themes like Human Rights, Globalization and Law, Law and Migration, Law and Social Change, Law and Weaker sections of Society, Profession of Law to name a few. The Adhoc group has attracted membership not only from academicians but also students of National Law Universities.

A competition for Best paper presentation for young members was also held and Ms Tanushree Bhatnagar from Gandhinagar National Law University bagged the first prize.

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Dr. C.M. Abraham left for heavenly abode on 28th March 2009 at the age of 81. After serving as visiting Professor at the Brooklyn College, New York University, he joined the Dept. of Sociology, Madras University. Prof. Abraham was the founder head of the Dept of Sociology, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore. We deeply mourn his sad demise and pray god that his soul may rest in peace.

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