ABOUT THE INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY (ISS) was registered in Mumbai (Bombay) on 11th December 1951 under the Societies Registration Act. The Late Professor G. S. Ghurye, Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, University of Bombay was mainly responsible for it. Almost all the active Sociologists in the country were founder members of the ISS. Professor Ghurye was the first President of ISS. Re-elected several times, he served as President from 1951 to 1966. Professor J. V. Ferrira was the first Secretary followed by Professor K. M. Kapadia.

While the Indian Sociological Society was established as a formal, registered body, Conference (AISC) was started in 1955 under the leadership of Professors D.P. Mukherjee, Radha Kamal Mukherjee, D.N. Mujumdar and R.N. Saxena. Its purpose was mainly to organize national conferences of Sociologists. They organized six such conferences.

It soon became clear that there was a great deal of overlap between the ISS and the AISC and there was no need to have two separate bodies. It was, therefore, decided that the AISC be merged with the ISS and conferences should henceforth be organized under the auspices of the ISS in continuation of the previous six conferences. The first such conference, called the VII All India Sociological Conference, was held at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Bombay in October 1967. It was inaugurated by Professor G. S. Ghurye, Professor M. N. Srinivas, President of ISS, presided. So far, 27 conferences have been held. The constitution of the ISS was changed in 1973 and the term of office bearers was reduced from three to two years. As the only representative body of the professionally committed Sociologists and social Anthropologists in India, the ISS has grown from strength to strength. Its present membership totals over 2100 of whom about 10 per cent are from abroad. There are several regional bodies under the umbrella of ISS and they hold their own regional conferences. It was a measure of its strength and confidence that the Indian Sociological Society hosted the XI World Congress of Sociology, the first to be held in an Asian country, on August 18-22, 1986 New Delhi, India.

MESSAGES FROM FORMER PRESIDENTS

Dear Professor Kattakayam,

I am extremely happy about the new venture of ISS to publish a Newsletter with effect from June 2002. As a matter of fact the ISS had been considering this proposal for many years but could not implement it for various reasons. It is a good thing that the ISS has now decided to implement it and that you will be the first editor of the Newsletter. My best wishes for its success.

I am sure you have many ideas about the contents of the Newsletter. However, I hope you will not mind if I suggest one idea. In a vast country such as India the members of the ISS as well as others would welcome if the Newsletter includes information about the Ph D, dissertations in Sociology and Social Anthropology successfully completed in various universities in the country. It would include dissertations not only in English but also in all the regional languages. You can begin with giving only the titles of dissertations and the names of their authors and universities, and if the idea is feasible you can in course of time include a summary of every dissertation in a few sentences.

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With warm regards,
Yours Sincerely,
A. M. Shah

Dear Prof. Kattakayam,

I am happy to learn that you are starting a Newsletter, which will be a medium of communication between Society and the members and also a medium of knowing the views, suggestions and opinions of Members regarding the Society’s activities and projects. If I have anything more specific suggestion to make or any idea to convey I shall be writing to you.

Please accept my heartiest congratulations on your taking over as the Secretary of the Indian Sociological Society.

My best wishes.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,
P. C. Joshi

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FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK

In this 51st year of the Indian Sociological Society, I am immensely happy to present to you the Newsletter of the ISS, a long cherished dream which I am sure will be all the more fruitful with the kind of information it will contain. I am well aware of the fact that the Sociological Bulletin, which has its own function to perform, has several limitations in bringing the ISS closer to its members in terms of providing detailed news and professional information. It is hoped that this Newsletter will make it up.

This new venture, the Newsletter, contains news about activities of the ISS and various regional events such as seminars, conferences, workshops and research projects, along with job openings for Sociologists in India and abroad. Besides these, we will be putting up all relevant news for our members. With the launching of this Newsletter, I hope to address the complaints from several of our members, especially the constant one from young Sociologists, that the only time they hear from the ISS is during the annual conferences. This Newsletter is proposed to be bi-annual and the major constraint in reaching you more frequently is the postage and other expenses, which our Society will not be able to afford.

This Newsletter will be the first of the sweeping changes that we propose to make in the functioning of the ISS. A website for the society—the need of the hour—is also one of our dreams, which will hopefully be realised, within a year from now. I hope this Newsletter will prove to be informative and helpful to our members and I will be most grateful if I could get feedback from you about its quality, contents, orientation or anything else we may have missed out.

Academic news and brief accounts of events or achievements are invited from all Sociologists for inclusion in the next issue of the Newsletter coming in December 2002. Do take care to make all your entries as brief as possible.

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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

As a professional body the Indian Sociological Society has come of age. In its “Golden Jubilee Year” (2001-02) the Society stands as a shining example of how academic affairs of a social science discipline could be organised and how Sociologists, young and old, from different regions of India and having academic interest in diverse fields of specialisation could be brought on one forum. Any peer social science discipline would feel envious of the track record of the ISS and of the professional unity and solidarity we have sustained all these years. On the auspicious occasion of launching this Newsletter, we must gratefully recall the contributions of the founding fathers of the Society to its development as an institution.

During the past half a century of Society’s existence, it has grown in size, with more than 2100 life members today. Although the biennial publication of Sociological Bulletin has been carrying important professional news so far, the Managing Editor is constantly facing the pressure on space available in the Journal. It was a long felt need that Society brings out a separate Newsletter that would facilitate sharing of information and news from different regional sociological associations, university departments, research institutes—about their activities, projects, seminars, conferences, important publications, special lectures, noteworthy achievements of our colleagues - awards, scholarships, honours etc. I would appeal to all the colleagues to report to the Editor of the Newsletter Prof. J.J. Kattakayam about all the important developments that they would like to share with others.

I am sure that the purpose of networking will be fully served by the publication of the ISS Newsletter. I offer greetings and Good Wishes to all the members of the Society and I look forward to meeting you at the XXVIII All India Sociological Conference to be held at I.I.T, Kanpur on 18-20 December 2002.

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LIST OF ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCES (1955 - 2002)

Prof. R.N. Sharma and his colleagues had organized six All India Sociological Conferences as listed below. In continuation to these six conferences, the Seventh All India Sociological Conference was organized in 1967. From 1967 to 1978 these conferences were organized with three or four specific themes. From 1987 onwards the Conferences were organized with a single theme. Details of these conferences are given below:

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National Seminar on Democracy, Pluralism and Conflict

A national seminar on Democracy, Pluralism and Conflict was held under the aegis of the Department of Sociology, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong during 7-9 May 2002. It was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Governor of Meghalaya Sri M. M. Jacob and the keynote address was delivered by Prof. T. K. Oommen. Prof. M. N. Karna organised the seminar. It was attended by 50 persons including ten senior Sociologists from New Delhi, Mumbai, Amritsar, Kolkata, Chandigarh, Hyderabad and Silchar. The seminar deliberated upon the issues like democracy and multiculturalism, secularism and communalism, cultural identity and nationalism, communal situation in Gujarat, and culture and violence. A volume containing the papers presented at the seminar will be published soon.
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Call for Papers
Welcome to the 28th All India Sociological Conference at IIT Kanpur. Contributions to the conference are invited through the 21 Research Committees (RCs) of the ISS that are already in operation. All paper presentations at the conference (except those in the symposia) will be made through RCs only. Hence scholars interested in presenting papers at the conference are advised to contact the Convenors of the relevant RCs.

Two copies of the abstract of the paper (in about 250 words) be sent to the RC Convenors by 30th September 2002. Each abstract should carry the number and name of the RC for which it is intended. All the RC Convenors are to communicate the approved abstracts to the Organising Secretary by 15th November 2002. The acceptance of the abstract (for presentation of the paper in the RC meeting during the Conference) will be communicated to the authors by the RC Convenors after referee work. Noteworthy in this context is that all the RCs of ISS are membership based. Hence authors are advised to acquire the membership of the RC first through payment with the RC Convenor, failing which presentation in the conference may be denied.

Registration fee
The registration fee for the conference be sent to the Organising Secretary as per the following schedule: Up to 31st October 2002: Rs.500/- for each Indian delegate and Rs.400/- for each accompanying person. US$ 300 for the delegates from abroad (excluding SAARC countries) and US$ 200 for accompanying person.

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[An additional sum of Rs. 100/- each is to be paid in cash by registered delegate and accompanying person on the spot to meet growing overhead costs.]

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The Venue
IIT, Kanpur is the country’s premier Institute of Technology created by the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961 of Indian Parliament. With 13 major departments of Engineering and Science, 5 interdisciplinary centers of research, more than 300 faculty members and around 3000 residential students, IIT, Kanpur has a sprawling residential campus spread over nearly 1100 acres of lush green land. The Department of
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Travel (how to reach Kanpur)

Located alongside the Grand Trunk Road (Calcutta to New Delhi) IIT, Kanpur is nearly 16 kms away from the Kanpur central railway station. Being located on the national corridor railways the city of Kanpur is well connected with the rest of India by rail services.

(Following are some of the important trains to Kanpur)

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Special bus services between IITK and Kanpur Central railway station will be provided on 17th December 2002 from afternoon (1.00 pm) to midnight and on 20th December 2002 from afternoon (after lunch) to midnight, for the conference participants. One may also avail private taxi/auto services from the railway, station to IIT, Kanpur. Those who plan to travel by air may land at Lucknow airport and avail a taxi to Kanpur which is around 80 kms away.

Accommodation

All the participants will be provided accommodation and hospitality inside IIT campus. Although winter is likely to be less harsh in December, it would be certainly cold enough in Kanpur to use heavy woolens. In the second half of December the night temperature in Kanpur remains around 5°C Celsius.

Local sight seeing and conducted tour

The Maharshi Valmiki ashram in the banks of Ganges (at Beethoor) and the JK's marble Temple are the important local tourist attractions. Lucknow, the Capital city of UP and the old city of Nawabs is just 100 kms away. The palaces of the then Nawabs at Lucknow, its Kababs and Chikan garments are hot favourites of tourists. Similarly Kanpur is a bustling shopping centre for leather products. Taxi services are available from inside the campus to these places.

The world famous Khajuraho temple complex is nearly 220 kms away from Kanpur City. A one-day tour to Khajuraho will be conducted on 21st December 2002 (after the Conference ends) purely on payment basis, i.e. Rs. 500/ each with a minimum of 50 entries. Interested participants are advised to send the money along with the registration fee (but must not be considered as part of the registration fee).

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This brochure is also on display on the IIT, Kanpur website: http://www.iitk.ac.in

For further circulation it can be downloaded from the IITK website, particularly the registration form. Any other declaration/ additional information/ any change in the given information with regard to the conference will be on display on the website from time to time. (For faster communication participants are advised to use e-mail).

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Date: ____________________________
Signature of the Delegate

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RC 15 will have the following Sessions at the forthcoming AISC at Kanpur:

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Please send your Abstract along with the RC subscriptions before the end of September and your full paper before the end of November 2002. For further information please contact:
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RC -21, SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND MARGINALISED GROUPS

The theme of RC21 for the XXVIII AISC at Kanpur will be 'GLOBALISATION, MARGINALISATION AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS'. Interested members should send two copies of abstracts (not more than 200 words) to the Convenor of RC21 by September 30, 2002 along with their Annual RC membership fee of Rs.100/-. RC21 will also organise a panel discussion with distinguished Sociologists on "WHAT IS MARGINALISATION? THE LIMITATIONS AND POTENTIALITIES OF THE CONCEPT OF MARGINALISATION" in the Conference.

In collaboration with the Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University, Kolkata RC21 of ISS is organising A TWO DAY SEMINAR ON "MARGINALISATION AND TECHNOLOGY" On November 15-16-2002 at the Department of Sociology, Jadavpur, Kolkata. Interested members can get in touch with the Convenor of RC21 in the following address.

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UGC ASSISTANCE TO MADURAI KAMARAJ UNIVERSITY

Department of Sociology under Madurai Kamaraj University got U.G.C assistance at the level of DRS for 5 years under the Special Assistance Programme from 01.04.02 to 31.03.07. The programme aims to raise the quality of teaching, research in various disciplines. The co-ordinator of the present phase of programme will be Dr. L. Thara Bhai, Professor and Head of the Department. The thrust areas of DRS will be:
1. Sociology of change and development
2. Society and mass communication, and
3. Community Health

ICSSR SUPPORT TO ISS

The ICSSR has sanctioned to and from airfare of the delegation of five eminent sociologists of the Indian Sociological Society to enable them to participate in a special session on "Themes in Indian Sociology: Coming Challenges" at the World Congress of Sociology, (Brisbane, Australia, 7-12 July 2002.)

PROF. P. C. JOSHI WILL DELIVER PROF. M. N. SRINIVAS MEMORIAL LECTURE

Prof. P. C. Joshi, Former President of the ISS, has accepted the invitation to deliver the 2nd Prof. M. N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture at the next All India Sociological Conference.

UGC ASSISTANCE TO MAHARSHI DAYANAND UNIVERSITY, ROHTAK

Department of Sociology got U.G.C assistance at the level of DRS for 5 years. The programme aims to raise the quality of teaching, research in various disciplines. Dr. K. S. Sangwan, Professor and Head of the Department is coordinating the programme.

Dr. S. M. BATRA EXPIRED (1946-2002)

Dr. Surinder Mohan Batra, a life member of the ISS died on 08th May 2002, after a prolonged illness. He was 55. He has done pioneering work in Sociology. In Batra's death ISS has lost a dedicated teacher and researcher. He was survived by his wife and two daughters.
XXI U. P. SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE
A REPORT

Prof. Rakeshwar Prasad, President ISSA, delivered the presidential address at the national workshop on social science perspectives on social discrimination, similarities and differences between race and caste discrimination sponsored by RC 09 of the ISS organized by U.P. Sociological Conference in collaboration with the ISSA during its XXI conference, which was held on October 28-30, 2001 at Grand Hotel, Agra. He highlighted the significance of the workshop, particularly in the context of the UN’s World Conference against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, which was held at Durban.

While presenting the paper ‘Discrimination and Inequality based on Caste and Race in International and Indian Perspective’, Prof. Jagmohan Singh Verma, the Director of the workshop criticized the dropping of Para seventy three from UN World Conference. The New Economic Policy with its concomitant process of globalisation, privatisation and liberalization has further marginalized the already deprived SCs and STs, remarked Prof. K. Gopal Iyer, Chairman of the first session. Prof. Owen M. Lynch, Chairman of the second session opined that both development and thaw in caste conflicts, peace and social reconstruction cannot be imported from outside.

The workshop was attended by Prof. T.N. Madan, Prof. Sachchidananda, R.C. Dinit, Dr. M.H. Makwana, Prof. Biswajit Ghosh, Dr. Rajesh Misra, Dr. S.K. Chaudhury, Dr. D.R. Sahu, Prof. R.B.S. Verma, Dr. Meshram, Dr. Kumar Suresh, Dr. Richard Pais, Prof. A.B. Singh, Dr. Harihar Prasad Singh and Netrapal Singh. The participants felt that the measures adopted by Indian Government since independence towards mitigation of the problems of dalits were frustrating. So they asked for an urgent need to revitalize the internal socio-political structure and people’s movements in the country.

V CONFERENCE OF THE NORTH WEST INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION - A REPORT

Globalisation has adversely affected our small scale sector, turned our country into a dumping ground for the surplus production of the developed countries and has created hurdles on our exports in the name of child labour said Prof. P.N. Pimpley, while inaugurating the 5th conference of North West Indian Sociological Association (NWISA), which was held at Guru Nanak University, Amritsar from November 5 to 7, 2001. The theme of the conference was ‘The challenges of Globalisation and Social Dynamics of the Northwest India’.

Prof. S.L. Sharma in his presidential address cautioned against globalisation which is constantly giving a fillip to the ethnic conflicts in the third world. Eminent personalities like Prof. Satish K. Sharma, (Secretary; NWISA) and Prof. S.P. Singh (Vice-chancellor, Guru Nanak Dev University) attended the inaugural session.

The conference comprised two symposia, one open panel and three technical panels. The first symposium was exclusively devoted to the ‘Census -2001 and the North West India’. Prof. M.K. Premi, Dr. Jasmeet Sandhu, Prof. K.C. Kaitha, Prof. K.S. Sangwan and Dr. Deepak Grover presented papers about the various implications of the data of the census. Second was on the ‘Punjabi Diaspora’, and the participants were Prof. Harish K. Puri, Dr. Gurpreet Bal, Prof. Paramjit S. Judge and Prof. S.L. Sharma. The conference concluded with the valedictory speech of Prof. M.K. Premi.

XXVIII ALL KERALA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE - A REPORT

Social impact of globalisation was the theme of the 28th annual conference of the Kerala Sociological Society started on 18th January 2002 at C.M.S. College, Kottayam. While inaugurating the conference, V. Ramachandran, the Vice-chairman, Planning Board, Government of Kerala, remembered that globalisation is not a new phenomenon, but it is as old as civilization itself.

Globalisation is a threat to the developing nations but a big advantage to the developed nations, opined Dr. George Mathew, the Director, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi.

Dr. M.K. George S.J., the President of the KSS, in his presidential address mentioned that both the laymen and academicians should be empowered to understand the reality of globalisation and its impact. Dr. Celine Augustine, Secretary KSS presented the annual report.

The three-day seminar witnessed all together twenty (20) research paper presentations spread over six sessions and they focussed on the effect of globalisation on education, employment, health care, migration, environment, natural resource management and culture. Dr. N.Ravindranath, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of M.G. University delivered the valedictory address.

The General body of the conference decided to conduct the next year’s conference at St.Teresa’s College, Ernakulam, and discussed about various activities of KSS and its future programmes.

The various sessions were chaired by Dr. P.K.B. Nair, Dr. Jose Murickan, Dr. Mariamma, Prof. C.J. Mathew and Dr. John Kattakayam.
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PROFESSOR M. N. SRINIVAS MEMORIAL PRIZE

The Indian Sociological Society and the Indian Council of Social Science Research have jointly set up Professor M.N. Srinivas Endowment Fund. This Fund has instituted a prize for young Sociologists/Social Anthropologists for publishing the best sociological / social anthropological paper in any of the social science journals / edited volumes, in English, in India. The prize will carry a sum of Rs.1000/- . Papers published during 01st January 1999 - 31st December 2001 are eligible for consideration. The author must be 35 years or less in age on 31st December 2001. A reprint of the paper along with a photocopy of the title page of the journal / edited volume must reach the office of Indian Sociological Society (Institute of Social Sciences, 8 Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi 110 070) on or before 31st August 2002. Besides the authors, others are also welcome to bring suitable papers to the notice of the selection committee for consideration.

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