THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Dear Colleagues,

I am happy to be with you again and to report some of the significant events that took place since I spoke to you last time. Of the 4 workshops planned for young sociologists this year, two were organized, one in Guwahati in early September and the other in Jammu in early October. Both received warm welcome from our young scholars. In the Guwahati workshop over 70 and in the Jammu workshop over 100 young sociologists participated with papers of good quality. Selected papers of these workshops will be published soon by the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development which was a co-organizer of these workshops. Brief reports of the two workshops are given elsewhere in this Newsletter. We hope to have two more Workshops, one in New Delhi and another in Trivandrum, before the end of the year.

The 3rd Workshop of Conveners of Research Committees will be held in Jammu during Nov. 16 and 17. As you know, RCs are the life blood of ISS and it is through the RCs that the Society envisages to accomplish its academic programmes. I am happy to note that we have a large number of papers this year and most of them are from young sociologists.

Preparations for the 33rd conference are in full swing; Registration has crossed 800 and we hope to have more than 1000 registrations for the Conference this year. This will be in the fitness of things since we could show our solidarity with the Karnataka University Department of Sociology which is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year.

This is the last opportunity for me to speak to you through this forum as President of ISS. I take the occasion to express my sincere thanks to all members of the Society for the warm and unstinted support and cooperation you have extended to me throughout the two years of my Presidency. The Secretary, Dr. Anand Kumar, also joins me in acknowledging his thankfulness to you for your strong support to him during this period.

I look forward to seeing you all in Dharwad.
With best wishes and best regards,

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I have great pleasure to present before you the 12th successive issue of the ISS Newsletter. It is definitely a matter of great pride to all members of the ISS that the Newsletter has procured a powerful bearing upon all academic and administrative activities of the Society. In an effort to enhance the communication and awareness between the members, we are trying our level best to include the notable academic achievements of the members in the Newsletter. Significant details of the seminars and conferences are also publishing in the Newsletter with an eye on strengthening the academic ties between the members from different regions. Members are requested to send more news items as brief as possible by Email.

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FROM THE SECRETARY’S DESK

Dear Sociologist,

It is my last note to you through the pages of the ISS Newsletter as Secretary of ISS. Therefore I am writing to you with mixed feelings of satisfaction and dissatisfaction. I hope that you will join us in responding to the present needs of the Society as a follow up of this communication.

The most significant negative event of the last six months for us has been the letter of rejection from the Delhi Development Authority in the context of ISS application for allotment of land for building the ISS Headquarter. They have taken a new policy decision where all DDA land will be available only through open auction which makes us incapable as we have to compete with the real estate companies as well as Land mafia. It was very surprising as the Chief Minister of Delhi Smt Sheila Dikshit had kindly written a strong letter of support for our application as a consequence of our meeting with her on 15 August, 06. It is further frustrating that the office of the Urban Development Minister Shri Jaipal Reddy has not given us an appointment for a meeting inspite of more than a dozen efforts by our office. We have written letters of concern about this. We wrote to a number of socio-academic institutions about this situation. We also tried to draw attention of the leading UPA partners including Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Shri Prakash Karat, and the Chairperson of the Standing Committee of Urban Affairs Ministry, Shri Md. Saleem, MP. Now I need your attention so that you may kindly take your pen and write a letter of concern to the L T. Governor of Delhi Shri T. Khanna to review the pro-market and pro-business DDA decision as early as possible for facilitating allotment of land for ISS Headquarter.

On the other hand, you will be happy to know that there are three positive developments on the front of organisation building: i) there was a positive response to our letter to all the Heads of Sociology Departments in various universities for encouraging their faculty to join the ISS as Life members. ii) We have developed more intimate ties with sociologists of South Asia, Asia - Pacific region, Africa and European Union in these months. iii) We have also become a little more interactive with the UGC and state education ministries for protecting our discipline from decimation due to unfair practices like not filling the vacancies in the departments, hiring underqualified persons for teaching sociology, and paying very little remuneration for teachers of sociology and other social sciences as ad-hoc faculty.

We have also kept the tradition of arranging the election in time for the new set of office bearers by identifying an Election Officer and announcing the schedule of the elections. We are thankful to one of the senior most Life Members Prof. Nirmal Singhji for accepting our request for this responsibility.

Let me bring this note to a close by inviting all of you to the next Congress of ISS at Dharwad and requesting all of you to make sure that you have made advance registration and travel bookings as it will facilitate smooth organisation of the Congress by the Dharwad sociologists and a relaxed participation for you.

With warm regards,

Anand Kumar (Email: anandkumar1@hotmail.com)

MN Srinivas Memorial Lecture

Prof. T. K. Oommen, former President of the International Sociological Association and Indian Sociological Society will deliver this year’s MN Srinivas Memorial Lecture at the 33rd All India Sociological Conference on Nov 29, 2007. The theme of his lecture is “Disjunctions between Field, Method and Concept: An Appraisal of MN Srinivas”

International Journal Comparative Sociology invites papers

The Journal of Comparative Sociology, Netherlands welcomes submission on topics: Democracy and Professions; Rule of Law and Rechtstaat; and Typologies of Democracy and non-Democracy. For descriptions of each topic consult www.brill.nl/coso. General submissions as well as those directed to these topics are welcomed at compsoc@tamu.edu.

Call for papers By the ISA Junior Sociologists’ Network on the Unconventional Ways of Doing Research

The ISA’s Junior Sociologists Network invites papers addressing issues such as choice of research topic, methods of enquiry, presentations of research findings etc. Instead of a particular theoretical or thematic research focus, colleagues are encouraged to be innovative moving beyond sociological tradition. Submissions are welcomed not only from scholars but also from social practitioners and activists who have a first-hand experience with various social problems that affect our society.

Please send your presentation’s title and abstract (Max. 300 words) as well as contact details to wiebkekeim (wiebke.keim@web.de).

Submission deadline is December 15, 2007.

ISS thanks Chennai Conference Organisers

ISS is happy to acknowledge with profound thanks and appreciates with great satisfaction the receipt of Rs.80,000/- from Prof. D. Jayalakshmi (organising secretary) and Fr. Xavier Vedam, (co-organising secretary) being the surplus from the funds raised by the Local Organising Committee for the Conference.

Indian Institute of Public Administration Award

Prof A.P. Barnabas, Professor of Sociology and Social Administration was honoured by presenting the IIPA Award for his meritorious contribution to Indian Institute of Public Administration and to the discipline of Public Administration on 29th June 2007 in New Delhi.
NATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG SOCIAL SCIENTISTS
Guwahati, September 8 & 9, 2007

A two days national workshop for Young Social Scientists on capacity building and skill upgradation was organized by the Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Srirperumbudur on 8th and 9th September 2007 at NIRD Guwahati. The main theme of the workshop was "Sociology of Social Backwardness in India". The delegates were welcomed by Prof. Anand Kumar Secretary of ISS. Prof. P. K. B. Nayar President of ISS in his presidential address discussed the importance of the workshop for the young social scientists of the country and especially for those from the North Eastern region in expanding their professional competence. Shri S. T. Sailo Deputy Director General, Prasar Bharti, North Eastern Region, Guwahati, emphasized the role of young social scientists in the development of the region and exhorted them to come forward and play their role actively. Dr. A. Radhakrishnan Nair, Faculty Head, RGNIYD elaborated the aims and objectives of the workshop and the role of RGNIYD in it. Prof. M. N. Karna, retired professor, NEHU, in his keynote address discussed the trends in sociological research in North East India and pointed out the complexity of the sociological issues underlying North Eastern societies. Dr. V. P. Singh Head, Department of Sociology, Assam University, Silchar and Director of the workshop proposed the vote of thanks.

The First Symposium of the workshop on the theme "Social Backwardness of North East India" was chaired by Prof. Anand Kumar. Speaking on the theme Prof. Rajesh Misra (University of Lucknow) pointed out that there are some similarities in the backwardness of the North East and Uttarakhand due to similar topographical and socio-economic conditions in both regions. Dr. V. P. Singh, pointed out that the nature of social backwardness in the North Eastern region is very different from the backwardness of the people in the rest of the country. It is because of the specific features of the region which makes it a different social entity. The social backwardness of the North East is because of the lack of the infrastructures and underdeveloped economy of the region rather than the social stigma like untouchability etc., as found in other parts of the country. The whole region presents a challenge to the social scientists as the social reality prevailing in the region is of very complex nature. The formation of ethnic identity of different social groups in the region can be understood only by applying historical approach for the study of social processes in the region.

The First Technical Session of the workshop on the theme "Marginalisation of Dalits and Tribals in India", was chaired by Prof. Rajesh Mishra and co chaired by Dr. G. P. Pandey (Assam University). Five papers were presented in this session by Nisha Nelson, Kranthi Kumar, Vinit Kumar Pandey, Alka Arya and Sachindra Kumar Singh.

Technical Session II on "Social Backwardness Among Dalit and Tribal Women" was chaired by Prof. Parvez A. Abbasi (VNSG University, Surat). In this session nine papers were presented by Amar Pal Singh, Anvesh, Sarada P. Das, Pushpam M, Anamika, Phirimi Bodo, Surabhi Divedi and Indu Pandey.

The second day of the workshop began with the second symposium on the theme "Developmental Problems in North East India". Prof. J. J. Kattakayam chairman of the symposium highlighted the issues of conflict among the tribals in general and the North East in particular. Prof. Monirul Hussain (Guwahati University) pointed out that he does not subscribe to stereotypes of backwardness/forwardness and center/periphery dichotomies in the context of Northeast. Prof. Nikhilesh Kumar (NEHU) focused on the problems of Hill tribes in North East India. Dr. Chandan Sharma (Tezpur University) pointed out that development issues transcend disciplinary boundaries. Dr. Sunil Kumar Saikia (IIE) expressed concern about unemployment as a major problem in the region.

Technical Session III was chaired by Prof. Nikhilesh Kumar. Mr. Debi Prasad Halder, M. Kennedy Singh, K. Ibotombi Singh, Kedilezo Kikhi and A. K. Das presented papers and discussed various issues regarding social backwardness in North East India.

Technical Session IV was chaired by Prof. Rajesh Mishra and Dr. Chandan Sharma. In this session eleven papers were presented by Bidyut Deb Choudhury, Mithun Roy, Aparna Sinha, Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Mrinalini Sinha, Ganesh Pradhan, Chumbeno Ngulli, C. Devendran, Dadul Bora, Surendra Kumar Upadhyay and Anwar Hussain Laskar.

The valedictory session started with a note from the chairman Prof. P. K. B. Nayar who expressed his happiness on the grand success of the workshop and emphasized on the need to organize many such workshops in near future. He also expressed his happiness on the formation of North Eastern Sociological Society (NESS) on this occasion. Delivering the Valedictory Address Prof. N. Upadhyay, Director, NIRD, NERC, Guwahati discussed the various dimensions of rural development in North East and pointed out that North East is not socially backward but in fact more forward than the so called mainland. In all, 30 papers were presented and 72 delegates from different parts of the country participated in the workshop. At the end of the workshop, Dr. V. P. Singh proposed the vote of thanks to the resource persons, delegates, media persons, Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi, RGNIYD, Srirperumbudur, ICSRR, NERC, Shillong and all those who helped him in the organization of the workshop.

Prof. V. P. Singh, Director of the Workshop
NATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG SOCIAL SCIENTISTS
Jammu, October 5 & 6, 2007

The Department of Sociology, University of Jammu, Jammu in collaboration with Indian Sociological Society, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sripurumbudur and ICSSR, North-West Regional Centre, Chandigarh organized a two days workshop on Capacity Building and Skill Upgradation on 5-6th October, 2007. The workshop commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Uttam Bhoite, the Treasurer of ISS, who talked about the condition of sociology in India, in both teaching and research sectors. Dr. A Radhakrishnan Nair, Faculty Head RGNIYD, focused on the objective of the workshop which, as he stated, is to sensitize the younger generation to the issues which are being faced by them in contemporary society. Prof. PK.B. Nayar, President ISS highlighted the need for workshops such as this for young social scientists. He said that the younger scholars require a platform where their special concerns are taken care of. Prof. B.P.S. Sehgal, Dean, Academic Affairs, University of Jammu, the chief guest of the function, expressed his appreciation for the workshop and said that these kinds of workshops are essential to get a peep into the world of younger generation who are going to play important role in social reconstruction.

Prof. J.R. Panda, Head of the Department of Sociology, and Director of the workshop, delivered the vote of thanks. Professor Panda outlined the academic activities of the department. He said that the department is working hard not only to become a centre of excellence but also working towards generating new knowledge. There was one Symposium and five technical sessions on different themes.

Symposium: The workshop started with the Symposium session on “Sociology of Social Backwardness.” Prof. P.K.B. Nayar presided over the session and Dr. Abha Chauhan acted as the discussant. Three presentations were made in this session. The first presentation made by Prof. Paramjit Singh Judge, GNDU, Amritsar highlighted the problems of conceptualizing the term backwardness. The second presentation was made by Prof. Satish Deshpande, Delhi University who started with the commonsensical understanding of the term backwardness and then went on to build and give his own definition of the concept. The third presentation was made by Dr. Vivek Kumar, JNU, New Delhi who focused on the caste orientation of knowledge generated by Indian Sociologists.

Technical Sessions I and II: The theme of the first session was ‘Globalization and Educated Youth’ chaired by Prof. Paramjit Singh Judge and co-chaired by Dr. Dipanker Sengupta. In this session problems faced by the educated youth in the context of globalization and liberalization were discussed. The other session on ‘Gender Issues: Challenges and Responses’ was chaired by Prof. R.L.Bhat and co-chaired by Prof. Poonam Dhawan. Several presentations were made in the session which were related to gender inequality, dowry and the problems of gender sensitization.

The III Technical Session on ‘Youth and Changing Social Mores and Adolescent Sexual Health: Issues and Perspectives’ was chaired by Dr. A. Radhakrishnan Nair, and Co-chaired by Dr. Vivek Kumar. The issues such as discriminations with girl child, women's status, Role of media and other sources for generating awareness with regard to threats like AIDS, were discussed. Dr. Ashish Saxena, Sr. Lecturer, Dept. of Sociology acted as rapporteur of the session.

The Technical Session IV on ‘Teaching Sociology in Regional Languages: Challenges of Problems of Regional Sociology’ was chaired by Prof. U.B. Bhoite and co-chaired by Dr. Abha Chauhan. It highlighted on the issues like lack of written material in the vernacular languages, non-availability of translations of class texts, the issue of quality v/s quantity and argued that quality is deteriorating. Ms. Vishav Raksha, Sr. Lecturer, Dept. of Sociology, acted as the rapporteur of this session.

The V Technical Session, on ‘Sexuality and Violence: Dimensions and Causes’ was chaired by Prof. Satish Deshpande and was co-chaired by Dr. Shyam Narayan. Issues like Fertility Behaviour, Domestic Violence and the social construction of Gender Identity were raised. Ms. Hema Gandotra, Lecturer, Dept. of Sociology acted as rapporteur of the session. The two days workshop finally came to an end with the valedictory session. The session was chaired by Dr. P.K.B. Nayar and Guest of honour was Sh. Babu Singh, Minister of Youth Affairs of Sports, J&K State. Dr. Nayar, complimented the Director of the workshop and the organizing committee for holding a very successful national workshop with full zeal and enthusiasm.

Prof. J.R. Panda, appreciated the presenters for their wonderful presentations on the various contemporary issues. Dr. Vivek Kumar, presented a brief report of all the paper presentations during this two days workshop.

Sh. Babu Singh Ji, welcomed the various social scientists from different parts of the country. He congratulated Prof. Panda for creating such a platform and highlighted the role of social scientists and researchers and added that they have a role between the academicians and politicians.

Later the best abstracts were shortlisted by the Sociological Society and each of the two best abstracts were awarded Rs.1000/- in cash. The awardees were:
1. Mr. Pilguwar Shrinivas Narhari from Nanded Maharashtra. Title: “Globalization and Educated Youth”.
2. Mr. Ashish Kumar Das from J.N.U., Title: “Live-in Relationship: The Institution of Marriage and Family Redefined.”

The session ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Abha Chauhan, Reader, Department of Sociology, University of Jammu.

Prof. Jayaram Panda, Director of the Workshop.
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A two-day UGC sponsored national seminar was organised by the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, The University of Burdwan, on 28-29th May, 2007. Prof. Amiya Kumar Bagchi inaugurated the seminar and Prof. T.K. Oommen delivered the keynote address. Prof. Oommen also chaired two technical sessions on ‘Nation Construction & Social Exclusion’ and ‘Development: Dynamics of Exclusion and inclusion in India’. Dr. A.A. Engineer, Prof. B.B. Pande, Prof. M.N. Karna, Prof. S. Pramanick, Prof. Debjani Sengupta and Dr. Anjan Ghosh addressed the seminar among others. Dr. Biswajit Ghosh, Professor of Sociology, was the Convener of the seminar. More than 200 teachers and research scholars attended the seminar.

National Seminar on Family, Marriage and Kinship

A two days National Seminar on the subject “New Socio-Economic Context and Marriage, Family And Kinship: Concept And Form” was organized by RC – 02 in collaboration with Department of Sociology, Agarsain Kanya Autonomus PG College, Varanasi. About hundred Sociologists including RC members like Prof. S.K. Srivastava, Prof. V. Sahai, Prof. A.I. Srivastava Prof. Indu Mathur, Prof. Bhatti and many other sociologists from various parts of country participated. Thirty Five papers were presented in four technical sessions of the seminar.

Annual Meeting of Research Committee on Sociology of Law, ISA

The Annual Meeting of the Research Committee on Sociology of Law, ISA will be held in Milan, Italy in June 2008 on the theme Law and Justice in Risk Society. For details contact the Coordinator Dr Arvind Kumar Agrawal, (arvind2004@rediffmail.com) Rajasthan University, Jaipur or Dr. D. Sundaram, Convener, WG on LM, RCSL, ISA.

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Prof. Aneeta A Minocha

Professor Aneeta A Minocha passed away on October 5, 2007 after a prolonged illness. She joined the Department of Sociology at Delhi University in 1963 as a master’s student. It was her alma mater and subsequently also her karma bhoomi. She joined the department as a Lecturer in 1968, was selected as Reader in 1975 and Professor in 1985. Her Ph.D supervisor, A.M. Shah encouraged her to explore the new area of research in the field of medical sociology. She was the first in India to research in this area. The examiners of her thesis recommended the thesis be published as a book, later published by Hindustan Publishers. She published many good papers in medical sociology in national and international journals and chapters in books.

Aneeta A. Minocha was not only a dedicated teacher who held uppermost the sanctity of the teaching timetable. She was a pleasant person, always smiling. She made people feel at home; her witty jokes, ability to laugh at herself and the zeal to work despite her worsening health made her a rare being. She was a willing contributor to the sociological world. She was elected member of Indian Sociological Society’s Management Committee and twice its Secretary (1998 and 1999, and 2000-2001) and worked towards the introduction of Research Committees. She was also the convener of the Research Committee on Population and Health for the last two years. We deeply mourn the untimely death of our very active colleague. 

(Prof. Tulsi Patel)

Prof. Taraben Patel

Prof. Taraben Patel former Head and Professor of Sociology, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad passed away on 31-01-2007 at the age of 89. She did her post graduation in sociology from Columbia University and Ph.D degree from University of London. She joined Gujarat University as a Reader in Sociology and retired as Professor of Sociology in 1978 after, 24 years of service. She also worked as a visiting professor in the University of Philippines. After retirement she was awarded Senior Fellowship by the Indian council of Social Research (CSID). She was also a member of two commissions constituted by Gujarat Govt. She spent her life teaching students, guiding them, as well as writing text book in the discipline of Sociology.

(Edwin Masihi)

Prof. K.L. Kothari

We deeply mourn the sad demise of our revered senior colleague Prof. K.L. Kothari (LMI 248) 5/585 Bhubal Wadi, Udaipur who was teaching sociology in various colleges in Rajasthan.

The Community of Indian Sociologists express their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES
VII Karnataka Sociological Conference, Shimoga, February 2008

Karnataka Sociological Association announces its 7th Karnataka Sociological Conference on the theme Towards a sociology for the future: Challenges and Prospects. Interested persons may contact the Organising Secretary of the conference Dr. Rame Gowda, Chairman, Dept.of Sociology, Kuvempu University. Contact No: 09448255934.

31st All India Criminology Conference, Bhopal, January 16-18, 2008

The Indian Society of Criminology invites to participate in the 31st All India Criminology Conference held during 16,17 & 18th January 2008 on the theme Strengthening Criminal Justice Administration. Full paper together with abstract has to be submitted before 15th December 2007. For more details contact Prof G S Baijpi 09302920017(M) or Visit www.nliu.com

National Seminar on Violence Against Women December 15-16, 2007 At NAS College, Mecrut

Abstracts and Papers are invited for the forthcoming Seminar on UGC Sponsored National Seminar to be held at NAS College Mecrut. For Further Details Contact email sanjeevnas@yahoo.com and sanjeevthoughts@yahoo.co.in

XXXIV All Kerala Sociological Conference November 16-18, 2007

The Kerala Sociological Society is holding the 34th All Kerala Sociological Conference on the theme Health, Social Mobilization and Development during 16-18, Nov. 2007 at C.M.S. College, Kottayam. Interested scholars may contact Dr. Shally Joseph, Secretary, KSS. Contact No: 0484 - 2350516 Email: jacobs11782@hotmail.com

XVI All India Rajasthan Sociological Conference, December 20-22, 2007 Ajmer

The Rajasthan Sociological Association is holding its 16th Conference on the theme: Local Communities, Globalisation and Social Transformation during 20-22, Dec. 2007. For details, contact President of RSA, Prof. Ishwar Modi. Mobile: 9460766077. Email:iiiss2005modi@yahoo.co.in.

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