FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This issue of the ISS Newsletter is a milestone in the history of the Indian Sociological Society and I am extremely happy to share its success with you. It is the eighth one in succession and as all of you are aware, to bring out and to maintain the periodicity of the news bulletin is a herculean task, especially in the context of insufficient resources. It is the incessant shower of encouragement from the members of ISS that has inspired me to achieve this momentous feat. It is a matter of great pride that the Newsletter has emerged as one of the most significant means for communicating the activities of the ISS to its members during the last four years.

The major academic and research activities of ISS, such as the publication of the Sociological Bulletin and the functioning of the twenty-one Research Committees have brought our organization to the forefront of the academic arena in India. Our Society has become one of the leading professional organizations capable of taking up the challenges in academic guidance and research in the twenty-first century. I am sure that the suggestions of the recently held workshop of the RC Convenors in Hyderabad will give a new direction to the ISS as well as the discipline of Sociology.

As the founder-editor of the ISS Newsletter, it is a moment of great happiness for me to observe the growth and development of our Newsletter through crucial phases of struggle and survival. It has played a catalytic role in the rapid emergence of Indian Sociological Society as a high profile entity among the professional and academic organizations in India.

I am personally indebted to each and every member of ISS for the kind co-operation and assistance at all stages of publication of the Newsletter. In order to strengthen the academic co-operation and exchange among our members, we have to increase the periodicity of the Newsletter. I hope that the next team of office bearers will pay their attention towards making the Newsletter a quarterly publication by mobilizing more resources.

I am very happy to say that I could witness the immense growth and progress of our prestigious organization during my term as Secretary. ISS has most successfully overcome great challenges to establish itself as a model professional organization in India. In the swiftly shifting scenario of sociological research, we have emerged as a pioneering body of furthering knowledge. The only disappointment to me as Secretary of the ISS is that we have not been able to have an independent building of our own to house the ISS Secretariat. I request all of you to contribute towards achieving this goal. I wish the future office bearers all success in their endeavors to launch innovative ideas in the academic world in general and in sociological research in particular.

Looking forward to meeting all of you at Jammu.

Jacob John Kattakayam
Email: jjkattakayam@hotmail.com / yahoo.com
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

Yet another presidential term is coming to a close. During this period we were able to do a few things that are first-timers. You are aware that we held the first South Asia Workshop on the State of Sociology: Issues of Relevance and Rigour in collaboration with the Department of Sociology, University of Colombo and the Department of Sociology, University of Pune. A workshop always means participation is of limited numbers, as opposed to a Conference. We had therefore decided that the Sociological Bulletin would present the workshop to all our members through a special issue. The next issue is the one that you can look forward to.

The first workshop laid the seeds for a Second South Asia Workshop. This time a much smaller number will meet with concrete research proposals, to be discussed by all. It is hoped that at least one proposal will be found suitable for comparative-cooperative research involving the South Asian neighbours. Professor Staffan Lindberg of the University of Lund, Sweden owes our most sincere thanks for providing financial support through SASNET of which he is the Co-Director.

This is also the first time that we have decided to honour a Padma Bhushan Awardee - Professor Andre Beteille in this instance - on behalf of the Society. Following from a suggestion from one of our very senior colleagues Professor S.K. Srivastava, Retired Malviya Professor, Banaras Hindu University, we are honouring four of our senior most sociologists with the Lifetime Achievement Award this year at Jammu. They are Professors M.S. Gore, Ramkrishna Mukherjee, Y.B. Damle and Victor D’Souza. Sociology in India is richer by their contributions and we are delighted to honour them. At the next Managing Committee meeting at Jammu we shall try to institutionalise this award, which is long overdue. The professional maturity of our institution will move one step forward.

I had the privilege of representing my Society and country at the Meeting of the Council of National Associations held at Miami under the auspices of the International Sociological Association, and also attended and participated in the Centenary of the American Sociological Association held at Philadelphia. Both were rewarding experiences for me and our Society.

We have now matured as a sound professional body adding to our professional roles. It is high time that our Society establishes an independent office. I hope the Society’s march forward will sooner than later transform this wish and need to reality. We shall wait to salute those who are able to perform this great task.

Warm best wishes till we meet in Jammu
Partha Nath Mukherji
partha.mukherji@gmail.com

FROM THE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

Welcome to Jammu. There will be a reception counter each at Airport, Railway Station and Bus stand for welcoming the delegates w.e.f. 24th of Oct. 2005. Our volunteers will be receiving the delegates and transporting them to the place of accommodation /Conference venue.

The response for the sight-seeing has gone up more than the expected number. The commitment of the local organizing committee for accommodation is from 24th night to 27th night. Those visiting Vaishno Devi will have to either vacate the accommodation provided by us on 28th morning or pay for those two days. Return tickets may be reserved for 30th October. Delegates are advised to arrive on 24th October 2005.

Prof. J. R. Panda
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Registration Continues

By now 350 Registrations have been received and late registration is still on. Those who have not yet registered for the Conference may register as early as possible.

Syed Hussein Alatas
Chief Guest of XXXI AISC

Syed Hussein Alatas will be the chief guest of the XXXI AISC at Jammu. He was the Vice Chancellor of the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur (1988-91). Prior to this, he had been Professor and Head of the Department of Malay Studies, National University of Singapore (1967-1988). He has also been Professor of the Center for General Studies (1995-97); Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology; Fellow, International Institute of Malay and World Civilization, all at the National University of Malaysia, Bangi. Professor Alatas is the holder of the International Education Award from Soka University, Japan, and was given an Honorary Doctorate in 1990.

Visiting Research Fellowships Scheme

ESRC National Centre for e-Social Science hub hosts a programme of visiting research fellowships in e-social science. The scheme allows scholars to make an extended visit to the NCeSS hub at the University of Manchester to explore how e-science might benefit their own social science research. Fellows have the assistance of the NCeSS hub team of social scientists, computer scientists and Manchester Computing specialist support staff to advise them in complementing their social science research questions with the NCeSS research programme.

for more details and how to apply.

See http://www.ncess.ac.uk/research/fellowships/
FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

XVI ISA World Congress of Sociology
Durban, South Africa, 23-29 July 2006

Theme: *The Quality of Social Existence in a Globalising World.*

Call for Papers
If interested in presenting a paper one should contact the Programme Coordinators of the ISA Research Committees, Working Groups or the Thematic Groups of your choice as soon as possible. This can be done by visiting the XVI World Congress of Sociology website: www.ucm.es/info/isa/congress2006. Membership fee for Indians $25 (US Dollars) for four years.

Registration Fees for Indians
Different fees are available for ISA Members and Non-Members.

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Call for papers of ISA, RC 41 Sociology of Population
Those who are interested in the session may open the http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/congress2006/rc/rc41_durban.htm Or Contact Prof. D. Sundaram, (dsundaram@hotmail.com) Honorary Professor, CRENIEO, Approved research institute for development, environment and education, University of Madras.

39th Annual conference of The British Sociological Association, April 21-23, 2006
The conference will be held at the Harrogate International Centre focusing on the theme ‘Sociology, Social Order (S) And Disorders (S)’. The conference will provide a platform for lively debates, peer review and perhaps even controversy. Streams will be based on the diversity of specialist areas and debates within contemporary Sociology. For more details visit www.britisoc.co.uk Or mail at: enquiries@britsoc.org.uk

International Conference on Social Science perspective in Agricultural Research and Development, Feb 15-18, 2006
Voluntary Action for Research Development and Networking (VARDAN) New Delhi in collaboration with International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, DC (USA) and Indian society of Extension Education (ISEI) is organising an International Conference at New Delhi. This conference is intend to share the International experiences in collaborating with the social scientists’ expertise with changing Agricultural technologies, so as to chart out future strategies for National Agricultural Research and Development System (NARADS). For further information, please contact Dr. C. Prasad, Former Deputy Director General ICAR and Convener email: Vardan Ngo@yahoo.com

Indian Association For Social Sciences And Health Third All India Conference
New Delhi, March 16-18, 2006
Theme: Health Reforms and the Social Sciences: The Challenges Ahead. For details please visit: www.iassh.com or contact: Dr. A.M. Khan, Organising Secretary khan_khan9@rediffmail.com or Dr. P. K. B. Nayar, President, pkbnayar@rediffmail.com

Second International Conference on e-Social Science, June 28-30, 2006
This conference will be held in Manchester, UK. More details will follow shortly regarding paper submissions etc. Please subscribe to the mailing list (http://www.ncess.ac.uk/newsletter/) if you would like to be kept up to date with conference news.

The 18th meeting of the International Network on Health Expectancy (REVES) May 29-31, 2006
The conference will be held at Amsterdam, Netherlands on the theme “Differential trends in health expectancy: implications for the future”; organized by Professor Dorly Deeg, Professor of Epidemiology of Ageing at the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam. Further information, including the call for abstracts and details of financial support to aid prospective participants to attend the meeting will be available at www.REVES.net or mail at iromieu@valdoreal.fnclcc.fr

National Seminar on Marriage & Family: Challenges, Changes & Trends November 6-7, 2005
The seminar will be organized under the joint auspices of ISS RC-02 and C.S.I.M Kanpur University. The sessions are as follows.
I. Family and Marriage: Challenges of Globalisation
II. Information Technology /Mass Media and Changes in family and marriage
III. Women Empowerment and Gender issues in India
IV. Open panel.

Last date to reach your abstracts is Oct. 15, 2005
Please send your abstract to Dr. V.N. Seth, Organising Secretary, 2/3/2 Padam Apartments, Civil Lines, Kanpur, Phone: 0512-2331955
National Seminar on Aging October 21-22, 2005

Mehr Chand Mahajan D. A. V. College for Women, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh, 160 036 is organizing a national seminar on “Aging and Emerging Trends with special reference to Women” on October 21-22, 2005. Prof. J.J. Kattakayam, Secretary of the ISS will deliver the keynote address. Those who are interested in presenting papers may contact Dr. Punnet Bedi, Principal or Mrs. Kamini Tayal, Convenor, Fax: 0172-2613047 Ph: 0172-2603355 Email: satayal@rediffmail.com

XXXII All Kerala Sociological Conference, December 02-04, 2005

The Kerala Sociological Society is holding the 32nd Annual Conference at Farook college, Kozhikode. The theme of the conference will be 'Environment and Society'. Prof. Partha Nath Mukherji, President of the ISS will deliver the keynote address. Those who are interested in presenting papers are requested to send the abstract along with the registration fee of Rs. 400/ before 2nd November 2005. For further information contact: Dr. Jose Boban, Secretary, KSS. Email: boban0703@yahoo.co.in

Malcolm Adiseshiah Award

Dr. Amita Baviskar, visiting Associate Professor, Cultural & Social Anthropology Stanford University has received the Malcolm Adiseshiah Award for the distinguished contributions to development studies for 2005. This is instituted by the Malcom and Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust and is named after the founder of the Madras Institute of Development Studies. MIDS administers the award which carries a citation and Rs. One Lakh. The awardee will deliver the Malcolm Adiseshiah Memorial Lecture on November 21, 2005.

REPORTS

Workshop of RC Conveners at Hyderabad July 29 and 30, 2005

Under the auspices of ISS, a “Workshop on Indian Sociology in the 21st Century” was held in the Osmania University, Hyderabad on July 29 and 30, 2005 to review the challenges faced by Indian Sociology in the Globalisation Era. 14 out of 21 RC Conveners participated in the workshop. Prof. P. K. B. Nayar, Convenor of RC 15, and Prof. P. Vijayalakshmi Reddy, Member of ISS Managing Committee organised the workshop. It was inaugurated by Prof. Mohamad Suleiman Siddiqi, Vice Chancellor of the Osmania University, at the function presided over by Prof. P.N. Mukherji, President of ISS. Prof. Uttam Bhoite, Treasurer of ISS, delivered the Keynote Address. The Valedictory Address was given by Prof. C. Lakshmanan, doyen of Sociology in Andhra Pradesh. The main focus of the workshop was to identify the areas where Indian Sociology needed to be equipped and strengthened to meet the challenges of the globalisation era. Discussions were mainly focussed on teaching and research and the role of RCs in raising the quality of the discipline.

In the six academic sessions, serious discussions took place where the participants examined all the problem areas in sociology and made suggestions on action required to resolve them. There was general agreement that the quality of teaching and research in the discipline needed revitalisation to compete on healthy terms with other social science disciplines. This general weakness also affected sociology’s credibility as a policy science. It was pointed out that large-scale interventions were warranted to update the syllabi and teaching methods in sociology. In the light of the above situation, the workshop made the following major suggestions.

It is necessary to pay serious attention to the falling standards in the teaching of sociology in institutions of
higher learning. As a first step in this regard, it was decided to examine the syllabi and teaching methods followed in Indian universities and to prepare a working paper for further discussion by the RCs and ISS. Prof. M.N. Karn has kindly agreed to take up this assignment.

To improve the quality of research, it was suggested that regional research methodology workshops should be organised by the ISS for the benefit of the younger generation of sociologists and to train them in the latest available tools and techniques including the application of IT in social research.

Since one of the objectives of the workshop was to streamline the RCs and to make them more functional, several suggestions were made in this regard. RCs which fail to attract at least 5 papers in the annual conferences for three consecutive years may be discontinued or merged with a related RC. It was also suggested that abstracts should be made more professional and, for this ISS should prepare guidelines to be strictly followed by paper presenters.

Prof. J. J. Kattakayam, Secretary of ISS, while thanking the participants and organisers for the success of the workshop assured them that he will present the results of the workshop to the ISS Managing Committee for necessary action. Prof. Ishwar Prasad Modhi has agreed to host the next RC Convenors' Workshop at Jaipur.

National seminar on “Panchayati Raj Institutions and Rural Development in Western India”. January 24-25, 2005

The seminar was organized by the School of Social Sciences, S.R.T.M. University, Nanded. Prof. Partha Nath Mukherji, President of ISS, inaugurated the seminar and Dr. Suryawanshi S.A, Vice chancellor presided over the inaugural function. Prof. Mukherji, in his inaugural address, discussed a variety of issues from the chronological account of the emergence of PRI in India to contemporary scenario and he emphasized the role of social scientists to conduct relevant research in these areas. The sub themes of the seminar were discussed under the titles; viz PRIs and Civil Society: Issues, Strategies and Ways, PRIs and Empowerment of Human Rights. Prof. Bavisbar B.S. delivered the valedictory address.


Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai organized a two day National Seminar on the above theme under UGC SAP scheme. Prof. U.B. Bhoite delivered the inaugural address and the keynote address was given by Prof. S. K. Thorat. Eight papers were presented besides a panel discussion where four persons spoke. According to the theme, the seminar discussed various issues such as reservation policy, reservation in private sector: Why and How?, privatization and Reservation, Reservation and Dalit Christian, Politics of Inclusion and reservation in private sector: Maharashtra Government's legislation. The papers are being published in the book form. Prof. P.G. Jogdand was the co-ordinator of the Seminar.

National Seminar on “State of Indian Society: Social Justice, Secularism and Democracy” September 24-25, 2005

Dept. of Sociology, Osmania University, Hyderabad has organized the national seminar attended by eminent academicians, Jurists, Journalists, Politicians and Human rights activists from various parts of the country. The prominent Journalist and former High Commission for U.K. Sri Kuldeep Nayar delivered the inaugural address, Justice Subhashan Reddy, Chairman, A.P. Human Rights Commission presided over the Inaugural session. Prof. Partha Nath Mukherjee, President, Indian Sociological Society gave the keynote address. Guest of Honour Prof. Asgar Ali Engineer addressed on this occasion. Subsequently 7 sessions were organized during the two days. Prof. Mohd. Suleman Siddiqui, Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University chaired the Valedictory function and Chief Justice Sudharshan Reddy delivered the Valedictory Address. Justice Mohd. Sardar Ali Khan, Former Judge of Andhra Pradesh High Court and Prof. C. Lakshmanu addressed the delegates. Prof. G. Satyanarayana, Head Department of Sociology and Principal, University College of Arts and Social Sciences, Osmania University who has conceptualized the seminar theme and organized the seminar as Director. Prof. P. Kamala Rao and Dr. C. Ganesh were the Co-Directors.

A Study on D.N. Majumdar’s Contributions

Ethnographic and folk culture society has taken up a study entitled “An exploration of D.N. Majumdar’s contribution to Indian Anthropology and its Relevance to Contemporary studies of Indian Society. The study is being funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi. If anybody interested to give any information, feed back or views on Majumdar’s contributions are requested to contact H.S. Saskena, the project director at, email: efcs@sancharnet.in

Call for Book Reviewers

International Sociology Review of Books

For an upcoming issue of International Sociology Review of Books(ISRB), review essays are invited on selected books. (see Guidelines & list of books, at http://www.ucm.es/info /isa/publi/ isrb_guidelines.htm). The deadline will be January 30, 2006.
### XXXI All India Sociological Conference, University of Jammu October 25-27, 2005

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