President’s Message

It is a time of great turmoil due to conjunction of economic, ethnic and environmental failures. This is not a good news for human beings and their social values, institutions and processes.

The world system seems to be in a downward spiral. Failing paradigms and failed political systems are two outstanding features of the larger part of human societies in the first quarter of the 21st Century. There is increasing technocracism in human affairs. We are also not going to be immune from it in India. It is time to re-invent the social with meaningful sociological inquiries about what is it, how is it and what are the emerging patterns.

Anand Kumar

Co-Editor’s Message

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings to all. It gives me immense pleasure in bringing to you this issue of the ISS e-newsletter. The launch of e-newsletter has been appreciated by all the members which has motivated us to strive to make it a more meaningful and helpful. In this issue, we refresh your memory of the Varanasi conference through publication of reports of RC sessions. The call for papers for the forthcoming 41st All India Sociological Conference at Bhubaneswar is also being published.

The success of this newsletter will depend on your participation by way of providing us with news which you all would like to share with sociology fraternity.

Happy academic deliberations

With regards,

Rashmi Jain

Secretary’s Message

From the Secretary’s Desk

The activities of the Indian Sociological Society for the year 2013 ended with the curtains being drawn on the 39th All India Sociological Conference held at Mysore on December 29, 2013. The present Managing Committee of the ISS which started its activities with effect from January 1, 2014 had five newly elected members and the membership of the other ten continued from the previous year. The ISS had three new office bearers for the period 2014-15, these being Prof. Anand Kumar (New Delhi) as Secretary and Prof. Paramjit Singh Judge (Amritsar) as Treasurer.

In the nearly two years that have gone by since Team 2014-15 took over, ISS has crossed many milestones. Its LMI number now stands close to 4000. The Sociological Bulletin is available on JSTOR since July 2014. We convey our appreciation to Dr. N. Jayaram and acknowledge his contribution in taking the Bulletin on its forward march.

Three issues of the Hindi Bulletin of ISS, Shrenikrada Samagrastra Samarpit has been released and the reader response has been very encouraging. We acknowledge the efforts of Dr. Anand Kumar, Dr. B. K. Nagda, Dr. Rajeev Gupta, Dr. Naresh Bhardwaj and Dr. Ashesh Kumar in bringing out the Sameeksha.

Between January 2014 and May 2015 the Managing Committee of the ISS has met thrice. A workshop for RC conveners was organized at IJNU, New Delhi in July 2014. The regular meetings of RC Convenors, Regional Associations and the Editorial Advisory Board were also held on the eve of the 40th All India Sociological Conference held at Varanasi from November 29 to December 1, 2014. Nearly 3000 delegates participated in the Conference.

ISS is now making all preparations to secure its own space, and efforts are on to procure a plot of land in New Delhi to locate its national headquarters. We are hoping that in the near future ISS would have its own building.

Preparations are on for the 41st All India Sociological Conference to be hosted by the Department of Sociology and Social Work, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, KIIT University at Bhubaneswar between December 27 and 29, 2015. We look forward to meeting you there.

My term of office as Secretary of ISS comes to an end on December 31, 2015. I wish to place on record my thanks to the President Prof. Anand Kumar, Treasurer Prof. Paramjit Singh Judge, Members of the Managing Committee, all members of ISS, Mr. Krishnan Namboodiri and staff of ISS for their support and encouragement in this two year journey.

R. Indira
(Editor)

Important Announcements

41ST ALL-INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE
Bhubaneswar, Odisha
on Development, Marginalization and People’s Movements
December 27-29, 2015
Introduction

The development process has failed to end the deprivation faced by marginalized communities in most of the developing nations. In fact it has contributed to the social reproduction of marginalization. According to the Human Development Report marginalized people have emerged as victims of the processes of development. In every society there are some sections of people who are deprived of socio-economic opportunities for their sustenance and are victims of social, cultural and political exclusion. In India the marginalized communities are rural poor, scheduled tribes and scheduled castes, manual workers in unorganized sector, women, physically disabled, etc. The marginalized have little or no participation in the development process. The initiatives for their development are channelled through a pre-existing power structure.

Their conditions have remained virtually unchanged over centuries in spite of several government initiated programmes and schemes. Access to or utilization of opportunities for upward mobility is very low. This is the reason why serious thought needs to be given to the impact of development on marginalized communities.

Due to the failure of the state in integrating marginalized groups in the development process many people’s movements have emerged for evolving strategies for empowerment of these excluded groups. It is this inter-connection between development, marginalization and people’s movements that forms the main theme of the 41st All India Sociological Conference.

Objectives of the Conference

1. Enable the discussion of current research results from different perspectives and representing sociology as a discipline that builds upon micro-studies on development and marginalization leading to people’s movements.
2. Provide a platform for discussing methodological and conceptual questions of relevance for development, marginalization and people’s movements in the light of ongoing processes of change, diversification and mobilization.
3. Facilitate the development of new trans-disciplinary research and new inter-sector networks that will provide an opportunity for theoretical and applied knowledge to relocate across different sectors in society – academic, public policy, civil society etc.
4. Develop a contemporary vision of social progress and social development, issues related to livelihood and development of marginalized sections in the context of globalization, liberalization and privatization.

Invitation

It is a pleasure to invite you to participate in the 41st All-India Sociological Conference (AISC) of the Indian Sociological Society being hosted by the Department of Sociology and Social Work, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences & KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha on the theme “Development, Marginalization and People’s Movements” from December 27-29, 2015.

About Indian Sociological Society

The Indian Sociological Society was set up in Bombay with the initiative of Prof. G. S. Ghurye, Head of the Department of Sociology, University of Bombay. The Society was registered in December 1951 under the Societies Registration Act. Prof.G. S. Ghurye was the Founder-President. Prof. J. V. Ferreira followed by Prof. K. M. Kapadia was the Secretary. Prof. Ghurye served as President of ISS from 1951 to 1966. The Society started a biannual journal Sociological Bulletin from March 1952. It held seminars/workshops occasionally on selected themes but did not organize large conferences. With the initiative taken by Prof. R. N. Saxena, from the year 1985 onwards six All India Sociological Conferences (AISC) were held in different parts of the country.

With the expansion of higher education, several new departments of sociology came up all over the country resulting in increase in the membership of the Society. The hallmark of the Society’s strength was the successful organization of the XI World Congress of Sociology in Delhi in 1986.

The Indian Sociological Society has taken great strides since then. Its membership has increased manifold. Its journal is now published annually with three issues since 2004. Its conferences are held every year and are well attended. In addition to the journal the Society now publishes two issues of ISS Newsletter annually. The Society now organizes its major academic work through 24 Research Committees, and this has provided a better opportunity for members to participate in meaningful dialogue and exchange of views. The annual lecture series in memory of Professor M. N. Srinivas and Prof. Radha Kamal Mukerjee, and the annual prize for young sociologists in honour of Prof. M. N. Srinivas have contributed to the academic profile of the Society’s activities. Two new prizes for young sociologists namely Prof. N.K. Gouraha Memorial Prize and Prof. Ranganath Memorial Prize have been instituted since 2014.
The Society instituted the Life Time Achievement Award in 2005 with the following objectives: (a) To honour outstanding Indian Sociologists who have made profound and exceptional contributions in the field of sociology and thereby enriched the discipline of sociology and enhanced the capability and respectability of its professionals, and (b) To inspire and encourage other members of the profession to emulate these Award winners and consider them as role models and to work for their own and the profession's betterment and exaltation through creditable work and significant contribution. The award has so far been given to: Dr. Y B Damle (Pune), Prof. M. S. Gore (Hubli), Prof. Victor S. D'Souza (Bangalore), and Prof. Ramkrishna Mukherjee (Kolkata) in 2005; Prof. Yogendra Singh (Delhi) and Prof. Leela Dube (Delhi) in 2007; Prof. B. R. Chuhar (Udaipur), Prof. P. C. Joshi (Delhi) and Prof. T. N. Madan (Delhi) in 2008; Prof. Andre Betencie; Prof. A. M. Shah and Prof. Bela Duttagupta in 2009; Prof. Sweta Chitrnis (Mumbai), Prof. R. D. Mahal (Pune), Prof. T. K. Oommen (Delhi) in 2010; Prof. S. K. Srivastava (Lucknow), Prof. J. P. S. Liberio (Delhi) and Prof. P. K. B. Nayar (Thiruvananthapuram) in 2011, Prof. C. Lakshminarayana (Hyderabad), Prof. Utsam Bhoite (Pune) and Prof. K. L. Sharma (Jaipur) in 2012, Prof. Partha Nath Mukherjee (Gurgaon) and Prof. Ravindra K. Jain (Gurgaon) in 2013, and Prof. Satyendra Tripathi (Varanasi), Prof. Prakash N. Pimpley (Nasik), Prof. Imtiaz Ahmad (New Delhi), and Prof. Ramesh C. Tiwari (Lucknow) in 2014.

Theme of the Conference

The main theme of the conference is “Development, Marginalization and People’s Movements”. The sub-themes of the conference are as follows:

The sub-themes of the Conference are:
2. Development policies in the era of liberalization, privatization and globalization and their impact in rural and urban areas.
5. People’s Movements against development, displacement and marginalisation.
6. Alternative approaches for addressing marginalization.
7. Gender, development and marginalization of women.
8. Development and class dynamics in rural and urban societies.
9. Issues related to livelihood and development vis-à-vis marginalized groups in a globalized world.
10. Conflicts between civil society and state for development of marginalized groups.
11. Development, Marginalisation, People’s Movements and Media

Guidelines for Paper Writers

1. The conference invites original articles as per the following guidelines:
   Two copies of the abstract of the paper in not more than 200 words should be submitted to the concerned RC Conveners or Ad-hoc Groups preferably by e-mail in Abstract Form latest by October 10, 2015.
2. Each abstract should carry the ISSN Membership number of the participant and the Name and Number of the RC to which it is being submitted. The ISSN members (Life/Ordinary/Student) who have paid the RC membership fee (Rs. 400/- for two years and Rs. 800/- for 5 years) per Research Committee are entitled to present papers in the conference.
3. Acceptance of abstracts will be communicated by the respective RC conveners by October 25, 2015.
4. Tables, charts, maps, figures etc., are to be placed separately at the end of the article. Number these serially, with appropriate titles/captions.
5. Give separately the bibliographic details of all works cited in the article under reference.
6. Referencing in the text should be as follows: (Desai, A. R. 1961:84).
   a. Recommended style for Bibliography is:

Methodology of Organization of the Conference

The three-day conference will begin with the Inaugural Session on December 27, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. The same day after lunch there would be parallel sessions of all the Research Committees and Ad-hoc Groups. On the second day of the conference, i.e. on December 28, 2015 from 10:00 am to 1:00 p.m. Symposium/Special Lectures would be organized. On December 29, 2015 after lunch the Valedictory Session would be held in
REGISTRATION

All the participants have to pay the registration fee as per the following specifications:

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- Request for registration should reach us in the enclosed form along with a demand draft payable at Bhubaneswar in favour of the "ORGANIZING SECRETARY, 41st ISS CONFERENCE".
- Spot and local registration would be accepted only in cash.
- Participants are requested to comply with the deadline in view of the difficulties involved in providing accommodation.

Note: A visit to Puri & Konark is being arranged on the morning of the 30th December, 2015 after completion of the conference.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

- Registration fee covers lodging, boarding and hospitality during the conference days.
- Delegates are requested to meet travel and other incidental expenses from their own resources.

- The accommodation provided will be modest and on sharing basis. Those who need exclusive accommodation are requested to make their own arrangements.

LANGUAGE

- English & Hindi

PLACES OF TOURIST INTEREST

The history of the city stretches back over 2000 years. The area first appears as the ancient capital of Kalinga. Bhubaneswar, the 'city of temples', named after Tribhuvaneshwar, 'Lord of Three Worlds', still preserves over 500 of India's finest temples, around which the religious life of the city revolves. Together with Puri and Konark, Bhubaneswar forms the 'golden triangle'—one of the most visited destinations in East India, for its proud possession of magnificent sculptures and a majestic architectural heritage.

The city has remnants of some of the striking temples, like the Lingaraja Temple, the Muktesvara Temple, etc., together with the famous archaeological and historical sites of Dhauli, Khandagiri and Udayagiri. Star category hotels, restaurants, cafes, shopping malls provide quality lifestyle and refinement.

CLIMATE

By the end of December 2015, the winter season in Bhubaneswar would have started. The temperature in the city ranges between 180 to 260 Celsius. Participants are requested to bring woolen clothes.

HOST UNIVERSITY

Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) University, a premier University in India ranks highly amongst the Universities in the country. As a Centre of Excellence in various streams of Engineering (Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Electronics, Tele Communication, Computers, IT, Masters in Computer Applications), Bio-Technology, Business Management, Law, Languages, Medical Sciences, Dental Science & Nursing, Fashion Technology, Sculpture, Social Sciences, KIIT continues to forge ahead in the pursuit of academic excellence and research. With membership in the Association of Commonwealth Universities, Association of International Universities, University Mobility in Asia & the Pacific, (UMAP), International Accreditation Organisation, International partnership with more than 50 Universities across Asia, Europe, America, Africa and Australia, KIIT is looking forward towards a meaningful academic relationship with great centers of learning.
Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), protégé of KIIT University has been acknowledged by many statesmen, diplomats, social activists, Nobel Laureates, Chief Ministers and senior Union Cabinet Ministers of India, as the largest institution of the world for tribal children. KISS has been working relentlessly for the upliftment of tribals and empowering them through education. At present 25000 tribal children are provided with food, accommodation, vocational training and healthcare absolutely free to pursue their education from KG to PG. They are prepared here to be the change agents and through their education and training they become India’s quality human resources. Earlier tribal children were lured by the utras and with a few thousand rupees their parents too used to send them to join the disruptive forces. KISS has been able to stop this social menace to a great extent. Several schemes like ‘earn while you learn’, jobs after completion of education, trainings for sustainable livelihood have prevented these tribal youths from falling a prey to these disruptive forces. The tribal children are hardworking, pain-staking, intelligent, industrious and physically fit. Several boys and girls from KISS have represented India in various national and international sports competition(s). They have also become world champions in Rugby tournaments outside India. Through these landmarks of KISS, it is considered as a successful model and has been regarded as the largest tribal institute by Limca Book of Records and has received global attention. World class bodies like UNFPA, UNICEF, UNESCO, US Federal Government, and Bernard van Leer Foundation have been associated with the KISS. We are also setting up sister branches of KISS in Odisha and different parts of the country like Delhi, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, etc. for the underprivileged children.

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REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name (Block Letters):
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2. Designation: ____________________________

3. Institution/Organization: ____________________________

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Signature of the delegate

1. Last date for receiving information regarding cancellation is 31st October 2015. In case of cancellation within the stipulated time 75% of the registration fee will be refunded. After 31st October 2015 there shall be no refund.

2. Those who wish to have accommodation in a better Hotel than the one arranged by the local organizer are requested to send the requisite amount along with the registration fee.

3. Delegates are requested to send, along with the registration fee, the prescribed charges per head for accompanying person(s).
**REPORTS OF RESEARCH COMMITTEES**

**RC 01: THEORY, CONCEPT AND METHODOLOGY**

**Convenor: Prof. Manish Kumar Thakur**

This year Research Committee -1 of Indian Sociological Society received a total of twenty-one abstracts twelve of which were presented during the conference during November 29 - December 1, 2014.

**Panel Discussions**

The highlight of RC 1 was the organization of three panel discussions that were organized on 29th and 30th of November, 2014. The first panel discussion was on ‘Sociologies in the Global South: Emerging paradigms, approaches and methodologies’. The panel comprised of Shubh Tambe, Pushkumar Kamdar and Gita Chaudhuri. The second panel discussion was on “Operationalising Reflexivity: Placing the Autobiographical”. Panelists included Rukmini Sen, Gita Chaudhuri and Kamala Ganesh. The third panel discussion was on “Sociology of Castes, the art of being in India” and the panelists were Hira Singh, Ajay Choudhary and Sunil Babu C T.

**Papers presented**

The presentations could be broadly organised around three themes (i) methodology (ii) development and (iii) hygiene and governmentality. Under the broad theme of methodology, Ankita Moorkerjee presented her paper on “Mapping multiple paradigms on democracy in India. An exploration in sociology in India”. Other papers were “Between Objectivity and Subjectivity: Significance of the Concept of Experience and Methods of Interpretation in Sociological Research” (Urmila Bhattacharjya), “Grounded Theory As A Strategy Of Qualitative Research: An Attempt At Demystifying its Intricacies” (Ayana Priya), and “Towards a conceptualization of ‘popular knowledge’: understanding the possibilities of knowledge from below” (Sanjana M.). Under the rubric of development, Prakriti Agrawal presented a paper titled “When You’re Happy and You Know It... Understanding the Idea of Gross National Happiness under Bhutan’s Development Paradigm”, “The Ideas of Development: A Study of the Discourses through the Valley of Patakiot, Madhya Pradesh” by Byasa Moharana and “Corruption: A Social Reality” by Haritamurthy were the other papers presented. Lastly, there were papers by Debopriya Chatterjee “Innomination: Healthcare And The State: A Sociological Analysis” and Subhendu Bhattacharjee “Sociologising Hindu Eschatology: An (In)auspicious Journey from Devaditya To Shauchalya”. The paper presentations and panel discussions were animated by engaging and insightful discussions by the participants. A total of sixteen new members were added in the RC this year. The RC budget was discussed and approved. Manish Thakur was elected as the new convenor of the RC. The RC thanked the outgoing convenor V. Sudipto for her valuable contributions towards the strengthening of the RC-01.

**RC 02: FAMILY KINSHIP AND MARRIAGE**

**Convenor: Prof. Pramod Kumar Sharma**

RC-02 have in total 35 abstracts. Out of which 22 abstracts were in English and 13 abstracts were in hindi; edited and sent to the organizing secretary for publishing in souvenir. In all 27 research papers were presented in three technical sessions held in the RC during 40th AISC-Varanasi. Number of members in RC-02 are increasing which is the positive aspect of RC in the first session of RC 02. Chaired by Dr. T.B. Singh- head Dept of sociology,PPNL, Kanpur,(UP), and rapporteur was D.R. Thwaites- Senior Lecturer, SOS in Sociology, PRSU, papers were presented and discussions were carried out covering all aspects of family kinship and marriage like issues related to cross-cousin marriages, honour killing etc. Further structural changes in family in recent years and other family issues were also focused.
RC 06: RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES
Convenor: Dr. Sudha Satharaman

RC 06 Religion and Religious Communities was organised in three sessions in room No 103 of the Commerce and Management Building. 32 research papers were accepted for presentation and 26 papers were presented in these different sessions and they were discussed in detail. Papers articulated the so-called return of religion in the public sphere, laying bare the reconstructions of the religion in the secular/modern India. Most papers presented were based on ethnographic work conducted in various places in India; they focused attention on the many lives of religion, the role of social context in reading the scriptures, claims of ‘true/authentic’ knowledge by groups, community activism and participation, visitation and commemoration of historical-religious saints, histories of temples/shrines; and identities experienced and expressed. The emergence of the modern concept of religion and its relegation to the private sphere under the regime of modern governance; the relationship between religious traditions and how movements, both religious and secular, address and mediate the inherent malleability of the world as they aim to transform the self and the world were discussed in the course of the presentations. The study of local manifestation of religion, relevance of interdisciplinary approach, the need to problematize religion based identity assertions, and revitalization movements were also discussed. Undergirding themes were conceptual/methodological issues in the sociology of religion. They emphasized the need for dismantling existing frameworks such as ‘tradition and modernity’, ‘little and great tradition’ and ‘scriptural and popular’ religion etc.

A mid-term national seminar was organized by the co-convenor of the RC, Dr Aminda Chakraborty on 15 and 16 October 2014 at IIT Kanpur, titled Religion, Law and Secularity. Many of the framing terms such as tradition and modernity or text and context were explored and exceeded by the contributors of the seminar.

RC 09: DALITS AND BACKWARD CLASSES
Convenor: Prof. R.N. Salve

First Day-29 Nov. 2014

Session No-I: Dalit: Change and Development in India
A) In this session only 06 papers are presented. This session chaired by Prof. B.C. Berik
B) Professor Parvathanma memorial Lecture - Prof. D. Shrikant delivered the prof. Parvathanma memorial Lecture.
This session was chaired by Prof. H. M. Vasanthamman.

Second Day: 30 Nov. 2014

Session No-II: Diversity: Backward Classes in India
A) In this session 15 papers are presented. This session chaired by Dr. Jagannath
B) Presented the balance sheet of 2013-2014 of RC-9 before the RC members and they have to accepted.

Third Day 1st December, 2014

Session No-III: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Democracy
A) In this session 08 papers are presented. This session chaired by Prof. D. Shrikant
Total papers presented is 29

Best paper presentations among young Sociologist
RC-9 in 2013
1) 1st prize winner is Shri Rabinendra Kumar
2) 2nd prize winner is Shri Samir Kumar
3) 3rd prize winner is Shri Rajput Kumar
All the sessions closed with intensive and vote of thanks.
RC 10: GENDER STUDIES

Convenor: Prof. Abha Chauhan

In all 58 abstracts were received and published in the Book of Abstracts and 54 papers were presented in the 5 technical sessions of RC 10 Gender Studies at the XL All India Sociological Conference held at Varanasi between November 29th – December 1st, 2014. The 5 Technical Sessions were:

1. Castes, Patriarchy and Religion - Chair: Prof. Abha Chauhan
2. Empowerment, Development and Panchayati Raj - Chair: Dr. Arvinder Ansari
3. Women, Work and Economy: Chair: Prof. A. Satyanarayan
4. Health and Education: Prof. Mridula Nagda
5. Violence Against Women: Prof. Biswajit Ghosh

All the sessions were interactive and very well attended by large number of participants. The highlight of RC 10 was that its session was attended by Prof. Margaret Abraham, President, International Sociological Association (ISA). She also spoke during the session highlighting the activities of ISA and how we should make Indian Sociological Society and gender studies more visible at the international forum.

Business Meeting of RC 10 was held on 30th November, 2014 at 4:00 pm.

The Convenor informed the members about the following activities of RC 10 in the year 2014:

1. National Seminar was organized on Gender and Violence: A Challenge for Equitable Society at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi on 10th - 16th October 2014. The seminar was jointly organized by RC 10, IAS and Dept. of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia. Prof. Abha Chauhan was the Convenor. Dr. Arvinder Ansari was the Organising Secretary and Mr. Imtiaz Ahmad was the Co-convenor of the seminar. In 5 Technical Sessions, 42 papers were presented during the two-day seminar, besides the inaugural and valedictory Sessions.
2. Book on Gender and Health' was brought out as decided in the last conference of Mysore. The book is edited by Dr. Jyoti Prasad Saikia, Dibrugarh University, Assam, an active member of RC 10 and was released at the valedictory function of the Conference by Prof. Margaret Abraham, President, International Sociological Association and other dignitaries.
3. RC Newsletter for the year 2013 was brought out and circulated among the members. The same was also sent through electronic mail to all the members.
4. During the XL AISC at Varanasi 35 new members joined RC 10 making the total to 210 members.

Elections:

Election to different positions was held during the business team and a new team was elected as follows:

Professor: Dr. Shweta Prasad, Dept. of Sociology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

Co-convenor: Dr. Jyoti Prasad Saikia, Dept. of Sociology, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Assam.

Secretary: Dr. Kameshwar Singh, Bihar

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RC 11 - ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

Convenor: Prof. S.C. Rajora

Thirty seven abstracts of the papers were listed in RC 11 for 40th AISC Varanasi and published in the souvenier. Out of these 26 papers were actually presented in three technical sessions. A business session was also organised to elect the new executive for the next term.

Most of the papers were presented through PPT and were mainly focused on the current phenomenon related to clean India Campaign (defecation free country). Papers were based on the field studies and tied as: management of solid waste, total sanitation campaign, clean village campaign, & environmental awareness, environment and sanitation, issues of development and problems of pollution, role of NGOs in environmental protection and the Hindu religious ethics and environment. Some papers were focussed at environmental hazards in industries, salinity and health issues and social practices & environmental degradation.

Actual presentations were made by 23 members; hence all could be managed properly by giving enough time for presentations, discussion, observations, comments and suggestions along with the fruitful remarks of the chair persons. The technical sessions were chaired respectively by Prof. B.K. Nagda, Prof. R.B. Patil and Prof. S.C. Rajora.

During business session the new executive of RC 11 was constituted by common consensus of the existing members. The structure of the new executive shall be as under:

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During the business meeting the account of membership of RC 11 was presented by the convener, Prof. S.C. Rajora. According to the existing list there are total 68 members and 22 members are supposed to renew their membership. The charge of this RC being handled over to the new executive.

A website of RC 11 has already been created (RC11 Environment and Society), besides that it was proposed to start a NEWS LETTER and to explore to organise a midterm INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR during session 2014-15. It was also put on record that a midterm National seminar on “ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND SOCIAL CONCERNS” with interdisciplinary approach, was organised by RC 11, at Department of Social Sciences, University of Kota, Kota (Rajasthan) on March 21-22, 2014. Three hundred delegates, from seven states (Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi, Gujarat, Maharastra and Rajasthan) were registered for participation and 110 abstracts were actually presented in 12 different technical sessions. The abstracts of all papers were published in a Souvenir (copy of the Souvenir was presented to President ISS, Prof. Anand Kumar at JNU during RC convener’s meeting). The seminar became memorable in many ways like, a cultural programme presented by a team of Sahritye Tribe (the original inhabitants of Bihar), further an interaction programme with Bio-diversity was also arranged (with the help of forest officials) for all delegates by way of a full day lecture demonstration visit at Ramathamore National Tiger Reserve Sanctuary (Sawarmadupur).

**RC 12: POPULATION, HEALTH AND SOCIETY**

*Convener: Dr. M. Akram*

There were sixty five abstracts submitted for presentation in Rc 12. Out of these, 42 papers were presented in five sessions. The five sessions addressed different themes like Health care services, health policies and programmes, health inequalities and exclusions, population concerns, and contemporary issues. The sessions were chaired by various experts like Prof. Madhu Nadja, Prof. P S Vivek, Prof. Pandur, Prof. S. Saleem, Dr. M. Akram & Dr. Mahapatra. The new executive got elected for next two years (2015-16) in a business session of Rc 12. The names of the elected members along with the names of the posts are given here. Dr. Amananda Mahapatra, (Scientist- E, RMRC, ICMR, Bhubaneswar) is elected as Convener. Prof. Shashikhet Azim (Co-Convener), Dr. M. Thumilasaran (Secretary), Prof. P S Vivek, Dr. S M Dev, Dr. Vidika Siroty, Dr. N. K Verma, Mr. Uday Shankar and Dr. M. Akram got elected as members of the executive. Newly elected convenor and other members thanked Dr. S M Dev for nurturing Rc 12 in a meaningful way during his tenure as Convener.

**RC 13: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY**

*Convener: Dr. Madhav Govind*

This year 46 papers were accepted under the RC 13, out of which 31 papers were presented over three sessions during 40th AISC at Varanasi. The first session was on Technology and Development, and papers covering the issues related to the application of science and technology for development, surveillance, bridging the inequality and digital divide and how the uncertainty in weather forecasting is affecting the agriculture and plantation in the country were presented. The second session was organized jointly with RC-24 on a common theme: Detached Together: Daily Life of Youth and the Cyber World. Prof Bula Bhadra, convener RC-24 and Dr Madhav Govind, Convener RC-13 initiated the debate and the three invited speakers, Prof Vinod Chandra, Dr Ashish Saxena, and Dr Manoj Jena presented their critical analysis on virtual social life of youth and the emerging issues of our contemporary society. Their presentations evoke interesting responses from the audience. The third session was themed on ICT Revolution and the Social World and was chaired by Prof Bipul Kumar Bhadra. Scholars in their paper raised the issues related to the relevance of techno-scientific education, impact of online social networking, online marketing, mobile commerce, health hazards of mobile phone and problems of electronic waste, etc.

The fourth session was on “Technology, Health and Gender Issues” and was chaired by Prof R. Rajesh. The major issues of this session were: reproductive health, surrogacy, body modification, online love and intimacy, gender and technology, disability and sexuality, and ethical issues in stem cell research.

In its business session RC members unanimously elected Prof Bipul Kumar Bhadra (Jadavpur University, Kolkata) as the convener and Dr Pradeep Swamikar (ABIMT, Gwalior) as the co-convener and Dr Kingsok Sahak (Kalachak, B.K.A. S Mahavidyalaya, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal) as the treasurer of RC-13 for two years-2015-16. The house also elected three EC members of the RC. These members are: (1) Prof R. Rajesh, Bangalore University; Bangalore; (2) Dr Manoj Kumar Jena, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi; (3) Dr Madhav Govind, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

**RC 15: SOCIAL CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT**

*Convener: Prof. Govardhan Ram*

In the 40th All India Sociology Conference organized by the Department of Sociology, Mahanthana Gandhi Kashi Vidyanasth, Varanasi, during Nov 29-30 & Dec 1, 2014, the RC 15 organized five technical sessions, in all, for presentation of papers. The session I & II had two parallel meetings, each (Session – A and B). The Session A was held in the Auditorium at the Ground Floor and the Session B was held in the Committee Hall at the First Floor of the Department of Gandhi Acharyaanasth in Mahanthana Gandhi Kashi Vidyanasth, Varanasi. In all, 123 abstracts were received and 95 papers were presented in the sessions of the RC. The number of RC’s current members is 154.

The sessions were chaired by Prof P N Pandey, Varanasi; Prof B N Prasad, Patna; Dr. Bistwantihar Panda, NEHU, Dr Chura Giri, Assam; Dr. D K Singh, BHU, Dr. Sampat Kale, ISS, and Dr. Pradeep Meshram, Bhandara. The rapporteurs in the sessions were Dr. Ayasha Aftana-Anas University, Vikas Kumar, BHU, Shweta Singh-BHU, Satika Pandey-BHU, Dr Manish Tiwari, Varanasi, Rajani Singh-Varanasi, Dr. Anupama Pandey-Varanasi and Pallavi Agarwal, Varanasi.

The RC’s Convener is Prof. G. Ram. Department of Sociology, Assam University, Silchar, and two Co-conveners (NEW) are (i) Prof Anirban Banerjee, Dept of Sociology, The University of Burdwan, West Bengal; and (ii) Dr D K Singh, Assistant Professor, Benaras Hindu University, Varanasi.

**RC 16: URBAN AND INDUSTRIAL STUDIES**

*Convener: Dr. Pranjali Sharma*

RC - 16 received 26 abstracts and 27 papers were presented during three technical sessions, Prof. J. Krishnamurthy, Prof. P.S. Vivek and Dr. Pranjali Sharma chaired the sessions. The main issues discussed during the sessions can broadly be divided into three issues: Cities and Urban space, industries and management of organizations. The topic covered are spatial inequality in Urban India, Inclusion of women leaders in urban setting, East Indian communities in Mumbai city, Identities, socio – spatial Structure of City. Problems of Adolescent pregnancy in Slum Area, Street Vendors in Mumbai, powerloom workers, Indian banking sector, Problem of sick industry, accidents in industry, issues and challenges of tourism industry, workers Participation in Trade Union Activities, Work life of middle class women, Hand-embroidery work, the role of Handicrafts, Corporate Social Responsibilities and so on. RC sessions generated productive discussions among the participants. Also a special lecture on ‘Disability and every day negotiations in urban spaces in India’ was belived by Prof. Nitika Mehrintra of JNU on the 2nd technical session on 30th November, 2014.

A good number of senior sociologists, junior sociologists as well as research scholars took active part in the discussions of every technical session.
RC 17: SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
Convenor: Prof. D.R. Sahu

Research committee was thematically divided into four technical sessions along with a business meeting. Out of 50 selected abstracts 27 papers were presented. In its 2nd technical session, Prof. Paramjit Singh Judge, National Fellow, ICSSR, and treasurer, Indian Sociological Society delivered 3rd A. R. Desai memorial lecture on “The question of ideology and choice of violent means: Exploring the self-legitimating trajectories of social movements”. The session was chaired by Prof. Rajesh Misra, Lucknow University.

Prof. Dilip Khairnar, Aurangabad presented the paper and chaired the 1st technical session and Dr. Gayatri Bhattacharya, Calcutta University presented her paper and chaired the second session Dr. Rohit Jain, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai presented his paper and chaired the concluding session. The sessions were divided with a business meeting in which convenor invited all RC members to participate in RC-17 on Social Movements. Collective action and Social change of International Sociological Association in the forthcoming later congress of ISA in Vienna 2016. The members also proposed to bring out volume by selecting presented papers in the RC since beginning.

RC 18: SOCIOLOGY OF CRIME AND DEVIANCE
Convenor: Prof. Ramesh H. Makarana
Co-convenor: Dr. R.K. Mohanty

The papers presented in RC-18 of ISS and the theme of the sessions under this RC during 40th AISC of Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi pertained to Sociology of Crime & Deviance. Out of 32 papers printed in the Book of Abstracts, 25 papers were presented during the three consecutive technical sessions, Commencing with a session on 25th November 2014. Prof. Ramesh Makarana, Convenor RC-18 gave introductory remarks expressing his satisfaction about gradual increase in the number of members and paper readers. Prof. Anjani Banerjee, Dept. of Sociology, Bhuswan University, West Bengal was the Chief Guest who expressed serious concerns about criminalization of student politics in Bengal. Dr. R.K. Mohanty, Co-Convenor addressed the audience on preparing the criminological research agenda through a comprehensive overview of the article, Methodological and thematic heads.

The sessions included a wide range of topics, from discrimination to the impact of technology and crime, including the experiences of women in the media, criminality among teenagers, hate crime, youth and crime and juvenile delinquency etc. Out of 25 paper presenters, 06 were young Research Scholars and 19 regular faculties from around the states of the country. The sessions were chaired respectively by Prof. Umadutta Andhrali University, Dr. Anjali Das, Dept. of Sociology, Ravenshaw University, Dr. Jasmine Dariel, Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai. The research papers on each of the topics, origin, nature, causes, sociological implications and consequences were deliberated upon, this generated many views and suggestions from eminent experts present. On the whole, the RC deliberations were fruitful and meaningful.

Special Activities of RC-18:

1. We have published one edited book of best research papers which are presented in RC-18 entitled “Contemporary Crime in Indian Society”.
2. We have also published news letter of RC-18, Academic year 2013-14.
3. In near future we will plan to organize one National Seminar under RC-18 AIS at Ahmadabad, Gujarat.
4. We have total 20 members while last year 12 more members got membership of RC-18.

RC 19: SOCIOLOGY OF AGEING
Convenor: Prof. Arvind Kumar Joshi

The RC-19 (Sociology of Ageing) received 55 papers among which 30 papers were presented. The papers covered various aspects of sociology of ageing such as impact of Life-Transition, Contemporary Intergenerational Bonds, Psycho-Social Problems, Elder Abuse, Social Security, Graceful Ageing etc. Four sessions were conducted and were chaired by Prof. A.K. Joshi, Prof. J.J. Kattakayam, Prof. U.B. Singh and Prof. Sudeshna Basu Mukherjee. Around 15 members were present in each session. Papers were presented in English as well as in Hindi based on the data obtained from primary as well as secondary sources. Each presentation was followed by a question-answer session. A special lecture was delivered by Prof. J. J. Kattakayam and he was honoured by the RC Convenor Prof. A.K. Joshi.

Major suggestions emerged during the sessions were that there should be a facility of tax rebate for those tax payers who property take care of their elderly parents, coverage of social security schemes to the elderly people should be increased, healthy and active life-style should be promoted for successful ageing and youth should be more adaptive and sensitized towards the elderly.

Furthermore, four best paper awards were given to the presenters namely Saheli Guha Neogi, Dr. Pravin Kumar, Shubhank Shree and Neetu Batra. Election of office bearers was held on 30th November 2014 and Prof. U.B. Singh has been elected as convenor, Prof. Sudeshna Basu Mukherjee as Co-Convenor and Dr. Pravin Kumar as Treasurer for 2015-16 session. The sessions were finally concluded by Prof. A.K. Joshi.

RC 20: LEISURE AND TOURISM
Convenor: Dr. Vishesh Kumar Gupta

RC-20, Leisure and Tourism conducted three technical sessions and one business session. Two special lectures were also delivered. One lecture was delivered by Prof. Madhu Nagla, MD University, Rohitak on New Emerging Issues of Leisure and Tourism. Second lecture was delivered by Dr. Vinod Kumar Chaudhary from Darbhanga on New Dimensions of Leisure and Tourism in Bihar.

RC-20 originally received 38 papers of which 35 papers were presented. All these papers covered a variety of issues like gender identity in tourism and leisure, changing nature of pilgrimage, importance of local and regional tourism, variety of cultural, religious faith and spiritual tourism etc. Participants raised a variety of issues through their analytical and empirical papers.

The sessions were chaired by Prof. G.S. Guheshly, Guheshly, Prof. Vishesh Kr Gupta, Moradabad, Prof. K. Singh, Muzzafarpur, Prof. Madhu Nagla, Rohitak, Dr. Kalmiitha Jha, Sagat, Dr. Vinuta Singh, Ramchi and Dr. Gyanendra Yadav, Patna. All the sessions convened by the Convenor, Dr. Vishesh Gupta.

In the second day, a business session was also organized. In this session a new Executive Committee was formed. Dr. Kalmiitha Jha from Sagat was elected as new Convenor and Dr. Vinuta Singh as Co-Convenor. Prof. G.S. Guheshly, from Guheshly was elected Secretary. Prof. Madhu Nagla from Rohitak, Dr. Vishesh Kr Gupta from Moradabad, Dr. Linaeender Kr Singh from Muzzafarpur, Dr. Dhananjay Sontakke and Mr. Praveen Swamy from Dravida were elected as Executive Members. It was also decided to launch a Website of RC-20 and to release a news Letter continuously in future. In the end, house has given thanks to the Convenor Dr. Vishesh Gupta for running RC-20 in well manner for consequent four years.
RC 21: SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND MARGINALIZED GROUPS
Convenor: Prof. S.N. Chaudhary

First Technical session
Chair: Dr. C. Venkataraman, Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, Periyar University, Salem

Presenters:
1. Dr. T. Rajendran: Flight of Elders Living in Families in Rural Areas of Tamil Nadu
2. Dr. Rakesh Rai: Dual Marginality of Scheduled Castes and Tribes in Nodal Affected Areas: A Study of Sambodha District of U.P.
3. Prof. Shankramma B. Badam: Problems of Industrialization and Urbanization
4. Dr. C. Venkataraman: Socio-Economic Conditions of Scheduled Caste Landless Women Agricultural Labourers: Empirical Study in Veerangani block, Salem District of Tamil Nadu
5. Chingangbam Newgobbi Davel: Gender Diversity, Inequality and Development
6. E.M. Ashoka and Others: SHGs and Socio-Economic Development of Rural Women

Second Technical session
Chair: Dr. Gyanendra Gautam, Department of Sociology, Barkatullah University, Bhopal

Presenters:
1. Dr. Nandita N. Desai: "The Role of NGOs in Rural Development: A Case Study of a Village in Uttar Pradesh"
2. Dr. Gyanendra Gautam: "Socio-Economic Conditions of Scheduled Caste Landless Women Agricultural Labourers: An Empirical Study in Veerangani block, Salem District of Tamil Nadu"
3. Chingangbam Newgobbi Davel: "Gender Diversity, Inequality and Development"
4. E.M. Ashoka and Others: "SHGs and Socio-Economic Development of Rural Women"

Third Technical session
Chair: Prof. Ajit Pandey, Department of Sociology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

Presenters:
2. Dr. Neelu Rawat: "Role of Tribal Women in Sustaining Family Economy: Status and Challenges (With special reference to Gonds of Betul district of Madhya Pradesh)"
3. Ms. Nilima V. Dawane: "Marginal Groups and Indian Rural Problems"
4. Sanjukta Pradhan: "Recent Trends in Sociological Investigation of Primitive Tribal Groups"

Fourth Technical session
Chair: Prof. R. Shankar, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, Tamil Nadu

Presenters:
1. Rinki Chokhamba: "Education for all: A Rhetoric or Reality"
2. Mrs. Kanak Lata Sahni: "Teaching Castle in Undergraduate Classes"
3. Guinna Fatima: "Disability or Differently Abled? A Sociological Study of Changing Social Values and Aspirations Among Visually Challenged Children"
4. Ankita Chatterjee: "Inequality and Discrimination of Women in the Castle System"
5. Dr. Sukumar and Dr. K. Maharanjan: "Status of Working Women in Southern District of Tamil Nadu"
6. Dr. Sameepa Mohapatra: "Development, Displacement, Tribal Resistance and Protests: A Case of Kalinga Nagar Industrial Complex in Odisha"
7. Mudasir Yousof: "Social Development of Disabled Women in J&K (Perspective from Social Exclusion and discrimination)"
8. Samir Kumar Mahapatra: "Understanding Religious Conversion of Dalits"

RC 23: SOCIOLOGY OF LAW
Convenor: Dr. Rashmi Jain

The RC received a total of 28 abstracts and thirteen papers were presented in four sessions. In session I, chaired by Dr. Sujit Sumon, Government College, Bajnath, three papers were presented. Dr. Sumon, who recommended thought-provoking discussion during paper presentations. Dr. Kunal Krishan's paper entitled "Atrocities v/s.b-A Visit to Developmental Strategies for Scheduled Caste in H.P." highlighted the developmental programs for SC in Himachal Pradesh and resultant institutional changes and development. Mr. Amar Singh presented his views on "Hindutva Loktantra: Samajshakti Pariprekshya". Dr. Indira Srivastava's paper on "Right to Information and Good Governance" examined right to information as a tool for step towards good governance.

The second session, on 30 November 2014, had three paper presentations. The session was chaired by Dr. C. A. Somashekharama, Professor, Karnataka University, Dharwad. Dr. Sujit Sumon's paper entitled "Social Exclusion of SC in Tribal Areas: A Case Study of Himachal Pradesh" drew attention towards the traditional practices, tribal identities, and exclusion of SC's in tribal communities and its impact on the continuation and transformation of hierarchy in tribes of HP. Ruchie Moorti Singh's paper "Unheard Voices of the Van Gujar Community" examined the social movement taken up by the van gujar for their inclusion in Rajaji National Park area. Dr. Shikha Sharma's paper on "Labour standards and women's rights" threw light on the dilemmas that women labourers face while opting for collective action trade unions in a developing country like India.
The third session was chaired by Dr. Kewal Krishan, Government College, Bajajith. It had three paper presentations. Dr. Anju Balak Sharma highlighted the "Deeper Roots of Corruption in India" and spotted out the major issues. Neeta Rozy Khaton and Ravinder Kaur focused on "Cultural Aspects of Inheritance Rights" by highlighting role of patriarchy and culture in marginalizing women from property inheritance. Dr. Tamlaradu presented his views on psyche imprisonment.

The last and fourth session, had four paper presentations. Prof. C. A. Somasekharappa presented his paper "Lok Adalat as an Alternative to Judicial System" highlighting the structural functional analysis of the Janta Nyalaya in Karnataka. Dr. Subhashchandra Natwar's paper examined "Civil Rights Violation and its Prevention" in Karnataka. Dr. Chandreshwar B. B. focused on role of lokayog in dealing with bueracratic corruption in his paper entitled Bureaucratic corruption and the lokayog: A case of Karnataka. Dr. Hanumagouda, C. discussed the behavior and practices of corruption act in his paper "Prevention of Corruption Act: Some Observations".

Young research scholars have been making efforts to explore new paradigms and that was reflected in the healthy discussion followed by every presentation.

RC 24- SOCIOLOGY OF CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH
Convener: Prof. Bula Bhadra

This is our first meet as full-fledged RC after two years of being an AD-hoc group, at 40th ASC in MAHATMA GANDHI KASHI VIDYAPITH, VARANASI. Although we received 20 abstracts, in three sessions we had 17 presentations covering different aspects of Sociology of Childhood and Youth e.g., socialization, roles of families and parenting, education, schooling system and impact on children, children and parent's construction of risk, and safety, conceptions of beauty and femininity among girl child. Sports as a vehicle of empowering girl children, Career choices and youth, Networked youth, Youth and Bollywood, Band music, social exclusions and youth, and of course, street children, child labour and Right to Education. The sessions were chaired by Prof. Anvinder A. Ansari, Dept. of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, Dr. Ashish Saxena, Dept. of Sociology, University of Allahabad and Dr. Pratibha Sinha, Dept. of Sociology, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. We had a Round Table on "Detached Together: Daily Life of Youth and the Cyber World" chaired by Prof. Bula Bhadra and the Panelists were: Dr. Ashish Saxena of Allahabad, Dr. Vinod Chandra of Patna and Dr. Madav Govind of JNU and Dr. Bikaner K. Jena from Jamia Millia Islamia. There was a very lively and stimulating discourse among the participants. The whole process was intellectually challenging and gratifying. We have registered our website and the domain name of the website is sociologyofchildhoodandyouth.org and it will very soon be operational as and when ISS website is linked with us. We have planned to launch a Newsletter, preferably an E-Newsletter if funding can be arranged.

The RC has submitted 20% of the RC fees collected to the ISS office at Varanasi.

Professor M. N. Srinivas Memorial Prize 2015

The Professor M. N. Srinivas Endowment Fund was jointly set up by the Indian Sociological Society and the Indian Council of Social Science Research in 2001. 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.2,500/-.

Papers published during 01 January 2012 - 31 December 2014 are eligible for consideration. The authors, who are life members or ordinary members of the Society with at least one year's standing, will be eligible for the contest. The author must be 40 years or less in age on 31 December 2014. If the paper is co-authored, all the authors must be 40 years or less in age on 31 December 2014. The authors will submit only one paper for consideration.

A reprint of the paper along with photocopies of the title page of the journal/edited volume and age proof must reach Shri Krishnan Namboodiri, Secretary (Office) of Indian Sociological Society on or before 30 September 2015. The typewritten/handwritten/computer print-out manuscript will not be accepted. Besides the authors, other scholars and Editors of professional journals are also welcome to bring suitable papers to the notice of the selection committee for consideration.

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