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President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

Indian Sociological Society has completed 63 years of its glorious presence in the academic world. We have successfully celebrated the diamond jubilee period with a memorable conference and a series of impressive volumes about society and sociology in India. Now ISS has to move towards a promising future with constructive cooperation of all of us- the ISS office bearers, the managing committee members, the research committee members, life members, associate members and student members. I feel honoured and humbled by getting the opportunity from all of you to become the number one volunteer in the role of president for the next two years. We expect that there will be continuous guidance of the office bearers and the managing committee members of the previous years in making us capable of meeting the expectations of all of you.

These are challenging times for sociologists and all other social scientists as there is increasing disenchantment with the paradigm of liberalization, privatization and globalization. There is return of primacy of national interest among the prime movers of globalism and globality. The idea of global village is getting strongly resented by the villages of the republic of India while there are discussions about vanishing villages and urbanizing the villages. We are also descending into age of chaos and collapse with serious questions about the sustainability of our cities and metros in terms of demography, ecology, economy and community life. Violence against women, children and the aged is increasingly demanding attention of administrators and policy makers. The propensity of protest is intensifying and the capacity for good governance is on the decline. The issues of demographic dividend, gender justice, chronic poverty, inclusive growth and crony capitalism are informing the public debates with significant contributions from a variety of researchers, opinion makers and policy makers. Therefore there are new expectations of the society from all of us. It makes the role of Indian Sociological Society much more relevant as never before. There is need of increasing the functions of the research comiittess and the annual conferences as the catalytic agents and creative platforms for identifying the emerging challenges and promoting relevant research and analysis about our times and people.

The first meeting of the new and outgoing office bearers and the managing committee members was held at New Delhi on 08th March 2014 which took many important decisions for guiding the functioning of all of us for the next two years including the need to strengthen and streamline research committees, Hindi and English journals, annual conferences and the national office system. We are happy to inform you that it was decided to hold the next national conference of Indian Sociological Society at Varanasi under the auspices of sociology department of Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth from 29th-30th November & 1st December 2014 on the theme of 'Development, Diversity and Democracy'.

We hope that the next national conference will prove to be a milestone in our journey and may contribute towards making society and sociology in India better connected. Please provide us your suggestions and support for making the Indian Sociological Society stronger and better through creativity and quality.

-Prof. Anand Kumar

Conference / Seminar News

The Slovene Sociological Association is holding a Conference on "Economy and Society" between 24th and 26th of October 2014 in Bohinj, Slovenia. Paper proposals are invited for the international panel. Please visit the website: http://www.sociolosko-drustvo.si/english/. Abstracts should be about 300 words and provide the information on paper title, contact details (author(s) affiliation, postal address, phone number and e-mail address), main issue to be raised, analysed or discussed in the paper, including a brief background, approach (theoretical / conceptual or empirical) and type of methodology (qualitative / case study or quantitative), main thesis or findings and a conclusion expected from the analysis. Send your abstract (as word or pdf attachment) to panel coordinators: aleksandra.kanjuo-mrcela@fdv.uni-lj.si and nbandelj@uci.edu. The deadline for submitting abstracts is 1st July 2014 Panel coordinators will rank all abstracts and inform successful applicants by 25th July 2014.

Prof. Milica Antić Gaber, President, Slovene SociologicalAssn.

Centre for the Study of Social Systems, JNU will be holding a National Seminar on India between Caste and Castelessness in the Era of Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization (LPG) on 25th-27th July 2014. Papers are invited on the following themes :

Modernization and Caste Question.

State policy frameworks-Affirmative Action Policies and Programmes and the idea of casteless society.

Social Thinkers and Social Reform Movements.

Politics of caste: individuals, communities and identities.

The context of caste activism and their impact on social, political and economic emancipation (influences of NGOs and networks, their discourses, strategies, processes and effects).

Prof. Anand Kumar, Organizing Secretary,
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The Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow organized a National Seminar on "Inclusive Spaces for Urban Poor Citizens in City Development & Governance" on 01-02 February, 2014. Prof. Uttam Bhoite, Former President Indian Sociological Society in his inaugural address said that in our society there are many deprived sections who lack opportunities. Sometimes some deprived category got the benefits and others became exploited. There is several income generating schemes started by the Government. However, they are politically motivated therefore they could not get proper results. Therefore we have economic growth but could not succeed in reducing urban poverty. Prof. Ram Ganesh, said that the gap between the poor and rich in the cities is always increasing; only some proper ethical planning could reduce the gap. Dr. Sukant Chaudhury said that on one hand there is a heavy growth of Malls, Metro, Multiplexes and Parks and the other hand slums are mushrooming heavily creating havoc in the minds of planner. Therefore, Urban Planning must include activists and sociologists. Prof. P.S.Vivek from the Bombay University said that the problem of slums in Mumbai is serious and it requires a non-political planning. Cultural requirements must be met with. Prof. S.M.Patnaik of Delhi University stressed upon the ethical issues of urban planning and governance. He said the aesthetic cities are anti poor and anti marginalized. Prof. Kameshwar Chaudhury from Ambedkar University, Lucknow, said today we have shifted from public sector to private sector market oriented economy. There is a shift from spatial physical planning to socio-economic planning, which should have concern for the marginalized. Overall 97 papers were presented in 7 technical sessions. In the Valedictory session Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava, Head, Anthropology Department, Delhi University said that the discipline of the sociology of poverty needs to be developed and given attention. He also critically examined the concept of urban poverty and the ways of alleviating it. Shri G.Pattanaik, former Vice-chancellor, Lucknow University said that urban governance is a complex issue and for urban planning there is a need for interdisciplinary effort.

Dr. Sukant Chaudhury, Organizing Secretary

The Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow organized a National Seminar on "Dimensions of Inequality, Exclusion and Social Transformation in Rural India", on 1-2 March, 2014. Prof. Yogesh Atal, in his keynote address said that in today's globalized era India's Villages are fast changing. The basic characteristic of rural life is facing structural change. Communication, health care facilities, demographic features, status of women is testimony to developed villages. The villages are known to have strong traditional beliefs, conservative faith and rituals. However, it is a thing of the past. Today advanced technology, knowledge and information system has empowered the rural people. Prof. Rajesh Misra of Sociology Department fondly recollected his association with his teacher late Prof. B.R.Chauhan, who was an institution builder as well as an expert in village studies. He said that the typical community life of rural India is replaced with an urban style of life. The traditional caste structure is undergoing change because of political democratization. Prof. Ram Ganesh, Head, Department of Sociology said that urbanization, industrialization have changed rural India. However, village India is facing severe crisis due to problems of poverty, malnutrition and corruption. The Vice Chancellor of University of Lucknow, Dr. S.B.Nimse in his presidential address said that the whole world is developing fast. However, India is lagging behind, India is only ahead of Pakistan and Bangladesh in several indicators. Dr. Sukant Chaudhury said that there is no uniform structure of India's villages even today. ICT has changed rural India in the form of mobile phones and computers. The mind set is gradually changing because of corresponding changes in culture. The problem of inequality persists but in a different form. In the valedictory session Prof. Suguna Pathy, Former Prof. South Gujrat University, Surat said that exclusion of the vulnerable section in the rural India in various programmes is causing a lot of problem. The Govt. programmes must take into cognigence the culture and need of the SC, ST, OBC and women. Earlier in the day Prof. A. Satyanarayana of Allahabad said that due to mechanization of agriculture and high expenditure in villages, suicide rate is going up. Dr. Sukant Chaudhury of Department of Sociology said that Indias villages are changing but they are small changes and not radical changes. Prof. R. Shankar of Bharti Dashan University of Tamilnadu said that in rural areas various programmes are going on but Govt. is acting as a middle man between the corporate and the public. There is unequal distribution in health care resources.

Prof. Ram Ganesh, Director, Seminar

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INVITATION

It is a pleasure to invite you to participate in the 40th All-India Sociological Conference (AISC) of Indian Sociological Society being hosted by the Department of Sociology, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi, U.P. on the theme **Development, Diversity & Democracy from November 29-30 and December 01, 2014.**

THEME OF THE CONFERENCE

The main theme of the conference is Development, Diversity & Democracy. The sub themes are: (i) Development: Concept and Discourse, (ii) Development : Dilemmas, Challenges and Action, (iii) Diversity : Conceptual Analysis, (iv) Diversity : Constitutional Vision and Current Realities, (v) Democracy : Governance and Society, (vi) Democracy : Democracy as Inclusion, (vii) Development of Uttar Pradesh : Challenges and Solutions. The conference invites research papers both in English and Hindi to be presented through 24 Research Committees (RCs) of Indian Sociological Society. Papers to be presented in RCs have to be prepared keeping in view the central theme of the conference.

SCHEDULE OF THE CONFERENCE:

The three-day conference will begin with the Inaugural Session on November 29, 2014 at 10.30 a.m. The same day after lunch there would be parallel sessions of the all Research Committees. On the second day of the conference, i.e. on November 30, 2014 from 10.30 am to 1.00 p.m. symposium/special lectures would be organized. On December 01, 2014 after lunch the Valedictory Session would be held in which the report of the conference will be presented and recommendations will be finalized.

A visit to the Ghats of the river Ganges is being arranged on the morning of the second day of the conference. A cultural programme is also being hosted in evening of the first day.

REGISTRATION FEES FOR ISS MEMBERS:

Only currently Life Members/Ordinary Members/Student Members can register. Those who are not presently member of any of these categories but are desirous of participating in the conference should necessarily enroll themselves as members in any one of the above categories. The participants have to pay the registration fee as per the following specifications:

Up to	Delegate (with accommodation)	Delegate (without accommodation)	Students (with accommodation)	Students (without accommodation)	Accompanying Person	Foreign Including SAARC Countries Delegates
September 15, 2014	Rs. 1700/-	Rs. 1200/-	Rs. 1400/-	Rs. 900/-	Rs. 2000/-	US $ 100
September 30, 2014	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 1700/-	Rs. 1200/-	Rs. 2200/-	US $ 125
October 31, 2014	Rs. 2500/-	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 2500/-	US $ 140
After October 31, 2014	Rs. 3000/-	Rs. 2500/-	Rs. 2200/-	Rs. 1700/-	Rs. 3000/-	US $ 150

Request for registration should reach us in the enclosed form along with a demand draft payable at Varanasi in favour of the "**ORGANIZING SECRETARY, 40TH 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.

HOST UNIVERSITY:

Kashi Vidyapith is situated very close to the Varanasi Cantt. railway station. It got its present nomenclature of Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith in 1995. It has been the action field of the Indian National Movement and also a place of action of the Indian Socialist Movement. "Rashtra Ratna" Babu Shiva Prasad Gupt, and "Bharat Ratna" Dr. Bhagwan Das were jointly responsible for the birth of this national- level educational institution. It was inaugurated by Mahatma Gandhi during the Non-Cooperation movement of the freedom struggle on the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchami on February 10, 1921. Today it has 272 affiliated Colleges from seven districts. The Department of Sociology was established in 1961. It presently offers Post Graduate, M. Phil. and Ph.D. Programmes. It has some important centers and a rich departmental library. For details please visit university website: **www.mgkvp.ac.in**

PLACES OF TOURIST INTEREST

Varanasi is historically one of the oldest and the culturally richest religious cities, standing on the western banks of the river Ganges, which assumes the shape of a broad crescent while taking the reverse turn towards the north. Very few places compare with the splendor of Varanasi, popularly known as Kashi and Banaras. The rays of the early morning sun, if seen from the river at dawn, greatly enlighten the viewers of Kashi, the City of Light. The temples and shrines, ashrams and pavilions that stretch along the river for almost five kilometers appear to be golden, providing a very pleasant experience. Sarnath, 10 km away from Varanasi, is one of the greatest Buddhist Centers and is on the tourist map of the world. It was in Sarnath that Lord Buddha gave his first sermon termed the "Wheel of Law." The Lord Shiva Golden Temple (Kashi Vishwanath), Sankat Mochan Temple, Manasmandir Temple, Durgaji Temple, B.H.U.'s Temple of Lord Shiva, Bharat Mata Mandir, and Ramnagar Fort are also of great tourist attraction.

CLIMATE

It is beginning of winter in Varanasi by the end of November 2014 and the temperature would be ranging between 15^0 to 25^0 C. Participants are requested to bring woolen garments.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION:

Varanasi is well connected by train and air from different parts of the country. The 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.

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Report of the 39th All India Sociological Conference, Dept. of Studies and Research in Sociology, Karnataka State Open University, Mysore (Karnataka), December 26-29, 2013

The 39th All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society was hosted by the Department of Studies and Research in Sociology, Karnataka State Open University, Mysore (Karnataka) during December 26-29, 2013 on the main theme of "Inequality, Social Justice and Empowerment". His Excellency the Governor of Karnataka, Dr. Hans Raj Bhardwaj inaugurated the mega event attended by more than 1500 sociologist delegates from India, USA, Japan, Brazil, South Africa, Srilanka, United Arab Emirates, Bangla Desh, and few other countries on December 27, 2013 in the Senate Bhawan of University of Mysore.

The inspiring and stimulating inaugural speech of the Hon'ble Dr. Hans Raj Bhardwaj were greatly appreciated by the large number of delegates in a rousing manner. Dr. Bhardwaj also released a set of ten volumes published by SAGE under the Series Editorship of Prof. Ishwar Modi entitled *Readings in Indian Sociology*. Dr. Bhardwaj and Smt. Bhardwaj (also a sociologist) greatly appreciated the volumes. Hon'ble Dr. Bhardwaj also released the first issue of the ISS Hindi Journal: *Bhartiya Samajshastra Samiksha* edited by Prof. Anand Kumar. The inaugural session was also addressed by Prof. Ishwar Modi, President of the Indian Sociological Society, Shri V. Srinivasprasad, Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, Govt of Karnataka, Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore, Prof. M.G. Krishnan, Vice Chancellor, Karnataka State Open University, and Prof. M.H. Krishnappa, the Organizing Secretary of the Conference. In his Presidential Address, Prof. Modi focusing on the theme of "Inequality and Exclusion in India: Challenges before a Developing Society" observed that it would not be possible to meet the challenges created by inequality and exclusion without creating legal, regulatory and policy frameworks that promote social inclusion and called upon the Indian sociologists to accept the challenge to find out the situation of both the phenomena of inequality and exclusion in India as it is operating at the ontological level and to deepen our understanding at the epistemological level.

The Lifetime Achievement Awards of the ISS for the year 2013 were conferred upon Prof. P.N. Mukherji and Prof. Ravidra K. Jain, and the M.N. Srinivas Memorial Prize was presented to Dr. Aditya Raj at the inaugural session.

The various symposia organized during the conference drew the participation of a large number of delegates. The houses were always almost full. The international symposium on the theme of "Globalization, State & Social Inequality" was chaired by Prof. Ishwar Modi and addressed by Prof. Margaret Abraham, ISA Vice President Research, USA, Prof. Shujiro Yazawa, Japan, and Prof. Habibul Khondker, UAE. At the end of this symposium Prof. Koichi Hasagawa, President of the Local Organizing Committee of the 18th ISA World Congress of Sociolgoy, Yokohama, Japan also addressed the audience. He invited and hoped that a large number of Indian sociologists would be attending the ISA Congress in Yokohama. The second symposia on "Development and Social Justice: Issues, Impediments and Responses" was chaired by Prof. Partha Nath Mukherji and addressed by Prof. I.S. Chauhan, Prof. Sujata Patel, Prof. George Mathew, and Prof. A.R. Vasavi. Maintaining the tradition of organizing a symposium on BRICS since the ISS Conference in Udaipur, at the Mysore conference also a BRICS symposium was organized on the theme of "Dynamics of Globalization, Development and Social Justice in BRICS Countries". Prof. Margaret Abraham chaired this session the presentations were made by Prof. Eduardo Paes Machado, Brazil, Prof. Kameshwar Choudhary, India, and Prof. Freek Cronje, South Africa. Prof. Luo Hongguang, Institute of Sociology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China and Prof. Nikita Pokrovsky, Professor of Sociology at Moscow State University and also the President of the Society of Professional Sociologists of Russia and Vice-President of the Russian Society of Sociologists could not attend the conference for want of Visa for which several delegates as well as the Hon'ble invited speakers expressed their anguish and unhappiness. The fourth symposium on the theme of "Inequality, Development and Inclusion: Empowering the Marginalized" was chaired by Prof. R. K. Jain and addressed by Prof. Paramjit S. Judge, Prof. M.N. Panini, and Prof. Anand Kumar. As usual a symposium on the state where the ISS Conference is organized was organized on the theme of "Society, Culture and Economy in Karnataka". This symposium was chaired by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the Karnataka State Open Univeristy, Prof. M.G. Krishnan, the presentations were made by Prof. G. Sivaramakrishnan, Prof. G. K. Karanth, Prof. R. Indira, and Prof. C.A. Someshekharappa.

The overall ambiance and ethos of the conference was highly appreciated by the delegates. All the research committee sessions were always almost full and the delegates participated with enthusiasm. The Valedictory Address was delivered by the President Elect, Prof. Anand Kumar.

Mutual interaction with each other and also with the eminent foreign delegates as well as organization of the cultural evenings at the Food Court itself was also the highlights of the conference.

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REPORT OF THE RC ACTIVITIES AT 39TH AISC, KSOU, MYSORE DEC. 27-29, 2013

RC-01: Theory, Concept and Methodology

This year the RC 01 received a total of fourteen abstracts, of which twelve papers were presented. Two invited lectures were organized on the 27th and 28th of December. Prof. N. Jayaram from Centre for Research Methodology, TISS, Mumbai spoke "On the relation between theory and methods in sociology." Talking about Ph.D. dissertations, he pointed out that often the theoretical framework for research is 'added' post factum by selective referencing of theoretical writings or conceptual terminology. Prof. M. N. Panini spoke on the "Public Sociology of Superstitions in Karnataka". He drew attention to public debates in Kannada on critical social, cultural and political issues affecting social life.

The twelve presentations were organized around four themes namely, (i) Sociological theory: New perspectives, (ii) Indian sociology: On past(s) and possible future(s) of the discipline, (iii) For a Sociology of Praxis: Social Issues in Contemporary India and (iv) Methodological Interventions: On objectivity, the Subject and the object.

Sociological theory: New perspectives included paper by Prof, Susantha Goonatilake from Colombo. His paper "Othering Max Weber: A 21st Century Perspective from Asia" was an exercise in the geopolitics of knowledge. The next paper was presented by Frédéric Vandenberghe from Brazil, titled "Moral sociology and practical philosophy". He stated that he wanted to reformulate the questions of moral sociology by foregrounding the question of social change rather than social order.

Under the second theme, Manish Thakur from Kolkata presented his paper titled "The Past(s) of Indian Sociology: Why Read Radhakamal Mukerjee?" Ankita Mookherjee from Delhi in her paper titled "Are there paradigms in Indian sociology?" argued that among the issues raised about the discipline of sociology in India one is that there is a lack of culture of debate among social scientists writing on similar themes, which is critical to paradigm formation in the discipline. Scholars seem to function as autonomous intellectuals. Ritambhara Hebbar and Mahuya Bandyopadhyay from Mumbai in their paper "Sociology of/in India: Some Reflections" looked at three concomitant debates, firstly they explored the dominant debates within Indian Sociology in the context of creating a distinctive field of research and inquiry.

The third theme included a paper titled "Social Justice and Modernity: Reflections on Two Paradoxes" by Rakesh M. Krishnan from Hyderabad. Hanumangouda C. from Karnataka in his paper "Images of Corruption" discussed the various sources of information on corruption. In his paper he concluded that, mass media plays an important role in disseminating information about corruption. Haresh Pandey from Bihar discussed "Public Sphere and Globalization" in which he discussed the changing role of state in analyzing the public sphere in era of globalization and the role of information and communication technology in public sphere in contemporary global era.

Under the fourth theme, Ananta Kumar Giri from Chennai in his paper titled "Transpositional Subjectobjectivity" discussed Amartya Sen's positional objectivity. Pinaki Roy from Kolkata in his paper "Rethinking Ethnography: Towards a Non-deterministic Theory of Location, Dialogue, and Ethics in Ethnographic Encounter" discussed how in order to minimize the violence inherent in the objectifying gaze of the ethnographer, critical ethnographers have emphasized on dialogue and mutual interaction between the ethnographer and the informant(s). Antony Palackal from Kerala presented his paper on "Discursive Field of Land Struggles: An Experiment in Video Ethnography".

The presentations were followed by engaging discussions. In the business meeting, budget of the RC was discussed. The RC added seven new members this year.

RC-02: Family Kinship and Marriage

RC-02 received 26 abstracts and 25 research papers were presented in various sessions. The RC is growing with the increase in the number of members every year . In the first Session, 16 members presented their views related to various aspects of Family, Kinship and day to day changing attitude of marriage in the form of Research papers. Prof. Diwakar Sharma, Central University of Sagar (MP) chaired the session and Co-Chaired By Dr. L.S.Gajpal, Pt,RSU Raipur. Dr. Rajput also charied the second session and Dr. J.L.Tiwari of SOS in Sociology ;Pt.RSU was the co-chair. In this session five research papers were presented.

In the Third Session 3 papers were presented which was chaired by Dr. Mujahid Ali (AMU) and Co-Chaired by Dr. Jaikishan, Gulbarga University. All the presenters discussed in details the present degrading status of family and marital relationship in the society. This session also focused on the various issues related to Globalization, problems of Elderly people, Single parent family, Consequences of Live-in- relationships in metropolitican cities . The fourth session, Research Committee Business meeting was held in which following members were unanimously elected for the next two years for its smooth functioning(2014-2015). RC-02 Headed by Prof. P.K. Sharma as

Convener, with Dr. Diwakar Rajput as Co- Convener. Dr. L.S. Gajpal as new Treasurer, followed by executive members as Dr. Krishna Kumar Yadav; PPN College – (Kanpur), Dr. Kusum Gautam (MP), Dr.Jaikishan Thakur (Gulbarga), Dr. Sunita Pandey – DAV College(Chandigarh) Dr. Gopal Krishan Sharma(Jammu)and Dr. Mujahid Ali (AMU).

Only one paper was placed in the last and the fifth session, which was chaired by the Convener himself and made his brilliant explanation regarding the shift in the conceptual paradigm of Family Kinship and marriage and co-chaired by Dr. . Krishna Kumar Yadav, PPN College – Kanpur

RC-03:Economy, Polity and Society

In the RC four sessions were held in which 37 were presented. The first session was devoted to political economy and change, chaired by Prof.S.K.Sharma, Shimla in which eight papers were presented. Mukesh Kumar spoke on the contributions of Karl Marx, Max-Weber and Veblen to the theory of consumption. Srinivas Sajja's paper was based on the rainfall variability and adaptation strategies in the area falling in Nizam Sagar dam. Raveesh highlighted on the pattern of re-building of Indian villages. He opined that the economic prosperity would take care of the social sector. Prabhavathi's paper was based on the evaluation of the udyogini scheme for the employment of women.

Second session discussed the crises of Globalization was chaired by Prof.S.R.Ahlawat, Rohtak in which ten papers were presented. Duru Arun et.al presented their paper on the problems of employment faced by the engineering students. Swati explained the business ethics of the Marwari community. Birendra Suna paper was based on the empirical study on the microfinance and poverty alleviation programmes in Odisha. Deeptimayee Rout presented her paper on the agrarian transformations on Odisha.

The third session was chaired by Dr. Yutaka Sato from Japan in which nine papers were presented. Kruna Thakur spoke on participatory democracy in the state of J& K. Rachana Sharma's paper was based on the retail marketing and consumption pattern in Amritisar city. She revealed that the younger generation is turning towards the branded items for that the scope of FDI seems to be on the higher side in the market. Gopal Roy presented his paper on the sanitation pattern in North Bengal villages.

Session four was chaired by Prof.K.G.Iyer, Chandigarh, and ten papers were presented. Surjit Surroch presented his paper on Socio-economic status of Tribal women in Himachal Pradesh. Sangeeta pandey presented her paper on rural women in transition. In the last session research committee business/action plan was discussed. The election for the new office bearers were held for the session 2014-15.

RC-04:Migration and Diaspora Studies

The RC received seventeen abstracts. The presentations ranged from those by senior scholars to young researchers on themes and perspectives around pertinent issues of migration and diaspora studies. Sheikh Idrees Mujtaba spoke on labor migration to Kashmir. Popular assumptions were questioned and difference between laborers and entrepreneurs were established. Mallika Pinnawala discussed migrants from Sri Lanka to the Middle East and compared the situation of the children (0-15) when mother is away and when father is away. Asha Singh presented about the voices of left-behind women and their pain as expressed in Bhojpuri Folksongs. The analysis with examples drawn from the songs, in quantitative mode, explored the desires; aspirations, frustrations, and injustices women suffer due to migration of their men.

There was a session on comprehending situation in Kerala having issues like left-behind parents, the influence of remittances, entrepreneurship, and aspect of modernity. The papers by Dr. Munner Illath, Dr. M.S.Jayakumar, and Dr. Mansy M. showed the "other" face of Kerala which is different from popular assumptions. Migration does not only have benefits but there are also consequences for the left behind. Yet, the culture of migration persists.

Issues of transnationality was discussed Dr. Swati Shirwadkar who explored the lifestyle of transnational diaspora, especially the category of knowledge workers. Dr. Papia Raj brought new perspective with what she calls "virtual diasporas"- people whose lifestyles and consciousness uproots them while they are physically present in their "original" home. Sr. Prafulla analysed socio-cultural adjustment of non-Kannadiga migrants with a case study of Gulbarga district. Pooja discussed representation of women in select diasporic narratives. Vibhuti Nayak talked about effect of MNREGA on rural migration from Jharkhand. Dr. Aditya Raj discussed salient features that are expected of migration and diaspora studies. Senior scholars including Prof. Kamla Ganesh, Prof. C.S. Bhat, Prof. Patricia Uberoi joined the deleberations.

Election was held for new office bearers: Prof Swati Shirwadkar – convener, Muneer Ilath - co-convener. They can be reached at swati@unipune.ac.in and muneerillath@gmail.com respectively. We have some fund from previous years. We plan to hold a midsession conference. Next year we hope to get a plenary session as well as an invited session. We also want to have peer review of papers of which abstract are submitted to further improve the quality of the papers.

RC-05:Education and Society

The RC received eighty five papers and seventyone papers

were presented. Senior sociologists, young faculty members and researchers from various universities, colleges and research institutions participated in the deliberations. It covered a wide range of issues: Gender, Informal education, Value based education, Curriculum designing, Privatisation of education, Inequality in higher education, RTE, Role of education for farmers.

In the business session office bearers were elected unanimously for the next two years: Convener: Dr.Smita Awachar, Co-convener: Dr. Birendra Narain Dubey, Secretary: Dr.Simran Kang, Treasurer: Dr. Kalyan Sakharkar, Members: Dr. Jagdish C. Mehta and Mr. Charles Varghese, Advisor: Dr. Chandrika Rawal.

RC-06: Religion and Religious Communities

RC 06 was organized in four themes and 31 research papers were submitted of which 25 papers presented in different sessions and they were discussed in detail.

There were various papers which dealt with conceptual problems in the sociology of religion. They emphasized the need for dismantling existing frameworks like tradition and modernity, little and great tradition and scriptural and popular religion. Many papers looked into the complex interplay between traditional practices and new religious movements, and political assertions based on religious identity. Other papers in the panel discussed the issues of conversion, continuation of primordial identities in the post-conversion context, and the ways in which reproduction of exclusion and inequalities play out in the daily religious rituals and practices. Papers articulated the so-called 'return of religion' in the public sphere, drawing into question relations between the religious, the non-religious and the secular. What is the relationship between religious traditions and the rise of religious philanthropy in local and global communities? What are the philanthropic activities carried out by different religious traditions and institutions? etc.

The papers looked at the connection between individual and society set up in the context of the religious movements and debates between religious sects. Many papers looked at the contesting articulations of religion in the public sphere and their relevance in the daily political, economic, and symbolic life of people across India. The need for the study of local manifestation of religion, relevance of interdisciplinary approach, and post-colonial critic of the religion based identity assertions, and revitalization movements were stressed.

Having completed the two year term, election was held for RC Convenership and Dr. Sudha Sitharaman has been re-elected as Convener and Dr Anindita Chakraborti as co-Convener unanimously.

RC-7: Rural, Peasant and Tribal Communities

The RC received 87 abstracts and 62 presentations were made. The sessions were chaired by Prof. S.M. Patnaik, Delhi, Dr. Sukant Chaudhary, Lucknow, Prof. Ram Ganesh Yadav, Lucknow, Prof. S.Guruswami, Gandhigram, Prof. Shobhita Jain. The summary of presentations on various themes is as follows: a. Gender and Development –9 papers published on issues like empowerment and decision making of tribal women, gender inequality, domestic violence on dalit women, changes in socio-economic status of tribal women, gender inequality and fertility. b. Tribal & rural education and development - 19 papers were presented on various issues like education through anganwadi kendra in rural india, education and social mobility among dalits in rural india, education and women empowerment of santhal women, c. sustainability, traditional social institutions of tribals and their role in development initiatives, role of women self – help groups, Siddis as 'primitive tribe of Gujarat and demographic characteristics of Khasi tribe of Meghalaya.d.Livelihood, Land Alienation, Displacement and Migration- 9 papers were presented on various tribes and the issues covered are migration, poverty and displacement. e. Issues of Governance: Politics of Inclusion and Exclusion –13 papers were presented on issues like: evaluation of rural development programmes, role of MGNREGA in empowerment of weaker sections, decentralized forest governance in tribal areas, panchayat raj in tribal areas. f. Impact of Globalisation- 4 papers were presented on areas like agrarian reforms and rural transformation, impact of globalization on family, g. Identity Politics and Movements- 4 papers were presented which dealt with justice for rural people, identity, politics and movements, and construction of tribal identity, and h. Social and Cultural Issues –_13 papers were presented on issues like socio-economic conditions of the dry and wet land peasants, urban sprawl and peri-urban environment,exploitation of peasantry rural kinship relations and terminology in changing scenario, and community based health policy and practices.

The RC members decided to have a peer review system for finalizing the abstracts in the next conference and to start an e-journal of the RC.

RC-08:Social Stratification, Professions and Social Mobility

The RC received 24 papers and 20 papers were presented in four sessions (i) Caste, Class and Politicsin India (Chair: Professor Shailendra Parashar); (ii) Social Stratification: Some Emerging Issues(Chair: Dr.R.K.Mujoo); (iii) Professions and Social Mobility: Some Issues and Concerns (Chair: Professor Arvind Chauhan); (iv)Social Stratification and Change in India(Chair : Professor R. Shankar). The fifth session of the RC was devoted to

the business meeting. In the meeting Professor Arvind Chauhan and Ms.Sadhana Singh were elected as Convener and Treasurer respectively for the next two years. The membership of the RC-08 now stands at 40 members. The decision was also taken to hold a mid-term seminar at Bhopal / Lucknow during September 2014.

RC-09: Dalits and Backward Classes

The RC received 77 abstracts and 62 year presented in 4 sessions. The first session on social inequality and was chaired by D.Shrikant. In the second session was on the theme Social Exclusion and Development and 12 paper were presented, which was chaired by Prof Gopal Iyer. In the 3rd session 16 papers were presented and was chaired by Dr. Desraj Sabhrwal. In the 4th session 9 papers were presented and was chair by B.S. Gaur.

The Parvathamma Memorial Lecture 2014 was delivered by Prof. S. Rajshekhar ,chaired by Prof H.M. Vasanthamma. For the year 2014, Prof Parvathamma Memorial Lecture will given by D.Shrikant. The RC-09 Life Time Achievement Award was given to Professor Shyam Lal, Ex V.C. of Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhapur. The best paper presentation award among young sociologist of RC-09were given to: 1st :Sumit Sauradh Srivatsava, 2nd :Savitha .B.C & 3rd :Mohammed Fazil.

The General Body meeting of RC-09 was held. Election to the Executive committee was held and the following are the new office bearers' elected : Convener: Prof R.N.Salve, Co Conveners: 1) Bhagwan Singh Bisht & 2) M. Gurulingah, Members: 1) N.P.Verma, 2)Surendra Raj, 3) B.N.Mahto, 4) Desraj Saberwal, 5) D.Shrikant, 6)Smt.H.M.Vasanthamma, 7) Mrs. Deepti Kaushik & 8) Satyanarayan Paswan.

RC-10: Gender Studies

It is one of the largest RCs having 202 members. The RC received 107 abstracts and 71 presentations were made. The 1st session on *Law, Religion and Sexuality* was chaired by Prof. Abha Chauhan,. The 2nd session on *Women, Work and Economy* was chaired by Dr. Arvinder Ansari, New Delhi while the 3rd session titled *Globalization, Women Entrepreneurs and Migration* was chaired by Prof. Biswajit Ghosh. The 4th session chaired by Dr. Anita Dash, Cuttack was on *Politics and Panchayati Raj*. The 5th session was on *Violence against Women and Girl Child* and was chaired by Dr. Shanthi from Samruddhi Foundation, Mysore. The 6th session on *Education, Health & Media* was Chaired by Dr. Aneesa Shafi, Kashmir University, Srinagar.

The main topics covered in the deliberations during different Technical Sessions included Personal law, Uniform Civil Code, Dowry, Witchcraft, Transgender, Tribe, Caste, Women in Silk Industry, Women Bus Conductors, Women Police, Domestic Workers, ICT Sector, Women in Agriculture, Labour Migration, Women Leaders, Citizenship, Honour Killings, Domestic Violence, Impact of T.V., Commercials and Girls' Schooling.

In the business meeting it was decided to: continue with the same Office Bearers of RC 10 for the year 2013-2014, a Mid-Term Conference to be held in Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi in September, 2014. Dr. Arvinder Ansari will be the Organizing Secretary, Newsletter will be brought out annually as a regular feature, Dr. Rafia Kazim to work on the websiste of RC-10 and Dr. Jyoti Saikia to work on the book related to 'Women & Heath' and Dr. Premula Raman (Mysore), 'Women & Media'. Further the RC had two impartant activities in 2013: A Mid-Term Conference was held on the topic Interrogating Gender Studies: Teaching, Research and Practices in Sociology and Other Disciplines at Pune, 27-28 September, 2013. It was organized by the Department of Sociology, University of Pune, Pune. Dr. Anurekha Chari Wagh was the Organizing Secretary, and a Workshop on *Reviewing Sociological Theories from Women's Perspective* was held on 26th December, 2013 at Mysore. It was jointly organized by RC 10 and Samruddhi Foundation, Mysore with the assistance of Prof. R. Indira and Dr. Shanthi.

RC-11: Environment and Society

In RC 11, in all 32 abstracts were received from different parts of the country and USA and 19 papers were presented in different technical sessions. Before the presentation of papers all members of RC-11 assembled for a condolence to pay homage on the sad demise of Prof. S. A. Salunkhe, the Founder Convener of this RC.

The themes in these papers were mainly focused on the solar energy, management of water resources, community cognition, industrialization & environmental imbalance, Land Acquisition Bill 2013, role of NGO in environmental protection, garbage governance, impact of mining, sacred groves, urban slums, wild animals & farmers health, sustainability of agriculture etc. The areas covered in the paper were Rajasthan, Odisha, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh. The Sessions were chaired by Dr. N. K. Mahakud, Co convener and Prof. R. B. Patil.

RC -12:Population, Health and Society

The RC received 58 abstracts and 34 presentations were made in five sessions. The sessions were arranged on the following themes: (i) Morbidity, fertility and migration; (ii) Health of women, children and the aged; (iii) Health care, policy and programmes; (iv) Social determinants of health and health care; and (v) open session. Participants from different parts of the country, right from Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, North Eastern states to Kerala, Tamil Nadu,

Maharashtra and Karnataka presented thematic and empirical papers. Good number of young research scholars presented their research papers and got benefitted by the comments of experts of the field. The RC has earlier published 'Book of Proceedings' on two preceding conferences. The RC decided to start peer review exercises for the proposed electronic journal to be published by the RC.

RC-13: Science, Technology and Society

This year we received 43 abstracts mostly from young and emerging scholars, out of which 39 were presented over the five thematic sessions. During the first session 10 papers were presented on the broad theme of 'Science, Uncertainty and Governance of Risk' and the session was chaired by Dr Sudeshna Mukherjee, from Bangalore University. The second session was full of serious debates and reflection on empirical papers presented on contemporary issues such as technological surveillance and democracy, role of social networking site, cyber crime, technocracy, emergence of Y generation and internet addiction and its effects on academic performance and interpersonal social relationship. Dr. R. Rajesh from Department of Sociology, Bangalore University chaired the session and provided critical comments and observations on the presented papers. Many interesting papers dealing with the sociological dimensions of science technology, informal values and Intellectual property right,emergence of scientific community in third world countries, scientific collaboration and participation of marginalized groups in scientific profession were presented during the third session which was chaired by Professor M.N. Panini, former professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

The fourth session was organized to facilitate dialogical interaction among scholars over the emerging issues in Science,Technology and Society Studies. Dr Anant Kumar Giri, from Madras Development Institute and Prof Fedric from Brazil initiated the debate and highlighted the challenges and opportunities coming up from new mode of knowledge production and the rapid diffusion of technology across the globe. There was a general perception that we, as a sociological community need to reframe our tools, techniques, concept and theory to understand the role of techno-scientific paradigm which is altering the method of production, style of consumption, manner of interaction and process of governance and democracy. Dr. Manish K. Verma , associate professor, B. R. Ambedkar Central University Lucknow participated in the discussion and chaired the session. The fifth session was chaired by Prof D. C. Chaudary, L. N. Mithila University, Darbhanga, During this session some very interesting papers were presented which examined the role of technology in helping the physically and mentally challenged individuals to overcome their disabilities In its business session the RC members discuss the future course of action to strengthen the STS community in India. This year the RC-13 collected Rs. 10,000/=00 as membership fees from the new members/renewal of membership and deposited Rs. 2000/=00 to ISS office as per the rule of the society.

RC-14 : Culture and Communication

The Research Committee convened five sessions including a business session. In all 17 research papers were presented by the members of the RC covering a wide range of themes related to media exposure and health care awareness, border control and communication, soap opera and women empowerment, impact of television on society, popular culture and cultural globalization, festivals as cultural reminders, political culture and communication, role of new communication technology initiatives in bridging the digital divide, globalization ICT and professions, culture and power in contemporary history, mobile phone among nomadic tribe, time and space in the study of instant communication. A number of issues emerged from the discussion. Some of these are as follows: 1. there is a need to develop a methodology for empirical study of time and space in studying instant communication; 2. Consumerism as promoted by the print media requires special attention for sociological research; 3. There is a need for more structural content analysis in the studies related to mass media and communication. The sessions were chaired by Prof. V. P. Singh (Allahabad), Prof. Parvez A. Abbasi (Surat), Prof. Mohd. Salim and Prof. Kiranpreet Kaur.

The RC conducted its business session and elected its office bearers for next two years as follows: Convenor- Prof. V. P. Singh, Co- Convenor- Prof. P. A. Abbasi, Treasurer-Dr. Pankaj K. Singh, Members: Prof. Mohd Salim, Phirmi Bodo, Dr. Padma Rani, Dr. Sudhansubala Sahu, Prof. O.P. Kalme. Newsletter Editors: Dr. Padma Rani, Dr. Sudhansubala Sahu, Prof. O.P. Kalme and Phirmi Bodo

RC-15: Social Change and Development

The RC started a best abstract award and this year it was given to two research scholars: Kumar Vivek Kant (Varanasi) and Ruth Nengneilhing (New Delhi). Prof N. K. Bhargava, a former convener, gave away the award of Rs 500/- and certificate. The RC 15 had five Sessions. In the first Session, two parallel meetings-- Session-I-A and Session-I-B-- were conducted in two rooms on the theme Emerging Patterns of Social Change in India. in which in all 21 papers were presented. In the Session IA, 10 papers were presented. Prof. N. K. Bhargava and Prof. B. N. Prasad chaired the Session- IA. The topics covered were: Institutional Mode of Dalit Empowerment, Role of the Singpho in Peace, Harmony and

Development' revealing the relations between Kachins of north Mayanmar, Socio-cultural Change in Nomadic Communities: globalisation and change, Mobile Phone and Social Change in a Tribal Village of Manipur' Globalisation and Social Change in the Deori Community, Globalisation and Women's Status Sociological Study of Food Security Act, 2013. In the Session-I-B, 11 papers were presented chaired by Prof. P.C. Jain and Prof. R.K. Muzoo and themes were Fractionated Social Change, Neo-Buddhism, The Path towards Equality, right to information, higher education and future development, decentralisation of power/Panchayati Raj, urbanisation and social change, the role of federation in women empowerment, focusing on the significance of Indian constitutional provisions

The second session was on Developmental Issues in India and 28 papers were presented. The session were charied by Prof. D. C. Choudhury and Prof. Anirban Banerjee and the topics were Informal Economy and Dalit Women Empowerment, Food Security and Poverty, effective role of media in different issues, Social Construction of Environmental Issues. The third session was on Dimensions of Development in India**,** and chaired by Prof. Salim Ahmed and Dr. Chura Giri. The fourth session was on the theme Consequences of Development in India and was chaired by Dr. Manu Gourah and Dr. Chura Giri. The fifth session was on Development of Communities and Groups in India which was chaired by Prof. Anirban Banerjee and Dr. Bipul Gogoi.

RC- 16: Urban and Industrial Studies

RC-16 received 44 abstracts and 32 papers were presented during five technical sessions. Prof. R.S. Sandhu, Prof. P.S.Vivek, Prof. S. Gurusamy and Dr Pranjal Sarma chaired the sessions. The main issues discussed during the sessions can broadly be divided into three issues: cities and urban space, management of organizations, and industries.

The topics covered are social problems in urban space, women employment in organized sector, trade unionism, tourism industry, pottery industry, emergence of suburbs, middle classes in neo-liberal India, labour in the service sector, effect of communication in industry, CSR, silk industry, hop on hop off bus services in cities, women garment workers, health issues of women working in organized sector, worker's participation in trade union activities, maternal and child health in slums, urban elderly, impact of urbanization on fringe villages, the salt makers of Mumbai, urban spaces in literature, role of cottage and small scale industries in socio-economic development, urban governance, organizational culture and so on. RC sessions generated productive discussions among the participants. A good number of senior Sociologists as well as research scholars took active part in the discussions.

RC-17: Social Movements

The RC had five technical sessions along with a business meeting. Out of 30 selected abstracts 23 papers were presented. In its first session, Prof. B. K. Pattanaik, Director, Institution of Social and Economical Change, Bangalore delivered 2nd A. R. Desai memorial lecture on "Studying the Lanjigarh Tribal Resistance movement from the Vantage of New Social Movement Perspective., Professor Frederic Vandenberg, State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Dr. Ananta Kumar Giri, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai were the panel speakers on the symposium on 'Knowledge and Human Liberation: Towards Planetary Realization'.

Prof. Satish Kumar Sharma, Shimla chaired the second session and the presentations were on the issues of peasant movements in Karnataka and women Naxalites in Chattisgarh. Dr. Gayatri Bhattacharya, Calcutta chaired the third session in which issues of Identity oriented movements in India especially in north-east. Dr. G.Dastagir, Pondicherry University spoke on issues of environment, displacement and protest movements. Dr. Rohit Jain, chaired the concluding session and the papers were presented on specific people's movements on the issues of rape, violence against women, religious reforms and dalit atrocities.

The session concluded with a business meeting in which Dr. G.Dastagir invited all RC members to participate in ICSSR sponsored national seminar on social movement during 5-6 March.2014. The convener intimated that one session on "Protest, Movement and New Identities in Contemporary India" is being organized in RC –48 on Social movements, collective action and social change of International Sociological Association in the forthcoming World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama, Japan.

RC-18: Sociology of Crime and Deviance

Out of 24 papers received, 22 papers were presented during the three consecutive technical sessions, commencing with an inaugural session on 27th December 2013 afternoon. Dr. Ramesh Makwana, Convener R.C. 18 gave introductory remarks expressing his satisfaction about gradual increase in the number of members and paper presenters. Prof. Hemixa Rao, Former Vice Chancellor of H.N.G.University PATAN, Gujarat was the Chief Guest who expressed serious concerns about the rising number and nature of crime in the Society. Dr RK Mohanty Co- Convener addressed the audience on preparing the criminological research agenda through rightful survey of literature under theoretical, methodological and thematic heads.

The sessions had a gamut of papers from different areas such as domestic violence, acid attack; crime related to technology, crime against women, juvenile justice, ragging, social media and deviance, suicide among farmers, drug addiction and terrorism as a

social crime. Out of 22 paper presenters, 6 were young research scholars and 16 regular faculties from around 09 states of the country. The Sessions were chaired respectively by Prof. Ramesh Makwana, Prof. Hemixa Rao, Dr. R. K. Mohanty, Dr. Jyoti Upadyay, M. Mohan Singh, Dr.Kamini Dashora Dr. Veerenderkumar and Dr. Mamta Patel. The research importance of each of the topic, origin, nature, causes, sociological implications, and consequence were well deliberated upon. This generated a lot many views and suggestions from eminent experts present. On the whole, the R.C. deliberations were fruitful and meaningful.

In the last session at the Mysore conference the business meeting of the RC was held and Prof. Makwana presented the accounts. It was decided to give 3 Prizes to the best Papers to be presented and to edit a book consisting of selected papers presented in the RC- 18 with effect from 2014 AISC.

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RC-19:Sociology of Ageing

The RC received forty four papers and 26 papers were presented. The papers revolved around various aspects of Sociology of Ageing ranging from family and successful ageing to crime against elderly, population ageing in India, health status, socio-psychological problems of the aged, role of family in elder care, abuse and social security for the elderly in India. Five sessions were conducted and were chaired and co-chaired by Prof. Arvind Kumar Joshi, Prof. M N Singh, Prof. Jayshree, Prof. U B Singh, Prof. Mamta Patel, Dr. Sudeshna Mukherjee, Dr. P. Pratibha and Prof. B. K .Swain. Papers were presented in English as well as in Hindi based on primary as well as secondary sources. Every paper presentation was followed by a question-answer session. The presenters came from different parts of India. One of the presenters was from Ethiopia.

Major suggestions during these sessions were that useful leisure time activities enhance cognitive health of the elderly. Loneliness among elderly is a major concern which is also an underlying factor for depression and anxiety. It can be combated through family support and societal care. Though there is need for old age home and elderly care centers, the younger generations need to get sensitized and empathetic towards the needs of the elderly. Coping mechanism and certain grievance redressal mechanism of the aged were also suggested. Awareness regarding an ageing society is vital in present time.

RC- 20: Leisure and Tourism

The RC conducted five technical sessions and one business session. Two special lectures were also organized. One special lecture was delivered by Prof. Anand Kumar, President of ISS, on New emerging Dimensions of Leisure and Tourism and other short Lecture delivered by Prof. Ishwar Modi, President of ISS on 'Applications of Leisure and Tourism'.

RC 20 received total 55 abstracts, of which 45 papers were presented. All these papers covered a variety of issues like – changing nature of pilgrimage, community involvement in tourism development, gender identity in tourism, importance of local and regional tourism, leisure and aging, variety of cultural tourism, religious faith and spiritual tourism etc. Participants raised a variety of issues through their analytical and empirical research papers. Most of the papers generated active participation, vibrant discussions and fruitful interactions by young scholars and senior members. The sessions were chaired by Dr. Vishesh Gupta, Prof. B. S. Gulsetty, Gulberga, Dr. B. K. Singh, Muzzafarpur, Dr. Kalinath Jha, Sagar, Dr. Vinita Singh, Ranchi, Bidyanath Mishra from Darbhanga, Dr. Gyanendra Yadav, Patna and Sanjay Tiwari, Kanpur.

On the last day in the last session, under the convenorship of Dr. Vishesh Gupta, the business meeting was held. The members and senior colleagues suggested starting the process of an award for best presentation of the research papers in RC 20. It was also decided unanimously to launch a website of Rs 20 and release the newsletter of RC 20 continuously in future. It is a matter of great satisfaction that within three days during the conference, 25 new members were added in RC 20. Now the total member of RC 20 has reached near about one hundred.

RC-21: Social Problems and Marginalised Groups

Altogether 39 abstracts appeared in the abstract book of which 32 were presented in different technical sessions. The first technical session was chaired by Dr. S.T.Akilan of Madras University. The issues covered in the presentation were relating to Population, health, Gender inequality, Employees problems in NWKRTC; Hubli, Social Justice & Empowerment, Participatory democracy and Marginalised segments. All the papers were intensively discussed and resolved with suggestions.

The second technical session was chaired by Dr. Vijayan of PMT College, Madurai and 12 research papers were presented with the theme such as Educational constraints of rural women, Inequality in Political system, Status of Higher Education, Social Inclusion of Dalits, Linguistic Exclusion, Globalization, Political participation of Dalits, Social Exclusion, Personal hygiene among women, Dissemination and knowledge sharing. All these were thoroughly discussed.

The third technical session was chaired by Prof. S.N.Chaudhary of Bhopal Universityand 6 research papers were presented which mainly focused on problems of SC/ST students in Bangalore city, Tribal Education, Governmental schemes and Social justice, Problems faced by Alcoholic's families and rural development. All these presentations were thoroughly discussed.

The fourth technical session was chaired by Dr. A. Karuppiah of Madras University, 7 research papers were presented. They were related with Population studies, Environmental protection, Panchayati Raj, Marginalised movements, development of rural women and Child labour. All these presentations were thoroughly discussed.

Election of Office bearers of R.C. 21 was held on December 29th 2013, at 2.15 PM at Presentation Room. Election was held for the positions namely Convener and Secretary: Prof. S.N.Chaudhary, Bhopal (M.P) – Convener, Dr. E. Nagendrappa, Tiptur (Karnataka) – Secretary.

RC-22:Military Sociology/Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution

The first session was chaired by Prof Rajiv Gupta and Narayan Shinde and Ramesh Rathod were presented. Issues relating to financial support by government to deceased defense personnel and family disputes (based on empirical data of Latur district of Maharashtra) were discussed. Participants raised questions about the distribution of wealth, prestige and power by society and state to the families of deceased personnel. In another paper, the educational status of children of police personnel was examined. Questions were raised regarding the share of hierarchy based police official's children in educational opportunities. In all 14 members entered into the discourse.

In second session (2pm to 4 pm) papers by V.J Girisha and Deepa Sharma were presented. Role of armed forces in natural disaster was examined by Girisha while Dr Deepa Sharma raised the issues of women and children trafficking. Sudhir kumar made an interesting presentation on interaction- ritual in military. According to Dr Deepa Sharma trafficking is posing threat of internal and external nature; Sudhir stated those rituals which direct the roles and behavior of armed forces at individual level. Girisha explained the varying nature of roles of armed forces during national disasters and its impact on the life of both –the civil and the armed and at collective levels. Questions were raised by participants. The session was chaired by Dr Anil Bhargava.

RC-23: Sociology of law

The RC received 32 abstracts of which 30 papers were presented in 5 technical sessions. RC Session I was chaired by the Convener, Dr Rashmi Jain. The presenters examined issues related to migration, cyber crime, human rights from a socio-legal perspective.

RC Session II was chaired by Dr Sujit Surroch, H.P. The presentations in this session ranged from review of Domestic Worker's Welfare and Social Security Act, Cyber security with special reference to women, Right to abortion, Domestic Violence Act 2005, Legality of Euthansia.

The third session was chaired by Prof C. A Somshekharappa, Dharwad. The issues of jurisprudence, Alternative Dispute redressal mechanism, and Judicial intervention in Family disputes were discussed and deliberated upon. RC Session IV had papers on legal issues in human trafficking, role of legal provisions for women empowerment, role of Law and police in maintaining social order; initiatives taken by legal drafters to remove inequality, Muslim politics and the struggle for inclusion.

A business meeting was held in RC session V where the members deliberated upon the future growth of the RC. It was proposed to organize joint sessions for more fruitful and comprehensive understanding. Issues related to publication were discussed.

RC-24: Sociology of Childhood and Youth

RC 24 had second meet at XXXIX All India Sociological Conference, Mysore. RC 24 now have 24 members. Although RC received 21 abstracts, in four sessions we had 17 presentations covering different aspects of Sociology of Childhood and Youth viz. Education, schooling system and childhood, Interactive Media along with print media and their impact on childhood and youth, Children's health status and nutritional problems, Exclusion of differently abled children, Changing mate selection patterns among youth, Globalization in relation to children and young, the mobile and internet revolution in changing everyday life of youth, Youth and social networking sites, Youth and gendering of Sports, Parenting styles and control patterns, and of course evaluation of some state policies in relation to children and young. The sessions were chaired by Prof. Shankar, Prof. B.P. Badola, and Prof. Bula Bhadra. The deliberations and interactions among the participants were thought-provoking, exciting and full of potentialities.

We have already registered our website and the domain name of the website is *sociologyofchildhoodandyouth.org* and it will very soon be operational. We have planned to launch a Newsletter, preferably an E-Newsletter and if funding can be arranged a mid-year seminar will be held. Prof. B.P. Badola (GCTE, Dharamshala University) has been joint Co-Convenor as per the unanimous decision of the members present in the Business meeting. According to the decision in the RC convenors' meeting at Mysore, RC submitted Rs. 1040.00 to the ISS office, 20% of total collected RC fees i.e. Rs. 5200.00 in 2013.

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