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President’s Message

We sociologists had a joyful and well organized 40th All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society at Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi from 29th November to 1st December 2014. It became most memorable milestone in the journey of our association, as it was the first conference of 1951 to be inaugurated by the President of our republic.

The inaugural speech of President Shri Pranab Mukherji and remarks from the Chair, the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Ram Naik made it a significant intellectual event where the issues of Development, Diversity and Democracy got underlined from the perspectives of policy makers as well as social analysts. Let us express our sincere appreciation towards the Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth Prof. P. Nag, the organizer and the head of the department of sociology Prof. Ravi Prakash Pandey and the team of faculty members and students for meticulous management of such a grand gathering.

There is growing belief about the need of focusing on the limits of 'progress'. The idea of identity is gripping imagination of people in the context of globalization. The call of consumerism with in built mechanisms of homogenization is being approached with caution die to increasing disenchantment with the performance of market forces. There are new issues about intersectionality of community, market, state and citizenship in the context of a) progress, b) identity and c) consumerism. There are more pressures of exclusion than inclusion of underprivileged sections of society. Representative democracy is failing to respond to the emerging needs of the communities and masses in their quest for survival with justice and dignity. This scenario makes the role of the sociologists as observer, inquirer and interpreter more interesting and relevant. Let us hope that next national conference of the sociology under the auspices of Indian Sociological Society at Bhubaneswar will provide a meaningful opportunity for all of us to engage with each other in making our task easier and better.

Anand Kumar
President, Indian Sociological Society

Dear Colleagues
It has been a great journey for ISS Newsletter since 2003. This is the third issue of 2014. Which has been delayed to Accommodate 41th Conference information. The Managing Committee of Indian Sociological Society has decided to discontinue this printed version from 2015. I thank all the members for their kind cooperation in bringing out the Newsletter.

Sukant K Chaudhury
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 President, Prof. R. Indira (Mysore) 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 Bharateeya Samajshatra Sameeksha have been released and the reader response has been very encouraging. We acknowledge the efforts of Dr. Anand Kumar, Dr. B. K. Nagla, Dr. Rajeev Gupta, Dr. Naresh Bhargava and Dr. Asheesh 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 JNU, New Delhi in July 2014. The regular meetings of RC Conveners, 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

Conference / Seminar News

As a part of its Golden Jubilee Celebration, the Department of Sociology, RTD Nagpur University, organized two days International Conference on “Ageing Through the Ages: From Past to Present and Future”, on 5-6, Dec. 2014. The resource persons included Prof. Freek Cronje, South Africa, Dr. Suzanne Reynke, South Africa, Dr. Pavitranaad Ramhota, Head of the Indian Diaspora Centre, Mauritius, Dr. Mala Kapur, Delhi, Dr. C.A. Somashekkarappa and Dr. Jayashree S. Karnataka University, Dharwar, Dr. P.S. Vivek, University of Mumbai, Dr. Vishal Jadhav and Dr. N.R. Chaudhari, Pune, Dr. J.V. Raghavendra and Shri. R.N. Mital, Hyderabad, Dr. Tapan Mohanty, Bhopal, and Dr. A.K. Joshi, BHU, Varanasi. Dr. Vinayak Deshpande, VC, Nagpur University, presided over the inaugural function Shri Vijay Phanshikar, Editor of “The Hitavada”, Nagpur, delivered the inaugural address and Dr. Freek Cronje delivered the keynote address. The two days deliberations discussed the intricacies and the increasing trends of ageing over the years and its implications for the society now and in future.

Prof. B.K. Swain

The Department of Sociology, Lucknow University hosted the National Conference on Globalization and Tribal Development: Current Challenges organized by Ethnographic & Folk Culture Society, Lucknow between 20-22 March 2015. In his keynote address Prof. Anand Kumar, President, ISS said that today market forces and capitalist forces have become very influential, they have reduced socialist forces. The tribals are not able to cope up with the market forces. Dr. S.B. Nimse, VC, Lucknow University gave the inaugural address. Sri G. Pattnaik, President of the society and former VC, Lucknow University by his presidential address said that Globalization is bringing about development but it is producing a threat to tribal identity. In his welcome address Prof. Ram Ganesh Yadav, Head, Department of Sociology said that tribal villages are being affected through external culture. Prof. Sukant K. Chaudhury said that MNCs are taking benefit out of the tribal areas by developing eco-tourism in the forest areas. There were three memorial lectures: DN Majumdar memorial lecture by Prof. Imtiaz Ahmed on Caste among Muslims, KS Mathur memorial lecture by Prof. Ajit K. Danda and the J.S. Bhandari Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. D.K. Bhattacharyya of Delhi University who analyzed the Indian experience on Folklore. In his valedictory address Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava of Delhi University said that the tribal communities are trying to adjust with the global with their local categories. In all 52 research papers were presented, there were 16 speakers in the four symposiums and there were three memorial lectures besides the valedictory and inaugural functions.

Prof. Sukant K. Chaudhury
Organizing Secretary
Report of The 40th Conference

The 40th All-India Sociological Conference of Indian Sociological Society on "Development, Diversity & Democracy" was held from November 29, to December 01, 2014. It was organized by the Department of Sociology, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi, U.P., India. It was inaugurated by His Excellency Sri Pranab Mukherjee, The President of India. It was presided by Sri Ram Naik, Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh.

Professor Anand Kumar delivered the presidential address and Dr. P. Nag, Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, welcomed the delegates. Vote of thanks was given by Professor Ravi Prakash Pandey, Head, Department of Sociology, M.G. Kashi Vidyapith & Organizing Secretary of the conference. Shri Ahmed Hasan, Cabinet Minister, Health and Family Welfare & Women and Child Welfare, Government of Uttar Pradesh was also present as the representative of the Chief Minister of U.P.

During this session the Life Time Achievement Award was conferred to four eminent sociologists: 1. Prof. Prakash N. Pimpley, Former Professor, Punjab University, Chandigarh, 2. Prof. Ramesh Chandra Tiwari, Former Professor, Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi, 3. Prof. Imtiaz Ahmad, Former Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi & 4. Prof. Satyendra Tripathi, Former Professor, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.

Prof. M.N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. Dipankar Gupta, Shiv Nadar University, New Delhi. The 1st plenary session was held on 30th Nov. it was an international panel on the theme: "Development, Diversity & Democracy". It was presided by Prof. Margaret Abraham, President, International Sociological Association, and the speakers were 1. Prof. Soraya Cortes, President, Brazilian Sociological Society, Brazil, 2. President, Prof. Simon Mapadimeng, South African Sociological Association, Durban, 3. Prof. Nikita Pokrovsky, President, Russian Sociological Association, Moscow, 4. Prof. Chaitanya Mishra, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, & 5. Prof. Ghulam Reza Mahadavi, Vice-Chancellor, Al-Mustafa University, Tehran.

Plenary Session-II was organized on the theme "Reflections about being a sociologist". 1. Prof. Satyendra Tripathi, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, 2. Prof. N. Pimpley, Punjab University, Chandigarh, 3. Prof. Ramesh Chandra Tiwari, Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi & 4. Prof. Imtiaz Ahmad, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi were the speakers.
The Radha Kamal Mukherjee Memorial Lecture was given by Prof. T.K. Oommen, JNU, & it was presided by Prof. R. Indira.

The third Plenary Session was organized on the theme "Development, Diversity & Democracy in India" and was presided by Prof. N. Rajaram, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhi Nagar and the main speakers were 1. Dr. George Mathew, Chairman, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi, 2. Prof. Susan Vishwanathan, JNU, & 3. Prof. Biswajit Ghosh, University of Burdwan, Burdwan.

The 4th Plenary Session was organized on the theme "Development, Diversity and Democracy in U.P."
It was presided by Prof. Satyanarayana, Central University of Allahabad and the panelists were 1. Prof. Rajesh Mishra, Lucknow University, 2. Prof. Ashok Kaul, Banaras Hindu University, 3. Prof. J. K. Pandur, CCS University, Meerut.

In the end Prof. Yedla C. Simhadri, Vice-Chancellor, Patna University, Patna, delivered the valedictory address. The Guest of Honour Prof. Margaret Abraham, and Dr. Ranjana Kumari, Director, Social Science Institute, New Delhi also delivered their speeches. The session was presided by Prof. Anand Kumar, President, Indian Sociological Society. The young sociologist award was given to Dr. Manish Kumar, JNU & Dr. Swati S. Mishra, Arya Mahila P.G. College, Varanasi. The book by Prof. Makhwana was released by Prof. Margaret Abraham. A felicitation of ISS President Prof. Anand Kumar, Secretary Prof. R. Indira and treasurer Prof. Paramjit Singh Judge was also held in this session. Vote of thanks was given by Prof. P. S. Vivek of University of Mumbai.

A total of about 2000 delegates & resource persons participated in this conference. A very fruitful book fair was also organized at a separate field in the University campus during the conference.

**Prof. Ravi Prakash Pandey**
Organizing Secretary, 40th ISS Conference
Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi

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**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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41st All-India Sociological Conference

Development, Marginalization and People's Movements

December 27-29, 2015

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Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences
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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 and KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha on the theme "Development, Marginalization and People's Movements" from December 27-29, 2015.

The 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:

- Development, Marginalization and People's Movements-Theoretical Perspectives.
- Development policies in the era of liberalization, privatization and globalization and their impact in rural and urban areas.
- Major trends in responses of the marginalised towards present model of development.
- Politics of Development: Agendas of political parties, election manifestos, governments and civil society.
- People's Movements against development, displacement and marginalization.
- Alternative approaches for addressing marginalization.
- Gender, development and marginalization of women.
- Development and class dynamics in rural and urban societies.
- Issues related to livelihood and development of marginalized groups in a globalized world.
- Conflicts between civil society and state for development of marginalized groups.
- Development, Marginalisation, People's Movements and Media.

The conference invites research papers in English and Hindi to be presented through Research Committees (RCs) and Adhoc Groups of Indian Sociological Society. Papers to be presented in RCs/AGs have to be prepared keeping in view the central theme of the conference. The titles of 24 Research Committees/Adhoc Groups along with names and contact details of the conveners are given below:

Methodology of Organization of the Conference:

The three-day conference will begin with the inaugural Session 11 December 27, 2015 at 10.30 a.m. The same day after lunch there would be parallel sessions of all the Research Committees and Adhoc 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 which the report of the conference will be presented and recommendations finalized. A visit to Puri & Konark is being arranged on the morning of the second day of the conference. A cultural programme is also being hosted in the evening on the first day.

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.

**Travel and Accommodation**

- Registration fee covers lodging, boarding and conference days.
- Delegates are requested to meet travel and 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 and 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 Tribhuvaneswar, '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 250 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 ultras 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 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 'UNITA, 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, Chattisgarh, etc for the underprivileged children.

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The Third ISA Forum will be convened in Vienna, Austria, 10-14 July 2016 on the theme "The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World." This theme encourages a forward-orientation in empirical, theoretical, and normative research to tackle the problems and opportunities that often cut across borders. Anyone interested in presenting a paper should submit an abstract on-line to a chosen session of RC/WG/TG by 30 September 2015. The abstract (300 words) must be submitted in English, French or Spanish.

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**RC-01: Theory, Concept & Methodology**

Convenor: V. Sujatha

The Research Committee -1 received a total of twenty-one abstracts, twelve of which were presented during the conference. The highlight of the RC 1 was the organization of the 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 Shrutik Tambe, Pushpesh Kumar and Gita Chaddha. The second panel discussion was on "Operationalising Reflexivity, Placing the Autobiographical". Panelists included Rukmini Sen, Gita Chaddha and Kamala Ganesh. The third panel discussion was on "Sociology of Caste and the Cast of Sociology in India" and the panelists were Hira Singh, Ajay Choudhary and Sunil Babu C.T.

The presentations can be broadly organised around three themes: (i) methodology (ii) development and (iii) hygiene and governmentality. Under the broad theme of methodology, Ankita Mookherjee 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 Bhattacharyya), "Grounded Theory As A Strategy Of Qualitative Research: An Attempt At Demystifying Its Intricacies" (Arya Priya), and "Towards a conceptualization of 'popular knowledge': understanding the possibilities of knowledge from below" (Sanjana M.). Under the rubric of development, Prakriti Aprajita 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 Patalkot, Madhya Pradesh" by Byasa Moharana and "Corruption: A Social Reality" by Hanamagouda were the other papers presented. Lastly, there were papers by Debolina Chatterjee: "Imprisonment, Healthcare And The State: A Sociological Analysis" and Subhendra Bhowmick: "Scatologising Hindu Eschatology: An (In) Auspicious Journey from Devalaya To Shauchalaya". 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 -1 budget was discussed and approved. Manish Thakur was elected as the new convenor of the RC. The RC thanked the outgoing convenor V. Sujatha for her valuable contributions towards the strengthening of the RC-01.

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**RC-02: Family, Kinship and Marriage**

Convenor: P.K. Sharma

RC-02 received 35 abstracts and 27 research papers were presented in three technical sessions. The first session was chaired by Dr. T.B. Singh- head Dept of Sociology, PPN College, Kanpur (UP), 9 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.

In the second technical session 15 papers were presented the session and was chaired by Prof. CSS Thakur Head Dept. of sociology, RD University, Jabalpur (M.P.). The session was enriched by the suggestion and discussion by Prof. Abba Awasthi-Ex- Convenor RC-02 and various issues viz Polyandry, globalization and single parent families, children's rights, daughter's attitude towards right to property were discussed.

In the third session of 3 papers were presented and the session was chaired by Prof. Abba Awasti, Lucknow University and Co-Chaired by Prof. P.K. Sharma. The discussion took place on topic like Working women and factors facilitating family adjustment, changing facets of kinship relations in urban family.

All the session are very informative and useful for research scholars and academicians. The Last session had business meeting in which a seminar are planned to strengthen the RC. For RC Newsletter various dimensions were worked out and to motivate young scholars best scholar presentation was also decided to carry out.

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**RC-4 : Migration and Diaspora Studies**

Convenor: Swati Shirwadkar

The inaugural session of the research committee on Migration and Diaspora Studies began with a welcome note by the convenor Professor Swati Shirwadkar. Out of total 34 abstracts of the papers were received by the RC-4, twenty two scholars presented their papers in different sessions. The papers were presented under following seven subthemes: (1) Diaspora, identities, transnational and national migration: challenges in education, labour and health (2) Diaspora and transnationalism: culture, ethnicity, politics and capital (3) Migration, change and development: conceptual issues, trends and impact (4) Impact of migration on rural India: some institutional challenges (5) Migration, disparities and exclusion (6) Displacement, belonging and collective violence: culture and reflections (7) Ethnicity and Diasporic identities: narratives from Diasporic literature.

The studies presented in the RC ranged from conceptual issues to developing models with large data and longitudinal studies, insights from qualitative research and case studies to findings from surveys conducted in different parts of India and other countries. Apart from scholars drawn from different universities and institutes within India, the paper presenters also included renowned scholars from Finland, France and researchers from Germany and other countries. The sessions were chaired by Prof. Swati Shirwadkar, Prof. Kamla Ganesh, Dr. Aditya Raj and co-
convener, Muneeb Illath. Eminent experts in the area of Diaspora and migration, Prof. Margaret Abraham, Prof. Rajaram, Prof. Kamala Ganesh shared their insightful comments and suggestions on the research papers presented in the different sessions of the RC. Prof. R. Indira and Prof. Smita Awachar visited as observers of the Managing Committee in the different RC sessions. The RC meeting held during the concluding session charted the future plan of the committee. Dr. Aditya Raj agreed to be the secretary for RC-4. The RC meeting has resolved to hold mid-term workshops. Creating a discussion platform through e-media or forming a discussion group is also to be explored.

**RC-05: Education and Society**
Convener: Smita Awachar

A total of forty-three papers were presented and discussed thoroughly out of sixty-five papers received. The discussions covered many relevant issues pertaining to the contemporary scenario of Indian education system and society. The sessions were chaired by senior sociologists, Dr. Chandrika Raval, Ahambad, Dr. Smruti Bhosale, Mumbai, Dr. Birendra Dubey, Lucknow. All the sessions were planned meticulously to have a combination of theoretical orientations and field-based studies so that participants could have a holistic understanding of the considerations. While a plethora of discussions centred on issues like government policies; primary education; higher education; gender; exclusion and inclusion; globalization; Information and Communication Technology; consumer protection; democracy; slums; community participation etc. some were related to religious minorities and tribal as well. Undoubtedly UPE, inequality, textbooks, nationalism, multilingualism, curriculum, drop-out, Kasturba Gandhi schools, quality issues in higher education, vulnerability, impact of TV on higher education, globalization and educational reforms had dominated the academic dialogue but equally pivotal is to mention that issues like exclusion of the marginalised communities and existing status of education among STs, SCs, Muslims, women and children with special needs were highlighted and discussed in-depth.

Gender proved to be a common issue interjecting various themes like policy perspective, educational reforms, primary education, access, equity, quality, higher education, community-wise representation etc.

ITC based papers were few in number but academically more vibrant presenting future vision of evaluation at various levels of education. Application of WEB 2.0 technology in student-centric assessment process and role of ICT based initiatives to facilitate holistic education were proved to be quite enriching.

In a nutshell, it could be expressed that RC-05 provided a common platform where participants from almost all over the country including educationists, academicians, members of non-profitable organisations, teachers, research scholars and young people participated and shared their knowledge with each other. Another achievement of RC-05 was unique in the sense that a few researchers from globally reputed management schools like IIM, Kolkata shared their papers and had enriched the academic experiences of all particularly the young minds.

**RC 06: Religion and Religious Communities**
Convener: Sudha Sitharaman

In the RC 32 research papers were accepted for presentation and 26 papers were presented in the different sessions.

Papers articulated the so-called 'return of religion' in the public sphere, laying bare the reconfigurations 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 historic-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 revitalisation movements were also discussed. Undergirding the themes were conceptual / methodological issues in the sociology of religion. They emphasised 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 organised by the co-convener of the RC, Dr. Anindita Chakarborthi, 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-07: Rural, Peasant & Tribal Communities**
Convener: S.M. Patnaik

The RC received 75 abstracts and 48 presentations were made in four sessions. The first session was chaired by Prof. Nilika Mehrotra of JNU in which 'gender issue' was the main theme and 11 papers were presented. The discussion covered wide ranging themes like women empowerment through knowledge based skills, ICT, and other development schemes, change in health status of women and children, gender equality. The second session was chaired by Dr. Sanjay Salunke of Bheem Rao Ambedkar Marathwad University, Aurangabad on the theme 'dynamics of tribal society' and 13 papers were presented. The discussions covered different roles plays by NGOs for tribal development, role of govt. agencies in planned development for tribal, livelihood pattern change in tribal society, role of culture in planning of a development programme. The third session was based on 'tribal transformation in India' and was chaired by Prof. S.M. Patnaik of Delhi University, in which 12 papers were presented. The discussions centred on various external and internal factors leading to changes into tribal society and culture and how globalization has affected the loss of tribal identities on many aspects. The fourth session was based on 'dynamics of rural societies, and
transformation' and chaired by Prof. Sukant K Chaudhury of University of Lucknow, in which 12 papers were presented. Discussions were on peasant, rural poverty, various development programme, and so on.

In the business session elections Prof. S.M. Patnaik was unanimously elected as* Convenor for next two years(2015-16) Dr. Sanjay Salunke was elected as Secretary and Dr. Shipra Sagarika as the Treasurer for the next two years. The first e-newsletter of RC-07 was well received by members and Dr. Maya Mohan and Dr. Sheetal Agarwal were made incharge of the e-newsletter. It was decided to have a web site of RC-07 and Ms Ankita Mehta and Mr. Stanzin Namgii were made Conveners of the website. It was decided to bring out three edited volumes out of the papers presented in the RC: Prof. S. Guruswamy will edit on Peasant issues, Prof. Sukant K Chaudhury will edit on rural dynamics and Prof. S.M. Patnaik will edit on tribal issues. The Scholar of the year award is given to Dr. Maya Mohan of JNU and Best Paper Award was given to Ms Sheetal Agrawal of Delhi University.

* RC-08: Social Stratification, Professions & Social Mobility
Convenor: Arvind Chauhan

In the RC-08, 30 papers were received and all of them were published in the abstract of the proceedings of the Conference. However, only 18 papers were presented. In the first session Professor Ajit Pandey, B.H.U. Varanasi was invited to give introductory remarks. The other sessions were chaired by Professor R. Shankar, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. Tamil Nadu, Professor Shailendra Parashar, Vikram University, Ujjain and Professor Arvind Chauhan Barkatullah University, Bhopal. The papers covered a wide range of topics related with an analysis of different programs and policies of government, assimilation and integration of denotified tribes, weaker sections of society, women and gender perspectives and alternative systems of medicine. It was resolved in the business meeting of society that we shall hold one mid-term seminar between the two national level conferences.

* RC-09: Dalits And Backward Classes
Convenor: R.N. Salve

In the RC 29 papers were presented in three sessions. The first session was on Dalit: Change and Development in India and was chaired by Prof.B.C. Barik. The Professor Parvathamma Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. D.Shriraj and it was chaired by Prof.H.M. Vasantham. The second Session was on Diversity: Backward Classes in India In which 15 papers are presented and it was chaired by Dr. JaganKarade. A business session was held in which the Convenor presented the balance sheet of 2013-2014 of RC.9 and it was unanimously approved. On the Third Day the third session was held on Dr.B.R. Ambedkar and Democracy in which 08 papers were presented and it was chaired by Prof.D.Shriraj. The Best paper presentations Awards among young Sociologist in RC-9in 2013 were given to: 1” prize winner is Shri Rabindra Kumar, 2” prize winner is Shri Samir Kumar, and the 3” prize winner is Shri Raghu Kumar N.

*RC-10: Gender Studies
Convenor: 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. Caste, 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- Chair: Prof. Madhu Nagla, 5.Violence Against Women-Chair: 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.

The 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 15th -16th October 2014. The seminar was jointly organized by RC 10, ISS and Dept. of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia. Prof. Abha Chauhan was the Convenor, Dr. Arvinder Ansari was the Organizing Secretary and Mr. Imtiiaz Ahmed 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 at 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.

Election to different positions was held during the business team and a new team was elected as follows:1. Convenor: Dr. Shweta Prasad, Dept. of Sociology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.2. Co-convenor: Dr. Jyot Prasad Saikia, Dept. of Sociology, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Assam. 3.Secretary: Dr. Kameshwar Singh, Bihar, 4. Treasurer: Dr. T. B. Singh, Uttar Pradesh. The Executive Committee Members:1. Dr. N.K. Singh, Uttar Pradesh, 2. Dr. Arvinder Ansari, New Delhi, 3. Dr. Shital Tamakwala, Gujarat, 4. Dr. Rajni Bala, Punjab, 5.Dr. Shailja, Karnataka, 6. Dr. Aveesa Shafi, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir
* RC-11: Environment And Society

Convenor: S.C. Rajora

Thirty seven abstracts were received and 23 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 at the current phenomenon related to Clean India Campaign (defecation free country). Papers were based on the field studies and titled 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. Nagla, Prof. R.B. Patil and Prof. S.C. Rajora.

During business session the new executive of RC 11 was constituted by consensus of the existing members. The new executive: Convenor: Dr. Anoop Kumar Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, DAV PG College, Kanpur, email dr.anoopsinghdav@gmail.com, Co-convenor: Dr. Balaji Kendre, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, email bnk2830@rediffmail.com, Member: Dr. Deba Prasad Chatterji, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Maulana Azad College, Calcutta, email debaprasadd@rediffmail.com, Member: Mrs. Sandhya Paudmal, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Sambhajirao Kadiam Mahavidhyalaya, Deur (Satara), Maharashtra, email sandhyapaudmal143@gmail.com, Member: Dr. Ananata Kumar Biswas, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of Burdwan, email anantabiswas@yahoo.co.in

During the business meeting the account of membership of RC 11 was presented by the convenor, 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 is being handed over to the new executive.

A website of RC 11 has already been created (RC11 Environment & Society ISS), beside that it was proposed to start a News letter and to explore to organise a mid term International Seminar during session 2014-15.

It was also put on record that a mid term 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, Maharashtra and Rajasthan) were registered for participation and 115 research papers were actually presented in 12 different technical sessions. The abstracts of all papers were published in a Souvenir (a copy of the Souvenir was presented to President ISS, Prof. Ananad Kumar at JNU during RC convenor’s meeting). The seminar became memorable in many ways like; a cultural programme presented by a team of Sahriya Tribe (the original inhabitants of Shahbad), 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 Ranthambore National Tiger Reserve Sanctuary (Sawai madhopur).

* RC- 12: Population, Health and Society

Convenor: Mohd, 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. Madhus Nagla, Prof. P S Vivek, Prof. J.K. Pandit, Prof. Saleem, Dr. M. Akram & Dr.A. Mahapatra.

The new executive got elected for the next two years (2015-16) in a business session of RC 12. They are: Dr. Amarendra Mahapatra, (Scientist- E, RMRC,ICMR, Bhuaneswar) is elected as Convenor. Prof. Shauketh Azim (Co-Convenor), Dr. M. Thamlasaran (Secretary). Prof. P S Vivek, Dr. S M Dey, Dr. Vatika Sibal, Dr. N R Kahlon, Mr. Zulufkar Khanyad and Dr. M. Akram got elected as members of the executive.

*RC-13: Science, Technology and Society

Convenor: Madhav Govind

This year 46 papers were accepted in the RC-13, out of which 31 papers were presented in 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, convenor RC-24 and Dr Madhav Govind, Convenor 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 convenor and Dr. Pradeep Swarnkar (AB IMT, Gwalior) as the co-convenor and Dr Kingsook Saha (Kaliachak 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) Prof Manoj Kumar Jena, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, (3) Dr Madhav Govind, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

*RC-14: Culture and Communication*

Convenor: V.P. Singh

The RC-14 had six sessions, out of which four sessions were devoted to paper presentations. In all, 33 papers were presented. In one session, a special lecture was organized on the theme "Media, Reality and Public Space", by Prof. Rajesh Mishra, Deptt. of Sociology, Lucknow University, Lucknow. The papers presented cover a wide range of themes related to Migration and Culture, Globalization of mass media and Women in India, Dressing up 'patriarchies' and 'modernities', Social Media and Glocalization, Threats of Cultural Heritage, Contemporary Bollywood Dance, Media and Glocalization, Role of ICT in Cultural Globalization and so on.

In the business session, the convenor informed the members about the decisions of the meeting of RC convenors held on 28th November, 2014 and other activities of the RC during the year 2014. The members of RC were also informed about the activities of RC-14 of ISA on communication knowledge and culture at Yokohama, Japan.

*RC-15: Social Change and Development*

Convenor: G. Ram

The RC had organized five technical sessions in all, for presentation of papers. The session 1 & 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 Adnyayanpeth in Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, 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 194.

The sessions were chaired by Prof P N Pandey, Varanasi, Prof B N Prasad, Patna, Dr. Bishwambhar 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. Ayesha Afsana - Assam University, Vikash Kumar - BHU, Swati Singh - BHU, Sarika Pandey - B.H.U, Dr Manish Tiwari, - Varanasi, Rajani Singh - Varanasi, Dr. Anupama Pandey - Varanasi and Pallavi Agarwal, Varanasi.

In the business meeting, Prof. G. Ram, Department of Sociology, Assam University, Silchar was elected as convenor and two Co-conveners elected are (i) Prof. Anirban Banerjee, Deptt 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*

Convenor: Pranjal Sarma

In RC - 16, 27 papers were presented during three technical sessions. Prof. J. Krishnamurthy, Prof. P.S. Vivek 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, 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, power loom 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 delivered by Prof. Nilika Mehrotra 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: D.R.Sahu

The RC sessions were 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-legitimizing 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. Dr. Gayatri Bhattacharya, Calcutta University presented her paper and chaired the third session. Dr. Rohit Jain, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai presented his paper and chaired the concluding session. 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 the Convenor invited all RC members to participate in RC - 48 on Social movements, collective action and social change of International Sociological Association in the forthcoming Forum (Inter Congress) of ISA in Vienna 2016. The members also proposed to bring out a volume by selecting the presented papers in the RC since beginning.

*RC-18: Sociology of Crime & Deviance*

Convenor: Ramesh H.Makwana

Out of 32 papers, 25 papers were presented during the three consecutive technical sessions. In the inaugural session Prof.
Ramesh Makwana explained the various themes of the RC, Prof. Anirban Banerjee, Dept. of Sociology, Budwan 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 rightful survey of literature under the article, Methodological and thematic heads.

The sessions had a gamut of papers from different areas such as crime, corruption and Development, Crime against Girls child, women harassment, Technology and crime, honor killing cyber crime, objectification and dismemberment 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 0g states of the country. the sessions were chaired respectively by Prof. Umadevi Andhra University, Dr. Amita Das, Dept of Sociology, Ravenshaw University, Dr. Jasmine Damle, Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai. The research importance of each of the topic, origin, nature, causes, Sociological Implications and consequences were well deliberated upon. this generated a many views and suggestions from eminent experts present. On the whole, the R.C. deliberations were fruitful and meaningful.

Special Activities of the RC-18 were publication of the book:Contemporary Crime in Indian Society, the newsletter of RC-18 has been published. The RC plans to organize one National Seminar at Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The total members of the RC was 20 and 12 more members got membership this year.

* RC-19: Sociology of Ageing
Convenor: Arvind Kumar Joshi

The RC-19 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 the facility of tax rebate for those tax payers who properly 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. Pawan Kumar, Shubham 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. Pawan Kumar as Treasurer for 2015-16 session.

*RC-20: Leisure & Tourism
Convenor: Vishesh Gupta

The RC conducted three technical sessions and one business session. Two special lectures were also delivered: one lecture was delivered by Prof Madhu Nagla, MD University, Rohtak 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.

The RC received 38 papers out 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 B.S. Gulshetty, Gulberg, Dr Vishesh Kr Gupta, Moradabad, Dr B.K. Singh, Muzaffarpur, Prof Madhu Nagla, Rohtak, Dr Kalinath Jha, Sagar, Dr Vinita Singh, Ranchi 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 Research Committee is formed. Dr Kalinath Jha from Sagar selected as new Convenor, Dr Vinita Singh as Co-Convenor. Dr B S Gulshetty from Gulberg as Secretary. Prof Madhu Nagla, from Rohtak, Dr Vishesh Kr Gupta from Moradabad, Dr Birender Kr Singh from Muzaffarpur, Dr Dhananjay Sontalke and Luxmi Peria Swamy from Mumbai selected 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 & Marginalized Groups
Convenor: S. N. Chaudhary

Altogether 30 papers were presented in the three sessions. Session I was chaired by Prof. C. Venkataraman, Prof. and Head, Dept. Of Sociology, Periyar University, Salem, Tamil Nadu. Session II was chaired by Prof. Gautam Gayanendra, Prof. and Head, Dept. Of Sociology, Barkatullah University, Bhopal. Session III was chaired by Prof. Ajit Pandey, Professor of Sociology, BHU, Varanasi and last session was chaired by Prof. R. Shankar, Professor of Sociology, Bharatidasan University, Tamil Nadu. About 50 scholars participated in discussion in each of the sessions.

Most of the papers were field based. Most of the papers dealt with subaltern issues like tribal, development and displacement, third sex, problems of disabled, primitive tribes, senior citizens, scheduled castes and so on. In the preparation of all these papers conventional techniques of data collection were used. Most of the issues were inter-disciplinary in nature, although methodological insights from non-sociological discipline were absent in most of the presentations. A business session was also held.
* RC-22: Military Sociology/Armed Forces & Conflict Resolution
Convenor: Rajiv Gupta
The 40th conference of ISS at Varanasi invited attention of participants on issues of Internal and External securities along with process of conflict resolution can national societies move toward peace and non-violence was addressed as one of the sociological questions by the Chair Persons and Participants. Participants were of the view that at least South Asian Sociology must incorporate sociology of defence and security as one of the branches. In this conference four sessions and one panel discussion were organised. Fourteen papers were read and discussed. Issues such as Military-Industrial complex, Military-Society interface, North-East Crises, Line of control, War Widows, Police and Gender relations, The nature of AFSPA-1998, The roles of NSCN-IM, Terrorism, Police and its roles in social unrest, The life of police officials and Globalisation of War technology were discussed. Increasing intervention of defence forces in disaster management was the issue of panel discussion. Business meeting was also held. Publications of monographs, E-News letters and discussions on important themes on social media are some of the efforts on which participants were agree to make collective work.

* RC-23: Sociology of Law
Convenor: Rashmi Jain
The RC received a total of 28 abstracts and thirteen papers were presented in four sessions. In session 1, held on 29 Nov 2014, three papers were presented, chaired by Dr. Sujit Surroch, Government College, Bijnath. Dr. Surroch helped in thought provoking discussion during paper presentations. Dr. Kewal krishan’s paper entitled “atrocities vis-à-vis 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 “Bhartiya Loktantra: Samajshatriya Paripreksha”. Dr. Indira Srivastava’s paper “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, chaired by Dr. C. A. Somashekharappa, Professor, Karnataka University, Dharwad. Dr. Sujit Surroch’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 effect on continuation and transformation of hierarchy in tribes of HP. Ruchee Moorti Singh’s paper “Unheard Voices of the Van Gujjar 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 “Labor standards and women’s rights” threw light on the dilemmas that women laborers face while opting for collective action/ trade unions in developing country like India. The third session held on the same day was chaired by Dr. Kewal Krishan, Asstt Prof, Government College, Bijnath, with three paper presentations. Dr. Anjú Bala Sharma highlighted the “Deepening Roots of Corruption in India” and spelled out the major issues. Neena Rosy Kahlon and Ravinder Kaur focused on “Cultural Aspects of Inheritance Rights” by highlighting role of patriarchy and culture in marginalizing women from property inheritance. Dr. Tamlarassu presented his views on psyche imprisonment.

The last and fourth session, chaired by Dr. Shikha Sharma, Post Doctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Rajasthan, had four paper presentations. Prof. C.A. Somashekharappna presented his paper “Lok A dashat as an Alternative to Judicial System” highlighting the structural functional analysis of the Janta Nyalaya in Karnataka. Dr. Subhashchandra Natkar’s paper examined “Civil Rights Violation and its Prevention” in Karnataka. Dr. Chandrashekhar B focused on role of lokayukts in dealing with beauracific corruption in his paper entitled beauracific corruption and the lokayukt: a case of Karnataka”. Dr. Hanumagauda, 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 & Youth
Convenor: Bula Bhadra
This is our first meet as full-ledged RC after two years of being at AD-hoc group, at 40th AISC in MAHATMA GANDHI KASH VIDYAPITH, VARANASI. Although we received 20 abstracts, in three sessions we had 17 presentations covering different aspect of Sociology of Childhood and Youth e.g. socialization, roles of families and parenting, Education, schooling system and impact of children, children and parent's construction of risk, and safety conceptions of beauty and feminism among girl child, Sports as vehicle of empowering girl children, Career choices and youth networking youth, Youth and Bollywood films, Band music, socio exclusions and youth, and of course, street children, child labor and Right to Education. The sessions were chaired by Pro Arvinder A. Ansari, Dept of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia, Ne Delhi, Dr. Ashish Saxena, Dept. of Sociology, University of Allahabad and Dr. Piya Jyoti, Dept. of Sociology, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. We had a Round Table on "Detach Together: Daily Life of Youth and the Cyber World" Chaired Prof. Bula Bhadra and the Panelists were Dr. Ashish Saxena Allahabad, Dr Vinod Chandra of Patna and Dr. Madav Govind JNU and Dr. Monoj K. Jena from Jamia Millia Islamia. There was very lively and stimulating discourse among the participants. Whole process was intellectually challenging and gratifying. We have already registered our website and the domain name of website is sociologyofchildhoodandyouth.org and it will very soon be operational as and when ISS website is linked with us. We plan to launch a Newsletter, preferably an E-Newsletter funding can be arranged.
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