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### Announcement

ISS is pleased to announce the appointment of an Acting Convener for Adhoc Group 2 Sociology of Sports: Dr Sampika Mahapatra of Central University of Bihar. All members of Ad hoc group please contact her on any matter regarding Ad hoc group 02.

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### Obitury

Prof. Ishwar Modi, Former President, Indian Sociological Society has left for his heavenly abode on 23 May morning. He has been an active scholar and a great friend, contributed a lot for the growth of Sociology as Secretary, President and member of the managing committee of ISS. May his soul rest in peace.

## *From the Editor's Desk*



More than a year has passed and I am beyond half way through my tenure of two years (2016-2017) as the Secretary, Indian Sociological Society (ISS). Being Editor of the ISS e-Newsletter gives me an opportunity to express my views and share experiences of working as an Office Bearer of the ISS.

The year 2016 passed off quickly. As I sit and write the editorial page of the E- Newsletter, I realize how dynamic and productive this year has been for the Indian Sociological Society and for all of us! The first Managing Committee (MC) meeting of the ISS held in February 2016 was an initiation into a new role and responsibilities. We formed Sub-Committees on various issues – RC Rules, Head Office/ guest house, conference guidelines, lifetime achievement awards, regional associations, Constitutional Amendment etc. The reports were prepared and actions taken which were reported in the second MC Meeting of June 2016 at the University of Pune. By this time, two vital decisions were taken or were in the process towards finalization, the first regarding handing over the publication of *Sociological Bulletin* to Sage and second, making amendments to the ISS Constitution. Shifting to online mode was quite evident in all the activities of the ISS.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> All India Conference at Tezpur University (27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2016) was a well organized affair with a lot of work on our side, but mainly by the Organizing Secretary of the Conference, Prof. Chandan Sharma and his team at Tezpur. I once again thank all of them on behalf of the ISS. The technical sessions of the RCs, the plenaries, the inaugural and the valedictory functions, the GBM and other meetings, and the cultural programmes were conducted smoothly. The pre-conference Young Scholar's Workshop was again a great success.

As the year 2016 drew to a close, it gave us a sense of achievement! And all these were expressed in writing as well as during the MC meeting in March, 2017. In this meeting, again two important decisions were taken about which there were lot of uncertainties last year. One, we decided that University of Lucknow would host the next ISS conference; and two, to shift Society's office from the Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi to the Society's Flat in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.

I would like to convey my sincere thanks to the ISS President, Prof. Sujata Patel, Treasurer Prof. Biswajit Ghosh, all MC Members, Members of the Editorial Board, ISS E- Newsletter for their help and cooperation. My special thanks to the Co-Editor, Prof. Antony Palackal for all time support and in bringing out this e-Newsletter. I am grateful to the staff at the Institute for managing the work of ISS well for so many years and to the Life Members of ISS who supported us in various ways and at different times and situations.

*Abha Chauhan*

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**Editor**

*Report*

**XXXXII All India Sociological Conference  
Indian Sociological Society  
Organized by  
Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, Assam  
(27-30 December, 2016)**



**Prof. Chandan Kumar Sharma, the Organizing Secretary, XXXXII All India Sociological Conference, Tezpur University, Assam**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) was hosted by Department of Sociology, Tezpur University during 27-30 December, 2016. The theme of the conference was "*Rethinking Sociological Traditions of India*".

The Conference was preceded by a Young Researchers' Workshop on the theme "*Challenges of doing Ethnography Today*" during 26-27 December, 2016. The inaugural session of the workshop was chaired by Professor Sujata Patel, President, ISS. Professor Chandan Kumar Sharma, Tezpur University gave an introductory speech highlighting the importance of such workshop in present context. Professor N. Jayaram, National Law School University, Bengaluru gave the keynote address on *Doing Qualitative Research Today: Problems and Prospect*. He discussed at length the various aspects of doing ethnography in social science research. Sarmistha Das, Tezpur University, proposed the Vote of Thanks.

More than 50 young researchers were shortlisted from various institutions across the country for the Workshop,. The workshop brought together research scholars working in six different interdisciplinary domains: gender studies, labour studies, urban studies, Dalit and tribal studies, conflict studies, and sustainability studies. The workshop discussed the ways in which these scholars are using ethnography in their research and the challenges that they face in doing so. The workshop was divided into 6 sessions in addition to the inaugural and the valedictory sessions. Out of the total participants, 20 researchers were selected for presentation in these sessions, each of which was dedicated to one of the above domains. The chairs and discussants in each of these sessions were respective domain experts. At the end of the workshop,

Professor Virginius Xaxa, Professor of Eminence at Tezpur University, gave a valedictory speech on the topic *Challenges of doing Interdisciplinary Research on Marginal Groups*.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> AISC discussed a host of social and institutional issues including politics, family, migration, education, religion, religious communities, rural and tribal communities, and social stratification and social mobility. Around 1000 sociologists from all over India as well as from Russia and Croatia participated in the Conference. During the Conference, several plenary sessions, paper presentations and special lectures were organized. More than 800 delegates presented papers on various sociological issues in sessions organised by 24 different Research Committees and 04 Ad hoc Groups.

The Conference was inaugurated by eminent literary and social critic, Professor Hiren Gohain on December 27, 2016. His speech focused on the challenges of higher education in contemporary times and the role sociologists can play in this regard. The keynote speech during the inaugural session was delivered by Professor Mrinal Miri, noted educationist and philosopher, on the topic *Knowledge, its Variety and the University Systems*. Professor, M.K. Chaudhuri, the Vice Chancellor of Tezpur University, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the university while Professor Chandan Sharma, the Organizing Secretary of the Conference welcomed all the participants on behalf of the organizing committee. Professor Sujata Patel also welcomed the delegates on behalf of ISS. The session, presided over by the Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tezpur University, was also attended by Dr. Tushar Rane, Chief of Field Office, UNICEF, Assam. The Life Time Achievement Award was presented to Professor Patricia Uberoi, the Chairperson and Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi and Professor Yogesh Atal, Professor Emeritus at the MP Institute of Social Science Research, Ujjain. Dr. Hoineilhing Sitlhou and Dr. Salah Punathil, both Assistant Professors at University of Hyderabad, were jointly awarded the Prof. M. N. Srinivas Young Sociologist Award. Professor Abha Chauhan, Secretary, ISS and Dr. Sumesh S., Joint Secretary of the organizing committee offered vote of thanks on behalf of ISS and the Organising Committee respectively.

The second day of the Conference (28.10.2016) began with the Presidential Address of Professor Sujata Patel, President, ISS, on the theme: *Colonial Modernity and Methodological Nationalism: The Structuring of Sociological Traditions in India*. This was followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> Plenary Session on *Contemporary Perspectives on Family, Marriage and Kinship* which was chaired by Professor Sujata Patel. Under this plenary, there were three speakers: Professor RajniParliwala, University of Delhi (*Contemporary concerns in Family, Marriage, Kinship: Conceptual Shifts and Substantive Themes*), Professor Kamala Ganesh, University of Mumbai (*The Rebellious Woman and Violence of Consensus: Contestations of the Domestic Space*) and Pushpesh Kumar, University of Hyderabad (*De-territorialising Family and Kinship: Hybrid Existence and Queer Intimacies in Contemporary India*). The 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Session on the theme *Class, Caste, Tribes and Exclusions* also took place on the same day and it was chaired by Professor A. R. Vasavi, Senior Fellow at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi. The three speakers in this plenary were: Professor Virginius Xaxa (*Why Exclusion of Tribes Persists?*), Professor Surinder S. Jodhka, Jawaharlal Nehru University (*How not to Study Caste*) and Dr. Suryakant Wagmore, IIT, Mumbai (*New Forms of Exclusions: From Hierarchy to Hindu Politeness*).

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Plenary session was held on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 on the theme *Faith and Religion: Contemporary Perspectives*. The session was chaired by Professor Imtiaz Ahmad, former Professor of Jawaharlal Nehru University. The session included three speakers: Professor Rowena Robinson, IIT, Mumbai (*Faith and Citizenship among Christians Today*), Dr. Farhana Ibrahim, IIT, Delhi (*Some Ethnographic Perspectives on Religion, Borders and the State*), Dr. Sudha Sitharaman, Pondicherry University (*Religion in Contemporary India: An Ethnographer's Puzzle and a Sociologist's Aporia*).

The last day of the conference hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> plenary sessions. The 4<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session on the theme *Higher Education and its Present Crisis* was chaired by Professor J.J. Kattakayam, University of Kerala. There were three speakers in this session. Professor N. Jayaram (*Ritualising Reforms: Higher Education in India*); Professor Rajesh Misra, University of Lucknow (*Higher Education in India – Inequalities and Anomalies*); and Professor Satish Deshpande, University of Delhi (*The non-academic uses of the Contemporary University*). Professor Udayan Misra, former ICSSR National Fellow chaired the 5<sup>th</sup> and final Plenary Session on the theme *Contemporary Northeast India: Inequities, Marginalisation and Violence*. Four speakers of this panel were Professor Apurba Kumar Baruah, former ICSSR National Fellow (*Ethnic Assertion and Violence in Colonial Hinterland*); Pradip Phanjoubam, Editor, Imphal Free Press (*Crisis of Witnessing: How the Margin Sees itself*); JarjumEte, social activist and former Chairperson of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (*Development, Indigenous Rights and Gender Question in Contemporary Arunachal Pradesh*); H. Helpme Mohrmen, social activist and columnist from Meghalaya (*Land grabbing among the tribal communities of Meghalaya*).

Besides the five plenary sessions, two special lectures were organized during the Conference. Professor Imtiaz Ahmad delivered the M.N. Srinivas Lecture on the *History of Secularism in India* in the morning of 29<sup>th</sup> December. Professor A.R. Vasavi delivered the Radhakamal Mukerjee Lecture on *Eroded Life-Worlds and Emergent Assemblages: Rethinking Sociologies/ Anthropologies of the Contemporary*. The Conference also witnessed release of several books penned by ISS members. The General Body Meeting (GBM) of the ISS was held on 29<sup>th</sup> December and was chaired by the President along with the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Secretary's Report was presented comprising of ISS activities for the year 2016. Life Members were present in the meeting and several questions raised by them were answered by the Office Bearers and the Organizing Secretary. Important decisions were taken in the GBM.

Each day of the Conference ended with a cultural programme which showcased the rich cultural heritage of Assam. The sponsors of these programmes included the Sangeet Natak Akademi, North-East Centre and Indian Council of Cultural relations, Northeast Centre.

The valedictory session was held in the afternoon of 30<sup>th</sup> December. The Convenors of various Research Committees presented their reports in this session. Professor Chandan Sharma shared his experience in organizing the Conference and thanked all concerned for their kind cooperation. Professor Abha Chauhan, Secretary, Indian Sociological Society (ISS) delivered the vote of thanks on behalf of ISS. The Conference concluded with a performance of Bihu, a traditional dance of Assam.

**HIGHLIGHTS THE GENERAL BODY MEETING  
OF THE INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
DURING 42<sup>ND</sup> ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE  
HELD ON DECEMBER 29, 2016 AT K.B.R. AUDITORIUM,  
TEZPUR UNIVERSITY, ASSAM**



**The GBM in Progress in KBR Auditorium, Tezpur University, Assam  
(29<sup>th</sup> December, 2016)**

The General Body (GB) of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) met on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at K.B.R. Auditorium, Tezpur University, Assam on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2016, the third day of the 42<sup>nd</sup> All India Sociological Conference. In all, 203 members attended the meeting. Prof Sujata Patel, President, ISS chaired the meeting.

**1. Welcome Address by the President, ISS.**

The President, ISS welcomed the members present at the General Body Meeting and thanked them for participating in the several activities organised at the Tezpur AISC. She also hoped that they had an intellectually stimulating time at the conference.

The President informed the GBM of the many changes initiated by the present MC and its office bearers which included the publication of Sociological Bulletin by Sage and revival of the E-journal, up-gradation of the website, new guidelines on organising the conferences, and formulation of the rules regarding Lifetime Achievement Awards. She informed the house that these details will be presented by the Secretary and the Treasurer in their reports.

**2. Condolences and observance of two minutes silence as a mark of respect for those departed.**

The General Body condoled the demise of the following Life Members and observed two minutes silence:

1. Prof. Ramkrishna Mukherjee, Kolkata
2. Dr. S.D. Joshi, Baroda
3. Dr. U. C. Patel, Ahemdabad

4. Prof. Sharit Bhowmik, Mumbai
5. Dr. Debendra Kumar Panigrahi, Bhubaneswar
6. Prof. Indera P. Singh, Delhi

### **3. Approval of the minutes of the last GBM held on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at KITT, Bhubaneswar, Odisha during the 41<sup>st</sup> All India Sociological Conference.**

The Secretary, Prof. Abha Chauhan presented the minutes of the General Body held at Bhubaneswar on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 and the same were approved by the General Body.

### **4. Presentation of Secretary's Report for the period January 2016 to December 2016 and its approval in the GBM.**

The Secretary's Report for the period January – December 2016 was presented by the Secretary ISS, Prof. Abha Chauhan (detailed report given elsewhere in this E Newsletter). She made a power point presentation highlighting all the activities and action taken by the ISS, the office bearers, the Managing Committee as well other ISS activities. These related to decisions regarding website, handing over Sociological Bulletin to Sage, publications, office and guest house, Amendments to the ISS Constitution, life-time achievement award, holding of ISS Conferences, Research Committee Rules and Regional Associations activities. She thanked everyone for their help in running the Society and the local organizers for the successful conference at Tezpur.

The motion to accept the Secretary's Report was proposed by Prof. John J. Kattakayam and seconded by Prof. Rajesh Misra. The Secretary's Report was accepted and approved by the General Body unanimously.

### **5. Circulation of audited financial Report of 2015-16 and its approval in the GBM.**

The Treasurer's Report (report given elsewhere in this Newsletter) was presented by Prof. Biswajit Ghosh for the year 2016. It was circulated among the members.

The motion to accept the Treasurer's report was moved by Prof. B. B. Mohanty and seconded by Dr. Vinita Singh.

The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved by the General Body.

### **6. Report of the Managing Editor, Sociological Bulletin.**

Since the Managing Editor, Sociological Bulletin (SB), Prof. Paramjit Singh Judge was not present for the Tezpur conference as well as MC and Editorial Meeting, the main points of his report were presented by the Secretary. Prof. Judge joined as the Managing Editor (ME) of Sociological Bulletin on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017 for five years after taking over from Prof. Jayaram.

The report talks about the efforts of Prof. Judge in bringing out the two issues of Volume 65 published in 2016. The third issue was out during Tezpur conference. The report also mentions about the manuscript for Volume 66, Number 1 for 2017 sent to Sage in the first half of December, 2016 as was committed to them. The Managing Editor also outlined his initiatives towards facilitating the smooth transfer of SB from Society to Sage Publication from the year 2017.

The President expressed her concern about the functioning of SB and its editorial team. She informed the House about some of the decisions taken in MC and SB Editorial Board meetings held at Tezpur. The MC resolved to constitute a Committee to set up guidelines regarding selection of editor, editorial board members and other related issues of all the ISS Journals and Bulletins.

7. The decision of MC and its approval by GB members (through circulation) of handing over the publication of Sociological Bulletin (SB) to Sage and circulation of hard/ soft copies of Sociological Bulletin to the Life Members of ISS.

General Body was informed about the decision of MC of 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 according to which letters containing Resolution (through circulation) were sent to all Life Members of ISS seeking their opinion about their choice of hard (expenses to be borne by the Society) or soft copy (online) of the Sociological Bulletin. Since more than 100 (minimum number as mandated by ISS Constitution for a resolution to be passed by the Life Members) members replied opting for hard/soft copy, the resolution was taken as passed. The contract to this effect was signed by the Secretary on behalf of ISS on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2016. Henceforth, the Sociological Bulletin will be published by Sage from 2017 onwards. This decision was approved by the Managing Committee of ISS in its meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

The same was approved by the General Body Meeting (GBM) at Tezpur.

#### **8. Report of the Editor, *Bharateeya Samajshastra Sameeksha*.**

Prof. B.K. Nagla, Managing Editor of the Hindi Journal *Bharateeya Samajshastra Sameeksha* did not attend the Tezpur conference and was therefore not present for the MC and *Sameeksha* Editorial Board meetings. The Secretary read out the main points of his report at the GBM. According to this report, five issues of *Sameeksha* have come out so far and the next one is in the process of publication. The report mentions the problems faced by the Journal like reducing subscription and difficulty in finding people to write original articles in Hindi.

The President informed the General Body (GB) that there are 223 subscribers of *Sameeksha* till 2016 and only two have renewed their membership from 2017. The ICSSR also refused to provide any funds for its publication. She pointed out to the difficulty in continuing the Journal in such circumstances and efforts in the direction of handing it over to some Publication House. The view of the MC members were conveyed to the GB that the Journal should continue and efforts be made to increase its subscription and marketability besides maintaining its quality and standard. These views were also conveyed to the members of the Editorial Board of *Sameeksha* in the meeting of its Editorial Board on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

#### **9. ISS E- Journal and its Editorial Board/ Advisory Board by the MC and to continue with the publication of the E- Journal from 2017 onwards.**

It was informed to the GB that Prof. Chandan Kumar Sharma, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, Assam is appointed as Editor of ISS E-Journal for five years from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017. The name of the E-Journal and its' Vision Statement have been prepared by the Editor. The MC in its meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 approved the appointment of the new Editor of E-Journal and also of the newly constituted Editorial Board and Editorial Advisory Committee.

#### **10. Rules and regulations for the functioning of RCs approved by the RC Convenor's and Managing Committee members and discuss the matter.**

The GB was conveyed about the New Rules of Research Committee (RC). These were discussed threadbare and accepted by the RC Meeting at Pune on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The same were approved in the MC meeting at Tezpur and are uploaded on the ISS Website. The Treasurer informed the members about the decision of MC and RC regarding the online payment and other financial matters. The contribution of Society will now be 30 percent of the total RC membership fees and that of RCs it will be 70 percent. The RCs can spend

this amount for their activities and maintain their bank account. The records related to RC /AG membership fees, with amount and time period have been updated by the Treasurer.

The President also informed about the MC decision to form a Committee to rationalize the RCs which will have six members from MC and RC, and one past President with the President, ISS being its Convenor. It was also conveyed to the Life Members that now the rule of one person one post will be followed. Besides this, it was emphasized that RCs would use the space provided to them in the ISS Website.

#### **11. Decision of MC and RAs regarding functioning of Regional Associations and their link with ISS and discuss the same.**

The decisions of Sub-Committee on Regional Association formed during MC meeting in February and ratified by the MC in its June meeting were conveyed to the GB. The Sub-Committee was constituted to review the status of the existing Regional Associations (RAs) and encourage the establishment of the same in the States where they do not exist. It was felt that it is important to seek affiliations of these Associations with the Society.

The suggestions included to make one MC member as RA Convenor to coordinate the activities of the region; to have one representation from each RA to interact in MC; to have special panel session at AISC, President/ Secretary and MC members to be called in the annual conferences of RAs; to encourage RAs to have their Journal; and to provide space to RAs in ISS E-Newsletter and ISS website. A meeting of Regional Association was called on the 28<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in which decisions were taken to work out the modalities of strengthening the Regional Associations and reviving their linkages with ISS.

#### **12. Proposal for the next conference or any decision of the MC concerning it.**

The GB was informed that so far no complete proposal has been received to organize the next sociological conference. The Sub-Committee was constituted to outline the standard operating procedures for holding all India Sociological conferences which were subsequently uploaded on the website. Once any proposal is accepted on these guidelines, due consideration would be given. It is hoped that a decision to this effect will be taken in the first MC meeting to be held in 2017.

#### **13. Progress of ISS website and consider its further updating and calling for the suggestions in this regard.**

The President informed the General Body members about the progress made in connection with the ISS website. Most of the Society's work will now be online. This year membership of ISS and RCs was done online. Similarly all membership forms are uploaded on the website, besides conference details, abstracts and ISS E-Newsletter. All print Newsletters published from 2002 to 2014 and E- Newsletters published from 2013 - 2016 are now on the website. It was also informed that the Society's elections in 2017 will be held online. The President put on record the help given by the Life Member of the Society, Dr. Padma Prakash in updating the website and put on record the appreciation of the Society for the extensive subsidy given by her organisation IRIS Knowledge Foundation to the Society in this matter.

#### **14. Approval of admission of new members since last GBM on 28 December, 2015.**

The total number of ISS members since 27-12-15 till 27-12-16 are: 200 Life Members, 251, 02 Ordinary Members (Foreign) and 01 Renewals

The admission of these members was approved by the GBM.

**15. Presentation of the amendments of the ISS Constitution approved by the MC in its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 and ratified in the MC meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at Tezpur.**

The President presented the amendments made in the ISS Constitution which were approved in the Managing Committee Meeting at Pune on 13 June, 2016. These amendments were made after suggestions made by the Sub-Committee constituted for this purpose with President as Convenor and two past Presidents as members. The same were circulated to all the life members by the President in October, 2016.

The motion to accept the amendments to the Constitution was moved by Prof. Jayaram and seconded by Dr. Arvinder Ansari.

The GBM unanimously accepted these amendments to the ISS Constitution and approved them.

**16. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.**

During the open hour, the President, Secretary and the Treasurer opened the discussion and some life members presented in the GBM while appreciating the efforts of the local organizers pointed to some problems. The office bearers and the Organizing Secretary answered the questions and the latter shared his experiences. The issues related to local conveyance, accommodation, food, dates of conference, accompanying person etc. were taken up. This helped us to get the feedback from the participants and the steps to be undertaken during the next conference.

## INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

(January - December 2016)

Presented by Prof. Abha Chauhan, Secretary, Indian Sociological Society during General Body Meeting (GBM on 29.12.16) at the 42<sup>nd</sup> All India Sociological Conference, Tezpur University Assam 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> December 2016



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is a privilege and honour for me to present before you the activities and programmes of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) for the year 2016, January – December. I wish to place on record my deep sense of gratitude to all the office bearers of ISS, the President, Treasurer, the Managing Committee (MC) members, Research Committee/ Adhoc Group Convenors, Regional Association Members, Members of various Editorial Boards and Advisory Committees, as well as other Committees, and all life and ordinary members of ISS to help us reach this stage of success and achievement. The Office Secretariat at the Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi, especially Dr. George Mathew, Krishnan, Molly, Amrendra and Kalyan need special thanks. I wish to thank Dr. Padma Prakash for her assistance in making the ISS website so meaningful and wonderful. I am grateful to the past Presidents, ISS, particularly Prof. Bhoite and Prof. Kattakayam, and the Managing Editor of Sociological Bulletin for many years Prof. Jayaram for their guidance in different activities of the ISS including the conference at Tezpur. Prof. Anand Kumar, President ISS and the Secretary, Prof. R. Indira, the previous incumbents have been a great source of help and support.

On my personal and on behalf of ISS, I wish to thank Prof. Mihir Kanti Chaudhuri, the Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University for his unstinted support and encouragement besides providing all the facilities to hold the 42<sup>nd</sup> All India Sociological (AIS) conference at Tezpur. I am grateful to the Organizing Secretary, the Head of the Department of Sociology, Prof. Chandan Kumar Sharma and his entire team, Organizing Committee members, faculty and staff members, research scholars, students, people from inside and outside the University and every person who in some way or the other was involved in the organizing of this conference.

On behalf of the Indian Sociological Society, I would like to thank the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi for the financial support to organize the 42<sup>nd</sup> All India Sociological Conference (2.5 lakh) and the Young Scholars Workshop (3 lakh) at Tezpur. I also extend my gratitude to Publication Houses like Orient Blackswam, Oxford, Routledge, Sage and Rawat Publications for their generous financial help, besides other sponsors like UNIFEM, Northeast ICSSR Centre, Ministry of Textiles and State Bank of India. I congratulate Prof. Patricia Uberoi and Prof. Yogesh Atal for getting Life Time Achievement Awards and the two young scholars Dr. Salah Punathil and Dr. Hoineilhing for receiving Prof. M.N. Srinivas Prize this year conferred at the 42<sup>nd</sup> AIS conference at Tezpur.

The following are the excerpts of the report presented through power point at the General Body Meeting (GBM):

### New Team of ISS Office Bearers (2016 and 2017)

Sujata Patel	(Hyderabad)	<b>President</b>
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### Meetings

- 3 Managing Committee (MC) Meetings were held in 2016 on 26<sup>th</sup> February at Delhi, 13<sup>th</sup> June at Pune and 26<sup>th</sup> December at Tezpur.
- 2 Research Committee (RC) Convenor's Meetings were held in 2016 on 14<sup>th</sup> June at Pune and 27<sup>th</sup> December at Tezpur
- Meetings of the Regional Association, and Editorial Boards were also held at Tezpur during 42<sup>nd</sup> All India Sociological Conference.

In the MC meetings various sub-committees were formed (with Convenor and 2-3 members on different critical issues of ISS). Every sub-committee submitted its report and recommendations were accepted.

### ISS Website

- Proposal of the IRIS Research Foundation headed by Dr. Padma Prakash (Life Member, ISS) to update and maintain the ISS website was accepted by MC in its meeting on 26-02-2016.
- Subsidized amount of Rs. 1,00,000 (One lakh) as payment to update the website and a yearly charge of Rs. 25,000/- with 10% increment per year was agreed upon.
- ISS website is now updated with new features.
- All membership forms like for Life Membership Fees, RC Membership Fees and Conference Registration have been revised and uploaded.
- E-Newsletter and other information about the conference, seminars, elections, etc. are also on ISS website. List of ISS members is continuously updated.

- All print Newsletters published from 2002 to 2014 and E- Newsletters published from 2013 - 2016 are now on the website.
- All RCs have their own page and the Convenors can now upload the activities of their respective RCs.
- The same can be done for the Regional Associations; they can post anything about their activities.
- All the details regarding 42<sup>nd</sup> All India Sociological Conference and Young Scholar's Workshop at Tezpur are available on the website.
- For the first time the abstracts of the papers to be presented in the Workshop, Research Committees (RCS) and Panels are posted on the website.

### ISS Publications

#### Sociological Bulletin

- **Prof. Paramjit Singh Judge** is the Managing Editor, Sociological Bulletin (SB) from 01.01.2016.
- **Prof. N. Jayaram** former Managing Editor, SB (15 years) was honoured by MC in its meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016 for his exemplary services and outstanding contribution to the Society.
- Three issues of the Bulletin (Volume 65) were published in the year 2016 well within time.
- The MC acknowledged the efforts of Prof. Judge in this regard. The new Editorial Board and Editorial Advisory Committee of SB were formed and approved by the Managing Committee.
- In February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of MC it was resolved to accept the Sage proposal in principle for publication of Sociological Bulletin (SB) by Sage Publishers from 2017 onwards.
- The manuscript of the first issue of Volume 66 has also been sent to Sage.

#### Editorial Board

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#### Bharatiya Samajshastra Sameeksha

- *Bhartiya Samajshastra Sameeksha*, a Hindi Journal of ISS - Since 2014.
- Prof. B.K. Nagla is the Editor and his team comprises of Prof. Rajeev Gupta, Prof. Naresh Bhargava and Dr. Asheesh Kumar.
- The New Editorial Board and Editorial Advisory Committee of the Journal were approved in the MC meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

#### Editorial Board Members

Vivek Kumar (New Delhi), Vinita Singh (Ranchi), Rajeh Misra (Lucknow), Arvind Chauhan (Bhopal)

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- Five issues of the Journal have come out since then and the sixth one is in the process.
- There are 223 subscribers and original articles in Hindi are required urgently. The Journal is being considered for handing over to a publication house to resolve the challenges it is facing.

### E- Newsletter

- The ISS Secretary, Prof. Abha Chauhan is the Editor.
- Prof. V. P. Singh (MC Member) is the Co-editor.
- The Editor, Co-editor, ISS President and MC Member Prof. Antony Palackal constituted the Editorial Board.
- In 2016 two issues of the E-Newsletter came out (January-June and July-December).
- These are uploaded on the ISS website.

### E - Journal

- **Prof. Chandan Kumar Sharma** (Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, Assam) is appointed as the New Editor – Since 01.01.2017.
- An Editorial Board and Editorial Advisory Committee have been constituted. The name of the Journal as suggested by the Editor will be e-explorations. He also prepared the vision statement.

### Editorial Board Members

Maitrayee Chaudhuri (New Delhi), B.V. Bhonsale (Mumbai), Rajesh Gill (Chandigarh), Amites Mukhopadhyay (Kolkata)

### Editorial Advisory Board

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Madhav Govind (New Delhi), A.K.Nongkynrih (Shilling), Lakshmi Nair (Trivandrum), Ashish Saxena (Allahabad), Navanitha Rath (Bhubaneswar), Ganesh Somayaji (Goa)

- The Journal does not have ISBN (though applied) due to limited number of issues published (one issue in 2012, two issues in 2013 and no issues after that).

### Research Committees

- Indian Sociological Society has 24 Research Committees (RCs) and 4 Ad-hoc Groups (AGs).
- The concept of RCs evolved in the year 1998 and since then it has come a long way.
- Organising mid-term seminars/conferences, publishing Newsletter, creating their own websites etc. all show remarkable growth of the RCs.
- In March 2007 RC Rules were formulated and passed by the then MC.
- In 2016, a Sub-Committee was formed by MC to review and reformulate the RC guidelines with:

Prof. Jagan Karade - Convenor  
Prof. Mohd. Akram - Member  
Prof. Manish Verma - Member

- The report with new RC rules was presented by Prof. Karade in the RC Convenor's meeting on 14-06-16 at Pune. It was approved in this meeting and later on by the MC.
- The New RC Rules (2016) are uploaded on the website.
- The information about the activities of each RC is available on the website page.
- The collection of membership fees has been centralized and there has been updating of information of RC members and their tenure.

- There is also RC membership form on the website and more than 400 people have taken RC membership this year.
- The record of all RC members and their membership dues are now maintained.
- The abstracts and RC program schedule for paper presentation during the conference were uploaded on the website to facilitate the paper presenters.

### Regional Associations

- The MC meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 resolved to constitute a Sub-Committee to review the status of the existing Regional Associations (RAs) and encourage the establishment of the same in the States where they do not exist. It consisted of the following:

Prof. Abha Chauhan - Convenor

Prof. S. Gurusamy - Member

Prof. Antony Palackal - Member

Prof. Smita Awachar - Member

- In all, 12 RAs were identified, some of which are quite active, some not so active and, a few are almost defunct.
- Many of them have not even paid their membership fees for some years.
- In the report presented at MC meeting of 13-06-16 by Prof. Antony various suggestions were given to promote and strengthen RAs and their link with the ISS, besides encouraging and assisting in the formation of the new ones.

#### The suggestions given were as follows:

- to make one MC member as RA Convenor to coordinate the activities of the region;
- to have one representation from each RA to interact in MC;
- to have special panel session at AISC, President/ Secretary and MC members to be called in the annual conferences of RAs;
- to encourage RAs to have their Journal; and
- to provide space to RAs in ISS E-Newsletter and ISS website.

### Guest House/ Head Office/ Allotment of Land for ISS Office

- In the MC Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016 a **Sub-Committee** was constituted on the issue of land allotment comprising of the following:

Prof. Biswajit Ghosh - Convenor

Prof. V. P. Singh - Member

Prof. Satish Sharma - Member

- The Sub-Committee' report was presented in the 2<sup>nd</sup> MC meeting in June by Prof. Singh who suggested various options that he had explored in several areas of NCR. A team of Prof. V. P. Singh, Prof Sujata Patel and Prof. Ghosh went to Raj Nagar Extension, Ghaziabad on 13-08-16.
- It was also decided that other options must be explored in U.P., Delhi, Haryana and Rajasthan for land in the institutional area.
- The President also wrote to the Lt. Governor of Delhi and The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh to favour the Society with institutional land thereby continuing the initiatives of previous team lead by Prof. Anand Kumar.
- No final decision however could be taken on this matter.

### Standard Operating Procedures for holding All India Sociological Conferences

- The guidelines for hosting the All-India Sociological Conferences (AISC) were earlier formulated in April 2005 and amended in February 2011.
- The MC in its meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 resolved to form a Sub-Committee to revisit and amend the guidelines for organising the annual AISC of the following members:
  - Prof. D. R. Sahu - Convenor
  - Prof. S. Gurusamy - Member
  - Dr. Sanjay Salunke - Member
- In MC meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 the report was presented by Prof. Sahu and various new changes introduced included:
  - Young Scholars Workshop just prior to the conference,
  - Conference to be extended to four days,
  - The inauguration ceremony to be on the first day evening, and
  - All information regarding registration, program schedule, accommodation, travel details etc. to be put on the website.

### Membership

- The MC meeting on 26.2.2016 approved the admission of 90 Life Members, 58 Ordinary and Student Members, 1 Ordinary member (Foreign) and 6 renewals.
- The MC meeting held on 13.06.2016 approved the admission of 32 Life Members (till LMI 4162), and 05 Ordinary Members (till M 2364) during this period.
- After the last MC meeting, 76 life members (till LMI 4239), 188 ordinary members (till M 2553) and 1 ordinary member (Foreign) have taken membership as approved in the MC meeting on 26-12-16 at Tezpur. The total number of members since 27-12-15 are:

Life Members:	200
Ordinary/Student members:	251
Ordinary Member (Foreign):	02
Renewals :	01

### Formulation of Rules for conferment of Lifetime Achievement Award

- A **Sub-Committee** was constituted to review the decisions regarding formulation of rules for conferment of Life Time Achievement Award by the Indian Sociological Society consisting of:
  - Prof. Sukant Chaudhury – Convenor
  - Prof. Jagan Karade - Member
  - Prof. Smita Awachar - Member
  - Prof. Hemixa Rao - Member
- The Sub-Committee proposed the setting up of a **Review Committee** of four members to consider the matter by the President. The members of the Review Committee included:
  - Prof. Sujata Patel (President ISS)
  - Prof. Abha Chauhan (Secretary ISS)
  - Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri (JNU, New Delhi)

Prof. Satish Deshpande (Delhi University).

- The Sub-Committee also suggested that 3 MC Members should send the nomination with the bio-data of the person they wish to nominate for the Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Life members of ISS with a standing of 10 years were eligible for the award and that he/she should have attained the age of 70 years. The Rules for conferment of Lifetime achievement award are uploaded on the ISS website.
- The review committee decided that Life Time Achievement Award for the year 2016 be conferred at the 42<sup>nd</sup> All India Sociological Conference upon Prof. Patricia Uberoi and Prof. Yogesh Atal

### Endowments

- **Prof. M.N. Srinivas** Endowment Fund was set up in 2001 and **Prof. Radha Kamal Mukerjee** Endowment Fund in 2010 jointly by Indian Sociological Society (ISS) and Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).

The income from Prof. M.N. Srinivas Endowment Fund is used to arrange for:

- A distinguished Sociologist or Social anthropologist to deliver Prof. M. N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture annually, and
- To award annually a young scholar Prof. M.N. Srinivas Prize for publishing the best Sociological or Social Anthropological paper in a Journal or an edited book.
- So far 13 people have delivered the lecture and 12 young scholars have got the prize.
- The income from the Prof. Radhakamal Mukerjee Endowment Fund is used for holding Prof. Radha Kamal Mukerjee Memorial Lecture annually at the AIS Conference by a distinguished Sociologist or Social Anthropologist.
- As of now 5 such lectures have been organized at AIS Conferences.
- This year, 2016 Prof. M.N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture was decided to be delivered by Prof. Imtiaz Ahmad on: *History of Secularism in India* (29<sup>th</sup> December), and
- Prof. Radha Kamal Mukerjee Memorial Lecture by Prof. A.R. Vasavi on: *Eroded Life-Worlds and Emergent Assemblages: Rethinking Sociologies/ Anthropologies of the Contemporary* (30<sup>th</sup> December)
- The Committee selected two young scholars, Dr. Salah Punathil and Dr. Hoineilhing Sitlhou, both presently at the University of Hyderabad for Prof. M.N. Srinivas Prize during the 42<sup>nd</sup> All India Sociological Conference, Tezpur.
- In all 13 nominations for Prof. M.N. Srinivas Prize were received this year (first time this has happened) and the jury selected the two as joint winners. This indicates that the young scholars are increasingly publishing in peer reviewed journals and are interested in the activities of Society.

### Amendments in the Constitution of ISS

- The Managing Committee on 26-02-16 recommended the formation of a Committee consisting of the following to review the Constitution and suggest amendments.

Prof. Sujata Patel – Convenor (President ISS)

Prof. U.B. Bhoite – Member (former ISS President)

Prof. T.K. Oommen – Member (former ISS President)

- The President circulated through electronic mail the Amendments to the Constitution of ISS made by her in consultation with the members. She also sent the draft of Prof. Bhoite's comments. Suggestions by some of the life members were also taken into consideration.

- Amendments to the Constitution suggested by the Committee were unanimously accepted in the MC meeting of 13-06-16. It was decided to take up the same for discussion and approval in the General Body Meeting at the Tezpur Conference.

#### 42<sup>nd</sup> All India Sociological Conference and Young Scholar Workshop, Tezpur

- The theme of the Conference is *Rethinking Sociological Traditions of India*. It is heartening to note that more than 850 delegates have registered for the conference. In 24 Research Committees (RCs) and 4 Adhoc Groups, 705 abstracts are going to be presented by 682 scholars at the All India Sociological Conference at Tezpur (27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> December 2016) in four technical sessions.

- The Inaugural Ceremony of the Conference was decided to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at 4.30 pm.

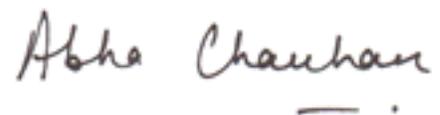
- Prof. Hiren Gohain, a renowned literary critic and social scientist from Assam to inaugurate it, and Prof. Mrinal Miri, philosopher and ex-Chair Indian Council of Philosophical Research and ex-Vice Chancellor NEHU to deliver the Keynote Address.

- The Life Time Achievement Awards and Prof. M.N. Srinivas Prizes were also decided to be given during the inauguration function. The conference was preceded by **Young Scholars Workshop (YSW)** on the topic *Challenges of doing Ethnography Today*. The workshop was sponsored by the ICSSR.

- Prof. Jayaram delivered the Keynote address and Prof. Xaxa presented the Valedictory Address.

- In all 57 applications were received for YSW of which 51 were eligible and 20 were selected with 5 as wait listed. Of these 21 presented papers.

- The sessions were coordinated (Chair and the Discussant) by Prof. Sujata Patel, Prof. Abha Chauhan, Prof. Biswajit Ghosh, Prof. Antony Palackal, Prof. D.R. Sahu and Prof. Satish Sharma.



Prof. Abha Chauhan  
Secretary, ISS (2016, 2017)

### TREASURER'S REPORT (2016)

1. I have both positive and negative aspects of income-expenditure to share with you. At the negative side, we had an excess expenditure of Rs. 36,753 in 2015-16 financial year. This is despite receipt of a huge financial grant of ICSSR to the tune of Rs. 6.5 lakh and a receipt of Rs. 1.5 lakh from the Organizer conference at KIIT. As we received only Rs. 1.5 lakh from the ICSSR (for Bulletin) in the current year, there might be huge deficit in our balance sheet in 2016-17. Please note that there is no grant for Sameeksha in this current year and hence we shall have to publish this journal almost totally from our own source. This is more so as we don't have sufficient number of subscribers for BSS.
2. But, at the positive side, due to new system of collection of membership fees through bank, submission of RC abstract, and particularly due to our persistent system of surveillance, there has been huge rise in revenue collection through membership of all types. In 2015 a total of 90 Life members and 65 Ordinary/Student members joined the ISS. But in 2016, 122 Life Members and 233 Ordinary/Student members along with one foreign Ordinary member joined us. In short, we had 155 new members in 2015, but in 2016 the number is 355, an addition of 200 new members. There could a few more who had sent their membership money but not hard copy of papers to the ISS office to get their membership numbers. We could force many paper presenters to become members of both ISS and RC before presentation of their paper in Tezpur (a practice followed to fool us for many years). You will be surprised to know that during the 3 conference days at Tezpur, our ISS office staff have collected a sum of Rs. 166,600 as membership fees. This is a huge achievement for all of us. 364 members have paid the RC fees in 2016 amounting to a total of Rs. 2,00,300, 70% of which would go to ISS fund. This is a huge achievement for all of us. 364 members have paid the RC fees in 2016 amounting to a total of Rs. 2,00,300, 30% of which would go to ISS fund.
3. We have 10 Fixed Deposits of Rs. 1,10,53,385 in two banks the maturity value of all these is Rs. 1,34,32,365 (maturity dates varies from end of 2017 to beginning of 2020. We have a nearly Rs. 6 Lakh (as on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017) in savings Bank Account. But many payment liabilities will have to be met before 31<sup>st</sup> March and there would be little addition to our bank balance till then.
4. You all would agree with me that we should restrict our expenditure as funding from even ICSSR (UGC has stopped paying us since 2012) has become less. The more we use our online system for managing and monitoring our activities, the less we shall have to pay for different services. The online system is also evidently transparent as compared to the old system.
5. We need to look for alternative sources of revenue. One of these is use of our website for academic advertisements like book publishing. Another source is publication of edited volumes. Hopefully, the Sage takeover of Bulletin will help us to save some money.

*Biswajit Ghosh*

(Prof. Biswajit Ghosh)

Treasurer, ISS

## REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

### The Karnataka Sociology Association (KSA)

The Karnataka Sociology Association, the second biggest regional association of sociology fraternity in India. It has nearly 1000 life members. The KSA came into being in 1994 and been holding its activities regularly. It provides a platform to young sociology professionals to hold academic meetings, discussions and also to take up the cause of preventing the riding of the other professionals into ours for jobs in colleges and universities. Often we have found the Anthropology and Social Work graduates claiming teaching positions that are meant for sociology trained postgraduates which the KSA closely monitors. Recently, the KSA had its annual conference at Mysuru organised by Maharaja College on the eve of the Mysore University celebrating its centenary. The next conference of the KSA is proposed to be held at Gulbarga University during Aug 2017. The KSA also proposes to collaborate with any institution holding academic sessions of the professional type in Karnataka. Recently, at Hassan the Govt. First Grade Arts and Commerce College (Autonomous) Department Sociology, Alumni Association of Department of Sociology of University of Mysore(AADSUM) and the KSA together organised National Seminar on Sociology of M.N. Srinivas as part of MNs Centenary celebration in Karnataka. The KSA proposes to organize series of academic programs as part of yearlong celebration of M.N. Srinivas Centenary in the Universities and colleges across Karnataka and in this connection the KSA has already requested the concerned to organize the event according to their convenience. The KSA proposes to bring out its own professional journal and efforts are going on in that direction.

### Kerala Sociological Society (KSS)

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Kerala Sociological Society (KSS) was held at Zamorin's Guruvayurappan College, Kozhikode, Kerala in December 9-11, 2016. The theme of the conference was *Sociology of Spatial Transformations* that closely looked at the dimensions, dynamics, nature and magnitude as well as the causes and consequences of spatial transformations which occurred in a globalized world order. Dr. K. Muhammed Basheer, Vice Chancellor, University of Calicut inaugurated the Conference and Prof. M.A. Kalam, Professor of Eminence, Tezpur University delivered the Keynote Address. Dr. Jacob John Kattakayam, Professor Emeritus, University of Kerala gave the Valedictory Address. About 450 delegates from all over India including Social Scientists, teachers, research scholars and students attended the Meet, and a total of 59 papers were presented.

The General Body Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 elected Dr. Antony Palackal, Associate Professor, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram, the new President of the Society and Dr. Biju Vincent, Assistant Professor, Kaladay Sri Sanakaracharya University of Sanskrit, and Dr. Uthara Soman, Assistant Professor, S.N. College, Thiruvananthapuram, the Vice President and Secretary respectively. The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Sociological Society will be held at M.A. College, Kothamangalam, Kerala on 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 on the theme *Culture Community and Identity – Mobilizations & Contestations*.

#### Kerala Sociologist

*Kerala Sociologist* is a peer reviewed interdisciplinary journal of the Kerala Sociological Society. It is published twice a year: July and December. The July issue mainly carries the selected papers of the annual seminar held in connection with the Annual Meet of the Kerala Sociological Society and the December issue is an open one having multidisciplinary Social Science focus. Articles may be sent to the following emails for consideration of publication in the Journal: [jjkattakayam@yahoo.com](mailto:jjkattakayam@yahoo.com), [antonypalackal@gmail.com](mailto:antonypalackal@gmail.com). The annual rate of subscription of the journal is Rs.500/- including postage and handling charges. Payment may be made against the demand draft drawn in favour of 'Kerala Sociological Society, Trivandrum' and may be sent to the Circulation Manager, Kerala Sociologist, Department of Sociology, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram, 695 581, Kerala, All correspondence on subscription may be sent to: [pushpamsocio@gmail.com](mailto:pushpamsocio@gmail.com).

### Rajasthan Sociological Association (RSA)

**23<sup>rd</sup> National Conference** was organized by the Department of Sociology, Bhupal Nobles' P.G. Girls' College from 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 on the theme *Social Transformation and Development Process in India*. Prof. N.L. Sharma, Principal, Bhupal Nobles' welcomed the gathering at the Inaugural session which was presided over by Prof. S.L. Sharma, President, RSA and Prof. Tulasi Patel, Delhi School of Economics delivered the Keynote Address. Eminent Sociologist, Prof. Yogesh Atal was honoured and he addressed the on the occasion. Life Time Achievement awards were given to Prof. Rajeev Gupta (Jaipur) and Prof. Pradeep Chundawat (Baroda, Gujarat). At the function of the release of the Souvenir and Journal, Dr. Shruti Tandon (Udaipur) and Dr. Ritu Saraswat (Ajmer) were given Writing Awards. Prof. Kailash Sodani, Vice Chancellor, MDS University, Ajmer was the Chief Guest of the function and Dr. N.N. Singh Rathore (Managing Director, B.N. Sansthan) was the Guest of Honour and Prof. Mahendra Singh Rathore, Secretary, Vidya Pracharini Sabha was the Chairperson, and Dr. Ashutosh Vyas (Chittorgarh) presented the Association Activity and Prof. Lalit Pandey, Dean, Social Science & Humanities, B.N. University, Udaipur proposed the Vote of Thanks. There were two symposia and seven technical sessions covering various aspects of the theme. In the Valedictory function held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Dr. Renu Rathore, Vice Principal of the College welcomed the gathering and Dr. N.K. Patel, Udaipur presented the report and Prof. Abha Chauhan, Jammu delivered the Valedictory Address, and Prof. S.S. Sarangdeot, Vice Chancellor, JRVN University, Udaipur was the Chief Guest, Dr. Niranjana Narayan Singh Rathore, Managing Director, BN Institute, Udaipur was the Chairperson and Vote of Thanks was proposed by Paresh Dwivedi, Convener of the Conference.

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**Sujata Patel**

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**C. Raghava Reddy**

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**Dr. Hoineilhing Sitlhou**

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Prof. Yogesh Atal receiving ISS Lifetime Achievement Award at the XXXII All India Sociological Conference, Tezpur University, Assam, 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

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Cultural Programme during XXXXII All India Sociological Conference, Tezpur University, Assam



Dr. Hoineilhing Sitlhou receiving Prof. M.N. Srinivas Prize for Young Scholars at the 42<sup>nd</sup> All India Sociological Conference, Tezpur University, Assam (27<sup>th</sup> December, 2016)



Dr. Salah Punthali receiving Prof. M.N. Srinivas Prize for Young Scholars at the 42<sup>nd</sup> All India Sociological Conference, Tezpur University, Assam (27<sup>th</sup> December, 2016)

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Prof. Hiren Gohain delivering the Inaugural Address at the Inaugural Function of the 42<sup>nd</sup> All India Sociological Conference, Tezpur University, Assam (27<sup>th</sup> December, 2016)



Prof. Mrinal Miri delivering the Keynote Address at the Inaugural Function of the 42<sup>nd</sup> All India Sociological Conference, Tezpur University, Assam (27<sup>th</sup> December, 2016)



General Body Meeting of the ISS being conducted by the Office Bearers



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**Inaugural Session**



**Symposium I in Progress**



**Technical Session II in Progress**

**SEMINARS, CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS  
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**University of Hyderabad**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> National Young Researchers' Workshop on 'Researching Lived Experience(s): Ethnography and Beyond on 4-5 March, 2016. Coordinator: Prof. N. Purendra Prasad
- UGC-UKIERI Workshop on 'Domestic Water Supply and Governance in India on August 12-13, 2016. Coordinator: Dr. Satyapriya Rout
- UGC-SAP Seminar in honour of Prof. Ratna Naidu, Retired faculty from the Dept. of Sociology, UoH on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2016
- Proposal Writing Workshop for M.A. IV Sem. Students in November, 2016.
- UGC-SAP National Seminar on 'Identity and Marginality in North East India: Challenges for Social Science Research' on 16-17 January, 2017. Coordinator: Dr. Hoineilhing Sitlhou .
- has organized UGC-SAP Academic Writing Workshop for Ph.D. students. Prof. Sundar Sarukkai from National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore and Prof. Padma Prakash from IKF-IRIS Knowledge Foundation, Bombay during 23-27, January, 2017 Organizer:
- Organised Young Researchers Panel Discussion on 'Challenges in Academic Writing' on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

## Report of ISA-RC 14 Interim Conference, New Delhi

An Interim Conference of Research Committee 14 Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture of International Sociological Association was organised by Research Committee 14 on Culture and Communication of Indian Sociological Society in active collaboration of Vivekanand Institute of Professional Studies (VIPS), New Delhi, USMC, Indraprastha University, New Delhi and Global Research and Educational Foundation, India (GREFI), New Delhi from 26-28 February 2017.

In the inaugural function Professor Parvez A. Abbasi (Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat) and Prof. Charulata Singh (VIPS, New Delhi) welcomed the guests and delegates at this occasion. In introductory remarks Prof. Virendra P. Singh (University of Allahabd, Allahabad) highlighted the importance of the theme of the conference "Globalization, New Communication Technologies and Social Transformation: Strategies for the Future". Communication is an important field of study in sociology and in last two decades with globalization of media and new communication technologies attracted the attention of sociologists to these processes. Globalization is basically a process of transformation closely associated with the process of modernity started in 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Century Europe and spread all over the world. However, by the end of 20<sup>th</sup> Century major debate is whether era of modernity is over and a new epoch of globalization started. A number of contested and interrelated terms like postmodern society, consumer society, information society, knowledge society, risk society and so on, have been used to connote new form of the society. However, the scholars like Anthony Giddens emphasizes that modernity is not over but it is now transforming itself into a higher stage and he calls it late modernity or high modernity. Another important issue is how this process of globalization will affect the developing society like India. It has been pointed out by sociologists that globalization will exclude a large number of population and it will give rise to impoverishment among the most of the population in the global south. However, new media and communication technologies will help in the process of global integration and bridge the gap in increasingly distanced social relationships. The occasion was graced by Professor Rajen Harshe, Department of International Studies, South Asian University, New Delhi and former VC of University of Allahabad as the Chief Guest. In his inaugural address he pointed out that globalization is closely linked with capitalism. Even the socialist countries have adopted the path of capitalism after the disintegration of Soviet Union. The entire reality called globalization is purely stimulated by information and communication technology. The globalization and ICT together have generated process of homogeneity and uniformity in different parts of the globe at least in their consumption patterns and cultural artifacts. In his keynote address Prof. Yogesh Atal making distinction between westernization and modernization clarified that adoption of foreign traits no longer part of the process of westernization. Each developing country began borrowing from a variety of countries of different continents making the concept of westernization redundant. All change from abroad was subsumed under modernization and it is this process that has been engulfed by the newer process of "globalization". This new term gained universal currency in last two decades among the social scientists, journalists as well as social workers. However, there is no commonly agreed definition of the term of the phenomenon of globalization. The era of globalization in contrast to the era of modernization (that was the era of modernization of past colonies with multiplicity of 'givers') is an era of reciprocity in the sense that all societies are becoming givers and takers in a new milieu of interdependence. globalization affects different societies differently. it offers different challenges and opportunities to different societies. There is a need for both conceptualization of new trends, and evaluation of effects and impacts. The trend may be universal but its effect is always cultural specific. it is this truism which opens out new avenues of research in all societies. Prof. J. K. Doshi discussed changing patterns of mass media communication in the era of globalization and pointed out that ICT is playing an important role in the life of the people and print media has been negatively affected with the growth of ICT. In her address, Prof. Christiana Constantopoulou, President, ISA-RC 14 emphasized on focussing cultural globalization and problems of inter-cultural dialogue. Prof. Rattan Sharma Director VIPS, emphasized on relevance of the conference for different professionals. Finally, Dr. Sarvesh Dutt Tripathi, Organising Secretary of the conference proposed the vote of thanks.

Two symposia on the themes- 1. Role of new Communication Technologies in Development of Skills and Digitalization of Global Economy (Chaired by Prof. Christiana Constantopoulou; Speakers- Prof. Arvind Chauhan, Prof. V. P. Singh, Prof. RadhaKrishnan Nair and Ms. Vandita Singh) 2. Globalization, New Communication Technologies and Social Transformation: Strategy for the Future (Chaired by Prof. Anand Kumar; Speakers- Prof. J. K. Pundir, Prof. Padma Rani and Ms. Dimitra laurence Larochele (Sorbonne University) were conducted. In ten sessions 62 delegates presented papers on various subthemes. two special audio-visual sessions were also organized during the conference.

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & HONOURS

### RECEIVED BY LIFE MEMBERS

- **Prof. Sujata Patel**, University of Hyderabad was elected President, Indian Sociological Society
- **Dr. Hoineilhing Sitalhou**, University of Hyderabad won Professor M.N. Srinivas Memorial Prize 2016 at the 42<sup>nd</sup> All-India Sociological Conference in Tezpur, Assam
- **Prof. Aparna Rayaprol**, University of Hyderabad represented the University of Hyderabad on a British Council sponsored trip of Generation UK India team members from nine Indian institutions to visit UK universities in Scotland, Wales, England from 3<sup>rd</sup> April till 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016
- **Dr. Satyapriya Rout**, University of Hyderabad, Associate Fellow, Asia Research Centre (ARC), London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE), London, for the duration June 2016 to May 2017 as a part of the UGC – UKIERI (UK-India Education Research Initiative) sponsored project titled: “Urban Water Supply and Governance in India”. She also Visited Asia Research Centre (ARC), London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE), London, UK during 31<sup>st</sup> May – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
- **Dr. Bandana Purkayastha**, Professor and former Head, Dept. of Sociology, University of Connecticut, USA has been awarded U.S. Fulbright Fellowship for 6 months from January to June, 2017 to work on a Project ‘Water, Inequalities and Rights’ under affiliation with the Dept. of Sociology, University of Hyderabad
- **Dr. Antony Palackal**, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Loyola College of Social Sciences won the first FLAIR (Fostering Linkages in Academic Innovation and Research) Research Excellence Award of the Department of Higher Education, Government of Kerala. The award carried Rs. 50,000/- and a plaque and a certificate of merit.

## N MEMMORIUM

## Prof. D. N. Dhanagare (1936-2017)



Not even in my wildest dreams could I have imagined that the Winter School organised by the French Institute and Pondicherry University (28<sup>th</sup> November 2016-2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017) would be our last get-together. A dinner at a seaside restaurant hosted by some colleagues from the University was one of the most delightful relaxed evenings we spent, reminiscing our professional past, indulging in anecdotes involving our gurus, peers and students, and much else. We laughed with gay abandon as we lost count of time. He looked fine with a barely noticeable stoop as the only mark of age catching up. He told me that he was regular with his yoga.

D. N. was free the next day and readily agreed to join my last session in the morning. During the course of the discussions we got into serious debate on a controversial theme, holding opposite positions. Young scholars attending the session watched the spectacle and later remarked that they enjoyed the 'clash of titans'! But we enjoyed it even more.

He was a person of strong principles and would hold on to them, sometimes, even obstinately, notwithstanding the problems he knew he would have to face. His stint as Member Secretary of the ICSSR was not always smooth sailing, and as Vice Chancellor of Shivaji University, Kolhapur, he faced tumultuous times. Yet, he would remain unswerving in his resolve. As Professor of Sociology at Pune University he was an iconic image for young scholars across the country, and contributed to its high standards.

The grit and determination with which he moved from a limiting vernacular environment to the most sophisticated level of intellectual attainment, is worthy of admiration. He was focussed on doing Sociology from his undergraduate days. Hislop College, affiliated to Nagpur University, which was the only college offering Sociology at both undergraduate and post graduate levels, denied him admission into Sociology at the B.A. level because he was from the stream that was taught in the Marathi medium of instruction! Thankfully, intervention by all his teachers secured him admission to Sociology for his Master's degree in the college (1957-59 batch). Having topped the list with a First Class, it was easy passage to the S. S. College Amravati as Lecturer, which had just started optional courses in Sociology.

The turning point in his academic career was his joining the Institute of Social Sciences, Agra University in 1961. Although teaching of Social Psychology and Criminology was thrust upon him – a fate that most new faculty entrants face when joining an established institution – he found himself in the midst of an enviable group of scholars. R. N. Saxena as Director, was able to attract scholars of the distinction of Brij Raj Chauhan, S. K. Shrivastava, R. P. Shrivastava, B. D. Soni, and the rest, who formed an informal group which met regularly to discuss classical Sociologists like Marx, Weber, Durkheim, and others. This intellectual stimulation motivated him to go to the University of Massachusetts as a graduate student and Teaching Assistant at the instance of Edwin Driver, who had visited Hislop College with a project in which he found Dhanagare's research assistance to be invaluable. The experience he gained at Massachusetts doing the courses was a 'windfall' for him, as it led to a 'rediscovery' of himself and a self-assessment of his 'strengths and weaknesses in relation to his peers'. Circumstances led to his return to the Institute without a Ph. D.

He moved to Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur in 1968, where interaction with bright inquisitive technology students gave a new twist to his teaching. He had to communicate with students from the hard sciences. Commonwealth Scholarship paved the way for his Ph. D. from University of Sussex (1970-1973). Teachers like Tom Bottomore, Zevedie Barbu, and Berry Williams inspired him to revolutionary and theoretical literature.

Dhanagare returned to India, seasoned in historical sociology and ready to make his mark in the profession. The legacy of A. R. Desai found a new lease of life. From *Peasant Movements in India* (1983) till his very last work *Populism and Power* (2016) Dhanagare presented his seminal contributions engaging with the major debates on caste, class, tribe, peasants, social movements, state and civil society, following a historical sociological Marxist framework.

When he asked me to write the Foreword for his book *Writings of D. N. Dhanagare: The Missing Tradition: Debates and Discourses in Indian Sociology* (2014), I was frankly wary of undertaking the difficult task. Where was the need of a Foreword for a scholar of his standing, I wondered? Even so, why of all persons me? He appealed to me: 'Please do not refuse. Write whatever is your assessment of the book without any inhibition, any criticism from you is most welcome'. I was moved by this sterling quality. I did a critical appreciation that did not miss out on criticism, while applauding his contribution. Some of the best of academics in India have found it difficult to stomach strong criticism of their work. Genuine direct scholar-to-scholar debate or deliberation is rare to come across. Not even scholars like Srinivas and Ramkrishna Mukherjee got into a one-to-one debate. The former referring to the latter as 'the director and a small coterie around him', and the latter referring to the former as among "Brahmins" (academic leaders) among the modernizers!

Not only did he welcome fair criticism in academics, he was not at all disturbed by opposition in democratic form. Paradoxically, our relationship got reinforced at a much deeper level when we contested each other for the presidency of the Indian Sociological Society in 2002! It was far from easy to contest a good friend. We campaigned in the spirit of a 'contest' not a 'fight'. At the end of the campaign we sent each other mails wishing success! Later, I told him that I suffered no tension, as either way, I would regard myself a winner. When he looked puzzled, I explained with a smile, 'If I lost, I would still celebrate the victory of my friend'. I lost by seven votes. In the following Jaipur conference, he went out of the way to say the result could have gone either way! Before the last conference under his Presidency, he insisted that I must be in his next symposium panel, lest anyone draw the erroneous conclusion that our relationship has undergone change. I relate this story to share the human-side of Dhanagare.

Dhanagare was a warm and loving husband, and a great father. He could never overcome the void created by the premature demise of Nisha, and was proud of Gouranga and Sridhar his worthy sons. Not only has the profession lost one of its most distinguished scholars – he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Indian Sociological Society in 2011 - it has been an irreparable personal loss for me, and I am sure, for scores of others

- By Prof. Partha Nath Mukherji

## D. N. Dhanagare: Teacher, Sociologist, Institution Builder leaves behind a rich legacy of research, learning and inspiration



**Prof. D. N. Dhanagare**

Professor Dattatreya Narayan Dhanagare, a towering figure of Indian sociology, passed away at the age of 81 on 7 March following a brief illness due to cardiac problems. Born in 1936, he graduated from the Nagpur University and later obtained his Masters degree from the University of Massachusetts US and PhD from the University of Sussex, UK. He began his teaching career at the Institute of Social Sciences, Agra University and then joined the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur and subsequently shifted to the University of Pune (Savitribai Phule Pune University), where he worked for more than two decades. With his passing away, an era of scholarship in the history of the agrarian and development studies in India has come to an end. At a time when Indian sociology's boundary was confined mainly to caste, family and kinship studies following ethnographic-cultural and structural-functional traditions, a few sociologists like him broadened the horizon of sociology emphasising class analysis and drawing attention to issues of social movements, inequality, state, civil society and the like which were central to the

understanding of India's development experience and its contours of major contradictions.

Dhanagare's pioneering work, Peasant Movements in India was an eye opener where he challenged the western theorisation of peasant movements and gave a new twist to the global discourse. His most recent book Populism and Power is a brilliant critique of the rise and fall of farmers' movements particularly, the Shetkari Sanghatan movement in Maharashtra in the context of neoliberal reforms based on structural Marxist approach, particularly Gramsci's framework on class hegemony. He was one of those rare Indian sociologists who constantly engage with historians, economists and political theorists. A scholar of his calibre is rare indeed. His death has caused a big vacuum in social sciences in general and sociology in particular. Dhanagare was greatly concerned with the devastating social consequences of the ongoing ruthless global capitalist transition and its impact especially on rural and agrarian society. With great disenchantment he observed how neoliberalism divided the popular movements and demobilised the forces of resistance. On many occasions he lamented how present day social scientists particularly the sociologists and anthropologists were shying away from issues affecting the rural- agrarian society.

### Preference for Criticism

He was a dedicated scholar. After his last book was published in 2016, I half- seriously told him, "Professor Dhanagare, you should take rest now". He immediately replied, "The urge to publish is endless. I have already started working on a new project". On 28 November last year, his book launch (Populism and Power) was organised at the French Institute of Pondicherry where Audrey Richard-Ferrouddji and presented the review of the book reflecting critical appreciation of the work. At the end of this book launch he told me, "Mohanty, I liked your criticisms". When I asked, "what about my appreciations", he promptly responded "the criticism was for me and appreciation for others". On the following day we were part of a dinner group in Pondicherry and it was the most pleasant time that I ever spent with him in our two and half decades of association. He talked endlessly and was in a happy and jubilant mood sharing professional and personal experiences, ups and downs, pleasant and unpleasant moments in his life with humour and laughter. Unfortunately, he had a massive heart attack the same night and his journey to the other world started from thence. But as a demonstration of his integrity and professionalism for which he is well known, the following morning he went to the concluding session of a week-long research methodology course in which he was lecturing at

the French Institute. He ignored the pain and discomfort. It was only after the group photograph at noon that he admitted to needing rest. In hospital soon after, we were all shocked to know that he had suffered a massive heart attack just 12 hours before. How he managed to walk, talk and lecture after the attack without medication is something that baffled many including the doctors. While remaining in hospital in a critical condition he told me to publish his book review and take up the issues we had raised at the time of the book launch for further research. Just four days before he died, he spoke to me on the phone to inform me about his slow improvement and expressed hope and desire to complete his unfinished projects. His quest for scholarship and critical thinking was unbelievable.

### **Building Institutions**

Dhanagare was a great institution builder. As the vice-chancellor of Shivaji University, Kolhapur, member secretary of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and president of the Indian Sociological Society, he has left an incredible mark on these institutions. Despite political vendetta in Kolhapur, he did not succumb to pressure and foul play and retained the autonomy of the university, though it cost him heavily on the family front. To him, institution building was equally important and challenging as research and teaching. As a reputed and inspiring teacher Dhanagare is well known throughout the country. His students greatly admired his passion for teaching. For the last couple of years had visited the Department of Sociology of Pondicherry University for about a week every year. Students and faculty across the disciplines would attend after cancelling classes in their parent departments to listen to his meticulously prepared lectures. After every lecture he would be surrounded by a flood of students outside the class room and many of them followed him to the guest house where he was put up for detailed discussions. Dhanagare used to interact with them tirelessly. He remembered most of the students by name and when we met elsewhere he anxiously enquired about them. He was so deeply attached to faculty and students here that often he told me that Pondicherry was his second home.

Known for his simplicity, high integrity and professional rigour, Dhanagare was a role model for many of us. He had an uncommon grasp of Marathi, English and Sanskrit literature; he would regularly read a great number of books covering the expanse of literature, philosophy and even art, music and sports. Dhanagare led a disciplined life. He was often ready to stand alone to establish his position and was always honest in his convictions. I remember he refunded some unspent amount (a few thousands of rupees) of a research project to ICSSR while working at the Pune University. As refund of project money was a rare occurrence, the ICSSR officials suggested that he adjust the unspent money on some heads and send only the utilisation certificate because settlement of refunds was a lengthy process especially when that particular financial year was already over. But Dhanagare refused and refunded the money which was settled after a long time when he himself took over as the member secretary of ICSSR. His academic presence both in person and through his publications was vibrant till his very last days. The void created by his demise will be felt and he will be dearly missed by his friends, students and colleagues all over the world. But his work will continue to inform and guide generations of scholars to come.

*- By Prof. B. B. Mohanty\**

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### National

#### **National Seminar, Barkatullah Univesity, Bhopal (M.P.)**

Rajiv Gandhi Chair in Contemporary Studies, Barkatullah University, Bhopal and Madhya Pradesh State Scheduled Tribe Commission are organizing a two-day national seminar on Philosophical aspects of social life of the tribes. The seminar is sponsored by Indian Philosophical Research Council, New Delhi. The seminar is being organized on 30<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> May, 2017 (Tuesday and Wednesday). For details contact: Professor S.N. Chaudhary, Rajiv Gandhi Chair in Contemporary Studies, Barkatullah University, Bhopal -462026. Mobile: 09425011383, Phone: 0755- 2517167 (o), 0755-2459564 (R).

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#### **National Conference on 'Science, Technology and Society', NISER Bhubaneswar**

National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER) Bhubaneswar is organizing a national conference on *Science, Technology and Society* during 22-23 July 2017 with the primary objective of enabling systematic and cross-disciplinary discussions related to science, technology, and society in the larger context on social development.

NISER welcomes research papers that fall in the broader area of Social Development with specific or concealed reference to Science, Technology and Society. All those who are interested in submitting papers for the Conference should send the softcopy of the full paper and the abstract (300 words) to the local organizing secretary, Dr. Pranay Kumar Swain at [pranay@niser.ac.in](mailto:pranay@niser.ac.in). The last date for submission of papers is 20 June 2017. Communication about the acceptance of papers will be conveyed to the authors by 30 June 2017. For accommodation and other local logistical details, please contact at [pranay@niser.ac.in](mailto:pranay@niser.ac.in) or [sts2017@niser.ac.in](mailto:sts2017@niser.ac.in). More information regarding the conference can be viewed on the conference website <http://www.niser.ac.in/sts2017>.



Indian Sociological Society

### 43<sup>rd</sup> All India Sociological Conference

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Organized by University of Lucknow, Lucknow

9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

### International

#### **International Conference on 'Democracy and Participation in the 21st Century'**

Lisbon School of Economics & Management (ISEG), Lisbon, Portugal

The Mid-term Conference of the International Sociological Association (ISA) Research Committee 10 (RC10) on Participation, Organizational Democracy & Self-Management, will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, from 12th to 15th July 2017, in cooperation with: Universidade de Lisboa, SOCIUS, Centro de Investigação em Sociologia Económica e das Organizações (Research Centre in Economic and Organizational Sociology) from the consortium CSG, Research in Social Sciences and Management - Lisbon School of Economics & Management (ISEG), CIEG, Centro Interdisciplinar de Estudos de Género (Interdisciplinary Centre for Gender Studies), ISCSP, Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas (School of Social and Political Sciences), and Institutions et Dynamiques Historiques de l'Economie et de la Société (IDHES), French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), ENS Cachan, University Paris-Saclay, France. Links: [http://pascal.iseg.utl.pt/~socius/eventos/ISA-RC10/call\\_for\\_papers\\_uk.shtml](http://pascal.iseg.utl.pt/~socius/eventos/ISA-RC10/call_for_papers_uk.shtml), [http://www.isa-sociology.org/uploads/files/cfp\\_rc10\\_lisboa\\_2017.pdf](http://www.isa-sociology.org/uploads/files/cfp_rc10_lisboa_2017.pdf)

#### **ESHMS 17th Biennial Congress on 'Old tensions, emerging paradoxes in health: rights, knowledge, and trust' June 7-8, 2018**

Venue: ISCTE-University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal

Conference website: [eshms2018.iscte-iul.pt](http://eshms2018.iscte-iul.pt)

Further questions should be addressed to: [eshms2018@iscte.pt](mailto:eshms2018@iscte.pt)

#### **SAU Congress, Kharkiv, Ukraain**

Sociological Association of Ukraine and V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, School of Sociology are jointly organizing the Third SAU Congress on *New Inequalities – New Conflicts: Paths of Overcoming* on 12-13 October 2017 at Kharkiv, Ukraine.

**The applications for participation** (See Annex 2) and paper presentation at the Congress Plenary or working sessions, workshops or round tables etc. (the abstract and completed full paper as an article) should be submitted to the Congress committee on [socioedition@karazin.ua](mailto:socioedition@karazin.ua). Deadline for submission of the abstract and full paper (article) is 30 June, 2017



## Call for Abstracts

Abstracts submission is open from **April 25 to September 30, 2017 24:00 GMT**

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Research Committee:

**RC14 Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture (host committee)**

**Title of Session: Globalization, New Media and the Culture of Real Virtuality: Emerging Patterns**

**Session Description:**

Globalization is closely linked with mass media communication which itself is transforming with the integration of various modes of communication into an interactive network. The formation of a hypertext and meta-language integrate into the same system the written, oral, and audio-visual modalities of human communication. The potential integration of text, images, and sounds in the same system, interacting from multiple points, in chosen time (real or delayed) along a global network, in conditions of open and affordable access, does fundamentally change the character of communication. Thus the emergence of a new electronic communication system characterised by its global reach, its integration of all communication media and its potential interactivity is changing and will change forever our culture. One of the major components of new communication system, the mass media communication, structured around television which resulted into globalization and decentralization of mass media communications interplaying with culture and social behaviour. It has transformed the media and helped in evolution of multi-media system in the 1990s. With advent of internet, different systems of communication organized around computer networking and the surprising, spontaneous development of new kinds of virtual communities. The merger of these two communication systems has far reaching consequences for the structure and culture of contemporary societies and the culture of real virtuality is now emerging whose contents, dynamics and significance have to be understood in context of developed and developing societies. In what ways this transformation is taking place will be the major thrust of the proposed session.

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II

**Title of Session: The Use of Information and Communication Technology, Modernity and Social Structure: Emerging Trends in Developing Countries**

**Session Description:**

The use of Information and Communication Technology has transformed the nature, type and behavioral patterns in the contemporary developing societies particularly in Asian, African and Latin American countries. Its impact varied on different castes, ethnic-groups, religious-groups classes and nations. In this context, the first issue for discussion here is to understand the differential impact of the ICT on various groups. The second important issue for discussion here is regarding theoretical and conceptual understanding of the phenomenon itself. A critical re-examination of some concepts like kinship, caste, ethnicity, religion, nation-building, modernity, empathy and gratification in the context of the ITC seems necessary. The point here is to enhance our conceptual knowledge and thus strengthen the discipline of sociology. The third main issue for discussion here is to invite some empirical studies from the developing countries and enrich our understanding of the impact of the ICT in various regions of the world like Asia Africa and Latin America. The papers are invited along the following or related themes:(i) the use of the ICT and its differential impact on various social groups;(ii) theoretical and conceptual issues in the context of the ICT and its usage and (iii) the empirical studies on the ICT and its usage in developing countries.

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**Research Committee:**

**RC52 Sociology of Professional Groups (host committee)**

**Title of the Session: Transformation and Restructuring of Professions in Globalizing World**

**Session Description:**

Professions in both the developed and developing societies are passing through a process of transformation with strengthening of the forces globalization in last more than two decades. The traditional notion of concept of the profession is now acquiring new dimensions as professions have expended their network beyond the national boundaries in developing the requisite skills in order to compete at global level. The transnational flows of people, ideas and objects have repercussions for the professions and professionals located in different parts of the globe. Growth of new communication technologies and global environmental issues paved the way for the emergence of new professional groups and restructuring of the existing professions in the light of changes taking place in the globalizing world. This warrants to explore the pertinent issues related to the transformation and restructuring of professions in the globalizing world.

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**Title of the Session: Professionalization, Professional Ethics and Semi-Professions: Emerging Issues in Developing Countries**

**Session Description:**

Professional-groups occupy an important and significant place in the stratification-system of society. The purpose of organising this session is to understand the theoretical and conceptual issues in the study of professions, examine the emergence of professions in the developing countries and to highlight the empirical studies on professions in the developing countries. The theoretical and conceptual understanding of professional groups was first initiated in the western countries. According to such formulations, the professionals are rich people, but they do not work with profit motives. Professionals do services to the society in their own specialized areas for which they take training for a long duration of time. Doctors could be the best example here, but others like lawyers also belong to this category. Professionals work in the areas of their own specializations and thus enjoy a considerable degree of professional autonomy. They are also guided by their own professional ethics. Semi-professionals help the professionals in carrying out their work but do not enjoy such professional autonomy. The sociological

studies on professionals have also been done in the developing countries where the problems are somewhat different. The papers are invited in this session on the following or the other related themes: (i) theoretical and conceptual issues in the study of professions; (ii) the emergence of the professions as a phenomenon for sociological studies and (iii) empirical studies on professions in developing countries.

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**Working Group:**

**WG01 Sociology of Local-Global Relations (host committee)**

**Title of Session:** *Globalization and Social Transformation of the Local in the Developed and Fast Growing Economies of the World*

**Session Description:**

Globalization refers to widening, deepening and speeding up of worldwide interconnectedness in all aspects of contemporary social life. New communication technologies have facilitated the process of globalization and transformed the socio-cultural milieu of different societies in such a way that the fields of interactions are cutting across the boundaries of communities and nation states. The transnational flow of people, commodities, ideas and activities is closely associated with the information technology. These new communication technologies are not only integrating various forms of media in single communication devices but also connecting people through internet enabled applications particularly social networking/social media. Thus communication now has global dimensions and facilitating the people in extending their social net beyond the boundaries of nation states and new categories of concepts and methodological tools are emerging to understand the changing reality. These changes have posed a serious challenge to the state centrist assumption of social sciences in recent past. Social Scientists who have conventionally focused their analysis on the relationship between media, culture and society are now shifting to analysing these emerging trends at different levels. In what ways globalization and new communication technologies are transforming the socio-cultural and economic milieu of different societies both at the local and the global level will be the thrust of the proposed session.

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