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From the Editor's Desk



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the second issue of 2017 Indian Sociological Society (ISS) E-Newsletter (May-August)! During this period some dynamic and pertinent decisions were taken, even though there were some voices of dissent and disagreements. I consider the expression of alternative views as part of healthy discussion and sign of democratic space. We take them in our stride and regard them worthy of consideration. I would like to tell all our Life Members and others that the aim of ISS and members of Managing Committee (MC) has always been to strengthen the organization in all aspects.

Let me begin by outlining some important decisions of the ISS and the MC. Publication is the backbone of our Society with three Journals. The two issues of our oldest and most prestigious Journal *Sociological Bulletin*, now published by Sage are available online as well as in hard copies (for those who opted for it through the constitutional amendment in July 2016). The first issue of the E-Journal *Explorations* is out and was mailed to all Life Members. It has also been uploaded on the ISS website. The two issues (in one Volume) of Hindi Journal *Bhartiya Samajshastra Sameeksha's* were published recently. Henceforth, that is from the year 2018 onward Sameeksha will also be published by Sage Publications and the Society signed the contract in August, 2017. We are sure this will result in increasing subscription and wider circulation of the Journal. Such decisions have helped improve the financial status of the Society over a period of time.

An important decision of the ISS has been regarding the shifting of the office from the 'Institute of Social Sciences' to our own Flat in Vasant Kunj in Delhi. This was decided in March MC meeting and by April-May we completed the process of changing our office and appointing the new staff. The entire Flat which was in dilapidated condition is renovated and decorated and gives a much better look. As the work of renovation is complete now, we would soon start its Guest House and open it for accommodation. The rates and rules regarding the functioning of the Guest House were approved by MC in its July meeting in Bhubaneswar.

Then there have been various sub-committees like on Rationalization of Research Committees (RCs), Code of Ethics, and other activities as Editorial Guidelines, Academic Workshops and Conference Guidelines for smoother functioning of the Society. In fact, all MC members have been involved as a team in carrying forward the work of ISS. The effort has been to make most of the things online.

The 43rd All India Sociological Conference from 9th – 12th November, 2017 will be organized in Lucknow. The numbers of Life Members have significantly gone up and the registration for the conference is going on in full swing. There will also be Young Researchers Workshop on 7th and 8th November at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow. I welcome you all to this Conference and I'm sure that like Tezpur, it will be an enriching experience!

Abha Chauhan

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RESEARCH COMMITTEE CONVENOR'S REPORTS
42nd All India Sociological Conference
Tezpur University, Assam
(27th -30th December, 2016)

All information regarding the Research Committees (RCs), the programme schedule, the names and the titles of the paper presenters were uploaded on the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) website before the 42nd All India Sociological Conference held at Tezpur University, Assam from 27th – 30th December, 2016. The RCs, for the first time also constituted Academic Committee to streamline and select the abstracts for the conference. Sufficient time was demarcated for each presentation. Here are the main points of the activities of RCs during the conference at Tezpur as informed by the Convenors.

RC-1: Theory, Concept and Methodology

Convenor: Dr. Manish Kumar Thakur, Kolkata (West Bengal)

At the RC: 01 Sessions during the 42nd All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society, held at Tezpur University (Assam), 27-30 December 2016, seven presentations were made. For the Conference, ten were submitted, and eight of them were accepted for presentation. Eleven ISS members took the membership of the RC this year, and nine members continue to have valid membership from the earlier years. The highlight of the presentations was serious reflections on the research-theory engagements in the scholarly biographies of individual presenters. Most of the paper presenters were young scholars who had recently finished their doctoral research, or were in advanced stages of their doctoral research. In substantive terms, presentations included 'Dola-Pratha' in Bihar, a new-age spiritual movement, a peasant movement in Karnataka, performative politics in Assam, varying policy conceptualizations of child labour, the urban space, and protocols of knowledge production in Indian sociology. The presentations were followed by enriching discussions. Along with other members of the RC, Professors N. Jayaram and Vinod Jairath offered valuable feedback on the papers presented.

Ankita Mookherjee is the Secretary of RC -1.

RC-2: Family, Kinship and Marriage

Convenor: Prof. C.S.S. Thakur, Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh)

The Research Committee 02, *Family, Kinship and Marriage* successfully convened four sessions on the occasion of 42nd AISC held at Tezpur University, Tezpur, 27th to 30th December 2016. The research committee received 26 abstracts and 24 members of R.C. personally presented the paper on different important themes in four sessions chaired by Prof. C.S.S. Thakur (R.D. University, Jabalpur), Prof. R.N. Tripathy (B.H.U. Varanasi), Prof. P.K. Sharma (Former Convener From Pt, R.S. University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh) and Dr. J.L. Tiwari, Co-convenor of R.C. - 02 respectively. The papers were presented and discussed thoroughly focussing on theoretical, empirical and applied aspects of the main theme related to family, kinship and marriage in India. Contemporary issues like – Half happy family, Moral fatigue and Prevalence of culture of silence, Development of 'Boiling alone personality' and 'Increasing aggressive hit back', Distance in Kinship were discussed during the different sessions of the RC. Changes taking place on various levels in various cultural zones and social categories were also covered during presentations and special remarks. Dialogue, Discussion and Submissions were vibrant.

The R.C. 02 conducted its business meeting session on December 29, 2016 after the end of the session at 04:00 P.M. where a serious issue to make the R.C. more vibrant was discussed. The R.C. decided to – (1) Organise a mid-session seminar/conference of the research committee. (2) Publish edited book of selected papers after serious evaluation. (3) Start a best paper award for young scholar below the age of 35 every year or in every conference. It was unanimously resolved to authorize Convener to take all necessary action and decide the course of action. Last but not the least the R.C. Convener, Co-convenor, other executive members and participants congratulated Dr. Hoineilhing Sitlhou for her illustrious achievement of getting Prof. M.N. Srinivas Award of the ISS in 42nd ISS conference, Tezpur.

In 2016 a total 16 new members were added/ renewed in the R.C.-02 and R.C. Welcomed them. In all, 44 members have paid the fees for this year, some of whom have also paid for the coming years.

Dr. J. L. Tiwari is the Co-Convenor, Dr. K.K. Yadav is the Secretary and Dr. L.S. Gajpal is the Treasurer of RC -2.

RC-3: Economy, Polity and Society**Convenor: Prof. Satish Kumar Sharma, Chandigarh**

The RC 03 met at Tezpur University, Tezpur as per the prescribed time slots for holding the technical sessions. In all, 20 abstracts were received and 16 were selected for presentation. In the opening session a brief reference to the theme of the 42nd AISC was discussed with the proposal that in future conferences the RC should formally announce its technical sessions strictly in accordance with the conference theme. The session on 'Sociology and Traditions in India' focused on the emerging new realities due to institutions undergoing change in the face of which the need for redefining of agriculture and its related activities was emphasised as must to address critical issues like hunger, health and equity. The second session 'Institutional Structures, Economy and Change' highlighted the deepening nexus between capital and crime, crime rights and vulnerabilities; economy and health in the factories, especially of the migrants, participatory governance and social audit, and the political economy of government schemes for the empowerment of the marginal groups. The third technical session focused on the 'relationship between economy, development and environment'. The discussion revolved around development and environmental sustainability, ethical consumerism and the market in the neoliberal India. Finally, the issue 'Revitalization of Economy, Polity and Society' revolved around regeneration of systems through institutional interventions, like PRIs, women Banks etc. to address livelihood issues.

In the Business Meeting of the RC 03 held on 30.12.2016, the name of Dr. Srinivas Sajja was proposed for the post of RC Convenor. The members unanimously accepted the proposal. Henceforth, Dr. Srinivas Sajja will be the Convenor of RC 03 for a period of two years. Dr. Rachna Sharma is the Treasurer of RC – 3.

RC-4: Migration and Diasporic Studies**Convenor: Dr. Ajailiu Niumai, Hyderabad (Telangana)**

A total of 17 abstracts were received and 15 were accepted for presentation. On 28th – 29th December 2016, eight participants (ten people – two joint papers) presented papers related to Migration and Diaspora. Dr. Ajailiu Niumai chaired the first technical session on 28th December. Mr. Shilajit Sengupta presented his paper on "Migrant Slum Dwellers in Urban Poverty Trap: A Study of Megacities in India." Prof. Shweta Prasad (Convenor of RC-10) chaired the second technical session on the same day. Dr. Charu Sawhney presented her paper on "Displaced Kashmiri Pandits: Rebuilding Lives and Social Change." Dr. Muneer Illath presented his paper on "Migration, remittances and new economic moralities: Trajectories of Social Remittances among Mappila Immigrants from Malabar, Kerala." Prof. Kamla Ganesh attended the first technical session as an observer and provided invaluable comments to the paper presenters.

On 29th December 2016, Dr. Muneer Illath chaired the first technical session and Dr. Ajailiu Niumai (joint paper with Papari Saikia) presented a paper on "Exclusion of the Chinese Diaspora in Assam." Mr. Sahilul Islam and Mridismita Dutta presented a paper on "A Sociological Study on Migrant Riverine Communities and Shifting Cultures in Lower Assam: Language and the Politics of Identity." Mr. Thanggoulen Kipgen presented his paper on "Out Migration of Northeasterners to Cities: A case Study of the Kukis of Manipur." Dr. Aditya Raj chaired the final technical session and Ms. Sonal Thakker presented her paper on "Goan Migrants: A Paradox of Changing Aspirations". Many of the presenters sent an email that they could not get confirmed train tickets in spite of booking early.

The business meeting of RC-04 was held on 30th December 2016 at 4.00 p.m. in Room # 07, School of Humanities in Tezpur University, Assam. The core committee members comprising of Dr. Ajailiu Niumai, Dr. Muneer Illath, Dr. Aditya Raj and some new RC-04 members were present during the Business meeting. In all, 16 new members joined the RC - 04 this year.

The agenda of the business meeting was to discuss the future plan of action. The resolutions were as follows:

1. We decided to organize mid-term seminar in University of Allahabad. Dr. Muneer Illath volunteered to be the seminar organizer.
2. We request the ISS to organize the Panel Discussion on Migration and Diaspora during the 2017 ISS Conference.
3. We decided to mobilize more scholars especially young Sociologists to become member of RC-04.
4. Treasurer Dr. Muneer Illath agreed to handle the financial account of RC-04. We request the ISS to transfer the new RC membership fees to his bank account.

RC-5: Education and Society**Convenor: Dr. Birendra Narain Dubey, BBAU, Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)**

The RC 05: *Education and Society* conducted its academic exercise following the professional ethics of Indian Sociological Society. A total of 34 papers out of 48 received were presented in four regular and three parallel sessions spread over two days of academic deliberations. Various areas of education and its linkages with society were explored focussing on new paradigms and challenges. The role of state, market and community in the era of globalization; marginalization, discrimination and equity; forms of capital and patterns of access; theorising science and pedagogy in difficult times; vulnerability among students in higher education; decoding the cultural practices of early childhood; career choice; reproduction of

nationalist feeling through schooling; mapping gender identity and probe into traditions and innovations in language pedagogy were some of the pivotal issues discussed thoroughly during sessions.

Quality emerged as one of the vital concerns as abstracts were accepted after rigorous re-examination by a committee constituted of three eminent academicians and the present convener. So far RC 05 has received twenty seven full length papers and it has been planned for blind peer review before sending for publication. Another development on academic front was special lectures by two of the chairpersons of the sessions. It basically focussed on how to write meaningful papers for reputed Journals. For the first time it so happened that the sessions were meticulously planned which provided sufficient time for paper presentation followed by in-depth discussions and remarks.

After the end of the final session on 29th December 2016, a business meeting was conducted to discuss future planning related to publication of a book and Newsletter. It was unanimously decided that all the twenty seven papers will be reviewed and improved within two months and will be sent for publication to a national level publisher. On the whole, it can be concluded that academic and business endeavour of RC -05 was satisfactory and quite successful which proved to be enriching particularly for researchers, young scholars, faculty and participants from various universities, colleges and institutions of national repute.

Dr. Nagaraju Gundemenda, Dr. Naresh Kumar and Dr. Rashmi Mishra are the Co-Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer of RC – 5 respectively.

RC-6: Religion and Religious Communities

Convener: Dr. Anindita Chakraborty, IIT Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh)

In all, 29 abstracts were received, of which 25 were selected for presentation. A total of 21 papers (3 of the 21 were joint papers) were presented in different technical sessions of RC - 06 during the conference. The papers presented at the sessions articulated the theme of 'return of religion' in the public sphere. They primarily addressed the reconfigurations of the religion in secular/modern India. The themes of so-called 'resurgence' of religion despite its relegation to the private sphere under the regime of modern governance; the relationship between religious traditions and everyday life were discussed in the course of the presentations.

Most papers presented were based on ethnographic work conducted in diverse locales in India. They focused attention on the many lives of religion: the role of social context in reading the scriptures; claims of 'true'/'authentic' knowledge by groups; community activism and participation; the issue of third gender in the context of Christianity; the religious debates around inoculation among different Muslim groups were discussed. The study of local manifestation of religion, relevance of interdisciplinary approach, the need to problematize religion based identity assertions, conversion and revitalisation movements were also discussed. Undergirding the themes were conceptual/methodological issues in the field of sociology of religion. They emphasised the need for dismantling existing frameworks such as 'tradition and modernity', 'little and great tradition' and 'scriptural and popular' religion etc.

Prof Vinod Jairath chaired one of the sessions and gave a talk on the issue of theory and method in sociology of religion. Dr. Sudha Sitharaman is the Co-Convenor of RC- 6.

RC-7: Rural, Peasant and Tribal Communities

Convener: Prof. S. M. Patnaik, Delhi University (Delhi)

The RC- 07 on "Rural Peasant and Tribal Communities" received 74 abstracts and after review accepted 56 abstracts, out of which there were 36 presentations in 6 sessions. On 28th and 29th December there were 2 parallel sessions each in the morning schedule and one session each in the afternoon schedule. The themes were 'Rural Transformation in India', 'Contemporary Challenges of Agrarian Economy and Peasant Communities', 'Tribes in Transition', and 'Globalization and Tribal Economy: Policy Issues'. The main discussion on rural society was centered on sustainable development and evaluation of recent rural development programmes. On tribes it was concentrated on public private partnership and inclusive policies for tribal development. Besides, socio-cultural changes among the tribes with particular focus on adapting to modern and technological changes were also discussed.

In the business session RC members thanked the outgoing convener Prof. S.M. Patnaik and his team and unanimously elected the new team consisting of Prof. Sanjay Singh – Professor, Sociology, Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow as the new Convener, Dr. Soubhagya Ranjan Padhi, Associate Professor and Head of the Department Sociology, Rajiv Gandhi Central University, Arunachal Pradesh as Co-Convenor, Dr. Mamata Gavishinde, Associate Professor, Sociology, Shafia Arts and Commerce Degree college, Bhopal as Secretary and Ms. Anshul Singh, SRF, Department of Sociology, Lucknow University as treasurer. Three members to the executive committee were also nominated: 1. Dr.

Sangram Gunjal, Asst. Professor, Baba Saheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad. 2. Dr. Sumit Saurav Srivastav, Asst. Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Allahabad University, Allahabad. 3. Dr. Shailja Singh, Associate Professor, and Head, Sociology, Shakuntala Mishra National Rehabilitation University, Lucknow.

RC-8: Social Stratification, Professions and Social Mobility

Convenor: Prof. Mohammad Salim, BHU, Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)

The RC 08 had 4 sessions during 28-29 December 2016. A total of 14 submissions were received by the RC. On day one, i.e. 28-12-2016 four presentations were completed. The paper covered a range of topics within the RC theme of 'Social Stratification, Professions and Social Mobility' including the topics of Muslim women, Adivasi Mahila, women land rights, and internet as a medium of mobility. On day two, i.e. 29-12-2016 there were five presentations on themes ranging from prostitution to democracy and caste positioning in the countryside. Some of the high points of the sessions were an exploratory research paper on the cultural prostitution among the Bedia tribes of Madhya Pradesh. Another critical paper on backwards in Uttar Pradesh questioned many of the conventional sociological truths about castes and presented a political economic analysis of OBCs in UP.

Session I was chaired by Professor Arvind Chauhan, Barktullah University, Bhopal. Session II by Dr. C.D. Adhikary. Session III and IV were chaired by Professor Mohd. At the end of session IV, all the RC members in the business meeting considered several issues related to the working of the RC and suggested many steps for improvement. It was decided that the RC members will work for organising a mid-term seminar of RC 08 in 2017. It was also resolved that the RC will come out with a framework for expanding the RC membership completely in agreement with RC theme. I also take this opportunity to thank all the members of my RC who attended the conference and contributed to the successful conduct of the RC -08 sessions.

RC-9: Dalits and Backward Classes

Convenor: Prof R. N. Salve, Kolhapur (Maharashtra)

As Prof. R. N. Salve, the Convenor of RC 09 could not attend the conference at Tezpur, he deputed Dr. Arun Paudmal, the Co-Convenor as in-charge of this RC and to conduct technical sessions during the Conference. In all four technical sessions were held and they were systematically and successfully conducted. A total of 17 papers were presented in these sessions.

The first session was chaired by Prof. Jagan Karade in which 5 papers were presented. The papers dealt mainly with the issues of Dalits and Dalit women. The second technical session was chaired by Prof. Govindraju B.M. and in this also 5 papers were presented. The issues that were taken up in these papers included: Dalit Movement, social reforms, identity formations, and decline of caste system.

The fourth and the fifth sessions were chaired by Dr. Suprabha Khuntia and Dr. Omprakash Kalame, and had 4 and 3 papers respectively. These focused on the topics like - assertion of Dalit identity, practice of untouchability, sustainable tribal development, Human Communication Index, landless agricultural labourers, role of education in promoting human rights and caste atrocities. All the sessions were well attended by participants from different parts of the country.

RC-10: Gender Studies

Convenor: Dr. Shweta Prasad, BHU, Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)

A total of 80 abstracts were received and 75 were selected for presentation in different technical sessions of RC 10 during the conference at Tezpur. Out of these, 50 papers were presented (some of these were joint papers).

In the Business Meeting of RC 10 held on 29th December 2016, elections were held for various positions of the RC. The following members were elected:

1. Convenor: Prof. Shweta Prasad
2. Co- convenor: Prof. Jyoti Prasad Saikia
3. Secretary: Dr. Kameshwar Singh
4. Treasurer: Dr. T. B. Singh

Executive Committee Members

1. Dr. N. K. Singh
2. Dr. Rajnibala
3. Dr. Shital Tamakuwala

4. Dr. Shalini Singh

The activities of RC - 10 included organization of Mid-term Conference at BHU, Varanasi (U.P.) on 14- 15 September, 2016 on the topic *Globalization and Women: Issues & Concerns*. Organizing Mid-term Conference/ Seminar is a continuous activity of RC -10. It also brings out Newsletter regularly. The RC Newsletter for 2016 was brought out before the conference and circulated to all RC 10 members as well as to the Office Bearers of ISS. Another achievement of RC 10 was the publication of the Book *Contemporary Indian Society: A Gendered Perspective* edited by Jyoti Prasad Saikia and Shweta Prasad, the Co-convenor and Convenor of RC -10 respectively. The book was released during the 42nd All India Sociological Conference at Tezpur.

RC-11: Environment and Society

Convenor: Dr. Anoop Kumar Singh, Kanpur (Uttar Praesh)

RC11: *Environment and Society* conducted its academic exercise at Tezpur in four vibrant academic sessions. The thought provoking issues were raised by the presenters in terms of description of theoretical schema of environmental protection on one hand and new strategies to sustainable development on the other hand. In this RC four sessions were held and out of accepted 21 research papers, 20 were actually presented.

The topics which were discussed ranging from water pollution, the impact of deforestation on the IGA of tribal women, impact of climate change on agriculture to Kashi becoming Kyoto: new environmental threats are opportunities.

On 29th Dec 2016 in the fourth session business meeting was held and in this session it was unanimously decided that the present convenor Dr. Anoop Kumar Singh will continue for next term along with co convenor Dr. Balaji Kendre. It was also decided to publish an edited book by the RC team out of the papers presented in 41st and 42nd AISC.

Dr. Balaji Kendre is the Co-Convenor, Dr. Preeti Dwivedi is the Secretary and Dr. K.K. Yadav is the Treasurer of RC -11.

RC-12: Population, Health & Society

Convenor: Dr. Amarendra Mahapatra, Bhubaneswar (Odisha)

In the absence of the Dr. Amarendra Mahapatra, Convenor, Research Committee 12 *Population, Health and Society*, the activities were completed under the supervision of Prof. Mohammad Akram, Member, Managing Committee, ISS, as directed by the President of ISS, Prof. Sujata Patel.

Eighteen papers were presented in four technical sessions. The sessions were chaired by Prof. Mohammad Akram and Dr. Baharul Islam Laskar. Papers were presented on diverse themes related to reproductive health, healthcare and illness, mortality, morbidity and suicide etc. A Business Meeting was also conducted on 28th December 2016 at the Session Room and election for the executive of RC 12 for next two years i.e. 2017-2018 was held. Dr. Amarendra Mahapatra got re-elected as Convenor for next two years i.e. for 2017 and 2018. Dr. M. Thamarasan from Chennai got re-elected as Secretary. Besides, three other executive members were also elected: (i) Dr. Arundhati Patil, (ii) Dr. Baharul Islam Laskar and (iii) Prof. Mohammad Akram.

RC-13: Science, Technology & Society

Convenor: Prof. Bipul Kumar Bhadra, Kolkata (West Bengal)

In the 42nd AISC at Tezpur University, Assam, 26 abstracts were received, of which 19 papers were presented in the five sessions allotted in this year's conference. More than less, the presentations focussed on the role of technology in the context of development in the Indian society in general and West Bengal in particular.

The first session, chaired by Convenor Prof. Bipul Kumar Bhadra, took up the themes of dialectical role of technology in daily life and its impact in relation to the increase of online access to sexually explicit materials. In the second session, chaired by Prof. R. Rajesh of Bangalore University, diverse topics ranging from use of mobile phones by college students and cyber bullying, through the role of ICTs in Higher Education, to the sociology of food, were discussed. In the second parallel session chaired by Dr. Sambit Mallick of IIT, Guwahati, the impact of Facebook in social life, romantic relationships, ICTs in farming practices, and the socio-economic life of the tea garden and evaluating access to digital life among dadan workers were objects of discourse and deliberations. The third session was chaired by Prof. S. Guruswamy, a member of the MC of ISS, the major issues that came up for discussion concerned exploring the gender-technology debate, gender dimensions in advertisement, feminism, fashion and body modification, and commodification of folk music. The fourth session chaired by the Convenor Prof. Bipul Kumar Bhadra took up issues concerning surrogacy practices and gratification of motherhood, technology and social change in family, and online shopping among youth.

Finally the election for the office bearers for the year 2017 and 2018 was held in the Business meeting on 28.12.2016 and the members were elected unanimously in the RC. A total of 29 members paid the RC fees for 2015-2016 and 23 for 2016-2017. Since the elections were held last year, there was no need of elections and the same office bearers continued.

Dr. Sambit Mallick of IIT, Guwahati is the Co-Convenor, Prof. R. Rajesh, Bangalore University is the Secretary, and Dr. Kingsook Saha, K.B.K.A.S. Mahavidyalaya, West Bengal is the Treasurer of RC-13. The Members are: Dr. Madhav Govind, JNU, New Delhi; Dr. C. Raghava Reddy, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad; and Dr. Debasraba Chattopadhyay, Chandannagore College, West Bengal.

RC-14: Culture and Communication

Convenor: Prof. Parvez A. Abbasi, Surat (Gujarat)

A total of 22 abstracts were received by the RC and all of them were selected for presentation in different technical sessions of RC 14 during the 42nd All India Sociological Conference at Tezpur University, Assam. Out of these 16 papers were presented.

The Business Meeting of RC 14 was held on 28.12.2016 and various issues were discussed. The most important of these was the Interim Conference of ISA –RC 14 'Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture' to be organized on February 26th – 28th, 2017 at VIPs, New Delhi in collaboration with the RC 14 of Indian Sociological Society. A total of 18 members paid their RC membership fees in the year 2016. Dr. Shital Tamakuwala is the Secretary of RC-14.

RC-15: Social Change and Development

Convenor: Prof. N.K. Bhargava, Udaipur (Rajasthan)

The Research Committee 15 received a large number of abstracts for presentation in the 42nd All India Sociological Conference at Tezpur. A total of 72 presentations were made. RC 15 held eight sessions. In each session, eight to twelve presentations were made.

The sessions discussed change processes like digitalization, globalisation, post modernity, change in North East rural and urban development, Dalits, tribal changes and mixed issues on transformation. The papers covered many perspectives and included micro, meso and macro level explanations.

The year 2016 saw an increase in RC 15 membership which crossed more than two hundred.

RC-16: Urban and Industrial Studies

Convenor: Prof. (Dr.) P. S. Vivek, Mumbai (Maharashtra)

RC-16 had three business sessions during 42nd All India Sociological Conference held at Tezpur University, Assam during December 27-30, 2016. There were twenty submissions, however, only sixteen were shortlisted and nine of them presented their research papers.

The papers ranged from issues of Urban Industrial Society, Globalisation and its impact on gender spaces in urban sector, spirituality and spacio-temporal dynamics in the process of metro politicization in India, emerging consumer culture and middle class in industrial cities, problems of working class in modern urban sector, and informalisation of organized sector among other things. The presentation followed serious academic discussion among the participants present during the proceedings.

RC-16 also had its Business Meeting on 28|12|16 and unanimously elected the following members in its managing committee for 2016-2018.

- 1) Professor (Dr.) P.S. Vivek-(Mumbai)-Convener.
- 2) Dr. Rajeshwari. Anandappa-(Bengaluru)-Secretary.
- 3) Dr. M.T. Joseph-(Mumbai)-Treasurer.
- 4) Dr. Nibedita Bayen-(Kolkata)-Member.
- 5) Mr. Arun Roy-(Assam)-Member.

The Business Meeting of RC-16 has proposed to hold mid-term seminar during 2017 and expand its membership base during the year.

Earlier, Professor P.S.Vivek was nominated as in charge convener by the directive of ISS managing committee, sometime, in June 2016. It must be mentioned here that the earlier records of membership and accounts of RC-16 are being submitted to the new committee in due course.

RC-17: Social Movements

Convener: Dr. Gayatri Bhattacharya, Kolkata (West Bengal)

The deliberations in RC 17 were inaugurated by Professor Sujata Patel, the President of the Indian Sociological Society. The First Session of the RC was devoted to A.R. Desai Memorial Lecture. As a close associate of Desai, Professor Patel reminisced various facets of A.R. Desai's life and works in her inaugural lecture.

This year the Memorial Lecture was given by Professor B.B. Mahanty of Pondicherry University. Professor Mahanty spoke on the farmers' response to agrarian crisis that started from rebellion but ultimately ended in farmers' committing suicide. There were 16 presentations and 3 poster presentations spread over 5 sessions including 2 parallel sessions. Each of the five sessions were subtitled and discussed issues that were in tune with the subtitles. There were discussions on movements by the members of the Civil Society, Formal and Informal Sectors, Dalits and other Marginalised Groups and religious organisations. The Group also had discourses on the problems of identifying and locating new social movements like the Environment Movement and Students' Movement in the genre of social movements.

There were questions and discussions on each paper.

The RC had its business meeting on 28 December 2016. The meeting was attended by all the members of the RC where the proposal for holding an International Conference along with the Social Movement counterpart of the World Congress was broached. The RC also decided upon conducting a workshop on the theme of transferring an abstract into a full-fledged paper either in the University of Calcutta or in Pune University.

The RC conducted a two-day Mid-Term Conference in June 2016 in the Pune University. The Convener of the Mid-Term Conference was Prof. Shruti Tambe of the same University. All the members of the RC actively participated in the deliberations which aimed at etching out alternative paths, removed from revolutions or escapes. And these paths are marked by intentionality and agency. The Co-Convener of RC-17 is Prof. Shruti Tambe, Dr. Rohit Jain is the Secretary and Dr. Bholanath Ghosh is the Treasurer of RC -17.

RC-18: Sociology of Crime and Deviance

Convener: Dr. Ramesh H. Makwana, Vallabh Nagar (Gujarat)

The RC 18 of ISS and the theme of the sessions under this RC during AISC at Dept. of Sociology, Tezpur University, Assam pertain to Sociology of Crime and Deviance. Out of 16 papers printed in the Book of Abstracts, 14 papers were presented during the three consecutive technical sessions, commencing with an inaugural session on 28th December 2016 afternoon. Dr. Ramesh Makwana, Convener RC 18 gave introductory remarks expressing his satisfaction about gradual increase in the number of members and paper presenters. Dr R.K. Mohanty, Co- Convener addressed the audience on preparing the criminological research agenda through rightful survey of literature under theoretical, methodological and thematic heads.

The sessions had a gamut of papers from different areas such as domestic violence, Rape, Drug Abuse among College Students, Problems of prisons, Children in Conflict with Law, Crime in Society, Organized Crime, Human Trafficking, and Women in Criminal Justice System. Out of 14 paper presenters, 06 were young research scholars and 08 regular faculties from around 09 states of the country. The Sessions were chaired respectively by Prof. Ramesh Makwana, Prof. Mamta Patel, Dr. R. K. Mohanty, Dr. C.K. Raval, M. Mohan Singh, Dr. L.P.Swain, Paresh Patel and Dr. Kamina Dashora. The research importance of each of the topic, origin, nature, causes, sociological implications, and consequence were well deliberated upon. This generated a lot many views and suggestions from eminent experts present. On the whole, the RC deliberations were fruitful and meaningful. In the last session at the Tezpur conference the business meeting of the RC was held and Prof. Makwana presented the accounts.

RC-19: Sociology of Ageing

Convener: Dr. Udai Bhan Singh, Raebareli (Uttar Pradesh)

The Academic Review Committee approved 14 abstracts for presentation out of 15 received by the RC. 11 members made their presentations on different themes and perspectives covering areas like domestic violence against elderly, gender and aging, aging and health, aging and human rights, geriatric concerns and human values deterioration etc.

Presentation sessions were full of live interactions marked by comments, observation and suggestions. Sessions were chaired by the Convenor and Professor Jacob John Kattakayam. Prof. Kattakayam also exhorted RC members to come up with new themes in gerontological research focussing on action research and age sensitization. There was a business session of the RC on 29th December in which the members unanimously decided to let the present team of Convenor and Co-Convenor continue for the next two years i.e. upto 2018. Members also by consensus decided to elect Dr. Niranjana Kumar Singh as Secretary and Dr. Saheli Guha Neogi Ghatak as Treasurer of the RC. In the end, members extended congratulations and thanks to the organizing team led by Prof. Chandan Kumar Sharma for nice academic and accommodative arrangements.

RC-20: Leisure and Tourism

Convenor: Dr. Kali Nath Jha, Sagar (Madhya Pradesh)

No report

RC-21: Social Problems and Marginalised Groups

Convenor: Prof. S.N. Chaudhury, Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)

In RC 21 on *Social Problems and Marginalized Groups* 27 abstracts were received and 22 were selected for presentation at the 42nd All India Sociological Conference at Tezpur University, Assam. From these, a total of 16 papers were presented on various themes related to the problems of various sections of marginalized communities like the tribes, castes, women, poor, disadvantaged and vulnerable groups.

In the year 2016, a total of 22 members paid their fees, while for the year 2017 it was 17 members. Prof. C. Venkatachalam, Dr. Neelu Rawat and Sunil Kumar Yadav are Co-Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer of RC 21 respectively.

RC-22: Sociology of Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution

Convenor: Prof. Rajiv Gupta, Jaipur (Rajasthan)

A total of 16 abstracts were received and selected for presentation in the 42nd All India Sociological Conference at Tezpur, Assam. The number of papers on the related themes was 14. In 2016, 24 members paid RC fees, for 2017 this number was 21, while there were few who paid membership fees for five years till 2020.

The Business Meeting was held on 29th December, 2016. As per the Guideline of ISS, This year's 'Young Scholar Award' of RC: 22 was given to Sudhir Kumar for his paper 'Warrior to Saviour: A Paradigm Shift in Military's Professional Ethos' by the Committee of Three senior ISS Life members (Prof. D R Sahu, University of Lucknow; Prof. Khairnar, Aurangabad; Dr Vinita Lal NSCB College, Lucknow). This award carries a Certificate, memento and cash prize of INR 500.

Other Matters

- a. The account for the RC-22 is a saving account in the name of Sudhir Kumar, Co-Convenor of this RC. This account will be used for the financial transition of RC 22.
- b. Dr. Sudhir Kumar, Co-Convenor is bearing the expenditure of this RC since January 2016. Please add the above mentioned account for the transactions in favour of RC-22.
- c. Membership Fee of 11 new members (who joined this RC in 2016) along with their membership forms has been dispatched to you through speed post (EE964751934IN) on 21 Feb 2017.
- d. Till 31 December 2015, all the cash of this RC is with Prof Rajiv Gupta, Convenor of the RC.
- e. Please add name of Co-Convenor, Dr Sudhir Kumar (email ID- drskocio@gmail.com and contact No 9838229480) for the passing of the information regarding this RC as Convenor. Prof Rajeev Gupta has expressed his inability to participate in the activities of this RC for the last two year. Each and every activity of this RC is being coordinated by Co-Convenor.

RC-23: Sociology of Law

Convenor: Dr Rashmi Jain, Jaipur (Rajasthan)

Sociology of Law organized three RC sessions during the Tezpur conference. 15 abstracts were received out of which 10 were accepted for presentation. However due to unforeseen circumstances in the country only 4 paper presenters managed to attend the conference. Prof K.C Raval, Director School of law, Gujarat University conducted the sessions under his guidance.

Dr Pattanayak from Orissa presented his paper on "Perspective of Gender and Development: A Critical Appraisal." He discussed on the area of gender and inequality. Paper presenter cited, population, size of family, domestic work, AIDs, BPL,

Malnourishment and Exploitation of women at workplace in depth. Prof. K.C. Raval examined the issue of "Empowering Women: Challenges Ahead". He discussed the status of women and development of society vis-a-vis law to maintain the dignity of human being in general and particular women from ancient history to present era.

Second paper presented by Dr. Pankaj Kumar was titled as "Honor Killing: A Sociological Perspective." He discussed the historical background and questioned the notions of patriarchal society. Social factors like loss of respect and status in the community and upholding family honour are responsible for honour killings. Inter-caste marriage, same caste marriage or same gotra marriage are also identified as major factors contributing to the incidences of honour killings.

Dr. Sudha Gupta addressed the issue of "Rights of Disabled Persons". Sharing statistical data she showed the extent of disability in India and also dwelt upon the causes of disability and types of disability. She also discussed international instruments in relation with human rights in general and differently abled person in particular. The constitutional provisions and legal provisions in support with her arguments were also discussed.

The sessions were chaired by Prof. K.C Raval and Dr Pattanayak. A business meeting was conducted on 30th December 2016. Dr. Nidhi Bansal is the Treasurer of RC 23.

RC-24: Sociology of Childhood and Youth

Convenor: Prof. Bula Bhadra, Kolkata (West Bengal)

Dr. Piyali Sur, co-convenor of R.C. 24 represented Prof. Bula Bhadra as acting convenor of R.C. 24. We had three academic sessions and one Business Session. The first session was chaired by Dr. Aditya Raj, IIT Patna, the second session was chaired by Dr. Ajailiu Niumai, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusion Faculty, Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad and the third session was chaired by Dr. Piyali Sur, Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University. Twelve abstracts were submitted for presentation but we could have only nine presentations as three members could not attend the conference due to ill-health and personal reasons. Presentations were of very good quality, varied in scope and theme. The first presentation began with marginalization of childhood studies in Indian Sociological Tradition and eloquently pointed out the neglect it has received from mainstream Indian Sociological arena. In first two childhood sessions we had papers on homework as a new form of child labour, the implications of upcoming surveillance technology in Indian schools, mothering practices of children with special needs, childhood leisure processes and beautification practices of tribal girls in relation to their sexuality and body orientation. The session on Youth had papers on the use of Bengali keypads among youth of Kolkata, youth's perception of rape reporting in social media and on youth and politics.

At present we have 24 members in our research committee. Childhood and Youth Studies is almost an unexplored territory in India. We request for more membership and sociological research in this unchartered arena. At present we are compiling articles for a book on childhood and youth in India to be published by an internationally acclaimed publisher under the editorship of Prof. Bula Bhadra, the current Convenor of our RC.

In our Business Session on 29th December, we talked about the potentialities and significance of doing sociological research on childhood and Youth, acknowledging the fact that these areas have acquired tremendous importance in our everyday life and constitute integral part of our lived experiences and ergo, should constitute a part and parcel of our Sociological imagination and researches.

AG 1: Sociology of Everyday Life

Convenor: Prof. Abhijit Mitra, Kolkata (West Bengal)

1. Details of Paper Presentation:

- i. Number of abstracts received for paper presentation: 16
- ii. Number of papers presented at the conference: 09

2. Details of Plenary Sessions:

Plenary I: Everyday life sociology: Substantive and methodological dimensions

Speakers:

- i. Prof. AbhijitMitra
- ii. Prof. Sanjay K. Roy
- iii. Pinaki Roy

Plenary II: Everyday life in Indian sociological thought: Benoy K. Sarkar, D.P. Mukerji, Radhakamal Mukherjee and N.K. Bose

Speakers:

- i. Prof. AbhijitMitra
- ii. Prof Sanjay K. Roy
- iii. SayantanGhosh

3. **Details of Special Lecture:** Professor P. S. Vivek (Dept. of Sociology, University of Mumbai), delivered a special lecture on sociology of dirt, specifically on spitting.

4. **Themes Covered, Presented and Discussed:**

Conceptualizing 'sociology of everyday life': Substantive and Methodological Dimensions, Laughter and smile, Smell, Tattoos, Jewelry and their *karigars*, Family relations and the aged, Two auto-ethnographic studies: a) Journeys of self and ethics; b) 'Why I am not a Communal?', Two textual readings: a) Violence against women in Alice Walker's *The Color Purple*; b) Art, life and everyday in *Nights of Labour*, Self-perception of aging rural women, Belongingness in the context of ethnicity and citizenship, and Looking at Indian sociological traditions from the vantage point of everyday sociology

5. **Details of Business Meeting Held on 29th December, 2016: Constitution of the Academic Committee:**

i. **Convener:** Professor Abhijit Mitra (formerly with Department of Sociology, University of Burdwan)

ii. **Co-convener:** Professor Sanjoy Roy (Department of Sociology, North Bengal University)

iii. **Secretary:** Dr. Amites Mukhopadhyay (Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University)

iv. **Treasurer:** Ms. Nibedita Bayen (Department of Sociology, P. R. Thakur Government College, Gaighata, North 24 Parganas)

v. **Member of the Committee:** Mr. Pinaki Roy (Department of Sociology, Government General Degree College, Mangalkote, Burdwan)

Future Plan: To collaborate with Departments of Sociology, of North Bengal University and Sikkim University, which are planning a joint workshop /mid-year seminar on the potential of pioneers of sociology in India for concept formulation, theory building, methodological insights and areas of research with regard to culture and society in South Asia.

AG 2: Sociology of Sports

Convener*

We received 29 abstracts for this conference. Out of these, the Academic Abstract Review Committee recommended for acceptance of 28, with some modifications. Four Sessions were held during the 42nd AISC, and the report is as follows:

1. On the First Day, First Session: 14 Delegates attended the Session, chaired by Dr. B.N. Mishra, Assoc Prof, LN Mithila University. Four papers were presented, basically on Gender in Sports, Violence, comparison between dance and sports etc.

2. On the First Day, Second Session: 18 Delegates attended the Session, chaired by Prof Mikhail Sinyutin, St Petersburg University, Russia. Five papers were presented. The main feature for this session was the chairing by a Senior Foreign Sociologists, and also a Special Lecture by Prof S. Gurusamy, Member, Managing Committee, ISS on "Traditional Games/ Sports in India and its Sociological relevance".

3. On the Second Day, First Session: 17 Delegates attended this session, chaired by the Convener. There were five presentations, deliberating on youth empowerment in Sports, Media attention to paralympic players, role of yoga etc.

4. On the Second Day, Second Session: 13 Delegates were present. Six papers were presented on challenges in establishing Sports Sociology in India, development of Sports in Bihar, gender differences in Sports in St Petersburg, feminist and masculinity in sport etc. This session was chaired by Dr Padma Rani, Assoc Prof and Head, School of Communication, Manipal University.

We had a total of twenty presentations, which was very good so far so the attendance in this conference is concerned. We had papers from Maharashtra, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Karnataka, Delhi, Manipur, and Russia.

The Business meeting was convened wherein the Members were informed about the developments in Sport Sociology, Conferences, the system being adopted by the ISS for accepting abstracts, discussions on our Newsletter, getting "Sports Sociology" included within the Scheme of HRD in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India (information received from the GOI in writing to this affect), our website, prospecting about the Mid Term Conference, and also about the

* Dr Samapika Mahapatra has been appointed new Convener for Adhoc Group 2 Sociology of Sports vide MC decision dt. 18 March 2017.

Volume that we intend to publish. In 2016, 64 members paid their membership fees.

Dr Vishesh K Gupta is the Co-Convenor and Dr. Rakesh Tiwari is the Treasurer of AG 2.

AG 3 : Ethnicity and Minority Studies

Convenor: Dr. Arvinder A. Ansari, JMI, New Delhi (Delhi)

Adhoc Group (AG) - 03 *Ethnicity and Minority Studies* has completed two years. It was constituted in 2014 at Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi. We feel pleasure to share with this august audience that the papers presented in the first midterm national seminar held at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, has been published and the book was released by Prof Sujata Patel, honorable President of ISS on 29/12/2016. The title of the book is Being a Minority in India: Issues and Challenges which reflect the different kind of Minorities in our society. The AG- 03 is expanding its wings and has more than 50 members from all over India. It represents the diversity of society. The objective of society has been to undertake and encourage research papers on cultural marginalization and exclusion of certain sections of the society. It includes religious minorities but also caste, gender, race, and refugees are included.

AG-3 had received more than 40 abstracts for the 42nd All India Sociological Conference. Only 30 abstracts were accepted after the approval of review committee. More than twenty papers were presented and 10 participants could not come due to cancellation of trains. All the four sessions were academically enriching and productive. All the paper presenters were given minimum 20 minutes to present their paper followed by discussions. The noteworthy prompts that there was a paper by Prof Ruzica Chichan Chand from Croatia, she talked about Indian minorities and their challenges in Democratic society. The members of AG -03 were privileged to hold interactive sessions with Prof. Imtiaz Ahmed an eminent sociologist; he addressed many important issues of doing research in Minority studies.

The Business meeting of AG-03 was held on 29th December 2016. Members of AG-03 attended it, since AG -03 has completed two years. It was proposed to hold election but house unanimously decided to re-elected the convenor of AG 03.

Dr. Arvinder A. Ansari- Convenor

Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed Ansari- Co- Convenor

Dr. Sheetal Tamakuwala- Secretary

Executive members:

Mohd.ZiayuddinKhawaja

Dr. Amiya Kumar Das

Dr. Ishwar Chandra

Dr. RajniBala

Dr. Shalini Singh

It has been proposed to hold next midterm in Maulana Azad National Urdu University Hyderabad, Subject to funding from ICSSR.

AG 4: Mother and Motherhood

Convenor: Prof. Samita Manna, Kalyani (West Bengal)

At the outset the Convenor of the Ad-hoc Group-4 on *Mother and Motherhood* expresses her heartiest thanks to the President of the Indian Sociological Society and other members of the Executive Committee for their whole hearted co-operation in running this Ad-hoc Group. She is also grateful to Prof. Chandan Kumar Sharma for his hospitality and success in organising this conference.

This year initially we received 32 abstracts. But after reviewing, 31 abstracts were considered for presentation in the 42nd AISC, held at Tezpur University. But finally 20 papers were presented by different scholars in four Technical Sessions. The 1st Technical Session started with a vibrating welcome address by Prof. Samita Manna. In her speech, she expressed her gratitude to all the members of the Organising Committee of 42nd AISC, Indian Sociological Society as well as to the family members of the *Mother and Motherhood*.

Four Technical Sessions were chaired by different senior academics with the young teachers as rapporteurs for sensitizing the participants on the challenging contemporary issues related to mother and motherhood. Each session was illuminated with different newly appeared themes of the papers presented by young teachers and scholars from different parts of the country. In this connection, I would also like to mention the name of Prof. Biswajit Ghosh, Treasurer of ISS, who chaired one Technical Session and enriched the participants with his valuable comments and suggestions. Each paper presenter

was provided with sufficient time (10 – 15 minutes) for presentation and 5 minutes or more were provided for deliberations. All these Sessions were stimulated through inter-changing academic dialogues, discourses and suggestions.

The notion of motherhood has been shifted from tradition to modernity. Even in contemporary society, new challenges of motherhood are being surfaced with different contexts and connotations. The evolution of motherhood from animal to human being was also focused with the special attraction on the socio-biological diversifications of motherhood. Among these papers, a few were grounded on theoretical complexities and methodological issues. The majority of the papers dealt with the problems of the motherhood in contemporary society, where the single mothers, *hizra* mothers, surrogate mothers, refugee mothers, adoptive mothers, tribal mothers and the motherhood of flying sex workers were also mentionable. Finally, the causes and consequences of involuntary childlessness had been analysed to throw a new light in the arena of motherhood.

The members of the Ad-hoc Group-4 attended the Business Meeting, which was held on 29th December at 9 A.M., chaired by the Convener, Prof. Samita Manna to discuss the past activities and future course of action of the Group. The Convener is pleased to inform that eight members have joined the Ad-hoc Group in this august Conference.

This Ad-hoc group feels proud for the publication of the book, based on the papers presented in the last AISC held at Bubhaneswar. The title of the book is: *Motherhood: Demystification and Denouement*, (Levant Books 2016), which was released by Prof. Sujata Patel, the President of the Indian Sociological Society.

Dr. Soumyajit Patra, Dr. Sujit Roy and Dr. Debaprasad Chatterjee are the Co-Convener, Secretary and Treasurer of AG 4 respectively.

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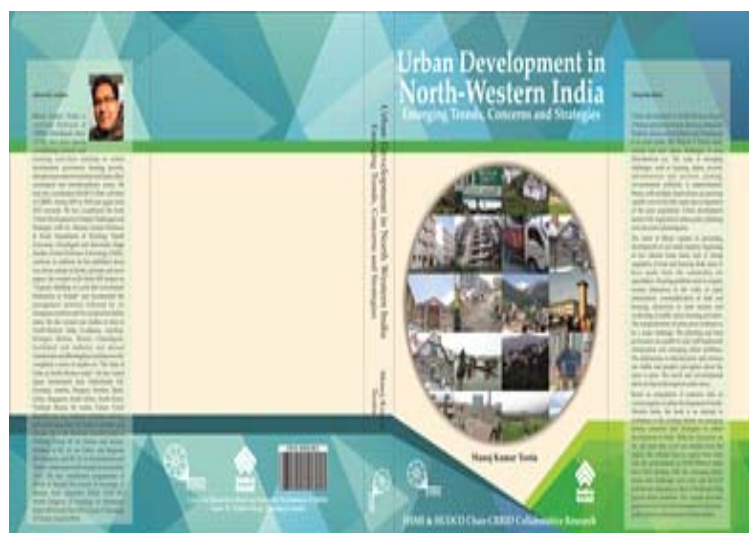
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The ISS Members are invited to view the Hindi version of "*Global Dialogue*", the Newsletter of the International Sociological Association, currently published in 14 languages by visiting at the link : <http://www.isa-sociology.org/global-dialogue/>

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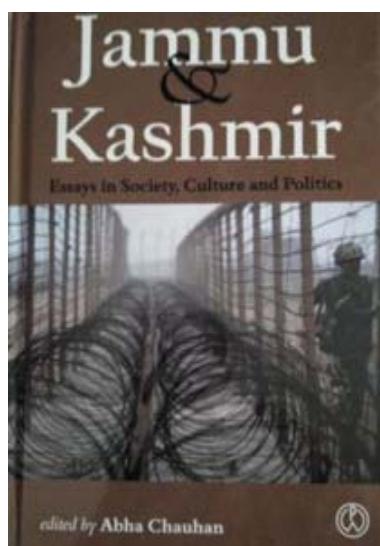
Teotia, Manoj Kumar. 2016. *Urban Development in Northwestern India: Emerging Trends, Concerns and Strategies*. CRRID: Chandigarh (ISBN: 978-81-85835-80-2).

The book priced at Rs 700/- was released on the occasion of the World Habitat Day function by Mr M Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Union Minister, MoHUPA and MoUD; in presence of Rao Inderjit Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of Planning and MoHUPA and MoUD; Dr Nandita Chatterjee, Secretary, MoHUPA; Dr Ravi Kanth, CMD, HUDCO; Mr Yoshinobu Fukasawa, Director, Regional Office for Asia Pacific, UN-Habitat; Mr Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Representative in India.



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About the Book:

Written almost exclusively by the Ph.D. Research Scholars of the Department of Sociology, University of Jammu, the sixteen essays in the book *Jammu and Kashmir: Essays in Society, Culture and Politics* bring out succinctly the various aspects exhibiting the unique features of the state of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). Taken together, the essays in this volume offer an incisive understanding of the various dimensions of the J&K state – gender, politics, religion, culture, castes, communities and cities. The book will be a useful reference for those interested to know and study about social life of the people of Jammu and Kashmir in varied forms, and for academics, researchers, administrators and policy makers.

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Ylä-Anttila, T. and Swarnakar, P. (2017), Crowding-in: how Indian civil society organizations began mobilizing around climate change. *The British Journal of Sociology*. doi: 10.1111/1468-4446.12251

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Abstract:

This paper argues that periodic waves of crowding-in to 'hot' issue fields are a recurring feature of how globally networked civil society organizations operate, especially in countries of the Global South. We elaborate on this argument through a study of Indian civil society mobilization around climate change. Five key mechanisms contribute to crowding-in processes: (1) the expansion of discursive opportunities; (2) the event effects of global climate change conferences; (3) the network effects created by expanding global civil society networks; (4) the adoption and innovation of action repertoires; and (5) global pressure effects creating new opportunities for civil society. Our findings contribute to the world society literature, with an account of the social mechanisms through which global institutions and political events affect national civil societies, and to the social movements literature by showing that developments in world society are essential contributors to national mobilization processes.

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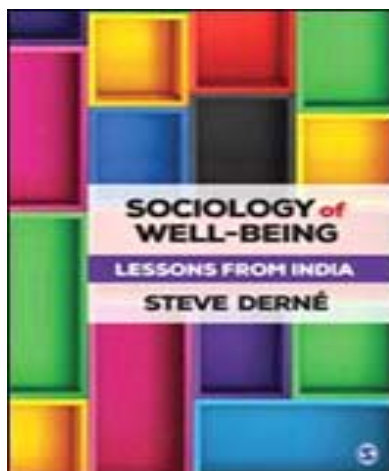
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**Derne, Steve. 2017. *Sociology of Well-Being: Lessons from India*. Sage Publications.**

This book explains well-being through insights gathered from qualitative interviews with Indians from different walks of life. It shows that well-being is mixed and transient, shifting in interactions. It reveals the universals that lead to well-being, bringing out interlinkages between health, wealth, and pleasure. Explaining variations by gender, class, age, and individual choice, the book highlights the distinctive insights in Indian religious traditions about life satisfaction. The book draws on 203 interviews done in Dehradun, but also on the wisdoms of Indian religious traditions and the wisdoms of the earlier Indian sociologists, especially Radhakamal Mukerjee, D.P. Mukerji and Benoy Kumar Sarkar — so it might be of interest to members of Indian Sociological Society.

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Prof. Bula Bhadra

1. Bhadra, Bula. "Precarity and Surrogacy: The Invisible Umbilical Cord in the Digital Age", (Eds.) D Kergel and B Heidkamp *Precarity within the Digital Age: Media Change and Social Insecurity* (Germany: Springer VS, 2017), pp.31-68.

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2. Bhadra, Bula, (ed.). *Childhood and Youth of India: The Missing Link in Sociology on India* (Routledge).

3. Bhadra, Bula. *Disconnected Together: New Technologies & Children's Everyday Lives in Kolkata* (Oxford University Press, Forthcoming).

Prof. Virendra P. Singh

Virendra P. Singh and Snehil Singh. 2017. 'Role of ICT in Transformation of Rural Communication System, Emerging Trends in Development Research, Vol.24, No.1, pp. 9-18.

Preeti Tiwari and Virendra P. Singh. 2017, 'Globalization, Gender and Culture : A Study of the novel "*half girlfriend*" Emerging Trends in Development Research, Vol.24, No.1, pp. 31-35

Dr. Sumit Saurabh Srivastava

1. Srivastava, Sumit Saurabh. 2016. 'Ambedkar's Feminist Legacy: Some Explorations', *Women's Link*, Vol. 22, No. 3, July – September, pp. 16-21.
2. Srivastava, Sumit Saurabh. 2017. 'Aspiring Modernity, Lingered Traditionalism: Explorations of Clientele & Patronage Politics in India', *The Eastern Anthropologist*, Vol. 70, No. 1-2, pp. 21-38.

Report on 9th St. Petersburg Sociological Readings

An international Scientific Conference on the 9th St. Petersburg Sociological Readings by the Federal State Budget Educational Institution of Higher Education "Lesgaft National State University of Physical Education, Health and Sport, St. Petersburg, Russia" was organized on 14-15 April 2017. Dr Sanjay Tewari, Director of UP Athletics Association and LMI of ISS and Member of the ISSA, spoke at the Plenary Session of this very important Conference. He was a special invitee in the Board Meeting of the University, and was honored by the Rector. This speech was published in the Russian Book on Sports Sociology, St Petersburg, ISBN 978-5-7422-5817-9 May 2017, pp 16-17 "Sociology of Sports in India and beyond: Its challenges"

Report on the 52nd World Congress on Sociology of Sports, Taiwan

The 52nd World Congress on Sports Sociology, under the aegis of International Sociology of Sports Association, and RC 27, ISA Sociology of Sports, was held at the National Taiwan Sports University, Taoyuan City, 30 May-2 June 2017. The main aim of the Conference was to gather the international community of Sociologists of Sport to discuss the key issues and debates surrounding the role and place of sport in a global society. Dr Sanjay Tewari, Director of UP Athletics Association and LMI, in his capacity as Sole Member of the ISSA from India of long standing, chaired an important session on "Economy, Society and Sport" at the World Congress, and also presented his paper on establishing the Sports Sociology in India. The Congress was attended by delegates from more than 27 countries. His report was published in the Russian Journal of Sociology and Social Anthropology, ISSN 1029-8053.

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Obituaries

The following Life Members of the Indian Sociological Society passed away between May - August, 2017.

1. Prof. Keshav Kaistha, Chandigarh (8th May, 2017).
2. Prof. Ishwar Prasad Modi, Jaipur (23th May, 2017).
3. Prof. Hetukar Jha, Patna (21st August, 2017).



Obituary

Dr. Ishwar Prasad Modi

(12 December 1940 – 23 May 2017)

Towards the end of his interview with Ms Laleh Behbehani of the International Sociological Association (ISA), conducted on 14 November 2011, lasting for 21 minutes and 49 seconds, Dr. Ishwar Prasad Modi displayed his passionate love for sociology, a discipline to which he remained unwaveringly committed for his entire academic life beginning in 1960. 'Sociology lies in my heart,' he said; and expanding on this statement, he invoked a belief central to Hinduism: 'If we believe in the theory of reincarnation and if I were to be reborn in a human form, I shall devote myself completely to the study of sociology as I have done in this life.' 'Sociology has a lot to offer,' he added, 'sociologists are like poets'. As the poets are at liberty to pick up any theme, any subject, for their creative works, in the same way, sociologists can carry out their researchers on any topics they are interested in and make a meaningful contribution to it.

For his undergraduate degree, Dr. Modi read economics, political science, and sociology. Of these, sociology entranced him the most from the first day he started reading books on it. On 6 July 1961 was founded the Department of Sociology at the University of Rajasthan, having a galaxy of scholars, some of whom were later the founders of and nourished the other sociology departments in the country. Besides the humanistic perspective that sociology bestowed upon Dr. Modi, the new department of sociology with its luminaries was an added attraction. Moreover, in the 1960s, social sciences were most sought after as India was grappling with the problems of development and progress. Students joining social sciences in those days thought that they would be able to contribute substantially to the process of nation-building. Subscribing to these ideas, Dr. Modi stayed in the Jaipur Department and earned his Ph.D. degree, writing a thesis on 'Leisure, Mass Media, and Social Structure', under the stewardship of Professor Yogendra Singh, which was later published as a monograph in 1985,. Later, in 2012-4, Dr. Modi was instrumental in bringing out a set of four festschrift volumes for his doctoral teacher.

For twenty-seven years, he taught sociology at the University of Rajasthan, besides occupying a number of administrative positions and supervising more than a dozen research students. Although his doctoral work had fixed his life-long loyalty to the sociological study of leisure, he had also carried out scores of important studies, the significance of which should not be eclipsed; for instance, his writings on village India.

From the inception of his sociological work, Dr. Modi was sensitive to the diversity of Indian society. He argued that when we look at a social unit from outside, it appears to be homogeneous and unified; but when the same unit is studied from inside, it appears to be made up of layers upon layers of difference, diversity and pluralism. Take the case of an Indian village. Many writers think that its unity results from its cultural homogeneity, which, Dr. Modi believed, was far from being true. Multiple caste communities comprise a village, and each one of them has its own 'common round of life', different from the other. The dialect of a caste, its intonation and words, are different, so are its morphological features, house types, designs of jewellery and dresses, children's toys, games and sports, and the patterns of leisurely activities.

Thus, the unity of a village results not from its purported 'homogeneity', just because it is not there, but from the coordination of its internal diversity, which makes one unit depend upon the other. He conjectured that what is true of multi-caste villages would also be true of uni-caste villages, which are not uncommon in Rajasthan. In the latter, the dissimilarities would be of individuals and descent groups, besides of course of economic capability and relative success in life. Dr. Modi was skeptical of the claims of the political states and powers that they have succeeded in homogenizing their peoples, either persuasively or coercively, or both, for what is asserted by these governments is a 'monstrous mirage' created by the power of the mass media. This was the reason why one of Dr. Modi's interests lay in undertaking a sociological study of the myths and the lies that the instruments of media convincingly create and perpetuate.

As was stated previously, Dr. Modi's contribution to the sociology of leisure was commendable. Pursuing the analogy of the poet, he explored several other terrains of research (such as drug addiction, health and illness, social gerontology, social stratification, youth culture, studies of theatrical performances, and values and morality), in addition to assembling his thoughts on what should be the tenor of contemporary Indian sociology; but wherever he traversed, he eventually returned to the 'leisure studies'.

'Leisurology', a term he preferred to use interchangeably with 'leisure studies', for him was a systematic study of the ways and practices through which people spent their time when they were not working, or when they thought they were not under the pressure of work, or when they had completed their work and were 'relaxing'. He was, however, not content just to limit his enquiry to an ethnographic understanding of leisure activities. He was more interested in the study of the institutions and corporate bodies that globally promoted leisure for people. The 'leisure industry', so to say, was the third largest in the world, and included tourism, sports, visits to museum, exotic picnic spots, adventurous pastimes, and cultural festivals. For Dr. Modi, leisure was an 'umbrella term', including a myriad and a plethora of activities that ultimately aimed at invigorating the self. Sometimes, in a spirit of exuberance, he said: 'Life is leisure'. If, on one hand, leisure for him was what people did when they distanced themselves from work, grueling and strenuous as it was expected to be in all societies, on the other, leisure was also a 'method' to study the social life of people. In a nutshell, a study of the leisurely activities of a community can help us in knowing its social organization.

Dr. Modi was an institution builder. In November 1989, in order to popularize leisure studies, he organized the first World Leisure Congress in India (at Jaipur) on behalf of the Research Committee on Leisure (RC-13) of the ISA. He was elected its Vice President in 1990-4, and then for 1998-2002 and 2002-6; and was elected its President in 2006-10, and then, 2010-14. The Statutes of RC-13, which were originally written by Dr. Gybrgy Fukasz (of Hungary) in 1979, were revised by Dr. Modi, and approved in March 2013.

Further, Dr. Modi was elected on the Board of Directors of the World Leisure and Recreation Association (WLRA), now called the World Leisure Association (WLA), in 1991, and received its Life Membership in 1994. He recalled that in 2006, RC-13 had only thirty-six members, but within one year and a half, when the Durban Conference took place, it increased to more than one hundred; and by the time of the Gothenburg Conference (Sweden), in 2010, it was more than two hundred. Dr. Modi was able to spread the passion for leisure studies to a number of Indian researchers. He was well known for unflinchingly attending the sessions of the ISA with a big Indian contingent.

Dr. Modi's unrelenting efforts led to an 'internationalization' of leisure studies. In collaboration with the research associations in other countries, he founded a group called BRIC, which included researchers from Brazil, Russia, India, and China (hence the acronym), and later, this group included South Africa as well, so it became BRICS. The aim of this group was to carry out studies on different sociological problems and sections of their respective societies according to a standard research design, and then assemble all these studies in the form of volumes which would provide country-profiles. In fact, Dr. Modi co-edited one such volume titled *Mapping Leisure across Borders* in 2014. That he was known internationally was evident when Professor B.K. Nagla and I proposed to edit a volume in his honour. Almost all those whom we had approached for papers obliged us and recapitulated in their respective contributions Dr. Modi's devotion to sociology in general, and leisure studies in particular. Even after the volume had been readied for publication, articles kept on pouring in compelling us to think in terms of another volume to be dedicated to him.

In an illustrious academic career of more than half a century, Dr. Modi occupied several positions of importance. He was the twenty-third President of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS). For his dedication to the subject of sociology and for nurturing its institutions, the ISS conferred upon him in 2015 the Life Time Achievement Award. He was the Founder-Director of the Centre for Leisure and Tourism Studies, University of Rajasthan; and was a Visiting Professor to the Indian Institute of Health Management, Jaipur.

Dr. Modi will always be remembered as a man of great patience, whose benign smile, pleasant demeanour, and unlimited generosity made everyone feel extremely comfortable in his presence. Many young colleagues in sociology and other social sciences will eternally be indebted to him for helping them reach the niches of the international sociology.

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43rd All India Sociological Conference
Theme: Neo-liberalism, Consumption and Culture
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Books have always played a major role in the evolution of human consciousness and culture as a whole. As the new generation is being attracted towards the virtual world, through the evolution of new electronic/technical gadgets, it has been observed that the culture of preservation and orientation of people through writing and reading in the forms of books, articles, journals is diminishing day by day. Therefore, this initiative is an attempt to promote the culture of learning and reflection from different facets of our social life through reading sessions, discussions and deliberations thereof. These efforts are also designed to facilitate those students who have a desire to study books but may not be in a position to buy books and enjoy fruitful readings.



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We are also planning to “Books on Wheels” programme. Through this we will go to rural areas to share books and other study materials. This initiative will empower rural society. Together We can make a *Better World!*

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Group Photo after Meeting of Managing Committee at JNU New Delhi, March 2017



Meeting of Managing Committee at JNU New Delhi, March 2017

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ISA RC52 Interim Conference Oslo & Akershus University College of Applied Sciences,
Oslo, Norway (8-10 June 2017)

Change in Professions and Professionalism – Signs and Directions



SEMINARS, CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED & CONDUCTED

Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow

M N Srinivas Birth Centenary Symposium

Symposium in collaboration with the Department of Anthropology, Ethnographic and Folk Culture Society (EFCS), Lucknow, Department of Social Work & J K Institute of Sociology & Human Relations on The Legacy of M N Srinivas: Indian Sociology, Ethnography & Caste on 02 February 2017. Prof. Sujata Patel, President, Indian Sociological Society, Central University of Hyderabad delivered inaugural address. Sri G B Patnaik, President, EFCS, Lucknow was the Guest of Honour. Prof. N. Jayaram, National Law University, Bangalore, Prof. Vinay Srivastava, University of Delhi, New Delhi and Prof. S. S. Jodhka, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi delivered their lectures.



International Conference

There was an international conference on POLITICS, SOCIETY AND CULTURE IN SOUTH ASIA jointly sponsored by ICSSR, KISS, Bhubaneswar and Government of UP during March 3-5, 2017 in collaboration with Ethnographic and Folk Culture Society (EFCS). More than 300 national and international delegates participated in the conference. Sri Ram Naik, Governor of Uttar Pradesh inaugurated the conference. Prof Anand Kumar delivered the inaugural address. Prof. Francis Lobo Australia delivered the key note address, Sri G. B. Patnaik, President of EFCS, delivered welcome address, Prof S P Singh, Vice Chancellor presided the inaugural ceremony and Prof. D. R. Sahu, Head, Sociology proposed the vote of thanks. Prof. Nilika Meherotra, Chairperson, JNU, New Delhi delivered valedictory address. Prof, S.K Chaudhury was the organising secretary of the conference.



National Seminar

There was a National Seminar on the *Role of Social Media in Society Transformation: Issues and Challenges* sponsored by ICSSR, Govt. of India during 25-26 March 2017. Prof. Rajiv Gupta, Rajasthan University, Jaipur delivered the keynote address. More than 200 delegates participated in the seminar. Dr. P. K. Gupta was the organising secretary and Dr. S. K. Dhal and Dr. D. K. Tripathy were the co-organising secretary of the seminar.



National Seminar

The Department of Sociology Saurashtra University, Rajkot organized two days national seminar on “Social stratification and social mobility” dated 3-4 March 2017. The sub themes of the seminar were:

- Ø Conceptual framework of Social Stratification and mobility ,
- Ø Social Mobility in Gujarat
- Ø Cast, Class Stratification in India
- Ø Issues of Social Stratification & Mobility.

The seminar was inaugurated by Hon. Vice Chancellor Dr. Pratapsinh Chauhan and the chief guest and key note speaker of the seminar was Dr. Abha Chauhan, Secretary, Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi. The seminar was held for two days with four sessions. The key note speaker of the sessions were Dr. Vidyut Joshi (Eminent Sociologist), Dr. Harish Doshi (ret. Professor and Eminent sociologist), Dr. Chandrakant Upadhyay, Director Tribal Research and Training Institute Gujarat Vidyapith, Dr. Divakar Singh Rajput, Harisingh Gaur University, Sagar, Dr Gaurang Jani and Dr. Chandrika Raval, Gujarat University, Ahemdabad. More than 200 participants - academicians, researcher scholars, social scientists participated in this seminar. The participants were from the various states, universities and colleges.

Dr. Abha Chauhan in her Keynote Address discussed the theories and various forms of stratification and the processes of social mobility encompassing Indian society. The resource persons discussed the conceptual frame work of the topic stratification and social mobility. They focused on the question: What are the changing trends in stratification and mobility in India and Gujarat? The resource persons discussed the relationship between Stratification and caste, caste and its impacts on society and the gender related issues.



Special Lectures

- Dr Leon Miller, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia delivered a lecture on Planning Sustainability in the Network Economy: an integrative multi-dimensional strategy for sustainable social-economic planning in the Department on 30 March 2017.
- Prof. Heather Booth, Director of Research in the School of Demography in the ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences, and leads the Group on Longevity, Ageing and Mortality (GLAM), delivered a lecture on “Population ageing and Persons Living longer” in the Department on 10 April 2017.
- Dr Satnarine Balkaransingh from Trinidad delivered a Lecture in the Department on assessing the inheritance of the successive generations of the Indian Indentured Immigrants to Trinidad and the Caribbean 100 years (2017) after the end of the Indenture System on 13 April 2017.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & HONOURS

RECEIVED BY LIFE MEMBERS

- **Prof. G. Satyanarayan** selected as Emeritus Professor for the year 2017-2019, the only one in the discipline of Sociology. He is also listed as a collegium member of eminent social scientists by the ICSSR, New Delhi.
- **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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Asia Climate Change Education Center (ACCEC) is organizing an international workshop on 'Climate Change Strategy by Industrial and Municipal Sectors' on October 12, 2017 in Jeju, South Korea. After the workshop, ACCEC will run a study tour on 'Innovative Climate Change, Resilience and Adaptation Strategies for Smart Cities and Regions' for 2 days from October 13 to 14, 2017 at ACCEC, Jeju, South Korea. The ACCEC would like to offer academic inputs, some working lunches and reception or farewell dinners to the participants. The international travel, visa, health insurance, accommodation in Jeju and local travel costs will have to be borne by the sponsoring agencies/ individuals. For details contact:

Assistant Prof. Manoj Kumar Teotia

Center for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID),
2A, Sector 19A, Chandigarh, India 160019.

International Conference on "Mountain Cities, Climate Change and Urban Sustainability" and "Youth Forum for Social and Solidarity Economy, Peace and Urban Sustainability" (November 6-8, 2017) & a Pre Conference Workshop on "Towards Achieving Green Growth, Eco-Efficiency & SDGs for Urban Sustainability" (November 4-5, 2017).

Conference Coordinator, 1st Chandigarh Climate Meet (CCM-1),
Manoj Kumar Teotia

Secretary cum Treasurer, Working Group 05 on Famine and Society

International Sociological Association (ISA)

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/working-groups/wg05-famine-and-society/>



Important Deadlines

1. **Abstract submission:** April 25 till September 30, 2017, 24:00 GMT

2. **Registration deadline for presenters**
March 20, 2018, 24:00 GMT

3. **Contact:** If you have questions please use the relevant e-mail address of contacts below:

- **ISA membership:** isa-secretariat@isa-sociology.org
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- **Letters of invitation:** contact your Session Organizer
- **Visa queries:** visalSA2018@jpd.com
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Sessions /Symposium Organised by ISS Members

Research Committee:

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

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

Session Organizers : Virendra Pal SINGH and Parvez Ahmad ABBASI

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

Session Organizer: Arvind CHAUHAN

Research Committee: 31

Women in Society (host committee)

Session VI : Women's Movement, Peace Process and Conflict Resolution

Session organizer : Abha Chauhan

Research Committee: 52

Sociology of Professional Groups (host committee)

Session III: Transformation and Restructuring of Professions in Globalizing World

Session Organizers : Virendra Pal SINGH and Parvez Ahmad ABBASI

Session IV : Professionalization, Professional Ethics and Semi-Professions: Emerging Issues in Developing Countries

Session Organizer: Arvind CHAUHAN,

Working Group: 02

WG01 Sociology of Local-Global Relations (host committee)

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

Session Organizers : Virendra Pal SINGH and Vandita SINGH

WG05 : Famine and Society

Programme Coordinator : Manoj Kumar Teotia

Session VI : Gender and Famine: Dealing with Material Scarcity through Survival Strategies

Session Organizer : Abha Chauhan

Session VII : Slums As Manifestation of Urban Poverty, Social Inequality, Denial of Social Justice and Human Rights in Global South: Some Emerging Sociological Questions

Session Organizer : Manoj TEOTIA and Rajiv SHARMA

Session VIII : Towards Violence Free Peaceful Futures: The Struggles for an Inclusive and Equitable World

Session Organizer : Ranvinder Singh SANDHU and Sunil BANSAL

Kerala Sociological Society (KSS)

44th Annual Conference

44th Annual Meet and National Conference of Kerala Sociological Society (KSS) will held at Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam, Kerala, from December 8th Friday To 10th Sunday 2017. The theme of the Conference is *Culture Community & Identity: Mobilizations and Contestations*.

Those interested in presenting papers in the academic sessions may send their abstracts to Dr. Uthara Soman, the Secretary in keralasociologicalsociety@gmail.com before **October 30th 2017**. The abstracts shall be sent adhering strictly to the following specifications: 200 words, Times New Roman font, 12 pt., 1.5 space, providing the name, designation, institutional affiliation and address, email and mobile number of the presenter. A three member Committee will scrutinize the abstracts and only the selected abstracts will be accepted for presentation. The criteria for scrutiny are: 1) Sociological relevance of the topic, 2) Methodological application and 3) Theoretical and Conceptual clarity. The selected papers will be informed by **10th November 2017** and the full paper will have to be turned in by 30th November 2017. Submission of the full paper on time is mandatory for the presentation of the papers in the Conference. There will be also provision for poster presentations.

Registration includes conference kit, food, moderate accommodation and certificate. If the papers are jointly authored, all the authors will have to register in order to get the certificate, even if all of them do not participate in the conference.

Registration Fee

No.	Category of Participants	In Rupees
1.	Senior delegates & Teachers	1500
2.	Research scholars with UGC Scholarship 1000	
3.	Guest Lecturers and research scholars	750
4.	Students	350

Situated on a green hillock in the foothills of the Western Ghats, Mar Athanasius College, a premier multi-disciplinary educational institution in central Travancore region of Kerala. Munnar, an idyllic hill station, famous for its tea estates, exotic scenery, abundance of flora and fauna in the Western Ghats is located about 75 kilometers away from the College (roughly 2:30 hours by road), will be a welcome tourist attraction for those coming for the Conference, especially from outside Kerala.

Prof. Jose Murickan SJ Memorial Best Paper Award

Applications are invited for Prof. Jose Murickan SJ Memorial Best Paper Award for the best paper presented in the 44th Annual Conference of Kerala Sociological Society from the registered participants below 35 years of age as on 30th November 2017 and whose abstracts have been accepted for presentation in the Conference. The Award includes a cash award of Rs. 2000/- and a Certificate of merit. If the paper is co-authored, all the authors must be 35 years or less. Applicants whose abstracts have been accepted, shall send three copies of the full paper in English not exceeding 5000 words along with the proof of age to Dr. Uthara Soman, the Secretary, Kerala Sociological Society, Head, Department of Sociology, SN College, Chempazhanchy P.O., Thiruvananthapuram, 695 587 before **15th November 2017**. The Awardee will be selected in the separate academic session for the applicants during the Conference. The Award will be distributed in the Valedictory Session of the Conference at Mar Athanasius, College, Kothamangalam, Kerala.

Prof. John Kattakayam Young Sociologist Award

Applications are invited for Prof. John Kattakayam Young Sociologist Award for the best research paper published in the last three years (2014-2017), from the Life members of Kerala Sociological Society below 35 years of age as on 30th November 2017. The award involves a cash award of Rs. 3000/- and a certificate of merit. Applicants shall send three copies of the published paper along with the title page of the Journal/edited volume and proof of age to Dr. Uthara Soman, the Secretary, Kerala Sociological Society, Head, Department of Sociology, SN College, Chempazhanchy P.O., Thiruvananthapuram, 695 587 before **15th November 2017**. The Award will be distributed in the valedictory session of the 44th Sociological Conference of the Society at Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam, Kerala on 10th December 2017.

New Life members also may apply for the Award. Life membership of the Kerala Sociological Society can be obtained by sending in duly filled in application Form along with the membership fee of Rs. 3000/- in cheque or DD in favour of Kerala Sociological Society, payable at Trivandrum to Dr. Uthara Soman, the Secretary, Kerala Sociological Society, Head, Department of Sociology, SN College, Chempazhanchy P.O., Thiruvananthapuram, 695 587. The Application Form is available at www.kss.org.in.

Workshop on Academic Writing and Publishing in Social Sciences

Prior to the 44th Conference of the Sociological Society, a pre-Conference workshop on "Academic Writing and Publishing in Social Sciences" will be conducted at Mar Athanasius, College, Kothamangalam, Kerala **from November 6th Evening to 8th Noon** for young teachers and research scholars. Prof. Satish Deshpande PhD, HoD, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics will be the Chief Resource Person and Antony Palackal PhD, the President, Kerala Sociological Society and Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Kerala will be the Director of the workshop. There are only a maximum of 50 seats and admission will be on first come first served basis. Research Scholars in their advance stage of research will be given priority. The registration fee for teachers and JRF scholars is Rs. 600/- and Guest faculties and young research scholars is Rs. 300/-. Those who would like to participate in the workshop may write to the Director with a brief bio-data of 2-3 pages, in antonymalackal@gmail.com before **1st November 2017**. Research scholars shall mention the stage in which they are working on their thesis currently.

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Email IDs

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