

Indian Sociological Society

Constitution

As Amended in December 2016

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION
OF
SOCIETY ACT XXI OF 1860

No. 2735 of 1951- 1952

I hereby certify that Indian Sociological
Society has this day been registered under the
Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860.

Given under my hand at Bombay this
Eleventh day of December One thousand nine
hundred and fifty-one.

Sd/-
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies
Bombay

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Registered under the Bombay Public Trusts Act (Bom.XXIX of 1950), Bombay, June 5, 1962, No. F-971 (Bom.)

Memorandum of Association

1. The name of the Society shall be “Indian Sociological Society”.
2. The office of the Society, initially located in Mumbai, is now located in Delhi and it may be relocated in any place in India as is convenient for the Society to function.
3. The purposes for which the Society is established are as follows:
 - a) To pursue and promote the study of sociology and sociological problems.
 - b) To disseminate knowledge through lectures, publications and such other means bearing on social and sociological problems.
 - c) To conduct and publish at least two issues per year of Journals like *Sociological Bulletin*, *Bharatiya Samajshastra Sameeksha*, *E-Journal* and *E-Newsletter*.
 - d) To publish brochures, newsletters and books to achieve the above ends.
 - e) To hold conferences, including sessions of Research Committees, and organise Memorial Lectures for disseminating knowledge on various fields of the discipline in furtherance of the above.

Rules & Regulations

1. Membership

There shall be five categories of Members:

- i) A person holding University Degree in any of the social sciences with valid Identity Card and paying Rs. 5000 in one sum may be admitted as a Life Member, provided her/his application is approved by two-thirds of the members of the Managing Committee. A person residing abroad (outside of the SAARC countries) will have to pay US \$ 500 or equivalent in Indian rupees.
- ii) A person holding University Degree in any of the social sciences and paying an annual subscription of Rs. 600 shall be entitled to become an Ordinary Member of the Society, provided two-thirds of the members of the Managing Committee uphold her/his application.
- iii) A person who is studying a social science subject as a regular student in any of the Indian Universities or Colleges affiliated to them shall be entitled to become a Student Member by paying an annual subscription of Rs. 300.
- iv) It shall be competent for the Managing Committee to admit institutional members on the following terms and conditions:
 - a) Any institution doing research on sociology with similar aims and objects of the Society seeking institutional membership of the Indian Sociological Society shall pay a one-time membership fee of Rs. 20,000.
 - b) Institutional member will be entitled to send not more than three delegates to the All-India Sociological Conference organized by the Society.
 - c) Institutional member is entitled to get an online copy of *Sociological Bulletin* free of cost.
 - d) The delegates will be entitled to take part in the proceedings and discussions of the Conference but shall have no voting rights.

- v) It shall be competent for the Managing Committee to affiliate other social science societies including Regional Sociological Associations with similar aims and objects, seeking affiliation to Indian Sociological Society, on the following terms and conditions:
- a) Any society affiliated to the Indian Sociological Society shall pay an affiliation fee of Rs. 600 per annum.
 - b) It will be entitled to send not more than three delegates to the All-India Sociological Conference organized by the Society.
 - c) It is entitled to get an online copy of *Sociological Bulletin*.
 - d) The delegates will be entitled to take part in the proceedings and discussions of the Conference but shall have no voting rights.

2. Payment of Subscription

All subscriptions for Journal are payable strictly in advance. Members who are in arrears for more than two months are liable to have their names removed from the register of the Society after a notice to that effect.

All subscriptions shall be payable through internet banking in any time of a year. However, all subscriptions will start from January, i.e. the first issue of the volume, only.

3. Management

The affairs of the Indian Sociological Society shall be managed by (i) Office Bearers, (ii) Managing Committee, and (iii) Editorial Board.

- i) The Managing Committee shall be composed of the President, the Secretary and not more than fifteen other members, all of whom shall be elected by the Life Members of the Society. The Treasurer shall be nominated by the President from amongst the members of the Managing Committee in consultation with the Managing Committee. The President and the Secretary shall be elected every two years, whereas, there shall be a system of rotation among the

members of the Managing Committee by which five members shall retire at the end of every two years.

Those who retire shall not be eligible for fresh election before at least a period of two years has elapsed after the expiry of their term. A member contesting the election shall be a Life Member.

- ii) The President and the Secretary shall arrange for the online election of a new Managing Committee in time for it to enter into office without any interregnum.
- iii) The MC will make guidelines for conducting elections, holding conferences, managing Research Committees, giving Lifetime Achievement Awards and defining its relationship with Regional Associations and Institutional Members from time to time. It will also be empowered to set up other committees whose names and terms of references it will decide from time to time.
- iv) To promote the goal of ‘one member one post’ and avoid conflict of interests, members of Managing Committee and Office Bearers cannot become a Convener of any Research Committee (RC) and hold any other post at ISS including that of Editor of any of its Journals.

4. Editorial Board for Sociology Journals

- i) The Editorial Board shall be composed of (a) not more than four members to be nominated by the President in consultation with the Managing Committee, (b) The President, the Secretary and the Treasurer, who shall be ex-officio members, (c) a Managing Editor to be nominated by the Managing Committee from amongst the Life Members of the Society for a period of five years.
- ii) In addition to the Editorial Board, there shall be an Editorial Advisory Committee. The members of the Editorial Advisory Committee shall be nominated by the President in consultation with the Managing Committee.
- iii) The Board and the Committee shall hold office for a period of two years.
- iv) It shall have the powers to incur expenses in respect of the material, publication and distribution of the Journal and the

Treasurer shall defray it out of the special fund to be known as the Publication Fund.

- v) The said expenditure, and receipts, if any, shall be audited by the auditors of the Society in the same manner as the disbursements from the General Fund of the Society. The audited statement of the accounts shall be presented to the Managing Committee and other bodies along with the general accounts of the Society.

5. Funds of the Society

There shall be two or more separate funds of the Society: one called the General Fund, the second, the Publication Fund, and others to be named by the Managing Committee.

- i) The General Fund of the Society shall consist of all subscriptions collected from all classes of members.
- ii) The Publication Fund of the Society shall consist of specific donations and contributions earmarked for publication purposes and also such other sums from the General Fund as may, from time to time, be allocated by the Managing Committee.
- iii) The formation, composition and administration of other Funds, if any, shall be laid down by the Managing Committee, whenever they are created.

6. Meetings

The meetings of the Managing Committee and the Editorial Board shall take place at the time and place fixed by the President. Business may also be transacted by circulars as and when the President and the Secretary desire. Six Members of the managing Committee shall form the quorum.

7. Vacancies

All casual vacancies in the Managing Committee and the Editorial Board from whatever cause shall be filled at the discretion of the President. If the President resigns or expires in office, the Managing Committee shall elect a person from among the members as the Acting President for the rest of the term of office. If the President goes on long leave, he/she shall

nominate one of the members of the Managing Committee as the Acting President.

8. Accounts

- i) The President shall have the power to appoint an auditor to get the accounts of the Society annually audited. The auditor's fees shall be paid out of the General Fund of the Society.
- ii) The accounts of the Society shall be kept by the Treasurer who shall make available to the auditor the papers and information he demands.
- iii) The audited accounts with the signatures of the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer along with that of the auditor shall be presented in the Managing Committee meeting for its approval and then presented in the General Body meeting for approval.
- iv) The accounts of the Society in the Bank shall be operated by two of the three Office Bearers – the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

9. Secretary

The Secretary shall carry on all the correspondence and unspecified business of the Society under the direction of the President and shall have power to spend from the General Fund of the Society as may be sanctioned by the President with or without previous sanction of the Managing Committee.

10. Rights of Members

- i) All life members of the Society are entitled to receive online copies of the *Sociological Bulletin*, *E-Journal* and *E-Newsletter*, except books, if any, published by the Society.
- ii) Only the Life Members shall be entitled to vote in a meeting for any business of the Society including the elections of the Office Bearers and the Managing Committee members, provided they have been on the register of the Society for not less than one year.

- iii) Only the Life Members, who have been on the register of the Society for not less than one year, are eligible for election as Office Bearers or as Members of the Managing Committee.

11. Changes in the Constitution

- i) It shall be competent for the Society to make changes in the Constitution (including the Memorandum of Association and the Rules and Regulations) of the Society by a majority of the Life Members of the Society who actually vote. This may be done either by circulation of voting papers or in a meeting.
- ii) Not less than one month's clear notice must be given to all members of the Society of the changes proposed, along with the names of the persons or persons proposing the changes.

12. General Body Meeting

Not less than one month's clear notice should be given to all members for a meeting of the General Body of the Society. The quorum at the meetings of the General Body shall be one hundred members. In the case of matters to be decided by circulation, the minimum total number of votes required to be polled will likewise be one hundred.



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