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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Again, a winter and the end of another year. This is the fourth issue of the Newsletter. An analysis of the situation tells me that we are at a plateau level of stability, regularity and effectiveness of this organ of ISS. Any publication of this sort will have two strong complementary components, the source and the destination. If the responses from the destination, with all its pluralistic diversity, appreciate these attempts, the originators will accept it as *vox populi vox dieu*. That is what we are doing now. To go down the memory lane, when we started this publication, a host of teething troubles were anticipated, but luckily we did not have any setback to the venture. I am indeed thankful for the love, co-operation and patronage shown to this publication.

Our next channel of communication is the website ([www.insoso.org](http://www.insoso.org)). The response we get on the web is very encouraging. We do not count these media as just communication arteries linking the organizers and the members but as a cohesive thread of professional and national integration binding the sociologists of the nation together.

A cursory comparison with other professional organizations like ours will tell us that it is time that

we emerge as a profound institution of national stature. Though we are contributing much to the main stream in our own right from our regional domains, only an object-oriented, well-managed coordinating force can integrate our efforts at the national level. Streamlining, synthesizing and collating the researches in the country are not an effortless affair. The Research Committees of ISS could and should do that. I am grateful to all those committed researchers who have stood with the organization in achieving this height of perfection.

We are meeting again this winter at Udaipur. We were really happy to know that the last winter issue of the Newsletter was instrumental in making the Kanpur conference a success. This time also I am trying to give all possible details of the forthcoming conference so that the delegates can come with as much information as possible.

#### ***Looking forward to meeting all of you at Udaipur***

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Life Members,

In the year 2001-02 the Indian Sociological Society celebrated its Golden Jubilee. This was an occasion for us to review our past achievements, shortcomings and plan for future activities. A number of new schemes have been launched. A series of volumes containing articles published in *Sociological Bulletin*, thematically organised and edited by some of our colleagues, is being brought out. It was the felt need of the community of Indian sociologists that there should be a Newsletter for an effective communication among members spread all over the country. Accordingly from June 2002 the ISS Newsletter is being brought out and sent to members twice a year. Now the Managing Committee has decided to increase the periodicity of the *Bulletin* from two to three issues a year. All these schemes require massive financial support. The printing and mailing costs of *Sociological Bulletin* are steadily rising. It has therefore been decided to enlarge the existing Endowment Fund for *Sociological Bulletin* so that it makes the journal a self-sustaining activity. We have approached a number of funding agencies and hope that they would contribute to the corpus of the *Bulletin*. However, we must do our mite and help strengthen the *Bulletin's* Endowment Fund. May I therefore, appeal to all the members to donate generously to the Endowment Fund for *Sociological Bulletin*. Donations received will be acknowledged in the ISS Newsletter.

Hoping to see you at the XXIX All India Sociological Conference in Udaipur (21-23 December 2003) and with Season's Greetings,

Sincerely,

**D.N. Dhanagare**  
President, ISS

## ICSSR SANCTIONS Rs. ONE LAKH FOR BULLETIN

All the members of the society would be delighted to hear that ICSSR New Delhi has kindly sanctioned a sum of Rs. One lakh as its contribution to the Endowment Fund for the society's research journal: *Sociological Bulletin*. The amount has already been received by the society. As per the Council's conditions the President of ISS will constitute an Advisory Committee to monitor the Endowment Fund and a nominee of ICSSR will be invited as its member.

## HON. VICE-PRESIDENT OF INDIA TO INAUGURATE XXIX ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

The XXIX All India Sociological Conference is going to be held at Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur on 21-23 December 2003. The Hon. Vice-President of India **Shri. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat** has kindly consented to inaugurate the Conference. This is for the first time that the Vice-President of India will be associated with an event of ISS and it is a matter of great pride for the hosts that a great figure from the public life of Rajasthan will be associated with the inauguration of the conference. The Indian sociological fraternity welcomes the Hon. Vice-President and looks forward to listening to his words of wisdom and experience.

## ISS WEBSITE LAUNCHED

As announced in the June issue of ISS Newsletter, the ISS Website ([www.insoso.org](http://www.insoso.org)) was launched on August 1, 2003. Steps have been taken to incorporate many suggestions already received from members. The addresses of all life members are available on the site. The site has already attracted a lot of visitors (2351 visits in the month of August 2003 itself). All members are requested to send their email addresses, phone numbers as well as brief writeups about their academic achievements and interests for display on the web.

## SOCIOLOGICAL BULLETIN DESPACHED

Even though the General Body Meeting held at Kanpur had decided that only members who pay Rs. 1000/- towards postal charges need to be sent the *Sociological Bulletin*, the Managing Committee has decided to keep the GB decision pending till the next General Body. Accordingly the September issue of the *Sociological Bulletin* was despatched to all life members during the first half of September. If anybody has not yet received the same, please contact the ISS office in New Delhi.

## ISS ELECTION 2003

All members are requested to return the ballot papers duly marked, personally or by post, to the Office of the Society on or before 15-12-2003. The ISS President has nominated Prof. Mohini Anjum, Head, Department of Sociology, JMI, New Delhi as the Election Officer. The President has also requested Prof. Virginius Xaxa (Delhi University), Prof. Anand Kumar (JNU) and Prof. Amrit Srinivasan (IIT Delhi), to help the Election Officer in the scrutiny of nominations and counting of votes.

## XX U.P. SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE A REPORT

The Department of Sociology and Social Work, Aligarh Muslim University, organized the XX U.P Sociological Conference on the theme "Neo-political Economy and Marginalised Groups" from 17-19 July, 2003. The conference was inaugurated by Hon'ble Smt. Sheela Dikshit, Chief Minister, Delhi. In his presidential address Prof. Jag Mohan Singh Verma crystallized the concept, components and considerations about globalization and its impact on marginalized groups. The papers were presented in 5 sessions and they were chaired by Professors K. Gopal, Jaspal Singh, Raghavendra Rao, Bhadauriya, K. C. Srivastava and S. Tripathi. Prof. Noor Mohammad was unanimously elected as the president of UP Sociological Society. Prof. Verma and Prof. Rajeshwar Prasad thanked the organizers of the conference.

A symposium on Dalits and Backward Classes was also organized on 18 July 2003 in association with RC-09 in which four lecturers were delivered. Thespeakers included Professors R. Rao, R. Prasad, S.N. Tripathi, and Dr. Vivek Kumar. Convener Prof. Verma Chaired the symposium and secretary Prof. Makwana proposed vote of thanks.

## XXX ALL KERALA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

The Kerala Sociological Society is holding the XXX All Kerala Sociological Conference on 16-18 January, 2004 at Loyola College of Social Sciences, Trivandrum. The theme of the Conference will be 'Local Self Governance and Development'. The following are the proposed panel themes:

1. Women Empowerment and Involvement.
2. Self- help Strategies and Local Self Reliance.
3. Communal Trends in Local Governance.
4. Political Activism.
5. Media Impact and Social Projections.
6. Capacity Building, Efficiency and Performance Evaluation.
7. Community Development.
8. Role of Minorities/ Marginalised Groups.
9. Any other sub themes relevant to local self governance.

The last date for receiving abstracts and registration fee are 20 December, 2003. For more details contact: Prof. R.K.Varghese, Secretary, KSS, S.H College, Thevera, Cochin-682 013

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## VII CONFERENCE OF NWI SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION - A REPORT

The VII Conference of the North West India Sociological Association was held on 14-15 November, 2003. It was hosted by the Dept. of Sociology, MD University, Rohtak. The Conference was inaugurated by Prof. K. L. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of Rajasthan University, Jaipur. Prof. S. L. Sharma delivered the keynote address. The theme of the conference was "Village Transition in the North West India". The theme of the symposium was "Global and the Local: The Condition of the Village". Thirty papers were presented at the conference. Prof. K. G. Iyer delivered the Valedictory address. Prof. P. N. Pimpley is the President and Prof. P. S. Judge is the Secretary of NWISA.

## V A.P. SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE A REPORT

**Theme: Technology, Society and Development.**

A National Conference on the above theme was held on 7 & 8 August 2003, at the Department of Sociology, Osmania University under the auspices of the V.A.P. Sociological Conference and was supported by the SAP in Sociology. The Organizing Secretary, Prof. P. Vijaya Lakshmi Reddy, reported that there were more than 200 participants. They consisted of academicians, researchers and N.G.Os. The Conference provided a useful discourse on the present status and dimensions of development in India.

## NATIONAL SEMINAR ON COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA: CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES

The Department of Sociology, Madurai Kamaraj University is planning to conduct a seminar under the UGC Programme on January 29-30, 2004.

Major sub-themes of the seminar are

1. Inter personal communication
2. Print media including the fourth estate
3. Broadcast media - AIR and FM stations
4. Films and television
5. Strategies and policies in communication

Abstracts of papers may be sent before 10 December, 2003. For more details contact Prof. L. Thara Bhai, Director (tharabl@rediffmail.com) or Dr. R. Kannan, Organizing Secretary, (orkay\_kannan@yahoo.co.in)

### **SOCIOLOGISTS APPOINTED AS VICE-CHANCELLORS**

Dr. Amrapali Merchant [LMI-1541] has been appointed as Vice-Chancellor of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad from August 2003. She was formerly Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat.

Dr. Surendra Singh [LMI-1314] Professor of Social Work and former Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Lucknow has been appointed as Vice-Chancellor of M.G.E. Kashividya Peeth, Varanasi from July 2003.

Swapam Kumar Pramanik [LMI-696] Professor & Head, Dept. of Sociology, Calcutta University has been appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the Vidyasagar University, West Bengal from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2003.

We congratulate Professors Amrapali Merchant, Surendra Singh and Swapam Kumar Pramanik on their appointments and offer them best wishes for an academically purposeful tenure as Vice-Chancellors.

### **D. Litt. DEGREE AWARDED**

Dr. R. Kannan, Professor, Department of Sociology, Madurai Kamaraj University was awarded D. Litt degree for his thesis entitled 'Communication Media, and People's Choice' on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2003 at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of Madurai Kamaraj University.

### **XXIV ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF INDIAN SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION**

Theme: "Problems and Challenges Before Indian Society in the Context of Present Changing Scenario".

The Department of Sociology and Social Work, Dr. Hari Singh Gour University, Sagar, (M.P) is entrusted by Indian Social Science Association to organize its XXIV Conference during 23-25 January 2004 Sub themes of the conference are,

1. Democracy, secularism and socialism
2. Inequality: a threat to nationalism, national integration and national security.

**XXIX All India Sociological Conference****Venue: MAHARANA PRATAP UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY, UDAIPUR****December 21-23,2003***Tentative Programme*

Date	Time	Programme
20-12-2003 Saturday	3.00 p.m.	Registration
	4.00 p.m.	Editorial Board Meeting
	6.00 p.m.	Meeting with the local Organizing Committee
	8.00 p.m.	Managing Committee Meeting
21-12-2003 Sunday	10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	Inaugural Session
	11.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.	Tea
	11.45 a.m. to 01.30 p.m.	Symposium I
	01.30 p.m. to 02.30 p.m.	Lunch
	02.30 p.m. to 04.00 p.m.	RC Meetings
	04.00 p.m. to 04.30 p.m.	Tea
	04.30 p.m. to 06.00 p.m.	RC Meetings
	06.00 p.m. to 07.00 p.m.	MNS Memorial Lecture
22-12-2003 Monday	07.00 p.m. to 08.00 p.m.	RC Convenors' Meeting
	08.00 p.m. to 08.30 p.m.	Meeting with Regional Associations
	8.30 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.	Symposium II
	10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	Tea
	10.30 a.m. to 01.30 p.m.	RC Meetings
	01.30 p.m. to 02.30 p.m.	Lunch
	02.30 p.m. to 04.00 p.m.	RC Meetings
23-12-2003 Tuesday	04.00 p.m. to 04.30 p.m.	Tea
	04.30 p.m. to 06.30 p.m.	General Body Meeting
	06.30 p.m. to 09.00 p.m.	Cultural Programme
	08.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	RC Meetings
	10.00 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.	Symposium III
	11.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon	Tea
	12.00 noon to 01.45 p.m.	Symposium IV
01.45 p.m. to 02.30 p.m.	Lunch	
	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	Valedictory Session (All the RC convenors will report their proceedings)
	05.00 p.m.	Garden Party

**NRI SOCIOLOGISTS TO PARTICIPATE AT UDAIPUR**

Quite a few Indian sociologists and anthropologists of Rajasthan,

PROF. N. R. SHETH TO DELIVER 3<sup>rd</sup>  
PROF. M. N. SRINIVAS MEMORIAL LECTURE

One of the eminent scholars and students of late Prof. M. N. Srinivas, Prof. N.R Sheth, former Professor of Sociology at IIM Ahmedabad and retired as the Institute's Director, has been invited to deliver the "Third Prof. M N Srinivas Memorial Lecture" on "The Field of Labour" at the XXIX All India Sociological Conference, Udaipur. His lecture is being scheduled in the evening on the first day of the Conference.

**INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
XXIX ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE**

**21-23 DECEMBER 2003, UDAIPUR**

**List of Speakers / Chairpersons invited for the four Symposia**

**General Theme: Social Policy, Governance and Mobilization.**

**Symposium - I : Issues on Governance**

(21 December 2003, 11.45 to 13.30 hours)

**Chairman: P.N. Pimpley (Punjab University, Chandigarh)**

1. Concept of Governance in the Era of Globalization - Anand Kumar (JNU)
2. Democratisation of institutions in India: Achievements and subversion - Pravin J. Patel (Sardar Patel University)
3. Policy Making and Policy Deficit- Role of Sociologists - Bipul Bhadra (Jadavpur University)
4. Prospects of effective Governance: Pressure from Below and from Above - C. Lakshmana (Special Representative of Government of A.P in New Delhi)

**Symposium - II : Tribal Situation in India- 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment and After**

(22 December 2003, 08.30 to 10.15 hours)

**Chairman: S.P. Punalekar (Centre for Social Studies, Surat)**

1. Sustainable Tribal Development in India: Myth and Reality - Deepak K. Behera (Sambalpur University, Sambalpur)
2. Tribal Economy And Markets- Local, National, Global - Indira Munshi (University of Mumbai)
3. Panchayati Raj Extension to Scheduled areas - George Mathew (Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi)
4. Identity Politics among the Tribals in the North East Region of India - Nikhilesh Kumar (North- Eastern Hill University, Shillong).

**Symposium - III: Rural Development in India: Challenges of 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

(23 December 2003, 10.00 to 11.45 hours)

**Chairperson: Neera Desai (SNDT Women's University, Mumbai)**

1. Rural Development and the Under-Class: A View from Bihar - Anand Chakravarty (University of Delhi)
2. Challenges to India's Rural Development in the Present Century- A Sociological Perspective - Chandrashekhar Buggi (C.S.C.D Bangalore)
3. Rural Poor: Feminisation of Poverty - R. Indira (University of Mysore)
4. Politics of Water, NGOs and Cooperatives in Rural India - Bishnu Charan Baric (Swami Ramanand Teertha Marathwada University, Nanded)

**Symposium - IV: Historical and Cultural Specificities of Society in Rajasthan**

(23 December 2003, 12.00 to 13.45 Hours)

**Chairman: Jagat K Mehta (Retired I.F.S., Udaipur).**

1. Traces of feudalism in contemporary Rajasthan - K. L. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, University of Rajasthan.
2. Agrarian Social Structure in Western Rajasthan (Impact of the Indira Canal) - Pushpendra Surana (University of Jodhpur)
3. Distinctive Culture of Rajasthan- Its Future under Globalisation - C. L. Sharma (M L Sukhadia University, Udaipur)
4. Women in Rajasthan- Politics of Sati - Rajni Palriwala (University of Delhi)
5. Politics in Contemporary Rajasthan - B. K. Nagla (M.D. University, Rohtak)

**From The Organising Secretary****UDAIPUR WELCOMES DELEGATES**

Delegates reaching Udaipur by train are advised to drop at **Udaipur City Railway Station**. Official arrangements for stay and boarding cover the period December 20<sup>th</sup> evening to 23<sup>rd</sup> evening. On receipt of the registration form, delegates are promptly informed about their accommodation.

Udaipur is a tribal region; only the second time the conference is being organised in such a place. Chivalry and history add to the richness of the region. The commonsense and intelligence of the delegates will come in full play for balancing their academic and extra-curricular interests during the conference.

The distinguishing features of the conference include pre-conference sessions on 20.12.2003 in Shri Nathdwara (RC-16) & Udaipur (RC-10) and post-conference sessions on 24.12.2003. Delegates have three options: (a) seminar on tribal situation and visit to the field (b) rural development and visit to the rural areas of Rajsamand district, and (c) an orientation visit to 'A Rajasthan Village' (Chauhan's) which will include sight seeing options also cost for each tour Rs. 150/- only inclusive of lunch.

The difference between hosts and guests will be minimum, in fact, merged into one if you join the already 50-member strong team of *organising partners* adding Rs. 500/- as your contribution. The approach signifies sharing national resources for a national event. Delegate may find it convenient to remit in advance by M.O./DD Rs. 100/- towards service charges, Rs. 150/- towards academic-cum sight seeing programme and Rs. 500/- as contribution towards organising partner, as the case may be. (The last two are optional).

Any other information will be E-mailed.

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or

**Prof. Brij Raj Chauhan, Convener**, XXIX AISC, 2 Darshan Pura, Near Udaipur Station Road P.O., Opp. M. B. College Udaipur- 313 001, Tel: 0294-2471721

**NB : Delegates are requested to send their plan of arrival, (Date, Train/Bus, Time); Plan of return journey, (Date, Train/Bus, Time); Option for sight-seeing on 24<sup>th</sup>, (Shri Nathdwara, Rajsamand, Haldighati/Jhadol (Tribal Belt)/ A Rajasthan Village).**

**GUIDELINES FOR THE WORKING OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEES****I. Membership**

1. Only life members of the Society shall be eligible to become members of the Research Committees.
2. Others can become associate members without voting rights.

**II. Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members**

1. Each Research Committee will have a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer and 2 members in the Executive Committee.
2. The term of the office bearers and executive committee members will be 2 years.
3. No office bearer can have more than two consecutive terms.
4. Every two years, there shall be election for the office bearers and executive committee members of the Research Committee, which will be held by the RC itself.

**III. Finance**

1. Each Research Committee has to generate its finances. Minimum membership fee for a period of two years may be Rs.200/-
2. Each Research Committee shall credit to the Society 20 % of the total fee collected by it.

**IV. Activities**

1. There shall be at least one annual academic meeting of the Research Committee.
2. Each Committee may have its own newsletter and publications.

## ISS Research Committees and Conveners

### RC-01. Theory, Concept and Methodology

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### RC-03. Economy, Polity and Society

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### RC-10. Gender Studies

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### RC-17. Social Movements

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### RC-18. Sociology of Crime & Deviance

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### RC-19. Age and Social Structure

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### RC-20. Leisure and Tourism

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### RC-21. Social Problems & Marginalised Groups

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**RC-01 THEORY, CONCEPT & METHODOLOGY****List of papers and presenters :**

1. Social – Digital Divides in India - Towards a Theory of Governance: Abdul Matin.
2. State System, Civil Society and Globalization – Critical Reflections on Trafficking and Restoration of Young Adults: Alekhya Das
3. Genderisation : Biju V.
4. Max Weber- Themes and Perspectives: Sharad Kumar
5. Application of Fuzzy Logic in Sociology - A Nascent Foray : Subhasis Bandyopadhyay
6. Reinventing Governance- In Search of the New Ground : Surendra Munshi
7. Capitalist Globalization, the Countertrends and the New Social Movements- Towards a New Modernity: Karunamay Subuddhi

**RC-02 MARRIAGE, FAMILY AND KINSHIP****Pre conference seminar**

**RC-02 announces a national seminar on “Changing Patterns of Marriage, Family and Kinship in India” on December 19 and 20, 2003 at**

**RC-05 EDUCATION AND SOCIETY****List of papers and presenters:**

1. Education among Varli Tribe in Gujarat: J.C. Patel
2. Education among Bhangi-scheduled caste in Gujarat: Ramesh Makwana
3. Education and girl child labour: Ila M. Macwan
4. Samajik sandarbh mein vidyarthiyo ke adhikaro par aadharit adyapak shiksha [Hindi] : Sujit Kumar and Vishal Yadav
5. Education and society: The challenge and the response: P. S. Vivek
6. Education and human rights in India: Chandrika Raval
7. Nature of education and awareness of human rights amongst middle class youth: A sociological interrogation: Jyoti Sidana
8. Self Finance Courses in South Gujarat: A Critical View: Vimal Trivedi
9. Educational Change and Continuity: Training and Development in Organizational Programmes: Sonam Mansukani
10. Human Rights and Women Education: Shailaja Druva
11. Dalits and Human Rights Discourse: Ramesh K.

**RC-06. RELIGION & RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES**

1. Religious centers and Urban settings” : Rachna Gaur
2. A new god in the Diaspora: persistence of and innovations in the worship of ‘Muneeswaran – Muniandy’ deities in Singaporean Hinduism: Vineeta Sinha
3. Y Antony Raj S. J.
4. R Rajendran

**RC-07 RURAL PEASANT AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES****List of papers and presenters :**

1. Rural Development through Panchayat Raj- A case study of Punjab: Sukhdev Singh
2. Power structure and Economy among the primitive ‘Kamar’ tribes of chattisgarh: Rajesh Shukla and Anita Rajpuria
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