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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

Season's Greetings! It is my pleasure to come back to you with great news all around. The All India Sociological Conference was held successfully, for the first time in Orissa. I thank Mr. Devdas Chhotray, Vice-Chancellor, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Dr. D. R. Sahu, Organising secretary and their colleagues for an exemplary hospitality. As known to you all, the ISS is completing six glorious decades of successful growth and it is time now to take stock and celebrate the contributions and achievements of the ISS as a professional body of Sociologists. In the same breath let me add that this increases the responsibility on us to strengthen the ISS. There are several projects on the anvil and their success depends on your enthusiastic co-operation.

The Diamond Jubilee celebrations were kicked off with a workshop for Research Committee Convenors held at Cuttack on February 12 and 13, 2011. A Youth Social Science Congress was also organized in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development at Sriperumbudur, Chennai, Tamilnadu. The major projects currently in the pipeline are the theme-based Diamond Jubilee Volumes which are six in number and broadly titled as 'Studies in Indian Sociology'. These are nearing final stage of production. Preparation of these six volumes had been a herculean task but with the timely and systematic work put in by the editors and their advisors, we hope to bring out all the volumes by December 2011. An edited volume of the Presidential Addresses delivered at the annual conferences till date is also in the making.

I am delighted to inform you that we propose to conduct two pre-conference seminars at two of the oldest sociology departments in the country – the first at Mumbai University and the other at Lucknow University under the stewardship of Professors P. G. Jogdand and Rajesh Mishra respectively. The Mumbai pre-conference is scheduled for September 23 and 24, 2011 and that at Lucknow is slated for November 5 and 6, 2011. The Young Sociologists workshop that was conducted just prior to the Cuttack conference in December 2010 was a huge success and benefited several young Sociologists. In the current year too we intend to conduct three more Young Sociologists workshops: the first at the North Gujarat University, Patan (Sept 26-27); second at the Central University of Assam, Tezpur (Oct 13-14) and the third at IIT, Delhi (Dec 8-9). A post-conference seminar is also planned that might be hosted at either Mysore or Thiruvananthapuram. One of the most prestigious Universities in the country, Jawaharlal Nehru University, is gearing up to host the Diamond Jubilee Conference and to make it a grand success under the leadership of Professors T.K. Oommen and Anand Kumar.

The ISS is bringing out a Directory with a new look, of all the Life Members to coincide with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. **I appeal to those who are yet to respond to immediately download the proforma from the ISS website (www.insoso.org), fill it out, and mail it to the ISS office latest by June 15.** Let me conclude by inviting you all to make the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the ISS another landmark event in the history of Indian Sociology.

With warm regards & Best Wishes

J.J. Kattakayam

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SECRETARY SPEAKS

Dear Colleagues, Greetings!

Indian Sociological Society organized the Research Committee Conveners' Workshop on 12-13 March 2011 at the Department of Sociology, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack. This national conference was on Reflections on research in Sociology and was intended to take stock of the RCs after a gap of five years. The Vice Chancellor, Shri Devdas Chhotray inaugurated the conference and the President of ISS, Prof. J.J. Kattakayam made introductory remarks. It was followed by the keynote address by Prof. Partha Nath Mukherjee. It set the pitch of the conference with the focus on the need of basic and high quality research not only for the profession but for the society as a whole. Prof. Tulsi Patel, secretary of ISS in her address spelt out the purpose of the conference. Prof. D R Sahu, the organizing secretary of the conference gave a vote of thanks.

It was indeed a positive gesture that several RC conveners were present at the conference. However, some who could not make it had nominated their RC members to represent the concerned RCs. A few newly elected conveners also reported about the status of their RCs. The organizational functioning, financial standing and academic dimensions of the RCs were deliberated upon. Dr. Richard Pais, convener of RC 9 on Dalits and Backward classes was applauded for his recently edited book based on the papers presented in the RC meetings over the years and the sound financial position of his RC. Another RC also mentioned about a similar book in the pipeline. A couple of RCs that held workshops outside the All Indian Sociological Conference reported about those as well. RC conveners held group discussions and formulated certain issues regarding the functioning of RCs. A self critical analytical stance of the RC discussions was one of the highlights. The group reports were presented on the second day and a discussion held on the matters raised regarding the issues arising out of the deliberations held on the previous day. Issues concerning the institutionalization of RCs and careful formulation of an organic linkage between the ISS and the RC sub-system were especially raised. It was also reiterated that this cannot be done at the cost of academic excellence pursued by ISS. In academic matters populism is to be eliminated to make for pure academic considerations to guide norms and decisions. The suggestions would be discussed in the next Managing Committee meeting of the ISS. We plan to resolve the issues for an improved and healthy functioning of the RCs that hopefully would form the life-line of ISS. On behalf of the ISS, I thank all RC conveners and delegates for making the conference a fruitfully interactive venture. I take this opportunity to wish you all an eventful and productive academic year ahead as the ISS celebrates its Diamond Jubilee year, 2011.

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Best regards,
Tulsi Patel

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Greetings!

It is my pleasure to thank you all for your kind support and co-operation in brining out the last year's ISS Newsletters. This year 2011 is the Diamond Jubilee Year of ISS. ISS Celebrates the Diamond Jubilee by organizing a series of events. Already few of them were successfully over with all your co-operation. The others are on the way. This issue has details of all the programmes we are organizing in this eventful year. I hope you will find yourself elated and participate in all the events of ISS this year. Your co-operation and participation will not only strengthen the core objectives of ISS, but also make the discipline more responsive to the demands of the contemporary Indian Society. At this hour of joy and pride, I request all of you to extend your continued co-operation and support enabling me to bring out the ISS Newsletters successfully.

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With kind regards,
J. Krishnamurthy

ISS DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Calendar of Events

- February 12-13, RC Conveners' Workshop, Cuttack.
- March 18-19, Indian Youth Social Science Congress, Sriperumpudur, Chennai.
- September 23-24, Pre-Conference Seminar, University of Mumbai, Mumbai.
- September 26-27, Young Social Scientists Workshop, North Gujarat University, Patan.
- October 13-14, Young Social Scientists Workshop, Central University of Assam, Tezpur.
- November 5-6, Pre-Conference Seminar, University of Lucknow, Lucknow.
- December 8-9, Young Sociologists Workshop, I.I.T. Delhi.
- December 10-13, XXXVII, All India Sociological Conference, JNU, New Delhi.
- December 27-28, Post-Conference Seminar, University of Mysore, Mysore or University of Kerala, Trivandrum.

PROFESSOR M. N. SRINIVAS MEMORIAL PRIZE 2011

The Professor M. N. Srinivas Endowment Fund was jointly set up by the Indian Sociological Society and the Indian Council of Social Science Research in 2011. This Fund has instituted a prize for young sociologists/social anthropologists for publishing the best sociological/social anthropological paper in any of the social science journals /edited volumes, in English, in India. The prize will carry a sum of Rs.2,500.

Papers published during 01 January 2008 - 31 December 2010 are eligible for consideration. The authors, who are life members or ordinary members of the Society with at least one year's standing, will be eligible for the contest. The author must be 40 years or less in age on 31 December 2010. If the paper is co-authored, all the authors must be 40 years or less in age on 31 December 2010. The authors will submit only one paper for consideration.

A reprint of the paper along with photocopies of the title page of the journal/edited volume and age proof must reach the Secretary (Office) of Indian Sociological Society on or before 31 August 2011. The typewritten/ handwritten/ computer print-out manuscript will not be accepted. Besides the authors, other scholars and Editors of professional journals are also welcome to bring suitable papers to the notice of the selection committee for consideration.

2011 MEMORIAL LECTURES TO BE DELIVERED BY PROFESSORS DHANAGARE & MUKHERJI

Prof. M.N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Prof. Partha N. Mukherji and Prof. Radhakamal Mukerjee Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Prof. D.N. Dhanagare. The Respective Endowment Committees with the ISS President as Chairman have selected these scholars. Both Prof. Dhanagare and Prof. Mukherji agreed to deliver the lectures during the next conference at JNU, New Delhi during December 10-13, 2011.

REPORT OF THE PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP ON SOCIOLOGY IN ACTION 25-26 DECEMBER 2010 RAVENSHAW UNIVERSITY, CUTTACK

Pre-conference workshop on the theme 'Sociology in Action' was organised by the Indian Sociological Society and hosted by the Department of Sociology, Ravenshaw University on 25- 26 December 2010 for young sociologists, teachers and researchers below 35 years of age. Prof. J.J. Kattakayam, president, ISS has given the introductory remarks and Prof. P.K.B. Nayar, former president of ISS has delivered the inaugural address. It was divided into five sessions and moderated by resource persons from reputed institutes, focused on capacity building for applying sociological concepts and tools in analysing real life situations and problems, as well as in facilitating young sociologists to practice sociology as an applied science. There were two round table conferences on 'Encounters with Sociological Theories, Problems and Promises' and on 'Transcending the Conventional Methods and Approaches in Sociology'. While the former had two sessions, Opportunities and Challenges in applying Sociology to Development and Social Transformation in India and Emerging Avenues in Sociology, the latter had sessions dealing on, Developing Critical Thinking: Teaching and Research and Sociologists in the Agencies of Development. Dr. Gaurang Sahay of TISS stressed on major issues such as displacement in the face of development, the Maoist problem and people's movement. Prof.N. Jayaram, TISS spoke on sociological theories and empirical research. He encouraged students to concentrate on the country's social reality instead of concentrating only on European sociological works. He also guided the participants during the session on academic writing. Prof. Biswajit Ghosh, Burdwan and Prof. Anand Kumar, JNU were also resource persons at the workshop. Dr. Vibha Aurora, IIT, Delhi was the chief rapporteur for the Workshop.

WORKSHOP ON "TEACHING AND RESEARCH IN SOCIOLOGY IN ORISSA"

The workshop on "Teaching and Research in Sociology in Orissa" organised by Orissa Sociological Society in collaboration with the Department of Sociology during 12-13, March 2011 at Ravenshaw University. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. J.J.Kattakayam, President, Indian Sociological Society. Prof. Rita Ray, President of Orissa Sociological Society gave her presidential remarks. Prof. Shukadeb Naik, Head, Sociology, Sambalpur University, Prof. D. R.Sahu and Dr. B.M.Otta, Secretary, Orissa Sociological Society spoke as a panelist on various issues and problems of teaching and research in Sociology in Orissa.. Members of Orissa Sociological society participated in the workshop.

Prof.D.R.Sahu

REPORT OF THE 1ST INDIAN YOUTH SOCIAL SCIENCE CONGRESS

Indian Sociological Society in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development conducted the 1st Indian Youth Social Science Congress on 18-19th March, 2011. The two day conference aimed at bringing together young scholars from various Social Science disciplines across the country for an intellectual exercise. The majority of the young scholars who attended the conference were from the Sociology discipline. The conference was inaugurated by Shri. P. Michael Vetha Siromany, IAS. Padmabushan (Prof) T.K. Oommen, Professor Emeritus JNU, delivered the Key Note Address and Prof. Jacob John Kattakayam, President, Indian Sociological Society delivered a Special Address. Dr. A Radhakrishnan Nair, co-coordinator of the conference welcomed the gathering and Prof. D Jayalakshmi, Registrar RGNIYD proposed the vote of thanks. The conference comprised of a Symposium on *Emerging trends in Social Science Research* and four thematic sessions consisting of 28 academic papers. A workshop on Scholarly Publications was held on the second day. The conference drew to a close with the valedictory address by Dr. Anoop, Vice Chancellor, Shobit University, Meerut. About 75 participants attended the conference.

TAGORES'150TH BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS, CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY

CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES AND REPRESENTATIVE FORMS

On his 150th Birth Centenary, Rabindranath Tagore for understanding and re-reading Tagore, the UGC sponsored two day national seminar on Tagore was organized by Center of Associates for Sociological Studies and Action, Kolkata and Maharani Kasiswari College, affiliated to Calcutta University on 21-22 March 2011. In the Seminar, experts of high repute from Bengal like Prof. Arun Basu, Dr. Sudhir Chakraborty, Prof. Swapan Pramanick, Prof. Gopa Dutta, and scholars from outside, like Prof. Avijit Pathak (JNU), Prof. Pradip K Dutta (DU), Dr. Nandini Bhattacharya (HU) instead of getting into an one sided accentuated eulogy, deliberated and explored upon the contemporary social relevance of Tagore. Some of the sessions were dedicated to examine the contemporary representative forms of Tagore's works and its impact upon the masses that were performed by highly acclaimed artists. Every aspect of the Seminar, be its ambiance, audience, souvenir or over all management, it offered a fresh and new format for such events. Dr. Ramanuj Ganguly explained that the success of the seminar goes on the show that Tagore continues to offer a range of thought and activity that requires as well as allows molds and nomenclatures to be broken for doing justice to his life improving philosophy.

Dr.Ramanuj Ganguly

REPORT OF THE 36TH ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE - 2010, 27-29 DECEMBER 2010

The Department of Sociology, Ravenshaw University hosted the 36th All India Sociological Conference from December 27 to 29 under the aegis of the prestigious Indian Sociological Society (ISS). Chief Minister of Orissa, Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the three-day conference. The conference was held for the first time in Orissa. The theme of the conference was Development, Polity and Social Tensions. Devdas Chhotray, Vice Chancellor, Ravenshaw University welcomed the delegates. He said that the conference, particularly the symposium on dialectics of development, is expected to bridge the growing gap between civil society and governmental discourses, reflecting the synthesis of citizen interests, especially those belonging to vulnerable groups and residing in remote yet resource rich areas. This is a necessary objective at what is a very difficult time for a state, where the irony is captured in one glaring paradox.

Prof. Jacob John Kattakayam, President, Indian Sociological Society delivered the Presidential address on the topic Development, Polity and Social Tensions. He spoke on social problems of contemporary India and its consequences. Prof. Kattakayam pointed out that contemporary India's social problems are products of complex nexus between factors of exclusion and inclusion rooted in history, values and cultural ethos. He emphasized on the unfinished agenda of social development and the simmering social tensions that affect the Indian society today. Shri. Debi Prasad Mishra, the Higher Education Minister graced the occasion as guest of honour. On this occasion, the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) felicitated three eminent sociologists Prof. Suma Chitnis, Prof. Dattatreya Narayan Dhanagare and Prof. Tharailath Koshy Oommen by conferring Life-time Achievement Award on them for their invaluable contributions and services to the discipline and profession of sociology in India. Dr. Anindita Chakravarty, Assistant Professor, H.S.S. Department, IIT Kanpur was awarded M.N.Srinivas Memorial Prize -2010 for young sociologists/social anthropologists for publishing the best paper in any of the social science journals/edited volumes, in English, in India. Prof. Dipti Ranjan Sahu, Organising Secretary of the conference proposed the vote of thanks. Prof. Suma Chitnis, former Vice Chancellor of SNDT University delivered the Tenth MN Srinivas Memorial Lecture. Prof. T.N. Madan, honorary professor at the Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi, delivered the First Prof Radhakamal Mukerjee Memorial Lecture.

The conference attempted to address the issues of development, governance and social tensions of contemporary society through various symposia and deliberations. There were three symposia on Revisiting Development Discourse in Contemporary Times, State, Civil Society and Social Conflicts in India and Social Tensions and the Politics of Development in Orissa. The politics of development and deprivation ensures a wide range of social tensions and revisiting development discourse in the present context was called for in the conference. The conference witnessed how sociologists analyse and put forth their interpretation of this complex development that our society is going through. The state's role in the welfare of the citizen is critical to good governance and social good and questions of effective governance arise in view of social tensions like poverty, hunger, destitution, homelessness, crime and corruption. Prof. D.N.Dhanagare chaired the session on revisiting development discourse in contemporary times. Prof. Vinod K. Jairath, Prof. Chandan Sengupta were the panel speakers on the theme. Prof. I.S.Chauhan chaired the session on the state, civil society and social conflicts in India and Dr. Sudha Vasan, Dr. Amita Baviskar and Dr. Chandan Kumar Sharma shared their views with social scientists and young researchers coming from different parts of the world. They enlightened the audience with their talk on the state of adivasis, development status in north-eastern region of India and civil society. Prof. D.R. Sahu welcomed the resource persons of the third symposium. Prof. Rita Ray, Utkal University chaired the symposium of the conference. The chief speakers were Dr. Santrupt Mishra, Prof. Ashok Swain and Dr. Felix Padel. Dr. Mishra appealed to the galaxy of social scientists, researchers and academicians to develop models of development as it is the need of the hour. He also talked about the lacuna in communication between people and how effective dialogue can lead to better development. Prof. Ashok Swain talked about how the protest movements in Orissa have increased all these years. Dr. Felix Padel shared his thoughts on the role of sociology and anthropology and how sociologists can contribute towards development by analyzing the outcome of proposed project in an area. He explained how anthropology has evolved into evolutionary sociology. He also discussed the role of World Bank and IMF in implementing uniformity across the globe with regard to development.

Members of Managing Committee met on the eve of the conference. Conveners of research committee and members of various regional associations including Orissa Sociological Society met during the first day of the conference in which members of managing committee and office bearers of ISS were also present. There were four sessions of various research committees during the conference. General body meeting of ISS were held on 28th December evening. Many publishing houses displayed their publications during the conference. Valedictory address was given by Prof. L.K. Mohapatra, Former Vice Chancellor of Utkal and Sambalpur University, Orissa in which all the office bearers of the society and the organising secretary were present. Prof. Tulsi Patel, Secretary, ISS, proposed the vote of thanks. There were cultural programmes on all three days of the conference. It was indeed a coming together of Sociologists from all across the country with many young minds, both students and faculty, sharing and debating over spurring social issues. It was a unique opportunity for the students of Ravenshaw University, as well as the community of Cuttack, to witness the academic sessions, followed by attractive cultural evenings. More than 1,500 national and international delegates participated in the conference. Oxford University Press, New Delhi has published the book of conference abstracts.

Prof. Dipti Ranjan Sahu
Organising Secretary, 36 AISC

REPORT OF THE RC ACTIVITIES AT 36TH AISC RAVENSHAW UNIVERSITY, CUTTACK

Dec. 27-29, 2010

► RC-04: Migration and Diasporic Studies

After the introductory remarks by the convenor, the sessions commenced. A total of 10 research papers were presented in three technical sessions. Prof. I.S. Chauhan, Prof. Swathi Shirwadkar, Prof. Kamala Ganesh chaired the sessions.

Following the discussions, the participants unanimously proposed the name of Prof. **Kamala Ganesh**, of Bombay University to be the **co-convenor** and Dr. Ajaya Kumar Sahoo to be the treasurer of the RC 04.

► RC-05: Education and Society

The RC 5 organized 4 academic sessions in all three days. About 35 research papers were presented by participants. Most of the papers are empirical in nature ranging from right to education, sarva shiksha abhiyan, mid day meal scheme, gender and discrimination in educational pursuits in the family, community and society in particular and learning place in general. Further, the issues concentrated were globalization and its impact on all levels of education, specially higher education and professional education. Prof. Radhakrishna Murthy, delivered the keynote address. Prof. Vivek, Prof. Radhakrishna Murthy Prof. Geta Nambisan and Dr. N. Kannan chaired the sessions. In the business session there was discussion with regard to election for RC 5. However, the members and participants felt that the same team be continued.

► RC-07: Rural, Peasant & Tribal Communities

RC-07 was very honoured to have Prof. T.N. Madan in Chair in the first session. A total of 47 papers were read in six sessions: a) Dynamics of Contemporary Tribal Society, b) Conflict of contemporary Tribal Societies, c) Social Change in Village India, d) Rural Development Issues, e) Social Tension amongst Peasant, and f) Open Session. Prof. P.S. Vivek and Prof. Samita Manna, chaired sessions of RC-7. In the last session at the Cuttack Conference the business meeting of the RC was held.

► RC-08 : Social Stratification, Professions and Mobility

RC 8 organised three sessions and thirteen papers were presented on various themes ranging from social mobility among tribes to inequality among nations in the aftermath of globalization. Most of the papers were on social mobility. Different issues of social mobility in terms of occupational continuity and changes, reform movements, religious conversion, search for identity and developmental policy. Three papers focused on mobility and identity issues among socio- economic groups; one among farmers, another among entrepreneurs and the third among the middle class. One paper raised the issue of inequality among nations in context to finance capital and the two papers dealt with the possibility of extending the concept of class in analyzing the agrarian relations and the global class structure. In the last session at the Cuttack Conference the business meeting of the RC was held.

► RC-09 : Dalits and Backward Classes

RC - 09 received 55 abstracts of which 45 papers were presented. The papers were presented in 6 sessions on the topics - Dalits and Social Exclusion, Atrocities and Empowerment of Dalits, Social Change and Mobility among Dalits and Tribals Backwardness. Ten papers were presented in is Hindi. Dr Richard Pais, Prof. M. Gurulingaiah, Prof. M.H. Macwana and Prof. K. Gopal Iyar chaired the sessions. Around 100 people participated in this RC.

In the General Body Meeting of the RC Dr. Richard Pais presented the accounts. It was decided to give 3 prizes to best Sociology Papers to be presented in RC-09. Prof. M.H. Macwana, Dr. Richard Pais, Dr. Giriappa Kollanvar, Dr. Kalme and Prof. Gurulingaiah have agreed to sponsor the prizes for the coming four years. It was also decided to edit a book consisting of important papers presented in the RC-09. Dept. of Sociology, Kuvempu University has agreed to organize a conference on Dalits Backward Classes in March 2011.

► RC-10: Gender Studies

In all 26 research papers were presented on a wide range of topics relating to gender culture education violence work social legislations and development in the five technical sessions organized by the RC 10. Prof Abha Chauhan, Dr. Leema Pujari and Dr. Anitha Dash chaired the sessions. The RC in its business meeting elected Prof. Abha Chauhan as its new convenor and Dr. Anitha Dash as Co-ordinator.

► RC-11 : Environment and Society

During the technical sessions 21 papers were presented in RC. The papers were mainly focussed at the issues related to sustainable energy, environmental conservation, environmental sensitisation, role of NGOs in environmental protection, environmental studies in schools, indigenous knowledge and watershed programme. The problems relating to impact of industrialization on environment, pollution, seashore erosion, climate change, development and displacement and environmental movement were also highlighted and discussed. These issues were discussed in the context of Maharashtra, Orissa, Karnataka, Chattisgarh and North East India. All deliberations were held in four sessions. The sessions were chaired respectively by Prof. S.A. Salunkhe, Dr. N.K. Mahakud, Prof. S.C. Rajora and Prof. R.B. Patil. The discussions on each paper held after presentation.

► RC-12 : Population, Health and Society

RC 12 - received in all 47 papers for presentation at the 36 out of these, 27 participants presented their papers. The papers covered wide range of topics and were good combination of theoretical perspectives and empirical findings. The papers were placed under six broad themes in six sessions namely: Sociology, social structure and health; children, women and old aged people and health; health system, NRHM, ASHA, ANMs; HIV AIDS, sexuality

**INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
XXXVII ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE**

(December 10-13, 2011)

Organized by:

**CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL SYSTEMS
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY
New Delhi**

Theme:

"Sociology and the Crisis of Social Transformation in India"

Symposium - I

"Crisis of Governance"

Symposium - II

"Crisis of Extremisms"

Symposium - III

"Crisis of Development and the Issues of Marginalization"

Invitation to submit abstracts to the Conference:

It is a great pleasure for us to extend an invitation and hearty welcome to the members of Indian Sociological Society and other participants to the XXXVII All India Sociological Conference being organized on 10-13 December 2011.

Those who intend to present their papers in the Conference are requested to submit the abstracts of their papers through any of the 22 Research Committees (RCs) and *Ad hoc* Group of the Indian Sociological Society.

Since all the paper presentations at the Conference (except those in the Symposia) will be made in the sessions of respective RCs, the paper presenters are advised to contact the Conveners of the RCs concerned for submission of the abstracts and for additional information that they may require. Two copies of the abstract of the paper in not more than 250 words should be submitted to the RC Conveners preferably by e-mail in the *Abstract Form* latest by August 30, 2011.

Each abstract should carry the ISS membership number of the participant and the name and the number of the RC to which it is being submitted. The ISS members (Life/Ordinary/Student) who have paid the RC Membership Fee (Rs.200/- for 2 years and Rs. 400/- for 5 years) per Research Committee are entitled to present papers in the Conference. Acceptance of the abstract will be communicated by the respective RC Conveners by September 15, 2011.

The RC Conveners are requested to send an edited copy of the accepted abstracts of paper presenters not later than October 1, 2011 to Dr. Renuka Singh, Convener, Abstract Committee by E-mail: rs108@yahoo.com No abstract will be accepted for publication after the deadline.

Registration

Participants of the Conference – delegates, their accompanying persons and paper presenters- will have to register themselves for the Conference by paying the prescribed Registration Fee as shown below:

Registration Fees for Indian Participants

Up to	Delegate (with accommodation)	Delegate (without accommodation)	Research Scholars / Students (without / with accommodation)	Accompanying Person
September 15, 2011	Rs.2000/-	Rs.1,000/-	Rs. 750/1500/-	Rs. 2250/-
October 30, 2011	Rs.2250/-	Rs.1,250/-	Rs. 850/1600/-	Rs. 2500/-
November 30, 2011	Rs.2500/-	Rs.1,500/-	Rs. 950/1700/-	Rs. 2750/-
After November 30	Rs.3000/-	Rs.1750/-	Rs. 1000/1750/-	Rs. 3500/-

1. The Registration Fee mentioned under the head Delegate is payable only by those who are currently Life Members / Ordinary Members / Student Members.
2. Those who are not presently members of any of these categories but are desirous of participating in the Conference should necessarily enroll themselves as members in any one of the above categories.
3. The fee paid for ordinary or student membership is valid only for one year from the date of payment of the

fee. Those ordinary and student members whose membership period has got exhausted are required to renew their membership by paying the prescribed membership fee.

4. Only those who have thus become members of ISS will be entitled to register for the Conference.
5. Only Life Members are allowed to bring with them accompanying persons. A member can bring only two accompanying members with him/her, and no exception would be made to this rule.
6. The Organizers do not give any assurance for accommodation to those who opt for spot registration.

Registration fee for Foreign delegates (as per the categories of countries done by ISA): Category A countries: US \$ 250, Category B countries: US \$ 200, Category C countries: US \$ 150. The last date for registration for foreign delegates is October 30, 2010. The foreign participants registering on the spot will be required to pay additional US \$ 100 as late fee.

The Registration fee may be sent to the Organizing Secretary by crossed Demand Draft drawn in favour of **The Organizing Secretary, 37th All-India Sociological Conference on any nationalized bank payable at Delhi or New Delhi** along with registration form. The delegates paying registration fee after November 15, 2010 may not receive the receipt for payments of Registration fee in time. They are advised to produce a proof of the payment of Registration Fee at the Conference venue.

Jawaharlal Nehru University

The JNU campus is a microcosm of the Indian nation, drawing students from every nook and corner of the country and from every group and stratum of society. Overseas students form some 10 per cent of the annual intake. Students' hostels and blocks of faculty residences are interspersed with one another, underlining the vision of a large Indian family. Several Centers in these Schools have been declared by the UGC to be Centers of 'Excellence' which includes the Centre for the Study of Social Systems.

Climate in Delhi

The first part of December is winter in Delhi with an average temperature ranging between 10 and 15 degrees Celsius. Delegates are advised to bring with them woolen clothes.

Connectivity

Being the capital city of the country, Delhi is very well connected with all the major cities. It is accessible from almost all parts of the country via air, train and buses. The Indira Gandhi International Airport is 12 Kms. away from the University campus. The New Delhi Railway Station and the Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station are 14 Kms and 10 Kms respectively away from the JNU campus. You are suggested to take pre-paid taxis/auto rickshaws to your place of stay.

Accommodation

The host university would be providing accommodation only to those delegates who would register up to November 30 around the University Campus for four nights, i.e., from December 10 morning to December 14 morning only.

National Organising Committee

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Pre-conference Seminar, September 23-24, 2011

Dept. of Sociology, University of Mumbai

Theme

*Sociology in India and Bombay School: Retrospect and Prospects***REGISTRATION FORM***(To be filled in and sent with the Demand Draft to the Organising Secretary)**(Tick mark whichever option in this form is appropriate to you)*

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INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY: DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Pre-conference Seminar, November 5-6, 2011
Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow

Theme

*The Sociological Tradition in India with special reference to the Lucknow
School Retrospect and Prospects*

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INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY: DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Pre-Conference Seminar

Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai

Sociology in India and the Bombay School: Retrospect and Prospects

Mumbai: 23-24 September 2011

The Department of Sociology at the University of Mumbai is the oldest centre of teaching and research in sociology in India and the second oldest in Asia. The Department was established in 1919 with Patrick Geddes, an eminent British sociologist and urban planner, as Professor and Head. His vision and perspective on urban ecology and town planning influenced many sociologists, urban planners and architects in India, USA and Europe, including Radhakamal Mukerjee and Lewis Mumford.

Patrick Geddes was succeeded by G. S. Ghurye in 1924, and remained as the Department's Head until his retirement in 1959. Ghurye may justifiably be regarded as the doyen of Indian sociology. He was a prolific writer with varied academic interests, and wrote more than two dozen books on a wide range of subjects. Though he preferred to be an armchair scholar, he encouraged his students to undertake field research for their doctoral dissertations. In addition to Geddes and Ghurye, some of the highly important contributions at the Bombay School came from K. M. Kapadia and A. R. Desai.

The Bombay School played a pioneering role in the development and expansion of sociology as an academic discipline in several ways. Ghurye established the Indian Sociological Society in 1951, and served as its president from 1951 to 1966. The Society launched its journal, *Sociological Bulletin*, in 1952.

The Bombay School has played a key role in putting sociology on the world map through the organization of two acclaimed international conferences: "Modernization of Underdeveloped Societies" in 1969, and "Cultural Pluralism, Ethnicity and Nation-Building in South Asia" in 1995.

The Legacy of the Bombay School

Four distinctive features of the intellectual legacy of the Bombay School are note-worthy. First, since early times, sociology and social/cultural anthropology have been closely intertwined and integrated in the Department, which is reflected in the curriculum, in the composition and work of the teaching faculty and in the themes of doctoral research. This tradition has been one of the strengths of the Bombay School. Second, Professor Ghurye was a strong advocate of combining the perspectives of sociology, cultural anthropology and Indology. The view that the textual and contextual or field views of Indian society should be regarded as complementary and mutually beneficial, which is gaining wide recognition these days, had its inception at the Bombay School. Third, since the days of Ghurye, the Bombay School has been known for its emphasis on fieldwork and ethnography. Fourth, one of the distinctive features of the Bombay School is diversity and eclecticism in respect of theoretical and ideological orientations, methodological approaches and perspectives.

Focus and Major Themes

The seminar seeks to focus on the intellectual legacy of the Bombay School in the social and historical context, its role and contribution to the advancement of sociology and social anthropology in India, a critical appraisal of the relevance of this legacy in the context of contemporary researches, and the present status of research and teaching in the Department in the context of continuities with the earlier tradition as well as emerging areas and theoretical and methodological concerns.

The seminar will focus on the following themes.

- (i) The social and historical context of the Bombay School of Sociology
- (ii) The intellectual legacy of the Bombay School, with special reference to the contributions of Patrick Geddes, G. S. Ghurye, K. M. Kapadia and A. R. Desai
- (iii) The legacy of the Bombay School and the contemporary context (critical evaluation of the intellectual legacy of the Bombay School in the context of contemporary researches, particularly in certain key areas such as caste, urbanization, ethnography, the tribal question, kinship and family, the interface between sociology and Indology/historiography)
- (iv) The present state of research and teaching in the Department (emerging areas and priorities, and theoretical and methodological approaches; selected areas such as gender, environment, marginalized groups, social and cultural dimensions of globalization)
- (v) Sociology in Mumbai (teaching of sociology at the undergraduate level; sociology at the SNDT Women's University, Tata Institute of Social Sciences and Indian Institute of Technology; sociology beyond academia: media, NGOs, corporate sector)

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INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY: DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Pre-Conference Seminar

Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow

**The Sociological Tradition in India and the Lucknow School: Retrospect and Prospects
Lucknow: November 5-6, 2011**



*S*ociology in India began and developed at Mumbai and Lucknow. One of the oldest centers of sociology in India, the department of Economics and Sociology of Lucknow University started functioning in 1922 under the leadership of Professor Radhakamal Mukerjee (who joined as the first professor of social science in the University of Lucknow along with the first professor of science, Birbal Sahni, in July 1921). Soon after, in the year 1922 D. P. Mukerji joined him to teach Sociology at Lucknow. The entry of D. N. Majumdar in the department in 1924 as a lecturer of primitive economics provided much desired empirical foundation and ethnographic orientation to the discipline. Right from the beginning the teaching and research of Sociology started growing in an interdisciplinary academic setting. Radhakamal Mukerjee, D.P. Mukerji and D.N. Majumdar were the triumvirate of Sociology at Lucknow representing three distinct types of sociological practice and nurturing the sociological tradition in India. The department at Lucknow emerged as the cradle of Indian Sociology for the following four decades ensuing the delineation of orientations, methods, subject matter and specializations. Subsequently the division of the department into Sociology, Economics, Anthropology, and Social Work on the one hand, and on the other the diversification of research interests ranging from ecology to values, population dynamics to Indian civilization, social deviance to planned development, village studies to industrial society, youth to cultural diversities, the Hindu social theory to the Marxism, and to traditional logic to dialectics. Consequently, there developed a sociological tradition at Lucknow marked by an interdisciplinary approach, philosophical underpinnings, theoretical logic and substantive concerns, which is distinctively reflected in the writings and thoughts of the triumvirate of sociology at Lucknow along with A.K. Saran, an outstanding disciple of the department.

The making of Sociology at Lucknow has been live and vibrant. Academic debates and controversies were expressed regularly among the faculty members as well as the students. Debates, being fundamental to development of science, led to the intensification of sociological praxis at Lucknow. The department not only did excel in teaching and research but also contributed to the national struggle for independence intellectually as well practically. After independence Professor Radhakamal Mukerjee and Professor D.P. Mukerji were among those scholars of national repute who were consulted for the planning of economic development and social change of a free country. The department has always been interacting with the social and political milieu. This gets reflected in the issues, themes and perspectives of the sociological enterprise at Lucknow. The department has also contributed to the expansion of Sociology as an academic discipline by providing the academic and human resource to the emerging centers of sociology throughout the country. The tradition of sociology nurtured at Lucknow proliferated. Nine decades in the history of the department have witnessed the zenith of growth as well as the swings of descent. After 90 years of Sociology at Lucknow it is high time to reflect on the history and sociology of Indian sociology with special reference to the Lucknow School and to appraise the contribution of the school in the making of Indian sociology at the opportune moment of the diamond jubilee celebrations of Indian Sociological Society.

The pre-conference seminar intends to deliberate on the historic-socio-political context, the intellectual legacy, the academic ramifications and the contemporary relevance of the Lucknow School of Sociology with a view to reflect on its role and contribution to the advancement of sociology and social anthropology in India.

The seminar will focus on the following issues:

- (i) The history of Sociology at Lucknow and its social context, political backdrop, and the intellectual sources;
- (ii) The influence of the general sociological orientations and philosophical underpinnings on sociology at Lucknow;
- (iii) The intellectual legacy of the Lucknow School with special reference to the contributions of Radhakamal Mukerjee, D. P. Mukerji, and A. K. Saran
- (iv) The contemporary relevance of the sociological tradition of Lucknow with regards to social ecology, population dynamics, the planned development, social values, and the traditional thought ;
- (v) The status of research and teaching in the Department.
- (vi) Emerging contemporary issues (gender, social movements, globalization, ethnicity, the new middle class, village studies, society & politics etc.)
- (vii) The Lucknow School and Sociology in the India.



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& MSM; migration, fertility & mortality among various social categories; and, an open session for topics like poverty, literacy and their impact on health. Some other topics like palliative care, social exclusion of HIV positive children and fertility among muslims of Odisha were also discussed. The sessions were chaired by Prof. C A Somashekharappa, Dr. Mohammad Akram, Prof. Tulsi Patel and Prof.P.S.Vivek.. A Business Meeting of the RC was held on 28th December under the chairmanship of Prof. P.S.Vivek. Dr. Mohammad Akram was unanimously elected as the Convener of the RC and for two years, 2011 & 2012.

► **RC-13 : Science, Technology and Society**

RC 13 organised four technical sessions. In all a total of 29 papers were presented, which concerned a variety of scientific and technological issues and problems that have been widely debated and indeed attracted disciplinary attention in the contemporary societies including India. The presented papers, varying in methodological and theoretical rigor and intensiveness, cover: sociological dimensions of bioethics, role of ICTs in education, mobile phone and social inclusion, gendering of internet experience, role of ICTs in governance, social networking sites and the media professionals, online sexual harassment, cyberstalking, computer usage patterns and the youth, cyber crime and policing, domesticating ICTs in the households, disciplinary discourse, research training and “mode-2” of knowledge production in India, and so on and so forth. All technical sessions were chaired by the RC-13 Convener, Professor Bipul Kumar Bhadra.

Finally, this year RC-13 proudly reports that it sponsored an International Conference on Science, Technology and Society held on March 12 and 13, 2011 in Indore Christian College, Indore. In the business session held on the second day of the conference new office bearers for 2011-2012 were unanimously elected. They are as follows: Convener: Dr. Madhav Govind; Co-Convener and Treasurer.

► **RC-14 : Culture and Communication**

There were twenty papers presented on different aspects of culture and communication at different sessions of the conference. Such papers have raised a wide array of issues covering the role of mass media in promoting gender equality, media covering social movements, contemporary Indian society, social structure of villages, film and family interfaces, transformation of self, life in call centers, cultural complexities, dialectical theories as well as Khaap Panchayat, communication of science in culturally diverse society, cultural continuity and change, the impact of western culture on Indian youth, socio-economic development through mass media. The sessions were chaired by Prof. Pradeep Singh Choondavat and Prof. V.P. Singh. In the business session of the RC the members unmsously elected the new Convener (Parvez A. Abbasi) and Co-Convener (Roopa Rani T.S).

► **RC-16 : Urban and Industrial Studies**

In RC 16 All together, 15 research papers were presented in the four technical sessions. The sessions were chaired

by Prof. Biowajit Ghosh, and Dr. Maitreyee Bardhanray. In the business session elections were held and Dr. Pranjal Sharma was elected as the convener and Dr. Maitreyee Bardhan Ray as co-ordinator.

► **RC-19 : Age and Social Structure**

RC 19 received 40 abstracts of which 29 presentation were there in four technical sessions. All the four sessions generated rich, lively, productive and critical exchanges of thought. In this RC there were presentations relating to preception of and planning for later life, elderly abuse, empowering ageing through SHGs, gender issues, quality of life, case studies of elders, interventions of NGOs, policies and programmes for the aged, health issues and living arrangements etc. The four sessions were chaired by Prof. P.K.B. Nayar, Prof. S.K. Swain, Dr. U.B. Singh and Prof. Aravind Joshi. Lastly, in the business session election of RC 19 was held and members elected unanimously Prof. Aravind K. Joshi as Convener and Dr. U.B. Singh as Co-convener.

► **RC-20 : Leisure and Tourism**

RC-20, Leisure and Tourism' Conducted 04 Technical Sessions and one Business Session. Two special lectures were organized. One lecture was delivered by Prof. I.P. Modi on the topic “**Scope of Society of Leisure and Toruism**”, and other Lecture was organized on “**Government Policies about 'Leisure and Tourism**”, by Dr. Anil Kumar Sahni, Member , Rajya Sabha. The sessions were chaired by Prof. I.P. Modi, and Prof Birendra Kumar Singh.

Of the total 25 papers registered, only 21 papers were presented in 04 sessions. All these papers covered a variety of issues like historicity of tourism, leisure patterns, leisure activities, senior citizens, applications of sociology of leisure and tourism, socio-administrative aspects of tourism and gender issues of leisure. These sessions were chaired by Prof Ishwar Modi, Dr Vishesh Gupta, Dr. Birendra Kumar Singh, Dr. Bidyanath Mishra and Dr Kalinath Jha. The papers generated active participation, viberant discussions and fruitful interventions by young scholars and also by senior members. Finally in the business session of R.C.-20, the members elected **Dr. Vishesh Kr. Gupta as convener and Dr. Birendra Kumar Singh as co-convener.**

► **RC-21 : Social Problems and Marginalized Groups**

Although RC 21 received 30 abstracts, there were 28 presentations in four technical sessions . The first session was a round table which was chaired by Prof. S.N. Choudhuri and the key note address entitled “Development or Marginalization: Two Sides of the Same Coin” was delivered by Prof. Bula Bhadra. In the first technical session there were presentations relating to urban poor, migration, land rights to women, untouchability, displacement of Kashmir is' pandits, problem of aged and mentally retarded children. The second technical session was chaired by Dr. Vishav Raksha. These papers covered the issues such as the problems of Kashmiris Pandits, problems of elderly widows, family planning, sexuality, Sexual harassment at public places, marginalization of women lawyers &

development and displacement. The third technical session was chaired by Dr. Ashish Saxena and issues like alcoholism, dowry, economic empowerment of tribe, migration as a mechanism, fear of displacement, child labor, problem of primitive tribe, poverty eradication and health problem of women were discussed. The fourth technical session was chaired by Dr. S.T. Aklian, and the themes of the presentations were victims of HIV/ AIDS, domestic violence, self help group and women's empowerment, rehabilitation and special economic zones respectively. All sessions generated lively, productive and critical exchanges. In the business session election of new office bearers of R.C.21 was held and members of the RC 21 unanimously elected Prof. Bula Bhadra as Convener and Prof. A. Karuppiyah, as Co-convener. The main theme of RC 21 for the XXXVII AISC will be: *Social Transformation, Marginalization, Contemporary Indian Society and Sociology.*

► ISS Adhoc Group on Sociology of Law

15 papers were presented in the ISS Adhoc Group on Sociology of Law at XXXVI AISC, Cuttack. The papers ranged from issues of Human Rights to Social Legislation; RTE Act; PCPNDT Act; issues of surrogacy; child rights, sexual harassment and environmental degradation. The papers were well received and intense discussions took place in each session. Prof. Tapan Mohanty, chaired the session. The ISS Adhoc group is organizing the Midterm International conference of ISA RC 12 in Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh from 10-12th September 2011. The broad theme of the conference is "Justice, Peace & Development". Prof. Agrawal would be the Organizing Secretary and Dr. Rashmi Jain, Joint Organizing Secretary of the conference. This conference would provide a platform for a dialogue between the western and eastern scholars on legal issues relating to the theme.



ROUND UP

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON "FARMER SUICIDES IN INDIA"

The Sociology Department of Pondicherry University, Puducherry organized two-days International Seminar on "Farmer Suicides in India" on 10th and 11th of February 2011. This seminar was sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi and Pondicherry University, Puducherry. Besides the inaugural and valedictory sessions, there were four technical sessions. Prof. D.N. Dhanagare, former Vice-chancellor of Shivaji University, Kolhapur delivered the inaugural address and the key-note address was given by P. Sainath, Rural Affairs Editor of the Hindu. The Valedictory address was delivered by Dr. K. Nagaraj, (Retd.) Professor of Economics, Madras Institute of Development Studies. The seminar brought together researchers of diverse intellectual disciplines along with activists from India and abroad. Prof. B.B. Mohanty, was the Coordinator of the Seminar.

IN MEMOIR

● Prof. Victor D' Souza

Victor D' Souza an active life member and Past President (1985-1987) of ISS died on April 14, 2011 at Bangalore. He was 87. Born on December 23, 1923 in Mangalore had his education in Mangalore and Bombay. Victor received his Ph.D. Degree from Karnatak University and had his Post-Doctoral studies at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA. He was appointed as Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology, Panjab University in 1961. Recipient of many international fellowships including the prestigious Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship and Fulbright Fellowships had important study, teaching and research exposures at American Institutions, He retired from Panjab University in 1984 and continued to pursue his academic and advisory interests.

Dr. Victor served as a member in various advisory committees including ICSSR, UNESCO, UNFPA and UGC. He had successfully guided 26 researchers to obtain their Ph.D. degrees. He had published 7 books and over 100 research papers. His writings are noteworthy for their analysis of causal connection between variables. In 2005 he received the Life Time Achievement Award from the Indian Sociology Society for his contribution to Indian Sociology. Known for his scholarship, professionalism and warmth we miss Prof. Victor.

● Prof. Anuradha U. Bhoite

Prof. Anuradha Bhoite passed away on Feb 26, 2011 after a brief illness, was a senior and valued member of the community of sociologists in India. She was well known not only in Maharashtra, but all over the country due to her wide-ranging writings on issues of rural women, and due to her longstanding association with the Indian Sociological Society, first as member and then, recently as Managing Committee member. A dedicated teacher of Sociology, she taught at Shivaji College, Parbhani and then at the Marathwada University at Aurangabad. Later she joined the Dept. of Sociology at the reputed University of Pune from where she retired as Professor.

At Pune, Prof. Bhoite was closely associated with the establishment and growth of the Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule Women's Development Centre, a leading centre for Women's Studies. She was a member of the Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission for two terms. She has written extensively on women's problems in rural society, and on feminist theories and perspectives. Her book 'Women Employees and Rural Development: Problems of Employed Women in Rural Areas' (1987) is widely read and extensively cited. Jointly with her husband Prof. U.B. Bhoite, she published as early as 1977 a Sociological Analysis of the Dalit Sahitya Movement of Maharashtra. Known for her simplicity and scholarship with a sense of humor and above all the extraordinary warmth, we will miss Prof. Anuradha Bhoite.

— Kamala Ganesh

● Dr. Tara Muley

Dr. Tara Muley, a life member of ISS died on November 21, 2010. She was a lecturer in Mahila Maha Vidyalaya, Aurangabad, Maharashtra and retired from service in 1992. She was a chronic diabetic patient and died of renal and kidney failure.

ISS deeply mourns the sad demise of these eminent Sociologists and may their souls rest in peace.

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