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Message from the President



Dear Colleagues,

It is with a great sense of ebullience and satisfaction that we come to the end of the year 2022 having successfully

organized the 47th All

India Sociological Conference (AISC) at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) from 20th - 22nd December 2022 on the theme *Hundred Years of Sociology in India: Exploring Trajectories for the Future*. I place on record my deep sense of gratitude for the cooperation rendered by the local organizers, particularly the Hon'ble Chancellor, Mr. Hoque; the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. G.D. Sharma; the Organizing Secretary, Prof. B.I. Laskar; Prof. Matin, Chairperson, Local Organizing Committee; the Dept. of Sociology and its Head, Dr. Aye; and the entire team at the USTM. Over 1100 delegates got registered and more than 850 papers were presented in Technical Sessions during the Conference. In all, Inaugural and Valedictory Sessions, Keynote Address by Professor Emeritus T.K. Oommen, a Presidential Address, 03 Memorial Lectures, and 03 Plenaries were organized during the Conference inaugurated by the Hon'ble Governor of Assam Prof. Jagdish Mukhi. During the Inaugural Session, Prof. I.S. Chauhan and Prof. R. Indira were conferred Lifetime Achievement Awards, and Dr. Chakraverti

Mahajan received Prof. M.N.Srinivas Memorial Prize 2022. Congratulations and best wishes to them! I am happy to bring to your notice that the book *Gender, Law and Social Transformation* edited by Professors Ajailiu Niumai and Abha Chauhan (published by Springer) was launched on the occasion.

The Indian Sociological Society (ISS) also organized the *Young Researchers Workshop* at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati, Assam on 18th- 19th December 2022 on the topic *Use and Relevance of Mixed Methods in Sociological Research* in which research scholars from all over the country presented their papers. The sessions were Chaired by eminent Resource Persons who were also the Discussants. I am thankful to all of them, especially to the Convenor of the Workshop, Prof. Sambit Mallick as well as everyone from IIT Guwahati. The meetings of the Managing Committee, RC Conveners, Regional Associations, and Editorial Boards were held during and on the eve of the Conference. I am glad to note that RCs are becoming vibrant in their activities, National Associations are gearing up, and our publications are doing quite well. I am grateful for the help and support of the members of these Committees. My special thanks to the Editorial team of the ISS E-Newsletter for covering all these activities in this issue.

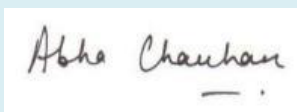
This year, the ISS also organized an International Conference (Hybrid) in collaboration with the Islamic University of

Science and Technology (IUST), Awantipora, Kashmir on the theme *Society, Culture and Social Change: Kashmir and Beyond* on 6th and 7th September 2022. The Conference was held at the IUST and attended by a large number of delegates from India and abroad. It was inaugurated by the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Shri Manoj Sinha. The ISS is thankful to him, to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S. A. Romshoo, and the Organizing Secretary, Prof. Pirzada Amin, and all at the IUST for this.

It was a privilege for me to represent the ISS and present a paper at the 5th ISA Council of National Associations' Conference held at Nova Gorica, Slovenia from 21st - 24th November 2022 on the theme *Social Transformations and Sociology: Dispossession and Empowerment*. We look forward to meeting in Melbourne, Australia for the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology scheduled from 25th June - 1st July 2023, which I am sure would be an enriching experience for all of us. In the meanwhile, we hope to organize an ISS mid-term conference sometime in the first half of 2023 and the 48th All India Sociological Conference at the end of the year.

Take care till we come back with more news in the next issue of the ISS E-Newsletter!

With regards and best wishes,



Abha Chauhan
President, Indian Sociological Society

From Editor's Desk



Esteemed Colleagues,
Greetings from Lucknow!

Hope all of you must be doing well. I wish all the esteemed friends, colleagues and seniors, a happy, prosperous and academically engaging New Year 2023. I am pleased to share the January 2023 Newsletter with all of you with highlights of the events which we conducted under the banner of Indian Sociological Society in the last quarter of 2022.

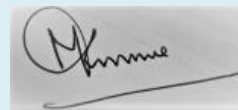
You will be glad to note that ISS organized its most awaited and celebrated annual All India Sociological Conference (AISC) in physical mode after a gap of couple of years due to Corona pandemic. The 47th AISC was scheduled between December 20-22, 2022 on the theme, "Hundred Years of Sociology in India: Exploring Trajectories for the Future" at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) of which all of us are witness. Chief Guest of the inaugural function was Hon'ble Governor of Assam Prof. Jagdish Mukhi. Most importantly, during the inaugural function of the AISC, the Life Time Achievement Award 2022 was notably conferred upon to Prof. I.S. Chouhan, Bhopal (M.P.) and Prof. R. Indira, Mysuru (Karnataka), the veteran sociologists who contributed immensely for the enrichment of sociology. The 47th AISC

discussed the conference theme in three plenary sessions: i) A Century of Sociology in India: Teaching and Research ii) Sociology and Social Policy Interface: The Roadmap for the Post-Covid World and iii) North East India in Sociological and Social Anthropological Studies: Emerging Issues and Challenges. Three Memorial Lectures in the names of Professor M. N. Srinivas, Professor Radhakamal Mukerjee and Professor Yogendra Singh was also organized during the 47th All India Sociological Conference. More than one thousand delegates participated in the conference and presented their research papers in English and Hindi during various technical sessions of 28 Research Committees (RCs) of the Indian Sociological Society. I take this opportunity to congratulate Prof. Baharul Islam Laskar, the Organising Secretary and Prof. Abdul Matin, the Conference Coordinator of 47th AISC along with their entire team of USTM Meghalaya for working meticulously to make the Conference a huge success.

Just preceding the AISC Meghalaya, the Young Researcher's Workshop was also conducted on December 18-19, 2022 at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, Assam to provide two days rigorous training to young research scholars to develop solid insights into methodological issues and developing research proficiency. A large number of young research scholars from various parts of India participated in the workshop. The Convener of the Workshop Prof. Sambit Malik deserves a special appreciation for his contributions for organizing the program.

To accelerate the academic activities in the year 2023, ISS is in touch with a few leading universities of India who offered to hold April 2023 mid-term conference and most importantly, 48th AISC. After due scrutiny of their proposals by the Managing Committee, soon the decision will be shared with all of you regarding finalization of the theme and venue of both the events.

In the last, I will take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to the esteemed MC members, RC Conveners, all the worthy members of Indian Sociological Society and office staff of ISS for their tireless efforts and support to strengthen ISS and its mission. Without their enduring help and assistance, the vision and mission of ISS will never be accomplished and hence they deserve special appreciation here. I look forward in future also the same support and cooperation from all of you to realize the dreams and goals of ISS.



Prof. Manish K. Verma
Secretary,
Indian Sociological Society

From Co-Editor's Desk



Dear Esteemed
Colleagues,

Wishing everyone a productive and stimulating new year 2023. As I reflect on this last day of the year 2022, I feel many people dreaded the whole year because of the continuing fear of Coronavirus. Many academic events happened despite the pandemic and in its waning, we have come back to our normal academic activity with new challenges. Despite all apprehensions, ISS has successfully conducted the 47th All India Sociological Conference (AISC) at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) from 20-22 December 2022 in physical mode after a gap of two years. During the conference, we learned from various distinguished Sociologists that Indian Sociology has moved beyond merely describing society after celebrating the discipline for a century.

Secondly, there is an interwoven relationship between communities and educational institutions for the quality and sustenance of both entities, leading to strengthening and enhancing knowledge and engagement in society. The pandemic has affected such relationships in the past two

years. Many people are continuing to gear up with apprehensions and raising of questions as we prepare ourselves to adapt to the new policy of education viz; the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 which aims to fulfill equity and inclusion in education in our country. The question arises whether we can implement such a vigorous, comprehensive, and state-of-the-art education policy successfully at the higher education and grass root level? Under this policy, multidisciplinary education must be given priority although one has to be deeply specialised in one's discipline first. If we are not seriously working towards multidisciplinary perspectives, we may be excluded. Sociology needs to strive for its perpetuation despite amalgamating with other disciplines under the new policy. Hence, we are compelled to involve continuously in rational thought.

Thanking you.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ajailiu Niumai'.

Ajailiu Niumai,
Co-Editor, ISS E-Newsletter
Member, Managing Committee, ISS.

MEETINGS OF ISS SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER

DATE	MEETING	MODE	LOCATION/PLATFORM
September 5 th 2022	Research Committee	Hybrid	Jammu and Kashmir
September 6 th 2022	Managing Committee	Hybrid	Jammu and Kashmir
October 31 st 2022	47 th AISC	Online	ZOOM APP
December 19 th 2022	Research Committee	Offline	Guwahati
December 19 th 2022	Managing Committee	Offline	Guwahati
December 21 st 2022	Regional Associations	Offline	USTM, Meghalaya
December 21 st 2022	Editorial Board	Offline	USTM, Meghalaya
December 21 st 2022	GBM	Offline	USTM, Meghalaya

MID-TERM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (IUST), AWANTIPORA, KASHMIR (J&K), 6TH-7TH SEPTEMBER 2022.

The Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora in collaboration with the Indian Sociological Society (ISS), New Delhi organized two days international conference (hybrid



mode) on the theme “Society, Culture and Social Change: Kashmir and Beyond” from September 6-7, 2022. Kashmir from times immemorial with a living composite ethos of more than five thousand years of its rich socio-cultural history has been the torch bearer of unity and diversity. Cutting

across all the regional, ethnic and religious affiliations, the delegates have experienced the living tradition of harmony and tranquillity in its true sense while being on IUST campus for three days.

The inaugural function of the international conference was graced by His Excellency the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of UT of J & K Shri Manoj Sinha, the Chancellor of Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) Awantipora.



The Vice Chancellor of University Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo felicitated and welcomed the Hon'ble LG & the Chancellor of IUST and the Chief Justice.



The Keynote Address was delivered by the President, International Sociological Association (ISA) Prof. Sari Hanafi, currently the Professor of Sociology, the Director of the Centre for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies and Chair of the Islamic Studies Program at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon and Presidential address by Prof. Abha Chauhan,

President of Indian Sociological Society (ISS). The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed the delegates and the ISA President Prof. Sari Hanafi.



The delegates of the conference were from across the length and breadth of the country and abroad such as Beirut, Australia, South Africa, UK Cambridge, Iran, Sweden, Finland and Malaysia. During the Conference, 235 papers were read in Hybrid mode where one hundred twenty-nine papers were read in off-line mode and rest were read in online mode. This was the first of its kind where International Conference in IUST was attended by foreign and domestic

academia from the length and breadth of the country. The sub-themes of the conference were ranging from Social Sciences to Technology, Engineering, Humanities, Agricultural and Medical Sciences. Given the thrust of the multidisciplinary approach of NEP 2020, the sub-themes of the conference were identified in sync with the vision of NEP.

We extend heartfelt thanks to his Excellency the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor and the Chancellor of IUST for his inaugural address and the Chief Justice of J and K and Ladakh High Court for his Valedictory address at IUST. I am greatly indebted to my dynamic Vice Chancellor Prof Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, the renowned Scientist of the country for his wholehearted support and mentorship in making this international conference a reality in the shadow of pandemic threats.

The conference has eleven technical sessions representing the disciplines of Social Sciences, Medical Sciences, Engineering, Technology, Social Policy and Planning, Industrial Sociology and the like. The sessions organized by the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, Sheri Kashmir Agriculture



University of Science and Technology (SKAUST), Sheri Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) and the Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (IMPARD) were of great significance under NEP 2020.

The panelists of plenaries were eminent academicians from domestic and foreign academia. The plenaries were on burning themes like “Globalized World: Issues and Challenges” and “Religion, Diversity and Nation Building”. The special session on “Kashmir and Indian Diaspora” was also organized to highlight the role of Kashmiri and Indian Diaspora in the promotion of the composite ethos of the Country. The eminent speakers represented were the academia of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) and the international academia. The Hon’ble LG and the Chancellor in his inaugural address applauded the organization of the conference and congratulated the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo and the Organising Secretary Prof. Pirzada Mohamad Amin for holding an international conference of such stature wherein the representation of academia from the country and abroad have joined in person and off-line. The Hon’ble Chief Justice of J&K and Ladakh High Court congratulated the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor and the Organising Secretary for Organising an international conference on a



very relevant theme given the changing dynamics of Indian Society and the global impact. Hon’ble Chief Justice asserted that the organization of such a conference has offered an opportunity to the national and international academia to know the budding University of the UT of J&K and the delegates representing from national and international academia would be the ambassadors of IUST.

Submitted by Prof. Pirzada Mohamad Amin, Organising Secretary.

5TH INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (ISA) CONFERENCE OF COUNCIL OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (CNA), SLOVENIA.



The President of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS), Prof. Abha Chauhan represented the ISS in the 5th International Sociological Association (ISA) Conference of Council of National Associations (CNA) held from 21st - 24th November 2022 at Nova Gorica, Slovenia on the topic *Social Transformations and Sociology: Disposessions and Empowerment*. She presented a paper titled *Social Construction of the Covid-19 Pandemic Crises in India: Understanding Social Transformation through Deconstruction*, besides moderating a session and participating in other sessions and the CNA Business Meeting. The Conference was attended by the President of the ISA Prof. Sari Hanafi, Vice-President Prof. Filomin C. Gutierrez, ISA Executive Committee Members, and several delegates and representatives from different National Associations across the globe.

LIFE-TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2022



Prof. I. S. Chauhan, Bhopal and Prof. R. Indira, Mysuru have been honoured with the prestigious **Lifetime Achievement Award** for their tremendous contributions to Indian sociology.

Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Hon'ble Governor of Assam presented the **Life-Time Achievement Award** to Prof. I. S. Chauhan.

Prof I. S. Chauhan obtained B.A. and M.A. from Sagar University in first position and Ph.D. from the Australian National University; Canberra based on a study of Indians in Fiji. He founded the Department of Sociology at Barkatulla University,

Bhopal. After working for 15 years as Head of Department of Sociology, he was appointed as the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Barkatulla and Bhoj Open Universities. He has served as the High Commissioner of India to Fiji, Tonga, Tuvalu and Cook Islands.

Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Hon'ble Governor of Assam presented the **Life-Time Achievement Award** to Prof. R. Indira.



Prof. R. Indira obtained her Master's and Doctoral degrees from the University of Mysore and served in the Department of Sociology as a faculty from 1972-2014. During her university career, she also held the positions of the Honorary Director of the Centre for Women's Studies and Director of the University's International Programmes, besides being a member of various academic bodies both in the University of

Mysore & universities across the country. She has been a two-time Fulbright Scholar, four-time Shastri Fellow & a Senior Fellow of the ICSSR. A recipient of coveted literary awards, Prof. Indira has published extensively in journals & books, both in English & Kannada and is a public sociologist of repute who writes columns regularly in Karnataka-based newspapers on issues of sociological relevance. She is currently Visiting Professor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair, University of Mysore & Visiting Faculty, School of Social Sciences, M.S. Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bengaluru. She has served as the President, Secretary and Member of the Managing Committee of the Indian Sociological Society and President of the Karnataka Sociology Association.

M. N. SRINIVAS MEMORIAL PRIZE



Prof. M. N. Srinivas Memorial Prize was awarded to Dr. Chakraverti Mahajan, Delhi University.

HONORARY DOCTORATE AWARDED TO PROF. SUJATA PATEL BY UPPSALA UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN.

Prof. Sujata Patel, former President of ISS has been awarded Honorary Doctorate by Uppsala University, Sweden in 2022 for her numerous academic achievements. Currently, Prof. Sujata Patel holds the 2021 Kerstin Hesselgren Professorship at the Department of Sociology, Umeå University. This prestigious professorship is awarded and financed by the Swedish Research Council. She has been invited to deliver a lecture on ‘Anti-Colonial Thought and Global Social Theory’ in celebration of the Honorary Doctorate that Uppsala University will confer to her during the Winter Conferment Ceremony for 2023. ISS express our hearty congratulation to her.

YOUNG RESEARCHERS’ WORKSHOP ON USE AND RELEVANCE OF MIXED METHODS IN SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH 18–19 DECEMBER 2022 AT IIT GUWAHATI.

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, in collaboration with the Indian Sociological Society, organised Young Researchers’ Workshop on Use and Relevance of Mixed Methods in Sociological Research during 18–19 December 2022 at IIT Guwahati. In the inaugural session chaired by Dr. Ngamjahao Kipgen, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati, the participants of the workshop comprising of



young research scholars in sociology and social anthropology were addressed by Prof. Sambit Mallick, Workshop Convenor and

Prof. Abha Chauhan, ISS President. Prof. R. Indira, formerly Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Mysore & Past President, ISS delivered the keynote address. And, Prof. Manish K. Verma, ISS Secretary proposed the formal vote of thanks. In toto, the two-day workshop had six sessions covering wide-ranging areas, namely caste, kinship, tribes, ethnicity, religion, identity formation, development, displacement, education and digital technology, women and gender studies, health, culture and others. The workshop had 35 participants with 28

presentations made by young doctoral scholars from institutes and universities spanning 17 States and Union Territories of the country.

The first session on Caste, Kinship and Ethnic Identities, chaired by Prof. Biswajit Ghosh, The University of Burdwan, had four participants presenting work from their fields in Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. The discussion focused on methodological tools such as digital ethnography, the differences between mixed methods and triangulation as a technique to analyse data collected from field sites, and the challenges in data collection in multi-ethnic societies. The second session on Religion and Religious Identities was chaired by Prof. Arvinder A. Ansari, Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. Four participants presented their work from field sites in Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Assam and West Bengal. The discussion focused on the differences between theology and religion, positionality in conducting research related to minority communities, and the general methodological approach. The third session on Development, Displacement, and Natural Resources was chaired by Prof. Shruti Tambe, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune. Four participants presented their work on topics such as sociological explorations on water use in poor households in Odisha, development-induced displacement in the case of the Wang-Marthwadi dam in Maharashtra, a



sociological study of the impact of landslides in Nagaland. The session saw discussions on water security and how access to clean water is based on social dimensions of caste, class and gender, methodological tools and research designs employed in studies, and the emergence of visual sociology in recent times. The fourth session on Education, Schooling and Digital

Technology was chaired by Dr. Ngamjahao Kipgen, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati with Dr. Manoj Kumar Teotia, CRID, Chandigarh as the discussant. The session saw four presentations on employing mixed methods in digitalization studies in India, schooling, nationalism and education in Kerala, female participation in education in tribal

communities in Jammu & Kashmir, and a sociological study on caste, merit and mobility in the context of school education in Uttar Pradesh.

The second day of the Workshop witnessed two sessions, the first with six participants on Women and Gender Studies chaired by Prof. Shweta Prasad, BHU, Varanasi. The discussions focused on traversing through narratives and experiences of women belonging to marginalised communities and the use of memory as a methodological tool to conduct sociological research. The last session on Health, Culture and Others was chaired by Prof. Ajailiu Niumai, Head, CSSEIP, University of Hyderabad with six participants. The presentations and the following discussions focused on menstrual health and public policies in Bihar and perceived inter-generational differences in Meitei culture in Manipur. The valedictory session, chaired by Prof. Abha Chauhan, had two lectures by Prof. D. R. Sahu, University of Lucknow, on the significance of research methods, and Prof. Abdul Matin, University of Science & Technology Meghalaya on the mode of production debate in Indian agriculture. Marking the end to the two-day Workshop, Prof. Sambit Mallick made a presentation of the reports by emphasizing the naivety of the distinction between natural and social sciences, between objectivity and subjectivity, and the like. Prof. Manish K. Verma, Secretary of ISS made a few concluding remarks with Prof. Shruti Tambe, ISS Treasurer, delivering the formal vote of thanks.

Submitted by Prof. Sambit Mallick, IIT Guwahati, Workshop Convenor.

A BRIEF REPORT

47th ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE (AISC)

Theme: Hundred Years of Sociology in India: Exploring Trajectories for the Future

Organized by: Indian Sociological Society (ISS)

Hosted at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM)

Supported by IQAC Cell, USTM

20 - 22 December 2022

The 47th All India Sociological Conference (AISC) of the Indian Sociological Society was held from 20 - 22 December 2022 at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM). The three-day event comprised an Inaugural Session, a Keynote Address, a Presidential address, three Plenary Sessions, three Memorial Lectures, 28 RC sessions and one Ad-hoc Group session for three days, and the Valedictory Session. A brief detail of all the sessions is as follows:

In the **Inaugural Session**, the Organizing Secretary, Prof. B. I. Laskar, pointed out the brief details of the 47th AISC. Prof. Abha Chauhan, President of the Indian Sociological Society delivered the welcome address. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, USTM, Prof. G.D. Sharma highlighted the importance of the Lifetime Achievement Awards and offered his gratitude to the Hon'ble Governor of Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi for gracing the auspicious occasion. He stated that "So

far it was believed that Scientists were systematic but now I must say the Indian Sociological Society is more systematic". He also emphasized that the ISS is growing under the leadership of Prof. Abha Chauhan and Northeast India would be a great place for research as there are more than 200 communities with various cultures, climate resources, and environmental changes”.

In the same session, two **Lifetime Achievement Awards** are given to Prof. I. S. Chauhan, Bhopal and Prof. R. Indira, Mysuru for their overall contributions to Indian sociology. In addition, **Prof. M. N. Srinivas Memorial Prize** was awarded to Dr. Chakraverti Mahajan of Delhi University.



Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Hon'ble Governor of Assam, in his address as the **Chief Guest** highlighted the importance of sociology in understanding societal issues and its contribution towards national development. He also praised the roles played by the USTM in the educational development of Northeast India, particularly in Meghalaya.



This was followed by the launching of a book by the Chief Guest, titled *Gender, Law and Social Transformation in India* edited by Ajailiu Niumai & Abha Chauhan and published by Springer Nature in 2022. Prof. Manish K. Verma, Secretary of the ISS, offered a vote of thanks to all the dignitaries, participants, and organizing teams.



Prof. Abha Chauhan in her **Presidential Address** stated that the trajectory of hundred years of Sociology in India is its genesis, growth, and development on the issues of teaching, research, methodology, and perspectives. Not only there has been an institutional and organizational expansion of the discipline of Sociology, but over the years it has been able to carve out a niche for itself for its distinctiveness, specificity, and indigeneity. The indigenous approaches, methods, and concepts as different from the West evolved through intensive field studies in the given context giving the subject its scientific rigour. At the same time, many distinguished Sociologists debated the relevance of the subject for the Indian society, culture and nation, and its people. The usefulness of Sociology not only as a relevant subject for research and social organizations and competitive jobs was felt, but its relevance to the progress of planning and development and social policy was also considered important.



In the **Keynote Address**, Prof. T. K. Oommen, Padma Bhushan, Professor Emeritus, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, opined that "India is not a nation-state but a polity of the multicultural nation". He further spoke on the emergence of Indian Christianity, particularly Protestantism, and religion, the emergence of Sikhism, the linguistic organization of India, the liberalization economy between the rich and the poor and the like. He mentioned the different ways in which India has been conceptualized - mind-boggling cultural heterogeneity and diversity. He opined that all the early sociological contexts deal with western colonialisation. He argued that there are types of colonialism in the world such as Retreatative (Britain to India), Replicative (Australia, Americas, New Zealand), and Internal (England in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland).

The **Plenary Session 1 on A Century of Sociology in India: Teaching and Research**, was chaired by Prof. Biswajit Ghosh of the University of Burdwan, West Bengal. He talked about teaching-learning methods mentioning the changes going on since 2020. He focused on the questions regarding sociology, its rise or fall, and also raised questions about what Indian sociologists work for. This talk explored how Indian sociology has conceived of its audience and public. Prof. Nandini Sundar of Delhi University stated that we should write for our professional growth, and writing must not be only for communicating, mainly targeting the students. She talked of the expansion of sociological sectors. She spoke about knowledge and neo-literal global changes being the key concepts in global sociological advancement. Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri of JNU, New Delhi, talked about the symbiotic relationship. She discussed her experience of teaching and said that knowledge is growing, but pointed out that sociological knowledge is not a recipe knowledge. She also mentioned about gender issues and pointed out that as compared to ancient times, society has changed but it remains the same at certain points. The last speaker in the session was Prof. Tiplut Nongbri, who delivered a lecture about the major changes that could be seen in the Northeast region. There are multiple and shifting entities in Northeast India and social science discourses dealing with it. She discussed challenges faced by the Northeast like

the lack of information, the dominance of the upper class, and the like. She pointed out that food also became an identity of Northeast people.



PROF. M. N. SRINIVAS MEMORIAL LECTURE



It was chaired by Prof G. K. Karanth from ISEC, Bengaluru. He described the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution i.e., people in Northeast India themselves legislating on resources and governing the autonomous district councils. Prof. Karanth also spoke of the Naga and Tripura movements. Speaking of poverty, he noted that all states in India have less than 50% poverty, but Orissa has a higher percentage. Prof. Virginius Xaxa spoke on the topic “Paradoxes and Trajectories of Development: State and Tribes in India”. He spoke about the regional segment of the population of the Northeast, concentrating on the tribal population herein. Prof. Xaxa noted that the

Tribals in the Northeast have lost their control over land, forest, and other resources, emphasizing the integration of the Northeast with the rest of the country as integral.

The **Plenary Session 2 on Sociology and Social Policy Interface: The Roadmap for the Post-Covid World** was chaired by Prof. R. Indira of the University of Mysore, who initiated the discussions and invited the speakers to share their understanding. Prof. Bula Bhadra, Emeritus Professor, Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata delivered the talk on Potentialities and Predicaments of Higher Education in the Post-Covid era with special reference to India. She quoted Albert Einstein "We cannot solve our problems *with the same thinking we used when we created them*". She stated that the pandemic has changed higher education by making a tectonic shift; i.e., it changed the model of higher education across the whole world. However, she noted that the online classes brought out again deep-rooted inequalities which were already present as 75 percent of the people in India have access to technology but only 24 percent possess smartphones and only 9 percent of the students were enrolled with the internet. The government has ignored the economic status of the people. Prof. G. K. Karanth, ISEC, Bangalore, whose topic was "Dog chasing its Tail. Indian Sociology and Social Policy", spoke about the consequences of Covid and also raised questions regarding the areas of specialization of sociology in the changing context. He pointed out that one of the first steps in this regard is to understand the new patterns of social life under the new normal which necessitates skill in handling data. Prof. Aseem Prakash, TISS, Hyderabad spoke on 'Myths' in Public Policy. He raised a question on how policies are seen and why committees cannot take serious steps to solve the problems which are described by him as 'myths' of public policy. He talks about three frameworks in which the current public policy is framed viz; Neo-classical economics, new institution of economics, and behavioral economics.

The **Prof. Radhakamal Mukerjee Memorial Lecture** was chaired by Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri of JNU, who highlighted the contributions of Prof. Radhakamal Mukerjee on the development of Indian sociology, as a founder of the Lucknow School of Sociology. Prof. Surendra Munshi, a former professor of IIM, Kolkata pointed out that Prof. Radhakamal Mukerjee wrote on various subjects from art to yoga and his writings were written with seriousness and vastness. His major works are in the area of philosophy of social sciences in our century.

The third **Plenary Session on North East India in Sociological and Social Anthropological Studies: Emerging Issues and Concerns** was chaired by Prof. R. K. Mohanty of Mizoram University. He gave special thanks to the ISS for giving him such an opportunity to explore Sociology and Social anthropology in North East India. Prof. Chandan K. Sharma of Tezpur University spoke on the topic Conceptualisation of Northeast: Sociological Studies in the Region. He explained the formation of present Northeast India from a historical perspective. He also talked about issues of citizenship. Prof. A. C. Sinha, a former faculty member of North Eastern Hill University, Shillong stated that it took decades for Sociology to come to Northeast India and this is the issue we should keep in mind and try to answer what type of sociology we are choosing. He noted that every society has a space that has centers and cores, not certainly

physical but evolutionarily, to set up values. But, there are frontier zones, too, inhabited by communities that depend possibly on shifting cultivation and hunting, and defy natural divisions. Prof. Ajailiu Niumai of the University of Hyderabad spoke on the emerging sociological concerns regarding the trafficking of women and girls in Assam. She spoke on Cultural Constraints of Re-Integration of Trafficked Survivors in North East India with Special Reference to Assam. She explained the narratives of the trafficked victims by using Erving Goffman's theoretical framework and attempted to understand the utility of cultural resources to generate positive attitudes towards trafficked survivors while they present themselves as responsible citizens of society.



The **Prof. Yogendra Singh Memorial Lecture** was chaired by Prof K. L. Sharma, a former faculty of JNU, New Delhi and Hon'ble VC, Rajasthan University, Jaipur. In his initial remarks, he highlighted the contributions of Prof. Y. Singh to Indian sociology. Prof. Dipankar Gupta, another former faculty member of JNU, New Delhi delivered the lecture. He pointed out how modernization was gaining ground against westernization and discussed that being a hyper-modern person does not deem him or her to be modern. Citing a book by Professor Yogendra Singh, he explained that Modernization is not about acquisitions only but also about enlightenment values. It is not about materialism which decides modernism but the process of enlightenment. He also adds how modernity is being defined in the context of democracy. Prof. Gupta opined that Prof. Y. Singh's main contribution lies in his ability to conceptualize empirical studies and narratives. Prof. Singh developed his unique way of understanding, interpretation, analysis, and conceptualization, theory, and methods in Indian sociology from the 1950s till the second decade of the 21st century.



Papers are presented in 28 RCs and one Ad-hoc Group in multiple sessions over the three days of the conference. A total of 1065 researchers and academicians have presented their papers.





In the **Valedictory Session**, chaired by Prof. Abha Chauhan, Prof. B. I. Laskar thanked the ISS for selecting USTM to host the 47th AISC. He was thankful to the MC members and all other members of the society, especially the President and the Secretary of the Society, for allowing the university to register its name in history. He also mentioned the roles played by the RC conveners, the Honourable Governor of Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Prof T.K. Oommen, Prof. I.S.Chauhan, Prof. R.Indira, all the chairpersons and plenary speakers, the delegates, Honourable Chancellor of USTM, faculty members, and student volunteers, and the media. Prof. Abdul Matin, Chairperson, of the Local Organizing Committee thanked all the resource persons, management staff, scholars, VIPs & VVIPs present, and USTM for organizing this conference. He extended gratitude towards Prof. Abha Chauhan and all the persons who took part in this

conference. He mentioned that this is the first conference which is held at USTM after the Covid pandemic. He specifically appreciated the honourable Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor who took the time to help in organizing this conference successfully. Prof. Manish K. Verma, Secretary, ISS extended his words of gratitude to all the members of USTM with special references to Prof. B. I. Laskar, Prof Abdul Matin, and others who made it possible for participating more than 1000 delegates from across the country. Prof. Verma said that there would be an edited volume of the papers presented in the RCs. In the end Honourable Chancellor of USTM, Shri. Mahbubul Hoque expressed his gratitude to the ISS and all the participants and invited everyone to be part of the greater USTM family.

Prepared by Prof. Baharul Islam Laskar
Organizing Secretary, 47th AISC.

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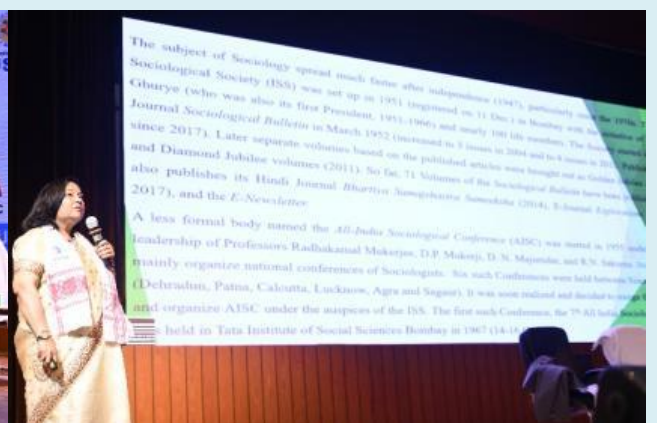














GBM DECEMBER 2022



The Meeting of the General Body of the Indian Sociological Society was held in the evening of the day 2 as has been the normal practice in an ISS Conference. A meeting of the Regional Associations followed, in which representatives of regional associations affiliated to the ISS met to discuss their current status and future plans

RESEARCH COMMITTEE (RC) REPORTS

SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2022 AND 47TH ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE, UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MEGHALAYA (USTM), DECEMBER 20-22 DECEMBER 2022.

RC-01: History of Sociology

There were four technical sessions with the following themes including a total presentation of 16 papers. Every session had a vibrant discussion on the papers presented. A brief report on the sessions is attached below:

First Day 20th December 2022.

T01: Sociology: History and Theory on 20th December (4:30-6:00 PM) Chair. Prof. Nilika Mehrotra, Co-Chair: Dr. Simashree Bora. 4:30-6:00 PM.

Two papers were presented in this session. The first presenter of the session Mr. Surendra G. Thakur outlined the role of enlightenment in the development of sociology and spoke about the new scientific discoveries and modern rationality in shaping the intellectual currents that shaped the discipline of sociology. The second presenter Mr. Manab Manda traced the convoluted trajectory of sociology's growth as an academic discipline in West Bengal. He traced the pre-independent and post-independent currents to outline the genesis of the discipline.

Second Day 21st December 2022.

T02: Gender and Non-Normativities on 21st December (9:30-11:00 AM) Chair: Prof. Soumendra Patnaik. (9:30-11:00 AM)

The first presenter Ms. Koumudi Mahanta discussed the role of Mahila Samitis in facilitating the entry of more women into the national movement and addressing issues of curbing child marriages, promoting widow remarriages, rescue and rehabilitation of exploited women, etc. According to her such efforts evoked intense resistance and hostility from the more stringent factions of the Assamese society.

The second presenter Dr. Simashree Bora explored the category of queer as a primary theoretical framework, to unearth the emerging discourse within the Sociology of Northeast India, with a special emphasis on Assam. She outlined how Queer is legitimized through the lens of gender, albeit it is deeply embedded in sexual orientation. Drawing from personal history and individual stories of tensions and contradictions, intimacy, distance, belongingness, and community in urban spaces of the Northeast such as Guwahati the paper problematized the lack of vocabulary in the regional language or dialects that appropriate queer identity.

The third presenter Prof. Nilika Mehrotra provided an overview of the contested terrain of disability studies in India. She outlined the cultural variable definition of disability. While discussing these issues she argued that active employment of the lens of society and culture, language, family, law and policies, identity, education, and social lived spaces can enrich our understanding of disability in India. The paper tried to uncover and sharpen these understandings by way of a review of available literature on how disabled worlds are viewed and how an interdisciplinary approach is a way forward.

The fourth presenter Mr. Karthik Lakshman tried to unravel the discourse of sex and gender variance by following how they are depicted in Sangam literature, Vedic texts, Buddhist, Jain texts and many more. He highlighted the role of recent movements such as 'We are not Hijra' in India to show how the middle class in India deliberately tries to distance themselves from the category of Hijras. He tried to document the local expressions of sex/gender variance and their social relevance across cultures.

T03: Transitions on 21st December (3:15-4:45 PM) Chair: Prof. S.K. Chaudhury, Co-Chair: Dr. Nilamber Chhetri. 4:15-6:00 PM.

The first presenter of the third session Mr. Tamilarasu Sampath argued how the discourses around disability are socially rooted and proposed the integration of both the medical and social models of disability. Further, he argued that the lack of attention that is prevailing in academia on the subject has been a barrier to establishing disability studies as separate papers in social science departments.

The second presenter of the day, Mr. Ayush Kushwaha, highlighted how the sacrifice has taken a symbolic form through the study of change that has occurred in the Navratri festival of Bhopal. He provided a thick description of how the nature of sacrifice has changed from animal sacrifice to symbolic sacrifice.

The third presenter, Ms. Krishnaja Menon posited a critical perspective on woke culture and how such views would lead to contradictions in society which would cause individualistic thinking and living.

Using Dargahs as sacred spaces, the fourth presenter Suvarna Bhatnagar attempted to capture the continuous relevance of religion in social life.

The last presenter, Ms. Damini Bilorla, argued against the oriental view of Indian society and appealed to revisit the ancient scripture such as Kamasutra to better understand the issues of sexuality in the Indian context.

Third Day 22nd December 2022

T04: History of Concepts on 22nd December, Chair: Prof. Viswaraksha, Co-chair Prof. Deepshikha Agarwal. 9:30-11:00 AM.

The first paper by Dr. Nilamber Chhetri highlighted the historicity as well as the present context of trans-Himalayan trade routes. The paper highlighted how routes structure social relations. Tracing the historicity of the trade rooted in the Trans-Himalayan region through Lahaul the paper followed the developments in both the colonial and the post-colonial periods. The research problematized popular concepts such as 'Zomia' and 'contact zone' and their applicability in understanding Western Himalayas. In a nutshell, the paper argued that three developments have been crucial in understanding this route-the closure of the border and its relation to stagnation of identity, enhanced state presence in the region, and the building of connectivity through tunnels in recent years.

The second paper by Ms. Priyanka Tahbildar argued that handicrafts must be analyzed in the social milieu. She outlined the decline in the status of artisans during the colonial period and their resurgence following the cultural renaissance as part of the Swadeshi movement. She argued that the present condition of the handicraft sector is shaped by state assistance, the Gandhian philosophy of indigenous handicrafts and the policy of capitalist export.

The third presenter Dr. Ajay Kumar provided an analysis of the deplorable nature of non-serious scholarship in the Hindi-speaking area. The author pointed out that texts are not available in the Hindi language- barring three publishing houses- Rawat publishers, Sahitya publishers and Vivek publishing house. He emphasised the need to facilitate the publication of sociology textbooks in regional languages.

The paper by Prof. Soumendra Patnaik looked at three themes- institutions, genealogies, and practices in the development of sociology and social anthropology in India. He argued that the central dilemma in anthropological discipline is the unlearning of the effect of colonialism. Another main dilemma in the sociological discipline has been whether to use textual or ethnographic methods in examining society.

Business Meeting

A business meeting of RC-0I was convened on 21st December at 5:00 PM. The following decisions were reached in the meeting:

Professor Nilika Mehrotra was unanimously elected as the convener of RC-0I, and Dr. Nilamber Chhetri was unanimously nominated as the co-convener of the RC. Ms. Priyanka Tahbildar was

nominated as Secretary/Treasurer of the RC -OI with Professor S.K. Chaudhary, Professor S.M. Patnaik, and Dr. Simashree Bora as members of the Board.

It was decided that a mid-term workshop/activity to discuss theoretical and methodological issues in Sociology and Social Anthropology shall be organized.

Members were encouraged to increase membership and participation in the RC-OI.

A discussion took place on the title of the RC as the members felt that there was some ambiguity in the present title. There was a proposal to suggest a new title after thorough deliberation and consultations.

Rapporteurs:
Priyanka Tahbaldar
Ayush Kushwaha
Suvarna Bhatnagar

Submitted by Convenor RC-01 Prof. Nilika Mehrotra

RC-02: STUDIES ON FAMILY, MARRIAGE & KINSHIP REPORT

Out of the 42 research papers received, 36 scholars presented their research papers in RC-02. Various aspects of changes and challenges in Family, Marriage, and Kinship were discussed in the three-day session. With the convenor's effort, the membership number has increased from 30 to 98 now. In this effort, an International Conference is also being organized in Indore from the 10th to 12th of February in collaboration with Indore Christian College and Research Committee-02. In collaboration with Madhya Pradesh Government, RC-02 is also organizing a National Conference of Research Committee-02 on the 27th and 28th of February 2023. Also, a National Seminar is being organized in collaboration with Government Thakur Ranmat Singh College, Rewa.

Submitted by RC-02 Convenor: Dr. Mahesh Shukla

RC 03- ECONOMY AND SOCIETY REPORT

The RC-03 session began with Dr. D.N Danagare Memorial lecture which was delivered by Prof. B.B. Mohanty on Ageing, Youth and the future of Farming in India. The session was chaired by Prof. R. Indira. Various papers were presented. Prof. Tattwamasi gave her insight into labour force participation and the informal work of women. Prof. Jayashree explained the elderly widow's challenges of living alone and being abused or neglected in the family. The RC-03 had four technical sessions. Prof. Bibhuti Malik delivered a special lecture in the second session which was chaired by Prof. Jayashree. A unique study came out on caste, kinship and entrepreneurship among Chettiars and Nadars of Tamil Nadu. Weber's religion and spirit of

capitalism were applied in the study, taking an ethnographic and historical-comparative approach.

The business meeting was conducted at 4.15 pm on 21.12.2022. It was resolved to request the present convenor Dr. R. Maruthakutti to continue as 'RC-03 Convener' for one more year (till December 2023). The following professors are nominated as advisory committee members for RC-03:

1. Prof. B.B. Mohanty (Pondicherry University)
2. Prof. Tattwamasi Paltasingh (Sambalpur University)
3. Prof. Jayashree (Karnatak University)
4. Prof. B. Panda (North Eastern Hill University)
5. Prof. S. Sampathkumar (Bharathiar University)

Submitted by RC 03 Convenor: Dr. R. Maruthakutti

RC-04: MIGRATION AND DIASPORIC STUDIES REPORT

RC-04: Migration and Diaspora Studies received 26 papers for the 47th AISC held at the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya, on 20-22nd December 2022. Out of 26 papers, only 22 papers were presented under the most relevant themes of contemporary importance spread in four technical sessions namely (1) "Internal Migration and Socio-economic Challenges in India", (2) "Indian Diaspora and the challenges of Development: The Gulf Migration and Beyond", (3) "Refugees, Internally Displaced People and Reverse Migration in India", (4) "Urban Migration and its Socio-economic Impact in India". The inaugural session was chaired by Prof. Anisur Rahman (Director, UGC HRDC, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi) and co-chaired by Dr. Shailendra Kumar (Associate Professor, Department of Sociology Assam University, Silchar). Prof. Ajailiu Niumai, a member of the Managing Committee of ISS and the former Convenor of the Research Committee, offered the initial remarks of the RC.

The second session of the RC was chaired by Dr. Muneer Illath (Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Allahabad) and co-chaired by Dr. Sonal Thakker (Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, M.E.S. College, Zuarinagar, Goa). The third technical session was chaired by Dr. Aditya Raj (Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna) and co-chaired by Dr. Kaushal Kishor (Assistant Professor, Sociology, A.N Sinha Institute of Social Sciences, Patna). The fourth and final session of the Research Committee was chaired by Dr. Nupur Pattanaik, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Sociology, Central University of Odisha and co-chaired by Dr.

Musarrath Bano K (Associate Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, Al-Ameen Arts, Science and Commerce College, Bangalore).

During the valedictory session, the convenor re-affirmed the unanimous resolution of the core committee of the RC to collaborate with the Centre for Diaspora Studies, Central University of Gujarat for its International Inter-disciplinary Conference on “The Global Indian Diasporas: Literary, Cultural and Socio-Economic Perspectives in the 21st Century” to be held on 23-25 February 2023. The convenor also urged the members to come up with the full papers of their presentation before January 30th, 2023, to compile it into an edited volume to be published in late 2023. Dr. Nupur Pattanaik, the Co-convenor of the RC, proposed the formal vote of thanks.

Submitted by RC-04 Convenor: Dr. Muneer Illath

RC 06 - SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION REPORT

In the run up to the conference, a total of 21 abstracts were received. Among them 18 presentations were made spread across 4 sessions during the conference.

The main themes that the papers addressed are:

- Sociology of religious conversions
- Tribal identity and religion in a changing world
- New religious movements

A business meeting of the members of RC-06 was held on Wednesday 21 December 2022 at 3.15 p.m., chaired by Prof. P.S. Vivek, managing committee member of ISS. The main agenda of the meeting was election of the managing cum office bearers of RC06 for 2023-2024 (January 2023 to December 2024).

The following office bearers are elected unopposed:

1. Dr. Joseph M.T. (Coordinator), LMI3209, RC 06:22-2601, (RC 06: 16-2004)
2. Dr. Rajeev Dubey (Secretary & Treasurer), LMI-3652, RC 06:22-2609
3. Ms. Racheal Sangma (Member), LMI-5432, RC 06 22-2613
4. Ms. Aditi Bajpai (Member), O/SM-016972022, RC 06:22-2304
5. Ms. H. Theresa Darlong (Member), LMI-4164

It was unanimously decided to plan a workshop/one day conference before 31 March 2023. The details will be finalised and communicated to the Indian Sociological Society in due course.

The members expressed their profound gratitude to Prof. S.M. Michael for being coordinator of the RC for the last term.

Submitted by Prof. S.M. Michael, Outgoing Convenor

RC-08: INEQUALITIES, STRATIFICATION AND EXCLUSION STUDIES REPORT

RC-08 organized four technical sessions at the 47th AISC held at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya, 20-22 December 2022. We received 20 abstracts all the papers were presented in four technical sessions. Out of 20 abstracts received, 16 papers were presented on various themes related to Inequalities, Stratification and Exclusion Studies. Presenters were asked to submit their full-length papers within one month. The sessions were chaired by Prof. P S Vivek (Mumbai) and Prof. Parvez A Abbasi (Surat).

In the fourth technical session, Business Meeting was conducted and the following members were present viz; 1. Prof. Parvez A. Abbasi (LMI-1026) 2. Dr. Pankaj Kumar Singh (LMI 2344), 3. Dr. Srabanti Choudhari (LMI- 2124). 4. Dr. Rita Malache (LMI-3557), and 5. Dr. Jayashree Ambewadikar (3849). The following decision was unanimously approved:

1. To bring out an edited book of the papers presented during the three last conferences in RC -08.
2. To explore possibilities of collaboration with ISA RCs with ISS RC-08 to organize an international conference in March 2023.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the chair.

Submitted by RC-08 Convenor: Prof. Parvez A. Abbasi

RC-10 GENDER STUDIES REPORT

At the 47th All India Sociological Conference, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya, December 20-22 December 2022, we received 72 abstracts. During the conference, four technical sessions along with four parallel sessions (Total 8) were organised and 67 members presented their papers. There were many papers with joint authorship. Senior members of RC-10 chaired different sessions particularly Prof. Shweta Prasad, Prof. Vishav Raksha, Prof. Ajailiu Niumai, Dr. Leena Pujari, Dr. Rajni Bala, Prof Vijaylakshmi Brara and Prof T.B Singh.

Various topics were covered in these presentations such as The Lives of Alcoholic Women, Women Reservation Bill, Khap Panchayats, Women, Care and Altruism, Food, Culture and Gender, Reflective study on resilience among women during a disaster, Influence of patriarchal gender norms on gender relations, Towards the Changing



Identity of Transgender in Indian Society, Tribe and Minor Forest Products: A Model for Evaluating Gender Roles, Role of Rural Women in Decision Making Related to Farm Activities, Eloping Girls in Bihar, Gender and Law Reforms, Study on Perspectives of Veiled Women in Islam, The Gender Question in Women's Peace building Movement, Homosexual Marriages in India, The tragedy of Trans-Ness, Impact of Surrogacy on Women, Gender and Religion, Reverse Migration and its Impact on Rural Women, Feminine Redefined, Problems faced by Single mothers, Exploring Acid Attack Laws and Implementation, Explorations of Feminism Within, Live-In Relationship and Law: Through A Feminist Lens and many more. The report of the committee was presented by Dr. Rajni Bala, Convenor, RC-10, Indian Sociological Society.

RC-10 also organised a mid-term seminar on 'WOMEN LEADERSHIP IN DECENTRALISED GOVERNANCE', from November 3-4, 2022 in collaboration with the Centre for Decentralisation and Development (CDD), Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC),



Bengaluru, Centre for Women's Studies (CWS), Bangalore University, Bengaluru and Indian Council of Social Science Research, Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad. Dr. Sudeshna Mukherjee from the Centre for Women's Studies, Bangalore University was

the organizing secretary from RC-10. The inaugural session was chaired by Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat Chairman, Board of Governors, ISEC. Prof. Thorat pointed out the importance of the

discussion on women's representation in the local governments and the role of the 73rd and 74th constitutional amendments in their empowerment. Prof. D. Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC made an introductory remark at the Seminar, and he explained that the reservation of seats for women, and SC/ST was the essential aspect of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments. As Prof. Abha Chauhan, President, ISS could not attend the seminar, Dr. Rajni Bala, Convenor RC-10 presented her message. Prof. Abha Chauhan in her written message extended her best wishes for the success of the seminar which was a collaborative effort from the four institutions.



Prof. V. K. Natraj shared the Keynote Address on “Women in Governance: The Role and Limitations of Reservation”. Panel Discussion was also organised at Bangalore University on the topic “Breaking the Political Glass-Ceiling”. The session was chaired by Prof. R. Indira, former

President, Indian Sociological Society and Member of BoG, ISEC. The Panelists were Prof. Arvinder A. Ansari from Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi, Dr. Gayatri Devi from ISEC, Bengaluru, Dr. Bushra Beegom R. K from Kerala University and Ms. Prapulla Devi, APMC Director, Mandya. The Valedictory Session was chaired by Prof. Jayakar Shetty, Hon’ble VC, Bangalore University. The valedictory speech was presented by Dr. Siddappa, Coordinator, CWS, BUB. Message from the Secretary, Indian Sociological Society was delivered online by Prof. Manish K. Varma. The seminar became possible because of the guidance and support of Prof. R. Indira, Former President, Indian Sociological Society, Prof. Ajailiu Niumai, Member, Managing Committee, ISS, Prof. D. Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC and Dr. Manjula from ISEC.

Submitted by Convenor RC-10: Dr. Rajni Bala

RC-11 SOCIOLOGY OF ENVIRONMENT REPORT

RC-11 received 40 abstracts out of which 38 abstracts were found suitable by the review and screening committee. Total 38 research papers were presented in the four technical sessions. The major themes and sub-themes covered in the presentations include water crisis and social

construction, gender and environment, rivers, river bank and displacement, climate change and society, CSR and neo-liberalism, environmental sustainability discourse, urban environment, culture and ecology and trajectories of environmental studies and the like. Prof. D.R. Sahu, Prof. Balaji Kendre, Prof. Sunita Prasad and Dr. Manisha Rao chaired the sessions. A business meeting of the RC was convened on 21/12/2023 and unanimously decided the future plan of the RC.

Submitted by RC-11 Convenor: Dr Amar Pal Singh.

RC 12 SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH, AGEING AND WELL BEING REPORT

Research committee 12 shortlisted 57 abstracts for presentation during the AISC and 44 papers were presented during the four technical sessions. The first session was conducted on 20th December, 2022 under the theme “illness, healthcare and sociology of health” and it was chaired by Prof. Mohammad Akram. The session included various topics like deconstruction of body, accessibility to healthcare, social trends on medical pluralism and trends in sociology of health. This session was followed by the Business Meeting of the RC and the following decisions were taken:

- Dr. Prabakar from VIT, Vellore volunteered to act as the Secretary of RC 12 till next year when new executive will get elected.
- A mid-term conference of the RC or seminar has been planned to be held in 2023.
- It was also proposed to publish an edited volume including the selected papers presented in the RC and other invited papers.

The second technical session was held on the theme “reproductive health and healthcare of women” and it was chaired by Prof. Mohammad Akram and Dr. Manjula G K. The session comprised of papers that elaborated the pain and sufferings of a maternity experiences, the dimensions of reproductive health and the various ethno-medical practices prevailing among the tribal women. The third technical session was organized on the theme “health challenges and social vulnerability” and it was chaired by Dr. Prabakar S and Prof. Pranjal Sharma. The session included presentations on health seeking behavior and various indigenous health care practices among the youngsters. The theme of the fourth technical session was “ageing and Wellness” and it was chaired by Dr. Sudha Kokate and Dr. Manjula G K. The presenters explained their works on topics including elderly care and pollution, quality living of elderly, health literacy and elderly health etc. Many young members volunteered to act as rapporteurs in the various sessions.

Submitted by Convener RC 12: Prof. Mohammad Akram

RC 13 - SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY REPORT



RC -13 received 12 abstracts. Papers were presented in various contemporary engaging emerging issues like digital technology, socio-genesis of body art, the social impact of online shopping, social network sites, public display of caste identities and social media, eating disorders, technology, and population, AI, and technology-driven society and e-teaching in villages during Covid -19. The keynote address was given by Dr. Manoj Kumar Jena. And the valedictory address was given by Prof. Nagla.

He emphasized the role of science and technology in human development. The lack of effective governance resulted in the privatization of the Indian economy. But privatization has also led to exclusion of the poor from some basic services. Sociologists must look at how public services can be made available to the masses and how the state can contribute to enhancing employment opportunities.

Submitted by Convenor RC-13: Dr. Manoj Kumar Jena.

RC 14 -GLOBALISATION AND CULTURE REPORT

RC – 14 organized four sessions on the occasion of 47th AISC held at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya, 20-22 December 2022. In all 17 abstracts were received. These papers were scheduled in four different technical sessions. In the fourth session, Business Meeting was scheduled. In the sessions, 11 papers were presented by members on various themes related to the issues of globalization and culture. The quality of most of the papers was quite interesting from a sociological point of view. The presenters were asked to submit full-length of papers within one month. The sessions were chaired by Prof. Omprakash Kalme, Prof. Jagan Karade, and Dr. Pankaj Kumar Singh. The Business Meeting of the RC was held on 22nd December 2022 in the fourth session. The following members were present:

1. Prof. Parvez A. Abbasi (LMI-1026) 2. Dr. Pankaj Kumar Singh (LMI2344), 3. Tania Sen (LMI- 4372). 4. Sneha Sabale (LMI-5376).

The following decision was unanimously taken:

1. To edit a book of the papers presented during the four last AISCs in RC -14.

2. To collaborate ISA RCs and ISS RCs with ISS RC - 14 to organize an international conference in March 2023.

Submitted by Convenor RC-14: Dr. Pankaj Kumar Singh.

RC-15: RURAL AND AGRARIAN STUDIES REPORT

RC-15 received 36 abstracts at the 47th AISC, USTM. All the papers were presented in four technical sessions. The first technical session was chaired by Prof. Chura Gir from Assam, and it was Co-Chaired by Prof. Vinita Lal from Lucknow. The second technical session was chaired by Dr. Anirban Banerjee from West Bengal, and Co-Chaired by Dr. D.K. Singh from Varanasi and 10 papers were presented in this session. The third technical session was chaired by Prof. A. Vyas, and Co-Chaired by Dr. Bipul Gogoi from Dibrugarh, in which ten papers were presented in this session. The active participation of Prof. Banerjee was appreciated by all the members. The fourth technical session was chaired by Prof. P.C. Jain from Udaipur and Co-Chaired by Dr. S. Kale from Mumbai. Seven papers were presented in this session. In all of the above sessions, the paper presenters discussed the themes relating to rural transformation and agrarian studies and the various other associated research paper were also discussed.

We are delighted to inform that two books titled “Agrarian Structure and Social Transformation” and “Social Transformation and Development” were released on behalf of RC-15 which contained the papers presented in sessions at USTM, Meghalaya Conference. A Regular feature of RC-15 “Prof. Deb Kumar Banerjee Memorial Lecture” was delivered by Prof. R. Indira, former ISS President from Mysore University on “Conserving Natural Resources in Development Driven Times: The Way Forward.” In her lecture, Prof. R. Indira criticized the state development strategies as they are anti-nature and anti-people. This session was chaired by Prof. Gayatri Bhattacharya from Kolkata. RC-15 members decided in their business meeting that the writer’s forum will develop the writing skill of members of RC-15 and other scholars.

Submitted by Convenor of RC-15: Dr. Ashutosh Vyas.

RC 16: WORK, LABOUR AND ORGANISATION REPORT

RC 16 received 27 abstracts from different parts of India namely Assam, West Bengal, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Haryana, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and the like. Out of 27 abstracts, a total of 25 papers were presented in four technical sessions. First (I) and second (II) session was chaired by Prof. Pranjal Sarma, Dibrugarh University, and the technical session (III) was chaired by Prof. Mohammed Akram of Aligarh Muslim University and the last session (IV) was chaired by Dr. Karen Miranda, Maharashtra College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Mumbai. In all the sessions, several areas related to Work, Labour and Organisation was

discussed. The discussions were mainly concerned with issues related to public sector and private sector organization, contract labour, health of industrial workers, unemployed youth, informal sector, gender issues in industries, IT sector, eco-tourism industry, work in the gig economy, migrant worker, livelihood and child labours. All the sessions were interesting and thought provoking with invaluable academic inputs.

Submitted by Convenor of RC-16: Prof. Pranjal Sarma.

RC 18 SOCIAL DEMOGRAPHY REPORT

A formal meeting of the RC 18 was convened under the Chairmanship of Prof Vinod Chandra at the Venue of RC18 on 21 December 2022 at 4.30pm. Total 10 members were present in the meeting. Following decision were taken with consensus by the members of RC18: 1- A National Seminar will be organized shortly by RC18 in Maharashtra on the Topic of “Challenges before population dynamics in India”. 2- A webinar is to be organized on “Health, Health care and SocioDemographic Features in India” in the month of April-May 2023. 3- An election was conducted to choose the next Convener of the RC. In consensus it was decided that Prof Sandip Chaudhari of Aurangabad will take up the responsibility of Convener for the next two years from 2022. Prof Vinod Chandra proposed his name and Dr Pavitra Goswami has seconded the proposal. Prof Sandip Chaudhari accepted the proposal and shown his willingness to work as Convener of the RC for the next two years. 4- A note was moved to appreciate the contribution made by the present Convener Prof Vinod Chandra for running the activities of RC18 in the last four years which were really tough as Covid-19 affected the whole country and our activities were also affected during that period. 5- A special thanks was also given to Prof A K Sharma, Prof Arvinder Ansari, Prof Guruswami, Prof B K Nagla for giving their valuable special lectures under the banner of the RC18 in the last few Annual Conferences of ISS. 6- Finally, Prof Vinod Chandra has shown his gratitude to all members for joining the Meeting.

Submitted by Convener RC 18: Vinod Chandra

RC-19 URBAN STUDIES REPORT

Overall, 39 papers were presented in total, out of which 12 papers were presented by the senior Sociologists and urban experts and 27 were other papers spread across 4 technical sessions. Session (IV) was devoted to discuss the issues/problems of hilly towns including North East India. The sessions deliberated upon the issues of urban marginality through various thematic areas such as contemporary urban culture, governance and citizenship, urban social movements, gendered city, urban environment, climate change and sustainable development. The theme of the First Session was “Emerging Urban Complexities and Exploring Trajectories for Futuristic Cities in India”, 20th December 2022. Three invited speakers were viz; Dr. Akshaya Kumar Sen, Dr. Dai Yeun Jeong and Dr. Kulwinder Kaur. Dr. Akshaya Kumar Sen shared his thoughts on

the topic of Sustainable Rental Housing Options for Informal Settlers in the Post-Covid-19 Era. He placed special emphasis on affordable housing, sustainability, and inclusive urban expansion. Dr. Dai Yeun Jeong, the next featured speaker, spoke on building a society that is carbon neutral. The conversation demonstrated that developing carbon-neutral communities requires a nature-based approach. He also argued that stakeholders and the community should be involved. Dr. Kulwinder Kaur, the keynote speaker, discussed how India's neoliberal urban growth is impacting the nation's marginalised communities. The session was chaired by Dr. Manoj Kumar Teotia, Convener of RC-19, and the session was Co-Chaired by Dr. Sanjay Joshi, Associate Professor, Swami Vivekanand Government P.G. College, Neemuch.

Mr. Prashant Ajit Kumar Apte, the first speaker argued how urban areas are becoming a crucial component of the cities. He cited an example of tea stalls in Pune city. He asserts that tea stalls are an important feature of urban spaces where people from different socio-economic and



cultural backgrounds gather and spend time every day through his case study of roadside tea vendors. Through his research, he discovered that these tea shops are more welcoming than capitalist metropolitan places, where social exclusion occurs based on class, taste, and consumption. Mr. Piyush Kumar addressed the function of tiny, unregulated brokers operating in towns and cities in his paper. He also discussed how these brokers are more prevalent on the ground. Additionally, he discussed his own experiences with magic bricks and how bachelors and transgender people in Delhi encounter discrimination when trying to rent a room or an apartment. His study focused primarily on the dynamics of the land market in a particular area of Delhi.

Dr. Paankhi Aggarwal described Mumbai's Protected Tenants movement. She stated that in the post-liberalization era, mobilisation was successful in sustaining rent control rights for the protected renters. She attributed this success to three tactics that were also used during the 1998 campaign. Firstly, she highlighted that undertaking a symbolic construction of protected tenants as a unified political aggregate occurs by downplaying the social and economic heterogeneity of the protected tenant's base. Secondly, she highlighted the distinction among the contractual tenants; and thirdly, she mentioned those who remain politically neutral. Dr. Surya Prakash Upadhyay looked at the distinctiveness of Indian cities in his paper on Indeterminate Assemblage. In his study, he demonstrated how unpredictable Indian cities are and how the country's urbanisation has a clear pattern of expansion. He stressed how builders use illegal methods while building homes and it causes overcrowding and a decline in the quality of civic infrastructure. Ms. Maitrayee Mullick spoke on Tracing the Chatur Citizenry: A Case Study of Smart City Bhubaneswar, India. She narrated how citizen participation may aid in the creation of smart and sustainable cities. She also emphasised how government cooperation with digital involvement might assist citizens in transitioning from consumers to participants. Mr. Rahul Kumar, who was the final presenter, emphasized the importance of yoga in urban society and how it may promote general well-being in the hectic pace of city life.

In the second session, three invited speakers viz; Dr. Shruti Tambe, Prof. Shweta Prashad and Dr. Manoj Kumar Teotia presented their papers. Dr. Shruti Tambe spoke on 'mapping urban imaginaries: India urbanization revisited' and she set the tone for further discussion. She placed special emphasis on several statistics based on regions, class, metros -SMT, and the like where liberalisation is increasing. She argued that depression causes accumulation. The next speaker Prof. Shweta Prashad spoke on urban infrastructure vis-à-vis women. She said that urban settings are hazardous for women since the infrastructure is not gender friendly. Violence against women is not well controlled, and restrooms are not properly constructed. All levels of government should be involved in policy development and implementation. Dr. Manoj Kumar Teotia discussed poverty and deprivation in Neo-liberal urban India; some recent Trends and Policy Concerns. The session was chaired by Dr. Kulwinder Kaur, Professor, Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

In the technical session, Mr. Gowrikanth T.R. the first speaker highlighted one of the numerous consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic which is the resurgence of suburbs. Suburbanization is a two-way process in which certain variables drive populations from the centre to the suburbs while other ones attract inhabitants from the centre to the suburbs. Mr. Naresh Phogat discussed the influence of Urbanisation on different genders in different ways and circumstances to address the topic of gender in the urban context and the experience of migration of LGBTQ persons. LGBTQ persons relocate to urban centres for a variety of reasons, including more freedom to exhibit their sexuality in newly discovered metropolitan places. Mr. Gaurav Kumar talked about the 1970s and 1990s in which the city had a significant inflow of migrants, particularly the

underprivileged, who were spread around the city slums due to development-induced displacement. In the early 1970s, the Chandigarh administration began a restoration initiative. A considerable number of slum dwellers in restored areas were moved, affecting their livelihood patterns. The next paper presenters Ms. Parmeet Kaur and Mr. Abhimanyu Singh, stressed migration as a gendered process and how the female migration trend has evolved over time and is connected to development in their presentation on gendered migration, and post liberalization patterns in Indian Mega Cities. Mr. Akash Jash looked at the formation of lakes as urban social spaces in Bengaluru, as well as the current crises and contestations over those areas. He contended that the urbanisation of lakes had altered their spatial vision, transforming them from commons communal spaces to controlled urban areas. The final presenter Mr. Swapnil Pareek stressed that the right to the city has developed as a powerful vocabulary among current activism and academia, stressing the vital problems of neoliberal restructuring and how it undermines democratic rights in urban places. Although there is a basis for the right to the city, the concept remains theoretical and politically unclear. He intends to assess the perception of informality and its promise in the city.

In the third technical session on 'Pandemic, Cities and Urban Marginals, Governance and Citizenship' Dr. Debolina Kundu and Dr. M Thamilarasan delivered their invited lectures. Dr. Debolina Kundu contributed to the discussion by sharing her opinions on the concerns and challenges of urbanization in India. She focused particularly on new emergent urbanization concerns. Dr. M Thamilarasan, discussed the livelihood of rag pickers in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, which generates 6000 tonnes of municipal solid trash every day, causing tension between organised sanitary workers and informal waste workers in Chennai. He tries to comprehend the livelihood and vulnerability faced by rag pickers, who lack decent housing and health care. The session was chaired by Dr. Shrutitambe.

In this session, Ms. Sumedha Priyadarshni discusses shaping the sanitation infrastructure, a case study of the everyday negotiation of the public of the millennial city, Gurugram. She emphasised the politics surrounding the production, access, operationalisation, and maintenance of the sanitation infrastructure in the two sectors by examining the role of the public in the production of sanitation in fracture. The next speaker Mr. Binson Thomas spoke about planters in peril and rubber plantations in Kerala. He emphasised the role of globalisation and urbanisation on rural livelihood, as well as the urban-rural continuum explained in urbanism theory, and he also emphasised industrialised mass production and urbanisation as an all-pervasive process engulfing rural areas depending on its profitability. Mr. Manoj Kumar Badhwar, the session's final speaker, focused on sanitation workers in urban sectors, issues, and challenges. He stated that the value of sanitation workers is now well established and that urban local bodies have always employed workers both on a regular and irregular basis. However, this has resulted in the

privatization of such employees due to irregular incomes and insecure jobs, and their families have faced economic hardship and social issues such as unemployment.

The other paper presenters include Dr. Sumedha Dutta examined Urbanism in India and the Growing Preference for ‘Spirituality’: A case study of the art of living foundation, Dr. Jagdish C Mehta, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, D.A.V. College, Chandigarh ‘Emerging Life Styles in Urban India under the Regime of Covid 19 Pandemic: An Overview of the Implications’ and Ms. Rehiana, who examined the Changing Food Habits and Lifestyle of Youngsters due to Covid-19. She has comprehended the Covid-19 culture and investigated the effects of lockdown on youth. Moreover, she analyzed the changing food habits and lifestyles as a result of COVID-19 in lockdown and it also focused on how it affects today’s youth.

The fourth technical session was on Hill Town and Cities of North–East and other Regions India: Experience and Emerging Realities. In this session four invited speakers viz; Prof. Jit Kumar Gupta, Dr. Abdul Razak Mohamed, Dr. P. P. Balan and Dr. H. M. Mishra delivered their lectures. Prof. Jit Kumar Gupta discussed Redefining Urban Planning for Empowering the Poor in the Indian Context. He examined the concept of poverty, urban planning or practices, tools and methodology and the like in his study. The next speaker Dr. Abdul Razak Mohamed talked about Urban Spaces and the Spatial Divide of urban Households and Its Reflection of The Social and Physical Structure of Neighborhood Areas of Cities in India. He explored the urban spaces as its physical and social dimensions and its influences on the neighborhood living sustainable and making livable areas in the study. The third invited speaker Dr. P. P. Balan expressed his thoughts on the topic of Localising SDGs for a better life in cities. In his paper he discussed a five-year plan, planning in cities and working of Panchayat Raj and the like. The last speaker Dr. H. M. Mishra examined the Drivers of Urban Governance and Development. He emphasized cities, citizens, the environment and processes. He talked about drivers of urban development, demography, urbanization, economic development and social change and the like. The session was chaired by Dr. Surya Prakash Upadhyay, Assistant Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi and the session was Co-Chaired by Dr. Jagdish C Mehta, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, D.A.V. College, Chandigarh.

In the last technical session, Dr. Pranjit Nath discussed the Urban Informal Sector: A Sociological Study on Rag Picker in Jorhat Town of Assam. Through his study, he emphasized the importance of rag pickers in society. The next paper presenter Dr. Shabnam Ara spoke on ‘A Sociological Appraisal of Labour Migration in Kashmir’. This paper highlighted labour migration and cultural, economic and political implications in Kashmir. Then, Ms. Barnali Sharma spoke on ‘Street Vending and Urban Livelihood: A Study of Beltola Market in Guwahati’. She discussed both male and female vendors and concluded that the male vendors are dominating as compared to female vendors in the market. Ms. Prerona Saikia Sonowal presented a paper on ‘Political – Economy of Small Towns: A Study of Urbanization Patterns in North-

East'. She talked about urbanization patterns in North-East from a political and economic perspective. Dr. Lini Baruah analyzed 'A Critical Examination of the Role of Industries in the Growth of Duliajan as Notable Urban area of Assam'. She focused on industries and how these industries help in the development of Duliajan Town. Dr. Soma Roy, explore the 'Impact of Big Cities on Nearby Rural Areas: A Case of Singur'. She discussed the effect of urban cities and industries on rural areas. Ms. Shah Khatoon spoke on 'Urban Development and Beautification of Leh Town: Challenges and Prospects'. She tries to examine the impact of JNNURM & UIDSSMT programmes in Ladakh and different actors' groups in her study. In the end, Dr. Manoj Kumar Teotia spoke on 'Housing for the Urban Poor in Hilly Towns: A Case of Housing Segregation & State Neglect in Summer Capitals of Srinagar in Jammu & Kashmir and Shimla in Himachal Pradesh'. In his paper, he discussed that the state and its local institutions have been unable to cope with growing urban challenges. He asserts that the capacity of state and city governments to foster inclusive urban housing policies and improve the social fabric has been questioned in many ways.

Submitted by RC – 19 Convenor: Dr. Manoj Kumar Teotia

RC-23 SOCIOLOGY OF LAW, CRIME AND DEVIANCE REPORT

RC 23 had 4 sessions between 20th December 2022 and 22nd December 2022. The first technical session saw the presentation of three papers along with the Keynote Address by the session chair and RC-23 convenor Dr. R.K. Mohanty. Dr. Akhaya Kumar Nayak, Assistant Professor, Area of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Management Indore served as the rapporteur. The first paper titled 'Cyber Crime in Post Industrial World: A Theoretical Analysis' was presented by Akhaya Kumar Nayak. He described the genesis and development of the internet and media along with the cyber security laws in the world and India. Then he explained the emergence of cyber-crime from social, disorganization approach, situational urge approach, and anomic approach. Finally, he concluded that all these approaches may explain the origin of cyber-crime but the perpetuation of cyber-crime as a social problem can be explained through Cultural lag approach. The lag between the development of technology and the development of law explains it adequately. The second paper titled 'Social consequences of cybercrimes' was presented by J. K. N. Barot. He outlined the negative consequences of cybercrimes on different strata and categories of people in the society. The third paper titled 'Surrogacy: Reproductive rights as a means to reproductive justice' was presented by Sadhna Gupta. She started her presentation with the sociological and criminal aspects of surrogacy. She explained women's womb has become a farm to be hired to cultivate children. She claimed that surrogacy is the gross violation of human rights as it deprives the surrogate mother even to retain her own child if she desires. She felt that wealthy people and the state are responsible for it.

The session ended with the insightful Keynote Address titled ‘Trends of theory and research in crime and criminal justice studies’ by the session chair Prof. Rabindra Kumar Mohanty. He started his address with the questions such as where are we as researchers and where are we going? He identified the tendency of scholarship to be more specialized now a days as for example criminology was once a part of sociology and it is a new branch. Victimology has emerged as a discipline separate from criminology. However, Sociology, Law, and Criminology interact through Sociology of Law. He further delineates that our research has become data rich but the source of data is that which is collected by state where there is high chance of under-reporting, and misreporting. Therefore, to bring in authenticity to research, the scholars should engage in ethnography/ collection of primary data. The researcher should not only quote theories, but these should be contextualized. Suggestion should be related to the research question. Doctrinal and empirical research has to merge together, and this use of mixed method will take the discipline further. More than aiming to get the degree or academic promotion, the researcher should aim to benefit society. He also gave some insights into the qualities of a good theory. These are logical consistency, testability, empirical validity, and applicability (result orientation). Rather than sticking into one theory we can bring ideas from multiple theories or synthesize theories from various fields. Then, he explained the mechanism of contextualizing the theories through PTO i.e. Place specific, Time specific, and Objective specific. Finally, he concluded his address by emphasizing that blaming the government for everything is not a solution, rather collective responsibility will go a long way to approach the problem.

The second technical session saw the presentation of six papers on various topics ranging from suicide among children to mob violence. The session was chaired by Prof. R. K. Mohanty. The paper titled ‘Escalating Suicide among Children during Pandemic’ was presented by Pankaj Kumar. He started the presentation by explaining the causes of the suicide. Isolation because of school closer, losing in online games, becoming orphan due to death of parents due to covid-19, and drug addiction were some of the causes responsible for developing suicidal current among children. He explained the occurrences of suicides through Durkheim’s theory of suicide especially anomic suicide as anomie is aggravated during uncertainties. Chair suggested that this can be explained through but Egoistic and Anomic suicide. He suggested that teachers, parents, and people in position of responsibility to counsel the kids during such times.

The second presentation titled ‘Cyber Crime and Child Pornography: Reflections on Crime against Children in India’ was presented by Saurabh Tiwari. He tried to find out the role of internet and smart phone in the increasing incidences of child pornography and the impact of child pornography on children both victims and deviants. According to his empirical data more than 50% of the respondents watch porn out of which 50% watch on mobile. He suggested that internet service providers must be more responsible and special law to be implemented related to children and child pornography. The next paper titled ‘Criminals or Victims? Identity of DNTs in Contemporary India’ was presented by Deepshikha Agarwal. By using the doctrinal data, she

aimed to observe how the tag of criminal tribe is affecting them negatively; what are the factors leading to DE notified tribes losing their jobs; and are they criminals or victims. She found that criminal tribe is an assigned term which was assigned to them by British who forced them to leave colonies named as criminal colonies. In Independent India, nothing much has been done apart from changing their designation to DE notified tribe. The communities included in these categories are stigmatised, marginalised and suffer many negative consequences. The fourth paper titled 'Juvenile Delinquency in India: A Sociological analyses' was presented by Puspender. He examined the trend of juvenile justice system in India and the socio-economic background of children in conflict with law. He found that juvenile delinquency is between 16 and 18 years old, and there are more children who come in conflict with law. Majority of these children come from annual family income of 25 thousand or less, and are middle school educated. Theft is the most common crime committed by them. However, rape has increased between 2013 and 2015.

The fifth paper titled 'Hamid's Relational Model of Drugs and Crime: Darjeeling District in Critical Context' was presented by Pintu Majumdar. He tried to apply Hamid's model (which was formulated in the context of developed country) to the context of developing world. Both drugs and crime are stigmatised and have a relation with each other. He collected empirical data through ethnography. He concludes that Hamid's model is applicable to developing world but there are much to the phenomenon beyond the explanation of Hamid. His data suggests that structural factors such as large-scale unemployment can force the people to abuse drug and to commit crime. Using adoption theory and models, he concluded that political motivation, market, and educational system are also contributing to the drug abuse and crime. The last paper of the session titled 'Mob Violence: Interrogating the Just Colour of Unjust Justice' was presented by Suzanne Laishram. She started the presentation with the definition of justice as fair to all. However, most of the time what is fair to some may not be fair to others. Therefore, there is need to follow the law. She opines that there are legitimate ways of protest rather than public outrage, and mob-violence is not an answer to any situation. Lynching was originally racial in origin but in India it has a religious connotation. In Manipur, whatever is immoral may invite lynching. The session ended with session chair's valuable comments and suggestions on each paper.

The third technical session saw the presentation of 5 papers. The session was chaired by Prof. Mamta Patel. This session started with the presentation of a paper titled 'Prison Landscape in a Post-Covid World' by Mrinalini Subba. She ascertained that uncertainty in court trials is a troubling phenomenon for the prisoners. The stigma attached to the imprisonment is making the family anxious. The prison landscape in India, particularly in Bengal is marred with less number of doctors, lack of required infrastructure, bad sanitary facilities, and the like. These conditions are making it more difficult for women prisoners than men prisoners. For certain section of prisoners such as Bangladeshi migrants, it becomes more traumatic because of bias and negative

perception towards them. She concluded that overcrowding, bad health facilities, bad sanitation, and the like in prisons violated the right to life for the prisoners during Covid-19 pandemic.

The second paper titled ‘100 years of juvenile justice system in India’ was presented by Saumya Shankar. She ascertained that children didn’t need any legislation for a long time in history. In 1850, they were sent to training for employment. Gradually reformatory system was introduced and intuitions for rehabilitation emerged. She also talked about the evolution of juvenile justice system in India in detail. The third paper for this session titled ‘Impact of Drug Abuse illustrations in Media on Youth’ was presented by Vikas Yadav. He examined the role media in increasing drug abuse among youth. He found that the pseudo adds of tobacco and alcohol, movies and music glamorizing drugs, contradictory information in documentaries, social learning, and the like are responsible for increasing drug abuse among youth. The fourth paper of the session titled ‘Vulnerability of Elderly to Crime and Violence in Metropolitan Delhi’ was presented by Jaya Ganesh Bojanki. He found that the post parenting elderly parents whose children stay outside are more prone to crime. There is also verbal and physical abuse of elderly by the care takers, and family members. He suggested that moral values have to be inculcated to stop these kinds of abuses. The final presentation was by Prof. Mamta Patel, the session chair. She talked about the ‘Celebratory Fire in Indian Culture: From Celebration to Crime’. From her empirical data she found that 13 causalities have happened in 24 cases she studied. This has been ingrained in the culture of certain areas in India and therefore, very difficult to stop. She suggested that there is a need of culture change to stop this phenomenon. The session ends with session chair’s valuable suggestions for all the presenters.

The last technical session of the conference had four papers presented and it was chaired by Prof. K C Raval. The first paper of the session titled ‘Tracing the Role of Law in the Indian Feminist Movement’ was presented by Shilpa Chaya Mazumdar. She tried to critically look at the developments of feminist engagement with law in India primarily through a comprehensive review of literature. She found that the multiplicity of experiences that women in India have been witnessing, demands for historically and contextually informed understanding of law. Law has enjoyed a status of privilege when it came to women's movements in India. Diverse campaigns ranging from violence, family, workplace, and the community have put law at the forefront to transform the status of women. Later on, law reforms that were introduced were also interrogated on grounds such as limited impact, non-implementation across every section of the society. The second paper titled ‘The Trends and Perspectives of Juvenile Justice’ was presented by Ravi Kumar R. He discussed the international justice system and Indian justice system related to juveniles. He concluded that reform should be the major aim of the juvenile justice system. In this the law and society should influence and complement each other. The third paper titled ‘Social control theory of begging’ was presented by Hanumanth N B. He depicted the atrocities committed against beggars and the deplorable condition they are living in. He suggested that the

informal and formal social control needs to be adopted together. Minimum economic support from government will go a long way in solving the problem.

The last presentation was by the session chair Prof. K. C. Raval on 'Human Trafficking - A worst form of modern slavery'. He emphasized the plights of trafficked persons. He said that rescuing and rehabilitating will not be sufficient unless there is adequate training for livelihood that will help them survive in society with dignity. He also suggested a reform in the justice system where the victims of trafficking are sent to jail rather than the criminals who forced the trafficked women to be in prostitution. He also suggested that there is a need to train the judges to deliver justice being unbiased. Finally, the chairperson offered valuable suggestions to each presenter. The conference culminated with the presentation of the report of all the activities conducted by RC 23 during 47th All Indian Sociological Congress 2022 by Dr. Akhaya Kumar Nayak. Finally, the RC Convener Prof. Rabindra Kumar Mohanty offered vote of thanks to all the participants, sessions chairs, volunteers, conference organizers, official of ISS, officials of USTM, and the rapporteur. He also urged the members to remain active and contribute to the further development of RC – 23.

Prof. Rabindra Kumar Mohanty Convenor RC 23.

RC-24: SOCIOLOGY OF CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH REPORT

RC 24 received 19 abstracts out of which 17 presentations were made in four technical sessions at the 47th AISC, USTM. The presentations covered the broad themes on environment and sexuality, adolescence and body, reproductive health, childhood and education, youth and drug addiction, leisure and disability, and digital divide in pandemic. On 20th December 2022, Business Meeting of RC - 24 took place at 6.00 p.m in USTM. The following items were discussed:

RC fund and supplementary resource mobilization

- Proposal of organizing an offline international symposium on the theme 'Pedagogy of Oppressed', in late February or early March 2023.
- Extension of RC-24 outreach in the regional and national level.
- To edit a volume on Sociology of Childhood and Youth.
- Office bearers of RC - 24 will continue their tenure.

On 21st December 2022, in Technical Session III, Prof. Bula Bhadra delivered a special lecture on the theme 'Parenting is a Social Skill'. The lecture was well attended.

RC-24 in collaboration with the Department of Sociology of Sister Nivedita University organized a Half-Day offline seminar on "Negotiating a Pandemic in India: Voice Of The

Youth” on 12th September 2022 at 2.00 pm. The programme was held at the Seminar Hall of Sister Nivedita University, New Town, Kolkata. The special guest of this seminar was Prof. Ashok Ranjan Thakur, former Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor and Mentor of SNU. The introductory address was delivered by Prof. Bula Bhadra, Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, SNU, while the inaugural address was given by Prof. Dhrubojyoti Chattopadhyay, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of SNU. The seminar was divided into two sessions, of which the first session entitled ‘Negotiating a Pandemic - Crisis, Chance and Choice’ was chaired by Prof. Piyali Sur, Professor, Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University. A total of seven papers were presented in the first session. The second session entitled “Negotiating a Pandemic- Instances Of Heuristic Possibilities” had seven presentations which were chaired by Prof. Subhashis Bandyopadhyay, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities, Indian Institute of Engineering, Science and Technology (IEST), Shibpur, Howrah. The sessions were hosted by Dr. Chandrabali Dutta (Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women, Dakshineswar), Secretary of RC-24 and the programme was concluded with an interactive session at the end.

Submitted by RC – 24 Convenor: Dr. Subhashis Bandopadhyay

RC-25 SOCIOLOGY OF SPORTS REPORT

RC-25 Sociology of Sports received 23 abstracts from its members on various topics dealing with diverse aspects of sociology of sports. All twenty-three papers were presented in three RC technical sessions which were held on 20th and 21st of December-2022 at USTM. These three sessions were chaired by Dr. Chandrika K.B., Professor, Department of Studies and Research in Sociology, Rani Channamma University, Vidyasangama, Karnataka, Dr. Sanjay Joshi, Associate Professor & Head Department of Sociology & Social Work, Swami Vivekanand Government P.G. College, Nimach (M.P) and Dr. Arjun Jadhav, D.K.A.S. College, Ichalkaranji, Kolhapur. These papers focused on various aspects of Sports like indigenous sports, sports law, the impact of cinema on sports, racism and sports, sports culture and the problem of doping in sports and the like. We are planning to publish an edited book, special lecture and organize a mid-term conference in the future. More than 25 members in addition to the member of the Managing Committee Dr. Sanjay Tiwari attended all the RC sessions.

Submitted by Convener RC-25: Dr. Ravi Prakash

RC-26: MINORITY STUDIES REPORT

RC – 26: Minority Studies organized an Online Lecture on *Role of Feminism in the Development Sector* on 21st October 2022. It was delivered by Kate Kiama who is the Director of Programs and Impact at She's the First, an international NGO. She is also an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya. Ms. Kate has served in various other capacities as a Grant Manager at the Nike Foundation and currently serves on the Board of Make Every Woman Count. She is currently pursuing a Master's at Kenyatta University in Leadership and Governance. It was chaired by



Prof. Arvinder A Ansari from the Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia. Prof. Arvinder is the founder and convener of RC-26, Minority Studies of Indian Sociological Society. She is also the Hony. Director, of Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy at Jamia Millia Islamia.

For the 47th AISC, RC-26 received total 26 abstracts, and all were accepted for presentation by the Screening Committee.

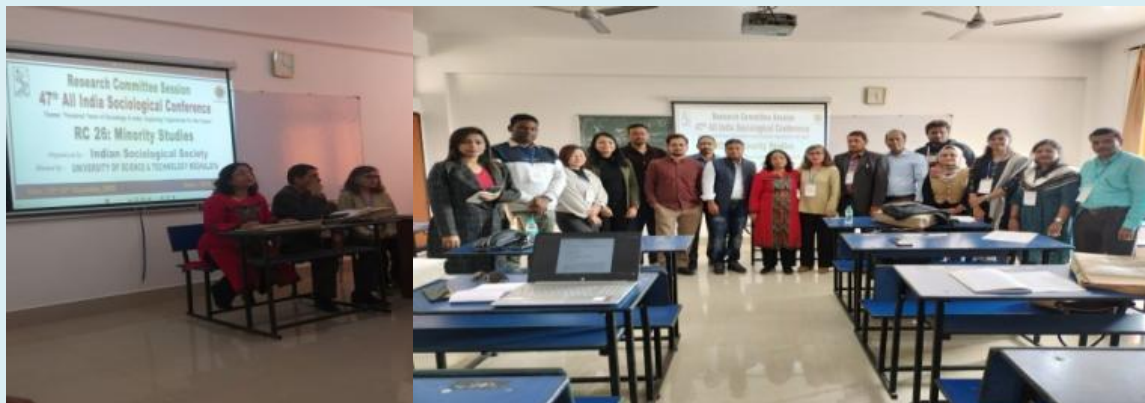
The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Arvinder A Ansari, from Jamia Millia Islamia and

it was chaired by Prof. Shafique Ahmed.

All the 26 papers were divided into five thematic sessions as follows:

1. Minorities in a Liberalised Economy
2. Gender and the Experiences of Marginalisation
3. Forms of Marginalization: Caste, Culture, Religion and Sexuality
4. Minority Education: Issues and Challenges
5. Sociology of Minorities in India: Trends and Directions

A special lecture was also delivered by Prof. Shafique Ahmed, Jamia Millia Islamia, on the theme of Urbanization and the Exclusion of Muslims.





Glimpses from the 47th AISC held at University of Science and Technology

RC - 28: SOCIOLOGY OF EVERYDAY LIFE REPORT

RC–28 received 28 abstracts, out of which 25 scholars, all of whom are members of RC 28, made their presentations. The average attendance in all the academic sessions was 20. The membership of the RC has crossed 70 and the RC has now gained a Pan-Indian character. RC - 28 conducted the Business Meeting which was attended by 20 members on 22 December 2023 at 12:30 p.m. at USMT, Meghalaya. It was presided by Prof. Amites Mukhopadhyay. It was emphasized in the Business Meeting that RC-28 members conducted online meetings twice in 2022 and they decided to (a) open a new bank account in the name of the Convener, (b) organize a 7-day long off-line workshop on “Methodological Significance of Social Science Theories” in collaboration with ISS and North Bengal University, (c) conduct a national seminar on “Aspects of Sociology of Everyday Life”, in collaboration with the Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata, and the ISS, and (d) hold online talks periodically. The Convener reported that out of the four programmes that were planned the first three were successfully completed over the last year and two half-yearly reports were sent to ISS for publication in the ISS News Letter. The Convener also reported that a course on “Sociology of Everyday Life” has been introduced in three universities in West Bengal. RC-28 has a reserve of Rs. 65,000/- (sixty-five thousand) in its bank account, after organizing two major events with money received from ISS, North Bengal University and the registration fee. As a part of its future plan the Convener proposed to organize (a) a workshop on “Theoretical Methodological Issues relating to the study of Everyday Life”, (b) a two-day national seminar, depending on the availability of funds, and (c) to take initiative to introduce a course on “Sociology of Everyday Life” in the post-graduate programmes of some more universities. The business meeting of the RC approved the report of the Convener and the statement of accounts. The President of the meeting reported that the office bearers of RC 28 were elected last year (December 2021) for two years hence there was no need for the election of

the office bearers this year. The existing office bearers were requested to continue for one more year, until the next Sociological Conference in December 2023. The members approved the proceedings for immediate effect and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

Submitted by RC-28 Convenor: Prof. Sanjay K. Roy

ADHOC GROUP-01: DIGITAL SOCIOLOGY

Adhoc Group - 01 has organized four technical sessions, in which total 22 papers were presented. Out of the total papers, four papers were presented online. The keynote speech of the technical session was delivered by Prof. Mutlu Binark, Faculty of Communication, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey. The first technical session was chaired by Prof. Abdul Matin and co-chaired by Prof. Farida Siddiqui, MANUU, Hyderabad, the second session was chaired by Prof. Abdul Matin, the third session was chaired by Prof. Anisur Rehman, JMI and the fourth session was chaired by Prof. Abdul Matin and co-chaired by Dr. Shalendra Kumar, Assam University, Silchar. A business meeting was held on 22nd December 2022 at 10.30 am in the Adhoc Group room in USTM. Members present unanimously nominated Prof. Abdul Matin as Convenor and M Hasan Laskar as Treasurer. The meeting has taken the resolutions on the agendas placed for discussion.

Following papers were presented in the four technical sessions during the 47th AISC, USTM from 20-22 December 2023:

1. Sukanya Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Lovely Professional University, Punjab on 'Contouring Digital Social Reality'.
2. Adrija Bose, Senior Research Fellow, Sociological Research Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Giridih, Jharkhand on 'Privacy Paradox on Social Media: A sociological enquiry of self-disclosure and privacy awareness'.
3. Bibhabari Bal, Assistant professor in Sociology, B.J.B. Autonomous College, Bhubaneswar on 'Online Food Delivery Service, Working Condition and Associated Challenges: A Study on the Delivery Boys in Bhubaneswar City'.
4. Debdatta Debnath, MA Sociology, Jadavpur University on 'Decoding Binge Culture: the social-cultural implications of Netflix on the youth of India'.
5. Abhishek Kumar, Ph.D. Research Scholar & Prof. Birendra N. Dubey, Professor, Department of sociology Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow on 'Exploring Social in Digital: A Critical Feminist Perspective on Women in Digitalization'.
6. Shewani Kumari, Research Scholar, School of Humanities, Lovely Professional University, Punjab (India) on 'Digital Media's Portrayal on Migration and Migrants'.

7. Priyanka Borah, Ph.D Scholar & Dr. Rajiya Shahani, Assistant professor, Department of Sociology, Assam University, Silchar on 'A sociological appraisal of Digital divide and health in Assam'.
8. Rohini Dabgotra, Research Scholar, School of Humanities, Lovely Professional University, Punjab, India on 'An Ascetic's Social Association with Media: A Case Study'.
9. Prof. Abdul Matin, Professor, Dept. of Sociology, USTM & Asif, Research Scholar, USTM on 'Addiction Test (IAT) Scales; Tentative Observations'.
10. M. Hasan Laskar, Assistant Prof. Dept. of Sociology, USTM and Prajna Borah, Assistant Prof. Dept. of Sociology, Royal Global University, Guwahati on 'Bifurcated consciousness and digital divide: A subaltern perspective to digital Sociology'.
11. Prof. Abdul Matin, Department of Sociology, University of Science and Technology (USTM) & Dr. Anupam Dutta, Department of Mathematics, University of Science and Technology (USTM) on 'Graph Theory based Cyber Crimes'
12. Aanchal Choudhary, Research scholar, USTM, on 'Common service centers: a sociological analysis'.
13. Barsha Das, Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya on 'Social Networking and social media'.
14. Dr. Rahime Özgün Kehya, Dr. Onur Yumurtacı on 'Reinforcement, Rapid Spread and Dangers of Racism on the Internet: I Am Not a Nazi'.
15. Kumar Anand, Teach Sociology at Amity University, Patna on 'Digital world and rise of edu-tech in India'.
16. Abdul Matin, Velumani PS, Atowar Islam and Anupam Dutta on 'Ethical Algorithm Models for Children's Digital Game De-Addiction'.
17. Ankita Sharma, MA Sociology & M Hasan Laskar, Assistant Prof. Department of Sociology, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya on 'Surveillance and Privacy in Digital society: Role of Social Media'.
18. Dr. Asfiya Karimi, Guest Teacher, CEPECAMI (BRIDGE COURSE), AMU on 'Changing Forces of Production and Relations of Production: In an Era of Informationalism'.
19. Aminul Haque' Research Scholar, Dept. of Business Administration, USTM; Prof. Abdul Matin' Professor, Dept. of Social Works, USTM & Dr Rashmi R. Baruah' Associate Professor, Dept. of Business Administration, USTM on 'An Empirical Assessment: Study of the correlation between internet usage pattern and academic development of Students in the Murshidabad district of West Bengal'.
20. Jashanpreet Kaur, Masters of Sociology, Lovely Professional University, Punjab on 'Social Persuasion of Substance Abuse'.
21. Kalpajyoti Gogoi, Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, Assam University, Silchar on 'Contemporary Study of Digital Society and its Theoretical and Methodological Issues'.

22. Dipti Singha, Research Scholar, Dept. of Sociology, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya on ‘Digital Inclusion of a Tribal Community: With reference to the Mikir tribes residing in Chakardeo Village (Deepor Beel)’.



Prof. Anisur Rehman, JMI chaired the session. The Keynote Address delivered by Prof. Mutlu Binrak, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey.

Prof. Manish K. Verma, Secretary, Indian Sociological Society visited the session of Adhoc Group-01: Digital Sociology.

Submitted by Convenor of Adhoc Group-01: Digital Sociology.: Prof. Abdul Matin

UPCOMING CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

1. XX ISA World Congress of Sociology on Resurgent Authoritarianism: Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics, and Economies, Melbourne, Australia, June 25– July 2, 2022. Source: <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en>

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