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### International Conference

3rd International Conference on Sociality and Humanities - ICOSH2014 Conference  
**27th to 28th December 2014**  
 Place: Phuket Island, Thailand  
 Deadline  
 Abstracts/proposals:  
**10th August 2014**  
 Web.: <http://www.icosh.org/>  
 Contact : Secretary of ICOSH 2014  
 ICOSH 2014 will be published in the IJSSH (ISSN: 2010-3646), and will be included in the Google Scholar, DOAJ, Engineering & Technology Digital Library, Crossref, Index Copernicus, and ProQuest and sent to be reviewed by ISI Proceedings.

### 9th Annual International Conference on Sociology

Deadline  
 Abstracts submission: Oct. 6, 2014  
 Athens Institute for Education and Research  
 Athens, Greece  
 May 4-7, 2015

### President's Message



**Dear Colleagues, Greetings!** It is a matter of great satisfaction that another issue of the ISS E-newsletter is before you due to the leadership of Dr. Rashmi Jain. It is going to be as

useful as the previous numbers in disseminating information about our professional activities and promoting communicational bonding between members of the Indian Sociological Society. These are times of great transformations for India, Asia and the modern world system due to the changing direction and dynamics of liberalization and globalization. There are interesting shifts in the priorities of communities and societies due to the growing disenchantment with market forces and consumerist ideology. After getting demystified about the limits of state-centric social and political progress the human societies are getting confronted with the visible constraints caused by market morality, particularly its impact upon ecological sustainability and social harmony. It calls upon the social scientists for opening their academic doors to allow inter-disciplinary understanding of the social realities with ever increasing complexities surrounding us as individuals, localities, nationalities and global communities.

Indian Sociological Society is going to encourage this process of dialogue across disciplinary boundaries during the next national conference to be held at Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi ( 29-30 November and 1 December, 2014) by focusing on the theme of development, diversity and democracy. We hope to carry this process deeper and wider by encouraging our research committees and state associations to promote inter-disciplinarity in our dialogues and debates as a follow up of our national conference.

Anand Kumar,  
 President, Indian Sociological Society  
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### Conference of Tunisian-Mediterranean Association for Historical, Social and Economic Studies

Trade and traders throughout history  
**December 11-13, 2014 in Beja (Tunisia)**  
 Contact: Dr SAADAOU Ibrahīm Muhammed  
 University of Tunisia. Modern and Contemporary History  
 Tunisian World Center for Studies, Research, and Development  
 Tunisian-Mediterranean Association for Historical, Social and Economic Studies

### 21st Rajasthan Sociological Association Conference SOCIETY, CHANGE AND GLOBALIZATION

October 8- 9, 2014  
**Sub Themes:**

- Process of Globalization in Rajasthan
- Development in Urban & Rural Rajasthan
- Impact of Global Cultural in society
- Emerging pattern & Trends in Eco- Political
- Globalization and Social Change
- Youth culture and globalization
- Globalization and Economic Development
- Globalization and Women
- Globalization and Problems

Contact: Dr Kamal Singh Rathore, Organizing Secretary  
 Dept. of Sociology, JNVU  
 Jodhpur, Rajasthan

### Editor's Message



**Dear Colleagues, Seasons' Greetings,** It gives me immense pleasure in putting before you the first issue of the E-newsletter for the year 2014. This issue is an attempt to refresh your memories of 39th AISC held

at Mysore by putting before you a concise report of the AISC as well as the reports of the RC sessions conducted at Mysore. Apart from the usual features we have included a section on latest books in the discipline. Some of the books mentioned have been sent by the members to us. We thank and appreciate them for their efforts. We also bring to you the details of the upcoming AISC conference being organized at Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi from 29-30th November & 1 December 2014.

ISS is in the process of digitalizing all the volumes of Sociological Bulletin on JSTORE so that impact factor of the Bulletin can be procured. The society doesn't have all the back volumes of the Sociological Bulletin. The ISS appeals to all of you to share the missing volumes of Sociological Bulletin with ISS so that this work can be undertaken. The details of the missing volumes is on page no. ...

The E-newsletter is an initiative of the ISS to further strengthen the bonds within the sociology fraternity. I request all the members to send us any news they would like to share with their fraternity. I also appeal to all those who have not furnished their email id to the society to do so immediately so that we can ensure the delivery of E-newsletter to them.

Happy reading,  
 Rashmi Jain

### SAMAJSHASTRIYA SAMEEKSHA

The members desirous of receiving a copy of ISS Hindi journal 'Samajshastriya Sameeksha' are requested to pay Rs.1000 as postage charges for five years. The amount can be sent to the office of ISS at New Delhi.

### Missing issues of Sociological Bulletin

One of the causes of concern about the Sociological Bulletin is that it is yet to receive an Impact Factor. This is because it is not available online. If JSTOR accepts to put it online, all the original versions have to be submitted. However, the following issues are not available with ISS:

Volume 9	No. 2
Volume 10	Nos. 1 and 2
Volume 12	Nos. 1 and 2
Volume 13	Nos. 1 and 2
Volume 14	No. 1
Volume 15	Nos. 1 and 2
Volume 16	Nos. 1 and 2
Volume 19	Nos. 1 and 2

The ISS appeals to its members to share the copy of any or all of these issues (personal or institutional) with the Editor of Sociological Bulletin so that efforts can be made for making the Sociological Bulletin online through JSTORE. The Editor assures that the original copies of the missing issues would be returned to the owners once the digitalization is completed. Please contact: Prof Jayram, Editor, Sociological Bulletin

### 3rd WORLD CONFERENCE on PSYCHOLOGY and SOCIOLOGY

06 - 08 November 2014  
 Efes Sürmeli Hotel & Convention Center - İzmir, Kuşadası, Turkey  
 Deadline for Abstract Submissions: July 10, 2014



**INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
XL (40th) ALL-INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE  
ON  
DEVELOPMENT, DIVERSITY & DEMOCRACY  
November 29, 30 & December 01, 2014**



Organized by  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY  
MAHATMA GANDHI KASHI VIDYAPITH  
VARANASI-221002, U. P., INDIA**



It is a pleasure to invite you to participate in the 40th All-India Sociological Conference (AISC) of Indian Sociological Society being hosted by the Department of Sociology, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi, U.P. on the theme Development, Diversity & Democracy from November 29-30 and December 01, 2014.

#### **ABOUT INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

The Indian Sociological Society (ISS) was set up in Bombay with the initiative of Prof. G. S. Ghurye, Head of the Department of Sociology, University of Bombay. The Society was registered in December 1951 under the Societies Registration Act. G. S. Ghurye was the Founder-President. Prof. J. V. Ferreira followed by Prof. K. M. Kapadia were the Secretaries. Prof. Ghurye served as President from 1951 to 1966. The Society started a biannual journal Sociological Bulletin from March 1952. It occasionally held seminars/workshops on selected themes but did not organize big conferences.

That task was undertaken in north India with the initiative of Prof. R. N. Saxena. Beginning with 1955 he organized six conferences in various parts of the country called All India Sociological Conference (AISC). Except holding periodical conferences the AISC did not have any other activities.

In mid-60s the leaders of the profession came together to discuss the issues concerning the profession. They decided to merge AISC with the Indian Sociological Society and held a conference of the merged body in Bombay in October 1967. The conference was inaugurated by Prof. Ghurye and Prof. M. N. Srinivas was elected the new President. Following this change the Society's office was shifted from University of Bombay to University of Delhi where Prof. Srinivas was based. The Society organised All-India Sociological Conference on a regular basis in addition to publishing the journal Sociological Bulletin. With the expansion of higher education, several new departments of sociology came up all over the country resulting in increase in the membership of Society. It was a measure of the strength of the Society that it successfully hosted the XI World Congress of Sociology in Delhi in 1986.

Realizing the inconvenience of operating Society's activities from different locations where office bearers worked, the Managing Committee has taken a decision to establish its national office in New Delhi. Subsequently, it approached the Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi, to provide a relatively stable shelter and essential services under its premises. Thanks to the Institute's helpful attitude the Society's office is now functioning with great efficiency in its premises since 1989.

Since then the Indian Sociological Society has progressed a great deal. Its membership has increased manifold. Its journal is now published annually with three issues since 2004 instead of two. Its conferences are held every year and are well attended. In addition to the journal the Society now publishes two issues of ISS Newsletter annually. Society also started last year the publication of Bhartiya Samajshastra Sameeksha (in Hindi).

The Society now organizes its major academic work through 24 Research Committees, which provides a better opportunity for members to participate in meaningful dialogues and exchange of views. The annual lecture series in memory of Professor M. N. Srinivas and Prof. Radha Kamal Mukerjee, and the annual prize for young sociologists in honour of Prof. M. N. Srinivas have contributed to the academic profile of the Society's activities.

The Society instituted the Life Time Achievement Award in 2005 with the following objectives: (a) To honour outstanding Indian Sociologists who have made profound and exceptional contributions in the field of sociology and thereby enriched the discipline of sociology and enhanced the capability and respectability of its professionals, and (b) To inspire and encourage other members of the profession to emulate these Awardees and consider them as role models and to work for their own and the profession's betterment and exaltation through creditable work and significant contribution. The award was given to: Dr. Y B Damle (Pune), Prof M. S. Gore (Hubli), Prof. Victor S. D'Souza (Bangalore), and Prof. Ramkrishna Mukherjee (Kolkata) in 2005; Prof. Yogendra Singh (Delhi) and Prof. Leela Dube (Delhi) in 2007; Prof. B. R. Chuhan (Udaipur), Prof. P. C. Joshi (Delhi) and Prof. T. N. Madan (Delhi) in 2008; Prof. Andre Beteille (Delhi),

Prof. A. M. Shah (Delhi) and Prof. Bela Duttgupta (Kolkata) in 2009; Prof. Suma Chitnis (Mumbai), Prof. D N Dhanagare (Pune), Prof. T. K. Oommen (Delhi) in 2010, Prof. S. K.Srivastava (Varanasi), Prof. J. P.S.Uberoi (Delhi), and Prof. P.K.B. Nayar (Thiruvananthapuram) in 2011, Prof. C. Lakshmana (Hyderabad), Prof. Uttam B Bhoite (Pune), and Prof. K. L. Sharma (Jaipur) in 2012 and Prof. Partha Nath Mukherji (New Delhi) and Prof. Ravindra K. Jain (New Delhi) in 2013.

### THEME OF THE CONFERENCE

The main theme of the conference is Development, Diversity & Democracy. The sub themes of the conference are as follows:

1. Development : Concept and Discourse
2. Development : Dilemmas, Challenges and Action
3. Diversity : Conceptual Analysis
4. Diversity : Constitutional Vision and Current Realities
5. Democracy : Governance and Society
6. Democracy : Democracy as Inclusion
7. Development of Uttar Pradesh : Challenges and Solutions

The conference invites research papers both in English and Hindi to be presented through Research Committees (RCs) of Indian Sociological Society. Papers to be presented in RCs have to be prepared keeping in view the central theme of the conference. The titles of 24 Research Committees along with names and contact details of the conveners are given at the end of the newsletter.

### GUIDELINES FOR PAPER WRITERS

The conference invites original articles with following guidelines:

1. Two copies of the abstract of the paper in not more than 200 words should be submitted to the concerned RC Conveners or Ad-hoc Groups preferably by e-mail in Abstract Form latest by October 10, 2014.
2. Each abstract should carry the ISS Membership number of the participant and the Name and Number of the RC to which it is being submitted. The ISS members (Life/ordinary/Student) who have paid the RC membership fee (Rs 400/- for two years and Rs 800/-for 5 years) per Research Committee are entitled to present papers in the conference.
3. Acceptance of abstracts will be communicated by the respective RC conveners by October 25, 2014.
4. Tables, charts, maps, figures etc., are to be placed separately at the end of the article. Number these serially, with appropriate titles/captions.
5. Give separately the bibliographic details of all works cited in the article under Reference.
  - a. Referencing in the text should be as follows: (Desai, A. R 1961:84),
  - b. Recommended style for Bibliography is:
    - Appadurai, A. 1997. Modernity at Large: Cultural dimensions of globalization. New Delhi: Oxford University Press

### METHODOLOGY OF ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE

The three-day conference will begin with the Inaugural Session on November 29, 2014 at 10.30 a.m. The same day after lunch there would be parallel sessions of the All Research Committees. On the second day of the conference, i.e. on November 30, 2014 from 10.30 am to 1.00 p.m. symposium/special lectures would be organized. On December 01, 2014 after lunch the Valedictory Session would be held in which the report of the conference will be presented and recommendations finalized.

A visit to the Ghats of the river Ganges is being arranged on the morning of the second day of the conference. A cultural programme is also being hosted in night of the first day.

### REGISTRATION

All the participants have to pay the registration fee as per the following specifications:

Up to	Delegate (with accommodation)	Delegate (without accommodation)	Student(with accommodation)	Students (without accommodation)	Accompanying Person	Foreign Including SAARC Countries Delegates
September 15, 2014	Rs. 1700/-	Rs. 1200/-	Rs. 1400/-	Rs. 900/-	Rs. 2000/-	US \$ 100
September 30, 2014	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 1700/-	Rs. 1200/-	Rs. 2200/-	US \$ 125
October 31, 2014	Rs. 2500/-	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 2500/-	US \$ 140
After October 31, 2014	Rs. 3000/-	Rs. 2500/-	Rs. 2200/-	Rs. 1700/-	Rs. 3000/-	US \$ 150

- Request for registration should reach us in the enclosed form along with a demand draft payable at Varanasi in favour of the "ORGANIZING SECRETARY, 40TH ISS CONFERENCE"
- Spot and local registration would be accepted only in cash.
- Participants are requested to comply with the deadline in view of the difficulties involved in providing accommodation.

#### TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

- Registration fee covers lodging, boarding and hospitality during the conference days. Delegates are requested to meet travel and other incidental expenses from their own resources.
- The accommodation provided will be modest and on the sharing basis. Those who need exclusive accommodation are requested to make their own arrangements.

**LANGUAGE:** Bilingual (English & Hindi)

#### PLACES OF TOURIST INTEREST

Varanasi is historically one of the oldest and the culturally richest religious cities, standing on the western banks of the river Ganges, which assumes the shape of a broad crescent while taking the reverse turn towards the north. Very few places compare with the splendor of Varanasi, popularly known as Kashi and Banaras. The rays of the early morning sun, if seen from the river at dawn, greatly enlighten the viewers of Kashi, the City of Light. The temples and shrines, ashrams and pavilions that stretch along the river for almost five kilometers appear to be golden, providing a very pleasant experience. Sarnath is one of the greatest Buddhist Centers and is on the tourist map of the world. It was in Sarnath that Lord Buddha gave his first sermon termed the "Wheel of Law." The distance of Sarnath from Varanasi is 10 Kms. The Lord Shiva Golden Temple (Kashi Vishwanath), Sankat Mochan Temple, Manasmandir Temple, Durgaji Temple, B.H.U.'s Temple of Lord Shiva, Bharat Mata Mandir, and Ramnagar Fort are also of great tourist attraction. Varanasi is well connected by train and air from different parts of the country.

#### HOST UNIVERSITY

Kashi Vidyapith which got its present nomenclature Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith in 1995 as has been the action field of the Indian National Movement as also a place of pilgrimage of the Indian Socialist Movement. The founding resolution of "RASHTRA RATNA" Babu Shiva Prasad Gupt, inspiration of the "FATHER OF THE NATION" Mahatma Gandhi and brilliance of "BHARAT RATNA" Dr. Bhagwan Das were jointly responsible for the birth of this national- level educational institution. It was inaugurated by Mahatma Gandhi during the Non-Cooperation movement of the freedom struggle; on the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchami on February 10, 1921.

Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith is one of the prestigious State Universities of the Government of Uttar Pradesh approved by the University Grants Commission, Government of India. It is situated very close to the Varanasi Cantt Railway Station. 272 Colleges of seven districts in the surroundings of Varanasi are affiliated with this University.

The Department of Sociology was established in 1961. It presently offers Post Graduate, M. Phil. and Ph.D. Programmes. It has some important centers and a rich departmental library. You can visit university website: [www.mgkvp.ac.in](http://www.mgkvp.ac.in)

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**Professor M. N. Srinivas Memorial Prize 2014**

Indian Sociological Society

Institute of Social Sciences

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New Delhi 110 070

The Professor M. N. Srinivas Endowment Fund was jointly set up by the Indian Sociological Society and the Indian Council of Social Science Research in 2001. This Fund has instituted a prize for young sociologists/social anthropologists for publishing the best sociological/social anthropological paper in any of the social science journals/edited volumes, in English, in India. The prize will carry a sum of Rs.2,500/-.

Papers published during 01 January 2011 - 31 December 2013 are eligible for consideration. The authors, who are life members or ordinary members of the Society with at least one year's standing, will be eligible for the contest. The author must be 40 years or less in age on 31 December 2013. If the paper is co-authored, all the authors must be 40 years or less in age on 31 December 2013. The authors will submit only one paper for consideration.



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**REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name (Block Lettes): \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) Age \_\_\_\_\_ b) Sex : \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Designation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Institution/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. ISS Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Name/Number of RCs of which you are a member: \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. Title of the paper: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mobile No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 7. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Accompanying Person(s):

Sl. No.	Name	Age	Relationship
1.			
2.			

9. Do you require accommodation? Yes / No  
 (a) Arranged by local Organizer? Yes / No ..... (b) If No, state choice .....
10. Registration fees: (Crossed DD to be drawn in favour of "ORGANIZING SECRETARY, 40th ISS CONFERENCE", payable at Varanasi). I enclosed herewith Bank Draft No: ..... dated..... Bank Branch & City  
 ..... Rs./US \$ ..... OR Depositing in Cash  
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**Date:** .....2014

**Signature of the delegate**

- Last date for receiving information regarding cancellation is 31st October 2014. In case of cancellation within the stipulated time 75% of the registration fee will be refunded. After 31st October 2014 there shall be no refund.
- Those who wish to have accommodation in a better Hotel than the one arranged by the local organizer are requested to send the requisite amount along with the registration fee.
- Delegates are requested to send, along with the registration fee, the prescribed charges per head for accompanying person(s).

**Report of the 39th All India Sociological Conference,  
Department of Studies and Research in Sociology,  
Karnataka State Open University, Mysore (Karnataka), December 26-29, 2013**

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The 39th All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society was hosted by the Department of Studies and Research in Sociology, Karnataka State Open University, Mysore (Karnataka) during December 26-29, 2013 on the main theme of "Inequality, Social Justice and Empowerment". His Excellency the Governor of Karnataka, Dr. Hans Raj Bhardwaj inaugurated the mega event attended by more than 1500 sociologist delegates from India, USA, Japan, Brazil, South Africa, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates, Bangladesh, and few other countries on December 27, 2013 in the Senate Bhawan of University of Mysore.

The inspiring and stimulating inaugural speech of the Hon'ble Dr. Hans Raj Bhardwaj were greatly appreciated by the large number of delegates in a rousing manner. Dr. Bhardwaj also released a set of ten volumes published by SAGE under the Series Editorship of Prof. Ishwar Modi entitled Readings in Indian Sociology. Dr. Bhardwaj and Smt. Bhardwaj (also a sociologist) greatly appreciated the volumes. Hon'ble Dr. Bhardwaj also released the first issue of the ISS Hindi Journal: Bhartiya Samajshastra Samiksha edited by Prof. Anand Kumar. The inaugural session was also addressed by Prof. Ishwar Modi, President of the Indian Sociological Society, Shri V. Srinivasprasad, Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, Govt of Karnataka, Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore, Prof. M.G. Krishnan, Vice Chancellor, Karnataka State Open University, and Prof. M.H. Krishnappa, the Organizing Secretary of the Conference. In his Presidential Address, Prof. Modi focusing on the theme of "Inequality and Exclusion in India: Challenges before a Developing Society" observed that it would not be possible to meet the challenges created by inequality and exclusion without creating legal, regulatory and policy frameworks that promote social inclusion and called upon the Indian sociologists to accept the challenge to find out the situation of both the phenomena of inequality and exclusion in India as it is operating at the ontological level and to deepen our understanding at the epistemological level.

The Lifetime Achievement Awards of the ISS for the year 2013 were conferred upon Prof. P.N. Mukherji and Prof. Ravindra K. Jain, and the M.N. Srinivas Memorial Prize was presented to Dr. Aditya Raj at the inaugural session.

The various symposia organized during the conference drew the participation of a large number of delegates. The houses were always almost full. The international symposium on the theme of "Globalization, State & Social Inequality" was chaired by Prof. Ishwar Modi and addressed by Prof. Margaret Abraham, ISA Vice President Research, USA; Prof. Shujiro Yazawa, Japan and Prof. Habibul Khondker, UAE. At the end of this symposium Prof. Koichi Hasagawa, President of the Local Organizing Committee of the 18th ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan also addressed the audience. He invited and hoped that a large number of Indian sociologists would be attending the ISA Congress in Yokohama. The second symposia on "Development and Social Justice: Issues, Impediments and Responses" was chaired by Prof. Partha Nath Mukherji and addressed by Prof. I.S. Chauhan, Prof. Sujata Patel, Prof. George Mathew, and Prof. A.R. Vasavi. Maintaining the tradition of organizing a symposium on BRICS since the ISS Conference in Udaipur, at the Mysore conference also a BRICS symposium was organized on the theme of "Dynamics of Globalization, Development and Social Justice in BRICS Countries". Prof. Margaret Abraham chaired this session. The presentations were made by Prof. Eduardo Paes Machado, Brazil, Prof. Kameshwar Choudhary, India, and Prof. Freek Cronje, South Africa. Prof. Luo Hongguang, Institute of Sociology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China and Prof. Nikita Pokrovsky, Professor of Sociology at Moscow State University and also the President of the Society of Professional Sociologists of Russia and Vice-President of the Russian Society of Sociologists could not attend the conference for want of Visa for which several delegates as well as the Hon'ble invited speakers expressed their anguish and unhappiness. The fourth symposium on the theme of "Inequality, Development and Inclusion: Empowering the Marginalized" was chaired by Prof. R. K. Jain and addressed by Prof. Paramjit S. Judge, Prof. M.N. Panini, and Prof. Anand Kumar. As usual a symposium on the state where the ISS Conference is organized was organized on the theme of "Society, Culture and Economy in Karnataka". This symposium was chaired by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the Karnataka State Open University, Prof. M.G. Krishnan, the presentations were made by Prof. G. Sivaramakrishnan, Prof. G. K. Karanth, Prof. R. Indira, and Prof. C.A. Someshkarappa.

The overall ambiance and ethos of the conference was highly appreciated by the delegates. All the research committee sessions were always almost full and the delegates participated with enthusiasm. The Valedictory Address was delivered by the President Elect, Prof. Anand Kumar.

Mutual interaction with each other and also with the eminent foreign delegates as well as organization of the cultural evenings at the Food Court itself was also the highlights of the conference.

**Sukant K. Chaudhary and Rashmi Jain**

Reports of Research Committees  
 XXXIX ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE  
 Department of Studies and Research in Sociology,  
 Karnataka State Open University, Mysore (Karnataka), December 26-29, 2013

### RC 01: THEORY, CONCEPT & METHODOLOGY

#### Convener:- Professor V. Sujatha

This year RC 01 received a total of fourteen abstracts, of which twelve papers were presented. Two invited lectures were organized on the 27th and 28th of December. Prof. N. Jayaram from Centre for Research Methodology, TISS, Mumbai spoke "On the relation between theory and methods in sociology." Talking about Ph.D. dissertations, he pointed out that often the theoretical framework for research is 'added' post factum by selective referencing of theoretical writings or conceptual terminology. Prof. M. N. Panini (Retd.) from JNU, New Delhi spoke on the "Public Sociology of Superstitions in Karnataka". He drew attention to public debates in Kannada on critical social, cultural and political issues affecting social life.

The twelve presentations were organized around four themes namely, (i) Sociological theory: New perspectives, (ii) Indian sociology: On past(s) and possible future(s) of the discipline, (iii) For a Sociology of Praxis: Social Issues in Contemporary India and (iv) Methodological Interventions: On objectivity, the Subject and the object.

Sociological theory: New perspectives included paper by Prof. Susantha Goonatilake from Colombo. His paper "Othering Max Weber: A 21st Century Perspective from Asia" was an exercise in the geopolitics of knowledge. The next paper was presented by Frédéric Vandenberghe from Brazil, titled "Moral sociology and practical philosophy". He stated that he wanted to reformulate the questions of moral sociology by foregrounding the question of social change rather than social order.

Under the second theme, Manish Thakur from Kolkata presented his paper titled "The Past(s) of Indian Sociology: Why Read Radhakamal Mukerjee?" Ankita Mookherjee from Delhi in her paper titled "Are there paradigms in Indian sociology?" argued that among the issues raised about the discipline of sociology in India one is that there is a lack of culture of debate among social scientists writing on similar themes, which is critical to paradigm formation in the discipline. Scholars seem to function as autonomous intellectuals. Ritambhara Hebbar and Mahuya Bandyopadhyay from Mumbai in their paper "Sociology of/in India: Some Reflections" looked at three concomitant debates, firstly they explored the dominant debates within Indian Sociology in the context of creating a distinctive field of research and inquiry.

The third theme included a paper titled "Social Justice and Modernity: Reflections on Two Paradoxes" by Rakesh M. Krishnan from Hyderabad. Hanumangouda C. from Karnataka in his paper "Images of Corruption" discussed the various sources of information on corruption. In his paper he concluded that, mass media plays an important role in disseminating information about corruption. Haresh Pandey from Bihar discussed "Public Sphere and Globalization" in which he discussed the changing role of state in analyzing the public sphere in era of globalization and the role of information and communication technology in public sphere in contemporary global era.

Under the fourth theme, Ananta Kumar Giri from Chennai in his paper titled "Transpositional Subjectobjectivity" discussed Amartya Sen's positional objectivity. Pinaki Roy from Kolkata in his paper "Rethinking Ethnography: Towards a Non-deterministic Theory of Location, Dialogue, and Ethics in Ethnographic Encounter" discussed how in order to minimize the violence inherent in the objectifying gaze of the ethnographer, critical ethnographers have emphasized on dialogue and mutual interaction between the ethnographer and the informant(s). Antony Palackal from Kerala presented his paper on "Discursive Field of Land Struggles: An Experiment in Video Ethnography".

The presentations were followed by engaging discussions. In the business meeting, budget of the RC was discussed. The RC added seven new members this year.

### RC 03: ECONOMY, POLITY & SOCIETY

#### Convener:- Prof. S. R. Ahlawat

In RC 03, a total of 37 papers were presented in four sessions. The first session was devoted to the political economy and change. Prof. S. K. Sharma, H. P. University, Shimla, chaired the session in which eight papers were presented. Mukesh Kumar presented his paper on "Taylorism and consumption in the age of Pre-Capitalism." He examined the contributions of Karl Marx, Max-Weber and Veblen to the theory of consumption. Srinivas Sajja's paper was based on the rainfall variability and adaptation strategies in the area falling in Nizam Sagar dam. Raveesh highlighted on the pattern of re-building of Indian villages. He opined that the economic prosperity would take care of the social sector. Prabhavathi's paper was based on the evaluation of the udyogini scheme for the employment of women.

Second session discussing 'the Crises of Globalization' was chaired by Prof. S. R. Ahlawat, M. D. University, Rohtak, in which ten papers were presented. Duru Arun et.al. presented their paper on the problems of employment faced by the engineering students. Swati explained the business ethics of the Marwari community. Birendra Suna paper was based on the empirical study on the microfinance and poverty alleviation programs in Odisha. Deeptimayee Rout presented her paper on the agrarian transformations on Odisha.

The third session was chaired by Dr. Yutaka Sato from Japan. Nine papers were presented in this session on 'Role of State in Overcoming the Present Day Crises'. Krupa Thakur presented her paper on participatory democracy in the state of J&K. Rachana Sharma's paper was based on the retail marketing and consumption pattern in Amritsar city. She revealed that the younger generation is turning towards the branded items for that the scope of FDI seems to be on the higher side in the market. Gopal Roy presented his paper on the sanitation pattern in North Bengal villages.

Session four was chaired by Prof. K. G. Iyer, Panjab University, Chandigarh, in this session ten papers were presented. Surjit Surroch presented his paper on Socio-economic status of Tribal women in Himachal Pradesh. Sangeeta Pandey presented her paper on rural women in transition. In the last session research committee business/action plan was discussed. The election for the new office bearers were held for the session 2014-15 (two years). The election results were sent to the ISS for notification.

### RC 04: MIGRATION & DIASPORIC STUDIES

#### Convener:- Prof. Kamala Ganesh

The RC 04 had seventeen abstract submissions for the 39th All India Sociological Conference. The session was started with a paper by Sheikh Idrees Mujtaba on Labor Migration to Kashmir. Popular assumptions were questioned and difference between laborers and entrepreneurs was established. Thereafter, Dr. Mallika Pinnawala from Sri Lanka discussed migrants from Sri Lanka to the Middle East. She compared the situation of the children (0-15) when mother is away and when father is away. Asha Singh presented her research about the voices of left-behind women and their pain as expressed in Bhojpuri Folksongs. The analysis with examples drawn from the songs, in quantitative mode, explored the desires, aspirations, frustrations, and injustices women suffer due to migration of their men.

These presentations would have been better if we had the support of classroom technology for audio-visuals. The next session was on Kerala. The issues covered ranged from left-behind parents, the influence of remittances, entrepreneurship, and aspect of modernity.



The papers were by Dr. Munner Illath, Dr. M. S. Jayakumar, and Dr. Mansy M. These presentations showed the "other" face of Kerala which is different from popular assumptions. Migration does not only have benefits but there are also consequences for the left behind. Yet, the culture of migration persists.

Issues of transnationality figured prominently and were discussed by Prof. Swati Shirwadkar. Her presentation explored the lifestyle of transnational Diaspora, especially the category of knowledge workers. Dr. Papia Raj brought new perspective with what she calls "virtual diasporas"- people whose lifestyles and consciousness uproots them while they are physically present in their "original" home. Dr. Prafulla analysed socio-cultural adjustment of non-Kannadiga migrants with a case study of Gulbarga district. Pooja discussed representation of women in select diasporic narratives. Vibhuti Nayak talked about effect of MNREGA on rural migration from Jharkhand. Dr. Aditya Raj discussed salient features that are expected of migration and diaspora studies. The discussion was good for upcoming scholars. Foundational as well as critical issues in migration and diaspora studies were illuminated. The relationship between ontology-methodology and epistemology was highlighted for comprehensive account.

Election was informally held in very cordial atmosphere in the last session and new office bearers were declared. Prof Swati Shirwadkar will be the convener while Munner Illath will be co-convener. They can be reached at swati@unipune.ac.in and munnerillath@gmail.com respectively. We have some fund from previous years. We plan to hold a midsession conference. For this we may apply for grant to ICSSR and other funding agencies. Publications are also planned. Next year we hope to get a plenary session as well as an invited session. We also want to have peer review of papers of which abstract are submitted to further improve the quality of the papers. We invite people working on issues of migration and diaspora to join our RC.

### RC 05 : EDUCATION AND SOCIETY

**Co-Convener:- Dr. Birendra Narain Dubey**

RC 05 conducted its business in a professional and fruitful manner. This year, it was overwhelming response from all over the country and more than eighty five papers were received. It is also a matter of pride that participation was quite comprehensive as it included senior sociologists, young faculty and dynamic researchers from various universities, colleges and research institutions. This time, RC-05 covered a wide range of issues like Gender, Informal education, Value based education, Curriculum designing, Privatisation of education, Inequality in higher education, RTE, Role of education for farmers.

Interestingly, former conveners also attended deliberations and shared their views which were quite encouraging for all the participants particularly the young researchers. Research papers were based on primary and secondary sources including theoretical understandings. At the end of the last presentation session, all the office bearers and participants discussed the future plan for RC. It was like a General Body Meeting which unanimously decided that Dr. Smita Awachar should continue as RC Convener for another two years but with a new team of the office bearers. New office bearers elected unanimously. Following is the list of new time of office bearers for two years-

- Convener: Dr. Smita Awachar
- Co-convener: Dr. Birendra Narain Dubey
- Secretary: Dr. Simran Kangt
- Treasurer: Dr. Kalyan Sakharkar
- Members: Dr. Jagdish C. Mehta and Mr. Charles Varghese
- Advisor: Dr. Chandrika Rawal

In the coming years we are quite optimistic about better future of our RC and expecting with more academic activities and sustainable contribution to ISS.

### RC 06 : RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

**Convener:- Dr. Sudha Sitharaman**

RC 06 was organized in four themes and 31 research papers were submitted of which 25 papers presented in different sessions and they were discussed in detail.

There were various papers which dealt with conceptual problems in the sociology of religion. They emphasized the need for dismantling existing frameworks like tradition and modernity, little and great tradition and scriptural and popular religion. Many papers looked into the complex interplay between traditional practices and new religious movements, and political assertions based on religious identity. Other papers in the panel discussed the issues of conversion, continuation of primordial identities in the post-conversion context, and the ways in which reproduction of exclusion and inequalities play out in the daily religious rituals and practices. Papers articulated the so-called 'return of religion' in the public sphere, drawing into question relations between the religious, the non-religious and the secular. What is the relationship between religious traditions and the rise of religious philanthropy in local and global communities? What are the philanthropic activities carried out by different religious traditions and institutions? etc.

The papers looked at the connection between individual and society set up in the context of the religious movements and debates between religious sects. Many papers looked at the contesting articulations of religion in the public sphere and their relevance in the daily political, economic, and symbolic life of people across India. The need for the study of local manifestation of religion, relevance of interdisciplinary approach, and post-colonial critic of the religion based identity assertions, and revitalization movements were stressed.

Having completed the two year term, election was held for RC Convener and Dr. Sudha Sitharaman has been re-elected as Convener and Dr Anindita Chakraborti as co-Convener unanimously.

### RC 7: RESEARCH COMMITTEE OF RURAL, PEASANT AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

**Convener :- Prof. Soumendra Mohan Patnaik**

The RC received 87 abstracts and 62 presentations were made. The sessions were chaired by Prof. S.M. Patnaik, Delhi, Dr. Sukant Chaudhary, Lucknow, Prof. Ram Ganesh Yadav, Lucknow, Prof. S.Guruswami, Gandhigram, Prof. Shobhita Jain. The summary of presentations on various themes is as follows: a. Gender and Development –9 papers published on issues like empowerment and decision making of tribal women, gender inequality, domestic violence on dalit women, changes in socio-economic status of tribal women, gender inequality and fertility. b. Tribal & rural education and development - 19 papers were presented on various issues like education through anganwadi kendra in rural india, education and social mobility among dalits in rural india, education and women empowerment of santhal women, c. sustainability, traditional social institutions of tribals and their role in development initiatives, role of women self – help groups, Siddis as 'primitive tribe of Gujarat and demographic characteristics of Khasi tribe of Meghalaya.d.Livelihood, Land Alienation, Displacement and Migration- 9 papers were presented on various tribes and the issues covered are migration, poverty and displacement. e. Issues of Governance: Politics of Inclusion and Exclusion –13 papers were presented on issues like: evaluation of rural development programmes, role of MGNREGA in empowerment of weaker sections, decentralized forest governance in tribal areas, panchayat raj in tribal areas. f. Impact of Globalisation- 4 papers were presented on areas like agrarian reforms and rural transformation, impact of globalization on and

family, g. Identity Politics and Movements- 4 papers were presented which dealt with justice for rural people, identity, politics and movements, and construction of tribal identity, and h. Social and Cultural Issues – 13 papers were presented on issues like socio-economic conditions of the dry and wet land peasants, urban sprawl and peri-urban environment, exploitation of peasantry rural kinship relations and terminology in changing scenario, and community based health policy and practices.

### RC 08: SOCIAL STRATIFICATION, PROFESSIONS AND SOCIAL MOBILITY

#### Convener :- Prof. Arvind Chauhan

The RC 08 attracted a lot of scholars to make their presentations from the North-East, North-West, Central, Western and Southern parts of India. A total of 24 papers were received for presentation and actually 20 papers were presented. These papers were presented in the four different sessions namely: (i) Caste, Class and Politics in India (Chair:

Some Issues and Concerns (Chair: Professor Arvind Chauhan); (iv) Social Stratification and Change in India (Chair: Professor R. Shankar).

The fifth session of the RC was devoted to the business meeting. In the meeting Professor Arvind Chauhan and Ms. Sadhana Singh were elected as Convener and Treasurer respectively for the next two years. The membership of the RC 08 now stands at 40 members. The decision was also taken to hold a mid-term seminar at Bhopal/Lucknow during September 2014.

### RC 10: GENDER STUDIES

#### Convener :- Prof. Abha Chauhan

In all 107 Abstracts were received and published in the Book of Abstracts and a total of 71 papers were presented in 6 Technical Sessions. The 1st Technical Session on Law, Religion and Sexuality was Chaired by Prof. Abha Chauhan, University of Jammu. The 2nd Technical Session on Women, Work and Economy was Chaired by Dr. Arvinder Ansari, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi while the 3rd Technical Session titled Globalization, Women Entrepreneurs and Migration was Chaired by Prof. Biswajit Ghosh, Burdwan University. The 4th Technical Session Chaired by Dr. Anita Dash, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack was on Politics and Panchayati Raj. The 5th Technical Session was on Violence against Women and Girl Child and was Chaired by Dr. Shanthi from Samruddhi Foundation, Mysore. The 6th Technical Session on Education, Health & Media was Chaired by Dr. Aneesa Shafi, Kashmir University, Srinagar. The main topics covered in the deliberations during different Technical Sessions included Personal law, Uniform Civil Code, Dowry, Witchcraft, Transgender, Tribe, Caste, Women in Silk Industry, Women Bus Conductors, Women Police, Domestic Workers, ICT Sector, Women in Agriculture, Labour Migration, Women Leaders, Citizenship, Honor Killings, Domestic Violence, Impact of T.V., Commercials and Girls' Schooling.

The Business Meeting was held on 29.12.2013 at 11.00 am and the following decisions were taken:

- To continue with the same Office Bearers of RC 10 for the year 2013-2014.
- RC 10 Mid-Term Conference to be held in Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi in September, 2014. Dr. Arvinder Ansari will be the Organizing Secretary.
- Newsletter will be brought out annually as a regular feature.
- RC 10 Website- Dr. Rafia Kazim to work on it.

- Publications: (1) Dr. Jyoti Saikia (Assam) to work on the book related to 'Women & Health'. (2) Dr. Premula Raman (Mysore), Women & Media'.

Activities of RC 10 in 2013: RC 10 Mid-Term Conference was held on the topic Interrogating Gender Studies: Teaching, Research and Practices in Sociology and Other Disciplines at Pune, 27-28 September, 2013. It was organized by the Department of Sociology, University of Pune, Pune. Dr. Anurekha Chari Wagh was the Organizing Secretary. A Workshop on Reviewing Sociological Theories from Women's Perspective was held on 26th December, 2013 at Mysore. It was jointly organized by RC 10 and Samruddhi Foundation, Mysore with the assistance of Prof. R. Indira and Dr. Shanthi. There are 202 members of RC 10.

### RC 11: ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY

#### Convener :- Prof. S.C. Rajora

In RC 11, in all 32 abstracts were received from different parts of the country and USA and 19 papers were presented in different technical sessions. Before the presentation of papers all members of RC-11 assembled for a condolence to pay homage on the sad demise of Prof. S. A. Salunkhe, the Founder Convener of this RC.

The themes in these papers were mainly focused on the solar energy, management of water resources, community cognition, industrialization & environmental imbalance, Land Acquisition Bill 2013, role of NGO in environmental protection, garbage governance, impact of mining, sacred groves, urban slums, wild animals & farmers health, sustainability of agriculture etc. The areas covered in the paper were Rajasthan, Odisha, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh. The Sessions were chaired by Dr. N. K. Mahakud, Co convener and Prof. R. B. Patil.

### RC 12: POPULATION, HEALTH AND SOCIETY

#### Convener :- Dr. Mohammad Akram

RC 12 received 58 abstracts and 34 presentations were made in five sessions. The sessions were arranged on the following themes: (i) Morbidity, fertility and migration; (ii) Health of women, children and the aged; (iii) Health care, policy and programmes; (iv) Social determinants of health and health care; and (v) open session. Participants from different parts of the country, right from Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, North Eastern states to Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Karnataka presented thematic and empirical papers. Good number of young research scholars presented their research papers and got benefitted by the comments of experts of the field. The RC has earlier published 'Book of Proceedings' on two preceding conferences. The RC Convener Dr. Mohammad Akram requested the members to volunteer themselves for the editorial team and especially the peer review exercises for the proposed electronic journal to be published by RC.

### RC 13: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & SOCIETY

#### Convener :- Dr. Madhav Govind

This year RC 13 received 43 abstracts mostly from young and emerging scholars, out of which 39 were presented over the five thematic sessions. During the first session, 10 papers were presented on the

broad theme of 'Science, Uncertainty and Governance of Risk' and the session was chaired by Dr. Sudeshna Mukherjee, from Bangalore University. The second session was full of serious debates and reflection on empirical papers presented on contemporary issues such as technological surveillance and democracy, role of social networking site, cyber crime, technocracy, emergence of Y generation and internet addiction and its effects on academic performance and interpersonal social relationship. Dr. R. Rajesh from Department of Sociology, Bangalore University chaired the session and provided critical comments and observations on the presented papers. Many interesting papers dealing with the sociological dimensions of science and technology, informal values and Intellectual property right, emergence of scientific community in third world countries, scientific collaboration and participation of marginalized groups in scientific profession were presented during the third session which was chaired by Professor M. N. Panini, former professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The fourth session was organized to facilitate dialogical interaction among scholars over the emerging issues in Science, Technology and Society Studies. Dr. Anant Kumar Giri from Madras Development Institute and Prof. Fedric from Brazil initiated the debate and highlighted the challenges and opportunities coming up from new mode of knowledge production and the rapid diffusion of technology across the globe. There was a general perception that we, as a sociological community need to reframe our tools, techniques, concept and theory to understand the role of techno-scientific paradigm which is altering the method of production, style of consumption, manner of interaction and process of governance and democracy. Dr. Manish K. Verma, Associate Professor, B. R. Ambedkar Central University, Lucknow participated in the discussion and chaired the session. The fifth session was chaired by Prof. D. C. Chaudary, L. N. Mithila University, Darbhanga. During this session some very interesting papers were presented which examined the role of technology in helping the physically and mentally challenged individuals to overcome their disabilities.

In its business session, the RC members discussed the future course of action to strengthen the STS community in India.

This year the RC 13 collected Rs. 10,000 as membership fees from the new members/renewal of membership and deposited Rs. 2000 to ISS office as per the rule of the society.

#### **RC 14: CULTURE AND COMMUNICATION**

**Convener :- Prof. V. P. Singh**

The Research Committee convened five sessions including a business session. In all 17, research papers were presented covering a wide range of themes related to media exposure and health care awareness, border control and communication, soap opera and women empowerment, impact of television on society, popular culture and cultural globalization, festivals as cultural reminders, political culture and communication, role of new communication technology initiatives in bridging the digital divide, globalization ICT and professions, culture and power in contemporary history, mobile phone among nomadic tribe, time and space in the study of instant communication. A number of issues emerged from the discussion. Some of these are as follows: 1. There is a need to develop a methodology for empirical study of time and space in studying instant communication; 2. Consumerism as promoted by the print media requires special attention for sociological research; 3. There is a need for more structural content analysis in the studies related to mass media and communication. The sessions were chaired by Prof. V. P. Singh (Allahabad), Prof. Parvez A. Abbasi (Surat), Prof. Mohd. Salim and Prof. Kiranpreet Kaur.

The RC has conducted its business session and elected its office bearers

for next two years as follows:

- Convener- Prof. V. P. Singh
- Co- Convener- Prof. P. A. Abbasi
- Treasurer-Dr. Pankaj K. Singh
- Members- Prof. Mohd Salim, Phirmi Bodo, Dr. Padma Rani, Dr. Sudhansubala Sahu, Prof. O.P. Kalme
- Newsletter Editors- Dr. Padma Rani, Dr. Sudhansubala Sahu, Prof. O.P. Kalme, Phirmi Bodo

#### **RC 15: SOCIAL CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Convener- Prof. Govardhan Ram**

RC 15 held five Sessions. In the first Session, two parallel meetings- Session-I(A) and Session-I(B)- were conducted in two rooms on the theme 'Emerging Patterns of Social Change in India'. Before starting paper presentations, in a meeting of all the paper presenters and participants, Prof. G. Ram, Convener, announced the best abstract award bagged by two research scholars- Kumar Vivek Kant (Varanasi) and Ruth Nengneihing (New Delhi). Prof N. K. Bhargava, a former convener, gave away the award of Rs 500/- and certificate. Then session was started, in which 21 papers were presented. In the Session I(A), 10 papers were presented. Prof. N. K. Bhargava and Prof. B. N. Prasad chaired the Session. The first presenter, B.N. Prasad (Patna), in his paper on 'Institutional Mode of Dalit Empowerment: Welfare Schemes in Uttar Pradesh' talked about the development of various fields especially among Dalits and the functions of social welfare department (U.P.).

#### **RC 16: URBAN AND INDUSTRIAL STUDIES**

**Convener :- Dr. Pranjal Sarma**

RC 16 received altogether 44 numbers of abstracts from all over India. A total of 32 papers were presented during five technical sessions. A special session for students and young scholars was held during the Mysore conference. Prof. R.S. Sandhu, Prof. P. S. Vivek, Prof. S. Gurusamy and Dr Pranjal Sarma have chaired the sessions. The main issues discussed during the sessions can broadly be divided into three categories- issues related to cities and urban spaces, issues related to management of organizations, and issues concerned with industries. Some of the topics of the papers are social problems in urban spaces, women employment in organized sector, Trade Unionism, Tourism Industry, pottery industry, emergence of suburbs, middle classes in Neo-liberal India, labour in the service sector, effect of communication in Industry, CSR, Silk industry, hop on hop off bus services in cities, women garment workers, health issues of women working in organized sector, worker's participation in Trade Union activities, maternal and child health in slums, urban elderly, impact of urbanization on fringe villages, the saltmakers of Mumbai, urban spaces in literature, role of cottage and small scale industries in socio-economic development, urban governance, organizational culture and so on. RC sessions generated productive discussions among the participants. A good number of senior sociologists as well as M.A., M. Phil. and Ph. D. scholars actively participated in the discussions.

#### **RC 17: SOCIAL MOVEMENTS**

**Convener :- Prof. D. R. Sahu**

Research committee was thematically divided into five technical sessions along with a business meeting. Out of 30 selected abstracts, 23 papers were presented. In first technical session, Prof. B. K. Pattanaik, Director, Institution of Social and Economical Change, Bangalore delivered 2nd A. R. Desai Memorial Lecture on "Studying the Lanjigarh Tribal Resistance movement from the Vantage of New Social Movement Perspective., Prof. Frederic

Vandenberg, State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Dr. Ananta Kumar Giri, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai were the panel speakers on the symposium on 'Knowledge and Human Liberation: Towards Planetary Realization'.

Prof. Satish Kumar Sharma, H. P. University, Shimla chaired the second session and the presentations were on the issues of peasant movements in Karnataka and women Naxalites in Chattisgarh. Dr. Gayatri Bhattacharya, Calcutta University presented the her paper and chaired the third session in which issues of Identity oriented movements in India especially in north-east were deliberated upon. Dr. G. Dastagir, Pondicherry University presented his paper and chaired the session in which the issues of environment, displacement and protest movements. Dr. Rohit Jain, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai presented his paper and chaired the concluding session and the papers were presented on specific people's movements on the issues of rape, violence against women, religious reforms and Dalit atrocities.

The session concluded with a business meeting in which Dr. G. Dastagir, Pondicherry University invited all RC members to participate in ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on Social Movement during 5-6 March, 2014. The convener intimated that one session on "Protest, Movement and New Identities in Contemporary India" is being organized in RC 48 on Social movements, collective action and social change of International Sociological Association in the forthcoming World Congress of Sociology in Japan.

### RC 18: SOCIOLOGY OF CRIME & DEVIANCE

#### Convener :- Dr. Ramesh Makwane

In RC 18, out of 24 papers published in the Book of Abstracts, 22 papers were presented during the three consecutive technical sessions, commencing with an inaugural session on 27th December 2013. RC Convenor Dr. Ramesh Makwana gave introductory remarks expressing his satisfaction about gradual increase in the number of members and paper presenters. Prof. Hemixa Rao, Former Vice Chancellor of H.N.G. University, Patan, Gujarat was the Chief Guest who expressed serious concerns about the rising number and nature of crime in the society. Dr R. K. Mohanty, Co-convener addressed the audience on preparing the criminological research agenda through rightful survey of literature under theoretical, methodological and thematic heads.

The sessions had a gamut of papers from different areas such as domestic violence, acid attack; crime related to technology, crime against women, juvenile justice, ragging, social media and deviance, suicide among farmers, drug addiction and terrorism as a social crime. Out of 22 paper presenters, 6 were young research scholars and 16 regular faculty from around nine states of the country. The sessions were chaired respectively by Prof. Ramesh Makwana, Prof. Hemixa Rao, Dr. R. K. Mohanty, Dr. Jyoti Upadyay, M. Mohan Singh, Dr. Veerenderkumar and Dr. Mamta Patel. The research importance of each of the topic, origin, nature, causes, sociological implications, and consequence were well deliberated upon. This generated a lot many views and suggestions from eminent experts present. On the whole, the RC deliberations were fruitful and meaningful.

Special activity: In the last session, the business meeting of the RC was held and Prof. Makwana presented the accounts. It was decided to give 3 Prizes to the best Papers to be presented and to edit a book consisting of selected papers presented in the RC 18 with effect from 2014 AISC.

### RC 19: SOCIOLOGY OF AGEING

#### Convener :- Prof. Arvind Joshi

RC 19 received forty four papers. The papers revolved around varied aspects of Sociology of Ageing ranging from family and successful ageing to crime against elderly. All the twenty six presentations covered topics like population ageing in India, health status, socio-psychological problems of the aged, role of family in elder care, abuse and crime against the elderly and social security for the elderly in India. Five sessions were conducted and were chaired and co-chaired by Prof. Arvind Kumar Joshi, Prof. M. N. Singh, Prof. Jayshree, Prof. U. B. Singh, Prof. Mamta Patel, Dr. Sudeshna Mukherjee, Dr. P. Pratibha and Prof. B. K. Swain. Papers were presented in English as well as in Hindi based on primary as well as secondary sources. Every paper presentation was followed by a question-answer session. The presenters came from different parts of India. One of the presenter was from Ethiopia.

Major suggestions during these sessions were that useful leisure time activities enhance the cognitive health of the elderly. Loneliness among elderly is a major concern which is also an underlying factor for depression and anxiety. It can be combated through family support and societal care. Though there is a need for old age home and elderly care centers, the younger generations need to get sensitized and empathetic towards the needs of the elderly. Coping mechanism and certain grievance redressal mechanism of the aged were also suggested. Awareness regarding an ageing society is vital in present time.

### RC 20: LEISURE AND TOURISM

#### Convener :- Dr. Vishesh Kr. Gupta

RC 20 conducted five technical sessions and one business session. Two special lectures were also organized. One special lecture was delivered by Prof. Anand Kumar, President of ISS, on New emerging Dimensions of Leisure and Tourism and other short Lecture delivered by Prof. Ishwar Modi, President of ISS on 'Applications of Leisure and Tourism'.

RC 20 received total 55 abstracts, of which 45 papers were presented. All these papers covered a variety of issues like – changing nature of pilgrimage, community involvement in tourism development, gender identity in tourism, importance of local and regional tourism, leisure and aging, variety of cultural tourism, religious faith and spiritual tourism etc. Participants raised a variety of issues through their analytical and empirical research papers. Most of the papers generated active participation, vibrant discussions and fruitful interactions by young scholars and senior members. The sessions were chaired by Dr. Vishesh Gupta, Prof. B. S. Gulsetty, Gulberga, Dr. B. K. Singh, Muzzafarpur, Dr. Kalinath Jha, Sagar, Dr. Vinita Singh, Ranchi, Bidyanath Mishra from Darbhanga, Dr. Gyanendra Yadav, Patna and Sanjay Tiwari, Kanpur.

On the last day in the last session, under the convenorship of Dr. Vishesh Gupta, the business meeting was held. The members and senior colleagues suggested starting the process of an award for best presentation of the research papers in RC 20. It was also decided unanimously to launch a website of Rs 20 and release the newsletter of RC 20 continuously in future. It is a matter of great satisfaction that within three days during the conference, 25 new members were added in RC 20. Now the total member of RC 20 has reached near about one hundred.

## RC 22: MILITARY SOCIOLOGY/ARMED FORCES AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

**Convener :- Prof. Rajiv Gupta**

On first day of the conference, informal discussions in brief took place in which status of RC 22 was examined. On 28 December 2013, in first session, chaired by Prof Rajiv Gupta papers by Narayan Shinde and Ramesh Rathod were presented. Issues relating to financial support by government to deceased defense personnel and family disputes (based on empirical data of Latur district of Maharashtra) were discussed. Participants raised questions about the distribution of wealth, prestige and power by society and state to the families of deceased personnel. In another paper, the educational status of children of police personnel was examined. Questions were raised regarding the share of hierarchy based police official's children in educational opportunities. In all, 14 members entered into the discourse.

In second session, papers by V.J Girisha and Deepa Sharma were presented. Role of armed forces in natural disaster was examined by Girisha while Dr. Deepa Sharma raised the issues of women and children trafficking. Sudhir Kumar made an interesting presentation on interaction- ritual in military. According to Dr. Deepa Sharma trafficking is posing threat of internal and external nature; Sudhir stated those rituals which direct the roles and behavior of armed forces at individual level. Girisha explained the varying nature of roles of armed forces during national disasters and its impact on the life of both the civil and the armed and at collective levels. Questions were raised by the participants. The session was chaired by Dr. Anil Bhargava.

## RC 23: SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

**Convener :- Dr. Rashmi Jain**

RC 23 had academically enriching sessions at XXXIXth AISC, Mysore. The RC received a total of 32 abstracts of which 30 papers were presented in 5 technical sessions. Session I was chaired by the Convener, Dr. Rashmi Jain. The presenters examined issues related to migration, cyber crime, human rights from a socio-legal perspective.

Session II was chaired by Dr. Sujit Surroch, H.P. The presentations in this session ranged from review of Domestic Worker's Welfare and Social Security Act, Cyber security with special reference to women, Right to abortion, Domestic Violence Act 2005, Legality of Euthansia. Session III was chaired by Prof C. A Somshekarappa, Dharwad. The issues of jurisprudence, Alternative Dispute redressal mechanism, and judicial intervention in Family disputes were discussed and deliberated upon. Session IV had papers on legal issues in human trafficking, role of legal provisions for women empowerment, role of Law and police in maintaining social order; initiatives taken by legal drafters to remove inequality, Muslim politics and the struggle for inclusion.

A business meeting was held in session V where the members deliberated upon the future growth of the RC. It was proposed to organize joint sessions for more fruitful and comprehensive understanding. Issues related to publication were discussed.

## RC 24: SOCIOLOGY OF CHILDHOOD & YOUTH

**Convener :- Prof. Bula Bhadra**

RC 24 had its second meet at XXXIX All India Sociological Conference, Mysore. RC 24 now has 24 members. Although RC received 21 abstracts, in four sessions we had 17 presentations covering different aspects of Sociology of Childhood and Youth viz. Education, schooling system and childhood, Interactive Media along with print media and

their impact on childhood and youth, Children's health status and nutritional problems, Exclusion of differently abled children, Changing mate selection patterns among youth, Globalization in relation to children and young, the mobile and internet revolution in changing everyday life of youth, Youth and social networking sites, Youth and gendering of Sports, Parenting styles and control patterns, and of course evaluation of some state policies in relation to children and young. The sessions were chaired by Prof. Shankar, Prof. B.P. Badola, and Prof. Bula Bhadra. The deliberations and interactions among the participants were thought-provoking, exciting and full of potentialities.

We have already registered our website and the domain name of the website is sociologyofchildhoodandyouth.org and it will very soon be operational. We have planned to launch a Newsletter, preferably an E-Newsletter and if funding can be arranged a mid-year seminar will be held. Prof. B.P. Badola (GCTE, Dharamshala University) has been joint Co-Convenor as per the unanimous decision of the members present in the Business meeting. According to the decision in the RC convenors' meeting at Mysore, RC submitted Rs. 1040.00 to the ISS office, 20% of total collected RC fees i.e. Rs. 5200.00 in 2013.

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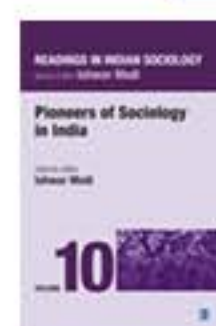
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-Prof.Rajatsubhra Mukhopadhyay

With regret we inform you the passing away of **Dr. K.E. Vaidyanathan**, a well known demographer and a former faculty of IIPS on 4 June 2014 at Bangalore. He was not keeping well for some time.

Born in Kerala on 31st March 1937. he acquired his first post-graduate degree in Statistics from Madras University (1957), and subsequently the M.A. in Demography from University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, U.S.A (1965) and Ph.D. in Sociology also from University of Pennsylvania (1967). He served the Department of Statistics for ten years and in 1968 joined as a faculty at the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai. He had worked on various positions at international organizations such as Cairo Demographic Centre, UNESCO (Regional Adviser) and ILO (Regional Expert) to name a few.

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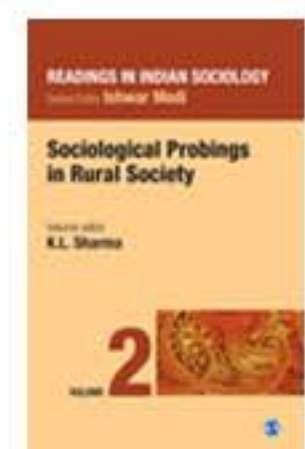
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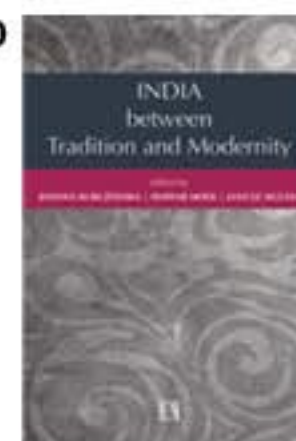
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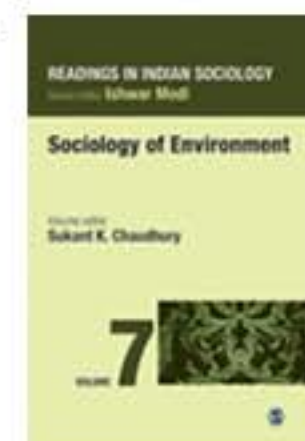


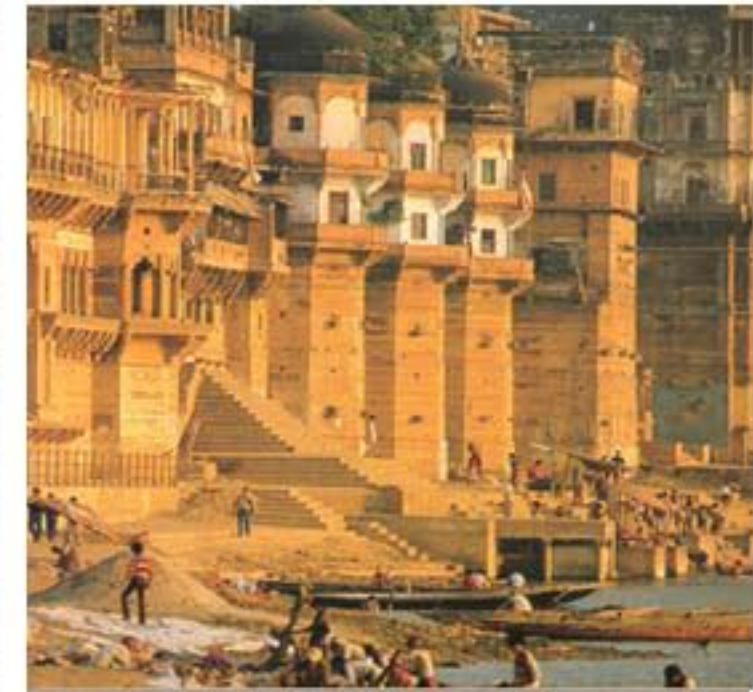
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