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President's Message



Dear Colleagues,
 Greetings! It is a matter of great pleasure and honour for me to present before you the much awaited first issue of the ISS **E-Newsletter**.

In order to further strengthen the information system of the ISS an **E-Newsletter** was in the pipeline for some time. But for some or other reason but mainly due to the availability of a very limited number of Email IDs of the ISS Members, this important venture could not be undertaken earlier. However, now that ISS E-Newsletter is available to a large number of ISS Members on their table through their email inboxes and also to all those who visit the ISS Website regularly I do hope that it would be helpful in disseminating a wide range of information on national and international academic events, publications, job opportunities etc. well in time to the benefit of the members of the Society and to all those who want to benefit through the website of the ISS.

I must take this opportunity to wholeheartedly congratulate and thank Dr. Rashmi Jain (University of Rajasthan, Jaipur), the editor of the **ISS E-Newsletter** for so beautifully and imaginatively designing and bringing out the first issue of the **ISS E-Newsletter** and thus fulfilling our long cherished desire and commitment to bring out an E-Newsletter on behalf of the Indian Sociological Society.

I also must put on record that I was once again humbled by your unstinted and generous support by attending in large numbers the 38th All India Sociological Conference in Udaipur (Rajasthan) held during December 27-29, 2012 and making it an extraordinary success wherein most eminent national and international scholars participated and enlightened us. It is under extraordinary circumstances that this year's 39th AISC which was scheduled to take place in Lucknow will now be organized by the Department of Studies and Research in Sociology of the Karnataka State Open University, Mysore (Karnataka) during December 27-29, 2013. The main theme of this year's AISC is: **Inequality, Social Justice and Empowerment**. Besides the four Symposium Sessions – two focusing on the related aspects of the main theme, and the one focusing on BRICS in the same context, as was done last year with great success and participation of the most eminent functionaries of the National Associations of the BRICS countries plus a session focusing on the Region (Karnataka) wherein this year's conference is taking place, all out efforts are being made to invite some very eminent sociologists at the international level for the Symposium focusing on "Globalization, State and Social Inequality". Hope by now many of the ISS members whose Email IDs were available to us must have come to know in some detail about the forthcoming 39th AISC in Mysore.

I do hope that a significant number of ISS members do visit the ISS Website regularly to keep themselves abreast with the latest developments taking place at the Forum of the ISS. At this moment, I have no data or information as to how many ISS Members have visited the **ISS E-Journal** that was released on the occasion of the 38th AISC in Udaipur in December 2012 and posted on the ISS Website soon after. I take this opportunity to thank Prof. Binay Kumar Pattnaik (IIT, Kanpur) to translate our desire and commitment to bring out the **ISS E-Journal** into reality. I also take this opportunity to congratulate him on his appointment as Director, Institute of Economic and Social Change, Bangalore. I do hope that in spite of the pressures of his new assignment, Prof. Pattnaik will soon be able to bring out the next issues of the **ISS E-Journal**.

I must also place on record my appreciation of Prof. N. Jayaram for bringing out **Sociological Bulletin** always well in time and keeping its standard high making it enviable to other professional journals of Sociology.

Likewise, I do hope that Prof. Anand Kumar (JNU, New Delhi) and Prof. Rajiv Gupta (University of Rajasthan, Jaipur) will also soon be able to bring out a Journal in

Editor's Message



It is a great pride for me that I am putting before you the result of the responsibility entrusted to me of bringing out an E-newsletter on behalf of ISS. The e-newsletter has been launched with the idea of

making faster communication with our members and disseminating information at regular intervals. This will attempt to fill in the void in between our regular newsletter. However this time both the printed newsletter and e-newsletter will almost arrive at the same time. I appeal to all the members to provide their e-mail IDs to us so that we can send the newsletter to them in their personal mail box. I also solicit information about conferences/seminars/workshops or any other academic event being organized; prizes/ awards; any other news which you would like to share with your brethren, please mail it me at rashmi.jn1@gmail.com

Looking forward to your academic inputs,

With regards,
 Rashmi Jain

Hindi entitled **Bhartiya Samajshastra Samiksha** as co-editors on behalf of the ISS.

I would like to invite you to view the **Hindi version of "Global Dialogue"**, the Newsletter of the International Sociological Association published 5 times per year in 15 languages by visiting at the link : <http://www.isa-sociology.org/global-dialogue/>

I would also much appreciate that a large number of Indian Sociologists participate at the ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan, July 13-19, 2014 focusing on the main theme of **Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology**. Please do remember that the deadline for the on-line submission of abstracts to the various ISA Research Committees is September 30, 2013. Please visit the ISA Congress Website for further details.

I must also bring it to your notice that senior sociologists above the age of 65 years of the ISA C Category countries (including India) can now become Life Members of ISA by paying only USD 100 from the Yokohama Congress onwards for which they were earlier required to pay USD 300 which was equivalent to the fee of the ISA A category countries. Please permit me to add that it could become possible due to my sustained efforts as a member of the Executive Committee of ISA and also being a member of ISA's Finance and Membership Committee.

Though the time at my disposal and command until the time of the completion of my tenure as President of the ISS is limited and yet I will still make every possible effort to strengthen the Indian Sociological Society and pledge to uphold the glory, dignity and democratic functioning of the Society, whatever the challenges.

No national professional association can flourish and get strengthened without the active and enlightened participation of its members in all its activities, whether big or small. The members of the ISS will soon have the opportunity to elect their new representatives on the Managing Committee of the ISS. I sincerely urge you all to participate in the forthcoming elections of the ISS which will soon be in place and notified.

I would much appreciate to receive your feedback regarding the quality and the contents of the first issue of the ISS E-Newsletter now before you. Your comments and suggestions would greatly help in improving the quality and the reach of the E-Newsletter.

Also, it would be a matter of great pleasure and honour for me to have your responses, suggestions and ideas that would be helpful in ensuring a better and stronger future of the Society. I am keenly looking forward to meeting you at Mysore.

With regards and best wishes,
Ishwar Modi
 (iiss2005modi@yahoo.co.in)

INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
XXXIX ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE
 (December 27-29, 2013)
 Organized by
 The Department of Studies and Research in Sociology
 Karnataka State Open University, Mysore (Karnataka)

Theme: Inequality, Social Justice and Empowerment

Symposium – I (International)
Globalization, State and Social Inequality

Symposium – III
**Development and Social Justice: Issues,
 Impediments and Responses**

Symposium – V
"Society, Culture and Economy in Karnataka"

Symposium – II (BRICS)
**Dynamics of Globalization, Development and
 Social Justice in BRICS Countries**

Symposium – IV
**Inequality, Development and Inclusion:
 Empowering the Marginalized**

Invitation to submit abstracts to the Conference

It is a matter of great pleasure and honour for us to extend an invitation and hearty welcome to the members of Indian Sociological Society and other participants to the XXXIX All India Sociological Conference being organized at Mysore during **December 27-29, 2013**.

Those who intend to present their papers in the Conference are requested to submit the abstracts of their papers through any of the 23 Research Committees (RCs) and Ad hoc Groups of the Indian Sociological Society. Since all the paper presentations at the Conference (except those in the Symposia) will be made in the sessions of respective RCs, the paper presenters are advised to contact the Conveners of the RCs concerned for submission of the abstracts and for additional information that they may require. The abstract of the paper in not more than 200 words should be submitted to the RC Conveners preferably by e-mail (with its copy to the President, ISS at "Prof. Ishwar Modi" <iiss2005modi@yahoo.co.in>) in the Abstract Form latest by **September 30, 2013**.

Each abstract should carry the ISS membership number of the participant and the name and the number of the RC to which it is being submitted. The ISS members (Life/ Ordinary/Student) who have paid the RC Membership Fee (Rs.400/- for 2 years and Rs. 800/- for 5 years) per Research Committee are entitled to present papers in the Conference. Acceptance of the abstract will be communicated by the respective RC Conveners by **October 15, 2013**.

The RC Conveners are requested to send an edited copy of the accepted abstracts of paper presenters not later than **October 30, 2013** to Prof. M. H. Krishnappa, Organizing Secretary, 39th AISC by E-mail: <krishnappamh@gmail.com> No abstract will be accepted for publication after the deadline.

Registration

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

Registration Fees for ISS Members:

Up to	Delegate (with accommodation)	Delegate (without accommodation)	Students (with accommodation)	Students (without accommodation)	Accompanying Person
September 30, 2013	Rs. 1700/-	Rs. 1200/-	Rs. 1400/-	Rs. 900/-	Rs. 2000/-
October 31, 2013	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 1700/-	Rs. 1200/-	Rs. 2200/-
November 30, 2013	Rs. 2500/-	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 2500/-
After November 30, 2013	Rs. 3000/-	Rs. 2500/-	Rs. 2200/-	Rs. 1700/-	Rs. 3000/-

1. The Registration Fee mentioned under the head Delegate is payable only by those who are currently Life Members / Ordinary Members / Student Members.
2. Those who are not presently members of any of these categories but are desirous of participating in the Conference should necessarily enroll themselves as members in any one of the above categories.
3. The fee paid for ordinary or student membership is valid only for one year from the date of payment of the fee. Those ordinary and student members whose membership period has got exhausted are required to renew their membership by paying the prescribed membership fee.
4. Only those who have thus become members of ISS will be entitled to register for the Conference.
5. Only Life Members are allowed to bring with them accompanying persons. A member can bring only two accompanying members with him/her, and no exception would be made to this rule.
6. The Organizers do not give any assurance for accommodation to those who opt for spot registration.

Registration fee for Foreign delegates (as per the categories of countries done by ISA): Category A countries: US \$ 200, Category B countries: US \$ 150, Category C countries: US \$ 100. The last date for registration for foreign delegates is **November 30, 2013**. The foreign participants registering on the spot will be required to pay additional US \$ 100 as late fee.

Registration fee for Participants from SAARC Countries and ISS MOU Partners

Participants from SAARC countries as well as from Brazil, Russia, China, South Africa and Poland being MOU partners of the ISS are required to pay the same fee as that of Indian delegates.

The Registration fee may be sent to the Organizing Secretary by crossed Demand Draft drawn in favour of **The Organizing Secretary, 39th AISC** on any nationalized bank payable at Mysore along with registration form. Participants are advised to produce a proof of the payment of Registration Fee at the Conference venue.

Karnataka State Open University, Mysore

The Karnataka State Open University established on 1st June 1996 is a leading Open Distance Learning institution in India. The University envisions to create interactive, effective learning environments for all constituents; it serves its constituents' diverse personal and professional development needs; and expands access to affordable programs to underserved learners. KSOU's mission is to provide quality higher education with emphasis on educating the public by offering respected, relevant, accessible and affordable, student-focused programs, which prepare them for service and leadership in a diverse community. KSOU functions through the schools of Humanities, Social Science, Science, Law, Education and Commerce. Under the school of Social Science are included the Departments of History, Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Mass Communication & Journalism, Library & Information Science, and of course a well established Department of Sociology.

Karnataka State Open University is a recognized University of Distance Education Council (DEC), New Delhi, regular member of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), Delhi, permanent member of Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), London, UK, Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU), Beijing, China, and also has association with Commonwealth of Learning (COL).

Karnataka State Open University is situated at the North-Western end of the Manasagangotri (meaning "eternal spring of the mind") Campus of the University of Mysore. The campus, which is about 5 Kms, from the city centre, has a serene atmosphere ideally suited for academic pursuits.

Mysore

Mysore is the third-largest city of Karnataka and is about 140 km from the state capital Bangalore. The city evokes images of palaces, of tranquility, of rich culture and heritage. Mysore, the cultural capital of the state, has many educational, commercial, administrative centers and heritage monuments. Home for many great musicians, music composers, dancers, scholars, writers and intellectuals, the city with the majestic Mysore Palace, the royal mansions, public buildings, gardens, water bodies and planned markets exhibit an indelible impression of the vision of the Maharajas, their Dewans and other talented luminaries. The total harmony of buildings, sites, lakes, parks and open spaces of Mysore and the back drop of Chamundi hill adds to city's attraction.

Mysore is called the City of Palaces and is a tourism hot spot. It also acts as a base for several tourist places in the vicinity of the city. The city receives the maximum number of tourists during the Dasara festival which is celebrated as a State festival. Mysore during December is pleasant with mild chill and bright sunshine

Connectivity

Mysore is very well connected and can easily be reached by several trains that ply from Bangalore. Nearest airport is Bangalore International Airport.

Accommodation

The host university would provide accommodation only to those delegates who would register up to November 30 for three nights, i.e., from December 26 evening to December 29 evening only.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The President of the Indian Sociological Society, on behalf of the Managing Committee,

announces with pleasure the launching of its E-Journal (Dec. 2012):

The ISS E-Journal

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Contributions are invited to the newly launched *E-journal* of the Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi. It is a peer reviewed bi-annual international journal with an ISSN number. The first issue is available on the ISS Website. The first issue is an open issue (not theme based). The journal, for submission, encourages data based papers (both primary and secondary) and use of sociological concepts and theories in the analysis. It is open to both quantitative as well as qualitative exercises in sociology. The ideal length of the paper should be between 8000 to 10,000 words.

Besides, book reviews and brief recommendations of major national and international seminars/ conferences with academic and serious policy implications would be a regular feature of the journal.

The citations and referencing should follow the format of the American Psychological Association. All the papers should be communicated in MS word (doc) file as well as PDF file.

Submit your papers to; Professor Binay K Pattnaik EDITOR, ISS E-Journal, Director, Institute for Social and Economic Change,

Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao Road, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore- 560 072, India

Email: pattnaik@isec.ac.in or binaykumar.pattnaik@gmail.com

XXXIX ALL-INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

27-29 December 2013

**KARNATAKA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY, MYSORE
REGISTRATION FORM***(To be filled in and sent with the Demand Draft to the Organizing Secretary)
(Tick mark whichever option in this form is appropriate to you)*

1. Name (Block): Mr/Ms

(a) Age (b) Sex: Female/Male

2. Designation :

3. University/Organization :

4. ISS Membership Number :

5. Nationality :

6. Name/Number of RCs of which you are a member:

7. Mailing Address:

Phone/Mobile: E-mail:

8. Accompanying Person(s):

S.No.	Name	Age	Relationship
1.			
2.			

9. Do you require accommodation? Yes / No

(a) Arranged by local Organizers? Yes / No (b) If No, state choice

10. Are you a vegetarian / non vegetarian? Vegetarian / Non-Vegetarian

11. Registration fees:

I enclose Bank Draft No: dated..... Drawee Bank.....

..... for Rs./US \$

(Crossed DD to be drawn in favour of "The Organizing Secretary, 39th AISC, Mysore")

Date: Signature of the delegate

1. Last date for receiving information regarding cancellation is 31st October 2013. In case of cancellation within the stipulated time 75% of the registration fee will be refunded. After 31st October 2013 there shall be no refund.

2. Those who wish to have accommodation in a better Hotel than the one arranged by the local organizers are requested to send the requisite amount along with the registration fee.

3. Delegates are requested to send, along with the registration fee, the prescribed charges per head for accompanying person(s).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts should be submitted on the prescribed 'Abstract Format' as given below, one original and one photocopy. Abstracts should be accompanied by RC Membership fee of Rs. 400 for two years (Rs. 800 for 5 years) to the respective conveners of the Research Committees. Only Abstracts of those who register for the Conference before September 30, 2013 will be included in the Book of Abstracts. **Abstracts without the membership fee and not in the prescribed format are not acceptable.**

Instructions for preparation of abstracts

- Main author (presenter)** Must register for the conference and must present the paper himself/ herself.
- Deadline :** 30 September 2013
- Language:** English
- Length:** Between 200 and 300 words; **Use single space** in Times New Roman or Arial font of 12-point type size
- Title:** Use Bold letters for Title. The title should not exceed 20 words.
- Authors:** List authors in the following order: presenting author first followed by other authors in single continuous lines with name and surname.
Omit titles and degrees
- Institution:** Give the institution of the main author only with full address, as briefly as possible, in brackets immediately after his/her name.
- The text:** Abstract must be informative and specific. The content should contain Preamble, Objectives, Methods, Findings, and Conclusions.
- Submission:** The original and a copy should be submitted to the concerned RC Convener before 30th September 2013.

NOTE: Abstracts may be preferably sent as attachment to e-mail on Microsoft Word in Type Times New Roman or Arial font of 12 point size in A4 and a hard Copy by Post. Use the format. A copy of the abstract by email may also be sent to the President ISS, Ishwar Modi <iiss2005modi@yahoo.co.in>;

FORMAT OF THE ABSTRACT FORM

ISS Membership No.:

Number and Name of RC:

Title of Abstract:

Name and Address of author(s)

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Abstract: 200-300 words(within the limits of A4 size paper)

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Reports of Research Committees

XXXVIII ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

Mohan Lal Sukhadia University, Udaipur

(December 27-29, 2012)

RC 01: THEORY, CONCEPT & METHODOLOGY

This year the Research Committee-1 of Indian Sociological Society received a total of twelve abstracts. The abstracts spanned a wide range of topics and were selected after careful scrutiny. A total of seven papers were presented during the session held on December 28, 2012 between 09:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M. The session was chaired by Prof. Satish Sharma from IAS, Shimla.

The session commenced with a brief outline for the programme of the session. The papers were organized around three themes: Modernity as a concept in Indian sociology, Civil society and environmental movements in India and Science, Technology and Development in India. Seven participants presented their papers. Manish Thakur's paper titled 'Beyond the Essentialized Fault Lines? : Radhakamal Mukerjee's View of the East-West Encounter' critiqued the historical assessment of the East-West encounter by focusing on the oeuvre of one of the pioneers of Indian sociology –Radhakamal Mukerjee (1889-1968). Gayatri Nair's paper on 'Contested Modernity' examined the theory of modernity that has largely been accepted within the social sciences and highlights the glaring absence of Dalits. Vibha Arora's paper titled 'Blogging and Environmental Activism' discussed how low-cost connectivity and public access to technologies such as web-logs have effectively carved interactive and alternate public spheres of oppositional and cultural politics. Arya Priya's presentation focused on the features of case study as a method. Haresh Pandey presented a conceptual discussion on issues in the perception of technology and its access. V.Manjula discussed the methods of measuring a large network quickly using the case study of Bangalore Stock exchange. Sujit Surroch presented an account on the concept of looking-glass self.

The floor was then open for questions from the audience followed by comments from the Chair.

A total of seven new members were added to RC1 this year. Total amount of money collected as fees towards registration to the RC-1 amounted to INR 1400/-

V.Sujatha
Convenor

RC 02: FAMILY, KINSHIP & MARRIAGE

Research Papers were presented in Session I on 27.12.12. This session was chaired by Prof. Diwakar Sharma, Head, Department of Sociology, Central University of Sagar (MP) and Dr. Rajashree Chatterjee was the rapporteur. Prof. Diwakar Sharma helped in thought provoking discussion on almost all aspects related to the institution of the Family, Kinship and Marriage. In this session various issues related to shifting paradigm of social relations in the institution of family, a major pillar of Indian society were taken up for discussion. These papers touched every type of ground reality of recently changing gender relations in afore mentioned institution. The intellectual discussion of this session not only ensured but almost confirmed that the thought provoking, intellectual discourse will help the delegates in their future sociological researches which will contribute in enriching modern sociological knowledge not only in India but to the world at a whole.

Four research papers were presented on 28.12.12 in Session II. This session was chaired by Dr. D.S. Rajput and Co-Chaired by Mujahid Ali.

Many issues such as Khap Panchayat, changing patterns of social relations in Family, Kinship and Marriage, challenges to family like recent forms of domestic violence, issues related to women and inter-generational problems and challenges faced by single Senior citizens in the country were discussed.

Session III was also chaired by Dr. D.S.Rajput and in this session one (1) paper was presented and many issues were discussed and further carried on in the fourth session also.

A business meeting was organized in the fifth session. In RC-02 a total of 30 abstracts were published in Book of Abstracts and some of the abstracts could not be included in the Book of Abstracts due to late submission.

Prof.P.K.Sharma
Convenor

RC 03: ECONOMY, POLITY & SOCIETY

The RC-03, Economy, Polity and Society proposed the following theme for this year's conference: Development and Social Transformation with the sub-themes- Challenges of Social Transformation, Globalisation and Social Transformation and Role of State and Society in Social Transformation. The RC received around 27 abstracts in total. Prof. S.R. Ahlawat, Convenor of the RC had prepared the programme schedule for the RC sessions much in advance and mailed it to all the participants.

The papers were classified thematically and five sessions in total were conducted. Some of the themes presented were: labour market, migration, rural development, climate change, self-help groups, community development programmes and women's empowerment.

The first session on labour market was chaired by Prof. S. K. Sharma, (Indian Institute of Advance Studies, Shimla). Five papers were presented dealing with the problems of wage labour, working conditions in both industry and agriculture sector. Neerja's paper discussed the declining sex-ratio among the various agrarian classes in North-West India. Second session on rural development and institutional changes was chaired by Prof. Prema Rajgopal, (Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai). Three papers were presented of which two dealt with the institutional changes in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

Dr. A. Rambabu, (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai) chaired the third session on the role of small savings, cooperatives in social transformation of the community. Five papers were presented which were very fascinating.

Prof. S.R. Ahlawat, M.D.University, Rohtak, chaired the fourth session dealing with the development programmes and women's empowerment in the changing economy. This session also discussed the declining trend of the paper presenters.

During the Business Session held on 29th December, Prof. Ahlawat expressed his concerns on the record fall of the number of paper presenters during this year. The same sentiments were echoed by the participants as well. The RC also expressed its strong objection to the decision of the Organisers' of distributing the Participation Certificates to those who did not present their papers or attended the sessions even once.

Prof. Ahlawat announced that Prof. S.K. Sharma of the IAS, Shimla has been nominated as the Co-Convenor of RC-03 and the same was cheered by the participants. The RC members requested Dr.Rambabu to present the RC's report on behalf of the convenor in the conference. For the commendable work he deserves thanks from the RC members.

Prof. S.R.Ahlawat
Convenor

RC 04: MIGRATION & DIASPORIC STUDIES

The Research Committee on Migration and Diaspora Studies (RC 04) had 37 abstract submissions for the 38th All India Sociological Conference organized by the Department of Sociology, Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur. The membership of this RC has grown in the last year. The spurt in the membership as well as increased number of abstract submissions is due to the efforts of the RC members to reach out to fellow sociologists through various means including but not limited to online modules. In particular, we have tried to involve young scholars working on themes and perspectives of migration and diaspora discourse.

The first RC session on 27th December was enriching. Most of the members were present and fully participated in the presentations. The first three presentations were by Professor Swati Shirwadkar, Professor Kamala Ganesh, and Dr. Anurekha Chari Wagh. Professor Shirwadkar highlighted the challenges of growing in a different cultural context. With the help of incidents from the recent past, she discussed the interference of the host countries, institutional and legal practices to discipline the life as well as the body of the immigrants from India. Dr. Wagh generated lot of interest among the participants as she used cinematic discourse to communicate that Indian-ness remained the core in the construction of India beyond India. Professor Ganesh enriched the deliberation with insights from leading scholars in diaspora studies while at the same time adding her personal research insights on transnational religion as covering the Indian diaspora practices. Monika and Shivam, PhD scholars also presented their paper in this session. While the latter tried to comprehend Diaspora as a social process, the former talked about the middle class hegemony in the cultural practices of Indian Diaspora. She also discussed the changing boundaries of Bollywood and used the same to talk about identity negotiation in transnational space.

The second RC session had Dr. Sonal Thakker discussing the impact of migration on families of Goa, Dr. Balaji Kendre talking about the educational need of internal migrants' children in Maharashtra, Manish Kumar presenting on understanding the health experiences of unskilled migrants from Bihar, and S. S. Bibhar conversing around the youth migrants from Odisha in Tamil Nadu. The highlight of this session included the open dialogue and the sincere feedback to young Sociologists from everyone including established scholars in the field like Professor C. S. Bhat and Professor K. Ganesh. The third session had Dr. Jayprakash Trivedi addressing cultural pluralism among Indian immigrants in the USA using the case of Gujarati Patidars; Jeetendra Soni talking about Gulf migration from Rajasthan; Anushyama Mukherjee discussing Gulf migration from Hyderabad and Ziaur Rahman Khan addressing the issue as well as effect of remittances in Azamgrah (UP). The fourth session had Dr. Sadanand Sahoo talking about the role of networks in the context of return migrants in the knowledge economy of India. Rakesh Ranjan presented his co-authored paper talking about the Tibetan diaspora in Delhi. Devi Roy discussed Canada's immigration policies and how this has helped the strengthening of Indian diaspora there. Pooja's paper highlighted the representation of Indian women in select diasporic narratives. She had chosen Bharti Mukherjee's "Jasmine" and Iqbal Ramoowalia's "The Death of a Passport" for the same.

The final session had only two papers but the discussion was significant. Prof. C.S. Bhat talked about philanthropy using the example of global Telugu diaspora. He reviewed in detail the new policy initiatives by the Ministry of Overseas Affairs to encourage Diaspora philanthropy to meet India's development needs.

Dr. Aditya Raj put forward the contention to use "Diaspora capital" to comprehend the practices of those "abroad"

The complexity of social reality makes it difficult to measure and co-relate Diaspora capital to different social categories and social roles. Nevertheless, this resource is a mediating variable and has facilitative effect for various social outcomes. The presentations of this RC covered regional profiles from Odisha, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Goa, Hyderabad, Karnataka, and the North East. The labyrinth of discussion also comprehended the effects on and being effected by family, health, education, gender, literature, and policy on internal migrants. The comprehension of issues such as religion, citizenship, popular culture, network, capital, Knowledge, philanthropy, and their like among Indians abroad was another highlight.

Dr. Aditya Raj
Convenor

RC 05: EDUCATION AND SOCIETY

RC 05 conducted three sessions. 28 papers were presented covering various aspects of education. Issues like education and Dalit women, higher education, sex education, elementary education, social aspects of e-learning, impact of Government policies on girl's education were discussed at macro as well as micro level.

In first technical session seven papers were presented. Shruti Tandon in her deliberations focused on the role of education in the upliftment of Dalit women and observed changes viewed in attitude of dominant caste members towards Dalit women in terms of acceptance. Brijesh Kumar examined the present condition of higher education in Bihar on the basis of empirical study. Rana Sunil Kumar Singh discussed the impact of government policies as a tool to develop and spread girl education. Krishna Paswan compared rural and tribal communities with respect to sex education and concluded that tribal girls are enrolled in ashram schools in large numbers due to free sex environment in tribal community while rural people hesitate to send their girls to school outside the village. Angushmita Chakraborty talked about the development of elementary education and suggested that the basic facilities especially for girls need to expand in every school. Rajlakshmi Barve critiqued the role of e-learning and its impact on society.

In second technical session 15 papers were presented. S. Anand and R. Nishanti presented an overview of equitable education system in Tamil Nadu. Swati Shirwadkar explored in her paper challenges that are facing in classroom teaching in a multi-cultural class room. Dr. M. Thavani and P. Kanimozhi discussed on the persuasion of Ph.D. research by Ph.D. scholars in Tamilnadu and identified the problems of research scholars. Amrita Dey observed the role of school in imparting sex education and suggested that teachers should be able to guide students without being judgmental. Jagdish Mehta pointed out the gaps and challenges of Right to Education Act. Dr. Chandrika Rawal and Dr. Shelja Dhruva provided an overview of primary education in Gujarat. Dr. G.N. Nimbarte explored the educational problems of farmers. Debismita Kar discussed about the girls education in western Odisha and observed that illiteracy of parents adversely affects the girl's education. Dr. Rohitasha Kumar Gangwar pointed out the role of familial and traditional elements in rural girl education. Govendor introduced a new area in research like socially engaged research at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University and explained the need of community participation in socially engaged research. Dr. Smita Awachar compared western education system with eastern education system. Sandeep Chaudhari evaluated the project namely 'BHAU-DIDEE' project run by Aurangabad Municipal Corporation. He focused on the role of local self government in people oriented administration. He also observed that the problem of out of school children can be reduced with community participation. In this session Eknath Gedam, Prashant sonawane, Rajendra Bagate, Sunita Ankush also presented their papers.

In third session 6 papers were presented. Dr. Shailendra Parashar discussed the changing ethical values of teachers in higher education. Tattwamasi Palittasingh focused on the need of inclusive education for the children with special needs. He suggested that efforts should be made that enable the children with special needs to live with dignity and respect. According to him, an appropriate as well as flexible educational system can facilitate the needs of learner with an adaptive atmosphere. In this session, Balagomala, T.S. Rewati, Dr. Rajesh Kumar Sinha also presented their papers.

Lastly, Prof. P.S. Vivek from Mumbai University delivered a special lecture on "How to write a research paper?" He gave valuable tips to scholars like to do something new, be selective, analyze data differently, do micro level study. He also advised the scholars to elaborate both sides of topic, explain various aspects of the selected topic. He gave valuable suggestions to research scholars.

Sandip Chaudhari
Secretary

Dr. Smita Awachar
Convener

RC 06: RELIGION & RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

RC on Religion and Religious Communities was convened by me and was held in room number 252. 34 abstracts were selected for presentation and found a place in the book of abstracts. However, only 22 abstracts were presented. Each paper presenter was given 15 minutes for presentation and the papers were discussed in detail. The presentations were organised in five sessions: Sociology of Religion: Some Conceptual Issues; Religion and Difference: Multiple References; Religion and Modernity; Religion and Politics; and Religion and its impact.

There were various papers which dealt with conceptual problems in the Sociology of religion. They emphasised 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?

The papers looked at the connection between individual and society set up in the context of the religious movements and debates between religious sects. A variety of papers also addressed how religions today are implicated in a wide variety of publics. 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 revitalisation movements were stressed in retrospect.

As a gesture of encouragement we gave two Best Abstract Prizes to Ms. Simashree Vora and Mr. Shankar Narayan Bagh. We plan to hold a mid-term conference either in Pondicherry University or IIT Kanpur on Theory and Methodology concerning Sociology of Religion.

Sudha Sitharaman
Convener

RC 07: RURAL, PEASANT AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

The major thrust of RC-07 sessions was challenges of contemporary rural and tribal communities in India in the light of globalization and other processes of change. A total number of 106 abstracts were received, out of which 85 were accepted and 56 were presented in five sessions. The sessions were chaired by: Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava, University of Delhi; Prof. P.S. Vivek, University of Mumbai; Prof. S. Gurusamy, Gandhigram University and Dr. Sukant K. Chaudhury, University of Lucknow.

The following issues emerged in the discussions: 1. Invasion of urban culture is a threat to village integration particularly in terms of preserving their identities; 2. Village society in India is not dying out as pointed out by some, rather in some aspects village bonds are becoming stronger (kinship and political); 3. The graph of deviance is moving upward with development and democratization; 4. Khap Panchayat rulings and honour killings are creating havoc in the lives of rural people; 5. Tribal women empowerment through self help group has become a success story in many areas; 6. Globalization had some negative impact on tribals particularly among their children; and 7. Tribals are getting influence by other religions leading to the problem of conversion; however they wish to preserve their identity through their own rituals and beliefs.

In the business session, members expressed their thanks to the outgoing convener Dr. Sukant K. Chaudhury and unanimously elected Prof. Soumendran Mohan Patnaik, Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi as the Convener for two years. They also elected Dr. Sanjay Salunke of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Marathwara University, Aurangabad as Secretary and Dhruva P. Jyothi, Karnataka University, Dharwad; Marthakutti, M.S. University, Tirunelvely; Mamta Govisinghe, Bhopal and Bir Pal Singh, National Law Institute University, Bhopal as members.

Dr. Sukant K. Chaudhury
Convener

RC 09: DALITS & BACKWARD CLASSES

RC - 09 received 49 abstracts of which 34 papers were presented. The important themes discussed in these papers were: Education, Inclusion and Development; Political Participation and Movements; Marriage and Family; Caste, Atrocities and Exclusion; Discrimination of Dalit Women; Socio-economic conditions of Dalits and Reservation and Views of Dr Ambedkar Prof. M.H. Makwana, Ahmedabad; Prof. Maurya, Mhow, M.P.; Prof. D. Shrikant, Kolhapur and Dr Richard Pais, Mangalore chaired the sessions.

Prof. Paramjit S. Judge, Professor of Sociology, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar delivered VI Professor Parvathamma Memorial Lecture on **Existence, Identity and Beyond: Tracing the Contours of Dalit Literature** on 28th at 9 a.m. During the same function Professor Nandu Ram, Retired Professor of Sociology, JNU, New Delhi was honoured for his life time contribution towards Dalits and RC - 09. Sushree Samal, JNU, New Delhi, Sumit Saurabh Srivastava, Allahabad and Mayuri Samant, Pune were awarded certificates and cash prizes for the best three papers presented during the last conference.

In the General Body meeting, the members decided to start a Research Journal of RC - 09. Eight members paid Rs 2,000/- each towards life subscription of the journal. Dr Richard Pais, Chief Editor, Prof. Venkateshwarlu, Asst. Editor and Kamal Tai, Maharashtra; Vinay Rajat, Mangalore; Bholanath Ghosh, Kolkotta; Dr Omprakash Kalme, Kolhapur; Boop Singh, Haryana; Mahalingam, Chennai and Tina Anil, New Delhi were elected members of the Editorial Board. Prof. M.H. Makwana, Ahmedabad; Prof. Paramjit S. Judge, Amritsar and Prof. Nandu Ram, New Delhi were selected as advisors of the journal. Other details of the journal were worked out.

It was decided to invite Prof. Jogdand, Mumbai or Prof. Maurya, Mhow, M.P. to deliver VII Professor Parvathamma Memorial Lecture. It was also decided to honour Prof. Dahiwal, Pune or Prof. J.M.S. Verma, Lucknow to receive Life time Achievement for the contribution towards Dalits and RC 09.

The RC - 09 sessions were attended by 150 people and 30 became members or renewed their membership.

Prof. Richard Pais
Convener

RC 10: GENDER STUDIES

I - Presentation of Papers (Technical Sessions)

In all, 62 abstracts were accepted and all of them were published. Of these 10 abstracts were in Hindi and 52 were in English. The papers presented were from all over the country, from almost all the states of India. Five Technical Sessions were held of RC 10 and 43 papers were presented.

1. Sexuality, Patriarchy and Gender: Chair: Prof. Abha Chauhan, University of Jammu, Jammu

In this session 10 papers were presented focusing on issues such as women's embodied experiences, social construction of gender in Mizo society, motherhood as an ideology, women's development and social structure in Hindi novels, gender-based violence, surrogacy, gendered spaces, patriarchy, conflict and insecurity of city life.

2. Women, Work and Property Rights: Chair: Dr. Anita Dash, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack

A total of 12 papers were presented in this session on working and non-working women, women entrepreneurs, informal sector work, women call-centres, women bus-conductors, problems of working women, female domestic workers, property rights of Syrian Christian women of Kerala and those of Muslim women in J & K.

3. Empowerment, Politics and Women's Movements/ Rights: Chair: Dr. Arvinder Ansari, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

In all 6 papers were presented in this session dealing with the issues of human rights of women, empowerment of women, women's rights, Gulf-wives of Kerala, women's movement, Panchayati raj and gender and politics.

(A Business Meeting was held in the beginning of this Session and the time for the paper presentation was therefore, reduced)

4. Violence Against Women: Chair: Prof. Abha Chauhan, University of Jammu, Jammu

In this session, a total of 10 papers were presented covering such topics as trafficking of women, domestic violence, sexual abuse of girl-child, dowry, sex selective abortions and female foeticide, health problems of sex-workers and crime against women.

5. Education, Health and Media: Chair: Prof. G. Ram, Assam University, Silchar

In this session 5 papers were presented. These papers focused on such issues as harassment of girls in educational institutions, problems of women/girls in higher education, impact of information technology on women, women images in commercials and the role of television in construction of women's self.

II. Business Meeting of RC -10 held on 28.12.2012 at 2.00 p.m.

Item 1: Activities of RC 10

The Convener apprised the members of the activities undertaken by RC -10 in the year 2011-12 and about the proposed ones in the coming year. These included organization of workshop on 'Feminist Research Methodology', JNU, New Delhi on 14 December, 2011 and National Seminar

on 'Gender, Law and Social Transformation in India', Hyderabad, 17-18 September, 2012 (The news about both these events have been sent and published in the ISS Newsletter). Two volumes will come out based on the papers presented in the seminar.

Another mid-term seminar will be organized in Pune in August-September, 2013. The Newsletter of RC -10 will come out soon. Also publication will be brought out of the papers presented in the Udaipur conference. The responsibility of each of these activities has been taken by different RC -10 members.

Item 2: Election of the Office Bearers

The following were unanimously elected as Office Bearers of RC-10 for two years (2013-2014); **Convener** – Prof. Abha Chauhan (Jammu);

Co-convener- Dr. Ranjana Sinha (Muzzafarpur, Bihar); **Secretary**- Dr. Leena Pujari (Mumbai); **Treasurer**- Dr. N.K. Singh (Rae Bareli, U.P.)

Executive Committee Members: Dr. Arvinder Ansari, New Delhi, Dr. Kameshwar Singh, Muzzafarpur, Dr. Ajailiu Niumai, Hyderabad, Dr. Shweta Prasad, Varanasi, Dr. M. Lilee Devi, Manipur, Dr. M. Vinayakumar, Kerala

Item 3: New Members

At the Udaipur conference 27 New Members joined RC -10 making it one of the most active and vibrant organizations. Its total current membership is 140.

Prof. Abha Chauhan
Convener

RC 11: ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY

In RC 11 forty papers were listed in all and 25 papers were actually presented in four technical sessions. Fifth session was business session.

Papers were mainly focused on Environmentalism in Metropolis, Urban Expansion and Ecological Challenges, population pressure and Environmental Degradation in Rural Indigenous Community, Local Culture and Environmental Protection, Poor people in Rich land and Natural Calamities. Most of the papers were based on empirical primary data and some of them were based on participant observation also.

Some papers like, Environmental Cost and Benefit of River Linking Project, Ashaden Awardees for Sustainable Energy, New and Renewable Energy for Environmental Protection, Role of NGOs in Environmental Protection, Issues of Environmental crisis and Awareness, gender Caste and Water Use, 'Paryavaran ki Akriti Sahitya Ke envas Par'(Hindi), Bollywood and Social Environment, dealt with conceptual and theoretical frame works to understand and examine the interface between Environment and Society.

It is to be placed on record that young research scholars have been making efforts to explore the new areas and that was reflected through a very healthy discussion followed by every presentation.

Prof. S.C. Rajora
Convener

RC 12: POPULATION, HEALTH & SOCIETY

Fifty three abstracts were submitted and 32 papers were presented in RC 12. The papers covered wide ranging topics and were organized under six themes namely: health behavior and practices; health care and medical care; basic health goods like water, nutrition and hygiene; health management and administration; reproductive and child health; and migration and fertility behavior. Papers were discussed by the panelists and suggestions were made. The RC also released the Book of Proceedings and a book published by a member.

Election for next executive was held. Dr. Mohammad Akram and Dr. A. Mahapatra got re-elected as Convener and Co-convener for next two years.

Prof. P S Vivek (Chairman), Prof. Shaukat Azim, Dr. Vatika Sibal (Secretary), Dr. Arundhati Patil, Dr. Anitha Rao and Dr. Neena Rosey got elected as members for next two years. It was also decided that the RC should publish an e journal of its own. One specific session was held on how to write research papers and it was addressed by Prof. P S Vivek. The publication of Book of Proceedings was appreciated by all.

Dr. Mohammad Akram
Convenor

RC 13: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & SOCIETY

The RC-13, 'Science, Technology and Society' received forty three abstracts out of which 39 were accepted for print and finally 30 papers were presented by the scholars working on the issues related to the diffusion of scientific ideas and the introduction of new technologies in different walks of our life and their sociological impact on different sections of the society. All papers were thematically divided into four sessions. In the first session scholars debated the issues related to science, technology and gender with special focus on the role of technology in reconstructing the idea of masculinity, gender and sexuality in cyber space, commodification of women body and their choices through assisted reproductive technology, role of online matrimonial sites on changing marriage arrangement and the role of technology for empowerment of women particularly in the rural areas.

Dr. Prema Rajgopalan from IIT, Chennai, chaired the second session on 'Science, Technology and Developmental Issues'. In this session nine papers based on empirical studies highlighted the emerging challenges as well as opportunities thrown up by the diffusion and the adoption of modern technology in the area of agriculture, industry, environment, and civic entrepreneurship at national as well as grassroots levels. There was fruitful discussion on the issues of innovation in crop production, conflict between formal and informal seed sectors, role of ICTs in diffusion of appropriate information among rural community, risks associated with industrial poultry and modernization of agriculture sector. Scholars in their research papers underlined the importance of science and technology for regional development and conservation of biodiversity and sustainable life. There was an emerging consensus among scholars about the need for policy of innovation at production, processing and packaging in both the agricultures and the manufacture sectors to increase the pie of development.

The third session was organized under the broad theme of 'ICTs, Media and Society' and was chaired by Dr. Manoj Kumar Jena, Department of Sociology, Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi. Most of the papers presented were based on empirical data with appropriate theoretical perspectives and addressed to the various issues such as representation of scientific controversy on Bt Brinjal in print media, emergence of social groups with new life style in urban areas as a consequence of ICT, pattern of Internet usage in cybercafé, rapid growth of use of mobile phone, emergence of digital divide, social network sites and social movement and use of computer simulation in production of knowledge.

The fourth session was organized in collaboration with RC-24 on a common theme entitled, "Interrogating New Technologies and Social Networking Sites and Young People". In this session large number of scholars participated in round table discussion, which was initiated by Prof. Bula Bhadra. She spelt out the major issues such as harassment, bullying, depression and anxiety arising from the obsessive use of social network sites by young people and adolescent.

Wapha Riyalu, a research scholar, narrated the role of social network sites in creating the social movement across the world. Dr. Pradeep Swarnkar raised the issue of fake identity and false representation in the cyber space. Dr. Vinod Chandra highlighted the issue of intergenerational gap persisting in the cyber world. Prof Tom Dwyer discussed the role of social network sites in Brazil and China. He argued that the rapid expansion of Internet communication technology is creating global village and we are coming closer and closer but also becoming lonelier and lonelier. Even in virtual world heterosexuality dominates and interaction is gendered. However, there is no alternative to network world.

The fifth session on "Science, Technology and Social Inclusion" was chaired by Prof. D.C. Chaudhary, Principal, Bhawani Niwas, L.N. Mithila University, Darbhanga, Bihar. The papers presented under this session focused on the issues related to technologies for mainstreaming disabled, Autism and technology, managing technology for commons, globalization and ICT and Identity formation.

RC- 13 conducted its business session on 28th December and discussed the proposal for the formation of an online network of young scholars working in the similar areas for sharing their ideas and research. We also propose to start an electronic journal in collaboration with RC-24. We are also in the process of coming out with an edited volume based on some selected papers presented by our scholars. The Research Committee members elected their office bearers for the coming two years (2013 and 2014). The new office bearers are: Dr. Madhav Govind –Convenor, Dr. Pradeep Swarnkar, –Co-convenor and Dr. Kingsook Saha- Treasurer.

Dr. Madhav Govind
Convenor

RC 15: SOCIAL CHANGE & DEVELOPMENT

The RC conducted five sessions during the three days of the conference on the themes such as Emerging Patterns of Social Change in India, Developmental Issues in India, Dimensions of Development in India, Consequences of Development in India, and Development and Social Change in Communities and Groups in India. In all, 126 abstracts of papers were received and 69 papers were presented in the sessions. The RC selected the abstract submitted by Shomit Chowdhury, Department of Social Systems and Anthropology, Sikkim University, Gangtok, Sikkim, as the best abstract. A certificate and cash award of Rs 500/- was given to Mr Choudhury by the renowned sociologist Professor K L Sharma. Total number of RC's members is, now, 136.

Prof. G.Ram
Convenor

RC 16: URBAN & INDUSTRIAL STUDIES

Altogether 38 abstracts were accepted for presentation in five consecutive sessions, out of which 21 papers were presented during the 38th AISC. Prof. J Krishnamurthy from Annamalai University, Dr Pranjal Sarma, Prof Felix, Dr. Meena Gopal, Dr. Kulwinder Kaur, and Dr. Perpetua Miranda helped in successfully running the sessions.

The issues discussed in the RC mainly focused on Urban issues which included Social conflicts and urban politics in India, rehabilitating urban poor to make India slum free, sustainability, gentrification and urban poverty, urban associational culture, urban socialization practices, migration etc. In the Management aspects issues like corporate social responsibility, leadership styles and qualities, employees state insurance scheme generated discussions among the participants. Other issues related to workers that were presented,

included papers on special economic zone and workers vulnerability, work and livelihoods of street vendors, problems of shift workers, deprivation of workers in textile industry, entrepreneurs and knowledge generation in cosmetics industry, poverty in handloom industry, problems of small tea growers and labour management relations in tea industry, healthcare industry and so on. The papers highlighted the issues related to urban and industrial scenario of various parts of India like Delhi, Maharashtra, Kerala, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Karnataka, Rajasthan etc.

The RC sessions generated productive discussions among the participants and the audience. A good number of M.A., M. Phil and Ph.D. scholars along with eminent sociologists engaged in the discussions in all the technical sessions. Finally the sessions ended on an exceptional note as Prof Felix graced the session with his Violin recital. The RC had an enrolment of 15 new members and the general body unanimously supported the same executive committee to continue with the same Convener.

Dr. Pranjal Sarma
Convener

RC 18: SOCIOLOGY OF CRIME & DEVIANCE

A total of 23 papers were submitted in RC 18 out of which 18 were presented. The R.C. attracted many participants and all the papers were well discussed under the convenership of Dr. Ramesh Makwana. The first session had a gamut of papers from different areas like Naxalite problems, Public perception of Police, Crime against Women, Fear of Crime among the Elderly in Today's World, Domestic Violence, Terrorism related Crime

The importance of each of the topic, its causes, implication, nature, origin, consequences and impact of these and its reflection in the society were discussed. This generated many views and suggestions from eminent experts present in our R.C.

Besides these there were papers on the topic like Women and Crime, Dalit Women and Human Rights, Youth Crime, Process of Delinquency, Child Crime, Globalization and Crime

To conclude the R.C. deliberation were fruitful and the R.C. ended with meaningful suggestions on the topic presented. The views and suggestion during the presentation have given a new direction towards women and crime studies in India and suggested new areas of research in sexual harassment and crime

Elections were held in R.C. 18 and Dr. Ramesh H. Makwana was elected as Convener, Dr. R. K. Mohanty as co-convener and Mr. Mohan Singh as Treasurer for 2012-14.

Dr. Ramesh H. Makwana
Convener

RC 19: SOCIOLOGY OF AGEING

RC on Sociology of Ageing received forty papers. The papers revolved around various aspects of sociology of ageing, ranging from problems faced by the elderly to the feminization of ageing. All the twenty two presentations covered a variety of topics like Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, National Policy on ageing. Crime against elderly appeared to be a popular theme of this year's presentations. Method of ethnographic content analysis was utilized to review print media coverage of issues related to violence against elderly. Four sessions were conducted and were chaired by Prof. Arvind Kumar Joshi, Dr. Udai Bhan Singh, Dr. Anagha Tendulkar, Prof J. J. Kattakayam, Dr. Mamta Patel and Prof. B.K.Swain.

Papers were presented in English as well as in Hindi. Most of the papers utilized quantitative method and data were presented statistically. Qualitative research was also incorporated in the presentations. The papers were based on primary as well as secondary sources.

Relevant topics in social gerontology like Old Age Homes, population ageing, role of family in care giving etc were extensively discussed. Every paper presentation was followed by a question answer session.

In the business meeting Prof Arvind K Joshi was elected as convener, Dr U.B.Singh as Co-Convener, Dr. Anagha Tendulkar as Secretary and Dr. M.N.Singh as Treasurer.

Prof. Arvind K Joshi
Convener

RC 20: LEISURE AND TOURISM

RC-20, 'Leisure and Tourism' conducted 05 technical sessions. Two special lectures were also organized. The first special lecture was delivered by Prof. Paramjeet Singh Judge on the topic – 'Leisure, Tourism and Social Change'. Second lecture was delivered by Dr. Anil Kumar Sahni, Member Rajya Sabha on 'Govt. Policies on Leisure and Tourism'. RC-20 originally received a total 40 abstracts. 30 papers were presented in five technical sessions. All these research papers covered a variety of issues like changing scenario of leisure, sustainable tourism, exotic tourism, current trends in cultural tourism, leisure activities among domestic workers, religious tourism, changing patterns of tribal women, emerging patterns of leisure, gender issues and leisure, commodification of culture, leisure tourism and kinship relationships, leisure for economic gains and lastly the issues of medical and eco tourism were also discussed. Most of the papers generated active participation, vibrant discussions and very fruitful interventions by young scholars also by very senior members.

The sessions were chaired by Prof Paramjeet Singh Judge, Amritsar, Dr Vishesh Gupta, Moradabad, Prof. S.K. Kataria, Udaipur, Dr. B.K. Singh, Muzaffarpur, Dr. Subodh Kumar, Kota, Dr. Kalinath Jha and Dr. Vinita Singh from Ranchi, Dr. Rashmi Jain, Jaipur and Dr. Bidyanath Mishra from Darbhanga.

Lastly a business session was also organized. All the members of Rs. 20 resolved unanimously to continue the convener Dr. Vishesh Gupta and co-convener, Dr. Birender Kr. Singh for next two years. The members of RC-20 selected Dr. Vinita Singh of Ranchi as new secretary of RC-20, Dr. Rohitash Kumar Gangwar, Bareilly as treasurer. Dr. Rashmi Jain, Prof. Madhu Nagala, Dr. Subodh Kumar, Dr. Anchal Gupta and Dr. Kalinath Jha have been selected as Executive members.

It was also decided to hold a midterm conference in Ranchi University under the active leadership of Dr. Kalinath Jha and Dr. Vinita Singh. It was also decided to continue to publish the RC-20 New letter and also to start conferring a motivational award on the best research paper to the young scholars from next year.

Dr. Vishesh Kumar Gupta
Convener

RC 22: MILITARY SOCIOLOGY/ARMED FORCES & CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The main purpose of RC22 is to make sociological analysis of issues relating to internal security and external security and its impact on global order. The issues of security are originally linked with nationalism; sub-nationalism, neo-liberal hegemony and terrorism.

RC 22 believes that law and order, peace and harmony, democracy and equality and development paradigm cannot be understood without elaborating institutions of internal and external security.

RC-22 conducted 5 sessions and a business meeting. A total of 21 abstracts were received out of which 15 papers were presented. One Guest lecture was delivered by Professor Felix Padel, who spoke on National Security in connection with the Maoist Movement in the country. All the sessions were highly successful and interactive.

In the business session Ramesh D Rathore, Sudhir Kumar and Mr. Girisha VJ were elected as executive members.

Prof. Leena Parmar
Former Convener

RC 23: SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

RC 23 received a total of 34 abstracts of which 24 were presented in the conference. The paper presentations were organized on the following themes: Human Rights and law; Law and Gender; Law and Environment and Social legislation and its impact on society.

The sessions were chaired by Prof Arvind Agrawal, Dharamshala; Dr Rashmi Jain, Jaipur and Dr Sujit Surroch, Himachal Pradesh. The papers presented in the technical sessions raised pertinent questions to be deliberated in the field of sociology of law. Major issues which came up for deliberations in the technical sessions were Right to Education Act 2009, Environmental protection and Judicial Activism, Socio-legal analysis of PCPNDT Act, Dowry Prohibition Act, Immigration Management Bill, Animal Rights, Safeguarding Human rights, issues of domestic Violence, Family Courts and ADR, Legal profession for Women etc. Young scholars are showing interest in this area which was marked by a large number of papers from them.

The future plan of the RC was discussed in the business meeting and new initiatives like publication of the papers presented in the conference was discussed. Dr Rashmi Jain was elected as the new Convener from 2013-15. Prof Arvind Agrawal, Dr Sangeet Kumar, Dr. Dinesh Vyas were elected as executive members.

Dr Rashmi Jain
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AD-HOC GROUP

SOCIOLOGY OF CHILDHOOD & YOUTH

This is the debut meet of the Ad-hoc group on "Sociology of Childhood and Youth" at XXXVIII All India Sociological Conference (December 26-29, 2012, Udaipur) as this RC has been formed this year only by ISS. We now have 22 members. We had four sessions where 17 papers were presented and a special was lecture delivered by Dr. Vinod Chandra, Secretary, RC 53 Sociology of Childhood, International Sociological Association (ISA) on "Childhood Research in India: Themes and Perspectives". The papers were based on primary researches and reflected many facets of childhood and youth in India and the deliberations revealed that there is a severe dearth of Sociological works in this area in India. There was also a joint session with RC 13 (Science, Technology and Society) and a Round Table on "Interrogating New Technologies: Social Networking Sites and Young people", where the panelists were Dr. Vinod Chandra, Prof. Tom Dwyer (Brazil), Dr. Pradip Swarnakar (IT and Management Institute, Gwalior), Dr. Ashish Saxena (Allahabad), Dr. Madav Govind (convener RC 13, JNU), Prof. Bipul K. Bhadra (former convener of RC 13) and Prof. Bula Bhadra chaired the session.

A lively and productive discussion took place between the panelists and the participants. In the Business session we formed the executive which is as follows: Co-convener: Dr. Vinod Chandra and Treasurer Ms. Chandrabali Datta (Basanti Devi College, Kolkata);

Executive members are: Prof. B.P. Badola (GCTE Dharamshala University), Prof. Ashish Saxena (University of Allahabad). It was decided that we will launch an e-journal and invite also working papers especially from young delegates and a mid-year workshop cum conference will be arranged preferably in collaboration of RC 53 of ISA

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Report of the meeting of Delhi and Central Zone Promotion Council

A meeting of the Delhi and Central Zone Promotion Council of Indian Sociological Society was held at Hari Singh Gaur University at Sagar on 28th September 2013. Prof. Anand Kumar presided over the meeting and Prof. I.S. Chauhan was the Chief Guest. Prof. D.S. Rajput was the Organizing Secretary. The members resolved to undertake the following:

1. Prof. Anand Kumar proposed to launch a zonal newsletter and journal under the patronage and Editorship of Prof. I.S. Chauhan. It was also proposed to keep the University as the base of all activities.
2. It was suggested that efforts should be made by Prof. D. S. Rajput for starting Sociology in those universities which do not have teaching of Sociology. Efforts should also be made to include Sociology as a subject at Higher secondary level.
3. It was resolved to organize lecture series in honour of esteemed senior sociologists of Delhi and central region.
4. One zonal meeting and a zonal conference should be organized every year. It was proposed to write to President ISS, Prof. Ishwar Modi, for support for launching of newsletter and organization of conference in the initial stage.
5. A meeting of the Zonal promotion council will be held during the Mysore conference and the next one can be in the early months of 2014 in Delhi.

D.S. Rajput

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Notification for the Election of the President and Secretary (Office Bearers) and five Members of Managing Committee have been announced and circulated. The schedule of the Election and the Nomination Form along with Relevant Extracts from the Constitution and the Bye-Laws for Elections may be downloaded from the Website of the ISS: <http://www.insoso.org>. The last date for receiving the Nomination papers in Society's Office is Friday, the 1st November 2013, 17.00 hrs.

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PROF. BELA DUTT GUPTA (1922-2013)

Professor Bela Dutt Gupta, fondly known as 'Beladi' among her students, colleagues and associates from many walks of life passed away on March 15, 2013 leaving behind a legacy created entirely by her. It was due to her vision, initiative, perseverance and leadership, Sociology was born in Calcutta University. She was not only the progenitor of the Department of Sociology at Calcutta but also produced the pioneering work (Sociology in India) on the sociological ideas of Bengali authors as well as of institutions like the Bethune Society, the Indian Social Science Association and a few others never studied and discussed before. Her intellectual appetite and scholarship far exceeded the disciplinary boundaries of Sociology and she was truly an interdisciplinary scholar par excellence. Notably among these are the publications on translations of Rabindranath Tagore's and Pablo Neruda's selected poems. She was given 'Teacher of Eminence' honor by Calcutta University in 2001. She was the recipient of the Life Time

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interactions with younger scholars and her manners of expression, using words close to lived experience will be alive in the minds of everybody who knew her professionally and personally. Her tolerance, regard and impartial point of view for others' opinion were exemplary. Her life and work was a benchmark. She was that role-model many aspire to be.

Bula Bhadra, University of Kolkata



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