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## Message from the President



Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the Indian Sociological Society!

We are more than halfway through this year and close to four months of the completion of our tenure. I am happy to bring to you small, yet substantial achievements of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) during this period and what we have in store for the rest of the months in 2023. The most important event was the XX International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne, Australia from June 25-July 1, 2023 on the theme *Resurgent Authoritarianism: Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics and Economies*. More than a hundred delegates from India attended the conference and presented their papers in different technical sessions and plenaries. Many of them chaired and organized the sessions. The Indian delegates had a meeting and discussed their experiences at the Melbourne Convention Centre. It is heartening to note that some of the ISS members have been elected to various positions in different Research Committees, Working and Thematic Groups. I congratulate them and wish them success in their future endeavours.

The ISS activities continued in the four months through its various Committee meetings. The Website has become functional and we hope everyone will register on it soon and take advantage of its new features. The meeting of the National Council of Regional Associations (NCRA) was held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in which the National Convener, National Co-convener, representations of different RAs, the Office bearers of ISS, and some MC Members participated. The decision was taken to formalize the NCRA and organize a Workshop. The Rules of the Council are formed and finalized by the RAs and would be considered for approval in the forthcoming

Managing Committee (MC) Meeting. The ISS is also gearing up to hold Elections – 2023 and efforts are being made in this direction. The ISS Office is functioning properly and the lift has been installed in the building for the convenience of the members.

The Brochure of the 48<sup>th</sup> All India Sociological Conference is out and uploaded on the ISS Website. The Conference will be held at the Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore, Tamil Nadu from 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on the theme *The Crises of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and the Way Forward*. I welcome the ISS members to the Conference! The Young Researchers Workshop will be held at the same Venue on 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023 on the topic of *Writing and Publishing Research Paper* in which young researchers in Sociology from all over India will participate. The prescribed issues of the three ISS Journals and the Newsletter have been published. On behalf of the ISS, I thank all the MC Members, RC Conveners, Editors of the ISS Journals, Editorial Committee Members, and members of various Committees and of Regional Associations as well as our Office staff for their valuable support and cooperation in making the ISS a vibrant and effective body.

With regards,



Prof. Abha Chauhan



## From Secretary's Desk

Esteemed Colleagues,

Warm greetings to all the revered members of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS). Hope this letter will find you in the best of health and spirit and you must also be academically active and socially engaged.

I am happy to share that as usual the society is deeply engaged in carrying forward the academic and other such activities to strengthen ISS. After the successful completion of ISS Mid-term Conference at University of Lucknow, now we are gearing up to host 48<sup>th</sup> AISC at VIT, Vellore which is scheduled on December 28-30, 2023 on a most contemporary, deliberated and pertinent theme, “The Crisis of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and the Way Forward”. We are expecting more than one thousand delegates in the Conference. Some very senior and renowned academicians will be delivering lectures in the conference and hence it will prove to be academically vibrant and fruitful. I take this opportunity to invite all the esteemed members of the ISS to come and participate in the conference on a large number to make the event super success. Just before 48<sup>th</sup> AISC, as per previous years, the Young Researcher’s Workshop is also scheduled on December 26-27, 2023 at VIT, Vellore. In this, we are in the process of selecting 25 young research scholars from different parts of the country and provide them two-day rigorous methodological and theoretical training in order to sharpen their sociological acumen. All the young sociological minds of the country are invited to apply for the workshop.

You will be pleased to know that the work of installation of lift is complete in the Vasant Kunj, New Delhi office of the Indian Sociological Society. It will be helpful for all of us, especially the senior members, in reaching to the third-floor office and guest house comfortably. Since last many years the functioning of the ISS website was not up to the mark due to various reasons. I am happy to inform that ISS has recently signed MoU with M/S Glue UP, a new vendor, to provide website services. Since, the service provider of the website is changed, we need to re-register on the new website afresh. A communication in this regard has already been sent to members on their registered emails. Apart from that, the President and the Secretary has also written and requested all the members to register on the new website. It is a pleasure to

note that a few of us have already registered. However, those who have not done it so far are once again requested to re-register on the new website to avail all the website related facilities smoothly.

To conclude, I thank all the MC members, RC Conveners, Editors of Journals and other office staff of ISS for their tireless efforts in making the ISS mission a concrete reality. I wish Happy Dussehra and Dipawali to all the esteemed members in advance. May these festivals bring peace, happiness, success and prosperity in the lives of all of us.



Prof. Manish K. Verma  
Secretary ISS

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### From the Desk of Co-Editor



Dear Esteemed  
Colleagues,

Season’s Greetings!

It gives me great pleasure to share that more than one hundred members of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) made their presence felt at the XX International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne, Australia on the theme *Resurgent Authoritarianism: Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics and Economies* from 25th June to 1st July 2023. Besides the ISS members from India, many well-known Indian Diaspora scholars from across the world also attended and contributed to the discipline of Sociology at the World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne. They played a crucial role in several ways at the conference, where scholars from more than one hundred countries participated. The Indian sociologists have

presented papers, organized sessions, chaired sessions, and some were Plenary speakers. They engaged in scholarly exchanges of ideas and collaborations that disseminated Indian sociological perspectives and contributed to the global discourse within the discipline. Furthermore, they have contributed to the wider goals of promoting social justice, equity, and a deeper understanding of societies on a global platform.

One of the climaxes of the ISA Conference was the ISA election result which made the Indian sociological fraternity at Melbourne feel overwhelmed since many ISS members have been elected in different RCs as Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Newsletter Editors, Asia Regional Representatives, Secretary and like. I would like to congratulate newly elected members of different RCs in ISA particularly distinguished Sociologist like Prof. Kalpana Kannibaran (Convenor of RC – 05 Racism, Nationalism, Indigeneity and Ethnicity of ISA), Prof. Rukmini Sen (Vice-President of RC – 09 Social Transformation and Sociology of Development of ISA), Dr. Arpita Mitra (President of RC – 29 Deviance and Social Control of ISA), Dr. Vinod Chandra (Vice-President of RC – 34 Sociology of Youth), Dr. Namita Gupta and Dr. Bhup Singh Guar (President and Vice-President, TG-03, Human Rights and Global Justice of ISA). We rejoiced when the Indian Diaspora distinguished Sociologist Prof. Bandana Purkayastha from the University of Connecticut, USA was elected as the Vice-President for the National Associations of the ISA. Let me take this opportunity to reminisce that the first Indian to be the President of ISA was Prof. T.K. Oommen from 1990 to 1994.

He was followed by another Indian Diaspora distinguished Sociologist Prof. Margaret Abraham, Hofstra University, USA who served as the President of ISA from 2014 to 2018. Prof. Sujata Patel has served as the first Vice-President of the National Associations of the ISA from 2002 to 2006. The ISS members and Indian Diaspora scholars' involvement in the leadership and governance of ISA has helped shape its vision and goals.

Having said that, some RCs of the ISS have plans to organize seminars and conferences in the next four months from September to December 2023. The detailed news has been written at the end of this E-Newsletter. We need to gear up for the much-awaited 48th All India Sociological Conference (AISC) at Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore, Tamil Nadu from 28th to 30th December 2023. The local Convenor of the 48th AISC Dr. S. Prabakar and his team have started to work in full swing for the success of the conference.

Looking forward to meeting all of you at Vellore in December 2023.

Sincerely yours,



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 Co-Editor, ISS E-Newsletter,  
 Member, Managing Committee, ISS  
 & Asia Representative, RC-32 Women,  
 Gender and Society of the International  
 Sociological Association (ISA).

MEETING OF ISS MAY- AUGUST 2023		
Date	Meeting	Platform
May 27, 2023	<b>National Council of Regional Associations</b>	Zoom
July 06, 2023	<b>Website Committee Meeting</b>	Zoom
July 13, 2023	<b>Managing Committee Meeting</b>	Zoom
July 20, 2023	<b>Electoral Reforms Committee Meeting</b>	Zoom
Aug 05, 2023	<b>Website Committee Meeting</b>	Zoom
Aug 22, 2023	<b>Sociological Bulletin (Sage Publication)</b>	Zoom
Aug 23, 2023	<b>Website Committee Meeting</b>	Zoom

## NEWS REPORT OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEES (RCs), ISS

### Report of RC - 02 Studies on Family, Marriage and Kinship

Special Lecture by Dr. Arvind Joshi



Prof. Arvind Joshi's lecture was on May 04, 2023 by RC-02, ISS at Government Thakur Ranmat Singh College, Rewa on the topic "Impact of Globalization on Family, Marriage and Kinship". Prof. Joshi gave a meaningful lecture on the changing nature of the Indian family and the emerging challenges. He said that today due to the effects of globalization, the process of socialization in the family has stopped. Many challenges have come before the elders in the family. If we have to save ourselves from the distortions that have arisen in family, marriage

and kinship, then we have to return to our traditional culture.

In the coming time, RC- 02 plans to organize a national conference and several special lectures in October - November 2023.

Academic Structure of RC-2:

- Dr. Mahesh Shukla (M.P.) Convener
- Dr. Deepthi Kaushik (U.P.) Co-Convener
- Dr. Abraham (Kerala) Secretary
- Dr. Swati Shukla (M.P.) Treasurer
- Dr. Vimal Kumar Lahiri (U.P.) Academic Member
- Dr. Dhruv Dixit (M.P.) Academic Member
- Dr. Gajanan Mishra (M.P.) Academic Member
- Dr. Preeti Sharma (Chhattisgarh) Academic Member
- Dr. Vasudev Singh (M.P.) Academic Member

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### Report of RC – 03 Economy and Society

RC-03 intended to bring out an edited volume of selected articles from 47th AISC held at USTM, Meghalaya in 2022 and Lucknow Conference 2023. RC-03 received thirteen chapters from various scholars.

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### **Report of RC-25: Sociology of Sports**

RC - 25 has around fifty (50) members including LMI, ordinary and student members. RC – 25 is planning to publish edited book with ISBN number and to organize online mid-term conference before 48th AISC in Vellore.

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### **Report of RC -26: Minority Studies**

Forthcoming Events: The following activities have been proposed by RC-26 (Minority Studies)

1. RC-26 will be organizing National Mid-Term Conference, in collaboration with Department of Sociology, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi (UP). The theme (Tentative) of the conference is Youth, Minority and Nation-Building: Exploring their Perception and Performance. It is scheduled to be organized in the month of November/December 2023.
2. RC-26 will be organizing a National Conference in the memory of Late Prof. Imtiaz Ahmad. The theme of the conference is Sociology of Muslims in India: Remembering Professor Imtiaz Ahmad and His Contributions. The event will be held in New Delhi tentatively in December, 2023.

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### **Report of RC -27: Sociology of Care**

RC 27 organised a National Webinar on 29 July 2023. The theme was “Thinking Sociologically”. Dr. Pankaj Kumar, Secretary of RC 27, delivered the welcome address. In the beginning, Professor Soumyajit Patra, Convener, RC 27, discussed the theme of the webinar. The webinar was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Professor Manish K. Verma, Secretary of Indian Sociological Society. He

explained the relevance of “sociology” in understanding the social realities which we confront in our everyday life. Professor Ramanuj Ganguly and Professor Ajit K. Pandey were present as the Resource Persons. They talked about different aspects of contemporary sociological thoughts and tried to sensitise the audience about their possibilities. The session was intensive and engaging. Participants from different parts of the country joined the webinar. Dr. Aritra Ghosh, Co-convener of RC 27 proposed the vote of thanks.

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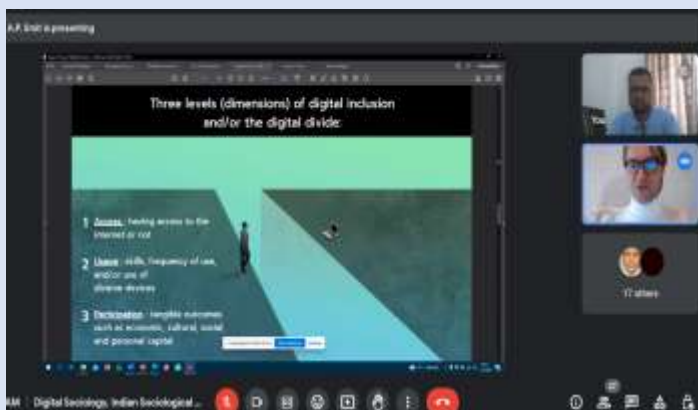
National Webinar of RC 27 on 29 July 2023



## **Report of Adhoc Group-01: Digital Sociology**

### **1. Lecture Series**

Adhoc Group-01: Digital Sociology has organized a Lecture Series, 2023. The lecture series aims to



present the significance and relevance of Digital Sociology as a sub-discipline of Sociology. The global world today transformed digitally, so it's a Sociological subject matter. Digital Sociology's focus is on how digital world and digital society instituted new theoretical and methodological development in Sociology.

The lecture series is to present discussion and debate on various issues of the digital within the sub-discipline of Digital Sociology.

**Three lectures were organized:**

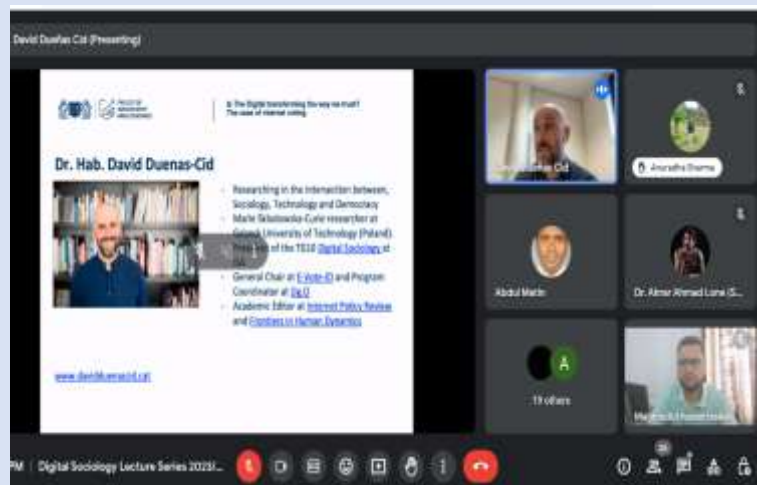
1<sup>st</sup> lecture was delivered by Dr. Alexander Smit (PhD), Centre for Media and Journalism Studies at Groningen University, Netherlands on the topic “Contemporary Issues of Global Digital Divide” on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2023. Scholars and faculty members from different countries and Indian Universities, Colleges and Institutes participated in the lecture, which followed by insightful discussion.

2<sup>nd</sup> lecture was delivered by Prof. Vincenzo Cicchelli (PHD) and Prof. Sylvie Octobre (PHD) on the



topic “The Sociology of Hallyu Pop Culture” on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2023. Prof. Vincenzo Cicchelli (PHD) is an Associate Professor at the Université Paris Cité and Prof. Sylvie Octobre (PHD) is a Researcher at the Département des études, de la prospective et des statistiques (French Ministry of Culture). It was well participated by more than 40 participants. It was engaging session with curious questions and discussion.

3<sup>rd</sup> lecture was delivered by Dr. David Duenas-Cid on the topic “Is the Digital Transforming the way we trust? The Case of Internet Voting” on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. Dr. David Duenas-Cid is the President of TG 10 Digital Sociology, International Sociological Association. The session was very engaging and participated by 45 participants. The discussion also focused on the need of connecting Adhoc Group-01 Digital Sociology and TG10 Digital Sociology, International Sociological Association for collaborative activities.



**2. Plan of International Conference**

A plan of organizing an International Conference on the theme “Digitalization, New Media and Video Game Culture” was initiated by Adhoc Group-01: Digital Sociology in collaboration with



Department of Economics, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, IEEE Task Force in Gamification Research and Education, Latin America and TG 10 Digital Sociology, International Sociological Association. Conference is schedule on 29-30 November, 2023 in Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, India.

### Future Plans

1. Publication of Special Issue in Journals like Frontier, Routledge, or any internationally reputed journals.
2. Outreach activities on Digital Awareness and digital literacy
3. Organizing Technical Sessions at All India Sociological Conference to be held on 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 in VIT

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## XX ISA World Congress of Sociology (Melbourne, Australia: June 25 – July 1, 2023)



The XX International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress of Sociology was held in Melbourne, Australia from June 25 – July 1, 2023. More than a hundred delegates from India participated in the meeting. The delegates met at the Melbourne Convention Centre on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Several of those who participated were life members of the Indian Sociological Society based in different countries. The President and the Secretary addressed the gathering and many members expressed their views about the conference. The President congratulated the newly elected President of ISA Prof. Geoffrey Pleyers and Prof. Bandana Purkayastha (2023-2027) for being elected as the

Vice-President (National Associations). The Indian delegates while sharing their experiences also informed about their being elected to various positions in the different Research Committees, Working, and Thematic Groups.



Indian Delegates at the Melbourne Convention Centre during the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023.



Prof. Abha Chauhan, ISS President making presentations in the ISA RC 32 Session and in the BRICS Plenary Session at the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne, Australia, 25<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

**ISS Congratulates all the ISS Members who have been elected for various Positions in their respective RCs at the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology held at Melbourne from 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.**

**Prof. Kalpana Kannibaran** has been elected as the Convenor of RC – 05 Racism, Nationalism, Indigeneity and Ethnicity of ISA from 2023 – 2027.

**Prof. Arvinder Ansari** has been elected as the Editor Newsletter of RC – 32 Women, Gender and Society of ISA from 2023 – 2027.

**Prof. Ajailiu Niumai and Prof. Rukmini Sen** have been elected as the Asia Regional Representatives of RC -32 Women, Gender and Society of ISA from 2023 – 2027.

**Prof. Rukmini Sen** has been elected as the Vice-President of RC – 09 Social Transformation and Sociology of Development of ISA from 2023 – 2027.

**Dr. Arpita Mitra** has been elected as the President of RC – 29 Deviance and Social Control of ISA from 2023 – 2027.

**Dr. Aditya Raj** has been elected as the Newsletter editor of RC – 31 Sociology of Migration, ISA from 2023 – 2027.

**Dr. Vinod Chandra** has been elected as one of the Vice-Presidents of RC – 34 Sociology of Youth, ISA from 2023 – 2027.

**Dr. Neethi Padmanathan** has been elected as the Asia Regional representative of RC – 44 Labour Movements of ISA from 2023 – 2027.

**Dr. Mukesh Ranga** has been elected as the Conference Committee member of RC – 50 International Tourism of ISA from 2023 – 2027.

**Dr. Namita Gupta** has been elected as the President TG-03, Human Rights and Global Justice of ISA from 2023-2027.

**Dr. Bhup Singh Guar** has been elected as Vice President TG-03, Human Rights and Global Justice of ISA from 2023-2027. He has organised and chaired sessions, and he was also one of the Panelists and presented a paper in TG – 03.

**Dr. Binoyjyoti Das** has been elected as Secretary, TG-03, Human Rights and Global Justice of ISA from 2023-2027.

**Dr. Kanika Sharma** has been elected as the Newsletter editor of TG-03, Human Rights and Global Justice of ISA from 2023-2027.

**Joy Prakash Chowdhuri** has been elected as the Social Media Manager, TG-03, Human Rights and Global Justice of ISA from 2023-2027

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## NEWS FROM THE REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Indian Sociological Society (ISS) is pleased to announce the formation of the *National Council of Regional Associations* (NCRA or Council), a network of ISS and Regional/State sociological associations and societies. The decision was taken after a series of discussions held during Regional Associations (RA) and Managing Committee meetings. In the RA online meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023, it was decided to nominate Prof. R. Indira as the National Convenor and Prof. Antony Palackal

as the National Co-convenor of the Council. It was also decided to form an Executive Committee comprising the ISS Office Bearers and representatives of the Regional Associations registered with the ISS. The RA representatives present in the meeting suggested the names of their representatives while others agreed to send the names soon. The Executive Committee will formulate the structure and rules as well as the guidelines for the functioning of the Council, besides enlisting its objectives and activities. The ISS encourages Regional Associations to formally join the ISS and be a part of the Council to strengthen the linkage between the ISS and RAs for the growth and development of the discipline of sociology across the country.



### Report of the North-East India Sociological Association (NEISA)



NEISA organised the Second Special Lecture Series on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023 via online. The distinguished speaker Prof. Satish Deshpande, former Professor of Sociology at the Department of Sociology, University of Delhi spoke on “**The Near Future of Indian Higher Education.**” This lecture was chaired by Dr. Aphun Kamei (Delhi School of Economics), and Prof. Rajendra Kshetri (Manipur University) warmly welcomed everyone. Prof. M. Amarjeet (Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi) introduced the speaker. Prof. Satish Deshpande discussed about the social functions of Higher Education (henceforth HE) as they have been understood so far, and the future of these functions. Secondly, he analysed the recent history of Indian HE, and the extent to which it can tell us about the future. Thirdly, he offers some broad speculative ideas about

the local and global futures of HE as described by some scholars and analysts. Thirdly, he shared some very preliminary thoughts on HE in the North-East since it is of special interest to the audience. Prof. Deshpande said that HE has been seen from two main standpoints, the instrumental and the ideal.

The instrumental standpoint treats HE as a means to ends that are located beyond HE itself. The idealist standpoint looks at HE as an end in itself, that is, as an activity that is beneficial in itself

without having to point to external consequences. Each of these standpoints can again be viewed from two perspectives, of the individual and of society at large. Thus, from an individualist-instrumental perspective, HE is valued for the social mobility and personal advances that it promises; while from an individualist-ideal perspective, HE is valuable in itself as it satisfies the human desire for higher learning and knowledge. In analogous fashion, the social-instrumental uses of HE emphasise its role in creating a more skilled and productive work force, while its social-ideal form invokes the need to produce new knowledge in order to prepare society to prepare for the future. As is obvious even at this preliminary level, these are merely distinctions of convenience, and it is possible to argue for overlaps and convergences among them. Prof. Satish Deshpande briefly highlighted the future of HE from each of these vantage points. He said that the recent history shows that HE has been unable to deliver on its promise of social mobility because the global financialized economy is no longer dependent on consumer demand or the supply of skilled labour. Because profits can be created without creating jobs, the link between HE and employment is badly damaged today, even if it may not be completely broken. Precarity now extends across the entire hierarchy of labour, from the worst to the best jobs. The massification of HE – that is, the tremendous expansion in access – has not brought any reduction in inequalities. Thus, the traditional reasons for which HE was valued are no longer valid.

Secondly, he argued that the recent past of Indian HE is of interest in so far as it can suggest the shape of the future. This past has been a very eventful one. For him, Indian HE has changed more in the past two decades than ever before. He highlighted four main dimension of these changes. Thirdly, he shared five speculative thoughts (points) about the near future of Indian HE. Finally, he said that since he is not an expert on the North-East, NEISA members will be far better situated than him to think about HE and its future in this part of the world. He nevertheless mention one theme which he is sure we are already aware of: comparisons between the North-East and the “mainland” tribal states of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. From the perspective of macro-statistics, he argued that if we consider this a useful comparison, we can see that in many respects the North-East is much better off than either Chhattisgarh or Jharkhand, or sometimes even the two combined. He referred to some indicators like number of colleges, colleges per one lakh population, or the GER for HE. What legitimate conclusions can we draw from such comparisons? He left the audience to think about the possible answers to this question. In his concluding remark, he asserts that the near future of Indian HE is going to be very different from its near past, and even from its present. He suggested that we must all prepare for this future as best as we can, and in particular, we must try to decipher (as far as this is possible) its region-specific features. Around 300 faculty, research scholars, and students attended it. Prof. Rekha Sangliang (NEHU) delivered the vote of thanks.



**OBITUARY**  
**(Professor Imtiaz Ahmad)**



**An Epoch Ends: Remembering Professor Imtiaz Ahmad, the Beacon of Indian Sociology**  
**18<sup>th</sup> April 1940 - 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

With a heavy heart, I pen down this tribute to the distinguished Professor Imtiaz Ahmad, an illustrious social scientist. Never did I envision a day where I would be writing of his passing, but the time has come to commemorate his significant life and bemoan his departure. On the morning of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Professor Imtiaz Ahmad departed, leaving an irreplaceable void after a month-long battle at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. Throughout his ordeal, a constant stream of students remained by his side, puzzling the medical staff about our bounding with him. While we weren't his blood relations, we were undeniably his extended family. As I stood there in hospital receiving his lifeless form and being prompted to sign, I grappled with how to define our bond on paper. To me, he was more than a mentor or paternal presence; he was an intimate confidant. Remembering Professor Ahmad, the touching words by S.N. Sahu come to mind: "Who are his heirs"? "Hum sab waris hain", "We all are his heirs." This sentiment encapsulates the feelings of countless students who congregated to bid him final adieu at the Panj Piran Kabristan.

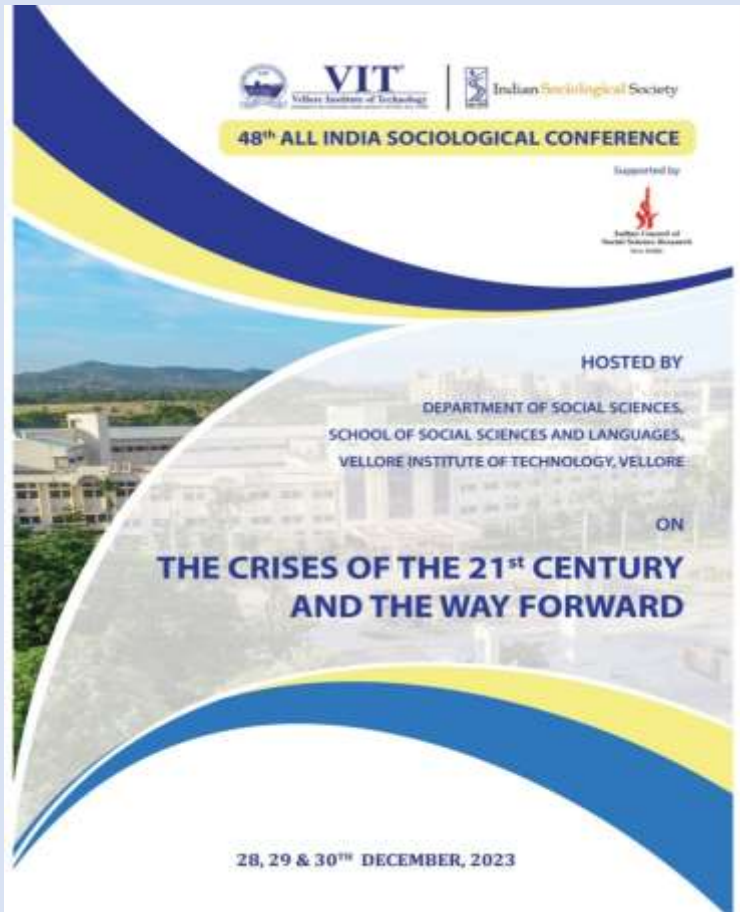
Professor Ahmad began his illustrious academic career at several prominent institutions before joining Jawaharlal Nehru University in 1972. His most acclaimed study, "Caste and Social Stratification among the Muslims in India," published in 1973, profoundly influenced the academic realm with its pioneering research on the sociology of Indian Muslims, focusing especially on caste, kinship, and social hierarchy. Beyond his scholarly contributions, Professor Ahmad was a staunch believer in India's ethos of pluralism and secularism, consistently advocating for equality and inter-religious harmony. In acknowledgment of his unparalleled contributions, he was bestowed with the esteemed Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indian Sociological Society in 2014.

His absence creates a void that extends beyond his family, touching the hearts of numerous students, peers, and acquaintances who were captivated by his wisdom, compassion, and benevolence. More than just a teacher, he was a beacon of support and guidance, ensuring his care transcended academic boundaries. Professor Ahmad's illustrious legacy stands as a beacon, inspiring a fresh generation of scholars fervently committed to upholding the principles of secularism, social justice, and the democratic spirit in society. His indelible contributions will forever resonate, shaping the intellectual landscape for years to come.

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## FORTHCOMING SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

### 48th All India Sociological Conference (VIT, Vellore, Tamil Nadu: 28th – 30th December 2023)



The Indian Sociological Society (ISS) is pleased to announce that the 48<sup>th</sup> All India Sociological Conference is scheduled from 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India. The theme of the Conference is ‘**The Crises of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and the Way Forward**’. More than 1000 delegates from across the country and abroad are expected to participate in the Conference. Besides, the Inaugural and Valedictory sessions, there will be three Memorial Lectures, 03 Plenary sessions and 04 technical sessions. The details of the conference are given in the Brochure uploaded on the ISS Website: [www.insoso.org](http://www.insoso.org) and at: <https://vit.ac.in/AISC-2023/> Registration for the conference can be done at: <https://events.vit.ac.in/events/AISC> For more information/ queries contact Dr. Prabakar S, Organising Secretary 48<sup>th</sup> AISC. Mobile No. 9442993669. Email: [aisc48th@vit.ac.in](mailto:aisc48th@vit.ac.in)

### The Young Researchers’ Workshop (VIT, Vellore, Tamil Nadu: 26th – 27th December 2023)

The Young Researcher’s Workshop organized by the Indian Sociological Society will be held at VIT, Vellore from 26th - 27th December 2023. The Workshop will be attended by researchers and doctoral students from different states and regions of India. The theme of the Workshop is “Writing and Publishing Research Paper”. Detailed information about the Workshop is available on the ISS Website: [www.insoso.org](http://www.insoso.org)

Those interested in participating in the Workshop should have been registered for the 48 AISC. For the Workshop, they need to fill out a separate Registration Form by clicking on the link: <https://forms.gle/zToUeUWHiwdM4m4z9>

For further queries you may contact at email: [societyinsoso@gmail.com](mailto:societyinsoso@gmail.com)

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<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mvrRc19ZYciBMpGWqEgTE8qmSvkqJZHjmaqPrTP6HzI/edit> or, [aisc48.registration@vit.ac.in](mailto:aisc48.registration@vit.ac.in)

**International Conference – RC 04**

International Conference (Hybrid Mode) On Indian Diaspora Women And Patriarchy: Questions On Inclusion, Cultural Identity, and Violence from 18-19 December 2023. Venue: Conference Hall, School Of Social Sciences University Of Hyderabad. It will be hosted and organised by Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy, University of Hyderabad in collaboration with Indian Sociological Society (RC-04: Migration And Diaspora Studies), Institute Of Eminence (IoE), University of Hyderabad, National Commission For Women, New Delhi and Indian Council Of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi.

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**Conference Brochure** <https://insoso.org/sites/default/files/content-files/BROCHURE%20International%20Conference%202023.pdf>



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(Hybrid mode)  
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**Organized by**  
CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL EXCLUSION AND INCLUSIVE POLICY  
UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD  
&  
INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
(RC-04: MIGRATION AND DIASPORA STUDIES)

**In collaboration with**  
INSTITUTE OF EMINENCE (IOE), UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD  
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN (NCW), NEW DELHI  
INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH (ICSSR), NEW DELHI

**Registration Link**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7BzJaw\\_qMv9uPTxShAAQ\\_dBVJb4pSwmTw5lfSMpTVgIcrbw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7BzJaw_qMv9uPTxShAAQ_dBVJb4pSwmTw5lfSMpTVgIcrbw/viewform)

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**The Mid-term National Seminar of the Research Committee (RC – 10) Gender Studies**, Indian Sociological Society (ISS), New Delhi in Collaboration with Punjab Regional Chapter (PRC), Mohali will be Organised by the Department of Sociology, DAV College, Chandigarh, Punjab on the theme ‘Empowering Women in Higher Education: Examining the Efficacy of New Education Policy 2020’ from 16-17 (Thursday and Friday) November 2023.



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**International Conference (Hybrid) on Media, Gender, and Development in the Era of Globalization (November 24-27, 2023) will be organised by GREFI in collaboration with ISA WG-01 and ISS RC-14 ‘Globalisation and Culture’ and RC-08 ‘Inequalities, Stratification and Exclusion Studies.’**

This conference is part of the activities of the Global Research and Educational Foundation India in collaboration with ISA Working Group 01 Sociology on Local-Global Relations, ISS RC-14 Globalization and Culture, ISS RC-08 Inequalities, Stratification and Exclusion Studies

**Contact: Prof. Virendra P. Singh**, Organizer of the Conference & Chairman, GREFI & Former Professor of Globalization and Development Studies, University of Allahabad, Prayag Raj, India; Former professor of Sociology, Assam University Silchar, India; E-mail: [grefiplus2018@gmail.com](mailto:grefiplus2018@gmail.com) Contact: +919235608187; +919936868187; The publication of the selected papers is being planned before and after the Conference in two volumes. Last date for submitting full paper for publication is October 15, 2023. For further details please check our website: [www.grefiglobal.org](http://www.grefiglobal.org).

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**Two-Day National Seminar on National Education Policy 2020, Sustainable Development Goals and Nation Building: Perspectives, Issues, Concerns & Challenges** from November 3-4, 2023. It will be organised by the Department of Sociology, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Vidya Vihar, Rae Bareilly Road, Lucknow -226025, Uttar Pradesh (India). Sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi.

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**International Conference of Adhoc Group 01: Digital Sociology**, Indian Sociological Society in collaboration with the Department of Economics, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, TG-10 Digital Sociology, International Sociological Association, IEEE Task Force in Gamification Research and Education, Argentina, and FLAIR, New Delhi will organise International Conference Digitalization, on New Media and Video Game Culture from 29-30 November 2023. Please click to the following link for details:

<https://insoso.org/news/international-conference-digitalization-new-media-and-video-game-culture>

**Mid-term National Conference of RC-22: Conflict and Violence** of the ISS is to be held from 24th to 25th November 2023 in collaboration with the Department of Sociology, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune. The theme of the conference is "The contemporary issues of conflict and violence in society". The last date for submission of the abstract and registration is 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

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LMI-5573	Km Manisha	Uttar Pradesh
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