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Message from the President

Dear Colleagues,

Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year!

Let me take this opportunity to express my deep sense of gratitude to the members of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) and everyone associated with its activities for their help and cooperation in running the ISS successfully for the last two years (2022-2023). I complete my tenure as President of the ISS with bliss and contentment. It's heartening to get a positive, supportive, and appreciative response from the sociology fraternity.

The just concluded 48th All India Sociological Conference (AISC) at the Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore (Tamil Nadu) from 28th – 30th December 2023 on the theme *The Crises of the 21st Century and the Way Forward* turned out to be a huge success. The chief guest during the Inaugural Session was Dr. Palanivel Thiagarajan, Minister of Information Technology and Digital Services, Govt. of Tamil Nadu who enlightened us with a thought-provoking and exuberant speech. I would like to place on record my heartfelt gratefulness to him, and for the assistance and support rendered by the local organizers, particularly the Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. G. Viswanathan; the Vice-Presidents; the Vice-Chancellor; Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr. Partha Sarathi Mallick; the Registrar; the Dean, School of Social Sciences and Languages (SSL), Head of the Social Sciences Department; the Organizing Secretary, Dr. Prabakar; the faculty members; research scholars; and the student volunteers at the VIT. Nearly 1000 delegates registered for the conference and around 850 papers were presented in different Technical Sessions of the 30 Research Committees (RCs) of the ISS. The Young Researchers' Workshop on the topic of *Writing and Publishing Research Paper* was organized at VIT (26th -27th Dec.

2023). I am thankful to special invitees, Prof. S.L. Sharma and Prof. Anand Kumar, all Chairpersons and Discussants of different sessions, the Convenor of the Workshop, Dr. Balamurugan, other faculty members, and all the young participants who attended the Workshop from across the country.

In all, besides the Inaugural and Valedictory Sessions, the online Address by the President of the International Sociological Association (ISA), Prof. Geoffrey Pleyers; the Keynote Address by Prof. Margaret Abraham, former ISA President; a Presidential Address, 03 Memorial Lectures, and 04 Plenaries were organized during the Conference. Prof. Chandrashekhar Bhat and Prof. Virginius Xaxa were conferred Lifetime Achievement Awards, and Dr. Lekha and Dr. Aleena received the Prof. M.N. Srinivas Memorial Prize 2023. Congratulations and best wishes to them! I am happy to share that 04 (out of 07) books based on the papers published in the ISS Hindi Journal, *Bharatiya Samajshastra Sameeksha* were launched. I thank the contributors, Rawat Publications and Prof. B.K. Nagla for their efforts. A flyer of the ISS forthcoming Volume (Springer) titled *Hundred Years of Sociology in India: Evolving Issues, Emerging Trends* was introduced on the occasion.

The meetings of the Managing Committee, RC Conveners, Regional Associations (RAs), Editorial Boards, and the General Body (GB) were held during and on the eve of the Conference. However, throughout the two years, meetings (online/ offline) of sub-committees like – Membership, Newsletter, Website, Electoral Reforms, RCs, and RAs were held regularly. I am glad to note that some important decisions like the formation of the National Council of Regional Associations, changes in the ISS Fee structure, and giving of hard copies of the *Sociological Bulletin* to senior members (70+), among others, were taken. It is encouraging to note that the ISS Life membership has crossed the 6000 mark and the Society is in a sound financial position. I am thankful for the help of the

members of these Committees for their continuous assistance.

The Mid-Term Conference on the topic *Sociology Of and In Regions: Pedagogy, Practices and Possibilities* was held on 28th - 30th April 2023 at the University of Lucknow. I thank Prof. D.R. Sahu, the Organizing Secretary, and his team for this successful event undertaken in collaboration with the ISS. The Society owes a special thanks to Prof. Debal SinghaRoy, the Election Officer, and the Election Committee for conducting ISS Elections 2023 meticulously. I am happy to inform the members about the installation of a lift and the construction of an additional room at the ISS office in Delhi. I appreciate the efforts of the Editors of the three ISS Journals and their team, the RC Convenors in regularly organizing their activities, and the active and constructive participation of ISS members at the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology held in Melbourne, Australia from 25th June - 1st July 2023. Congratulations to those who were elected to various positions in different bodies of the ISA.

I acknowledge the support of the Secretary, Prof. Manish K. Verma, the Treasurer, Prof. Shruti Tambe, the Managing Committee Members, and the Office staff in the smooth functioning of the ISS during my tenure. Lastly my special thanks to the Editorial team of the ISS E-Newsletter for covering various activities in this issue.

Congratulations and best wishes to the new team!

With warm regards,



Prof. Abha Chauhan

President, Indian Sociological Society

From Secretary's Desk



Esteemed Colleagues,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the revered members of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS).

As Secretary ISS, it is my final address as I am ending my term at the close of the year 2023. Therefore, at the outset, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the esteemed members of the Indian Sociological Society for laying faith on me and providing me the opportunity to serve the society as its Secretary (2022-23). It is time to bid good-bye to the five MC members who have successfully completed their tenure. I congratulate them for their successful tenure and for contributing immensely to attaining the goals of ISS. I also welcome the newly elected ISS team of President, Secretary and five MC Members. I sincerely hope that under the able leadership of the newly elected team led by Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri and Prof. Shweta Prasad, the activities of ISS will reach to a greater height.

The existing team of office bearers comprising the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five new, and, ten members elected to the Managing Committee between 2018 and 2021, took charge of the office on 5th January 2022 for taking the ISS activities forward. Some of the main challenges and tasks before the newly appointed office bearers were, to name a few, streamlining the ISS activities; strengthening and rationalizing Research Committees (RCs) and making them more vibrant; encouraging RCs to publish their respective e-journals apart from bringing out peer-reviewed editorial volumes from reputed national/international publishers, based on the papers presented in annual conferences of ISS or other RC events; organizing/helping RCs to conduct lectures on emergent research issues; and, strengthening

the methodological proficiency of researchers, students, and younger faculty of Sociology. We also focused on organizing ISS events in the offline mode and supporting Regional Associations to build their membership base, and work in close collaboration with ISS. In a similar line, efforts were made to complete the work of updating the ISS Membership Directory.

We conducted several meetings of the Managing Committee, Conveners of the Research Committees, and Regional Association in the recent past to conduct the business of ISS in a most professional manner. It is pertinent to mention here that we have conceptualized and created a Council of Regional Association and nominated Prof. R. Indira and Prof. Anthony Palackal as its first office bearers. The main task of the council is to strengthen academic activities at the regional level along with organizing conferences and also creating a solid link with the Indian Sociological Society. To streamline the functioning and activities of Regional Associations, several meetings were organised with the representatives of the Regional Associations. To strengthen academic activities, ISS has just released a series of thematic edited volumes from a reputed national publisher (Rawat Publications, Jaipur) based on the papers published in ISS journals. Apart from that, many RCs have also released edited volumes based on the papers presented in their respective RCs during the conferences.

Meetings with Editors of ISS Journals (Editor E-explorations, Editors, Bhartiya Samajshastra Sameeksha and Editor, Sociological Bulletin) and representatives of Sage Publications have also been organized. I am glad to share with the esteemed members that for their convenience and easy access, we have started sending the soft copy of the journal Sociological Bulletin and e-newsletter through email to all the worthy life members. The website of the ISS was facing manifold problems since years are the service provider M/S IRIS was not able to put attention to those issues. Therefore, the MC decided to give the

responsibility of maintaining the ISS website to a new service provider M/S GlueUp to improve the website's functioning. Many sub-committees of the MC have been constituted to oversee the functioning of different tasks that we have set ahead for the ISS and most of them attained also within time.

With all humility, I am glad to share with all of you that ISS is putting its best foot forward to organize programs and events in a most professional manner. You will be pleased to know that most recently, the Indian Sociological Society has organized an international mid-term conference (hybrid mode) in collaboration with the University of Lucknow, Lucknow on the theme, "Sociology Of and In Regions: Pedagogy, Practices and Possibilities", scheduled between April 28-30, 2023. The international conference is attended by delegates hailing from India and abroad in both offline and online modes. Overall, the international conference was a huge success from an academic point of view. Apart from this, various RCs have also organized seminars, conferences, workshops, and research methodology courses from time to time on various issues and subjects. A few others have also proposed similar activities in the near future.

The ISS held its most awaited and celebrated annual All India Sociological Conference (AISC) scheduled between December 28-30, 2023 on the theme, "The Crisis of the 21st Century and the Way Forward" at the VIT, Vellore of which all of us are witness. I congratulate Dr. S. Prabakar the Organising Secretary and his entire team for working meticulously to make the Conference a huge success. Most importantly, during the inaugural function of the AISC, the Life Time Achievement Award 2023 was notably conferred upon Prof. Chandrasekhar Bhatt (Hyderabad) and Prof. Virginius Xaxa (Delhi). Just preceding the AISC VIT, Vellore, the Young Researcher's Workshop was also concluded on December 26-27, 2023 at the same venue to provide two days rigorous training to young research scholars to develop

solid insights into methodological issues and developing research proficiency. A large number of young research scholars from various parts of India participated in the workshop. The Convener of the Workshop Dr. J. Balamurugan deserves a special appreciation for his contributions for organizing the program.

In the last, I will take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to the esteemed MC members, RC Conveners, all the worthy members of the Indian Sociological Society and office staff of ISS for their tireless efforts and support to strengthen ISS and its mission. Without their enduring help and assistance, the vision and mission of ISS will never be accomplished and hence they deserve special appreciation here. It would go without saying if I don't mention the contributions and support of the e-newsletter team. I am extremely thankful to Prof. Ajailiu Niumai (Co-editor, e-newsletter), Prof. Balaji Kendre (Member, e-newsletter), Dr. Sudha Khokte (Member, e-newsletter), and Prof. Anshu Kedia (Member, e-newsletter) for their enduring support and cooperation for timely bringing out the e-newsletter with least aberration. In the last, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Prof. Abha Chauhan (President ISS) and Prof. Shruti Tambe (Treasurer ISS) for always remaining behind me and helping me out when I needed their support and guidance. I look forward in future also the same support and cooperation from all of you to realize the dreams and goals of ISS.

Good bye for now.



Prof. Manish K. Verma

Secretary ISS

From the Desk of Co-Editor



Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

Welcome to the September-December 2023 edition of the ISS E-Newsletter. We are excited to bring you the important announcements and academic activities of the ISS (the report of the 48th AISC at VIT, Vellore, particularly the 28 Research Committee (s) and two Adhoc-Group activities reports).

Let me share that the Young Researchers' Workshop, a pre-conference of the 48th AISC was held from 26-27 December 2023 at VIT, Vellore, in which the selected Ph.D. research scholars from Universities across India participated. The 48th AISC with the theme "The Crises of the 21st Century and the Way Forward" was held successfully from 28-30 December 2023 at VIT, Vellore. We had an intellectual feast from the experts and scholars at four Plenaries, three Memorial Lectures, 28 Research Committees (RCs), and two Adhoc Groups. The Indian Sociological Society (ISS) has presented the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award to Professor Chandrashekhar Bhat and Professor Virginius Xaxa in appreciation and recognition of their meritorious services, accomplishments, and contributions to the discipline and the profession of Sociology at the Inaugural function on 28th December 2023 at the 48th All India Sociological Conference (AISC) in VIT, Vellore. Hearty congratulations to both of them for joining the list of our esteemed Indian Sociology stalwarts. The 48th AISC reflects that the ever-evolving landscape of societal dynamics and crisis around us, our sociology fraternity remains committed to exploring, analyzing, and understanding the intricate fabric of human behaviour and social structures.

We are extremely grateful to the local Convenor of 48th AISC Dr. S. Prabakar and his team, Founder Chancellor of VIT, Vellore

Dr. G. Viswanathan, Vice-President (s), Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Dean, Head, faculty and students for their warm hospitality. Our stay at their esteemed institution was comfortable and pleasant.

As we embark on this new year 2024 and the end of my tenure as Co-editor of the ISS E-Newsletter, I express my deep gratitude to the outgoing officials of the ISS, President Prof. Abha Chauhan, Secretary Prof. Manish K. Verma, Treasurer Prof. Shruti Tambe, Managing Committee Members (including those who are completing their tenure, viz; Prof. Arvinder Ansari, Prof. Shruti Tambe, Prof. Manish Thakur, Prof. Shweta Prasad and Dr. Sanjay Tewari), and RC Convenors including ISS office staff for their continued support and cooperation.

I would like to congratulate the newly elected ISS President Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri, Secretary Prof. Shweta Prasad and all the new Managing Committee Members viz; Prof.

Bibhuti Bhushan Malik, Dilip Ramdas Khairnar, Prof. Pramod Kumar Shukla, Prof. Sandip Murlidhar Chaudhuri and Dr. Sanjay Nilkanth Kolekar

I wish the new editorial team all the very best.

Wishing everyone an intellectually stimulating New Year!

Warm Regards,



Ajailiu Niumai,

Co-Editor, ISS E-Newsletter,

Member, Managing Committee, ISS, New Delhi & Asia Representative, RC-32 Women, Gender and Society, International Sociological Association (ISA).

ISS ELECTION 2023

Election to the posts of President, Secretary and five members of the Managing Committee of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) was held on online mode. The window for online voting was open from 10.00 A.M. 1 December 2023 till 5.00 P.M. 20 December 2023. As of closing time and date for voting a total of 2619 ISS life members cast their vote.

The following candidates are declared elected for the following posts:

President: Maitrayee Chaudhuri
Secretary: Shweta Prasad

Members, Managing Committee:

1. Dilip Ramdas Khairnar
2. Bibhuti Bhushan Malik
3. Sandip Murlidhar Chaudhuri
4. Sanjay Nilkanth Kolekar
5. Pramod Kumar Shukla

Meetings of the Various Committees of the Indian Sociological Society held in December 2023

Date	Meeting	Platform
19-12-2023	ISS Election Committee	Zoom
20-12-2023	ISS Result Declaration	Hybrid (Zoom+ New Delhi)
27-12-2023	ISS Research Committee	VIT, Vellore
27-12-2023	ISS Managing Committee	VIT, Vellore
29-12-2023	ISS General Meeting	VIT, Vellore

The General Body Meeting (GBM) of the ISS was held at Anna Auditorium of the Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT)

The General Body Meeting (GBM) of the Indian Sociological Society was held on 29th December 2023 at 5.30 p.m. at Anna Auditorium of the Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore. Prof. Abha Chauhan (President), Prof. Manish K. Verma (Secretary), Prof. Shruti Tambe (Treasurer), Managing Committee (MC) Members, and many other members of the ISS were present at the meeting. Prof. Abha Chauhan welcomed the sociology fraternity in this August gathering as the President of the ISS. The various agenda items were thoroughly discussed and approved by the members. Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were also presented and approved. The members also approved the decision taken by the MC during the Mid-Term Conference held on 28th April 2023 at the University of Lucknow to increase the membership fees, as well as during the MC held on 27th December 2023 at VIT, Vellore.



Besides, the following reports were presented and decisions taken in the GBM:

- Report on the 48th All India Sociological Conference, VIT, Vellore.
- Report of the Managing Editor, Sociological Bulletin.
- Report of the Managing Editor, *Bharatiya Samajashastra Sameeksha*.
- Report of the Managing Editor, ISS E-Journal- Explorations.
- Report of the midterm meeting of the RC conveners on 28th and 27th December 2023 at Lucknow University.
- Report of the Managing Committee meeting held on 28th April 2023 at Lucknow University.
- Report of the Regional Associations held on 29th April 2023 and other online meetings and inform about the formation of the NCRA.
- Approval of the admission of new members.
- Some important decisions like the enhancement of the life membership fee from Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 6000/- from 1st April 2024; and the option for the senior life members (70+ years) of the ISS to take hard copies of the *Sociological Bulletin* were taken in the GBM.



A BRIEF REPORT
48th ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE
Organized by: Indian Sociological Society (ISS)
Hosted by: The Department of Social Sciences, School of Social Sciences and
Languages, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore
28 to 30th December 2023
On the theme
"The Crisis of the 21st Century and the Way Forward"

Inaugural Session

The School of Social Sciences and Languages, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore hosted the 3-day "48th All India Sociological Conference 2023," organized by the Indian Sociological Society. The theme of the conference was "The Crises of the 21st Century and the Way Forward".



The theme of the conference was "The Crises of the 21st Century and the Way Forward". Approximately 900 delegates from India, Bangladesh, the USA, and South Africa joined this academic conclave. Over 1000+ research papers were submitted and 850 abstracts were selected to be presented at the conference.

The Inaugural Session began with the lighting of the lamp by

the dignitaries followed by their felicitation. The welcome address was delivered by Prof. Abha Chauhan, President, Indian Sociological Society (ISS). She spoke about the different aspects of themes related to the conference. Dr. S. Prabakar, Organizing Secretary of the conference, welcomed the August gathering. He talked about the importance of the theme selected for the conference, which is to reckon with the vulnerabilities hampering society. Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology and Digital Services, was the Chief Guest of the Inaugural event. Other dignitaries who graced the AISC event were the Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. G. Viswanathan; Vice Presidents, Mr. Sankar Viswanathan and Dr. G.V. Selvam; Vice-Chancellor, Dr. V. S. Kanchana Bhaaskaran; Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Partha Sharathi Mallick; Registrar, Dr. T. Jayabarathi; Dean SSL, Dr. Manoharan M; President, Indian Sociological Society, Prof. Abha Chauhan; Secretary Indian Sociological Society, Prof. Manish K. Verma, Managing Committee Members of Indian Sociological Society and other esteemed Deans, Directors, HOD's, and faculty members. Hon'ble Minister described the All-India Sociological Conference as the need of the day because the world is passing

through a lot of crises, especially when global wars are threatening human peace which shows a lack of strong and visionary leaders.

Presentation of Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award conferred to Prof. Chandrashekar Bhatt, Former Professor of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, Telangana, and Prof. Virginius Xaxa, Former Professor, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, Delhi. Prof. Chandrashekar Bhat thanked VIT University for the award and talked about the institutions he has worked and how these institutions have helped in his growth as a sociologist. Prof. Virginius Xaxa also acknowledged the institutions and universities that shaped his way to the Lifetime Achievement Award. Further, Professor M.N. Srinivas Memorial Prize was given to Dr. Lekha N.B., Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, S.N. College, Chempazhanchy, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala and Dr. Aleena Sebastian, Assistant Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, Karnataka.

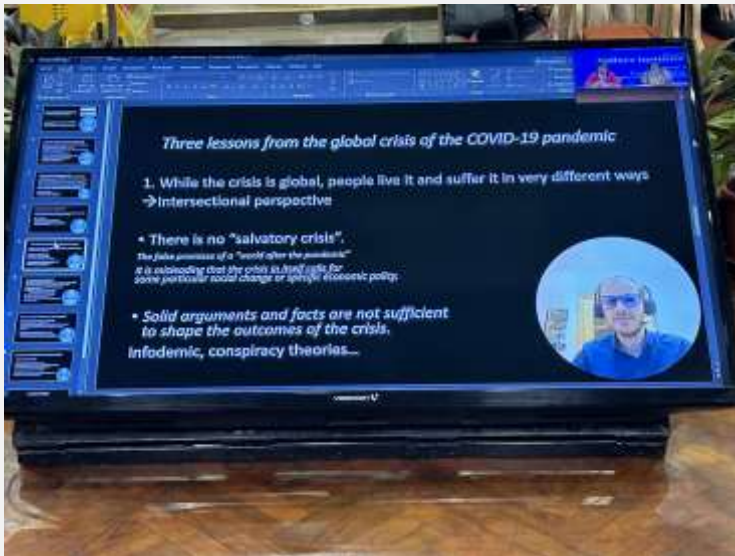


Subsequently, The Book of Abstracts of 48th AISC 2023 was released. The book consists of almost 850 abstracts received from all over India including the United States, Bangladesh and South Africa. The session continued with the book launch consisting of volumes based on ISS Hindi Journal in the presence of Prof. B.K. Nagla, the person instrumental behind the publications.

After the book launch, Dr. G. Viswanathan, Founder Chancellor, VIT, addressed the audience. He talked about democracy and the position of India in the democracy ranking. The edited volume on 'Hundred Years of Sociology in India: Evolving Issues and Emerging Trends,' Springer Nature, Singapore by Prof. Abha Chauhan, Prof. Ajailiu Niumai and Prof. Tattwamasi Paltasingh was announced during the inaugural function. This edited volume is the Conference proceedings of the 47th AISC held in USTM, Meghalaya in December 2022. Finally, the Vote of Thanks was given by Prof. Manish K. Verma, Secretary, ISS. The Inaugural Session ended with the rendition of the National Anthem.

Special Address: Prof. Geoffrey Pleyers

Geoffrey Pleyers, esteemed President of the International Sociological Association, graced the event through an online platform. Professor Pleyers embarked on a thought-provoking journey, offering a fresh perspective on global sociology that placed theories and empirical



research at the forefront. His masterful weaving of concepts, particularly the intriguing theoretical correlation between crisis and self-fulfilling prophecy, captivated the audience. This profound message resonated throughout the room, leaving a lasting impression on the audience and setting the stage for a stimulating continuation of the conference. The session, marked by its intellectual depth and impactful delivery, lasted for a captivating fifteen minutes.

Inaugural Address: Prof. Margaret Abraham

Professor Margaret Abraham opened the conference with a powerful keynote on multiple and interconnected crises, titled "The Global Crisis of Gender and Intersectional Violence". She painted a stark picture of our times marked by multiple struggles for human dignity and



social transformation. She emphasized the complex and multifaceted nature of the crisis, calling for critical understanding and robust debate between academics, policymakers, and activists. With a call for contextualizing and connecting these struggles, she set the stage for a conference exploring systemic injustices and striving for change.

Presidential Address: Prof. Abha Chauhan

Prof. Abha Chauhan delivered the Presidential Address on the theme "Conflict, Borderlands, and Displacement: The Persistent and Escalating Crisis in Northwest India". She delved into the complex realities of borderlands, regions shaped and scarred by the presence of territorial boundaries in the context of conflict on the northwestern borders of India. She described them as dynamic spaces, constantly renegotiated and reimagined by those living within their

shadow. Going beyond the sterile lines on maps, Prof. Chauhan emphasized how borderlands extend far beyond immediate physical borders, their impact rippling outwards in a web of social, economic, and emotional consequences.



Plenary - 1

The First Plenary on “Increasing Social Inequalities, Conflict and Violence: A Way Forward” was chaired by Prof. Anand Kumar, Former Professor, CSSS/JNU, New Delhi. It was Co-Chaired by Prof. Sampath Kumar, Head, Department of Sociology and Population Studies, Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore. The first speaker Prof. Debal Singha Roy, Former



Professor of Sociology, IGNOU, New Delhi spoke on “Social Inequality, Marginality, Conflicts and Alliances: New Collective Formations in Emerging Agrarian Landscape.” The Second speaker Prof. Rajesh Gill, former Professor in the Department of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh spoke on “Gender Equality a Mirage - The Backlash and Rhetoric against Feminism.” The third speaker Prof. Vivek Kumar,

Chairperson, CSSS/JNU, New Delhi spoke on “Inequality amidst Universalism: Paradigms and Paradoxes.” And, the fourth speaker Prof. Jayanathan Govender from SSS, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa spoke on “Inequality in the BRICS Countries.” The presentations were followed by a discussion and a question-answer session.

Professor M.N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture

Prof. Susan Visvanathan, Former Professor, CSSS, JNU, New Delhi delivered Professor M.N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture on the evening of 28th December 2023, the first day of the Conference. Her topic was “Between Past and Future: Intermeshing of Narrative, Technology and Cyberspace”. She focused on a narrative analysis to understand the relation between the



Collective Imagination of human societies as they hurtle towards the colonization of space through sound waves and rockets. It was chaired by Prof. R. Indira, Professor of Eminence from the School of Social Sciences, M.S. Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bangalore. Prof. R. Indira remarked that Prof. Susan Visvanathan foresees the future since she attempted to decode the present crises that society faces.

Plenary - 2

The Second Plenary was titled, “Environmental and Health Concerns: Issues and Prospects”. The first speaker of this Plenary was Prof. Tulsi Patel, Former Professor & Head, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi, Delhi. She delivered her lecture online and the title of her presentation was “Public Health in India: A Contextual Perspective”. The second speaker of the session was Prof. Purendra Prasad, Professor of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, who spoke on “Health Sector Crisis in the Twenty-First Century: Analysis of Health Inequalities and Social Exclusion in India”. The third speaker was Dr. Mala Kapur Shankardass, Sociologist/Gerontologist, Health & Development Social Scientist, (Retd.) senior faculty,



University of Delhi spoke on “Overcoming the Crisis of Environmental and Health Concerns in the 21st Century: A Sociological Perspective”. She raised a question of how Covid-19 has hampered universal health coverage. Prof. S. Samuel Asir Raj, Professor & Head, Department of Sociology, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu spoke on “Reclaiming the Commons and Ecological Citizenship in the Era of Climate Change”. He emphasized that the Commons as a pool of vital resources for sustainability have provided socio-economic and ecological benefits for local communities. Prof. S.L. Sharma, Panjab University, Chandigarh Chaired this Plenary and it was Co-chaired by Prof. M. Thamilarasan, Department of Sociology, University of Madras, Chennai.

Plenary – 3

Plenary - 3 commenced by addressing the topic "Meeting Crisis: Issues of Development and Governance in Tamil Nadu" with Prof. S. Gurusamy, Head (Retd.), Department of Sociology, Gandhi Gram Rural University, Dindigul as the Chair, and Prof. G. Ramathirtham, (Retd.), Department of Sociology, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, as the Co-Chair. This plenary featured four distinguished speakers. The first lecture was delivered by Prof. Kamala Ganesh



from the Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai on "Tamil, Tamils and the New Global." She explored the evolving dynamics of Tamil culture and identity in the context of the rapidly changing global landscape. Following that, Prof. D. Sundaram, Former Professor of Sociology, University of Madras, Chennai spoke on "Social Inequality: An Obstacle to the Path of Sustainability." The

third speaker Prof. J. Krishnamurthy, former Professor of Sociology, Annamalai University spoke on "Changing Contours of Caste Identity and Tensions in Tamil Nadu: Crisis Resolution and the Way Forward." The final speaker was Prof. Prema Rajagopalan, former Professor of Sociology, IIT Madras, Chennai, who delivered her lecture on "Disasters, Displacement and Development: Challenges for the State". The presentations were followed by a lively discussion.

Plenary – 4

The Fourth Plenary on "Space Exploration and Earthly Challenges: Opportunities and Impediments" commenced with Prof. Lekshmi V. Nair, Department of Humanities, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram as the Chair, and Dr. M. Rashmi, Assistant Professor, SSL, VIT, Vellore, as the Co-Chair. Dr. Anna Szolucha from the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland delivered a lecture on "The Role of Social Sciences in Space Exploration: Current Status and Future Potential." Dr. Anna emphasized the evolving role of social sciences and humanities in the realm of space exploration, traditionally considered peripheral to the technologically and economically driven goals of space programs. Remco Timmermans, a Faculty Member at the International Space University and Founder/Owner of Spaceside in the UK delivered a keynote presentation titled "The Story of Space: How It Started... and How It Ended." The lecture delved into the cultural and sociological origins of humanity's fascination with space, tracing it back to the earliest days of human culture. Timmermans explored the pivotal role of storytelling in shaping human perceptions of the skies and space.

Professor Radhakamal Mukerjee Memorial Lecture



Prof. Vidyut Joshi, Hon. Director, Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad delivered the Professor Radhakamal Mukerjee Memorial Lecture on “Restructuring Value Base of Social Sciences in the Age of Neo-Liberalism.” It was chaired by Prof. B.K. Nagla, Former Professor & Head, Department of Sociology, MD University, Rohtak, Haryana

Prof. Yogendra Singh Memorial Lecture

Prof. N. Jayaram, Formerly Professor of Research Methodology, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, delivered the Prof. Yogendra Singh Memorial Lecture on “Between



Tradition and Modernity: A Sociological Reading of Bimal Mitra’s Saheb Bibi Golam.” It was chaired by Prof. S.L. Sharma, Former Professor, Department of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

Valedictory Session

The Valedictory Session was chaired by Prof. Abha Chauhan, President of ISS. It commenced with the presentation of RC Conveners' reports, followed by an address from the Registrar of VIT, Dr. T. Jayabarathi, IT. The Chief Guest, Prof P. Duraisamy, former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras delivered an address that added significant value to the 48th AISC. During the Session, the MC Members, RC Conveners, and newly elected



Office-Bearers were facilitated. The concluding remark was made by the Organizing Secretary, Dr. S Prabakar, along with the Head of the Department of Social Sciences, SSL, VIT, Vellore.

Further acknowledgements were extended by the Associate Dean, SSL, VIT, the Dean, SSL, VIT, and the President, Indian Sociological Society, Prof. Abha Chauhan; Secretary Indian

Sociological Society, Prof. Manish K. Verma. The felicitations were made by the ISS President and Secretary to the Organizing Secretary and others from VIT for their support and hard work. The local organizers also reciprocated the same to the incumbent ISS Office-Bearers. The event culminated with the rendition of the National Anthem.



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Indian Sociological Society

Young Researcher's Workshop
on
Writing and Publishing Research Paper
(26th -27th December 2023)
Venue: Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore (Tamil Nadu)
A Brief Report



The conference began with a two-day preconference Young Researchers' Workshop, from 26th- 27th December 2023 organized by the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) in collaboration with the Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore. The topic of the Workshop was *Writing and Publishing Research Paper*. Day 1 of the Workshop started with an inaugural session at

9:30 am which went on till 10:45 am. The inaugural address was given by Prof. Partha Sharathi Mallick, Pro-Vice Chancellor, VIT, Vellore. He congratulated everyone for organizing this conference and thus popularizing VIT University for non-engineering subjects, specifically social sciences, and getting approval from societal leaders in the field. He added that this is transforming the lives of students, teachers, and society by a collaboration of technical and social science fields. M. Manoharan, Dean of the School, SSL,



VIT, Vellore, was also present. He shed light on the importance of research. He also said VIT University stands at 11th rank in the research category of the National Institute of Ranking Framework and within the top 500 in the Sustainability ranking. Then Dr. Selvam V, Associate Dean of SSL, VIT, Vellore, talked about the importance of peer learning and support and global exchange. The welcome

address was given by Dr. S. Prabakar, Associate Professor (Senior), Dept. of Social Sciences, SSL, VIT, Vellore, and the Organizing Secretary of the 48th All India Sociological Conference.

Dr. Bangalore Morarji, Head of the Department of Social Sciences, SSL, VIT, Vellore, shared information about the Department. Introduction to the Workshop was given by Prof. Abha Chauhan, President, Indian Sociological Society. She explained the theme of the Workshop and emphasized the importance of writing and publishing papers in social sciences. Prof, S.L. Sharma, Dept. of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh gave the Keynote Address. He gave practical tips for writing a research paper - how to work on the paper and publish it. And finally, the vote of Thanks was given by Prof. Manish K. Verma, Secretary of the Indian Sociological Society. He said that sociology in India and sociology of India will only grow if the research is developed in young minds. And that the Indian Sociological Society is on the path to fulfil this mission. It is important that knowledge is inscribed on paper or else it will wither. The session was conducted by Ms. Rashmi, Assistant Professor, VIT.



There were six sessions conducted during this two days' workshop in which young researchers with the experts in the field got an opportunity to learn, discuss and explore the recent research trends. From 62 submitted abstracts, only 25 of the highest calibers were chosen, ensuring high-impact research and innovative approaches to knowledge gathering. This rigorous selection process not only set a high standard for the workshop but also promised a transformative experience for participants.

The Valedictory Session was chaired by Prof. Abha Chauhan, President, Indian Sociological Society. She brought out the significance of the Workshop for the participants as an important activity of the ISS. The President thanked and appreciated the local organisers for their support and cooperation. Dr. J. Balamurugan, Convenor of the Workshop, presented the Workshop Report summarizing the two-day event. From 62 submitted abstracts, only 25 of the highest calibers were chosen, ensuring high-impact research and innovative approaches to knowledge gathering. This rigorous selection process not only set a high standard for the workshop but also promised a transformative experience for participants.





Prof. Anand Kumar, former Professor of CSSS/SSS at JNU, New Delhi, graced the closing ceremony with a thoughtful Valedictory Address.

Drawing upon his vast experience, Prof. Kumar outlined three key pillars for impactful research: conceptualization, ensuring a clear and well-defined framework; rationalization, establishing a logical justification for the chosen topic and methodology; and contextualization, situating the research within its broader social and historical context. Prof. Manish K. Verma, Secretary of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS), delivered the concluding remarks for the conference. He concluded by commending the organizers for curating seven enriching sessions, each led by distinguished scholars in their respective



domains, ensuring a valuable and comprehensive experience for all participants. The certificates were distributed. Prof. Shruti Tambe, Treasurer, ISS delivered the vote of thanks. The Session ended with the rendition of the National Anthem by all those present at the Workshop.

**REPORT OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEES (RCs) ACTIVITIES
(SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2023)**

Report of Research Committee 01: Theory and Practice in Sociology

Convenor: Prof. Nilika Mehrotra

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In the 48th All India Sociological Conference, Vellore RC: 01 held three sessions with a total presentation of 13 papers. Every session had a vibrant discussion on the papers presented.

The first session on *Sociology of Home, Food and Friendship* on 28th December, was chaired by Prof. Soumendra Patnaik. There were four papers presented in the session. The first presenter of the session Prof. Rukmini Sen discussed ‘home’ as an important site of study, during covid through which much of the social life was being lived. The second presenter Ashka Raj talked about fictive kinship in which family friends play a significant role as mediators in matchmaking and pre-wedding ceremonies. The third presenter Dr. Biju Vincent discussed food narrations and its practices highly associated with the construction of power hierarchies and hegemonies. The fourth presenter Professor Nilika Mehrotra talked about the strong relationship between food and ritual that has existed in Puri, Odisha, via the transformation of food offered to Lord Jagannath as ‘Mahaprasad’.

In the second session held on 29th December, chaired by Prof. Susan Visavanthan & Sumit Srivastava, in total six papers were presented. The first presenter Prof. Ananta Kumar Giri explored a multi-dimensional call of listening and cultivating pathways of a ‘listening sociology’. The second presenter Gayatri Bhattacharyya talked about Irawati Karve who exposed the harsh reality of damage done to the environment and ecology by the heroes of the *Mahabharata* in her pathbreaking work *Yuganta*. The third presenter Arunoday Majumder talked about the studies of the Anna Movement (AM) and the Anna Event (AE) which show that the modern university continues with the secular lens while highlighting the cultural politics. In the fourth presenter Sumit Saurabh Srivastava attempted to answer what it means to ‘decolonize feminism’ in the contemporary public discourse about feminism. The fifth presenter Ayush Kushwaha dealt with the emergence of a distinctively new mother goddess and mapped the intricate attempts to construct an embodiment of the national



territory through anthropomorphized forms of her representations. The sixth presenter, Krishnaja Menon talked about the academic hierarchies in the context of Kerala, through the encounters of maladjustment and incomprehensibility via the experiences by academicians.

The third and last session of RC 01 was held on 30 December on sustainability and development. It was chaired by Prof. Ananta K. Giri & Prof. Rukmini Sen. The first presenter, Prof. Swapan Kumar Bhattacharyya looked at the specific notion of 'sustainable development' which can be recovered from the writings of Radhakamal Mukerjee. The second presenter, Dr. Suraj Beri delved into Thomas Piketty's analysis of Capital in the 21st Century, and suggested that his unique usage of long-time trends, documentary methods and visual templates can be useful for sociologists to enrich their analyses of wealth and capital inequalities. The third and the last presenter, Noor Fatima Sheikh explored the understanding of presently perceived female prostitutes in *Bharat* and tried to map the oriental narratives about Indian women and their repercussions.

Business Meeting:

A business meeting of RC 01 was convened on 29th December, 2023 at 4:00 PM, as part of the 48th ISS at VIT, Vellore, Technology Tower, Room no. 201. The following decisions were reached in the meeting:

Professor Nilika Mehrotra was unanimously elected as the Convener of RC 01; Dr. Suraj Beri was unanimously nominated as the Co-Convener of the RC 01. Mr. Ayush Kushwaha was nominated as Secretary/Treasurer of the RC. It was decided to explore the possibility of organizing a mid-term workshop/seminar on theoretical and methodological issues in Sociology. Members were encouraged to increase membership and participation in RC 01.

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

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One-Day Workshop on Changing Nature of Family, Marriage, and Kinship in the 21st Century

The one-day national seminar titled "Changing Nature of Family, Marriage, and Kinship in the 21st Century," organized by the Department of Sociology at Ismail National Mahila (PG) College in Meerut in collaboration with the Indian Sociological Society RC-02 "Family Marriage and Kinship," held on October 3, 2023, was a significant scholarly event. The seminar commenced with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony and the invocation of Maa Saraswati Vandana, setting a respectful and academic tone for the day. Prof. Deepti Kaushik, the Organizing Secretary, delivered an inaugural speech, highlighting the objectives of the seminar and underscoring the importance of the chosen topic in the contemporary social context. This was followed by a warm welcome by Prof. Anita Rathi, the college principal, who emphasized the critical role of educational institutions in fostering discussions on evolving societal structures.

The keynote address, delivered by Prof. Mahesh Shukla, the Convenor of RC-02 ISS, provided an in-depth perspective on the traditional understanding of Family, Marriage, and Kinship, highlighting their essential roles in the fabric of social democracy. Prof. Shukla's speech set the stage for subsequent discussions on how these core institutions of society have evolved and adapted to the challenges of the 21st century. Prof. Subhash from DGC

Gurugram, the Guest of Honour, delivered a thought-provoking address that explored the economic and cultural dimensions of Family and Marriage. He drew attention to the intricate interplay between economic factors and cultural norms in shaping family structures and marriage patterns, offering valuable insights into the complexities of contemporary family dynamics. Prof. Alok, the Head of the Department of Sociology at CCS University, delivered a compelling presidential address that focused on the profound impact of the changing nature of Family, Marriage, and Kinship on health. He highlighted the interconnectedness between these social institutions and individual well-being, emphasizing the need for a holistic approach to understanding health in the context of changing family structures and marital relationships. Prof. Alok's address left a lasting impression on the audience, underscoring the seminar's commitment to addressing the practical implications of the changing social landscape.

Throughout the day, the seminar featured four distinct sessions where a total of 63 research papers were presented. These sessions provided a diverse range of perspectives on the seminar's theme, touching on various aspects of family, marriage, and kinship in the 21st century. The depth and breadth of the research presented during these sessions were a testament to the robust academic engagement that the seminar fostered. Prof. Deepa Tyagi chaired the offline sessions, ensuring smooth proceedings for those present onsite, while Dr. Binoyjyoti Das facilitated the online sessions for virtual participants. Given the overwhelming response from participants, the seminar adopted a hybrid mode to accommodate both in-person and remote attendees, fostering inclusivity and engagement. This hybrid approach not only reflected the adaptability of academic gatherings in the digital age but also ensured that the seminar reached a wider audience, extending the reach of the discussions beyond geographical boundaries. Notable addresses included Prof. Bhup Singh's



valedictory speech, which delved into the development of the field of Sociology of Family, Marriage, and Kinship in India. He reflected on the historical evolution of the discipline and offered insights into its future directions. Additionally, Prof. Singh presented a detailed examination of kinship terminology in North India, shedding light on the region's unique social and cultural nuances.

Prof. Vikas Sharma, a distinguished speaker, enriched the discussions by offering insights on the portrayal of Family, Marriage, and Kinship in novels. He explored how literature serves as a reflection of societal norms and changes, contributing a literary perspective that complemented the academic discourse of the seminar. In conclusion, the

seminar proved to be a vibrant platform for academics, scholars, and experts to share their research findings, exchange ideas, and deepen their understanding of the ever-evolving dynamics of Family, Marriage and Kinship in the 21st century. The event's success was evident in the diverse range of topics covered and the active participation of attendees, both in-person and virtual, making it a seminal scholarly gathering in the field of sociology. The seminar not only contributed to academic scholarship but also underscored the relevance and significance of these societal constructs in an era of rapid social change.

48th AISC, 2014 RC -02 Report

A total of 46 abstracts were received in the session of RC-2 for the VIT Conference, in which 39 participants presented their papers. In each session, a separate chairperson, co-chairperson, and reporter team were formed who performed their roles responsibly. Most of the research papers were related to the changes and challenges taking place in family, marriage, and kinship.

The discussion was engaging and dynamic as participants from various regions of India shared their perspectives in alignment with the conference topic. The topics covered in this text include the impact of changing family structures on infertility treatment, gender socialization among various tribes, the modern approach to selecting a partner, the practice of intermarriage, and the commercialization of marriage. The aforementioned crucial elements have been thoroughly examined and researchers have indeed shed light on the session.



In various sessions of RC-2, Dr. Deepti Kaushik Meerut, Dr. Sumana, Calcutta, Dr. Preeti Sharma Raipur, Dr. Sarita Singh Uttar Pradesh, Dr. G.N. Mishra Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Sunil Singh Rana Bihar, Dr. Shailja Dubey, Dr. Aarti Srivastava, Dr. Swati Shukla, Dr. Vasudev Singh MP, played the role of Chair, Co-Chair and Reporter.

Four years ago, the number of members of RC-2 was only 30. Today this number has increased to 116. It was the cooperation of young scholars who joined this RC-2 and strengthened it. In this year, RC-2 has organized four workshops. These workshops were held on 10-11 Feb at Indore, on 13-14 March and 04 May 23 at TRS College, Rewa and on 03 Oct 23 at Ismail College, Meerut. All the workshops were organized in collaboration with the Indian Sociological Society.

Business Meeting

The new executive of RC-2 has been constituted for the next two years as follows

Convenor	-	Dr. Deepti Kaushik	(U.P.)
Co-convenor	-	Dr. Vasudev Singh	(M.P.)

Secretary	-	Dr. Sarita Singh	(U.P.)
Treasurer	-	Dr. Indira Vala	(Gujarat)
Advisory Board	-	Dr. Mahesh Shukla	(M.P.)
		Dr. G. N. Mishra	(M.P.)
		Dr. Preeti Sharma	(C.G.)

The Convenor, Prof. Mahesh Shukla offered heartfelt thanks to the honorable President of the Indian Sociological Society, Prof. Abha Chauhan, Prof. Manish Verma, Secretary, all of the office bearers, and all the members of the Managing Committee, RC conveners and participants.

Report of RC-03 Economy and Society

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RC 03 Economy and Society received 27 abstracts during the 48th All India Sociological Conference held at VIT, Vellore on December 28-30, 2023. The abstracts have been reviewed and were sent to the advisory committee members for comments. A total of 18 papers were presented in the four technical sessions arranged. The broad major areas covered were gender, agriculture, tribal, health, elderly, and socio-economic transitions.

This RC is processing the selected articles of the 47th AISC and Lucknow conferences for publication in the form of a book titled, "Post Covid Society: Socio-Economic and Cultural Perspective". The RC 14 chapters and the book proposal (along with the typescript) is being prepared so that it may be submitted shortly to a national-level publication.

The Business Meeting of RC 03 was conducted at 5:00 pm on 29.12.2023. The following decisions have been arrived at during the meeting: the committee resolved to nominate Prof. R. Maruthakutti as the Convener for one more year (2023-24). Prof. Sampath Kumar: as the Co-convener.

The following professors are nominated as advisory committee members:

1. Professor B.B. Mohanty, Pondicherry University
2. Professor Tattwamasi Paltasingh, Sambalpur University
3. Professor Biswamber Panda, North Eastern Hill University
4. Professor Jayashree, S, Karnatak University

The Convener of RC 03 thanked all the distinguished speakers (Prof. Indira and Prof. Tattwamasi Paltasingh), Chairpersons of the thematic sessions, and all the paper presenters for their contributions to RC 03. Further, it is proposed to conduct a series of RC 03 activities including a national-level seminar at Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, Special lectures online, and a Writing skills workshop in 2024.

Report of RC 04: Migration and Diaspora Studies

Convenor: Dr. Muneer Illath

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RC 04 (Migration and Diaspora Studies) of Indian Sociological Society, in collaboration with the Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policies, University of Hyderabad, under the convenership of Prof. Ajailiu Niumai (Professor and Former Head, CSSEIP,



University of Hyderabad & Member, Managing Committee, ISS) organized an International Conference titled 'Indian Diaspora Women and Patriarchy: Questions of Inclusion, Cultural Identity and Violence' on 18th and 19th of December at the Conference Hall of the School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad.

The conference was inaugurated by Prof. B.J. Rao, the Vice Chancellor of University of Hyderabad with

Prof. Abha Chauhan, the President of Indian Sociological Society, as the Chief Guest, and Prof. Manish K. Verma, the Secretary of Indian Sociological Society, as the Guest of Honour. The Keynote speaker of the conference was Prof. Bandana Purkayastha, the Vice President of National Associations of the Indian Sociological Association (ISA). Prominent sociologists and social scientists from India and abroad joined the conference as Panel speakers and chief guests which also included Prof. Yuataka Sato, Prof. R. Indira, Prof. Chandrashekhar Bhat, Prof. Irudaya Rajan, Prof. Amba Pande, Prof. Shreya S. Bhandari, Prof. Arvinder Ansari, Prof. Shweta Prasad, Prof. Sukant K. Chaudhury, Prof. Mala Kapur Shankardas, and Prof. Vinod Chandra. Apart from 16 papers in four plenary sessions, 182 research papers were presented by faculty members and research scholars of different Universities and colleges across the country in 10 parallel sessions. Prof. Ajailiu Niumai, the Convenor of the conference, welcomed the guests and Dr. Muneer Illath, Convenor, RC-04, proposed a formal vote of thanks.



Regarding the 48th All India Sociological Conference held at Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, on 28, 29 and 30 of December, 2023, the RC-04 received 38 abstracts of which 36 were presented in 4 technical sessions. The RC-04 also organized a panel discussion on “Indian Diaspora at the Crossroads: Emerging Patterns and Concerns” with Prof. Chandrashekhar Bhat, Prof. Ajailiu Niumai, and Prof. Sukant K. Chaudhry as invited plenary speakers.

Report of RC-05: Sociology of Education
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It is with immense pleasure that the report of the Research Committee–05 (Sociology of Education), of the Indian Sociological Society is being shared. The Research Committee – 05, had constituted the sub-committee to review the abstracts received for presentation in the 48th All India Sociological Conference scheduled at Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore. This sub-committee consisted of Prof. P. H. Mohammad, the Convenor of the RC-05, Prof. G. Nagaraju, former Convenor and member of the same representing the department of Sociology, HCU and Dr. Srabanthi Choudhuri. All the abstracts were scrutinized and about 50 abstracts were accepted for presentation in the 48th All India Sociological Conference (AISC) hosted by the Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore. Accordingly, the programme schedule was developed and shared across all the participants whose papers were accepted. All the papers accepted for presentation in the conference were divided into four sessions in addition to which one session on panel discussion was conducted. It would be worth mentioning here that the membership of the Research Committee – 05 stands at around 100, as per the website of the ISS.

The meeting of the Convenors of all the Research Committees was held on 27th December 2023 at 4:30 PM. Prof. P. H. Mohammad participated in the same in the capacity of the Convener of the RC- 05 (Sociology of Education) and presented the activities of the RC 05 before the ISS body.

Detailed report of the Research Committee on the deliberations in 48th AISC:

The first session was held on first day, i.e., 28th December 2023 from 4:15 onwards, which was chaired by Dr. S. Nagaraja of department of sociology, Tumukur University, Tumukur, Karnataka while it was co-chaired by Dr. Manish Kumar representing the Women’s College, Madhepura, Bihar, and Mr. Murtuza Ali Nasiri, from MANUU, Hyderabad, was the rapporteur for this session. The session witnessed presentations from diverse aspects covering the sociology of education and its impact.

In the second session of the same day, i.e., 28th December, a panel discussion was held on the topic, ‘NEP and Inclusive Education: The Way Forward’ where Prof. P. H. Mohammad (Department of Sociology, MANUU; Prof. Rajesh (Beguluru University, Bengaluru) and Prof. G. Nagaraju (Department of Sociology, HCU) participated as the panel speakers deliberating on the topic. Also, the session witnessed the felicitation of Prof. Chandrasekhar Bhatt who got the Lifetime Achievement Award from the ISS. The book entitled, ‘Gender, State and Education’ written by Prof. Nagaraju Gundimeda was released in this session. The book-releasing ceremony was done by Prof. Chandrasekhar Bhatt and Prof. R. Indira.

After the completion of the above event, a business session was undertaken. The incumbent convener Prof. P. H. Mohammad announced that his given term of two years of convenership is coming to an end. Thus Prof. P. H. Mohammad has activated the election process. However, Prof. G. Nagaraju proposed the incumbent Convenor Prof. P. H. Mohammad to continue the second term as the Convenor of RC 05 which was accepted by all the members present. Hence, the election of Prof. P. H. Mohammad was unanimously upheld as the Convenor for the second term. Accordingly, the following members were appointed/nominated for different positions of the RC -05.

Convener: Prof. P. H. Mohammad, Department of Sociology, MANUU, Hyderabad
Co-Convener: Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, W.B
Secretary: Dr. S. Nagaraja, Department of Sociology, Tumukur University, Tumukur
Executive Committee:

1. Dr. Sahana Sen
2. Dr. Anjanappa
3. Dr. Manish Kumar
4. Mr. Murtuza Ali Nasiri

Treasurer: Dr. Trilok Chandan Goud, Post Doctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, HCU

Research and Academic Advisory Committee:

1. Prof. G. Nagaraju, Department of Sociology, HCU.
2. Prof. Rajesh, Bengaluru University, Bangalore
3. Dr. Mosam Trivedi

The Second day's proceedings of the Research Committee 05 were held in session three and session four. Session three was held in the technical session slot of AISC from 9:00 A.M. to 11: A.M. This session was chaired by Prof. Rajesh, Department of Sociology, Bengaluru University while co-chaired by Dr. Shanti Sheshadri representing Smt. Maniben M.P Shah Women College of Arts and Commerce, and Saheb Nadaf was rapporteur for the session. The focus of this session was covering the themes and perspectives of quality education across different states of the country and the challenges faced by education with regard to technology and the issues of morality, etc. Similarly, the fourth session was held on the second day of the conference, i.e., 29/12/2023 from 3:45 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. In this session, Prof. G. N. Nimbarte chaired the proceedings while Dr. Mosam Trivedi co-chaired the session and Dr. Trilok Chandan Goud, a Post Doctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, HCU was rapporteur. In this session, issues like educational disparities among rural and urban students, educational issues of children in homeless shelters, the stress-related aspects among the research students and its implications, education and its contribution to social mobility among the Adivasi children, etc., were highlighted in the papers presented.

The fifth and last session of the RC – 05 was held on the last day of the AISC on 30/12/2023 at 9:00 AM to 10:45 A.M. This session was chaired by Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri and co-chaired by K. Rachana from Kashi Hindu Vishva Vidyalaya, Varanasi while the rapporteur was Manisha Jena and Farheena Muzaffar. The issues covered in the session were, the NEP – 2020; secular and sacred education in the 21st Century, the unemployment and missing skill sets and the youths' perspective as well as the influence of parents on the decision of career aspirations of children, etc.

Report of RC: 06 Sociology of Religion

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At the 48th All India Sociological Conference VIT, Vellore, 20 abstracts were submitted for presentation at RC 06 of which 18 papers were presented.

The first session was a panel titled 'Affect, precarity, faith: the existential sociology of religion' coordinated by Prof. Gita Chadha, and Obaid Siddiqui Chair Professor, National Centre for Biological



Sciences, Bengaluru. The panel was chaired by Prof. Maitrayee Choudhuri, President-elect, Indian Sociological Society. The four panelists Prof Gita Chadha, Prof. Pushpesh Kumar, Dr. Sarover Zaidi, and Dr. Joseph M.T. presented their insights sociologically engaging with the domain of religion. The panel attempted to apply a sociological lens to the existential approaches to comprehend faith and its myriad expressions.

Eighteen papers were presented by research scholars spread across the rest of the three sessions. The papers engaged with the following broad themes: contemporary expressions of guru parampara and bhakti tradition, an interface between religion and ethnic identity, the centrality of religious ethics in the protection of the environment, interfaith dialogue, religion in times of COVID-19, religion and popular culture and negotiations that accompany the visibility of religious symbols in public places.

Report of Research Committee -07: Adivasi and Tribal Studies

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In 48th AISC, Vellore the RC 07 had 4 technical sessions with 29 papers and one memorial lecture and had a regular participation of 30-35 members. After the opening remarks by Prof. Sukant K Chaudhury who spoke on the trends in tribal research in India today, the first technical session on the theme of Discourse and Development among Tribes, was chaired by Dr. Arvind Haldankar who addressed the development among tribes and how the State understands the issue of development vis-a-vis tribes. In it, 5 papers were presented on issues

like tribal arts and crafts, the impact of Covid and higher education, the health status of Bhil women etc.



The second session was chaired by Prof. Anthony Palackal and was co-chaired by Dr. Sangram V. Gunjal on the theme Tribal Cultures in India: Continuity and Change. There were 10 papers dealing with the challenges of the development of nomadic tribes, the impact of the modern healthcare system on tribes, livelihood practices among the Kanjar tribe, and Marital preferences among the Bakarwal tribe. Convenor Prof. Sukant Kumar Chaudhury provided important

inputs and comments on how to formulate the topics and write balanced papers that have a strong theoretical framework as well as a scientific analytical temperament. Adding to the comments of the Convenor, the Chair emphasized the necessity to ask the question ‘why’, what, and how. The Chair summed up by emphasizing on the scientific temperament in studying the tribes and how there is a need to problematize specific issues so that the study is epistemological and ontological. Prof. Sukant Kumar Chaudhury emphasized on how structural-functionalism is not much in use and now the academic trend is to emphasize on Structuration: Structure and Agency wherein the people themselves are agents and discussed the various ways in which they assert their own identities.



In the third session, the Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava Memorial lecture was delivered by Prof. D.R. Sahu on ‘Trajectory of Tribal Resistance in Odisha’ and was chaired by Prof.

Soumendra Mohan Patanaik. The session was on tribal social movements and 5 papers were presented on different aspects of tribal protests and movements.

The fourth session was chaired by Prof. Sukant Kumar Chaudhury on the theme 'Economy and Social change among tribes' where 9 papers were presented on various aspects of tribal economy and change.

Report of RC-08: Inequalities, Stratification and Exclusion Studies

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RC-08 organized four sessions on the occasion of the 48th All India Sociological Conference held at VIT Vellore from 28th to 30th December 2023. A total of thirty abstracts were received out of which one was from Bangladesh. Out of the total abstracts, 25 were in English and 5 in Hindi language. All these papers were scheduled in four sessions as per the time allotted to the RC.

In the sessions, 24 papers were presented by the members on various themes related to inequality, stratification, and exclusion studies. Most of the papers were meaningful from a sociological perspective and the presenters were suggested to submit full-length papers after incorporating suggestions and questions that were raised during the discussions. The sessions were chaired by Dr. V. Shreenarayan Murthy from Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, and Dr. Supriya Singh from Khun-Khun Ji Girls Degree College, Lucknow.

The business meeting of the RC was held on 30th December, 2023 in the fourth session. Dr. V. Sreenarayan Murthy from Andhra University, Dr. Supriya Singh from Khun-Khun Ji Girls Degree College, Lucknow, and Dr. Jayashree Ambewadikar from Gujarat were unanimously elected as convenor, co-convenor and executive members respectively. The following decisions were taken in the meeting-

1. To bring out an edited book of the papers presented during the last three conferences in RC-08.
2. To explore possibilities of collaboration with Research Committees of International Sociological Association (ISA).

Report of RC 10- Gender Studies

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Mid-term Seminar of RC-10

On November 16-17, 2023, the Research Committee on Gender Studies (RC-10) of Indian Sociological Society, in collaboration with DAV College, Chandigarh and Punjab Regional Chapter, Mohali, organized a two-day seminar on the topic 'Empowering Women through Higher Education: Examining the Efficacy of New Education Policy 2020'. The inaugural session featured the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Renu Vij, as the chief guest. Dr. Rajni Bala, Convenor of RC-10, critically examined the New Education Policy 2020. Prof. Abha

Chauhan, President of Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi delivered the keynote address. The seminar featured 80 delegates from 11 Indian states.

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During the conference, 101 papers were presented under RC-10 Gender Studies, for which 11 technical sessions were organized in three different rooms. The sessions were chaired by senior members of RC-10, Prof. Rajesh Gill, Prof. Hilda C. Devi, Dr. Rajni Bala, Prof. Vinita Lal, Prof. Niranjan Singh, Prof Leena Pujari, Prof. Sudeshna Mukherjee, Prof. T.B Singh, and Dr. Asha Singh.

A special lecture session was also organized on the 2nd day of the conference, chaired by Prof. R. Indira, former President, ISS. Prof. Ajailiu Niumai acted as the discussant. Esteemed scholars in Gender Studies delivered special lectures, with Prof. Abha Chauhan speaking on “Shifting Sociological Paradigm: Gendering Studies on Wars and Conflicts,” and Prof. Rajesh Gill discussing “Mixing Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Gender Research.”



During the business meeting of RC-10 on the 29th, held in the presence of ISS members and senior RC-10 members, Prof. Abha Chauhan, President of ISS, acted as the Election Officer. Dr. Rajni Bala was unanimously elected as convener, with Dr. Sudeshna Mukherjee and Dr. Leena Pujari being elected as co-convener and Secretary, respectively. An advisory committee and a new executive were formed. Elected as members of the Advisory Committee were Prof. Abha Chauhan, Prof. R. Indira, Prof. Rajesh Gill, Prof. Ajailiu Niumai, and Prof. Dhananjay Sontake, while Prof. Niranjan Singh, Prof. C. Hilda Devi, Prof. T.B. Singh, and Dr. Asha Singh were elected as members of the executive committee of RC-10.

Report of RC 11- Sociology of Environment
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RC-11 in collaboration with Govt. Degree College Darlanghat, Solan, H.P, RC-21, and RC-19 of ISS organized the Third SSHP International Conference (Hybrid) Himachal Pradesh on December 11 to December 12, 2023, on the theme "Development in Mountains: Issues, Challenges, and Solutions".

RC-11 also started an International E- Lecture series on 06/12/2023 in collaboration with the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shri Ramswaroop Memorial University, Lucknow-Deva Road, Barabanki. The first lecture was delivered by Prof. Bidur Dhungal

Executive Director, Southwestern Center for Research and Ph.D. Studies Kathmandu, Nepal on Environment and Society.

For the 48th AISC Organized at VIT, Vellore, a total of 30 abstracts were received and 27 abstracts were found suitable and accepted for presentation. 25 Papers were being presented out of 27 covering the themes and sub-themes. A total of 4 technical sessions and a business meeting were conducted which were chaired by Prof. Manish K. Verma, Prof. D.R Sahu, Prof. Balaji Kendre, Prof. Anshu Kedia, and Dr. Manisha Rao. Members in the business meeting unanimously decided to give second term to Amar Pal Singh and elected Dr. Manisha Rao as co-convener of the RC.



Report of RC-12: Sociology of Health, Ageing and Wellbeing

Convener: Dr. Prabhakar S.

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Dr. Prabhakar S., the Convener apprised that on 28th December 2023 after Lunch of day first of the 48th AISC, the first technical session of RC-12 started at 4:00 PM in Room 312 in TT building. First, the business meeting was conducted as per the schedule which was witnessed by 37 RC members and voting process was carried out as per the laid down ISS rules and regulations at 4:30 pm to elect all office bearers for the session of 2024 – 2025. Dr. Sudha

Khokhate took the responsibility to convene the session and finally declared the newly elected members: Prof. Prabakar, RC-12 convener, Prof. Manushi Srivastava, Co-convener, Dr. Pratibha Desai, Secretary, Dr. J. Balamurugan, Treasurer along with 3 executive committee members - Prof. M. Akram, Prof. Alok Kumar and Prof. Tamilarasan. The business meeting ended with a vote of thanks. Afterwards at 4:50 pm, the 1st technical session started and a total of 8 papers were presented in this session. This session was Chaired by Dr. V. B. Singh and Co-chaired by Dr. Ziya. The second day 29th December, 2023 of AISC started with breakfast which ended with an academic start-up of the 2nd technical session at 9:00 am in 312 room no. of TT building. The session was chaired by Prof. Kunta Ailaiah and co-chaired by Dr. J. Balamurugan and a total of 42 members witnessed the session and 15 presenters presented their research papers. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all.

On the second day (29th December 2023) of AISC, the third technical session was held at 3:45 to 5:00 pm in 32 room no. of TT building. The session was chaired by Prof. Manushi Srivastava. A total of 13 research papers were presented on the broad theme of women's health. The session concluded with a vote of thanks. More than 30 participants attended the session. The fourth technical session started at 9:00 am and ended at 11:00 am on the third day (30th December 2023) with a vibrant discussion and deliberations. A total of 11 papers were presented on the theme Sociology of Aging. The session was chaired by Dr. Sudha Khokhate from Bangalore and co-chaired by Dr. Pratibha B. Desai, Kolaphur. 36 participants attended the session and discussion was held. A total of 47 papers were presented in RC-12 during the 48th AISC conference and the final session ended with certificate distribution to all the participants and a final vote of thanks was extended to all.

Report of RC-13: Science, Technology and Society

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Research Committee – 13 (Science, Technology and Society) successfully conducted four vibrant academic sessions and one business meeting at the 48th All Indian Sociological Conference at VIT, Vellore. The keynote was delivered by Prof Manoj Kumar Jena on future technology and its challenges. Thirty papers were selected for presentation out of which nineteen English and two Hindi papers were presented in the Conference. All papers were quite interesting and addressed various contemporary issues like issues of science policy in India, the impact of Chat GPT on education, cyberfeminism, Digital interface and changing

social life, Technology and Organic farming, Cyborg and youth, Digital Self and identity, Cyber Security, AI and changing economic activity, Mobile education, Bridging the digital divide etc. The valedictory address was delivered by Prof. Vivek Kumar on Philosophy, Science, and Sociology and chaired by Prof. R. Rajesh. The business meeting was held on the 30th of December, 2023 in which Prof Manoj Kumar Jena was unanimously elected as RC Convener for a second term. Dr Seema Dutta and Dr Sudhir Srivastava were also unanimously elected as Secretary and Joint Secretary of RC 13. It was also decided that RC 13 would organize a mid-term conference and start a newsletter soon.

Report RC 14: Globalization and Culture

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RC 14, *Globalization & Culture* organized four sessions on the occasion of the 48th AISC – All India Sociological Conference. Twelve papers were received and were presented in three different sessions as per the time allotted to the RC. In the fourth session, a talk by a senior sociologist was followed by a business meeting.

In the sessions, eleven interesting and meaningful papers were presented by the members on various themes related to ‘Globalization & Culture’. Sessions were

chaired by Prof. Shreepal Chauhan and Prof. Sthabir Khora. The business meeting was held on 30th December 2023 in the fourth session. Dr. Deepthi Shanker, Associate Professor, Ramaiah Institute of Management (MSRIM), Bangalore; Dr. Shreepal Chauhan, Associate Professor, Maharshi University, MP; Dr. Preethi Tiwari, Research Associate, GREFI, Ghaziabad; Dr. Sthabir Khora, Former Professor, TISS, Mumbai were unanimously elected as Convener, Co-convener and executive members respectively. Prof. V.P. Singh and Prof. Parvez Abbasi were nominated as advisors.



Report of RC 15: Rural and Agrarian Studies

Convener: Prof. Ashutosh Vyas

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RC-15 received 52 papers and among them, 45 papers were presented in four technical sessions during the 48th AISC. The I-Session was Chaired by Prof. Ashutosh Vyas from Chittorgarh and co-chaired by Dr. Sampat Kale from Mumbai. In this session, 12 papers were presented. II-Session was chaired by Prof. D.K. Singh from BHU, co-chaired by Dr. Vinita

Lal from Lucknow, and 10 papers were presented in this session. III-session was chaired by Prof. Anirban Banerjee from West Bengal and co-chaired by Vivek Kant, 12 papers were presented in this session.

On 30th Dec, 2023 IV- Session was chaired by Prof. Bipul Gogai, from Assam, and co-chaired by Dr. Nilesh Barot, from Gujarat. In this technical session, 11 papers were presented. In all sessions, the presenters discussed themes related to rural transformation, agrarian structure, and other associated studies.



A book titled, "Peasant Movements, Consumer Culture and Conservation of Natural Resources" was released during the conference, containing all papers presented in the sessions at 47th AISC Meghalaya. As a regular feature of RC-15 "Prof. Deb Kumar Banerjee Memorial Lecture" was delivered by Prof. B.K. Nagla, Rohtak on Prof. Vinay Kumar Sarkar's contribution on Sociology & Nation. He also pointed out the life sketch of Professor Sarkar and his book "Positive Background of Hindu Socialism". This session was chaired by Prof. Manish K. Verma from Lucknow.

In the business meeting, it was decided that the writer's forum would develop the writing skills of the members. In this meeting, Dr. Sampat Kale was elected as the next RC Convener for two Years.

Report of RC-16: Work, Labour and Organization

Convener: Prof. Pranjal Sarma

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RC-16: Work, Labour and Organisation received altogether 23 abstracts from all over India, especially from Assam, West Bengal, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Delhi, Mumbai, Kerala, Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, and Punjab for presentation during the 48th AISC, Vellore. 19 papers were presented in different sessions and had fruitful outcomes through the process of interactions and discussions. Topics related to different areas of Work, Labour, and Organisation were discussed, as for instance, the Factories Act and the working pattern of Factory Inspectors, the Effect of casual labour in industries, spontaneous Coal Fire and impact on Workers in Coal Mines, Women workforce in the Beedi Industry, Child Labour, Health Disparities of the Women Tea Workers, Role conflict among women professionals, Labour code on wage Bill 2019, Migrant workers, Work Dynamics in unorganized sector, Informal Zardozi Workers, prospects for Gig workers, Problems of sanitation, Role of Service Providers in Tourism sectors and so on. In the 3rd session, further discussions were done on some of the papers presented in the morning session on 29/12/2023. Intensive

interactions were made on some papers like on labour code on wage bill 2019, lived experience of migrant labourers' in Kashmir, Migrant labour in Greater Noida, Reforms and Future Prospects for Gig-Workers etc.

At the end of the business session, some names were proposed for the Advisory Committee of RC-16 as well as financial matters of the RC-16 were discussed. The Constituted members of the Advisory Committee of RC-16 are:

- 1) Prof. Biswambhar Panda, NEHU Shillong.
- 2) Prof. Smita Awachar (Rtd.), Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad.
- 3) Prof. Kulvinder Kaur, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

Report of RC 17: Sociology of Movement

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Session I of RC 17 was devoted to the A R Desai Memorial Lecture. Prof Shruti Tambe delivered the 11th A R Desai Memorial Lecture. She spoke about 'Decolonization Turn in Movement Studies.' Prof. D R Sahu chaired the session. A total of 10 papers were presented in Sessions II and III. RC 17 received 16 abstracts out of which 13 were selected. Out of 13, 10 papers were presented. Session II was chaired by Rohit Jain and Session III was chaired by Prof Gayatri Bhattacharya. The papers

covered different themes on Social Movements. In the Business meeting held on 29th December 2023 at 5.00 pm, the discussion was held on strengthening the RC and increasing the membership. Prof Sahu was the election officer. After consulting and discussion with the members present, a new RC 17 committee was formed and the new RC Convener was chosen. Prof. Shruti Tambe was unanimously chosen as the new RC 17 convener. The co-convenors chosen were Dr. Ajay Kumar and Dr. Meghana Arora. The other executive members chosen were Ms. Aditi Sinha, Ms. Debbani Bhattacharya, Mr. Purushottam Chandekar, Ms. Shipra Das, Dr. Pranay Tiwari and Dr. Sampat Kale. An advisory committee was also constituted comprising of Prof. D.R. Sahu, Prof. Biswajeet Ghosh, Prof. Debal Singha Roy, and Dr. Rohit Jain.



Report of RC 18: Social Demography
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The membership of the RC has increased from 6 to 42 with 36 new members. 30 members had submitted abstracts for the annual conference. The paper presentations were carried out in four technical sessions on different sub-themes of social demography.

1. Population, Community Health, and Reproductive Health
2. Population Dynamics: Trends and Issues.
3. Population and Human Development Issues.
4. Population policy, education, and social media.



Central University). Co-convenor: Prof. Chandrika K. B. (Rani Chennamma University, Belgavi), and Treasurer: Dr. Pratibha Desai (Shivaji University, Kolhapur). Members: Dr. D. Ramarao (Andhra University), Dr. Rajani Wadhai (Gondwana University), and Dr. Balasaheb Shendge (Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar). There is a plan to organize an international conference in collaboration with RC 41 of ISA.

The papers focused on various dimensions of social demography, with diversified regional aspects. Senior sociologists from different parts of the country chaired the sessions. An advisory committee of three senior sociologists, namely Prof. R. Indira, and Prof. B. K. Nagla, and Prof. Vinod Chandra, have been constituted. The new executive body was elected unanimously for the years 2024–25. The convenor is Prof. Naresh Kumar (Gujarat



Report of RC 19: Urban Studies
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Mid-Term Conference was organized in collaboration with RC-19, RC-11 & RC-21 of ISS, Indian Sociological Society, ISS-National Council of Regional Associations, and Working Group-5 of the International Sociological Association at Darlaghat, Solan, Himachal Pradesh with the title Third SSHP International Conference (Hybrid), Darlaghat, Solan on: 'Development in Mountains: Issues, Challenges and Solutions' on December 11-12, 2013.

RC 19 Coordinated Virtual cum Physical Symposium on Contemporary Urban Issues in the Context of Mountain Regions. Eminent Speakers included were: Prof. Debal K Singharoy, Dr. Kulwant Singh, Prof. Ranvinder S Sandhu, Prof. R S Ghuman, Dr. B S Sekhon, Dr.

Sumant Swain, Prof. Shruti Tambe, Prof. NK More, Tikender Panwar, Prof. Sanjeev Chaddha, Mr. Shantanu Padhj and Dr. Manoj Kumar Teotia.



It was attended by a large number of academicians, teachers, research scholars, and students. The symposium was chaired by Prof. Debal K SinghRoy and Prof. S K Sharma.

In the 48th All India Sociological Conference, VIT, Vellore, 28-30 December 2023, RC 19 received 25 papers. It organized three technical sessions, three plenaries (6 lectures) and inaugural (4 lectures) and

valedictory sessions (5 lectures). In total 25 presentations were made including 10 papers by young students and faculty and 15 lectures by senior and eminent sociologists. Prof. SL Sharma, Prof. Debal SinghaRoy, Prof Vidyut Joshi, Prof. Gurusami, Prof. Abha Chauhan, Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri, Prof. D.R. Sahu, Prof. Rajesh Gill, Prof. Balaji Kendre, Prof Shruti Tambe, Prof. B B. Mohanty, Prof Pirzada and Prof. RK Mohanty and some other eminent professors gave lectures.



A business meeting of the RC-19 was held on 30th December 2023. Manoj Kumar Teotia was unanimously re-elected as its Convenor for the next term. The members also elected a Secretary: Mr. Shankar Jyoti Saikia as Co-convenor. Dr. Priyanka Sonkar was elected as Treasurer and Professor M Thamilarasan, Dr. Devender Pal Singh Tomar, Dr. Jagdish Mehta, Dr. Mritunjay Kumar Yadavendu, and Dr Sreya Sen as Members of the Executive Board. An Editorial Team was also elected to bring out a publication.

Report of RC-20: Media Studies

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RC-20 received twenty-eight abstracts in AISC out of which twenty-two abstracts were presented on different issues and aspects of media and mass communication. The sessions were chaired and co-chaired by Prof. Dhananjay K. Sontakke, Prof. Partha Sarkar, Dr. Bidu Bhushan Das, Dr. Jitendra Ram, Dr. Tanya Mohanty, Dr. Kali Nath Jha and Dr. G S Purushottama. The rapporteurs were Amarmani Tripathi, Himanshu Goel and Shrotriya Dash. During sessions, special lectures were delivered by Prof. R. Indira, Prof. Maitreyi Choudhary, Prof. Manish K. Verma, Prof. Shweta Prasad, Prof. Anant Giri, Prof. Soumyajit Patra, and Prof. Pradeep K. Meshram.

During the business session, an Executive Committee consisting of five members and an Advisory Committee consisting of three members- Prof. Manish K. Verma, Prof. Manoj



Kumar, and Prof. Dhananjay K. Sontakke was constituted unanimously. The RC-20 also unanimously nominated Prof. P.K. Choudhary as Co-Convenor and Shrotriya Dash as Secretary of the RC for the next one year. RC-20 proposed best wishes for outgoing President Prof. Abha Chauhan and Secretary Prof. Manish K. Verma and welcomed newly elected President Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri and Secretary Prof. Shweta Prasad.

Report RC 22: Conflict and Violence Studies

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In the 48th All India Sociological Conference 2023, a total of 21 papers were received for the presentation. 14 participants presented their papers. In the first session of RC 22, Prof



Arvinder Ansari delivered a guest lecture on 'Sociological perspectives on the Epidemiology of Violence'. The session was chaired by Prof. Jagan Karade. The paper presented in the RC 22 reflected on very diverse issues such as gender violence, linguistic conflict, democratic conflicts, gender inequality and issues of identity, pandemic and violence, migration and issues of conflict, domestic violence, cultural

hegemony and conflict, ethnic conflict, and violence; and educational inequality and issues of

conflict. Prof. Ramesh Mangalekar, Prof. Smita Awachar, Prof. Antony Palackal, and Prof. Ajailiu Niumai chaired the RC sessions and gave valuable remarks. The business meeting of the RC 22 was held on 29th December and Prof. Arvinder Ansari was elected as the Convenor unanimously by all members for the next two years. It is proposed to organise seminars, and lecture series in coming years.



Report of RC-23: Sociology of Law, Crime and Deviance

Convener: Prof. R.K. Mohanty

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Research Committee 23, *Sociology of Law, Crime, and Deviance*, organized four sessions during the All India sociological Conference. Prof. Rabindra K. Mohanty served as the Convener, and Prof. Ramesh H. Makwana, Member MC and as the Co-convener. The sessions included the inaugural session, technical sessions I and II, and the valedictory session. The themes of technical sessions I and II were Crime against Women and Children and Contemporary Research Trends respectively. The detailed report for each session is presented below.

Session I

The inaugural session was held on 28th December 2023 (5:30 pm to 7:00 pm). The session was chaired by Prof. Sunil Dhull from Kurukshetra University. It started with the inaugural address by the RC Convener Prof. Mohanty, followed by three core lectures. Prof. Mohanty delivered a lecture on the "Victimology of Witch-hunting Cases in the context of Mayurbhanj District, Odisha. Prof. Makwana from Sardar Patel University explored "Crime and Deviance: Lensing through Sociological Theories," and Prof. Mamta Patel from Dr. Harisingh Gour University spoke on "Temples in India: Security Management and Challenges."

Session II: Technical Session

The Session on 'Crime against Women and Children' convened in session II on December 29, 2023, scheduled from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Professor Mohanty, the Convener, presided over the session, joined by Professors Makwana, Mamta Patel, and Sunil Kumar. The platform witnessed a presentation of a total of 6 papers during the allocated time frame. The presentation was followed by an interaction session which included question-answer and comments by the chair as well as senior professors.

Session III: Technical Session

The third session on Contemporary Research Trends was held on 29th December 2023 (4:30pm to 5:30 pm). The session was chaired by Prof. Mamta Patel. Six papers were presented in this session. At the end, the chair, Prof. Patel made her comments on all the papers. She gave suggestions to the presenters for improvements and Abhishek R. offered the vote of thanks.

Session IV: Valedictory Session

The session started at 9.00 am. Prof. Makwana was invited as the Session Chair by Prof. Mohanty. Prof. Makwana said that the RC is increasing day by day. Young scholars should have a vision to strengthen the RC.

At last, the business meeting of the RC was conducted, chaired by Prof. Makwana, Member MC, ISS and advisor to RC 23. It was unanimously decided that:

- a) Prof. R.K. Mohanty will act as the convener for 2024-2025.
- b) A mid-term seminar will be held in May 2024 and a book will be published in the coming year as outcome. A proposal will be submitted to ISS for funds from RC 23 contribution to supplement the seminal expenditure.
- c) A Newsletter will be published in the coming year.

Report of RC-24: Sociology of Childhood and Youth

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The executive committee of RC-24 has virtually become inoperative over the last six months, making it practically impossible to initiate any meaningful academic work; in the meantime, however, the extension work to educate street children by IEST, Shibpur student volunteers continues unhindered. At present 45 children between 8 and 15 years are being taught English, Computer, and Mathematics by 20 odd volunteers from the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year B.Tech program.

We are now actively engaged with Orient Black Swan to publish an edited volume on the collection of papers presented in RC-24 sessions in Lucknow and at the 48th All India Sociological Conference, VIT, Vellore. We expect to clinch it within a month. The tenure of the present Convener expires in this Conference, which is likely to provide a fresh opportunity to revamp the structure and function of the RC suitably.

Report of RC -25: Sociology of Sports

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In RC-25, Sociology of Sports, a total of 24 abstracts were received from its members on various topics dealing with diversified aspects of sports. Twenty-three papers were presented in three RC sessions which were held 28 and 29th December -2023. Papers from various presenters from the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, J&K, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Jharkhand, Punjab, and Uttarakhand were presented. The sessions were chaired by Dr. Sanjay Joshi, Dr Ravi Prakash, and Dr Sanjay Tiwary. The co-chairs



were Dr. Vasudev Singh Jadon, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Tiwari, and Dr. Kumar Rajeev Ranjan.

A business meeting was held. The present convener Dr. Ravi Prakash has completed two terms as the convener and so elections were held. Dr. Sanjay Tewari was elected as the new Convenor for the RC 25 for the term 2024 -25. The house decided to come out with an edited book containing papers presented in RC-25 sessions of the 48th AISC. The RC 25 has currently 53 members and the house was of the view that an online /offline conference webinar must be held sometime in March - April 2024.

Report of RC-26: Minority Studies

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Research Committee on Minority Studies (RC-26) has approximately 40 members, the majority of whom are life members of ISS. For the 48th AISC, organized by Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), from 28-30 December 2023, RC-26 received a total of 17 abstracts. The screening committee approved all the 17 abstracts for presentation in the 48th AISC.



All the papers were divided thematically into 4 technical sessions. The first technical session (28th December), was titled “Minorities within Minorities: Dynamics of Marginal Identities”, in which three papers were presented. The session

was chaired by Dr. Saheed Meo, from the Department of Sociology, MANUU. The second technical session (29th December) was on the theme of “Stratification, Exclusion and Mobility: Minorities in Contemporary India”, in which four papers were presented and it was chaired by Dr. Imtiaz Ahmad Ansari, from the Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia.

RC-26 also organized an invited lecture on 29th December. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Vivek Kumar, CSSS, JNU. The topic of his lecture was “Prof. Imtiaz Ahmad: A Plea for



Comprehensive Sociology of India”. The session was chaired by Prof. Arvinder A. Ansari, Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia. In the third session (29th December), three papers were presented and it was chaired by Dr. K. M. Ziyauddin, Department of Sociology, MANUU. The theme of the session was “Democratic Rights and Dissenting Voices: Debating Difference”. The business meeting of RC-26 was held on 29th December. In the meeting, an election for the next RC Convenor was held. Members present unanimously elected the current convener, Dr. Imtiaz Ahmad Ansari, for one more term. In

the business meeting, a discussion was also held about future activities of the RC. In the fourth session (30th December), four papers were presented and it was chaired by Prof. T. B. Singh, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi. The theme of the session was “Multiple Marginalities: Education, Health and Livelihood”.

Forthcoming Events: The following activities have been proposed by RC-26:

1. RC-26 will be organizing a national conference focusing on the sociological contributions of Prof. Imtiaz Ahmad. Prof. Imtiaz Ahmad, who expired on 19th June 2023, mainly contributed in developing the sociology of Muslims in the South Asian context. The conference is scheduled to be held in the month of April 2024 in Delhi.
2. RC-26 will be organizing a national mid-term conference, in collaboration with the Department of Sociology, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi (UP). The theme (tentative) of the conference is *Democracy, Development, and Discontent: Understanding Lived Experiences of Youth in Minority Communities in India*. It is scheduled to be organized in the month of May 2024.

Report of RC-27: Sociology of Care

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At the outset, Prof. Soumyajit Patra, Convener, delivered the welcome address and described the importance of the theme of the RC (Sociology of Care). In the 48th AISC RC-27 organized two Plenary Sessions. Plenary Session I was held on 28-12-2023 in the First RC Session and it was Chaired by Prof. Manish K. Verma, Secretary, ISS. Prof. R. Indira and Prof. B. K. Nagla delivered the plenary speech. Dr. Kali Nath Jha, Convener of RC-20 acted as the Moderator of the Session. The Second Plenary Session was Chaired by Prof. Shweta Prasad of BHU. Prof. Debal K. SinghaRoy, Prof. Jagan Karade and Prof. Dipti Ranjan Sahu delivered the plenary lectures in this session. Dr. Sangram Gunjal of Aurangabad University acted as the Moderator of this session.

Besides this, RC-27 organized three special lectures. Prof. Ajailiu Niumai (UoH), Prof. Ananta Kumar Giri (MIDS) and Prof. Nilika Mehrotra (JNU) delivered the special lectures in RC Session III and IV respectively. This year we received 12 papers from different parts of our country. We organized two Technical Sessions for them. These Technical Sessions were Chaired by Prof. S A H Moinuddin (WB) and Prof. Tattwamasi Paltasingh (Odisha). Dr Sourav Madhur Dey acted as the co-chair in these Technical Sessions. RC 27 is planning to organize a Post-AISC Webinar soon. The Business Meeting was held on 29-12-23 and the members unanimously decided to reelect the Convener for another term of two years.

Report of RC-28: Sociology of Everyday Life

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National Seminar in collaboration with the National Institute of Education and Research, Bhubaneswar: RC 28, ‘Sociology of Everyday Life’, collaboratively organised a National Conference on *Science in Everyday Life* with NISER Bhubaneswar on 24th and 25th March 2023. The conference witnessed critical ruminations around themes such as Nano-Science,

Digital Divide, Hygiene, language technology, Ayurveda, COVID-19 and scientific literacy, clinical trials, climate change, etc. Experts from the field of sociology of science and everyday life who participated in the National Conference include Prof. E. Haribabu, formerly with Hyderabad University, Dr. Ambika Prasad Nanda, Head, CSR, Tata Steel, Prof. Abhijit Mitra, formerly with Burdwan University, Prof Amites Mukhopadhyay and Prof. Dalia Chakraborty from Jadavpur University, Prof. Nagaraju Gundimeda from Hyderabad University and Prof. Subhasis Sahoo from Allahabad University. Prof. Pranay Swain, the Joint Convener of the RC 28 acted as the seminar director, and Prof. Sanjay K. Roy, the Convener of the RC 28 delivered the introductory lecture and presented a paper.

International Seminar in collaboration with Cluny Women's College, Kalimpong, West Bengal: The RC organised a two-day international seminar on "Inequalities, Othering and Violence in Everyday Life" in a mixed mode in collaboration with Cluny Women's College, Kalimpong, West Bengal, on 23-24 November 2023. Prof. Prasanta K. Ray delivered the keynote address and Prof. Sanjay K. Roy delivered valedictory addresses. Among the prominent scholars who spoke on occasion are (1) Prof. Salma Akter of Dhaka University, (2) Prof. Amites Mukhopadhyay of Jadavpur University, (3) Prof. Pranay Swain of NISER, Bhubaneswar, (4) Prof. Ritu Sen Chaudhury of West Bengal State University and (5) Prof. Anjan Chakraborty, Director, HRDC, North Bengal University. More than 30 scholars presented papers in the seminar. Dr. Sr. Pushpa Michael, the college principal, was the seminar chief patron.

Online Seminar Programme:

As a part of its online monthly seminar programme, the RC organised two online talks on (1) "The Place of Pain in Everyday" by Dr. Sohini Saha, and (2) "Living Sociology" by Prof. Sanjay K. Roy on 2nd December 2023.

Proceedings of the RC Business meeting held at VIT during the 48th AISC Conference. In the business meeting held on 30 December 2023, the following resolutions were taken:

1. The activities report of the RC for 2023 as outlined above was approved.
2. The statement of accounts showing a reserve fund of Rs. 58,958 in the RC Bank A/C on 30 December 2023 was approved.
3. The executive committee and the advisory committee of the RC for the year 2024-2025 were constituted unanimously as follows:

Convenor: Prof. Sanjay Roy, Department of Sociology, North Bengal University. Ph. 9609486579; Email: sanroy0015@gmail.com

Co-Convenor: Prof. Pranay Swain, NISER, Bhubaneswar. Email: pranay@niser.ac.in

Secretary: Dr. Suraj Beri, Nagaland Central University; Email: criticalsun@gmail.com

Treasurer: Dr. Pinaki Roy, Govt. General Degree College, Mangalkote College, West Bengal. Email: pinakiroy88@gmail.com

Advisory Committee

1. Prof. Abhijit Mitra
2. Prof. Amites Mukhopadhyay
3. Prof. Rukmini Sen

Report of Ad-Hoc Group- 01: Digital Sociology

Convener: Prof. Abdul Matin

Email: digitalsociology2022@gmail.com

Convener: Prof. Abdul Matin, Convener, Adhoc Group- 01, Digital Sociology submitted the report as follows:

Duration of the Adhoc Group: 1 year

Members: 45

Activities:

1. Technical sessions at the Mid-Term ISS International Conference: Adhoc Group-01: Digital Sociology has conducted two technical sessions at the Mid-Term ISS International Conference on the theme “Sociology of and In Regions: Pedagogy, Practices and Possibilities”, organized by the Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow, Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi, EFCS & GIDS on 28-30 April 2023.

2. It has organized a Lecture series in 2023. Under this lecture series, three lectures were organized.

3. A collaboration was initiated with the IEEE Task Force in Gamification Research and Education, Latin America and TG 10 Digital Sociology, International Sociological Association.

4. International Conference on the theme “Digitalization, New Media and Video Game Culture” was organized by Department of Economics, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad & Adhoc Group-01: Digital Sociology, Indian Sociological Society in Collaboration with IEEE Task Force in Gamification Research and Education, Latin America, TG-10 Digital Sociology, International Sociological Association & FLAIR, New Delhi at MANUU campus on 7-8 December 2023. It was participated by delegates and participants from Colombia, Chile, Mexico, Argentina and different parts of India. Total 55 papers were presented in 5 technical sessions.

5. Digital Sociology is going to conduct technical sessions at the 48th All India Sociological Conference to be held in VIT, Vellore on 28th, 29th, and 30th December, 2023. It has accepted a total of 26 papers for presentation.

Upcoming Plan of activities: Publications of an Edited book and Journal Special Issue, Organizing Conference and Workshop, Collaboration for projects and Outreach Activities.

Report of Ad-Hoc Group- 02: Sociology of Sanitation

Convener: Prof. Jagan Karade

Email: jagankarade@gmail.com

The Convener Prof. Jagan Karade informed that the Adhoc Group-2 on the 'Sociology of Sanitation' was established by Prof. Jagan Karade during the All-India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society at VIT, Vellore, Tamil Nadu. Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak, the founder of Sulabh International Foundation, played a pivotal role in shaping the ideology of the Sociology of Sanitation. The primary aim of the Sociology of Sanitation is to scientifically study and address societal issues related to sanitation, social deprivation, water, public health, hygiene, ecology, environment, poverty, gender equality, children's welfare, and empowerment for sustainable development. The approach emphasizes the attainment of philosophical and spiritual knowledge to foster a happy life and contribute positively to the lives of others.

The Adhoc Group-2 was officially confirmed on December 27, 2023. The Adhoc Group started on the first day with an inaugural program featuring former President of the Indian Sociological Society Prof. Anand Kumar as the chief guest and well-known author Prof. B. K. Nagla spoke on the 'Significance of Sociology of Sanitation.' Prof. Jagan Karade, the Convenor, welcomed the guests. The afternoon second session was held with five paper presentations chaired by Dr. Narayan Chaudhari. The topics covered various aspects of the sociology of sanitation, contributing to the scientific understanding of the issues. The second day featured a special lecture titled 'Sanitation: Problems and Prospects' with Prof. Arvind Haldankar as the chairperson and Prof. S. Gurusamy as the speaker. Following the special lecture, the next session was a plenary session titled 'Road-map for Sociology of Sanitation'. Prof. Ramesh Makwana was the speaker, and the session was led by Prof. Balaji Kendre and Dr. Sudha Kokhate. Adhoc group -2 continued with an afternoon session consisting of six paper presentations, chaired by Prof. Ramesh Mangalekar, and convened by Prof. Jagan Karade. A total of 11 papers presented during the Adhoc group 2 addressed crucial themes, including gender and sanitation, the necessity for sanitation programs, sanitation challenges in rural India, and sanitation issues in tribal societies.

The Adhoc Group- 2 successfully achieved its objectives by providing a platform for scholars and experts to discuss and present research on the sociology of sanitation. The themes covered in the papers contribute to the ongoing efforts to address societal challenges related to sanitation and its broader implications. The impact of the conference extends beyond the academic realm, as the knowledge shared and discussed has the potential to shape policies and practices concerning sanitation in India. The Adhoc Group - 2 has played a vital role in fostering awareness and scholarly engagement in the field of Sociology of Sanitation.

Lifetime Achievement Award 2023



Prof. Chandrashekhar Bhat (Central University Hyderabad, Hyderabad)



Prof. Prof. Virginius Xaxa (Delhi School of Economics, Delhi)

Prof. M.N. Srinivas Memorial Prize 2023

1. Dr. Lekha N.B., Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, S.N. College, Chempazhanchy, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
2. Dr. Aleena Sebastian, Assistant Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, Karnataka.

Revised Membership Fee (Effective from financial year 2024)

India

Sr. No.	Membership Type	Current Fees (Rs.)	Proposed Fees (Rs.)
1.	Student Membership	300/-	500/-
2.	Ordinary Membership	600/-	1000/-
3.	Life Membership	5000/-	6000/-
4.	Regional Association (for 3 years)	600/-	1000/-

Foreign

1. **Life Member (Foreign) \$125 (South Asian) \$250 (European Union)**
2. **Ordinary Member (Foreign) \$20 (South Asia) \$30 (European Union)**
3. **Student Member (Foreign) \$15 (South Asia) \$25 (European Union)**

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (NCRAs)

National Co-ordinator NCRAs: Prof. R. Indira

National Co-coordinator, NCRAs: Prof. Antony Palackal

The National Council of Regional Associations (NCRAs) has been established with the Regional Associations affiliated with the ISS. The Council aims to bolster and enhance the discipline of Sociology by concentrating on region-specific knowledge generation and dissemination. An online meeting for the formation of the NCRAs took place on May 27th 2023, chaired by President Prof. Abha Chauhan. Attendees included Secretary Prof. Manish K. Verma, Prof. Shweta Prasad (the Convener representing the Managing Committee of the ISS), a few MC Members, and various Regional Association office bearers. During the meeting, Prof. R. Indira from Mysuru, and Prof. Antony Palackal from Thiruvananthapuram were nominated as the National Coordinator, and the National Co-Coordinator respectively. An Executive Committee was also formed to develop the structure, rules, objectives, and activities, as well as guidelines for the functioning of the Council.

Later in the online meeting held on September 9th 2023, the draft of the structure, rules, objectives and activities, as well as the guidelines for the functioning of the Council prepared by the Executive Council was discussed and decided to take it forward to the Managing Committee of the Indian Sociological Society for further action. At the meeting of the NCRAs held at VIT, Vellore on December 29, 2024, the second day of the 48th AISC, the President Prof. Abha Chauhan informed the members about the formation of the National Council of Regional Associations and the approval of the rules governing the structure and functions of the NCRA by the Managing Committee (27th December 2023) of the ISS and the General Body (29th December 2023) at their meetings held at Vellore. The following major decisions were taken at this meeting:

1. To identify different regions in the country and nominate one member of the NCRA to coordinate and monitor the activities of the Regional Associations in each of these regions.
2. To create a WhatsApp group for NCRA.
3. To meet at regular intervals to share information on the activities of the NCRA, review the activities of the NCRA, and also to maintain a regular channel of communication with the ISS office and office bearers for information sharing.
4. To explore possibilities of organizing Inter-Regional Association academic events.

After detailed discussions, the following regions were identified for decentralizing the NCRA activities, and a coordinator for each of these regions was also nominated:

1. **Northwest** (Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana)- Dr. Bhup Singh Gaur
2. **Northeast** (Manipur, Mizoram, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim) - Prof. Chandan Sharma
3. **North** (Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi) - Dr. T.B. Singh
4. **Central** (Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh) - Dr. Preeti Sharma
5. **East** (West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand) - Dr. Niranjan Singh
6. **West** (Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Dadar & Nagar Haveli/ Daman & Diu) - Dr. Dhananjay
7. **South** (Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Lakshadweep, A & N Islands) - Prof. S. Gurusamy.

SEMINAR REPORT

Two-Day National Seminar on National Education Policy 2020, Sustainable Development Goals, and Nation-Building



Ambedkar School of Social Sciences (ASSS) & Secretary of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS). It was a huge success, starting with the inaugural session in which the Chief Guest was Prof. Sanjay Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor of MGCU, Motihari, and the Guest of Honor was Professor

Mazhar Asif from JNU, New Delhi, who is also a member of the drafting committee of NEP.



Night.

The valedictory address was given by Professor Anand Kumar, former Professor at JNU and former President of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS). The chief guest on this occasion was Prof. I.S. Chouhan, Former High Commissioner, Delhi. It is pertinent to note that Professor Anand Kumar, an eminent sociologist and Samajwadi, was facilitated by the Department of Sociology. This



The Two-Day National Seminar was organized by the Department of Sociology, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, providing a comprehensive exploration on "National Education Policy 2020, Sustainable Development Goals and Nation Building: Perspectives, Issues, Concerns & Challenges" held on November 3-4, 2023. The

organizing secretary of the seminar was Prof. Manish K. Verma, Dean,

The keynote address was given by Professor N.V. Varghese, former Vice-Chancellor of NIPA, New Delhi, setting the tone for the seminar and providing valuable insights on NEP policy, SDGs, and nation-building. It was a resounding success, attracting more than 600 delegates from diverse regions of the country. The seminar comprised rich programs, including two symposiums and a Cultural

momentous occasion took place in the presence of esteemed academicians and delegates from various parts of the country. The Two-Day National Seminar successfully achieved its objectives, bringing together scholars, and experts to deliberate on crucial issues regarding the New Education Policy, sustainability, and the overarching goal of nation.

**New Life Members Accepted by the
Managing Committee (December 2023)**

LMI NO.	NAME	STATE/UT
LMI-5658	Thomas Monteiro	Haryana
LMI-5659	Anju Chaudhary	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5660	Moumita Das	West Bengal
LMI-5661	Rajiv Ranjan	Haryana
LMI-5662	Richa Agarwal	Haryana
LMI-5663	Riya Gupta	Haryana
LMI-5664	Indra Mohan Pant	Uttarakhand
LMI-5665	Roluah Puia	Uttarakhand
LMI-5666	Guinea	Haryana
LMI-5667	Hema Pal	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5668	Umesh Kumar	Jharkhand
LMI-5669	Shobha Basavaraj Sidnal	Karnataka
LMI-5670	Abhishek Aryan	Jharkhand
LMI-5671	Srinivasu Nookarapu	Telangana
LMI-5672	Bhagyavathi H. R	Karnataka
LMI-5673	Piyashi Dutta	Delhi
LMI-5674	Smriti Purwar	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5675	Kusum Lata	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5676	Amrita Dwivedi	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5677	Indira	Tamil Nadu
LMI-5678	Priyasha Kaul	Delhi
LMI-5679	Venkateswarlu Vankayalapati	Andhra Pradesh
LMI-5680	Seema Joshi	
LMI-5681	Moumita Biswas	West Bengal

LMI-5682	Kirti Bhadra Singh	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5683	Ankur Panday	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5684	Moureen Kalita	Assam
LMI-5685	Sreya Sen	West Bengal
LMI-5686	Shivani Tripathi	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5687	Narendra Kumar Parewa	Rajasthan
LMI-5688	Nishant Kumar Dongre	Madhya Pradesh
LMI-5689	Ananya Behera	Odisha
LMI-5690	Basabadatta Jena	Odisha
LMI-5691	Jagdeep Singh	Punjab
LMI-5692	Narayan Shinde	Maharashtra
LMI-5693	Manish Prasad	Bihar
LMI-5694	Deepali Dungdung	Jharkhand
LMI-5695	Sitab Singh	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5696	Priyasha Kaul	New Delhi
LMI-5697	Km Reetu Rani	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5698	Aniket Mandal	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5699	Swati Malik	Haryana
LMI-5700	Pallavi Saikia	Assam
LMI-5701	Satish N	Puducherry
LMI-5702	Bijoy Das	Assam
LMI-5703	Ananya Mishra	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5704	Vaishali Saikia	Assam
LMI-5705	Nayanee Basu	West Bengal
LMI-5706	Manish Kumar	Bihar
LMI-5707	Aditi Sinha	Jharkhand
LMI-5708	Virendra Kumar	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5709	Saravanan Velusamy	Tamil Nadu

LMI-5710	Ilito H. Achumi	Maharashtra
LMI-5711	Jyoti Das	Assam
LMI-5712	Falendra Kumar	Chhattisgarh
LMI-5713	Tls Bhaskar	Karnataka
LMI-5714	Rajmee Mahanta	Assam
LMI-5715	Prity Kumari	Jharkhand
LMI-5716	Haseena Va Abdulkader	Kerala
LMI-5717	Shyam Sunder Jyani	Rajasthan
LMI-5718	Shubham Mishra	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5719	Vinod Kumar Yadav	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5720	Kamlesh Kumar Sahu	Chandigarh
LMI-5721	Aniruddha Naik	Telangana
LMI-5722	Mosammath Rajina	West Bengal
LMI-5723	Smriti Prasad	Haryana
LMI-5724	Kalyan Shankar Vudayagiri	Maharashtra
LMI-5725	Manju Pandey	Delhi
LMI-5726	Samuel L Chuaungo	Mizoram
LMI-5727	Benet Rajadurai J	Tamilnadu
LMI-5728	Twinkle Siwach	Delhi
LMI-5729	Sneh Lata	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5730	Yogendra Pratap Singh	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5731	Khevana Desai	Maharashtra
LMI-5732	Azeem Ahmed	Delhi
LMI-5733	Anilbhai Shiluhbai Chaudhari	Gujarat
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LMI-5738	Sufal Bepari	West Bengal
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LMI-5740	Sarishti Joshi	Chandigarh
LMI-5741	Bijit Das	Assam
LMI-5742	Amit Malik	Uttar

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LMI-5746	Shivanand Hiremath	Karnataka
LMI-5747	Jasleen Kewlani	Punjab
LMI-5748	Sanjana Hazarika	Assam
LMI-5749	Sneh Kumar Meshram	Chhattisgarh
LMI-5750	Ramsha Aveen	New Delhi
LMI-5751	Simran	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5752	Ritesh Kumar	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5753	Shashikumara K.N	Karnataka
LMI-5754	Prasanna Kumari K	Karnataka
LMI-5755	Aswino Gomango	Odisha
LMI-5756	Seram Bhogendra Singh	Manipur
LMI-5757	Silveru Harinath	Telangana
LMI-5758	Pulkeshi Jani	Gujarat
LMI-5759	Megha Sidhpura	Gujarat
LMI-5760	Chetana Desai	Maharashtra
LMI-5761	Mousumi Choudhury	Assam
LMI-5762	Nitin Bhupat Bhai Makvana	Gujarat
LMI-5763	Kubendran Ayyavoo	Tamilnadu
LMI-5764	Sharadambi Govindaraju	Karnataka
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LMI-5766	Paul Mansingh J	Tamil Nadu
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LMI-5841	Niharika Arora	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5842	Mahadevan Rajagopalan	Tamil Nadu
LMI-5843	Kiran Beniwal	Haryana
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LMI-5845	Nikita Agarwalla	Puducherry
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LMI-5850	Dinabandhu Sahoo	Odisha
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LMI-5854	Deepa Shirsat	Maharashtra
LMI-5855	Brijesh Verma	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5856	Mouneshwar Badiger	Karnataka
LMI-5857	Subhash Verma	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5858	Amit Rana	Delhi
LMI-5859	Kavita Antil	Delhi
LMI-5860	Hirendra Sanodiya	Madhya Pradesh
LMI-5861	Manjunath Deshpande	Karnataka
LMI-5862	Priya Kumari	Bihar

LMI-5863	Priyanka Borah	Assam
LMI-5864	Mausumi Mishra	Odisha
LMI-5865	Nitin Khutel	Delhi
LMI-5866	Elizabeth Abraham	Kerala
LMI-5867	Diksha Sharma	New Delhi
LMI-5868	Gurvandana Gandhi	Delhi
LMI-5869	Mehernissa Dewan	Tamil Nadu
LMI-5870	Sangeeta Mobin	Delhi
LMI-5871	Rajesh Harichandra Bhoite	Maharashtra
LMI-5872	Ranjeet Jha	Bihar
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LMI-5876	Snehil Misra	Uttar Pradesh
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LMI-5878	Thimmanna Anjanappa	Karnataka
LMI-5879	Shambhavi Vijay	Delhi
LMI-5880	Vandana Vijay	Delhi
LMI-5881	Priyanka Kushwah	Haryana
LMI-5882	Isha Gupta	Punjab
LMI-5883	H.B Sedamkar S	Karnataka
LMI-5884	Pitchaimani Govindharaj	Tamil Nadu
LMI-5885	Deepak Kumar	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5886	Anjali Jaipal	Rajasthan
LMI-5887	Subodh Choudhary	Bihar
LMI-5888	Manisha Jha	Delhi
LMI-5889	Madhuja Bhattacharya	West Bengal
LMI-5890	Abhishek Vinkare	Maharashtra
LMI-5891	Mohammad Parwez	M.P
LMI-5892	Sharda Soni	M.P.
LMI-5893	Nidhi Saroop	Chandigarh
LMI-5894	Sumresh	Bihar
LMI-5895	Ashish Kumar	Delhi
LMI-5896	Freda Tavares	Goa
LMI-5897	Devadas Banjare	Chhattisgarh

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LMI-5898	Gopal Gangarde	Maharashtra
LMI-5899	Subha Arumugam	Tamil Nadu
LMI-5900	Prachi	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5901	Ekta Jakhar	New Delhi
LMI-5902	Gulab Pathan	Maharashtra
LMI-5903	Terbi Loyi	Maharashtra
LMI-5904	Gaurav Patil	Maharashtra
LMI-5905	Rumina Pushkin	Maharashtra
LMI-5906	Shweta Dwivedi	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5907	Roshan Kumar	Bihar
LMI-5908	Kuzhalvendan S	Puducherry
LMI-5909	Santhini Paul	Kerala
LMI-5910	S Kalavathi	Tamil Nadu
LMI-5911	Prakash Kothale	Maharashtra
LMI-5912	Silpa G Nair	Kerala
LMI-5913	Parasram Tukaram Bachewad	Maharashtra
LMI-5914	Zuvairiya A.M	Tamil Nadu
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LMI-5919	Subhash Kumar	Gujarat
LMI-5920	Siddhartha Kumar	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5921	Javeed Ahmad	J&K
LMI-5922	Azhagesan S	Tamilnadu
LMI-5923	Pruthvi Raj N	Karnataka
LMI-5924	Akhila Muraleedharan K	Kerala
LMI-5925	Rabia Sehrish	Jammu
LMI-5926	Arpit Chhapola	Haryana
LMI-5927	Jay Kiran	U.P
LMI-5928	Shunami A Lepcha	West Bengal
LMI-5929	Madhusmita Dungdung	M.P
LMI-5930	Manish Kumar	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-5931	Mahejabin Mhaishale	Maharashtra
LMI-5932	Siddharth Nisargandhaa	Maharashtra

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LMI-5936	Lakshita Thakur	Himachal Pradesh
LMI-5937	Riya Das	Odisha
LMI-5938	Sudip Bhui	West Bengal
LMI-5939	Arunoday Majumder	Meghalaya
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