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My association with Indian Sociological Society (ISS) goes back to my student days at Jawaharlal Lal Nehru University, (JNU), and Delhi. Over the years of my association, I have grown as a researcher, teacher and convener and most importantly as a learner.

At present, I am the convener of Ethnicity and Minority Studies, an Ad-hoc group -3 which got converted into a full-functioning Research Committee at the 43rd ISS conference in Lucknow. Academically this RC stands on strong foothold for promoting grass root research in Sociology of Minorities in India. The first mid-term national conference “Shifting Paradigm: Revisiting Minority studies in India”, was organised in Jamia Millia Islamia in 2015 during the budding years of this RC. The proceedings of the seminar were published in an edited volume titled “Being a Minority in India: Issues and Challenges” and was released in 42nd ISS conference in 2016, at Tezpur University.

Currently, I am serving as Head, Department of Sociology in Jamia Millia Islamia,(JMI) New Delhi. After my formal education in Sociology (M.A., MPhil & PhD), I joined as a teacher in Jamia Millia Islamia in 1995. In my prolonged teaching years at Jamia Millia Islamia I have handled administrative responsibilities and served as a Provost in the University, and have been former director of Sarojini Naidu centre for women’s studies, JMI,

As an avid researcher, I am actively engaged in academic research in areas such as- Sociology of Ethnicity and Minority Studies, Sociology of Gender, Globalisation, Cultural studies, Sociology of violence. I have carried out several Major research projects sponsored by UGC and ICSSR. Based on my research work, I contributed several articles in national and international peer reviewed journals and authored/co-authored/edited five books.

I have been privileged to enrich my academic credentials through participation at National conferences and International conferences in India and abroad. To mention few, I presented papers 2nd ISA Forum of in Buenos Aires, Argentina 2011, and as a member of Canadian sociological Association presented paper in University of Ottawa.2015. My association with UNITWIN programme of UNESCO at University of Boston, USA and Jamia Millia Islamia has helped me to broaden my horizon and explore new challenges in feminist epistemologies.

Having introduced myself and my association with ISS and global Sociology, This cumulative experience gives me confidence to contest for the post of member, Managing Committee, ISS. I propose to work towards strengthening RC ‘s with democratic practices and ambience and ensuring ISS becomes one of the best professional body of Sociology globally