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Dear colleagues and friends,

This brings you warm greetings from the President. Since December 17, 2018 when I last wrote to you, a few events have taken place under the aegis of ISS. The 44th All India Sociological Conference was organized at St. Philomena's College, Mysuru and preparations are now on for holding the 45th AISC at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Two Meetings each of the Managing Committee and Research Committee Conveners were held at Mysuru and Gorakhpur respectively in December 2018 and February 2019. The membership base of the Indian Sociological Society is also constantly widening. As on date there are 4708 Life Members. During the year 2018, 502 joined ISS either as Ordinary or Student Members and 02 as Life Member (foreign).

The 44th Conference saw a large participation from different cross sections of the Sociology fraternity which included senior and younger faculty, research scholars and students. The Conference created a vibrant platform for academic discourse, dialogue and dissemination of sociological knowledge. It also turned out to be a memorable event, with the support extended by the local Organizing Committee, Members of the MC, Conveners of RCs and other conference participants. We hope to take the good will generated at the Conference forward and build on our strengths and make the best efforts to fill in the gaps that have been identified.

I am also happy to inform you that all the events planned for the Conference were held as per schedule. Nearly 1000 members of the sociology fraternity participated in the Conference, with virtually every part of the Country being represented. One of the highlights of the Conference was the marked presence of the younger faculty, research scholars and students in large number and the opportunity they got to interact with the seniors in their chosen areas of work. A detailed account of the deliberations of the Conference is given in the report of the Organizing Secretary, Prof. M. Raphael, published in our E-newsletter (Vol 6: No.3).

I am happy to inform you that the venue and dates for the 45th AISC have been finalized. The Conference is being organized by the Department of Sociology, University of Kerala at Thiruvananthapuram on December 27, 28 and 29, 2019. The first announcement has already been made in our website and other details will soon follow. The Conference is being organized on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Year of the Department of Sociology of the University of Kerala. We look forward to meeting you all at Thiruvananthapuram.

I am happy to let you know that Indian Sociological Society has had a visible presence in academic events organized by Departments of Sociology in Colleges and Universities across the Country. The Indian Sociological Society collaborated with the Department of Sociology, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gorakhpur University in the organization of a national

Seminar on “Environment, Technology and Sustainable Development: Issues and Challenges” in February 2019.

The President, Secretary, Treasurer, MC Members, RC Conveners and Members of ISS have participated in seminars, refresher courses, workshops and consultations organized in different academic and research institutions.

I am happy to let you know that the participation of ISS in these events has been appreciated as a good network initiative and is bringing the Indian Sociological Society closer to Departments of Sociology in Colleges and Universities in different parts of the Country.

In the recent past ISS has been trying to provide a support base for regional associations to strengthen their activities and build their database. I am also happy to inform you that Tamil Nadu Sociological Association was inaugurated in March 2019 at Periyar University, Salem. During February 2019, members of the Uttar Pradesh sociology fraternity met at Gorakhpur to rekindle the efforts at the formation of the U.P. Sociological Society and in the days ahead the U.P Sociological Society would start its activities.

Our Journal *Sociological Bulletin* is doing very well both in terms of the number of contributions being received and its international presence. All the issues have been published as per schedule. *Sociological Bulletin* is now in the list of Scopus indexed journals. There are challenges to our Hindi Journal *Bhartiya Samajshastra Sameeksha* in terms of pricing but we are trying to address the issue and hope that soon we would be able to arrive at a solution.

I request all MC members, RC Conveners and members of ISS to send in a brief report of activities carried out under the aegis of their respective institutions along with a few photographs for being published in the ISS -Newsletter.

Please feel free to write to the ISS office on any matter of concern vis-à-vis the Indian sociological Society.

It is with your good wishes and support that the Indian Sociological Society is moving towards a future full of hope and as the year advances I will keep you posted on the new developments happening in the ISS precincts.

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R. Indira
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