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Dear Colleagues,
Seasons Greetings and Happy Diwali!

I am pleased to come back to you after six months of writing my last letter. During this time, we more or less achieved what we had planned, though there is a lot more to do. The international conference organized by the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) in collaboration with the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) at Awantipora, Kashmir (Hybrid) on 6th -7th September 2022 on '*Society, Culture and Social Change: Kashmir and Beyond*' was a great success, especially considering the post- Covid scenario. More than 200 papers were presented in different Plenary and Technical sessions and many participants from India and abroad attended the conference in-person. The Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), Shri Manoj Sinha was the Chief Guest at the Inaugural Function, and the Chief Justice Pankaj Mittal of J&K High Court delivered the Valedictory Address. I am grateful to them, and to Prof. Shakil Ahmad Ramsoo, the Vice Chancellor IUST, Prof. Pirzada Amin, the Organizing Secretary and his team, as well as all the delegates who attended the conference online and offline. The Managing Committee (MC) and Research Committee Conveners' meetings were held during this time in the picturesque valley of Kashmir.

Prior to this, the meeting of the Regional Associations (RAs) was held on 4th June 2022 in which 13 RAs participated and important issues pertaining to them were discussed. We are glad to note that some new RAs like the North East Indian Sociological Association, the Sociological Society of Uttar Pradesh, and the Jharkhand Sociological Society were formed or revived. We look forward to more such initiatives from other states. The ISS is continuing with the publications of its Journals effectively and the Editors have done a wonderful job. The two issues of the *Sociological Bulletin* and the E-Newsletter, and one each of *Bhartiya Samajshastra Sameeksha* and *Explorations* are already published this year.

Friends, we are happy to note that the preparations for the 47th All India Sociological Conference to be held at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) on the theme '*Hundred Years of Sociology in India: Exploring Trajectories for the Future*' from 20th-22nd December 2022 are in full swing. The brochure and flyer of the conference are circulated and so far (till 10th October) 385 delegates have registered for the conference. The Young Researchers' Workshop will be organized on the 18th and 19th of December 2022 at IIT Guwahati (Assam). We look forward to fruitful and academically enriching engagements in the North East part of our country.

Best wishes and warm regards,



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