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President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings! I was once again humbled by your unstinted and generous support by attending in large numbers the 38th All India Sociological Conference in Udaipur (Rajasthan) held during December 27-29, 2012 and making it an extraordinary success, wherein, most eminent national and international scholars also participated and enlightened us. It is under extraordinary circumstances that this year's 39th AISC which was scheduled to take place in Lucknow will now be organized by the Department of Studies and Research in Sociology of the Karnataka State Open University, Mysore (Karnataka) during December 27-29, 2013. The main theme of this year's AISC is: **Inequality, Social Justice and Empowerment**. Besides the four Symposium Sessions – two focusing on the related aspects of the main theme, and the one focusing on BRICS in the same context, as was done last year with great success and participation of the most eminent functionaries of the National Associations of the BRICS countries plus a session focusing on the Region (Karnataka) wherein this year's conference is taking place, all out efforts are being made to invite some very eminent sociologists at the international level for the Symposium focusing on "Globalization, State and Social Inequality". Hope by now many of the ISS members whose Email IDs were available to us must have come to know in some detail about the forthcoming 39th AISC in Mysore. However, it is a pity and a sad reflection on the functioning of the concerned person responsible for bringing out quite a few issues of the ISS Newsletter that not even a single issue of it have been brought out until now. It was only due to the special and sustained efforts of Dr. Sukant K. Chaudhury of Lucknow University that the only issue published in the year 2012 could be brought out informing the members about the 38th AISC, Udaipur besides the usual columns and information.

It is once again due to the efforts and sustained hard work of Dr. Sukant Chaudhury that the present issue of the ISS Newsletter could be brought out and circulated among all the members of the ISS. I am quite conscious that it is only through the printed ISS Newsletter that all the members would come to know about the 39th AISC, Mysore, December 27-29, 2013 and then only they will be

able to communicate their abstracts to the concerned Research Committee Conveners and would be able to plan their registration and participation. However, until the publication of the ISS Newsletter could become possible, serious efforts were made to collect as many email IDs as possible so that at least these members could be informed about the forthcoming AISC. But this effort had its limitations since the emails sent to these members contained the information of the 39th AISC only. In order to further strengthen the channels of communication and to reach to as many ISS members as possible, the members will also soon have the ISS E-Newsletter in their email inboxes covering wider information. As such, I earnestly appeal to all such members of the ISS who do not have any Email ID so far, to create their email IDs and communicate these to the ISS office in Delhi at: <society@issin.org> with its copy to me. Also such members who did not receive the Announcement of the 39th AISC through email for any reason are also requested to communicate their email IDs to the office of the Society and to me.

In the prevailing and compelling circumstances, the RC Conveners are required to make special efforts in motivating the members of their respective RCs to submit their abstracts and to register well in time. The RC Conveners with the wholehearted support of their members can make the AISC at Mysore also an event of great academic significance and cherished experience. The beautiful city of Mysore and the surrounding areas of the region enjoy not only great heritage value but also have the distinction of the association of many stalwarts of sociology in India. Do also plan your visit to Mysore to have some quality leisure and companionship besides wide ranging academic interactions.

I also do hope that a significant number of ISS members do visit the ISS Website regularly to keep themselves abreast with the latest developments taking place at the Forum of the ISS. At this moment, I have no data or information as to how many ISS Members have visited the *ISS E-Journal* that was released on the occasion of the 38th AISC in Udaipur in December 2012 and posted on the ISS Website soon after. I take this opportunity to thank Prof. Binay Kumar Pattnaik (IIT, Kanpur) to translate our desire and commitment to bring out the *ISS E-Journal* into reality. I also take

this opportunity to congratulate him on his appointment as Director, Institute of Economic and Social Change, Bangalore. I do hope that in spite of the pressures of his new assignment, Prof. Pattnaik will soon be able to bring out the next issues of the *ISS E-Journal*.

I must also place on record my appreciation of Prof. N. Jayaram for bringing out *Sociological Bulletin* always well in time and keeping its standard high making it enviable to other professional journals of Sociology.

Likewise, I do hope that Prof. Anand Kumar (JNU, New Delhi) and Prof. Rajiv Gupta (University of Rajasthan, Jaipur) will also soon be able to bring out a Journal in Hindi entitled *Bhartiya Samajshastra Samiksha* as co-editors on behalf of the ISS.

Likewise, I also do hope that Dr. Rashmi Jain (University of Rajasthan, Jaipur) will also come out soon with the *ISS E-Newsletter* fulfilling our another cherished desire and commitment.

I would like to invite you to view the **Hindi version of "Global Dialogue"**, the Newsletter of the International Sociological Association, published 5 times per year in 15 languages by visiting at the link : <http://www.isa-sociology.org/global-dialogue/>

I would also much appreciate that a large number Indian Sociologists participate at the ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan, July 13-19, 2014 focusing on the main theme of *Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology*. Please do remember that the deadline for the on-line submission of abstracts to the various ISA Research Committees is September 30, 2013. Please visit the ISA Congress Website for further details.

I must also bring it to your notice that senior sociologists above the age of 65 years of the ISA C Category countries (including India) can now become Life Members of ISA by paying only USD 100 from the Yokohama Congress onwards for which they were earlier asked to pay USD 300 which was equivalent to the fee of the ISAA category countries. Please permit me to add that it could become possible due to my sustained efforts as a member of the Executive Committee of ISA and also being a member of ISA's Finance and Membership Committee.

Though the time at my disposal and command until the time of the completion of my tenure as President of the ISS is limited and yet I will still make every possible effort to strengthen the Indian Sociological Society and pledge to uphold the glory, dignity and democratic functioning of the Society, whatever the challenges.

No national professional association can flourish and get strengthened without the active and enlightened participation of its members in all its activities, whether big or small. The members of the ISS will soon have the opportunity to elect their new representatives on the Managing Committee of the ISS. I sincerely urge you all to participate in the forthcoming elections of the ISS which will soon be in place and notified.

It would be a matter of great pleasure and honour for me to have your responses, suggestions and ideas that would be helpful in ensuring a better and stronger future of the Society. I am keenly looking forward to meeting you at Mysore.

With regards and best wishes,

Ishwar Modi
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Reports on Conferences and Seminars held

The Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow, Lucknow hosted the biennial conference of the Ethnographic and Folk Culture Society, Lucknow on Research Methods in Social Sciences: Emerging Trends and Current Challenges on 23-24 March, 2013. In his inaugural address, Prof. T.N. Madan said that empiricism and rationality are essential ingredients of a philosophical inquiry. Further he gave a capsule account of the methods of Social Sciences since their inception. He pointed out the priority areas in the study of Indian Society : environmental degradation, rise of fundamentalism, the impact of globalization. Prof. Ishwar Prasad Modi, focused in his Key Note Address on the study of leisure - the field he termed 'leisurology'. He showed that leisure is not only a field of study but also a method that can be adopted in field work. Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava in his valedictory address compared the research methodology books and articles in the 1950's with those published in recent years. The issues of ethics and politics of research were not so important then as they are now. Contemporary researches adopt a pragmatic point of view, wherein, quantitative and qualitative aspects of research are combined, rather than arguing in favour of the epistemological superiority of one over the other. There were three symposia on conceptual and methodological issues, one symposium was devoted to inter-disciplinary research. There were ten parallel technical sessions in which 76 papers were presented by different scholars from different parts of the country.

Sukant Chaudhury
Convenor, Conference

A Mid-Term National Conference of RC 10 (Gender Studies) of Indian Sociological Society on "Interrogating Gender Studies: Teaching, Research and Practices in Sociology and Other Disciplines" will be held on 27th and 28th September 2013, Organised by Department of Sociology, University of Pune. The themes are : (a) Interrogating Teaching Pedagogical Practices and Research Agendas, (b) Interrogating relation between University Departments offering Gender Studies with Women Studies Centres, (c) Interrogating methodological challenges and disciplinary boundaries, (d) Interrogate interdisciplinary within rigid disciplinary boundaries, (e) How to bridge gap between the many layers of 'core' and 'peripheries' centres of research and teaching?, (f) How to articulate and resolve issues of language, caste, class, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, nationality in the context of power within the classroom?, (g) Examine how research agendas and methods get structured within disciplinary boundaries, (h) How to retain interest among students without losing the 'core' of the discipline? How to effectively teach diverse student populations?

The participants are requested to send their abstracts by 1st September 2013 and full-length paper by 15th September 2013. The abstracts/ papers should be sent to the Organizing Secretary and Convenor RC 10 Gender Studies through the following e-mails: anurekha@unipune.ac.in and abhavveer@gmail.com Organizing Secretary: **Dr. Anurekha Chari Wagh**, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Pune, Pune (Contact no 09404683367)

**INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
XXXIX ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE**

(December 27-29, 2013)

Organized by

The Department of Studies and Research in Sociology
Karnataka State Open University, Mysore (Karnataka)

Theme: Inequality, Social Justice and Empowerment

Symposium – I (International)

Globalization, State and Social Inequality

Symposium – II (BRICS)

Dynamics of Globalization, Development and Social Justice in BRICS Countries

Symposium – III

Development and Social Justice: Issues, Impediments and Responses

Symposium – IV

Inequality, Development and Inclusion: Empowering the Marginalized

Symposium – V

Society, Culture and Economy in Karnataka

Invitation to submit abstracts to the Conference

It is a matter of great pleasure and honour for us to extend an invitation and hearty welcome to the members of Indian Sociological Society and other participants to the XXXIX All India Sociological Conference being organized at Mysore during December 27-29, 2013.

Those who intend to present their papers in the Conference are requested to submit the abstracts of their papers through any of the 23 Research Committees (RCs) and *Ad hoc* Groups of the Indian Sociological Society. Since all the paper presentations at the Conference (except those in the Symposia) will be made in the sessions of respective RCs, the paper presenters are advised to contact the Conveners of the RCs concerned for submission of the abstracts and for additional information that they may require. The abstract of the paper in not more than 200 words should be submitted to the RC Conveners preferably by e-mail (with its copy to the President, ISS at “Prof. Ishwar Modi”

<iiiss2005modi@yahoo.co.in>) in the *Abstract Form* latest by **September 30, 2013**.

Each abstract should carry the ISS membership number of the participant and the name and the number of the RC to which it is being submitted. The ISS members (Life/ Ordinary/Student) who have paid the RC Membership Fee (Rs.400/- for 2 years and Rs. 800/- for 5 years) per Research Committee are entitled to present papers in the Conference. Acceptance of the abstract will be communicated by the respective RC Conveners by **October 15, 2013**.

The RC Conveners are requested to send an edited copy of the accepted abstracts of paper presenters not later than **October 30, 2013** to Prof. M. H. Krishnappa, Organizing Secretary, 39th AISC by E-mail: <krishnappamh@gmail.com> No abstract will be accepted for publication after the deadline.

Registration

Participants of the Conference - delegates, their accompanying persons and paper presenters- will have to register themselves for the Conference by paying the prescribed **Registration Fee** as shown below:

Registration Fees for ISS Members:

Up to	Delegate (with accommodation)	Delegate (without accommodation)	Students (with accommodation)	Students (without accommodation)	Accompanying Person
September 30, 2013	Rs. 1700/-	Rs. 1200/-	Rs. 1400/-	Rs. 900/-	Rs. 2000/-
October 31, 2013	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 1700/-	Rs. 1200/-	Rs. 2200/-
November 30, 2013	Rs. 2500/-	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 2500/-
After November 30, 2013	Rs. 3000/-	Rs. 2500/-	Rs. 2200/-	Rs. 1700/-	Rs. 3000/-

1. The Registration Fee mentioned under the head Delegate is payable only by those who are currently Life Members / Ordinary Members / Student Members.

2. Those who are not presently members of any of these categories but are desirous of participating in the Conference should necessarily enroll themselves as members in any one of the above categories.

3. The fee paid for ordinary or student membership is valid only for one year from the date of payment of the fee. Those ordinary and student members whose membership period has got exhausted are required to renew their membership by paying the prescribed membership fee.

4. Only those who have thus become members of ISS will be entitled to register for the Conference.

5. **Only Life Members are allowed to bring with them accompanying persons. A member can bring only two accompanying members with him/her, and no exception would be made to this rule.**

6. The Organizers do not give any assurance for accommodation to those who opt for spot registration.

Registration fee for Foreign delegates (as per the categories of countries done by ISA): Category A countries: US \$ 200, Category B countries: US \$ 150, Category C countries: US \$ 100. The last date for registration for foreign delegates is November 30, 2013. The foreign participants registering on the spot will be required to pay additional US \$ 100 as late fee.

Registration fee for Participants from SAARC Countries and ISS MOU Partners

Participants from SAARC countries as well as from Brazil, Russia, China, South Africa and Poland being MOU partners of the ISS are required to pay the same fee as that of Indian delegates.

The Registration fee may be sent to the Organizing Secretary by crossed Demand Draft drawn in favour of **The Organizing Secretary, 39th AISC on any nationalized bank payable at Mysore** along with registration form. Participants are advised to produce a proof of the payment of Registration Fee at the Conference venue.

Karnataka State Open University, Mysore

The Karnataka State Open University established on 1st June 1996 is a leading Open Distance Learning institution in India. The University envisions to create interactive, effective learning environments for all constituents; it serves its constituents' diverse personal and professional development needs; and expands access to affordable programs to underserved learners. KSOU's mission is to provide quality higher education with emphasis on educating the public by offering respected, relevant, accessible and affordable, student-focused programs, which prepare them for service and leadership in a diverse community. KSOU functions through the schools of Humanities, Social Science, Science, Law, Education and Commerce. Under the school of Social Science are included the Departments of History, Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Mass Communication & Journalism, Library & Information Science, and of course a well established Department of Sociology.

Karnataka State Open University is a recognized University of Distance Education Council (DEC), New Delhi, regular member of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), Delhi, permanent member of Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), London, UK, Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU), Beijing, China, and also has association with Commonwealth of Learning (COL).

Karnataka State Open University is situated at the North-Western end of the Manasagangotri (meaning "eternal spring of the mind") Campus of the University of Mysore. The campus, which is about 5 Kms, from the city centre, has a serene atmosphere ideally suited for academic pursuits.

Mysore

Mysore is the third-largest city of Karnataka and is about 140 km from the state capital Bangalore. The city evokes images of palaces, of tranquility, of rich culture and heritage. Mysore, the cultural capital of the state, has many educational, commercial, administrative centers and heritage monuments. Home for many great musicians, music composers, dancers, scholars, writers and intellectuals, the city with the majestic Mysore Palace, the royal mansions, public buildings, gardens, water bodies and planned markets exhibit an indelible impression of the vision of the Maharajas, their Dewans and other talented luminaries. The total harmony of buildings, sites, lakes, parks and open spaces of Mysore and the back drop of Chamundi hill adds to city's attraction.

Mysore is called the City of Palaces and is a tourism hot spot. It also acts as a base for several tourist places in the vicinity of the city. The city receives the maximum number of tourists during the Dasara festival which is celebrated as a State festival. Mysore during December is pleasant with mild chill and bright sunshine

Connectivity

Mysore is very well connected and can easily be reached by several trains that ply from Bangalore. Nearest airport is Bangalore International Airport.

Accommodation

The host university would provide accommodation only to those delegates who would register up to November 30 for three nights, i.e., from December 26 evening to December 29 evening only.

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XXXIX ALL-INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE
27-29 December 2013
KARNATAKA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY, MYSORE

REGISTRATION FORM

*(To be filled in and sent with the Demand Draft to the Organizing Secretary)
(Tick mark whichever option in this form is appropriate to you)*

1. Name (Block): Mr/Ms
(a) Age (b) Sex: Female / Male
2. Designation :
3. University/Organization :
4. ISS Membership Number :
5. Nationality :
6. Name/Number of RCs of which you are a member:
7. Mailing Address:
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Phone/Mobile: E-mail:

8. Accompanying Person(s):

Sl. No.	Name	Age	Relationship
1.			
2.			
3.			

9. Do you require accommodation? Yes / No
(a) Arranged by local Organizers? Yes / No (b) If No, state choice
10. Are you a vegetarian / non vegetarian? Vegetarian / Non-Vegetarian
11. Registration fees:
I enclose Bank Draft No: dated..... Drawee Bank.....
..... for Rs./US \$
(Crossed DD to be drawn in favour of **“The Organizing Secretary, 39th AISC, Mysore”**)

Date: _____ Signature of the Delegate _____

1. Last date for receiving information regarding cancellation is 31st October 2013. In case of cancellation within the stipulated time 75% of the registration fee will be refunded. After 31st October 2013 there shall be no refund.
2. Those who wish to have accommodation in a better Hotel than the one arranged by the local organizers are requested to send the requisite amount along with the registration fee.
3. Delegates are requested to send, along with the registration fee, the prescribed charges per head for accompanying person(s).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts should be submitted on the prescribed 'Abstract Format' as given below, one original and one photocopy. Abstracts should be accompanied by RC Membership fee of Rs. 400 for two years (Rs. 800 for 5 years) to the respective conveners of the Research Committees. Only Abstracts of those who register for the Conference before September 30, 2013 will be included in the Book of Abstracts. Abstracts without the membership fee and not in the prescribed format are not acceptable.

Instructions for preparation of abstracts

- Main author (presenter) Must register for the conference and must present the paper himself/ herself.
- Deadline 30 September 2013
- Language English
- Length Between 200 and 300 words; Use single space in Times New Roman or Arial font of 12-point type size
- Title Use Bold letters for Title. The title should not exceed 20 words.
- Authors List authors in the following order: presenting author first followed by other authors in single continuous lines with name and surname. Omit titles and degrees
- Institution Give the institution of the main author only with full address, as briefly as possible, in brackets immediately after his/her name.
- The text Abstract must be informative and specific. The content should contain Preamble, Objectives, Methods, Findings, and Conclusions.
- Submission The original and a copy should be submitted to the concerned RC Convener before 30th September 2013.

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REPORT OF RESEARCH COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

at 38th AISC, M.L. SUKHADIA UNIVERSITY, UDAIPUR

★ RC-01 Theory, Concept and Methodology

The RC received a total of twelve abstracts and seven papers were presented during the session held on December, 28, 2012 and was chaired by Prof. Satish Sharma from IAS, Shimla. The papers were organized around three themes: Modernity as a concept in Indian sociology, civil society and environmental movements in India and science, technology and development in India. Manish Thakur's paper titled 'Beyond the Essentialized Fault Lines? Radhakamal Mukerjee's View of the East-West Encounter' critiqued the historical assessment of the East-West encounter by focusing on the oeuvre of one of the pioneers of Indian sociology –Radhakamal Mukerjee (1889-1968). Gayatri Nair's paper on 'Contested Modernity' examined the theory of modernity that has largely been accepted within the social sciences and highlights the glaring absence of Dalits. Vibha Arora's paper titled, 'Blogging and Environmental Activism' discussed how low-cost connectivity and public access to technologies such as web-logs have effectively carved interactive and alternate public spheres of oppositional and cultural politics. Arya Priya, presentation focused on the features of case study as a method. Haresh Pandey presented a conceptual discussion on issues in the perception of technology and its access. V.Manjula discussed the methods of measuring a large network quickly using the case study of Bangalore Stock exchange. Sujit Surroch presented an account on the concept of looking-glass self.

★ RC-02 Family, Kinship and Marriage

In RC-02, Session I, 18 Papers were presented, chaired by Prof. Diwakar Sharma, Department of Sociology, Central University of Sagar (MP), Prof. Diwakar Sharma helped in thought provoking discussion on almost all aspects related to the institution of the Family, Kinship and Marriage. In this session various issues related to shifting paradigm of social relations in the institution of family which is the major pillar of Indian Society taken for discussion. These papers touched every type of ground reality of recently changing gender relations in afore mentioned institution.

In the second session 4 papers were presented, chaired by Dr. D.S. Rajput and Co-Chaired by Mujahid Ali. Many issues such as Khap Panchyat, changing patterns of social relations in family, kinship and marriage, challenges of family like recent forms of domestic violence, issues related to women and inter-generational problems and Challenges faced by single Sr. Citizen in the country were discussed.

The third session was chaired by Dr. D.S.Rajput and in this session one paper was presented and many issues were discussed in the fourth session also.

★ RC-03: Economy, Polity and Society

The RC had the following themes : Development and Social Transformation with the subthemes-Challenges of Social Transformation, Globalisation and Social Transformation and Role of State and Society in Social Transformation. The RC received around 27 abstracts and the papers were classified into five sessions in some of the themes presented were: labour market, migration, rural development, climate change, self-help groups, community development programmes and women's empowerment.

The first session on labour market was chaired by Prof. S. K.

Sharma, (Indian Institute of Advance Studies, Shimla). Five papers were presented dealing with the problems of wage labour, working conditions in both industry and agriculture sector. Neerja's paper discussed the declining sex-ratio among the various agrarian classes in North-West India. Second session on rural development and institutional changes was chaired by Prof. Prema Rajgopal, (Indian Institute of Technology, chennai). Three papers were presented of which two dealt with the institutional changes in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

Dr. A.Rambabu, (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai) chaired the third session on the role of small savings, cooperatives in social transformation of the community. Five papers were presented which were very fascinating. Prof. S.R. Ahlawat, M.D.University, Rohtak, chaired the fourth session dealing with the development programmes and women's empowerment in the changing economy. This session also discussed the declaiming trend of the paper presenters

On the last day-29 December, during the Business Session, Prof. Ahlawat expressed his concerns for the record fall of the number of paper presenters during this year. Finally, Prof. Ahlawat also announced that Prof. S.K. Sharma of the IIAS, Shimla has been nominated as the Co-Chair of RC03.

★ RC-04 : Migration and Diaspora Studies

The Research Committee had 37 abstracts. The membership of this RC has also grown than last year. Among the presentation, Professor Swati Shirwadkar highlighted the challenges of growing in a different cultural context. With the help of incidents from the recent past, she discussed the interference of the host countries institutional and legal practices to discipline the life as well as the body of the immigrants from India. Dr. Wagh generated lot of interest among the participants as she used cinematic discourse to communicate that Indianness remained the core in the construction of India beyond India. Professor Kamla Ganesh groomed the deliberation with insights from leading scholars in diaspora studies while at the same time adding her personal research insights on transnational religion as covering the Indian diaspora practices. Monika and Shivam, presented their paper, while the latter tried to comprehend diaspora as a social process, the former talked about the middle class hegemony in the cultural practices of Indian diaspora. She also discussed the changing boundaries of bollywood and uses the same to talk about identity negotiation in transnational space.

The second session had Dr. Sonal Thakker discussing the impact of migration on families of Goa, Dr. Balaji Kendre talking about the educational need of internal migrants' children in Maharashtra, Manish Kumar presenting on understanding the health experiences of unskilled migrants from Bihar, and S. S. Bibhar conversing around the youth migrants from Odisha in Tamil Nadu. The highlight of this session included the open dialogue and the sincere feedback to young Sociologists from senior scholars in the field like Professor C. S. Bhat and Professor K. Ganesh. The third session had Dr. Jayprakash Trivedi addressing cultural pluralism among Indian immigrants in the USA using the case of Gujarati Patidars, Jeetendra Soni talking about Gulf migration from Rajsathan, Anushyama Mukherjee discussing Gulf migration from Hyderabad, and Ziaur Rahman Khan addressing the issue as well as effect of remittances in Azamgrah (UP). The fourth session had Dr. Sadanand Sahoo talking about the role of networks in the

context of return migrants in the knowledge economy of India. Rakesh Ranjan presented his co-authored paper talking about the Tibetan diaspora in Delhi. Devi Roy discussed Canada's immigration policies and how this has helped the strengthening of Indian diaspora there. Pooja's paper highlighted the representation of Indian women in select diasporic narratives. She had chosen Bharti Mukherjee's "Jasmine" and Iqbal Ramoowalia's "The Death of a Passport" for the same.

The final session had two papers : Prof. C.S. Bhat talked about philanthropy using the example of global Telugu diaspora. He reviewed in detail the new policy initiatives by the Ministry of Overseas Affairs to encourage diaspora philanthropy to meet India's development needs. Dr. Aditya Raj put forward the contention to use "diaspora capital" to comprehend the practices of those "abroad" The complexity of social reality makes it difficult to measure and co-relate diaspora capital to different social categories and social roles. Nevertheless, this resource is a mediating variable and has facilitative effect for various social outcomes. The presentations covered regional profiles from Odisha, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Goa, Hyderabad, Karnataka, and the North East. The labyrinth of discussion also comprehended the effects on and being effected by family, health, education, gender, literature, and policy on internal migrants. The comprehension of issues such as religion, citizenship, popular culture, network, capital, knowledge, philanthropy, and their like among Indians abroad was another highlight.

★ RC-06 : Religion and Religious Communities

In the RC 34 abstracts were selected for presentation, and only 22 abstracts were presented. The presentations were organised in five sessions: Sociology of Religion: some conceptual Issues; Religion and Difference: Multiple References; Religion and Modernity; Religion and Politics; and Religion and its impact.

There were various papers which dealt with conceptual problems in the sociology of religion. They emphasised the need for dismantling existing frameworks like tradition and modernity, little and great tradition and scriptural and popular religion. Many papers looked into the complex interplay between traditional practices and new religious movements, and political assertions based on religious identity. Other papers in the panel discussed the issues of conversion, continuation of primordial identities in the post-conversion context, and the ways in which reproduction of exclusion and inequalities play out in the daily religious rituals and practices. Papers articulated the so-called 'return of religion' in the public sphere, drawing into question relations between the religious, the non-religious and the secular. What is the relationship between religious traditions and the rise of religious philanthropy in local and global communities? What are the philanthropic activities carried out by different religious traditions and institutions?

The papers looked at the connection between individual and society set up in the context of the religious movements and debates between religious sects. A variety of papers also addressed how religions today are implicated in a wide variety of publics. Many papers looked at the contesting articulations of religion in the public sphere and their relevance in the daily political, economic, and symbolic life of people across India. The need for the study of local manifestation of religion, relevance of interdisciplinary approach, and post-colonial critic of the religion based identity assertions, and revitalisation movements were stressed in retrospect.

As a gesture of encouragement we gave two Best Abstract Prizes to

Ms. Simashree Vora and Mr. Shankar Narayan Bagh. We planed to hold a mid-term conference either in Pondicherry University or IIT Kanpur on Theory and Methodology concerning Sociology of Religion.

★ RC-07 : Rural, Peasant and Tribal Communities

The major thrust of RC-07 was challenges of contemporary rural and tribal communities in India in light of globalization and other processes of change. A total number of 106 abstracts were received, out of which 85 were accepted and 56 were presented in five sessions. The sessions were chaired by: Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava, University of Delhi; Prof. P.S. Vivek, University of Mumbai; Prof. S. Gurusamy, Gandhigram University and Dr. Sukant K. Chaudhury, University of Lucknow.

The following issues emerged in the discussions: 1. Invasion of urban culture is a threat to village integration particularly in terms of preserving their identities; 2. Village society in India is not dying out as pointed out by some, rather in some aspects village bonds are becoming stronger (kinship and political); 3. The graph of deviance is moving upward with development and democratization; 4. Khap Panchayat rulings and honour killings are creating havoc in the lives of rural people; 5. Tribal women empowerment through self help group has become a success story in many areas; 6. Globalization had some negative impact on tribals particularly among their children; and 7. Tribals are getting influence by other religions leading to the problem of conversion; however they wish to preserve their identity through their own rituals and beliefs.

In the business session members expressed their thanks to the outgoing convener Dr. Sukant K. Chaudhury who completed two terms in 2012, and unanimously elected Prof. Soumendra Mohan Patnaik, Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi as the Convener for two years. They also elected Dr. Sanjay Salunke of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Marathawara University, Aurangabad as Secretary and Dhruva P. Jyothi, Karnataka University, Dharward; Marthakutti, M.S. University, Tirunelvely; Mamta Govisinghe, Bhopal and Bir Pal Singh, National Law Institute University, Bhopal as members.

★ RC - 09 : Dalit and Backward Classes

RC - 09 received 49 abstracts of which 34 papers were presented. The important themes discussed were:

a. Education, Inclusion and Development b. Political Participation and Movements c. Marriage and Family d. Caste, Atrocities and Exclusion e. Discrimination of Dalit Women f. Socio-economic conditions of Dalits and g. Reservation and Views of Dr Ambedkar. Prof. M.H. Makwana, Ahmedabad; Prof. Maurya, Mhow, M.P.; Prof. D. Shrikant, Kolhapur and Dr Richard Pais, Mangalore chaired the sessions.

Prof. Paramjit S. Judge, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar delivered VI Professsor Parvathamma Memorial Lecture on *Existence, Identity and Beyond: Tracing the Contours of Dalit Literature* During the same function Professor Nandu Ram was honoured for his life time contribution towards Dalits and RC - 09. Sushree Samal, JNU, New Delhi, Sumit Saurabh Srivastava, Allahabad and Mayuri Samant, Pune were awarded certificates and cash prizes for the best three papers presented during the last conference.

In the General Body meeting the members decided to start a Research Journal of RC - 09. Eight members paid Rs 2,000/- each towards life subscription of the journal. Dr Richard Pais, Chief

Editor, Prof. Venkateshwarlu, Asst. Editor and Kamal Tai, Maharashtra; Vinay Rajat, Mangalore; Bholanath Ghosh, Kolkata; Dr Omprakash Kalme, Kolhapur; Boop Singh, Haryana; Mahalingam, Chennai and Tina Anil, New Delhi were elected members of the Editorial Board. Prof. M.H. Makwana, Ahmedabad; Prof. Paramjit S. Judge, Amritsar and Prof. Nandu Ram, New Delhi were selected as advisors of the journal.

★ RC-10 : Gender Studies

In all, 62 abstracts were accepted and during the 5 Technical Sessions 43 papers were presented.

The first session was on Sexuality, Patriarchy and Gender; chaired by Prof. Abha Chauhan, University of Jammu, where 10 papers were presented focusing on issues such as women's embodied experiences, social construction of gender in Mizo society, motherhood as an ideology, women's development and social structure in Hindi novels, gender-based violence, surrogacy, gendered spaces, patriarchy, conflict and insecurity of city life.

In the second session on Women, Work and Property Rights Chaired by Dr. Anita Dash, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack 12 papers were presented on working and non-working women, women entrepreneurs, informal sector work, women call-centres, women bus-conductors, problems of working women, female domestic workers, property rights of Syrian Christian women of Kerala and those of Muslim women in J & K.

The third session on empowerment, Politics and Women's Movements/ Rights: Chaired by Dr. Arvinder Ansari, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi 6 papers were presented dealing with the issues of human rights of women, empowerment of women, women's rights, Gulf-wives of Kerala, women's movement, Panchayati raj and gender and politics.

In the fourth session on Violence Against Women: Chaired by Prof. Abha Chauhan, 10 papers were presented covering such topics as trafficking of women, domestic violence, sexual abuse of girl-child, dowry, sex selective abortions and female foeticide, health problems of sex-workers and crime against women.

In the fifth session on Education, Health and Media, Chaired by Prof. G. Ram, Assam University, Silchar 5 papers were presented. These papers focused on such issues as harassment of girls in educational institutions, problems of women/girls in higher education, impact of information technology on women, women images in commercials and the role of television in construction of women's self.

The Convenor apprised the members of the activities undertaken by RC -10 in the year 2011-12 and about the proposed ones in the coming year. These included organization of workshop on 'Feminist Research Methodology', JNU, New Delhi on 14 December, 2011; and National Seminar on 'Gender, Law and Social Transformation in India', Hyderabad, 17-18 September, 2012. Two volumes will come out based on the papers presented in the seminar.

Another mid-term seminar will be organized in Pune in August-September, 2013. The Newsletter of RC -10 will come out soon. Also publication will be brought out of the papers presented in the Udaipur conference. The responsibility of each of these activities has been taken by different RC-10 members was held and Election of the Office Bearers the following were elected unanimously as the Office Bearers of RC-10 for two years (2013-2014).

Convenor – Prof. Abha Chauhan (Jammu), Co-convenor - Dr. Ranjana Sinha (Muzzafarpur, Bihar), Secretary - Dr. Leena Pujari (Mumbai), Treasurer - Dr. N.K. Singh (Rae Bareilly, U.P.),

Executive Committee Members - 1. Dr. Arvinder Ansari, New Delhi, 2. Dr. Kameshwar Singh, Muzzafarpur, 3. Dr. Ajailiu Niunai, Hyderabad, 4. Dr. Shweta Prasad, Varanasi, 5. Dr. M. Lilee Devi, Manipur, 6. Dr. M. Vinayakumar, Kerala.

★ RC-11 : Environment and Society

In RC 11 forty papers were selected and 25 papers were presented in four technical sessions.

Papers were mainly focused on Environmentalism in Metropolis, Urban Expansion and Ecological Challenges, population pressure and Environmental Degradation in Rural Indigenous Community, Local Culture and Environmental Protection, Poor people in Rich land and Natural Calamities. Most of the papers were based on empirical primary data and some of them were based on participant observation.

Some papers like, Environmental Cost and Benefit of River Linking Project, Ashaden Awardees for Sustainable Energy, New and Renewable Energy for Environmental Protection, Role of NGOs in Environmental Protection, Issues of Environmental crisis and Awareness, gender Caste and Water Use, 'Paryavaran ki Akriti Sahitya Ke envas Par' (Hindi), Bollywood and Social Environment, dealt with conceptual and theoretical frame works to understand and examine the interface between Environment and Society.

It is to be placed on record that young research scholars have been making efforts to explore the new areas and that was reflected through a very healthy discussion followed by every presentation.

★ RC-12 : Population, Health and Society

Fifty three abstracts were submitted and 32 papers were presented in RC 12. The papers covered wide ranging topics and were organized under six themes namely: health behavior and practices; health care and medical care; basic health goods like water, nutrition and hygiene; health management and administration; reproductive and child health; and migration and fertility behavior. The RC also released the Book of Proceedings and a book published by a member.

Election for next executive was held. Dr. Mohammad Akram and Dr. A. Mahapatra got re-elected as Convener and Co-convener for next two years. Prof. P S Vivek (Chairman), Prof. Shaukat Azim, Dr. Vatika Sibal (Secretary), Dr. Arundhati Patil, Dr. Anitha Rao and Dr. Neena Rosey got elected as members for next two years. It was also decided that the RC should publish an e journal of its own. One specific session was held on how to write research papers and it was addressed by Prof. P S Vivek.

★ RC-13 : Science, Technology and Society

The RC-13, 'Science, Technology and Society' received forty three abstracts out of which 39 were accepted and finally 30 papers were presented there were four sessions. In the first session scholars debated the issues related to science, technology and gender with special focus on the role of technology in reconstructing the idea of masculinity, gender and sexuality in cyber space, commodification of women body and their choices through assisted reproductive technology, role of online matrimonial sites on changing marriage arrangement and the role of technology for empowerment of women particularly in the rural areas.

Dr. Prema Rajgopalan, of Indian Institute of Technology Chennai,

chaired the second session on 'Science, Technology and Developmental Issues'. In this session nine papers were presented based highlighting the emerging challenges as well as opportunities thrown up by the diffusion and the adoption of modern technology in the area of agriculture, industry, environment, and civic entrepreneurship at national as well as grassroots levels. There was discussion on the issues of innovation in crop production, conflict between formal and informal seed sectors, role of ICTs in diffusion of appropriate information among rural community, risks associated with industrial poultry and modernization of agriculture sector. Scholars in their research papers underlined the importance of science and technology for regional development and conservation of biodiversity and sustainable life. There was an emerging consensus among scholars about the need for policy of innovation at production, processing and packaging in both the agricultures and the manufacture sectors to increase the pie of development.

The third session on 'ICTs, Media and Society' was chaired by Dr. Manoj Kumar Jena, Department of Sociology, Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi. Most of the papers addressed to issues such as representation of scientific controversy on Bt Brinjal in print media, emergence of social groups with new life style in urban areas as a consequence of ICT, pattern of Internet usage in cybercafé, rapid growth of use of mobile phone, emergence of digital divide, social network sites and social movement and use of computer simulation in production of knowledge.

The fourth session was organized in collaboration with RC-24 on a common theme entitled, "Interrogating New Technologies and Social Networking Sites and Young People". In this session large number of scholars participated in round table discussion, which was initiated by Prof. Bula Bhadra. She spelt out the major issues such as harassment, bullying, depression and anxiety arising from the obsessive use of social network sites by young people and adolescent. Wapha Riyalu, a research scholar, narrated the role of social network sites in creating the social movement across the world. Dr. Pradeep Swarnkar raised the issue of fake identity and false representation in the cyber space. Dr. Vinod Chandra highlighted the issue of intergenerational gap persisting in the cyber world. Prof Tom Dwyer discussed the role of social network sites in Brazil and China. He argued that the rapid expansion of Internet communication technology is creating global village and we are coming closer and closer but also becoming lonelier and lonelier. Even in virtual world heterosexuality dominate and interaction is gendered. However, there is no alternative to network world.

The fifth session on "Science, Technology and Social Inclusion" was chaired by Prof. D.C. Chaudhary, Principal, Bhawani Niwas, L.N. Mithila University, Darbhanga, Bihar. The papers focused on the issues related to technologies for mainstreaming disabled, Autism and technology, managing technology for commons, globalization and ICT and Identity formation.

RC- 13 conducted its business session on 28th December and discussed the proposal for the formation of an online network of young scholars working in the similar areas for sharing their ideas and research. We also proposed to start an electronic journal in collaboration with RC-24. We are also in the process of coming out with an edited volume based on some selected papers presented by our scholars. Research Committee members also elected their office bearers for the coming two years (2013 and 2014). The new office bearers are: Dr. Madhav Govind, Convener, Dr. Pradeep Swarnkar, Co-convener and Dr. Kingsook Saha treasurer.

★ RC-15: Social Change Development

The RC conducted five sessions on the themes such as Emerging Patterns of Social Change in India, Developmental Issues in India, Dimensions of Development in India, Consequences of Development in India, and Development and Social Change in Communities and Groups in India. In all, 126 abstracts were received and 69 papers were presented in the sessions. The RC selected the abstract of paper submitted by Shomit Chowdhury, Deptt of Social Systems and Anthropology, Sikkim University, Gangtok, Sikkim, as the best of the abstracts, for which a certificate and cash award of Rs 500/- was given away to Mr Chowdhury by Professor K L Sharma. Total number of RC's members went up to 136.

★ RC-16 : Urban and Industrial Studies

Altogether 38 Abstracts were accepted for presentation in five consecutive sessions, out of which 21 papers were presented Prof. J Krishnamurthy from Annamalai University, Dr Pranjali Sarma, Prof Felix, Dr. Meena Gopal, Dr. Kulwinder Kaur, Dr. Perpetua Miranda helped in successfully running the sessions.

The issues discussed in the RC mainly focused on Urban problems which included social conflicts and urban politics in India, rehabilitating urban poor to make India slum free, sustainability, gentrification and urban poverty, urban associational culture, urban socialization practices, migration etc. In the Management aspects issues like corporate social responsibility, leadership styles and qualities, employees state insurance scheme generated discussions among the participants. Other issues related to workers that were presented, included papers on special economic zone and workers vulnerability, work and livelihoods of street vendors, problems of shift workers, deprivation of workers in textile industry, entrepreneurs and knowledge generation in cosmetics industry, poverty in handloom industry, problems of small tea growers and labour management relations in tea industry, healthcare industry and so on. The papers highlighted the issues related to urban and industrial scenario of various parts of India like Delhi, Maharashtra, Kerala, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Karnataka, Rajasthan etc.

The RC sessions generated productive discussions among the participants and the audience. A good number of M.A., M. Phil and Ph.D. scholars along with senior sociologists engaged in the discussions in all the technical sessions. Finally the sessions ended on an exceptional note as Prof Felix Padel graced the session with his Violin recital. The RC had an enrolment of 15 new members and the general body unanimously supported the same executive committee to continue with the same Convener.

★ RC-18 : Sociology of Crime and Deviance

In the RC, there were 23 papers out of which 18 were presented. The first session had papers on theme like : Naxalites Problems, Public Perception of Police, Crime Against Women, Fear of Crime among the Elderly in Today's World, Domestic Violence, Terrorism related Crime.

Besides these there were papers on the topics like : Women and Crime, Dalit Women and Human Rights, Youth Crime, Process of Delinquency, Child Crime, Globalization and Crime.

The views and suggestion during the presentation. Has given a new direction towards women and crime studies in India and suggested new areas of research in sexual harassment and crime. Besides these a trend beyond the tradition theory and crime.

The RC elected Dr. Ramesh H. Makwana as Convenor, Dr. R.K. Mohanty as Co-Convenor and Mr. Mohan Singh as Treasurer.

We have elected our next convenor would be Dr. Ramesh H. Makwana, co-convenor Dr. R. K. Mohanty and Treasurer is Mr. Mohan Singh. The committee will be in office for Two Years up to 2012-2014 Dec.

★ RC-19: Sociology of Ageing

The RC received forty papers which revolved around various aspects ranging from problems faced by the elderly to the feminization of ageing. All the twenty two presentations covered a variety of topics like maintenance and welfare of parents and senior citizens Act, 2007, National Policy on ageing, crime against elderly appeared to be a popular theme of this year's presentations. Method of ethnographic content analysis was utilized to review print media coverage of issues related to violence against elderly. Four sessions were conducted and were chaired by Prof. Arvind Kumar Joshi, Dr. Udai Bhan Singh, Dr. Anagha Tendulkar, Prof. J. J. Kattakayam, Dr. Mamta Patel and Prof. B.K. Swain.

Papers were presented in English as well as in Hindi. Most of the papers utilized quantitative method and data were presented statistically. Qualitative research was also incorporated in the presentations. Relevant topics in social Gerontology like Old Age Homes, population ageing, role of family in care giving etc were extensively discussed.

Business meeting was held, wherein the following Office Bearers were elected unanimously for 2013-2014: Convenor: Prof. Arvind K. Joshi, Co-convenor: Dr. U.B. Singh, Secretary: Dr. Anagha Tendulkar and Treasurer: Dr. M.N. Singh.

★ RC-20 : Leisure And Tourism

RC-20, conducted 05 technical sessions, Two special lectures were also organized. One special lecture was delivered by Prof. Paramjeet Singh Judge on the topic – Leisure, Tourism and Social Change. Second lecture was delivered by Dr. Anil Kumar Sahni, Member Rajya Sabha, on "Govt. Policies on Leisure and Tourism"

The RC received 40 abstracts out of which 30 papers were presented in five technical sessions. All these papers covered a variety of issues like changing scenario of leisure, sustainable tourism, exotic tourism, current trends in cultural tourism, leisure activities among domestic workers, religious tourism, changing patterns of tribal women, emerging patterns of leisure, gender issues and leisure, commodification of culture, leisure tourism and kinship relationships, leisure for economic gains and the issues of medical and eco tourism. Most of the papers generated active participation, vibrant discussions and very fruitful interventions by young scholars also by very senior members.

The sessions were chaired by Prof. Paramjeet Singh Judge, Amritsar, Dr. Vishesh Gupta, Moradabad, Prof. S.K. Kataria, Udaipur, Dr. B.K. Singh, Muzzafarpur, Dr. Subodh Kumar, Kota, Dr. Kalinath Jha and Dr. Vinita Singh from Ranchi, Dr. Rashmi Jain, Jaipur and Dr. Bidyanath Mishra from Darbhanga.

In the business session the members resolved unanimously to continue the convenor Dr. Vishesh Gupta, and co-convenor – Dr. Birender Kr. Singh for next two years. The members selected Dr. Vinita Singh of Ranchi as new secretary of Dr. Rohitash, Kumar Gangwar, as treasurer Bareilly. Dr. Rashmi Jain, Prof. Madhu Nagala, Dr. Subodh Kumar, Dr. Anchal Gupta and Dr. Kalinath Jha have been selected as Executive members.

It was also decided to hold a mid term conference in Ranchi University, under the convenorship of Dr. Kalinath Jha and Dr. Vinita Singh. It was also decided to continue to publish the RC-20, New Letter, and also to confer the motivational award on the best research paper to the young scholars from next year.

★ RC-22: Military Sociology / Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution

RC-22 had conducted 5 sessions besides a business meeting. We received 21 abstracts and 15 papers were presented. There was a Guest lecture by Professor Felix Padel, who spoke on National Security in connection with the Maoist Movement in the country. All the sessions were highly successful and interactive.

Some of the highlights of the papers, which were presented, were :

(1) Pradeep Kumar Jha, Armed Forces in Managing the Internal Security, (2) Ramesh D. Rathore, A Sociological Study of the level of Educational Standards of the Boys of Police (3) Dr. Shelly Dutta Issues of Ex-Servicemen in Indian Context (4) Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Military as an Urban Cultural Form, (5) Girisha VJ, Utilisation of Entrepreneurship Scheme by ESM, (6) Manjoor Ahmed Wani, Kashmir Conflict - Impact on Education and Pattern of Inequality (7) Dr. Deepa Sharma, Effects of Globalization - Crime and Terrorism on National Security. (8) Dr. Anjubala Sharma, The Concept of War-Widows.

In the business session three names were suggested for executive members, which were unanimously passed by all. (1) Ramesh D Rathore, (2) Sudhir Kumar, (3) Mr. Girisha VJ.

★ Ad-Hoc Group: Sociology of Childhood and Youth

This is the debut meet of the Ad-hoc group on "Sociology of Childhood and Youth" at XXXVIII ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE (December 26-29, 2012, Udaipur) as this RC has been formed this year only by ISS. We now have 22 members. We had four sessions where 17 papers were presented and a special was lecture delivered by Dr. Vinod Chandra, Secretary, RC 53 Sociology of Childhood, International Sociological Association (ISA) on "Childhood Research in India: Themes and Perspectives". The papers were based on primary researches and reflected many facets of childhood and youth in India and the deliberations revealed that there is a severe dearth of Sociological works in this area in India. There was also a joint session with RC 13 (Science, Technology and Society) and a Round Table on "Interrogating New Technologies: Social Networking Sites and Young people", where the panelists were Dr. Vinod Chandra, Prof. Tom Dwyer (Brazil), Dr. Pradip Swarnakar (IT and Management Institute, Gwalior), Dr. Ashish Saxena (Allahabad), Dr. Madav Govind (convenor RC 13, JNU), Prof. Bipul K. Bhadra (former convenor of RC 13) and Prof. Bula Bhadra chaired the session. A lively and productive discussion took place between the panelists and the participants. In the Business session we formed the executive which is as follows: Co-convenor: Dr. Vinod Chandra and Treasurer Ms. Chandrabali Datta (Basanti Devi College, Kolkata); Executive members are: Prof. B.P. Badola (GCTE Dharamshala University), Prof. Ashish Saxena (University of Allahabad). It was decided that we will launch an e-journal and invite also working papers especially from young delegates and a mid-year workshop cum conference will be arranged preferably in collaboration of RC 53 of ISA.

OBITUARY

B.S. BAVISKAR

A gentleman who walked on the razor's edge, Prof. B. S. Baviskar is known for his collaborative leadership in studying the co-operative movement, especially the politics of the sugar co-operatives in Maharashtra and the milk cooperatives in Gujarat. His perceptive eye for political dynamics goes back to his school days in the village Pikhod in Maharashtra and eventual migration to Delhi via Pune. He dwelt deftly on the large sugarcane farmers' political influence in sugar industry as also in regional and national politics while being friendly with different factions as he walked on the razor's edge during his fieldwork for Ph.D at the Department of Sociology in Delhi University under M. N. Srinivas and M.S.A.Rao. His publications speak about his scholarship and collaborative work not only with Indian scholars within and outside the university system but also with Western anthropologists.

My association with Prof. Baviskar increased with discussions regarding the Indian Sociological Society (ISS). His way of giving ample space to his colleagues became apparent when as the President of the ISS he asked me if I would agree to be the Treasurer. Initially I was hesitant, my hesitation was overcome when he gently offered to help me as and when I would not be able to give time to the Indian sociological Society. He kept his promise for the next two years as he did not wish that I compromised my responsibility towards either the University or the ISS. I learnt to perform the treasurers' duties due to his training in financial responsibility and integrity.

He touched me deeply as an exemplary senior when we co-edited the festschrift volume for A.M. Shah (2010). His hard work despite a failing health during the editing of the book, *Understanding Indian Society-Past and Present: Essays in Honour of A.M. Shah (2010)* truly humbled me. Despite a second attack of illness in the midst of the work, he handled the illness and the editing with rare determination and sheer hard work. This truly humbled me as he was always ahead of me in doing his part of the work without making me feel small for lagging behind.

An institution builder, he had the interest of the Department and the discipline uppermost in his mind. He was generous in his appreciation to encouragement of others but critical of their training and scholarship—another quality of being on the razor's edge. Many of his students would be thankful to him for such an experiencing such freedom of flight in thinking with frank criticism. His insight into the grass root level workings of organizations was handy for him as an institution builder.

His love for Sociology left an indelible imprint on the Indian sociological Society. As its President during the Golden Jubilee years of ISS he launched the work of documentation. The Golden Jubilee volumes, based on articles on various themes in Indian sociology available in *Sociological Bulletin* since 1952 were published with B. S. Baviskar as the series editor. Another instance worth recalling is that while I was assigned to edit the volume, *Family in India: Structure and Practice*, Prof. Ursula M. Sharma and I proposed a joint one on Caste, but he softly declined to allow me doing more than one of the seven volumes he had planned for

the series.

I was also aware that as the President of ISS, Prof. Baviskar would go through the entire issue of each *Sociological Bulletin* before it was sent for final printing. But his awesome selflessness touched me deeply when I read the footnote in Prof. N. Jayaram's recent essay on the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee (2011) issue about the *ISS Journal, Sociological Bulletin*. The footnote reveals that Prof. Baviskar had continued to read carefully each issue of the *Sociological Bulletin* before it went for final printing, a practice he began since his ISS Presidentship, more than a decade ago in 2009-2010. And, this he did quietly for the love of ISS and its journal, *Sociological Bulletin*.

He was generous with his time for others, irrespective of their status and position in the University or the academic hierarchy. A wise counsel and well-wisher of friends, colleagues and students, he will be missed by many admirers.

Tulsi Patel, University of Delhi

Professor Bela Dutt Gupta, fondly known as 'Beladi' among her students, colleagues and associates from many walks of life passed away on March 15, 2013 leaving behind a legacy created entirely by her. It was due to her vision, initiative, perseverance and leadership, Sociology was born in Calcutta University. She was not only the progenitor of the Department of Sociology at Calcutta but also produced the pioneering work (*Sociology in India*) on the sociological ideas of Bengali authors as well as of institutions like the Bethune Society, the Indian Social Science Association and a few others never studied and discussed before. Her intellectual appetite and scholarship far exceeded the disciplinary boundaries of Sociology and she was truly an interdisciplinary scholar par excellence. Notably among these are the publications on translations of Rabindranath Tagore's and Pablo Neruda's selected poems. She was given 'Teacher of Eminence' honor by Calcutta University in 2001. She was the recipient of the Life Time Achievement Award, the highest and most coveted award for contributions in Sociology by Indian Sociological Society in 2009. Professor Bela Dutt Gupta was the first Chairperson of West Bengal Women's Commission and remained Chairperson for two consecutive terms (1993-2001). Among her many accomplishments as Chairperson she took the first initiative to set up the committee for preparing the Report on the changing status of women in West Bengal. She was also the member of West Bengal Legal Service Commission (1998-2001) and Vice-President of Asiatic Society, Kolkata (2001-02). Her flexible, humble, and rational disposition matched with her insightful, resolute determination which stood taller than everyone beside her. Her complete lack of pretentiousness, her serene and warm interactions with younger scholars and her manners of expression, using words close to lived experience will be alive in the minds of everybody who knew her professionally and personally. Her tolerance, regard and impartial point of view for others' opinion were exemplary. Her life and work was a benchmark. She was that role-model many aspire to be.

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