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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It is with a renewed sense of gratitude and commitment, I scribble these words. I have been re-elected to the position of Secretary of ISS. I thankfully appreciate the decision of the members. I am grateful to your graceful nod for my continuation in this office. I reiterate my promise, that whatever is possible from our side, will be done during this tenure too.

The *Sociological Bulletin* is a publication which ISS can be proud of. Not only does it maintain our visibility on an international horizon, it depicts our role and flair for research. The diversity of ethnicity in the sub continent often draws parallels with our rich biodiversity, which may be the prime factor for distinct and diversified sociological trends and traits. Interference patterns, interface modification and induction are social dynamics of micro or regional level significance. These historical, cultural, religious and regional factors have been exotic and endemic themes for our study. Even in situations, where the developmental or technological changes were research themes in topical absolutism, social factors loomed large in all phases of pursuit and implementation. We, the social scientists, have contributed much to real and live issues right from the time of our country's independence. Other branches of sciences have shown sudden growth in small time units, but they could not sustain the expansions as they were ad-hoc, and lop-sided. These factors reveal that research in social themes will sustain itself. Perhaps these may be reasons, why our bulletin has completed 53 years of its existence in a glorious heritage of different subjects of study.

It is a long felt demand that periodicity of the bulletin has to be enhanced to accommodate the increasing output. It is a matter of pride and privilege that we could increase the number of issues from two to three per year. We hope, that you have received the new issue in April. The next number will reach you in August and the last one in this year could be distributed (yes, to save postage) when we meet at Gorakhpur at the year end.

Though, we have discussed our contributions to the national mosaic, we have to sit back and think of our membership in ISS. Though ISS is the national forum, format and force of the social scientists, our membership does not quantitatively reflect our lead in the control of things. We have to grow in number too. So our members have to rope in all professional social scientists for our expansion and growth.

Once again my sincere thanks and best regards.

Jacob John Kattakayam

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

Time flies. Six months have already elapsed since the new Managing Committee took office with the new office bearers.

Much before the year ends you will receive three copies of the *Sociological Bulletin*. This means that more of us in the profession will get a chance for making your contribution to sociology and thereby expand our knowledge and understanding of ourselves. We owe our thanks to those who took this wise decision in the face of financial challenges. However, the addition of this issue means an escalation in our postal charges. May I humbly request all my fellow Life Members and other members to please send their contribution of Rupees One Thousand to the Society, if they have not already done so.

We are looking forward to the next Indian Sociological Conference at Gorakhpur. The conference theme on a national policy for social science was unanimously accepted by all the Managing Committee members as of signal importance and significance, particularly in view of the position taken by the outgoing government. We feel it necessary that social scientists must communicate their perceptions and understanding in this regard. Even without an explicit policy for the social sciences, the UGC has put into place policies that have impacted on the quality of teaching and the prospects of serious research. There is urgent need to give serious thinking on how the social sciences could and should be strengthened in the existing institutions of higher learning so that rigorous and relevant research is directed towards the rapid unfolding of complex social and economic realities in an era of globalisation. After all, this is how we contribute to our country and our people. I urge all my colleagues to apply their minds on this problem and come prepared to contribute constructively for the development of our discipline. I would like to clear a possible confusion. *The theme of the conference pertains basically to the symposia*. Contributors in the Research Committees are not bound by the Conference theme. They may address the problem if they so feel.

The introduction of Research Committees into the Indian Sociological Society *system* has given the Society a new source of vitality. It has meant that sociological discourses no longer remain a one shot event waiting for the annual conference. The Managing Committee has decided that we should institutionalise periodic reviews of our RCs to see how we can further strengthen the system. A committee has been constituted to do the first review. Those who have not yet been able to send the details requested by our Secretary, *please cooperate by sending them immediately*.

We are very much into the cyber era. If you don't have an email id till now, please don't delay any further. I request all members to send us their current/permanent address to which they would like the Sociological Bulletin to be delivered, including their email id. Also please send us your major area(s) of specialisation. We would like all this information to be available on our website. ICSSR is preparing a comprehensive list of social scientists and has requested us to give them the list of our Life and Ordinary Members with their specialisations. Please don't underestimate the advantage that is in store for all those who are there on our website with these details.

We are looking forward to the South Asian Workshop on 'The State of Sociology: Issues of Relevance and Rigour'. Unfortunately, the seed money of \$4000 sanctioned by the International Sociological Association is a token support lending legitimacy to our proposal. Let us hope for the best.

With regards and best wishes.

Partha Nath Mukherji

Prof. (Mrs) Leela Dube to deliver Prof. M. N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture

Professor M.N. Srinivas Endowment Committee has selected Professor (Mrs.) Leela Dube, eminent sociologist to deliver the 4th Professor M.N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture. She has kindly accepted the invitation and agreed to deliver the lecture at the next All India Sociological Conference to be held at Gorakhpur.

HIGHLIGHTS OF GORAKHPUR CONFERENCE

(27-29 December 2004)

Theme

National Policy on Social Sciences

Last date for submission of Abstracts to the RC Convenors	30th September
Last date for Registration without Late fee	31st October
Last date for sending accepted Abstracts to the Souvenir Editor by the RC Convenors	31st October
(for details see page 7)	

XXIX ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE, 2003: A REPORT

The three-day conference slated for December 21-23, 2003, in effect got spread over five days. A Pre-conference session of RC 16 was organised by Dr. Rachna Gaur at Govt. Girls College, Nathdwara on 20th. In the evening, a Curtain Raiser on "Sociology Challenges Ahead" was organised by Aditya Chauhan Memorial Committee. Prof. D.N. Dhanagare chaired the session which was addressed by Professors Yogesh Atal, Brij Raj Chauhan, Partha Nath Mukherjee and Surendra Munshi. A post-conference session was organised on December 24 at Chittorgarh by RC 15 Social Change and Development and RC 20 on Leisure & Tourism.

The conference was organised for the first time in Rajasthan, a city where teaching of sociology in the state had commenced in 1949. In all, 431 delegates registered themselves for the conference. The Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri. Bhairon Singhji Sekhawat delivered the inaugural address for the conference. He referred to the composit efforts led by Maharana Pratap with Hakim Khan Suri leading the forces, Bhilu Raja consolidating the tribals and Bhamashah the merchantile forces providing economic support for the struggle. He further recalled Udaipur as the place where Dayanand has composed the *Satyarth Prakash* and how that place was handed over by him as Chief Minister to the Arya Samaj. He called upon sociologists as doctors of society to identify one or two cases for treatment applying their disciplined efforts.

The Chancellor of the two Universities of Rajasthan and Gujarat, His Excellency Kailash Pati Mishra brought home the contributions of his own state of Bihar to the shaping of social processes in the country. In the introductory note, Professor Brij Raj Chauhan referred to the emphasis given to the study of Indian traditions by Prof. D.P. Mukherjee and Prof. G. S. Ghurye. It was a pleasure to have the ISS president Prof. D.N. Dhanagare delivering the presidential address. He emphasised on social policy as a term- much wider than social welfare. His own concern with high standards and professional efficiency was brought rather clearly in the address, which was made available in a printed form to the audience, as it was being delivered.

Prof. A. K. Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Mohan Lal Sukhadia University and Chairman of the Reception Committee welcomed the delegates who felt happy at the prior notice regarding their places of stay. Vice Chancellor, R.P. Singh of Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology welcomed the delegates to the campus extending all facilities of the infrastructure. Three Golden Jubilee

volumes on "*Sociology of Gender*", *Urbanisation in India*' and '*Sociology of Religion in India*' were also released by the Hon'ble Vice President during the inaugural session. Prof. J. J. Kattakayam, Secretary ISS presented the volumes to the Hon. Vice-President for release.

As part of the central activities four symposia were organised: Symposium-I dealing with the concept of Governance, its international implications and possible control of policies and programmes in the developing world. Symposium- II dealt with the tribal situation in wake of the 73rd amendment. As the problems in the northeast were given special attention, it was also pointed out that the interaction between the tribals and the rest of the population needed careful handling. A special issue of *Eastern Anthropologist* brought out by Ethnographic & Folk Cultural Society was also released on the occasion. Symposium III dealt with rural questions and attention was drawn to management of water and other resources at a level wider than a single village. Symposium IV concentrated on cultural and social specificities of Rajasthan; problems of different regions were discussed. The emergence of the United State of Rajasthan by uniting 23 principalities/administrative units and the current role of NGOs in ushering the civil society got specific mention.

The closing session was marked by an address from Upendra Baxi, on the theme "**Governance, Resistance and Social Theory**". In the speaker's absence, Prof. Yogesh Atal read out his address. The text included the power structure in traditional India in the realm of caste and community. Moreover he emphasized the importance of the Constitution of India as a tool of Sociology of Governance. He also pointed out that concern about the untheorized social movements and the emergence of global dominance him rendered importance to the Constitution.

Professor N. R. Sheth, Former professor of Sociology and Director of IIM, Ahmedabad delivered the Prof. M.N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture on "The Field of Labour".

The conference served as an occasion to release two books – '*The Village and Beyond: Understanding the Social Sphere*' (in honour of Professor Brij Raj Chauhan) edited by Yogesh Atal and Rajesh Mishra and '*Emerging Social Science Concerns: Festschrift*' (in hounor of Professor Yogesh Atal) edited by Surendra K. Gupta. An attractive publication of the programs and abstracts of the conference edited by Dr. Rajesh Misra on the model of World Congress was another special feature.

Among the innovative steps taken at the organisational level were the active presence of the Vice Chancellor of the University of Rajasthan and the general consent of all the

Vice Chancellors in the state to act, as members of the Advisory Committee. The conference was defined as a 'national event which required national mobilisation of resources'. This was achieved by becoming 'Organising Partners' through making additional contribution of Rs. 500 each from the delegates and the willing contribution of additional Rs. 50,000 by prospective delegates and well wishers mostly from amongst the former students and colleagues of Professor Brij Raj Chauhan and from the seed money by the Institute of Social Development to meet the teething troubles in organising the conference. Prof. Yogesh Atal as Vice Chairman of the Reception Committee and Dr. G.S. Somawat, Director, National Commission for SCs and STs, Jaipur played leading roles in mobilising resources from public and corporate sector organisations.

The delegates relaxed at the folk culture presentations organised by the West Zone Cultural Centre at Shilp Gram in a natural environment. The active help of local colleges in the region, to organize a quiz programme for undergraduate students with seven colleges along with 30 students has helped in spreading the message of the conference and the Society. All these contacts later enabled the organisers to make the conference a memorable event.

(Dr. T. M. Dak, Organizing Secretary, XXIX AISC)

Managing Committee Thanks Organisers

The Managing Committee meeting held on 2nd April expressed satisfaction over the successful organization of the Udaipur Conference and resolved to place on record its appreciation for the efforts made by the hosts- Prof. Brij Raj Chauhan -Convenor, Prof. A.K.Singh -Vice Chancellor, M.L.Sukhadia University, Prof.R.P.Singh -Vice Chancellor, M.P. University, Dr.T.M.Dak- Organizing Secretary and their able team.

SOUTH ASIA WORKSHOP

International Sociological Association and Indian Sociological Society are jointly holding a South Asia Workshop during the last week of February 2005 near New Delhi. The theme of the Workshop is **The State of Sociology: Issues of Relevance and Rigour**. The Managing Committee of ISS nominated Dr.Ravinder Kaur as the Convenor of the Workshop. The total number of participants will be around 50. For more information, contact Dr.Ravinder Kaur, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, IIT, Delhi-110016.

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AWARDS AND POSITIONS

Commonwealth Fellowship Award 2003-04

Dr.G S Bajpai, Department of Criminology and Forensic Science, Life Member ISS and Convenor of RC-18, was conferred the prestigious award of Commonwealth Fellowship (2003-04). He has mainly worked with the Department of Criminology at University, Leicester, UK.

Sociologist Awarded

Dr. L.Thara Bhai, Professor and Head Department of Sociology, Madurai Kamaraj University had been selected for the Tamilnadu State Council for Science and Technology (TANSA)-2003 Scientist of the Year award under the discipline of Social Sciences. It is for the first time a Sociologist has been selected for this award. The award is for her outstanding work in the area of Social Change and Women's Empowerment. She is the convenor of RC-06, Religion and Society.

ELECTED

Professor Y. S. Bhaduria, a senior Life Member of the ISS, was unanimously elected as Chairman, India Development Group (India Chapter), affiliated to IDG, UK. and President, Schumacher Institute of Appropriate Technology and Rural Development, Lucknow, by their respective Boards of Directors.

NATIONAL SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

Changing Indian Society: Social Justice and People's Movements, February 27-28, 2004

This seminar was organized by the Department of Sociology, Osmania University, Hyderabad. It discussed Pre and Post Independence developmental issues and the role of Marginalized sections such as dalits and women. The seminar viewed that the process of globalization and liberalization resulted in further stifling of Indian society and hence the social fabric was facing a deep crisis. Prof.G.Satyanarayana served as the seminar Director. Prof. P. KamalaRao, Dr.Suryanarayana Reddy and Dr. C. Ganesh, Dr.K.G.Chakrapani, Dr. Pushpa Mary Rani, Sri.Ajez-ur-Rehman and Mrs.S.Sujatha were the Coordinators of the Seminar.

Gender and Human Rights, February 16-17, 2004

The School of Social Sciences, S.R.T.M.University, Nanded had organised a two day national seminar on Gender and Human Rights. The Feminist sociologist, Dr.Kalpana

Kannabiran from Hyderabad inaugurated the seminar and Vice-Chancellor Dr.S.A.Suryawanshi presided over the function. Dr. Kannabiran held that the only space that recognises women as equal citizen, is the Indian Constitution. The specific focus of her speech was on violence which is sexist and casteist. The gendered violence is not only entrenched in the social practices but they are also inscribed over the body of women. The law as an instrument both of emancipation and subjugation were discussed from women's and particularly from the Dalit women's perspective. According to the theme, the seminar discussed various aspects such as women and rights, the growing violence against women, reproductive right as human rights, women in prostitution, sexual minorities and human rights. The eminent panelists included Dr. Flavia Agnes, Dr.Lekshmi, Dr.Vibhuti Patel, Vishaka Dutta and others. Dr. Vibhuti Patel delivered the valedictory address. She focused upon the women's movement in India and its efforts to mainstream women's issues and towards law reforms to create a gender just social order. The programme was co-ordinated by Prof. B.C.Barik as convenor and Mr.Puspesh Kumar as Co-convenor.

Globalisation, Information Technology and Social Challenge- A Report

The Department of Sociology, University of Madras and RC-10 of ISS jointly organized a two day seminar on 17-18 March, 2004, under the aegis of UGC and ICSSR. The inaugural session was presided over by Dr. S. P. Thyagarajan, Vice Chancellor of University of Madras. Dr. Partha Nath Mukherji, President of ISS gave the inaugural address. Prof. David Lyon of the Queen's University, Canada delivered the Keynote address; he highlighted India's Linguistic and cognitive advantage in the field of Information Technology. The inaugural session was followed by a symposium chaired by Prof. B.S.Baviskar. Dr.V.K. Nataraj delivered the valedictory address. Dr.D.Jayalakshmi was the Coordinator of the seminar.

Communication and Media: Challenges and Responses, January 29-30, 2004

The Department of Sociology, Madurai Kamaraj University organized a two-day national seminar on the above theme. Prof.Navaneethakrishnan, Member of the Syndicate presided over the function and Prof. J. J. Kattakayam, Secretary ISS delivered the inaugural address. Six sessions of the seminar discussed themes like Societal Issues and Communication, Community Issues and Communication. Dr. K.S.Gopalakrishnan, Head of the Department of Geography delivered the Valedictory address. Prof. L. Tharabai was the seminar Director and Prof. R. Kannan was the organizing secretary.

Contemporary Indian Society, Issues and Challenges, 7-8 February 2004

The national seminar was organized by Department of Sociology, University of Burdwan. Prof.Amit Kr.Malik, Vice Chancellor of the University inaugurated the event and he spoke on problems of globalization. Six sessions were held in the two days of deliberations. Twenty papers were presented in four panel sessions. Dr. Biswajit Ghosh gave the Valedictory address and Sri.Bibhas Bagchi gave the Vote of thanks. Dr. Anirban Banerjee, Head, Department of Sociology was the convenor of the seminar.

XXIV ISSA Conference –A Report

The XXIV Conference of the Indian Social Science Association was held at Dr. H.S.G. University, Sagar, MP on 23-25 January 2004. The central theme of the Conference was 'Problems and Challenges before Indian Society in the present Changing Scenario'. Prof.Yogesh Atal, Former Director in UNESCO gave the keynote address. Over two hundred delegates were present in the three-day conference. There were five focal and five sub themes in eighteen sessions. Some were thought provoking and bore high scholastic aptitude. The conference was marked by two important events- 1) Honours and awards to distinguished Social scientists, and 2) The best paper award to young Social Scientist. A book containing the papers presented in the conference was also released. Title of the book is 'Development in India- For Whom and Where,' edited by Prof. N.K.Gouraha and Dr. Diwakar Sharma.

Workshop on NGOs in Reproductive Health

The Department of Sociology of Delhi School of Economics held a workshop on NGOs in Reproductive Health on 4 March 2004, which was sponsored by the British Council, Delhi. It proved to be a rewarding experience for most participants and many NGOs. Prof. Tulsi Patel, University of Delhi, Dr. Navtej Patel, University of Manchester and the Coordinators of Higher Education Link Programme were the organisers.

Sociological Research Online

Sociological Research online is an electronic referred journal. It publishes high quality sociological articles, focusing on theoretical, empirical and methodological discussions that engage with current political, cultural and intellectual topics and debates. It is very useful for budding scholars doing research on various fields of sociology. The journal can be found at www.socresonline.org.uk

**INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
XXX ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL
CONFERENCE**

(DECEMBER 27-29, 2004)

VENUE

**D.D.U. GORAKHPUR UNIVERSITY
GORAKHPUR, U.P.**

THEME

**NATIONAL POLICY ON SOCIAL
SCIENCES**

Symposium-I Research and Application

Symposium-II Teaching and Pedagogy.

**Symposium-III Eastern U.P.: Dilemmas of
Change in a Border
Territory**

Welcome to the 30th All India Sociological Conference at Gorakhpur. Contributions to the conference are invited through the 21 research Committees (RCs) of the ISS that are already in operation. All paper presentations at the conference except those in the symposia will be made through RCs only. Hence, scholars interested in presenting papers at the conference are advised to contact the convenors of the relevant RCs.

Two copies of the abstract of the paper (in about 250 words) should be sent to the RC convenors by 30th Sept. 2004. Each abstract should carry the number and the name of the RC for which it is intended. The RC convenors will inform the Organising Secretary about all those abstracts which have his or her approval for presentation at RC meeting at the conference and will send a copy of abstract by 31st October to Sri Manvendra Pratap Singh, Convenor, Publication Committee, 30th AISC, Lecturer, Department of Sociology, DDU Gorakhpur University Gorakhpur-273009, Email: manvendra_v@yahoo.com

The acceptance of the abstract shall be communicated to the author by the convener of the concerned Research Committee. **Only those members of the ISS (Life/ordinary/Student) who have paid the RC membership fee of Rs. 200/- per committee are allowed to present papers in the conference.**

Registration fee

Type of Delegates	Upto 31st Oct	Up to 30th Nov	After 30th Nov.	Accompanying (Per person)
Indian delegates (Rs.)	600	700	800	400
Delegates from SAARC countries (US\$)	100	150	200	50
Other Foreign Delegates (US\$)	200	250	300	100

The registration fee should be sent to the Organising Secretary by crossed DD drawn against XXX All India Sociological Conference payable at Gorakhpur (U.P.). The delegates making payments of the registration fee by 15th of Oct. or 30th of November are advised to produce their receipts at the time of registration at the conference venue. This will help in processing registration work quickly and minimizing your registration time and ordeal.

The venue

Gorakhpur is situated in the eastern part of Uttar Pradesh. It connects Nepal border in the north and the state of Bihar in the west. The region is blessed with the fortune of having in its territorial lap the birth places of Lord Buddha and Lord Ram. Lumbini- the birthplace of Gautam Buddha is about 125 km in the north and Ayodhya- the birthplace of Ram is about 140 km in the west of Gorakhpur. Divinity of the region is also enriched by Nirvana place of Lord Buddha, St.Kabeer and Guru Gorakhs Nath of Nath sect of Hindu dharma. Economically Gorakhpur is a handloom predominated area.

How to reach Gorakhpur

Being the Head Quarters of North-Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur is very well connected by rail to all parts of the country. There are direct trains to Gorakhpur from Amritsar and Jammu in the North, Thiruvananthapuram and Hyderabad in the South, Mumbai and Ahmedabad in the West and Kolkata and Gauhati in the East. Gorakhpur also has air connection. Air Sahara (Flight No. S2-542/142/6125, DEP. 0400, ARR. 1245, Daily, Stops 3 Via Chennai/Delhi/Lucknow) is available.

Accommodation

The organizers will provide free accommodation to the delegates in guest houses, hostels and hotels of moderate tariff for four nights starting 26th December. Those who wish to stay in better hotels on payment may obtain information by writing to the Organizing Secretary. Arrangements for meals to all the delegates and accompanying persons (if informed in advance) starting with dinner on 26th December till dinner on 29 December, 2004.

Sight seeing

The organizing committee will arrange for the delegates a visit to Kushinagar and Magahar only on payment. The Committee, however, is not organizing a tour to Nepal or Ayodhya. Those who wish to visit these places may do it on their own. The local organizing committee may, if sought, give them necessary advice and help in their plan of travel.

Weather

Weather in Gorakhpur during the last week of December will be very cold and temperature during this period is normally 8-10 degrees Celsius. Delegates are advised to carry heavy woollens with them. The local organizing committee will arrange beddings.

National Organising Committee

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Assessment of Working of RCs.

Managing committee has decided to constitute a Committee to assess the role of the Research Committees since the time of their inception on the basis of objectives that made them an integral part of the ISS structure, and advise on steps to be taken for further improvement. MC approved the Constitution of committee with the following members:- Professor T.K.Oommen, Professor B.S.Baviskar, Professor Anita Minocha and Secretary, ISS (Convenor)

RC-15 INSTITUTES AWARD FOR YOUNG SOCIOLOGIST

To encourage young Sociologists to prepare world-class conference papers and abstracts, RC-15 will award a prize to the young Sociologist who submits the best abstract at the XXX AISC at Gorakhpur. The Award carries a cash prize of Rs 500/- and a Certificate, which will be presented at the Gorakhpur Conference. To be eligible for the award, the scholar should not be more than 35 years old on 31-12-2004 (Proof of age required). The abstract should be in the following format: Title of the paper, name and address of the author and the abstract in 300 to 400 words. The abstract should contain the statement of the problem or objectives of the study, methodology adopted, brief findings/conclusions and policy implications if any. An adjudication committee will decide the award winner. Please send your abstract (on A4 paper single space 12 point size) to Dr. P. K. B. Nayar, Convenor RC15, 'Aswathy' Kochulloor, Trivandrum 695011. before 30th September 2004. email- pkbnyar@rediffmail.com

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RC-20. Leisure and Tourism

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UDAIPUR CONFERENCE - RC ACTIVITIES

RC-01: Theory, Concept and Methodology

In the absence of Prof. Pradip Kumar Bose, Prof. Surendra Munshi convened the sessions at Udaipur. A total of seven papers were presented. The presentation covered theoretical and conceptual issues on Governance, Civil Society, Globalization, Genderization, and the question of rationality and methodology.

RC-02: Family, Kinship and Marriage

The RC organized a Pre-Conference Seminar on Marriage & Family at Jaipur under the joint auspices of the Department of Sociology, University of Rajasthan and the RC. At Udaipur, three academic and one business session took place. The RC is also planning to conduct a National Seminar on Family, Marriage and Kinship in Contemporary India- Continuity and Change under the joint aegis of RC02 & Department of Sociology, Sardar Patel University in July/August. For more information contact, Dr. Jaya Prakash.M.Trivedi, Head, Department of Sociology, Sardar Patel University, Ballabh Vidya Nagar, Gujarat.

RC-03 : Economy, Polity and Society

The RC 03 had successful sessions at the Udaipur Conference. Papers were read under three broad headings: Democracy and Governance; Economic, Political and Institutional Dimensions of Governance and Work, Gender and Environment. One session was devoted to discussion of the future plans of the RC. The RC has a functioning e-group at the address: rc03@yahoogroups.com and a website with the address: www.geocities.com/rc03_web. The RC e-mail address is rc03_iitd@yahoo.co.in. The sessions were characterized by lively and fruitful discussions and several of the papers were of publishable quality. Sociological Bulletin is encouraging participants to revise and submit their papers for publication in the Bulletin.

RC-05: Education and Society

Out of sixteen papers listed for presentation, only four were presented. The presentation covered various aspects of education and society from the perspective of the general theme of the conference. RC circulated its four paged News Letter among its members during the conference.

RC-07: Rural, Peasant and Tribal Communities

Fourteen papers were presented at the Udaipur Conference and the presentation covered issues of rural development and changes in the panchayati raj system. Dr. Sukdev Singh, N. R. Choudari, G. S. Guruswamy, and B. B. Mohanty were some of the paper presenters at different sessions. In the absence of Prof. P. M. Chacko,

Prof. Bimal Kumar Bhadra acted as convenor and conducted the proceedings.

RC-08 : Social stratification, Professions and Social mobility

RC organized three sessions at Udaipur; these were on Governance and professions, Social Policy: NGOS and the Professions and on Professions and Emerging Market. A total of seven papers were presented in these sessions including that of Good governance and emerging professions. Prof. Khazan Singh and Prof. Kalyan Mandal chaired the sessions.

RC-09: Dalits and Backward Classes

RC 09 organized four sessions. The sessions were chaired by Professors: Rajeswar Prasad, Richard Pais, G S Bahaduriya and R. B .S. Verma respectively. In all 13 out of 23 papers were presented and the presentation included different aspects of Dalits and Backward classes. Fruitful discussions were held after each presentation. A special lecture was also delivered on Dr. B R Ambedkar, Indian Constitution and marginalized groups in India by Prof. Jagmohan Singh Verma. The RC is planning to hold a conference at Mangalore under the leadership of Prof.Pais.

RC-10: Gender Studies

RC had five technical sessions and a business session at Udaipur conference. A total of thirty one papers were presented. These papers discussed wide ranging issues such as domestic violence and women criminality, participation of women in freedom movement, role of SHGs and women's role in disaster management. Brief presentations and live discussions made all sessions fruitful.

RC-11: Sociology of Environment

Eighteen papers were listed for presentation and only thirteen were presented in four technical sessions. Themes which became the focus of paper presenters include-contemporary environmental problems, environmental movements, religion and environment, management of natural resources and related problems and national rehabilitation policy. Each paper presentation generated the fruitful discussions by participants. RC's future plan includes launching of RC's website.

RC-12: Population, Health and Society

At Udaipur conference fourteen papers were presented in four sessions. The first session focused on health and health policy, the second was on population as a macro phenomena, the third session focused on HIV and AIDS. The fourth and

final session discussed population in relation with issues of health: RCH, women health, HIV and AIDS and abortion. Each session concluded with lively discussions.

RC-13: Science and Technology

Nine papers were received but only three were presented at the conference. Dr. Roli Verma from the University of New Mexico, USA was the first presenter. This paper related to the images of Indian scientists and engineers in the United States. Other eminent presenters were M. N. Panini and Prof. Haribabu. Prof. Panini discussed the controversy surrounding Bt seed and Prof. Haribabu examined plant taxonomy in the context of IPRS.

RC-14: Culture and Communication

The RC organized six sessions. Fifteen papers were presented by the members on themes like theoretical implications of class based access to communication technology, social background and patterns of using internet, implications of globalization on family and education, traditional ways of culture and communication, ideologies and mass media, dialectical aspects of language and religion, impact of advertising on global consumer culture, education, communication and local cultures. The sessions were chaired by Prof. J. K. Doshi, Prof. S. P. Punalekar, Dr. V. P. Singh, Dr. A. Chauhan and Dr. P. A. Abbasi.

RC-15: Social change and Development

RC -15 had three paper sessions and three special sessions at the Udaipur conference. Twenty four papers were presented in the three sessions. 'New Dimensions of Change' was the first session having eight papers. 'Empowerment and Social change and Grass root Movements and Social change' were the second and third sessions, which were chaired by Professors P. K. B. Nayar and N. K. Bhargava respectively. Special session I was a joint session with RC 21 and was titled 'Conceptualisation of a Social problem' and Special session II was a **workshop for Young Writers** and was presided by Prof. N. Jayaram, editor of Sociological Bulletin. The third and final special session was a panel discussion on 'A New paradigm for Rajasthan's Development' chaired by Prof. K. L. Sharma, Vice Chancellor of Rajasthan University. All the delegates of the conference appreciated the special sessions.

RC-16: Urban and Industrial studies

The RC organized a pre-conference seminar on December 20th at Nathwara, presided over by Prof. Yogesh Atal. Prof. R. S. Sandhu, Convenor of the RC was the resource person. In his speech, he pointed out the rapid urbanization and its impact. Dr. Rajana Gaur and Dr. Meenabaya presented papers in the symposium. A total of five papers were presented in two sessions during the

conference at Udaipur. In the first session two papers were presented on the impact of industry on urban setting and work value in an industry. In the second session three papers were presented on religious centers in urban settings, local participation and development and on girl child labour and their problems.

RC-17: Social Movements

RC organized four sessions in which six papers were presented out of the nine abstracts which were submitted for the Conference. Broader areas covered were Trade Union Movements, Peasant Protest, Language and Ethnic Identity, Backward Caste Mobilization, Women's Movement and New Social Movements. The deliberations of the RC sessions were enriched by the active participation of eminent scholars like D. N. Dhanagre and P. N. Mukherjee. The research committee decided to organize a seminar in Goa during September.

RC-18: Sociology of Crime and Deviance

In the absence of Dr. G. S. Bajpai, Dr. Sneha Lata Tandon was the Convenor of the RC at Udaipur Conference. Five papers were presented in two Technical Sessions. Dr. Snehalata Tandon and Dr. Diwakar Singh Rajput chaired the sessions. Papers discussed empirical findings as well as conceptual orientations in the field of Crime and Crime Prevention. The papers generated discussions and meaningful suggestions.

RC-20: Leisure and Tourism

A total of eight papers were presented at the Udaipur conference. Papers discussed issues like Leisure and tourism-Resuscitation and Revitalization of Culture., Linking of Tourism, Culture and Environment, Changing employment trends due to the advent of Tourism, Income Trend and Tourism and Leisure among Medical Professionals. Active discussions were held by the participants.

RC-21: Social Problems and Marginalized Groups

Theme of RC 21 at Udaipur Conference was "Social Policy, Social Problems and Applied Sociology in Contemporary India". Out of the ten abstracts received, RC had nine presentations along with one theme note session and a round table discussion. Both theoretical and conceptual issues of Social Problem and Social Policy were discussed during Technical Sessions. Professors D. Sundaram, L. Thara Bhai, R. S. Sandhu, B. K. Nagala and Mandal were among the panelists. The presentations were followed by animated and fruitful exchanges. The RC hopes to arrange a Panel Discussion on 'Theory, Social Policy and Marginalization' at the XXX AISC at Gorakhpur.

RC PROGRAMMES AT GORAKHPUR

RC-03: Economy, Polity and Society

The RC welcomes conceptual papers and would like to see members and others send in papers highlighting the interaction of theoretical understandings with data gathered in the field. Given below are suggestions for panels that could be organized for the December 2004 Conference.

1. Classical and Contemporary theorists in sociological analysis-paper writers are invited to reflect on the theoretical approaches and scholars that have influenced their work.
2. Emerging concerns in rural and urban sociology.
3. Sociology and Anthropology of the State.
4. Gender analysis -Economic and Political dimensions.

For more information please contact the RC Convenor.

RC – 10 : Gender Studies Women And Social Policy in India

Economic and development policies, as adopted and implemented in India, apparently seem to reinscribe the traditional gender role ideologies and the rigidly demarcated public – private dichotomy. Ideologically, state policies play an important role in sustaining subordinate position of women. In India development policies too have marginalized the needs of women and eroded the existing customary rights of women. Hence, it becomes necessary to critically assess the social and development policies in India with feministic perspectives. In view of this background, papers are invited in the following themes for the XXX AISC.

- i) Gender Role Ideologies and Empirical Realities
- ii) Gender Equality and Constitutional Issues
- iii) Gender Justice and State Policies
- iv) Development Programmes: Inconsistencies and Contradictions

Abstracts may be sent to the convener before 30.09.2004

RC-15: Social Change and Development

RC-15 will have six sessions at the conference, including a Business session, Panel discussion and a **Workshop for Young Writers/ Authors**. The Workshop is intended to bring together authors and publishers and to enable the authors to know what the publishers are looking

for in a good paper or book. It is hoped that this will enable the scholars to compete in the professional intellectual world on a global basis, so the Indian Sociologists will be able to get there due share in the scholarly world. The Workshop will have faculty from SAGE and other internationally reputed publishers and is open to all delegates. Send your abstracts to the Convener before 30th September, 2004.

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

VI.A.P Sociological Conference – A Report.

Andhra Pradesh Sociological Society and the Department of Sociology, Kakatiya University jointly organized the Sixth Andhra Pradesh Sociological Conference on 6th and 7th March, 2004. The focal theme of Conference was 'Economic Reforms and Social Process in India'. Prof. C. Lakshmana inaugurated the Conference and Prof. J. Raghavendra Rao delivered the keynote address. Prof. M. S. N. Reddy, President of the AP Sociological Society presided over the function. Prof. J. J. Kattakayam, Secretary ISS delivered the valedictory address. The Conference generated high awareness among academicians, development experts, NGOs and policy scientists and other scholars. The deliberations on sub themes of the Conference also brought out that the economic reform process has kept the poor majority outside the mainstream, while the feudal, high caste and the rich ruling class remain in the main stream occupying higher echelons in the Indian society. Moreover, the seminar also noted that in spite of the far-reaching changes visualized in the economy, polity and society as part of the reform process, there has been a very little scholarly work on the actual and potential impact of this process. The entire seminar evoked great response from the participants. Prof. N. Ramulu was the organizing secretary of the conference.

XVI Marathi Samajshastra Parishad

The 16th Conference of Maharashtra Samajshastra Parishad was held on 27th and 28th of November 2003 at Mahyco Research Foundation Trust's Badarinarayana Barwale College of Arts and Science, Jana. The theme of the conference was Crisis in Higher Education with sub themes such as Collective Violence against Dalits and Women, Dr. Ambedkar and Nationalism, Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj and Social Justice. Honourable Dr. Prakash Bobade, Former Head, Department of Sociology, Nagpur University inaugurated the Conference. There were four simultaneous sessions in which 80 papers were presented. In the

concluding session, Dr. Suresh Waghmare, President of Conference thanked the management of Barwale College and the delegates. In the valedictory session, Dr.Gajanan Surase, Registrar of Dr.B.A.M.University, emphasised that the sociologists have to play a vital role to lead the society in the right moral way.

XXX All Kerala Sociological Conference- A Report

The XXX All Kerala Sociological Conference was held at Loyola College of Social Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram on 16-18 January 2004. The Focal theme of the conference was Local self-Governance and Development. Dr.Phobe Liebeg of University of Southern California, USA inaugurated the event. Prof.Chandrasekhar Buggi, Honorary Director, Centre for Studies in Community Development, Bangalore delivered the keynote address and Dr. Celine Augustine, President of the KSS delivered the presidential address. The papers were presented in five sessions and were chaired by Professors P.K.B. Nayar, Jose Murikan, C.J. Mathew, J. J. Kattakayam, and Manu Bhaskar. Sri.V.Ramachandran, IAS (Rtd.), Vice Chairman, Kerala State Planning Board delivered the valedictory address.

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Seminar on Paths of Urban Change: Social and Spatial Perspectives, 9-11, December, 2004.

ISA Research Committee on Sociology of Urban and Regional Development (RC 21) and Department of Real Estate, National University of Singapore are jointly organizing a conference on the above theme. Deadline for the submission of Abstracts is 30th June 2004. For any questions, please contact Ravinder Singh Sandhu. Email-ranvinder@yahoo.com

Ageing Societies and Ageing Sociology: Diversity and Change in a Global World, 7-9 September, 2004.

RC-11 Sociology of Ageing of the ISA is organizing an Inter-Congress Conference on Ageing Societies and Ageing Sociology: 'Diversity and Change in a Global World' from 7-9th September, 2004 at University of Surrey Roehampton, UK. Hosted by the Centre for Research on Ageing and Gender (CRAG), University of Surrey, UK. See details on the ISA Conference website-<http://www.soc.surrey.ac.uk/crag/ISA2004/index.htm>.

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Department of Sociology, R.B.V.R.Reddy Women's College, Narayanguda, Hyderabad is organizing a two days seminar on the above theme. For more information please contact:

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