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This is a moment of immense sense of gratitude and pride for me to address the members of ISS from the editor's desk. I am thankful to each and every member of ISS for enabling me to enjoy this great privilege. In the last issue of the ISS news letter, I officially waved good bye to the role of editor, but as all of you know, our organisation directed me to continue my work as the editor of this *Newsletter*. The Managing Committee meeting held on 26th October 2005 at the University of Jammu decided to bifurcate the roles of the Secretary and the *Newsletter* Editor in an effort to strengthen and to maintain the quality and regularity of the *Newsletter*. This unusual step is definitely indicative of the seminality of the *Newsletter* in the present context of growth and development of our organisation.

The *Newsletter* invigorates communication links between members of ISS and strengthens the quality of the academic work we are involved in. It is evident that the *Newsletter* had a pivotal role in bringing together the multifarious activities of the organisation in the last few years. The enormous response from esteemed members bear testimony to the catalytic quality of the *Newsletter* in the organisational front of ISS. As the editor of this *Newsletter*, I am involved in tiresome efforts in tapping resources to maintain the regularity and quality specifically in the context of the financial crisis our *Newsletter* faces. The ISS members have a great role in bringing out this

publication as a crucial communication tool among us. The coordination of the various academic facets of our organisation is especially significant. I request the honourable members to assist us in finding sponsors and promoters in-order to explore further resources to strengthen the *Newsletter*.

Updating News and events through the *Newsletter* is another crucial element as far as the accuracy and regularity of this periodical is concerned. Sending reports and news to the *Newsletter* regularly is the only way through which you can vitalise our publication and make it a big success. I therefore request all the members to contribute significantly to the growth and development of the *Newsletter* by sending reports and news regularly. It is a hectic and exacting task to maintain the periodicity and consistency of this publication and the editorial crew is intensely involved in managing these features of the *Newsletter*.

I express my deep sense of gratitude to all members of ISS for their kind support and encouragement without which this project wouldn't have materialised so successfully. Once again I thank the ISS and its members for their innovative suggestions and assistance. I look forward to your creative responses and cooperation on all aspects of this publication in future.

Once again my sincere thanks and best regards

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Dear friends,

May I, on behalf of the new members of the Managing Committee, the Secretary and my own self, profusely thank you for the confidence vested in us and assure you that we, along with our senior colleagues in the MC, will strive hard to realize the hopes you have placed in us.

We have entered the globalization era and ISS will have to become global. Thanks to the far sight and hard work of our predecessors, ISS has now become quite visible to our fraternity. It has turned round the corner and is ready for the big take off. Even so, we have a long way to go. Our aim should not be just to "catch up with the Jones" but to march past them. This will require dedication and hard work on the part of ISS members. I am sure that none of you will be found wanting in this.

One way to strengthen ISS is by streamlining and strengthening our Research Committees. RCs are envisaged as the academic and professional wing of ISS and it will be through them that much of the future work of the Society will be carried out. They need to be further strengthened and streamlined to take up their pivotal role in the ISS. Thanks to Prof. Ishwar Modi, Convener of RC 20, we will be holding the 2nd Workshop of RC Conveners in Jaipur in October this year where ways and means will be devised to make the RCs more functional and most vibrant. I would request that all ISS Members become members of one or more of the RCs. In this I make a special appeal to our youngsters in the profession.

I have another humble request to ISS Members to enroll as many Life Members from among your friends as possible. Young sociologists can play a great role in this as most of the potential members are in their catchment area. ISS is experimenting with an ambitious scheme to extend a helping hand to the young sociologists in their efforts to achieve their cherished professional aspirations. We have instituted an Award for the Best Abstract (see elsewhere). We are holding a special Pre-Conference Workshop with financial assistance to all those in need. I request our young scholars to come forward in large numbers to avail these opportunities. At the World Congress of Sociology, (Durban, July 23-29, 2006) ISS is organizing a Panel Discussion on "Internationalising Sociology: Challenge of Globalisation". We have been able to mobilize 12 speakers from 8 countries in 5 continents. They include 2 past Presidents of the International Sociological Association and Presidents of national associations. It is hoped that this event will enable ISS to closely network with national associations and to play a leadership role among them.

The 32nd All India Sociological Conference being held in Chennai will be an excellent forum for all the members of the fraternity to join together and exchange ideas and plans of work. In the past conferences, hardly around one-third of the members have been attending. This year, we should make an effort to see that at least 50 percent of the members attend. The young sociologists should not be found wanting in this, especially when we have made their presence attractive and easy. Chennai is eagerly looking forward to unroll the red carpet to welcome you.

And I look forward to meeting you all at Chennai.

My best regards to everyone

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Dear Sociologist,

Greetings from your new Secretary who needs your active association and continuous advise for carrying out such a serious responsibility of assisting our President and members of the Managing Committee(MC) in such challenging times. I feel privileged to get elected for such a high post. But I also feel anxious and modest as it involves a number of challenges and responsibilities.

ISS is one of the very few all India associations of the social scientists which has been functioning so systematically for such a long number of years despite very limited resources. So what next? Even if our membership is large enough to claim that we have a nationwide reach, there is need to conduct a nationwide campaign of 'reaching out' to all sociologists of the country.

Secondly, *Sociological Bulletin* is an internationally respected journal of our Society. But it needs more subscribers from India and abroad to become self sustained in near future. At this juncture, it is noble duty of each member of the ISS to make it sure that the libraries in their town are subscribing for it. Let it reach every major academic centres in India and abroad in next one year through our individual and combined efforts.

Our annual congress is getting more meaningful with the passage of time. It is due to the active role of the MC, RCs and the host institution. But we need a little more input from the members to make it a national event which is a unique combination of learning about the state of art research as well as a representative gathering of the active sociologists of our country and region. A workshop is being organised to improve the role and functions of the RCs at Jaipur before Chennai Congress. We are looking forward to the next Congress for the qualitative improvements at ground.

We are in need of a national office with actual space and structure. ISS Building Fund is needed for it so that we can get a piece of land for construction of a functional structure in the capital of our country. A modest beginning has been made in the meeting of the ISS MC held on March 19, 06 at New Delhi with contribution of Rs.1000/- from each member and office bearer for it. But we need a nationwide drive for it very soon. An application has been already submitted with the Delhi Development Authority for allotment of land in an institutional area. But there is need of follow up at the highest levels for a speedy action.

ISS needs stronger links with fraternal associations within the country. A dialogue has begun by holding the first consultation on 'Professional needs of social scientists in India' on 19th march, 06 at JNU, New Delhi. It was attended by a select group of anthropologists, economists, historians, political scientists, and sociologists. Participation of four of the ISS presidents including Prof. Yogendra Singh, Prof. T.K. Oommen, Prof. Parthanath Mukherji, and Prof. P.K.B. Nayar and several members of the ISS MC was an outstanding feature of this dialogue. It has been decided to continue the process in form of a Task Group and pursue relevant official bodies including the UGC, ICSSR, the Knowledge Commission, etc. to pay attention to the professional issues and challenges of promoting knowledge and studies in the field of social sciences.

Looking forward to your feed back and responses.

Sincerely,

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Election to the posts of President, Secretary and 5 Members of the Managing Committee was held in the last part of 2005. A total of 836 ballots were received. They were counted on December 29, 2005. 6 Ballots were found invalid. The following persons were declared elected to the different posts by the Election Officer.

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J. R. Panda (Jammu)

G. Satyanarayana (Hyderabad)

ISS acknowledges with thanks the services rendered by the Election Officer, Prof. Aneeta Minocha, for the smooth conduct of the election. For detailed election results please visit

The Managing Committee meeting held on 24th October 2005 in the University of Jammu decided to bifurcate the roles of the ISS Secretary and *Newsletter* Editor in an effort to strengthen and to maintain the quality and regularity of the *Newsletter*.

The MC Meeting held on 19th March 2006 decided to renominate Prof. N. Jayaram as the Managing Editor of *Sociological Bulletin* for another term of five years, considering the commendable work he has rendered during the last five years.

It is decided to award a prize (Rs.1,000/ and Certificate) for the best abstract submitted to the RCs by young sociologists who are under 35 years of age. The abstract should be accompanied by proof of age. To become eligible for this award, an additional copy of the abstract marked “ ” should be sent along with the other two copies to the RC Conveners. RC conveners will make preliminary screening of these abstracts and send the selected ones to Dr. Bula Bhadra, (Member of MC) who will be in charge of the programme. Competitors should also send a copy to Dr. Bula Bhadra (Address under RC Conveners’ list) Three experts will adjudicate the abstracts and select the award winner.

This workshop will be held on December 25 and 26, 2006, immediately before the main Conference and is telescoped with it. The theme of the workshop will be “**Social Role of the (Wo)Man of Knowledge**” with focus on young social scientists. All those who are below 35 years of age on Dec. 1, 2006 are eligible. The venue of the workshop will be the same as the conference venue. The objective of the workshop is to encourage as many young sociologists as possible to attend the AISC by subsidizing their conference expenses.. For this, it is proposed to give

to as many deserving and needy young sociologists as possible, subject to the availability of funds which we are trying to raise. There is no additional fee for the workshop and food and accommodation will be provided free. Non-young sociologists also are welcome to attend the workshop but not for financial assistance. For them accommodation and food for the extra days of the workshop will be free. The necessary application form is given on the reverse side of the Conference Registration Form. Intending delegates should fill this form, take a photocopy of it and and proof of age and a “note” in 250 words (see application form) to Dr. P. K. B. Nayar, Aswathi, Kochulloor, Trivandrum 695 011. The original Registration Form should be sent to the Organising Secretary at Chennai, along with the Registration Fee (which will be refunded in deserving cases). The last date for workshop registration is September 30, 2006. For further details, please call 0471 2448502 or email: pkbnyar@rediffmail.com; pkbnyar@yahoo.co.in

Indian Institute of Management Calcutta has advertised for faculty positions in sociology. The details can be found in its website:www.iimcal.ac.in

The M.C. Meeting held on 19 March 2006 expressed satisfaction over the successful organization of the 32nd All India Sociological Conference held at Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. J.R. Panda, Head, Dept. of sociology University of Jammu. The ISS received a sum of Rs. 77,462/- from the Organising Committee as its share of the Registration fees from the delegates.

The South Asia Workshop (SAW-II) on *Prospects for Collaborative Research in South Asia* was held at Hotel Rajhans, Suraj kund, Haryana, India on 22nd and 23rd of December 2005. It was organised by the ISS with Dr. Ravinder Kaur, Member, M C of the ISS as the Convener, Prof. Partha Nath Mukherji, President, ISS, Prof. J. J. Kattakayam, Secretary, ISS and the staff of the ISS office. The project was conceived and executed on the basis of an MOU between the Department of Sociology, University of Lund, Sweden, and the Indian Sociological Society. This was the second meeting of South Asian sociologists within a year made possible through a Planning Grant from SASNET. Our very special thanks to Professor Staffan Lindberg for his contributions to the discussions and his sustained interest in carrying forward the research and organisational agenda of the workshop.

There were two participants from each of the South Asian countries to discuss country proposals for possible collaborative and comparative research. The research proposal brought by each country was thoroughly discussed. After some deliberation it was decided that several projects would be initiated, instead of a single macro project. These projects could then seek separate funding. It was decided that the following thematic research groups could begin to collaborate with respect to their own researches and develop new research projects.

1. Poverty and Social Development Studies (PSDS)
Coordinator: Tudor Silva
2. Social Transformation Studies (SASTRA)
Coordinator: Siri Hettige
3. Regional Ethnic Minorities and Conflicts (REMAC)
Coordinator: Krishna Bhattachan
4. The Development of Sociology in South Asia (DOSA)
Coordinator: Nazrul Islam

Formation of an association for South Asian sociologists

The meeting also discussed the draft constitution for a South Asia Sociology Association prepared by the steering committee consisting of Nazrul Islam, Siri Hettige, Ravinder Kaur and Dorji Penjore. It was decided to name the new organisation

The purpose of the Society would be to provide a forum for sociologists in the region to promote and foster collaborative activities in such areas as research, publications, teaching, and curriculum development. A major aim would be to develop theoretical and methodological perspectives engaging with

South Asian societal realities. It was decided that the constitution would be finalised whenever the next meeting is held and steps taken to float the organisation.

A three day trainers Training Programme was organized by Punjab University in collaboration with the common wealth Secretariat London at the ICSSR complex in the Punjab University Campus. Prof. Sherry Sabbarwal was the convener of the program. There were 26 participants from various universities and colleges of the North West Region. The participants were addressed by Prof. Veer Singh, S.L. Sharma, Prof. Virendra Kumar and the common wealth representative Ms. Saraswati Rajagopal. The workshop brought out practical suggestions and innovative methods for revising the pedagogy of Human Rights and duties.

This National UGC seminar was Sponsored by ISS RC-16 and ISA RC-21 and conducted under the auspices of Special Assistance Programme of the University. Prof. Yogendra Singh, an eminent sociologist of international repute, inaugurated the seminar and Prof. S.L. Sharma delivered the keynote address. 40 delegates from India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Italy attended the seminar. 20 papers were presented in four sessions based on ; Poverty and Sustainable development, Urban Poverty : Main Issues, Urban Poverty : Empirical Studies and Governance, Basic Services and Poor. The valedictory address was delivered by Prof. Pritpal Singh. The coordinator of the seminar was Prof. R.S.Sandhu.

This two day National conference was organized in association with New Entity of Social Action (NESA), Bangalore and Mangalore Sociology Association. Prof. P.L. Dharma, Chairman, Dept. of Political Science Mangalore University inaugurated the function and Prof. M.H. Macwana Professor and Head, Dept. of Sociology, Gujarat University and convener of RC-09 presided over the function. Dr. Surendra Rao, Dean, Arts faculty released the Journal of Indian Social Science association. Mr. Vimalanatan, Executive Director, NESA was the Chief Guest. The entire two-day conference divided into six academic panels. In all panels 26 papers were presented. The conference was well attended by 150 delegates, who came from the different parts of the country. The valedictory address was delivered by Rev. Fr. Francis Serrao S.J., St. Alosious College.

Department of Sociology, University of Rajasthan organized the XIV All India Conference of the Rajasthan Sociological Association on the theme of "Future of Sociology and Sociology of Future: Context Social Sciences" at Jaipur during December 18 – 20, 2005. While Prof. Ishwar Modi delivered the Presidential Address, Prof. Anand Kumar delivered the Inaugural Address. The first Symposia-cum-Seminar Session on "Future of Sociology & Social Sciences: New Challenges" was Chaired by Prof. B.R. Chauhan. The subsequent sessions on "Sociology of Future: New Dimensions"; "Emerging Trends in Leisure and Tourism: Socio-Cultural Implications"; "Societal and Security Concerns of the Armed Forces" and "Society and Culture in India and Rajasthan" were respectively Chaired by Prof. B.K. Nagla, Prof. Anand Kumar, Prof. Indira Munshi and Prof. Kapil Kumar, Admiral V.S. Shekhawat, and Shri M.L. Mehta. Prof. B.R. Chauhan delivered the Valedictory Address.

The fifth mid term National Seminar of RC. 2 was organized at CS J M University, Kanpur . About 150 delegates participated in the seminar. Besides the inaugural and valedictory sessions, four technical sessions were held. Prof. Indu Mathur (Jaipur) delivered the Key Note Address and Prof. K.N Sharma (Kanpur) gave the valedictory address. The four technical sessions were chaired by Dr. B.K. Nagala (Rohtak), Dr. M.S. Trivedi (Udaipur), Dr. Gopal Iyer (Chandigarh), Dr. A.K. Srivastava (Lucknow). Prof. Abha Avasthi presided the valedictory Session.

The 32nd All Kerala Sociological Conference was held on December 2-4, 2005 at Farook College, Calicut on the theme, Environment and Society. Prof. Partha Nath Mukherji delivered the keynote address. Prof. M. Indukumari, delivered the presidential address and Dr. Jose Boban, Secretary presented the annual report. 43 papers were presented on the various sub themes of the conference. 400 delegates from the various parts of Kerala as well as neighbouring States actively participated in this academic discourse. Prof. N. P. Hafiz Mohammed was the organizing Secretary of the Conference.

Shivaji University, Kolhapur has declared first prize of Rs. 5000/- to the Book *Samakalin Bharatiya Samajshastra* authored by Vedvyas Gajendragad and V. S. Marulkar published in Marathi by Phadke Prakashan, Kolhapur, under social science faculty scheme. The book covers origin and development of sociology in India, history of sociological Institutions in India and their journals, origin and development of ISS, its bulletin and its conferences, photographs and contributions of eminent Indian Sociologists.

Rajasthan Sociological Association honoured Prof. Yogendra Singh and Prof. B.R. Chauhan with the "Lifetime Achievement Award" for their contribution to the development of Sociology in Rajasthan on the occasion of its XIV All India Conference held at the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur during December 18 – 20, 2005. Shri Kailash Rawat, Executive Director of Rawat Publications was also honoured with the "Lifetime Achievement Award" for his contribution to the development of Sociology in Rajasthan through his publications on this occasion.

OBITUARY

Prof. Raman Unni (LMI-622) passed away at the age of 85 in November 2005. A favourite student of Irawati Karve's, he assisted her in collecting data on Matrilineal Kinship, which became part of her classic book *Kinship Organisation in India*. He did his doctoral dissertation on matrilineal kinship in Kerala, under Prof. I.P. Desai's supervision and Prof. M.N. Srinivas' influence. He worked as a lecture in Sociology at Shamaldas College, Sourashtra and at the Department of Sociology, Maharaja Suyajirao University of Baroda. Later on he was appointed as Reader in Sociology at the prestigious school of planning and Architecture. He made lasting contribution to detailed field studies of matrilineal kinship as well as other aspects of society. He will be remembered not only as a scholar but also as a fine human being with wit and humour.

Prof. Mobammed Peer (LMI-1474), Chairman, Post-Graduate Department of Sociology and the Co-ordinator of the Post-Graduate Department of Social work of Mangalore University passed away after a brief illness on 28th October 2005 at the age of 47 years. During his brief academic career, he has successfully guided 12 students for Ph.D. degree. Besides over 50 other publications, he had authored five books on Education and Gender Issues.

Prof. H.C. Srivastava, Varanasi, (LMI-187) and **Prof. Prabhu**, Pune (LMI-1538) are also no longer with us to guide the sociological fraternity. The community of Indian Sociologists express their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY**XXXII ALL INDIA
SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE**(27-29th December 2006)*Organised by***University of Madras***Venue***Loyola College, Chennai****Theme : Science, Technology and Society:****Emerging Issues**

- Symposium – I Science, Technology &
Social Inequality**
- Symposium –II Changing Demographic
Profile of India**
- Symposium – III Emerging Knowledge
Society in Tamilnadu**

Invitation to submit abstracts to the conference

It is with great pleasure we welcome you to the 32nd All India Sociological Conference at Chennai, Tamilnadu. You are invited to submit abstracts for paper presentation at the conference through any of the 21 research committees (RCs) of the ISS. As all paper presentations at the Conference (except those in the Symposia) will be made through RCs, interested scholars are advised to contact the convenors of the concerned RCs for presenting papers.

Two copies of the abstracts of the paper in about 300-400 words should be submitted to the RC Convenors not later than 30th September 2006. Each abstract should carry the number & name of the RC for which it is submitted. Acceptance of the abstracts will be communicated by the respective RC Convenors by 15th October 2006. RC Convenors will send a copy of the abstracts received by them by 31st October to The Organising Secretary, 32nd All India Sociological Conference. ISS members (Life/ Ordinary/ Student) who have paid the RC Membership fee of Rs 100/- per Committee alone are allowed to present papers in the Conference.

The Registration Fee should be sent to the Organising Secretary by crossed Demand Draft drawn in favour of

(Tamilnadu). The delegates paying Registration Fee up to 30th November are advised to produce their receipts at the time of registration at the Conference venue.

Pre Conference Workshop for Young Sociologists

There will be a Pre Conference Workshop on December 25 & 26, 2006 with focus on Young Sociologists. Details and Registration form are given elsewhere in the *Newsletter*

The venue

Chennai, the capital city of Tamil Nadu, is situated along the Coromandal Coast in the southern part of Indian peninsula. The 12 k.m long Marina Beach with sprawling sandy foreshore, reputed to be the second longest beach in the world, forms the city's east coast. This 368- year- old city is the fourth largest city in India and 12th largest metropolitan city in the world. It is a city of rich cultural heritage, enduring tradition, temple architecture, exquisite craftsmanship and industrial activity. For more than two thousand years, the region around Chennai has been popular with seafarers, spice traders and textile merchants. It served as an important military, economic and cultural centre through the ages. The confluence of indelible architectural and cultural imprints left by the various dynasties such as the Pallavas and the Cholas and foreign rulers like the Portuguese, the Dutch, the British and the French can be seen in various forms in and around Chennai city. It is the much sought after tourist destination in terms of temple architecture, museums, art galleries and classical tradition in dance and music. December is the month of attraction for the connoisseurs of dance and music as it is a season of magnificent cultural

bonanza during which hundreds of famous artists render music concerts and dance recitals. The pleasant climate with average temperature of 24° Celsius enriches the festive mood in December.

Travel

Chennai has abundant transport facilities making other parts of the country accessible. Chennai is well connected with all the important cities in India by train services.

Jammu Tawi Exp., Chandigarh Exp., Nizamuddin Rajdhani Exp., Tamilnadu Exp., Grand Trunk Exp., Jaipur Exp., Rapti Sagar Exp., Eranakulam Patna Exp.

Chennai Dibrugarh Exp., Guwahati Exp., Howrah Mail, Coromandal Exp., Bhubaneswar Exp.

Jaipur Exp., Dadar Exp., Navajeevan Exp.

Chennai is also well connected by Airways. All domestic and international flights arrive at the Kamaraj and Anna terminal respectively. The airport is served by several Indian carriers. Indian Airlines, Jet Airways, Air Sahara, Air Deccan, Kingfisher Airlines, GoAir, SpiceJet and Paramount Airways connect Chennai with Daily flights to most other cities in India.

How to reach the conference venue

Chennai Central Station is the hub for all the long distance trains. There are prepaid taxi and Auto Rickshaw services available at Central Railway Station and airport. Delegates can avail these services to reach the conference Venue i.e. Loyola College, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600 034.

Local Hospitality

All the delegates will be provided with free accommodation in guest houses, hostels and hotels of moderate tariff for four nights starting from 26th December 2006. Those who require better accommodation can make their own arrangements for their stay in hotels on payment. Necessary information may be obtained from the Organising Secretary in this regard. Arrangements for food and beverages for all the delegates and accompanying persons (with advance information) will be made starting with dinner on 26th December till 29th Dec 2006.

Sight seeing

The Organising Committee will arrange conducted tours on 30th December 2006 only on payment. Interested delegates are advised to send separate crossed Demand Drafts to the Organising Secretary, drawn in favour of

payable at Chennai along with the Registration Form.

Conducted tours will be organised to Tirupati, Mamallapuram, and Pondicherry. Tirupati is the ancient pilgrimage centre with the sacred temple of Balaji located on the seventh peak of Thirumala Hills. Mamallapuram is a 7th century port city of the south Indian dynasty of the

Pallavas. It is declared as a **World Heritage Site** by UNESCO and is famous for rock-cut monolithic chariots, sculptured relief, carved temples etc. Pondicherry is famous for Aurobindo Ashram, Auroville and Matrimandir.

Places covered -Tirupati, Tirumala & Tiruchanoor.

Non AC- Adult - Rs.600/-

Non AC - Child - Rs.500/-

AC - Adult - Rs 800/-

AC - Child - Rs.700/-

AC - Child between 4 and 10 years - Rs. 500/-

(Inclusive of Breakfast Lunch and Entry Fee for Darshan)

Places covered - Aurobindo Ashram, Matrimandir, Museum & Auroville.

Non AC - Rs. 350/-

AC - Rs.550/-

Places covered- Kanchipuram Mamallapuram, Muttukadu Boating & VGP Golden Beach.

Non AC - Rs.310/-

AC - Rs 450/- (Inclusive of Breakfast, Lunch and Boating)

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This year's Professor. M. N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture will be delivered by eminent Sociologist of the University of Delhi at the 32nd All India Sociological Conference at Chennai.

Instructions for Submission of Abstracts

Abstracts should be submitted on the prescribed 'Abstract Form', overleaf, one original and one photocopy. Abstracts should be accompanied by RC Membership fee of Rs100 for one year (Rs.400 for 5 years). Title, Author(s) and Abstract should be within the spaces earmarked for them and should not exceed the allotted spaces. Only Abstracts of those who register for the Conference before October 31, 2006 will be included in the Book of Abstracts. **Abstracts without the membership fee and not in the prescribed form are not acceptable.**

Instructions for preparation of abstracts

Please use '**Abstract Form**' *only*. If more Abstract Forms are needed, make photocopies

Main author (presenter)	Must register for the conference and must present the paper himself/herself
Deadline	September 30, 2006
Language	English or Hindi
Length	Between 300 and 400 words; Use single space. For English, use only Times New Roman or Arial font of 12-point type size. For Hindi, use appropriate type size.
Title	Use capital letters for English. If in Hindi, use bold font. 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. Initials, 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 5 paragraphs, Preamble, Objectives, Methods, Findings, and Conclusions
Submission	The original and a copy should be submitted to the concerned RC Convener before Sept. 30, 2006
Award for Best Abstract.	Young Sociologists for the Award should submit an extra copy of the Abstract to the concerned Convener along with proof of age. Type on top of this copy " For Consideration for Award "

(NOTE: Abstracts may be preferably sent as attachment to e-mail on Microsoft Word in Type New Roman or Arial font of 12 point type size and a hard Copy by Post. Use the Abstract Form)

ABSTRACT FORM

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Under a broad theoretical frame work on the issues of “ ”, 31st All India Sociological Conference was hosted by the Department of Sociology, University of Jammu on 25-27 October, 2005 at the premises of university campus. The major highlights of the proceedings of the conference were inaugural session, honouring of luminaries, three Symposiums, M.N.Srinivas Memorial lecture, twenty one RC's with technical sessions and valedictory session. The conference has attracted around 600 delegates from different parts of the country and abroad. An aerial view of the main programs of the conference is as follows

Delivering the special lecture on the eve of the inaugural session of the conference, Prof

distinguished sociologist and former vice-chancellor of the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia opined that sociology discipline of our times should concentrate on consensus in the domain of ideas and thinking than consensus of peace or harmony. As a chief guest of the seminar, Prof. Alatas had delivered a lecture on “Sociology and the development of humanity”. As the father of Captive Mind Theory, Prof. Alatas said that the major challenge before the third world countries is the question of corruption which has hindered their growth and development. On this backdrop, he appealed to the young sociologists to pay more attention to the issues of corruption. In his detailed account of the history of Sociological trend, Prof. Partha Nath Mukherjee, president of Indian Sociological Society, made a point that let there be no mistaking that the discipline of sociology will thrive only as long as we continue to engage with teaching and research as they relate with the changes and transformations in our country and the world, and make our voices heard. As a guest of honour of the seminar, Prof. Amitabh Mattoo hoped that conferences of this kind would provide space for young sociologists to interact with leading social scientists of within and out side the country. During the inaugural session, in fact for the first time, life time achievement awards had been bestowed on outstanding sociologist: Prof. M.S. Gore, Prof. Ramakrishna Mukherjee, Prof. Y.B. Damle and Prof. Victor D'souza for their fabulous contribution in generating scholarship in the discipline of Sociology.

The titled on was chaired by Prof. Anand Kumar and the panelists in this session were Prof. P.K.B.Nayar, Prof. Avjit Pathak and Dr. Rajesh Mishra. Citing on the current status of Indian Sociology and its link with international sociology, the first panelist, Prof. Nayar presented a paper titled on “*making Sociology teaching more relevant: some substantive and operational issues*”. Prof. Avijit Pathak, talked on “*Excitement of Sociology: Rethinking Pedagogy and curriculum*”. He interrogated certain pertinent discourses on the teaching like communicating an excitement of sociology in terms of its moral sensitivity, its critical consciousness and above all changing character of pedagogy at the time of marketization. Moreover, he opined that education and teaching is needed to be as an art of resistance against emerging onslaught of globalization and marketisation of pedagogic practices.

Dr. Rajesh Mishra spoke on “*The teaching of sociology- a perspective from the sidelines*”. He affirmed the limited interaction between central and peripheral sociologists, leading to a wide gap in sociological knowledge disseminated in both the domains.

Fifth Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. T.N.Madan, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi on the topic,

Prof. Mandan argued that Srinivas made a strong plea for empiricism in the social sciences and introduced the method of participant observation in anthropological research. He also appealed to the young sociologists to study religion as of any other social phenomenon, needed genuine interest, theoretical self-consciousness, methodological rigour, sociological imagination and above all intellectual honesty.

was the second theme of the second Symposium. This session was chaired by Prof. D.Sundaram. Citing new emerging challenges of the practitioners of sociology in the field of research; Prof. Karnath, the first panelist, spoke on “*Doing Sociological Research: is there a way out of quick and dirty routes*”. The basic issues were raised in this paper was sociological research in Universities, use of applied sociological research without any application, lack of research ethics and challenges for sociologist to find ways of doing research contributing for framing curriculum and policy making. Prof. Deb was the next panelist of this session and he raised the issue of “*Spatializing Urban sociology in India*” and argued that urban spaces in city studies lack conceptualization. The last panelist, Prof. Kaur discussed on “*Rethinking Sociological Research*” and she intrigued distinguishing research in Sociology from other social sciences.

Symposium III was titled on “

” in which Prof. T.N.Madan chaired the session. In the session Prof. Sikand talked on “*The Lashkar-I-Tayyeba and the Kashmir question*”; he raised the issue of emergence of radical Islamist groups in Kashmir and its role in aggravating the conflict in the region. Prof. Kaul talked about “*Demystified Kashmir*” He talked about historical and cultural understanding of J&K state and emphasized upon the fragmented identity of Kashmir. Prof. Hari Om emphasized on tri-furcation of State as a solution to the peace-making in the state. Finally, Mr. Balraj Puri advocated regional autonomy and Hill council formation for resolving peace in J&K

In the Valedictory session Padma Bhushan awardee Prof. Andre Beteille, chairman of the ICSSR was honoured and delivered valedictory lecture titled on

Treating the discipline of sociology as an intellectual endeavor and medium for professional of this field, Prof. Beteille had an opinion that the discipline trains the sociologist to make analytical distinction that are generally ignored or overlooked in every day social interaction. This complexity, according Beteille, significantly contributes to the growth of sociology as a discipline on the road to making concepts precisions.

The RC organized four academic sessions and one business session. Twelve papers were presented in the four academic sessions which were chaired by Dr. Nilika Mehrotra, Prof. Paramjit Singh Judge, Dr. Anjan Ghosh and Subhas Bandyopadhyaya. These academic deliberations explored various facts of theoretical and methodological questions within the contemporary social milieu. The business session chalked out the future plans and programmes. It was decided to start a newsletter (preferably online) and host a workshop for selected young researchers on the topic use of new sources: Issues in field work and research methodology.

The RC organized five sessions in which first three sessions devoted to paper presentations fourth to panel discussion and the last to business meeting. The themes of paper presentations were 'Emerging pattern of family in India', 'Information Technology and institution of marriage' and 'Marriage and kinship under globalization and a total of 19 papers were presented. The paper presentations were presided over by Dr. Ramnik Bhatti, Dr. G. Satyanarayana and Prof. Abha Avasthi. The panel discussion was chaired by Dr. Suguna Pathy. In the business meeting it was decided to bring out a volume based on papers presented in past seminars.

In RC-03 presentations were organized into four sessions. 19 papers were presented and the sessions were chaired by Prof. Anand Kumar, Dr. Surinder Jodhka, Dr. Ravinder Kaur and Prof. S.R. Ahlawat. Papers have been presented in three thematic sessions such as State Politics and Civil Society, Entrepreneurship and development and Issues in the study of Poverty. The third session was devoted to an interaction with Prof. Andre Beteille. He spoke to the RC on the topic of the professionalization of Sociology.

The Committee met in four sessions and 17 papers were presented. The papers were centered on the impact of globalization of Dalits, contribution of Dr. Ambedkar towards social change, atrocities on weaker section, impact of Panchayat Raj and welfare schemes, education among Dalits, impact of social legislations and reservation, changing conditions of scavengers etc. There were timely interventions by Professors Dahiwalé, Nandu Ram and K. Gopal who spoke about presentations in the RC meetings and the role to be played by RC.9. The sessions were chaired by Prof. J M Verma, Prof. M.H. Macwana and Dr. Richard Pais.

RC 10 organised 5 sessions on Gender Studies. There were 25 paper presentations in total. The sessions were chaired by Dr. Barrick, Dr. Prema Rajagopalan and Ms. Anitha. There were range of topics on which papers were presented, which included Women empowerment, Social change in women, Status of women in family and marriage, Impact of globalization etc.

Eleven papers were presented at the conference over three sessions. The papers covered a wide array of themes and perspectives on social networks and health, HIV/AIDS related stigma, medical pluralism, study of disability, women and health with a specific focus on reproductive health. The RC held a special session on Teaching of health/medical sociology in universities keeping in line with the spirit of main theme of the conference. Prof. Xavier Vedam, Dr. Ratna Prakash spoke at the special session. The session addressed the issue through different perspective and the participants deliberated the issue of translating medical sociology to health care professionals without compromising on the disciplinary rigour. Dr. Arima Misra conducted the proceedings.

In view of the absence of both Professor Hari Babu and Professor Bipul Kumar Bhadra, Dr Bula Bhadra conducted the proceedings of this Research Committee. Altogether five papers were presented, and the participants took these up for extensive deliberation during various scheduled technical sessions in the Conference. There was no specific theme or focus for this research committee, and hence the members and presenters enjoyed the freedom to choose and present various topics for their own presentation and discussion.

RC 15 had four paper sessions and a Workshop for Young Writers at the Jammu Conference. Each session centered round a major theme of the RC, as follows: (1) Theoretical Underpinnings, (2) Dynamics of Change, (3) Culture and Social Change, and (4) Factors in Social Development. Prof. P.N. Pandey, Prof. Chura Giri, Prof. Rama Murthy, Prof. Ravindranath Rao, and Prof. Bipul Gogoi acted as Chairpersons. There was a total of 31 papers in these sessions. The sessions were lively and evoked much discussion. The Workshop for Young Writers was conducted by Prof. N. Jayaram and Ms. Ritu Bajpeyee Mohan. RC 15 had instituted an Award for the Best Abstract submitted to the Conference by young sociologists. The Abstract by Vibha Arora was judged best among all RC Abstracts and that by Sumana Goswami was judged best among Abstracts submitted to RC 15.

RC 16 organized two sessions in which 7 papers were presented. The sessions were chaired by Prof. Jamal Siddiqui and Prof. J.K. Pundir. The papers presented dealt with various issues confronting the urban and industrial societies in India followed by discussions which brought pertinent solutions needed to solve urban and industrial problems.

10 abstracts were received for the conference. The sessions were chaired by Prof. Chandrashekhar Dabhade in the absence of the Convener of RC 18. The papers submitted, highlighted the different aspects of crime and deviance among cross section of the population.

RC 19 had received 24 abstracts out of which 10 presentations were made in three technical sessions. The sessions were chaired by Dr. B.K. Swain and Dr. Arvind K. Joshi, Papers were based on diverse themes ranging from living arrangements of rural elderly, intergenerational conflicts, health problems, welfare programmes etc. The presentations evoked critical discussions on the multiple dimensions on ageing issues.

Rc. 20 received 22 abstract of which 14 papers were presented at the Conference. While papers related to leisure focused on youth, women, fashion, health and creativity taking cognizance of all the three major segments of the population: tribal, rural and urban; the papers related to tourism focused on such themes as Tourism Research, Tourist-Host Interactions, Cultural Tourism, Medical Tourism, Agro Tourism, Rural Tourism, Nature Conservation, and Pilgrimage. The official publication of RC 20 "*Leisure and Tourism Issues*" (Vol. 2 No. 1) edited by the convener of the RC 20, Prof. Ishwar Modi was also released on the occasion of the conference.

The themes of Rc 21 for the Conference were (1) Redefining the Boundaries of Social Problems in a Globalised World and (2) Sociological Imagination in India: A Critical Appraisal. There were nine presentations at the Conference in three technical sessions. In technical sessions four and five a Round Table was held on "Sociology Curriculum in Indian Universities". The theme paper was presented by Prof. D.Sundaram (Retired Prof. University of Chennai) entitled "Sociology Teaching in India: Curriculum Response". Prof. B. Nagla was the main discussant.

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MC Meeting held on 19th March 2006 decided to establish: a) An ISS Building fund with call for contribution of a minimum of Rs. 1,000/- from all the ISS members for this purpose. All members of the MC made their contributions at the meeting and the Fund has been established with an initial collection of Rs. 17,000/- b) a Task Force was appointed to pursue the relevant authorities for allotment of land for ISS building with the following members: Prof. Anand Kumar (Convenor), Prof. P.K.B. Nayar (Member), Prof. U. B. Bhoite (Member), Prof. I. P. Modi (Member), Prof. Ravinder Kaur (Member).

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