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THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Dear Friends,

The 32nd All India Conference of ISS at Chennai is happily over and we are now looking forward to the 33rd Conference in Karnatak University, Dharwad on November 29, 30 & December 1, 2007. I am happy to note that the Chennai Conference attracted a record number of delegates and that all our RCs were vibrant with papers and participants. I do hope the tempo will be maintained (with even better performance) at Dharwad.

One of the major achievements of the Chennai Conference was the Two Days Young Sociologists' Workshop which was attended by over 100 young sociologists. There was unanimity of opinion, from young and old, that this workshop programme should be continuous and a feature; butard makencrant

SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear Sociologist,

You must be busy with the summer term activities of your department, college, research centre and voluntary action group. At the ISS Central Office, preparations are going on for a) Regional workshops for young sociologists under the guidance of President PKB Nayar, b) Workshop for the Research Committee Convenors in October at Lucknow, c) Pre release sale of the Compact Disk of *Sociological Bulletin*, d) supporting organisation of conferences of sociologists at state level, e) creative support to the sociologists of Bangladesh for holding the first ever South Asian Sociologists Conference at Dhaka in June, 2007, and f) convening the next national conference of ISS at Dharwad on 29, 30 November and 1st December, 2007.

We had a meeting of the Managing Committee members at New Delhi on 18th March, 07. The Managing Committee has congratulated and thanked the organisers of the historical conference of ISS at Chennai under the leadership of Prof. Jayalakshmi and Fr. Xavier Vedam. The sociologists of Orissa met together for State Conference at Kendrapada on 28 - 29 April. The preparations for state conferences of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand, and Delhi are also going on. There is continuity of flow of applications for Life Membership from various corners of our country and abroad.

Our intervention at the level of policymakers in the context of continuity of 'benign neglect' of sociology and other social sciences is showing some results in some states. But we need active involvement of senior sociologists at the university and state levels for any major result in favour of ending stagnation of faculty members, promotion of research activities, prevention of franchising and contract teaching, introduction of sociology as a subject of significance at the higher levels of 10+2 system and enhancement of funds for social scientists for teaching, research and extension work-related needs. There was also a meaningful meeting between the UGC Chairperson Prof. S. K. Thorat and the President and Secretary of ISS in this context at New Delhi in the third week of March.

We have a very bad news from the Delhi Development Authority regarding our application for allotment of Institutional Land for ISS Headquarters. They have informed us about change of policy from April, 2007 which makes all DDA land available only through public auction. It is a pro-market and anti-institution decision. Now we have to find a new strategy and we need your guidance for our next step.

Looking forward to getting your feedback,

Anand Kumar (anandkumar1@hotmail.com)

Congratulations, Young Sociologists

Dr. Arima Mishra, Dept. of Sociology, University of Delhi won the MN Srinivas Memorial Prize for Young Sociologists for the best paper "*Local Perceptions of Famine: Study of a Village in Orissa*" submitted to the MNSE Committee and published in *EPW* XI: 6, 2005. The Prize carried a cash payment of Rs.2000/-

Mr. Dinesh Prasain, Centre for Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi won the Award for the Best Abstract "*Cleavages, Resources and Political Contexts as Determinants of Social Movement Trajectories*" submitted at the 32nd AISC, Chennai 2007.

Miss Asmita Bhattacharyya, Dept. of Sociology, Jadavpur University, Calcutta won the Award for the Best Proposal on "*What ISS Should Do to Take Indian Sociology to Global Heights and to Professionalise Sociology*" submitted to the Young Sociologists' Workshop at Chennai, Dec. 2007. The two awards carried a cash payment of Rs.1000/- each and Certificate of merit.

ISS offers its congratulations to these young sociologists and wish them well.

Call for Abstracts for Young Sociologist Award

As in previous years a prize (Rs.1000 and Certificate) will be awarded 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 the award, an additional copy of the abstract marked "*for consideration for award*" should be sent along with the other two copies to the RC Convener. A Copy of the Abstract should also be sent to Dr. Ravinder Kaur (see address below) who is in charge of the award programme. Only abstracts submitted in the Abstract Form (see elsewhere in the Newsletter) will be considered for award.

RC Conveners will make preliminary screening of such abstracts received by them and should send the selected ones to Dr. Ravinder Kaur *within one week* after the last date for receipt of Abstracts by them. Dr. Kaur's address is: Associate Professor, Dept of Humanities & Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Hauz Khas New Delhi - 110 016 (Phone 011 26013227, Cell: 09899000699) Email: ravinder_iitd@yahoo.com

ISA NEWS

ISA International Laboratory for Ph.D. Students in Sociology (Nov. 18-24, 2007)

The Laboratory will be hosted by the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Maiduguri in Nigeria.

Fifth Worldwide Competition for Junior Sociologists

The International Sociological Association organizes every four years a worldwide competition for junior scholars (under 35 years of age) engaged in social research. For further details, visit ISA website: isa-sociology.org

**XXXII ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE,
CHENNAI
A Brief Report**

The Department of Sociology, University of Madras, in collaboration with Loyola College, Chennai organized the XXXII All India Sociological Conference during 27-29th December 2006 at Loyola College, Chennai. The theme of the Conference was *Science, Technology and Society: Emerging Issues*. The Conference was inaugurated by Thiru. A. Raja, Honourable Minister for Environment and Forests, Union Cabinet. The Honorable Minister said that it is very appropriate that the Madras University which is celebrating its 150th year of glorious achievements has come forward to host the conference of one of the most prestigious professional associations of India. Prof. P.K.B. Nayar, President of the Indian Sociological Society delivered the Presidential Address on the theme "Sociology's Quest for "Society": An Enquiry into the Current Pursuits and Needed Concerns in the Discipline". Starting with classical and some neo classical writers all of whom emphasized sociology's concern for humanity, he said that today sociologists are moving away from issues that concern man and are after theory building and testing. Even when some of them turn attention to mankind, they are more interested in criticizing existing (Western) theories than providing acceptable alternatives. In any case, they have not been able to inspire others to their fold. Dr. Nayar said that it is too much to expect the needed change to come from established sociologists and therefore the younger generation of sociologists dedicated to social concerns should come forward.

Prof. Micheal Burawoy, Vice President, International Sociological Association, who delivered the Key Note Address titled "The Future of Sociology" warned that a third wave of marketization has been sweeping the world, destroying the ramparts laboriously erected to defend society against the first and second waves of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Swept away are the labour rights first won by Western labour movements against the marketization of the nineteenth century, but also the social rights guaranteed by states against the marketization of the twentieth century. Can sociology meet the challenges of third-wave marketization? It will be important for sociology to work directly with organizations, movements and public to compose a singular process outside the control of market and state. He argued for a new branch of Sociology – Public Sociology – to devote attention to this issue. Thiru.S.Ramachandran, Vice Chancellor of the University of Madras, welcomed the dignitaries and participants and said that he fully appreciates the potential of Sociology to evolve sound solutions to many social problems. There were more than 850 delegates from different parts of the country and abroad registered for the Conference.

The major spotlights of the Conference were the Pre-Conference Workshop for Young Sociologists. and the Prof.M.N.Srinivas Memorial Lecture by Prof. J.P.S. Uberoi. Technical Sessions of Research Committees intertwined with Plenary Sessions and a Valedictory Session added vibrancy and dynamism to the Conference

The Pre-Conference Workshop for Young Sociologists was organized on 25th and 26th December 2006. More than 100 young sociologists from various universities all over India

participated in the Workshop. The major themes addressed in the Round Tables and Brain Storming Sessions were 'Teaching Sociology in India: A Critical Review', 'Issues in Teaching and Research in Sociology in India', 'New Frontiers of Sociology', 'Professionalizing Sociology: Issues and Concerns', and 'Sociology in India Today: Problems and Promises'. Prof. J. V. Raghavendra Rao delivered the Keynote Address and Prof. M.N Karna gave the Valedictory Address.

Another Pre-Conference Workshop on 'Urban Governance: Best Practices' was organized on 26th December 2006 for City Councillors. The workshop was well co-ordinated by Dr. Mohammed Abdul Razak, Professor of Urban Sociology, School of Architecture and Planning, Anna University with interactive sessions on Urban Governance Systems, Models and Best Practices. Prof. M.N.Srinivas Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. J.P.S. Uberoi, Professor of Sociology, Delhi University, on 'Sociology of Commerce and Industry'

There were four Symposia organized on different themes. Symposium I on *Science, Technology and Social Inequality* was chaired by Prof. C. Lakshmana and co-chaired by Prof. J.R.Panda. There were 4 speakers at this symposium. Prof. B.K. Pattnaik, spoke on Science. Technology and Social Inequality in the Developing Countries: A Critical Perspective" Prof.H.H. Khondker spoke on "Globalization of Science and Technology Policies: Is Singapore Model Imitable? Prof.Indu Mathur spoke on "Technological Strategy for Gender Equality: Management of Knowledge Construction and Dissemination". Prof.V.N. Bhat.spoke on "Indian Alternatives: Can We do Something"? Symposium II on *Changing Demographic Profile of India* was chaired by Prof. Brij Raj Chauhan.. The co-chair for the symposium was R.N.Dwivedi.. Dr. K.E.Vaidyanathan spoke on "Emerging Population Scenario of India: Its Socio-Political Implications. Prof. K.Mahadevan spoke on "Integrated Programmes for the Promotion of Desirable Socio-Demographic Profile, Health and Development of Mothers and Children: A Millennium Goal", Prof.. S.Irudaya Rajan spoke on "Aging and Health in India" while Prof. R.Indira spoke on "Changing Gender Profile of India's Population: Future Implications".

Symposium III on *Emerging Knowledge Society in Tamil Nadu: Issues and Challenges*, was chaired by Dr.U. B. Bhoite and co-chaired by Prof. L Thara Bhai. Dr.M.Abdul Kalam spoke on "Knowledge Society and Social Exclusion", Dr.Prema Rajagopalan spoke on "Women in E-Society: Focus on Tamilnadu", Sri Nikil Indresenan made a presentation on "Gearing up for Employment" and Dr.Samuel Savio spoke on "Tamilnadu as an Emerging Knowledge Society: Ethical and Social issues".

Internationalizing Sociology – Bridging the "North" – "South" Divide was the title of Symposium IV. It was chaired by Dr. Alberto Martinelli (Italy) and co-chaired by Dr.Anand Kumar (India). The speakers for the session were Dr.Michel Burawoy (USA) Dr.Hermann Schwengel (Germany), Dr. Tudor Sylva (Sri Lanka), and Dr.Partha Nath Mukherji (India).

There were 21 concurrent technical sessions organized by the Conveners of various Research Committees of ISS. The conference came to an end with the valedictory session in which the veteran sociologist Dr.A.M.Shah delivered the Valedictory Address.

Prof. D Jayalakshmi
Organising Secretary

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

3rd International Conference on e-Social Science

Papers are called for the forthcoming conference on e-Social Sciences to be held at Ann Arbor during October 7-10 2007. For further details visit www.ncess.ac.uk. Email: Gilliansinilair@ncess.ac.uk

8th International Conference on Asian Youth and Childhood, November 22-24, 2007

Papers and abstracts are called for the coming international conference to be held in Lucknow. Please visit www.age2007.com for further details. Email: age@rediffmail.com

South Asian Sociological Conference, Dhaka, June 28-30, 2007

Theme:

50 Years of Sociology, 50 Years of Social Transformation: Future of the Past.

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AWARDS AND PRIZES

Lifetime Achievement Awards by Rajasthan Sociological Association (RSA)

Continuing its tradition of honouring eminent sociologists who have significantly contributed to the development of sociology in Rajasthan, the Rajasthan Sociological Association honoured Prof. T.K.N. Unnithan, Prof. K.L.Sharma, Prof. S.L.Doshi and Dr. M.L.Gupta on the occasion of its XV All India Conference.

Tamil Nadu Scientist Award (TANSA)-2006

Dr. R. Kannan, Director, Academic Staff College, Madurai Kamaraj University, was awarded TANSA 2006 under the discipline of Social Sciences by the Tamil Nadu State Council For Science and Technology.

Panjab University Sociology Dept. secures CAS status

The Dept. of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh, has become the "First" among the various Departments of Sociology in the country and among the Social Science departments of Panjab University to be upgraded as "Centre for Advanced Studies' (CAS) by University Grants Commission, New Delhi. This status is conferred in recognition of the excellence in academic and research pursuits of the faculty under the vibrant and dynamic leadership of **Prof. Mohinderjit.K.Teja**, Chairperson of the Department. The department's upgradation as CAS has enabled it to be one of the unique & distinctive departments from among the Social Science Departments of Panjab University, Chandigarh.

Dr Anil G. Mudbidri Gold Medal

In the name of Dr Anil G. Mudbidri, noted sociologist a gold medal has been instituted at the Karnatak University, Dharwad from 2007 onwards. It will be awarded annually to the M.A student who scores highest percentage in Sociological Theory in Karnatak University.

REPORTS OF CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

Gujarat Sociological Society

Gujarat Sociological Society has organized a two days state level conference at Gujarat Vidyapeeth Ahmedabad on 20th & 21st January 2007. In the conference 144 participants presented their papers on different themes such as Gandhi vichar & Gujarat ma samaj parivartan, Gujarat na nagaro: gai kal & aaj and Ekvismi sadi ma vanchit samuho na prashno. New office bearers and executives were selected at the general body meeting.

Seminar on Ambedkar and Social Justice

Dr. Ambedkar Study Centre, Dept. of Sociology, Univeristy of Jammu has organised a two days national seminar during 7th & 8th March, 2007. The seminar was aimed at acquainting teachers and students with the thoughts, actions and work of Dr. Ambedkar, keeping in mind the changing dimensions of society. The seminar focused on social exclusion and inclusive policy, caste-class dialectics and social justice, dalit politics and identities, marginalisation and gender justice; and policy reservation.

Seminar on Violence Against Women

A one day seminar on Violence Against Women was held at the Dept. of Sociology, University of Burdwan, on 24th March, 2007 in association with Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA). The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Basanta Kumar Ghosh, Vice Chairman of IIPA. Shri Peeyush Pandey IPS, was the chief guest of the seminar. Ms. Priyanka Khanna, Programme Officer of UNICEF and Prof. Biswajit Ghosh, of the Department of Sociology were guest speakers. Dr. Anirban Banerjee organized the seminar.

National Seminar on Weaker Sections

The Department of Sociology, DSB Campus, Kumaun University, Nainital organized a national seminar on Constitutional Provisions and the Development of Weaker Sections in India: Perspectives, Problems and Prospects during March 10-11, 2007. Prof Yogendra Singh and Prof Bhagwan S.Bisht addressed the seminar. A panel also discussed the constitutional provisions and development of weaker sections; impact assessment of policies and programmes; and problems and prospects of development of weaker section.

Foundation Course in Gender & Society

The School of Social Sciences, Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University organized a nine-days foundation course on Gender & Society from 20th to 28th February, 2007. The lectures focused on issues such as (i) sexuality, (ii) patriarchal representations of gender in media, (iii) the sexist language used in judicial parlance, (iv) law as an instrument of transformation, (v) feminist consciousness in Marathi literature and women in Marathi folk songs, (vi) women centred community organisation practices, (vii) gender and migration issues in the global context and (viii) gender and technology. It was inaugurated by Dr. A. Suneetha who is working with Anveshi Research Centre for Women, Hyderabad, and was concluded by Prof. Kalpana Kannabiran from Nalsar Law University, Hyderabad. A Gender Study Forum was formed at the end of the course in order to continue the study and discussions on gender issues emerging within the local, national and international contexts.

XV All India Conference of the Rajasthan Sociological Association

Platinum Jubilee celebrating Raj Rishi College, Alwar organized the XV All India Conference of the Rajasthan Sociological Association, on the theme of "Science, Technology & Society" at Alwar during December 21-23, 2006. The Conference was inaugurated by V. R. Mehta, Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi. Prof. I. P. Modi President of RSA delivered the presidential address. Four Symposia-cum-Seminars were organised. The conference was attended by a large number of RSA members and also by research scholars and teachers from all over the country.

XXXIII All Kerala Sociological Conference

The 33rd Annual Conference of the Kerala Sociological Society was held from 1-3 December 2006 on the theme *Social Integration and Communal Harmony* at Sree Narayana College, Chempazhanthi, Thiruvananthapuram. The conference was inaugurated by Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon, former director, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal. The Prof. M. Indukumari President of KSS delivered the presidential address and Dr. Jose Boban Secretary, KSS presented the annual report. 21 papers were presented in various sessions of the Conference. Prof. G. Balamohan Thampi, former Vice-chancellor, University of Kerala, delivered the valedictory address. 438 delegates, from various parts of Kerala attended this state level conference. The conference was co-sponsored by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur.

VII AP Sociological Conference

The Andhra Pradesh Sociological Society has organised its 7th All India Conference on the theme "*Globalization: Opportunities and Challenges*" was held on 5th & 6th April 2007 at Dept. of Sociology S.V. University, Tirupati. Prof. S. Jayarama Reddy, Vice-Chancellor S.V. University inaugurated the Conference and Prof. K. C. Reddy, Chairman, A. P. State Council of Higher Education delivered the key-note address. Prof. M. S. N. Reddy delivered the presidential address. About 300 delegates participated from all over the country. Prof. M. Hanumantha Rao was the organizing secretary.

Post-Centenary Golden Jubilee, University of Calcutta

The Department of Sociology, University of Calcutta celebrated Calcutta University's 150th year by organizing a Post-Centenary Golden Jubilee two day International Seminar on "Globalization: Potentialities And Predicaments". The seminar jointly funded by UGC and UNDP was held on January 16-17, 2007. The seminar witnessed the presence and participation of national and international luminary sociologists, faculty members, research scholars, students and representatives from non-governmental organizations.

RC-Announcements

RC-12

RC-12 would hold a mid-term seminar on 'Sociology and Medicine: A critical Engagement' in July 2007. For further details contact: RC convenor 12. (See Page. 9)

RC-14

The RC will be organizing a seminar on "Social and Cultural Impact of Globalization and ICT in India" on 15-16 October 2007 at University of Lucknow. For details, contact : Dr. V. P. Singh, Assam University. Mobile: 9435171919; e-mail: etdrvps@hotmail.com; etdrvps@gmail.com

RC-21

The RC has finalized the themes for XXXIII AISC, Dharwad -1. State, Social Justice and Marginalization and 2. Affirmative Action and DeMarginalization. The papers concerned with the proposed themes are welcome. For further details contact: RC convenor 21. (See Page. 9)

Professor T. K. Oommen to deliver Professor M. N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture

Professor M. N. Srinivas Endowment Committee has selected eminent Sociologist **Professor T. K. Oommen** former President of the ISA and ISS to deliver the 7th M. N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture. He has kindly accepted the invitation and has agreed to deliver the lecture at the next All India Sociological Conference at Dharwad.

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Registration fee

**XXXIII ALL INDIA
SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE**
(Nov .29, 30. and Dec.1, 2007)

Jointly Organised by
**Karnatak University and
Karnataka Sociology Association**

Venue
Pavate Nagar, Dharwad

**Theme : *State, Civil Society and Social
Justice***

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| Symposium – I | Affirmative Action in India |
| Symposium –II | Peoples' Movements in India |
| Symposium – III | Society in Karnataka -
Retrospect and Prospect |
| Symposium – IV
(International) | New Sociology: Perspectives
from Global South |

The Registration Fee should be sent to the
favour of The Organising Secretary, 33rd All India

Invitation to submit abstracts to the conference

With great pleasure we welcome you to the 33rd All India Sociological Conference at Dharwad in Karnataka. 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 abstract of the paper in about 300-400 words should be submitted to the RC Convenors in the **Abstract Form** not later than 30 September 2007. Each abstract should carry the Membership Number and Number & Name of the RC to which it is submitted. Acceptance of the abstracts will be communicated by the respective RC Convenors by 15th October 2007. RC Convenors will send a copy of the abstracts received by them by 15th October to The Organising Secretary, XXXIII All India

fee (**Rs 200/- for 2 years and Rs.400 for 5 years**) per Research Committee alone are allowed to present papers in the Conference. Only the abstracts of those who register before 31

st of October 2007 and submitted in the **Abstract Form** will be published in the Conference Souvenir.

Having been known for maintaining its academic calendar, the university is accredited with Five Stars Status by the NAAC. The University has about 60 independent academic departments.

The **Department of Sociology**, established in 1957, is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year. It has to its credit having paved the foundation of sociological research and teaching in North Karnataka in particular and Karnataka in general.

The **Karnataka Sociology Association**, the co-organiser of this Conference, is a registered body of the Sociological fraternity in Karnataka and has about 600 life members. It has been quite active in holding academic meetings regularly as well as protecting the academic interests of the Sociology professionals.

Travel: Dharwad has abundant transport facilities making other parts of country easily accessible. The city is well connected with all the important cities in India by Train, Road and Air.

Railway links with North India: Nizamuddin – Londa/Hubli Exp.(daily), Nizamuddin-Mysore Swarna Jayanthi Exp(weekly), H.Nizamuddin- Yashvantapur, Karnataka Samparka Kranti, Bi-weekly, Azmir-Bangalore(Bi-weekly Exp) Jodhapur-Bangalore(Bi-Weekly Exp)

Railway links with Eastern India: Howrah-Vasco-dagama Amaravathi Express (4 days a week) Vijayawada-Hubli Amaravathi Exp.Daily.

Railway Links Western India: Gandhidham-Bangalore weekly exp. Dadar-Yashavthapur. Chalukya/Sharavati exp. (Daily). There are Trains from Bangalore, Chennai, Vasco-dagama, Mysore, Guntakal. every day connecting to Hubli-Dharwad.

The Road Transport is excellent. There are Hi-Tech Buses with sleeper facility from Bombay, Pune, Panjim, Bangalore, Mangalore, Gulbarga, and Sholapur, Hubli-Dharwad is served by several Indian Carriers. King Fisher and Air Deccan connect Hubli-Dharwad with their daily flights to Bangalore, Bombay, Delhi, Belgaum and other cities in India.

How to reach the conference Venue: Several long distance Trains mentioned above pass through Dharwad-Hubli Railway Junction. Hubli Airport is situated 30 Kms from the venue of the Conference. All long distance Buses pass through Dharwad city and they stop at the Court Circle from where the venue of the conference is just 3 Kms. Auto Rickshaw services are available round-the-clock from Bus Stop and also Railway Station. The Auto Rickshaw charges range around Rs.30-40.

Local hospitality: All the delegates who register up to 31st Oct. 2007 will be provided with free accommodation in the Guest Houses, Hostels and Hotels of moderate tariff for four nights starting from 28th Nov. 2007. For those who require better accommodation the Organisers can make arrangements in hotels on payment. Necessary information may be obtained from the Organizing Secretary in this regard.

Also please refer to the list of hotels on www.poojyp.com /www.bsnl.co. (Dharwad). Arrangements for food for all the delegates and accompanying persons (with advance information) will be made starting with dinner on 28th Nov. till 1st Dec. 2007.

Sight Seeing: The Organizing Committee will arrange conducted Tours on 2nd Dec. 2007 only on advance payment. Interested delegates are advised to send separate crossed DD to the Organizing Secretary drawn in favour of The Organizing Secretary, XXXIII All India Sociological Conference (conducted Tours) payable at Dharwad along with their Registration Form. Conducted tours will be organized to (1) Goa; (2) Bijapur; (3) Hampi; (4) Badami-Pattadakallu-Aihole, (5) Kudalasangam, (6) Banavasi-Jog Falls. and (7) Muradeshwar, All these place are located within 4-5 hours journey by road from Dharwad. Goa is the most sought after tourist place and is known for the beautiful beaches. Bijapur, a historical place. has the Heritage Site, Golgumbaz, the biggest independent dome ever built in Asia. Hampi, the seat of power of Vijayanagara Empire of the 15th Century A.D. is declared as the World Heritage Site by UNESCO and is famous for its Rock-Cut monolithic chariot, sculptured statues and Carved temples etc. Badami-Pattadakallu-Aihole has the historical places which are of the status of World Heritage Sites and best known for its monolithic architecture. Kudalasangama, the confluence of three rivers, at which Lord Basava, the founder of Veerashaivism and the champion of the movement for social equality in the 12 century A.D. attained salvation. Banavasi was the capital of first Kannada rulers. Joga falls is the second highest waterfall in the World. Muradeshwar, the coastal town has the tallest statue of lord Shiva built on a huge hillock on the Arabian coast.

AC. Bus fare for each tour is Rs. 700/- (inclusive of breakfast, lunch and dinner and entry fees wherever necessary)

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WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG SOCIOLOGISTS

As suggested at the Chennai Conference, the Young Sociologists Workshop has been delinked from the annual conference. This time there will be **three** All India Workshops for Young Sociologists – at **Guwahati, Jammu and Patna**. Workshops 1 and 2 are sponsored by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development (RGNID). Three more workshops are planned - New Delhi, Pune and Trivandrum. they will be announced later.

1. Guwahati This workshop will be held on **Sept. 8 and 9, 2007**. Young Social Scientists from NE India and those working on Problems of NE Region/Tribal Problems in India will be given preference. **Last date for receipt of Abstracts is July 15, 2007 and full paper August 15, 2007**. For further details, please contact Prof. V.P. Singh, Dept. of Sociology, PB No.15, Assam University, PO Silchar 788 011, Assam. Phone (M) 09435171919. Email: etdrvps@hotmail.com; etdrvps@gmail.com

2. Jammu: This workshop will be held in the University of Jammu on **Oct. 5 and 6, 2007**. **Last date for receipt of Abstracts is July 15, 2007 and full paper Sept. 1, 2007**. For further details, please contact: Prof. J.R. Panda, Head, Dept. of Sociology, University of Jammu, Jammu 180 006 (J&K). Phone (o) 0191 2438045, ® 0191 2433566, Cell 9419125489; e-mail: jr_panda2003@yahoo.com

3. Patna. The workshop is scheduled for **Sept. 24 and 25, 2007** and will be organised in the Patna University. A special theme for this workshop will be “Development Scenario in Bihar: Challenges and Responses”. **Last date for receipt of Abstracts is July 15, 2007, and full paper September 1, 2007**. For further details please contact Prof. Sarfarazuddin Ahmad, Head, Dept. of Sociology, Patna University, Patna - 800 005, Phone: Mobile 09431855887.

There will be a common theme for all workshops and separate themes for each workshop as indicated below. Common Theme: **Sociology of Social Backwardness in India**.

For Guwahati

- (1) *Changing Pattern of Youth Culture in the NE*
- (2) *Impact of IT on Society in the NE - Focus on Youth*
- (3) *Institutional and Structural Changes in NE: Patterns and Issues*
- (4) *Social Harmony and Integration: Lessons from the NE.*
- (5) *Dalits, Tribals and Marginalisation [All India]*

For Jammu and Patna

- (1) Globalisation and Educated Youth
- (2) Teaching Sociology in Regional Languages.
- (3) Youth and Changing Social Mores
- (4) Adolescent Sexual Health: Issues & Perceptions
- (5) Sexuality and Violence: Dimensions & Causes
- (6) Gender Issues: Challenges & Responses
- (7) Problems of Regional Sociology

Admission for Guwahati and Jammu workshops will be limited to 100 young scholars each and for Patna 60. Junior Lecturers, Research Scholars and similar categories who are below 35 years of age and are receiving a total salary/fellowship of less than Rs.10,000 per month are eligible. Age and income certificates are required. Local hospitality of all selected participants will be met by the organisers and TA of participants at Guwahati and Jammu will be taken care of by the sponsors (RGNID). Travel expenses of participants at Patna Workshop will be provided by the Organisers subject to availability of funds. There is no registration fee. Selection will be made **on the merit of the abstracts** (Maximum 400 words) which should be submitted by all applicants. Young sociologists can apply for all three workshops (in separate forms) but **will be selected for only one workshop**. If applying for all workshops, please give your first choice (**Note: One Abstract can be submitted to only one centre Best Abstracts will be awarded prize of Rs. 1000/- each**) Application Form should contain the following details:

- (1) Name and complete address including Pin Code
- (2) Phone Number - both land and mobile, and email ID
- (3) ISS Membership Number (Non members also can apply)
- (4) Date of birth
- (5) Present Position (Describe in detail)
- (6) Monthly income
- (7) Title of Paper (Abstract to be attached)
- (8) Proof of age and income

Applications enclosing the Abstract of paper, and proof of age, and income should be addressed to the respective Organisers.

Copy of Application and Abstract for Guwahati and Jammu Workshops should be sent to Dr. P.K.B. Nayar, President, ISS, Kochulloor, Trivandrum 695 011, Phone: 0471-2448502 Email: pkbnayar@yahoo.co.in

RCs AT CHENNAI

RC-01, Theory, Concept and Methodology

The R.C-01 organized four academic sessions and one business session. Thirteen papers were presented in four academic sessions. All these presentations have thrown light into various dimensions of knowledge society and other theoretical approaches. The technical session discussed future plans of the RC including the improvement of the website and the running of a website newsletter. All the sessions of the RC were lively and participative. The RC also benefited from the presence and comments of Professors Burawoy and JPS Uberoi

RC-02, Family, Kinship and Marriage

Four technical sessions and a business session were organized during the three days of the conference. Session-I was devoted to discussions on Women and Family which was chaired by Prof. Indu Mathur. Sessions II and III were held on the topics 'Trends of Change in Rural, Tribal and Urban Family' and "Modernization, Globalization and Family"^h. Prof. B.K. Nagla presided over the meeting. Ten papers were presented in the sessions. The VI session was on 'Impact of Changing Technology on Family: Issues and Directions'. Prof. Mahinder Teja was in chair. Trends of Change in Rural, Tribal and Urban Family' and "Modernization, Globalization and Family". In the business session Prof. Indu Mathur was elected as new convener of the RC.

RC-03, Economy, Polity and Society

The RC has organized four academic sessions and one business session. Of the 20 abstracts received, 16 were presented on various sub themes such as agrarian economy and politics; politics and economy of marginalized groups; science, technology and society and technical education. A panel discussion was held on "The Politics and Culture of the Reservations Debate". Dr. Ravinder Kaur, Prof. S.M. Dahiwalé and Dr. S. Anand were the panelist and discussion was moderated by Dr. D. Parthasarathy. In the business session, Dr. D. Parthasarathy (IIT, Bombay) was elected unopposed to the post of convener.

RC-06, Religion and Religious Communities

The RC conducted engaging sessions on sub-themes viz. Religion and Democracy, Religion and Capitalism, Religious Communities and Nation Building and Religion and Women respectively. Nine interesting papers were presented with sociological critique. It is sociologically significant to note that most of the members and participants were young sociologists and they used this forum effectively. Besides the above, RC also organized a special symposium entitled "Social Dynamics of Religion in India Today" in which Dr. B.K.Nagla, M.D. University,

Rohtak, delivered the talk and Dr. Dilip Loundo, University of Goa chaired the session. The RC concluded the sessions with enormous deliberations on the fundamental sociological issues.

RC-07, Rural Peasant and Tribal Communities

R.C-07 conducted 5 academic sessions and a business session. Professors S. Gurusamy, Gulshetty, Thakur S.K. Choudhari chaired the sessions in which 28 members presented their papers. The papers had thrown light on a wide array of topics such as rural women and empowerment, emerging leadership and politicization in rural areas, issues of farmers' suicide, technology and modernization in agriculture, tribal social problems, development, displacement and rehabilitation, problems of identity and ethnicity, researches on the tribal studies etc. The final session was also a brainstorming one which dealt with the issues of social exclusion and inclusive policy in the background of the contemporary problems of Rural Peasant and Tribal Communities. In the business meeting, it was decided to bring out a newsletter and have an inter-conference workshop.

RC-10, Gender Studies

The paper presentations in the RC-10 was organized in five different sessions in which two sessions were exclusively devoted to discussions on the issue related to Science, Technology and Gender. The other areas covered in this sessions were crisis situations, natural or man-made calamities, such as floods, famines, earthquakes, or riots and terrorism which had adversely affected the survival and livelihood choices and capacities of women, and also their skills and resources. Papers were also presented on the labour force participation of women and issues of women's empowerment and equity. An election was also conducted by the RC-10 members and it was further decided to publish its own half yearly Newsletter and also bring out a publication of selected papers presented in the ISS conference.

RC-12, Population, Health and Society

Twenty five papers were presented in four academic sessions on various issues. The areas covered and discussed were HIV/AIDS: Addressing sociological concerns; Changing demographic profile: Implications; Health and Health care: Emerging perspectives and issues; Gender and Reproductive Health and State, Public Health and Policies. In the business meeting, a representation was drafted to submit to the Medical Council of India requesting to make mandatory to employ sociologists in teaching and research institutes.

RC-13, Science and Technology

Of the 40 abstracts received, 24 papers were presented in four technical sessions. Prof. Bipul Kumar Bhadra and Prof. Binay Pattanayak chaired the sessions. All the sessions were very productive and indeed all the papers that were presented covered a wide variety of issues. New office bearers were elected during the business session.

RC-14, Culture and Communication

13 papers {India (10), Iran (2), Finland (1)} were presented on various themes related to culture and communication. Major issues emerged were: the increased exposure of the adolescent with computer has a negative impact on the primary relationships in the family. The image of Indian women in the characters of soap operas is projected either as highly traditional or highly unrealistic type such as having extramarital affairs etc. thereby creating confusion among the viewers. New patterns of metro sexuality are emerging in globalizing Indian society through the mass media communication.

RC-15, Social Change and Development

60 Abstracts were submitted to RC, out of which 43 presented their papers. The participants discussed technology and social change, micro - macro process and social change, rural development - state and civil society. The last session was devoted to discussion on theoretical and methodological issues in studying social change. The specific feature of this RC was presentation of four papers from Iran. The sessions were chaired by Dr. Chura Giri, Prof. B. Rama Murthy, Dr. D.K. Saha, C. Ganesh, M. Poorvachar and Bipul Gogoi. The RC look forward to Dharward for discussing the new social transformations taking place in Indian society.

RC-16, Urban and Industrial Studies

The RC organized four sessions, of which 3 were academic and one was business. Throughout, the sessions 12 papers were presented and sessions were chaired by Dr. Balvinder Arora, Dr Maitreyee Bardhan Roy and Dr. Ravinder Sandhu. All the papers presented in the RC were informative and scholarly. A panel discussion was organized on the topic "Theorising Urban Sociology in India" which was chaired by Michel Burawoy, University of California. Dr Maitreyee Bardhan Roy, Principal Basanti Devi College of Kolkata was unanimously elected as new convener of the RC.

RC-17, Social Movements

RC-17 received 10 abstracts out of which 9 papers were presented. The paper based on the abstract submitted by a young sociologist, Sri Dinesh Prasain which received the best abstract prize this year was presented in the RC. In the business session new RC members were elected. Prof. A Satyanarayana will be the new convener.

RC-18, Sociology of Crime and Deviance

RC-18 academic sessions spread over 3 days, attended by 20 participants and had 13 presentations. The papers were presented in four technical and academic sessions. These sessions were chaired by Dr. Mala Kapur Shankardass, Dr. D. S Rajput, Prof. C. S Dabhade and Prof. Radhakrishna Murthy. Each paper pertaining to the main theme of the conference was interesting, informative, analytical and generated good discussion. The business session reelected Dr. Mala Kapur as convener.

RC-19, Age and Social Structure

RC-19 with 55 members had received 37 papers out of which 32 were presented. The papers were presented in 5 sessions. Session I titled Society and Elderly: the Inter Face was chaired by Dr. Jacob John Kattakayam. Session-II discussed Aging in Contemporary Society and was chaired by Dr. Tulsi Patel. In Session III papers were presented on Institutional Care of the Elderly with Prof. Mohinderjit K. Teja on the chair. Session IV on Living Elderly – the Challenges was chaired by Prof. L. Tharabhai. The last session of the RC was chaired by Arvind K. Joshi and discussed on Triple Burden of Marginalization: Elderly Women- Tribal/Widows. In the Business session it was decided to publish a newsletter for the RC.

RC-20, Leisure and Tourism

RC-20 organised 3 academic sessions and one business session. Although 25 abstracts were received only 12 papers were presented. The sessions were chaired by Prof. Ishwar Modi and Prof. Birendra Kumar Singh. Papers were focused on youth, women, girl child, elderly and the professionals, inter relatedness of leisure and tourism, pilgrims and pilgrimages, social, scientific and technological impacts of tourism development, medical tourism, sports tourism, and commercial tourism. A new executive committee of the RC was also elected unanimously for a two years term at the business meeting. Dr. Madhu Nagla and Dr. Sushma Sood will be new convener and co-convener, respectively.

RC-21, Social Problems & Marginalised Groups

The twin themes for RC 21 at XXXII AISC were (1) Technology, and marginalization/ emarginalization and (2) gendering of science and technology and marginalization. Of the 19 abstracts received, 16 papers were presented in four technical sessions. A panel discussion was held on "Digital Divide: A New Social Problem". The panelists were Prof. R. Kannan, Madurai Kamaraj University and Prof. Vignesh Ilavarasan, I.I.T, New Delhi. Prof. Bula Bhadra chaired the panel. During the business session Prof. D. Sundaram was elected as the new convener.

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