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Vision:

Sociology as a discipline, like other social sciences, is passing through a transition. The developments in the contemporary world have opened up new areas of enquiry expanding the traditional frontiers of the discipline. Many sociologists are engaged in these new and emerging

areas of study which is often informed by a multidisciplinary approach. Sociologists in India are also in increasing numbers engaged in such research (in areas which includes environment, minority rights, gender studies, sexuality studies, etc. to name a few). However, they have an additional challenge posed by the need to integrate the enormous regional, social and cultural multiplicities of India into the Indian sociological canvas. These diversities, especially those of the socially marginal and geographically peripheral societies, have remained somewhat out of the radar of Indian sociology. However, emerging discourses on caste, tribe, ethnicity, religion, region, nation and nation building in contemporary India have created new consciousness and imperatives to integrate the marginal regions and societies into the broad canvas of Indian sociology. The journal is sensitive to such discourses and it aims to encourage scholarly publications focused on such identities and regions. While the major focus of the journal is societies, histories and cultures of India, it also welcomes publications of comparative studies with other countries as well as on societies and cultures of South Asia.

<u>Categories of contributions</u>:

The journal encourages data based (both primary and secondary) quality research publications using sociological concepts and theories. It is open to both quantitative and qualitative works. Besides regular research papers, the journal include sections such as interviews, commentaries and debates and discussions. While the journal encourages research publication of young scholars, it also welcomes contributions of senior scholars.The journal carriesinterviews/dialogues with eminent sociologists and social scientists who share their own experiences of teaching and research. The idea is to make the journal a platform for overall professional development of the practitioners – research scholars, teachers and researchers – of sociology, especially those without adequate access to the resources required for the purpose.

The journal follows a rigorous peer review policy for all research and review articles submitted to the journal. Other contributions (commentaries, debates and interviews) will also undergo editorial vetting.

Submissions to the journal must have sociological value and interest for social scientists across India and beyond, both from the point of pure, scholarly research as well as from applied dimensions. The journal welcomes submissions in the following categories:

- **Articles**(6000-8000 words)

  We invite contributions in the form of feature articles from sociologists. The article can be both empirical and theoretical and deal with issues that will be of interest to sociologists practicing in a variety of locales- universities, research institutes, NGOS, etc. *All articles must be accompanied by an abstract of a maximum of 150 wordswith six to eight keywords*.

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