

## **Sociological Fraternity of India !**

Welcome to the scholarly e-world of the Indian Sociological Society. So far the Indian sociological community has been sharing its epistemic activities, knowledge claimed, etc through its journal the *Sociological Bulletin*. Till date this journal continued to be the principal outlet of sociological thinking and sociological research pertaining to Indian society. As over the decades the sociological community in India has grown manifold, and the pressure on the *Sociological Bulletin* has become heavier, the ISS in the recent past has increased its frequency, by converting it from a biannual to a quarterly journal . Probably the load on *Sociological Bulletin* continues to be high. Despite that it is still being published only in hardcopy and not in softcopy. Nevertheless, in order to offload this journal the ISS Managing Committee took a timely and welcome decision to launch its E-journal.

As an e-product it has the all the advantages of quick delivery and definite delivery to its clientele. Further as an e-product it is highly cost effective. And the limits of its reach is global. It is today the most cost effective means of scholarly integration of the Indian sociological community with that of the global. Added to this, it would enable us to globalize ourselves in a faster way. Reaching out to the global sociological fraternity for scholarly reciprocity is almost an imperative in today's globalized world. We are very much hopeful that this effort of ISS would be an enriching experience. In future we are to have theme based as well as country/ region specific special issues/ guest edited volumes of the journal devoted to the causes of the developing societies. This of course is to be a regular feature of this journal in the years to come.

Further to ensure its true international character this journal is to carryout international research papers/ contributions and stimulate as well as facilitate sociological and broader intellectual debates involving international responses/ views on a regular basis. Therefore, we look forward to establishing organic linkages with the larger international sociological communities and epistemic networks with this international platform instituted by the ISS.

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