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President's Message



It is with a deep sense of gratification and pleasure that I am writing to convey my gratitude to you for being with me in the two years that have gone by. Besides an update on the activities of the RCs and academic events organized by ISS in collaboration with university departments of sociology across the country, this final Newsletter of Team 2018-19, gives an update on the activities of the 45th All India Sociological Conference on the theme ***Environment, Culture and Development: Discourses and Intersections*** held at the University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram from December 27 to 29, 2019. The conference saw the participation of nearly 700 delegates from different parts of the country. The activities of the conference that were initiated with the registration process on 26th of December, came to a close on the 29th with the final session in which all the conveners of the Research Committees presented the reports of their respective RCs.

The Conference was inaugurated by Shri. Arif Mohammed Khan, the Honourable Governor of Kerala. It featured three plenary sessions; 4 parallel sessions of the 28 Research Committees of the ISS; the meetings of the Editorial Board, General Body, Conveners of Research Committees, Managing Committee of ISS and Regional Associations. A special feature of the Conference was the ***Meette Past Presidents*** programme in which Professors T.K. Oommen; Parthanath Mukerjee; P.K. B.Nayar and Sujata

Patel participated. The Conference also featured 2 interactive sessions with Prof. Jeffrey C. Alexander, Yale University, USA. The Professor Radhakamal Mukerjee Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. Kalpana Kannabiran and Professor M.N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture by Prof. Kamala Ganesh. Life time Achievement Awards were presented to Prof. M.N. Panini and Prof. B.K. Nagla. The Professor M.N. Srinivas Memorial Prize was shared by Sudanshubala Sahoo from Christ University, Bengaluru and Saravana Raja from Pondicherry University. A report by the Organizing Secretary of the Conference Prof. Antony Palackal, which is given in this Newsletter, contains a detailed note on the Conference proceedings.

The office bearers-President, Prof. R. Indira, Secretary, Prof. D.R. Sahu and Treasurer, Prof. Hemixa Rao visited all the Research Committees during their session time and thanked the conveners and all the members for their support during their tenure and wished them the best in their future activities.

The Conference deeply missed the presence of Prof. Jacob John Kattakayam, who passed away on December 7, 2019 leaving a deep void in our hearts. As President of ISS, Chair of the Department of Sociology at the University of Kerala and in the multiple roles he played in nurturing the discipline and generations of students, Prof. Kattakayam has left an indelible mark on the profession. He stands in our hearts as a committed sociologist and a human being with stellar qualities. On behalf of Indian Sociological Society, I offer my grateful tribute to Professor Jacob John Kattakayam- a senior colleague, a dynamic leader and a mentor who was deeply missed by everybody, but remembered at every stage of the Conference.

The Society's membership base is constantly expanding, and I am sure that soon we would be touching the 5000 mark. It is also heartening to note that there are 13 Regional Associations affiliated to ISS and a few others are in the process of formation.

This initiative by ISS to involve academic institutions in its outreach programmes is gaining momentum and it is hoped that in the times ahead we could facilitate the organization of academic programmes that could result in meaningful exchange of sociological knowledge in different parts of the country.

I thank the Secretary Prof. D.R. Sahu, Treasurer Prof. Hemixa Rao and the outgoing members of the M.C. Professors Antony Palackal, Biswajit Ghosh, Hemixa Rao, Jagan Karade and Pranjal Sharma on behalf of ISS and also for their support during my two year term in office. I thank all the members of the M.C. for their support and cooperation and for standing by me during my tenure. My thanks are due to the conveners of Research Committees with whom I worked during the past two years. On behalf of ISS, I place on record my thanks to, Prof. Paramjit Singh Judge, Managing Editor of *Sociological Bulletin* for his contribution in taking the Journal to new heights. My thanks are also due to Prof. B.K. Nagla, Editor, *Samajashastra Sameeksha* for his untiring work in seeing the Journal take new strides from year to year. My gratitude lies with all the members of ISS for their support during my two year tenure as President. I convey my heartfelt thanks to Prof. Madhu Nagla, our Election Officer for having led and conducted the 2019 election process.

I place on record my appreciation of Ms. Boinu Vaiphei, Office Secretary, for her invaluable service and involvement in ISS work. I thank Mr. Amrendra Kumar for his consistent support and Mr. Shobha Ram for diligently caring for the guest facility. I thank Iris Knowledge Foundation, Mumbai for providing all the web linked services and place on record the support rendered by Dr. Padma Prakash, Mr. Nishanth and Mr. Abhijeet.

On behalf of ISS, I thank Prof. Antony Palackal, Organizing Secretary of the 45th AISC, faculty of the Department of Sociology, University of Kerala, the Kerala Sociological Society, the

sociology fraternity of Kerala and the team of research scholars and students for the wonderful arrangements, hospitality, and academic and logistic support.

I wish to thank all my ISS partners who made my two year term as President an extremely enriching experience. I wish the incoming team the best of times ahead.

I convey my greetings to Prof. D.R. Sahu, Editor, E-Newsletter. My thanks are due to Dr. G. Shanthi, who helped in bringing out this issue of the Newsletter. I thank Ms. Boinu Vaiphei for her diligent work with the Newsletter.



R.Indira
President
Indian Sociological Society



From The Editors' Desk

Greetings to all!

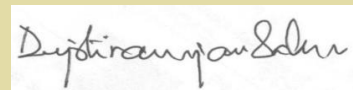
The 45th All India Sociological Conference at Thiruvananthapuram was a momentous occasion with nearly 700 members of ISS participating in the deliberations. I would like to thank Prof. Antony Palackal, the Organizing Secretary of the 45th All India Sociological Conference and Head of the Department of Sociology, University of Kerala and his entire team,

members of the Organizing Committee, faculty, research scholars, students who extended their support for us in multiple ways for organizing this conference. I would like to place on record our gratitude to the University of Kerala for hosting the 45th AISC, and for the all-round support we received from the university authorities and staff. Our thanks are also due to the Government of Kerala, Oxford University Press, Orient Blackswan, Rawat Publications, State Bank of India, and ICSSR New Delhi for their support for the conference.

Since the last All India Sociological Conference (AISC) at Mysuru (December 2018), during the current year (2019) three meetings of the Managing Committee were held at the University of Ghorakpur on February, 22; Utkal University, Bhubaneswar on October 2 and on December 26 at the University of Kerala, Meetings of the Conveners of the Research Committees of ISS have also been held at the same venues and on the same dates. All the meetings involved threadbare discussions and important decisions have been taken along with future plans being laid out. The sub-committees

formed during meetings of the MC have already submitted their reports and appropriate action has been initiated wherever possible. I wish to place on record my deep sense of gratitude to the President, Treasurer, members of the Managing Committee, conveners of Research Committee, Members of Regional Associations, Members of Editorial Boards and Advisory Committees of ISS Journals, and all life and ordinary members of ISS who helped us to carry on with our work with a great sense of satisfaction and achievement. The Office Secretariat at the ISS office in Delhi, especially Ms. Boinu Vaiphei, Amrendra Kumar and Shobha Ram need special thanks. I am grateful to Prof. Madhu Nagla for being the Election Officer for the 2019 Election.

I wish the incoming team a very enriching term ahead.



D.R Sahu
Secretary
Indian Sociological Society

REPORT ON THE 45TH ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

Conference Co-partners

The Department of Sociology at the University of Kerala, organized two events that had a close bearing on the conference theme. Since the 45th AISC was concerned with discourses surrounding sustainable environmental management, it collaborated with the Pollution Control Board, Government of Kerala and the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority in the organization of two events, one a seminar on the theme *Environmental Management: Policies, Perspectives and Strategies* and the second a special conclave on *Sociological Perspectives in Disaster Risk Reduction*. These events were organized respectively on December 11 and 27. Academicians, students and research fellows, bureaucrats associated with both the collaborating organizations and members of the civil society participated in the deliberations.

Conference Events: An Overview

Day 1: 27. 12.2019

INAUGURAL SESSION

The 45th AISC was inaugurated by the Honourable Governor of Kerala Shri. Arif Mohammed Khan at the Kariavattom campus of the University of Kerala. The Governor, in his inaugural address, drew the attention of the academic community to environmental disasters and the damage that was being caused to the eco-system because of human negligence, and asked sociologists to reconsider the importance of technology in the context of environmental degradation. Only that technology, which complements the entire society, can bring about social development. Sociologists must lead such discussions and in this context, the green protocol of 45th All India sociological Conference venue is a positive move, he said.



Dr. Antony Palackal, Organizing Secretary of the 45th AISC gave the welcome address. The Special Address was delivered by Dr. V. P. Mahadevan Pillai, Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala. Felicitations were offered by Adv.K. H. Babujan, member of the University Syndicate, and Dr. Shaji Varkey, Dean, Faculty of Social sciences, University of Kerala.



The Lifetime Achievement Award of the Indian Sociological Society was presented to Prof. B. K. Nagla by the Honorable Governor. Prof. M. N. Panini could not be present in person to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award, but the President of ISS Dr. R. Indira read out the citation. The Professor M. N. Srinivas Memorial Prize was presented to Dr. Sudanshubala Sahoo and Dr. Saravana Raja. Dr. R. Indira, President, Indian Sociological Society presided over the function. Dr. D. R. Sahu, Secretary, Indian Sociological Society proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Prof. Indira, in her Presidential Address entitled *Situating Development in a Culture Sensitive and Eco-Conscious Framework: A Roadmap for Policy and Practice* deliberated on the interrelationship between environment and development in sociological discourse and concluded that an effective development policy must be inclusive and take into consideration indigenous knowledge and culture. This is of critical importance because many development policies have ignored issues of environmental sustainability and this in turn has destroyed livelihood bases of a large number of people who are poor and dependent upon natural resources for which they not only have reverence, but with which they have also developed a sense of affinity. This is where an understanding of the cultural beliefs and practices of people comes into the fore. She emphasized on the need to revisit development policies and cast them in a pro-people mode.

Professor M. N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture delivered by Prof. Kamala Ganesh

The inaugural session was followed by the **Professor M. N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture** on the theme *Complicating 'Victimhood' in Diaspora Studies-The saga of Tamils in exile*, which was delivered by Prof. Kamala Ganesh, formerly Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai. She drew attention to the need to re-visit concepts in Diaspora Studies, by taking into consideration the sweeping changes in the volume and forms of global migration and new circumstances and motivations underlying diaspora formation. Though diaspora studies have to look beyond the concept of victimhood, given the fact that people emigrated for

different reasons, victim diasporas have not vanished. The example of the Tamils in exile enables us to revisit the old concept of victimhood but also nuance it and complicate it with the concept of agency, its nature and purpose.

The Professor M.N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture was followed by a review of the book *The Legacy of M. N. Srinivas: His Contribution to Sociology and Social Anthropology in India* by A. M. Shah and published by Routledge India.



The review was presented by Dr. Janaki Abraham, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi. The book with six chapters engages in a discussion of such themes as dominant caste, sanskritization, functionalism, besides tracing the academic association of the author and his journey with Professor Srinivas to his major field locations.

The session was chaired by Prof. R. Indira, President of Indian Sociological Society.

Meet the Former Presidents of ISS

An Interactive Session with the Former Presidents of Indian Sociological Society was a special feature of the Conference. Professors T.K.Oommen, ParhaNathMukherji, PKB Nayar and Sujata Patel participated in this event in which the speakers deliberated on the theme *Currents in Indian Sociology-Challenges and Prospects*.



The session also saw the release of the book *Exploring Sociabilities of Contemporary India: New Perspectives* edited by Prof. Sujata Patel and published by Orient Blackswan. Prof. Kamala Ganesh gave a brief introduction to the book. The session was chaired by Dr. D.R. Sahu, Secretary of ISS.

Plenary Session 1

The first plenary session of the conference titled *Cultural and Developmental Contours in India – A View from the Margins* was held on Day 1. It was chaired by Prof. Vineetha Menon, Formerly Professor and Head, Department of Anthropology and Dean of Humanities, Kannur University. In her introductory remarks, Prof. Menon set the framework for the discussions to follow. The speakers in the session were Dr. Vijayalakshmi Brara, Manipur University, Dr. Suresh Babu from Jawaharlal Nehru University and Dr. Manisha Rao from the University of Mumbai. In her presentation entitled *De-Development: Cultural Contours of North East India* Dr. Brara dealt with various facets of so called development in north east India, the resultant displacements; physically as well as culturally, and the need to deconstruct the notions of development and to revert back to the indigenous way of relating with nature. In her address *From the Margins of the Spice Garden Economy: Agro-forestry and Gendered Practices in the Western Ghats, Karnataka*, Dr. Manisha Rao spoke about the destruction of the environment that was going on in the name of infrastructure development in the Western Ghats region that had increased its vulnerability. This was accompanied by changes in land use patterns. Based on her research on spice garden economy in the Uttara Kannada district of Karnataka, she brought to light the impact of these changes on the region's biodiversity, increase in drought like situations and how gendered practices of the home gardens run mainly by the women of the community, provide the vital everyday inputs for the household. Dr. Rao stressed on the need to analyse these practices in the context of larger development initiatives.



Dr. Suresh Babu in his presentation titled *Changing Landscape and the Political Culture of the Indian University System* spoke of the kind of transformation taking place in the academic world, which calls for an intellectual response and public attention as well. The multicultural values and their political presence have deeply implicated and challenged the universities. Consequently, universities in India have become an arena of social and cultural contestation.

He spoke of the changing landscape of the Indian university system which gradually redefines and radicalises the political language of education.

Cultural Programme

Day 1 came to a close with the students of the University of Kerala presenting a vibrant cultural programme that showcased the traditional art forms of the state of Kerala.



Day 2: 28.12.19

Professor Radhakamal Mukerjee Memorial Lecture

The second day of the AISC began with the Professor Radhakamal Mukerjee Memorial Lecture being delivered by Prof. Kalpana Kannabiran, Director, Council for Social Development, Hyderabad on the theme *Citizenship, Gendered States, and the Right to Privacy*. The lecture brought forth issues of citizenship and how the state uses surveillance regimes to define citizenship. Focusing on the need to engage in a critical debate that would reflect on the scope, possibilities and limitations of the right to privacy in India, Prof. Kannabiran placed her discussion in the context of critical questions such as - What are the strategies of masculinist, hetero-patriarchal, colonizing statehood in post-colonial times?,



What are the technologies of rule deployed in different locales and how might we thread these together to arrive at a better understanding of Indian state? And what of the borderlands incessantly resisting the drawing/sealing of borders? Her presentation reflected on concerns, drawing on a range of interdisciplinary scholarship, through a law and society lens.

Prof. Paramjit Singh Judge, Formerly Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, Gurunanakdev University and Editor of Sociological Bulletin chaired the session.

Homage to Prof. Jacob John Kattakayam and Release of Festschrift

The second day's programme was marked by a touching tribute paid to Prof. Jacob John Kattakayam, eminent Sociologist and formerly President of Indian Sociological Society whose demise on December 7, 2019 had left a void in the Conference.

A Festschrift entitled **Ageing, Care and Wellbeing: Reinventing Social Gerontology** edited by his students Dr. Antony Palackal, Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, University of Kerala and Dr. Nisha Jolley Nelson, Head, Department of Sociology, Loyola College of Social Sciences was released on the occasion.



The speakers recalled the pioneering contributions of Prof. Kattakayam to the field of gerontology. Prof. R. Indira, President of Indian Sociological Society, the Editors of the Volume, and the Chair and speakers of Plenary Session II, which the event preceded were present.

Plenary Session 2

The second plenary session of the 45th AISC titled *The Making of the Nation in the Post – Liberal Era – Shifting Agenda and Identities* followed the release of the Festschrift in honour of Prof. Kattakayam. Prof. Chandrashekar Bhat, formerly Professor and Head, University of Hyderabad, chaired the session and also presented the lead paper. Prof. G. Mohan Gopal, formerly director, National Judicial Academy and formerly Vice Chancellor, NLSIU, Bengaluru and Dr. Anindita Chakrabarti, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kanpur were the speakers.

Prof. Chandrasekhar Bhat, in his presentation *Crossing Boundaries in Emerging India: Some Reflections on Migration, Development and Globalization in the Post-Liberal Era* chronologically mapped the shifting pattern of migration within and from India and the results as well as trends in this pattern. The conceptual creation of global terrains (which is the result of globalisation and large-scale migration) was incorporated as the fundamental argument in the paper. The post-liberal era witnessed large scale migration not only from one country to another but also from villages to urban regions. The presentation brought forth some of the significant processes such as migration, development and globalization in this transformation from village to city, local to global. Prof. Bhat also analysed the relationship between these processes and the socio-cultural environment.



In his address titled *Social Identity and the Constitution in Contemporary India: The Question of Caste*, Prof. Mohan Gopal traced the circumstances under which the Constitution of India emerged as a document that laid the foundation for ushering social justice. His presentation brought to focus the emergence of a post-liberal India starting around 1975. Emergency should be understood as a consequence of the failure of Indian liberals to deal with and “annihilate” caste not only in the Constituent Assembly but also subsequently through constitutional amendment. There was also a brief comparison brought out to compare the constitutional developments in India with the United States in this regard.

Dr. Anindita Chakrabarti, in her presentation entitled *Rights, Religion and Law: What Can Sociology Bring to the Conundrum?* noted that the post-liberal era in India had witnessed an unprecedented (re)-engagement of religion in the public sphere and very often the site of these engagements and contestations has been the appellate courts. She dwelt on the question of how the judgments around religious versus citizenship rights tell us about political secularism on

one hand and state-inspired religious future on the other addressed the issue of secularism. Taking the case of Muslim Personal Law and comparing and contrasting its trajectory with other legal battles in the apex court, Dr. Chakrabarti traced the historical development of religion based personal law regimes in India.

Special Address by Jeffrey C. Alexander, Lillian Chavenson Saden Professor of Sociology, Yale University, USA

The second day of the Conference featured a special address by Prof. Jeffrey C. Alexander titled *Culture Trauma, Morality and Solidarity: The Social Construction of “Holocaust” and Other Mass Murders*. In his address Prof. Alexander spoke on the theory and practice of the civil sphere. He brought out three phases of civil spheres. He also put forward the problem that formal democracy itself nullifies the need for the civil sphere, but he asserted that the struggle for solidarity, equality and liberty will continue to animate formal democracies. He conceptualized the civil sphere as a social space where struggles for justice occur as every person is understood as having the right to claim full membership and incorporation. Prof. Alexander was of the view that there is an utopian ideal of civil solidarity, which assumes extraordinary symbolic power.



Prof. Susan Visvanathan, Professor at the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, JNU chaired the session.

The last but one event of the second day of the Conference was the *General Body Meeting* of the **Indian Sociological Society** held at the Professor John Kattakayam Hall. The meeting was chaired by the President Prof. R. Indira. The meeting began with the presentation of reports by Prof. D.R. Sahu, Secretary of ISS and Prof. Hemixa Rao, the Treasurer of ISS. The President thanked all the Life Members of the ISS, members of the MC and Conveners of RCs for their

participation and support during the two year tenure of her team, and Dr. Antony Palackal, Organizing Secretary of the 45th AISC and his team, on behalf of the ISS for the wonderful conference experience. The President welcomed the new team of office bearers and members and wished them a very successful term. The day ended with a meeting of representatives Regional Associations of ISS.

Day 3: 29. 12. 2019

Interactive Session with Prof. Jeffrey C Alexander

The third and final day of the 45th AISC began early with an Interactive Session with Prof. Jeffrey C Alexander. He gave an introductory talk on *the theory and practice of the Civil Sphere*, which he had developed two decades ago and traced the emergence of the concept of civil society and presented a cultural-sociological theory of democracy. He described the civil sphere as a space that universalizes and facilitates idealistic ambitions for a fully inclusive solidarity among all members of a collectivity, based both upon mutual obligation and respect for individual autonomy.



Prof. Alexander opined that social processes are not always linear and depend on social situations. His introductory remarks were followed by an interaction with the speaker in which conference participants and faculty and students from across the University of Kerala participated.

The session was chaired by Prof. T.K. Oommen.

Plenary Session 3

The third and final plenary session of the Conference titled *Rebuilding Kerala – Technological and Environmental Challenges* was held on 29.12.2019. The session was chaired by Dr. Sekhar L. Kuriakose, Head, State Emergency Operations Centre, Kerala State Disaster Management Authority, Government of Kerala. The speakers in this session were Prof. T.K. Oommen, Professor Emeritus, JNU, New Delhi, Prof. Oommen V. Oommen, Formerly Chairman, Bio-diversity Board, Govt. of Kerala and Prof. A. Bijukumar, Department of Aquatic Biology and Fisheries, University of Kerala.

In his opening remarks Dr.Kuriakose, called for an ‘out of the box’ thinking to review the post-disaster scenario in the backdrop of the natural calamities faced by Kerala. He gave a bird’s eye view of the policy document titled “Rebuild Kerala Development Program”, which had built in people’s viewpoints and planned to be implemented with the participation of local self-governments. He hoped that the plenary would put forward more suggestions towards the mission the state has undertaken.



Expressing his apprehensions about the nature of technological interventions that have pervaded even the dining table, Prof. T.K.Oommen in his talk *Rebuilding Kerala Society: A Perspective* noted that failure to design sustainable development projects was a serious threat to the eco-system. He pointed out that the technology per se is value neutral and does not have the power to bring about change. The power actually rests with human beings who should make an optimum use of technology, by using appropriate technology as E.F. Schumacher suggests in his book ‘*Small is beautiful*’. Prof. Oommen proposed "technological pluralism" as the need of the day and said that the nature of technological intervention must be context specific.

Prof. Oommen V. Oommen, in his presentation *Rebuilding Kerala: Environmental Biology and Bioinformatics* argued that in rebuilding Kerala constant attention must be paid to safeguarding the environment. Human induced climate change can be reduced in this way. He pointed out how the mismanagement of dams caused the 2018 floods, whereas the proper management of the same dams could contain the negative effects of the 2019 floods. He urged that the process of rebuilding of Kerala must take into consideration the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals so as to cause minimum damage to the environment. He pointed out that changes made to our lifestyle can go a long way in saving nature. Often political systems go for

economic growth at the cost of ecological stability, whereas the stress must be on sustainability.

In his presentation *Rebuilding Kerala: Eco-centric Solutions for Eco-restoration and Sustainable Development* Dr. Bijukumar called for eco-centric solutions for achieving eco-restoration and sustainable development. He suggested a better land use policy to avoid floods, a natural disaster causing damage to human beings as well as the environment. He also talked of over exploitation of nature as well as over consumption being responsible as ecological hazards, leading to further disasters. Prudent response and actions from the political system as well as awareness starting from schools to universities which can culminate into behavioural changes were proposed by him.

The third plenary was followed by the final session of the conference, in which conveners of research committees gave a brief update on the deliberations of their respective RCs during the 45th AISC. Nearly 700 papers were presented in the six sessions that were set apart for RC deliberations. The Conference ended with the President thanking all those who joined hands with the Indian Sociological Society in the successful organization of the 45th AISC. The Organizing Committee felicitated the newly elected office bearers and wished the new team a very enriching term.

Antony Palackal
Organizing Secretary, 45th AISC

**45th All India Sociological Conference
Programme Schedule**

<u>PRE-CONFERENCE DAY</u> <u>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2019</u>		
Time	Programme	Venue
2 pm – 7 pm	Registration	Jubilee Memorial Building
2.30 pm- 3.45 pm	Meeting of Editorial Boards of ISS Journals	Seminar Hall, Jubilee Memorial Building
4 pm – 6 pm	Meeting of Conveners of Research Committees	Seminar Hall, Jubilee Memorial Building
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Meeting of the Managing Committee	Seminar Hall Jubilee Memorial Building
8 pm – 9:30 pm	Dinner	Food court

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
DAY 1
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2019

Time	Programme	Venue
7:30 am-9:00 am	Breakfast	Food court
9:30 am - 10:30 am	<p>Inaugural Ceremony (To be seated in the Hall latest by 9:15 am) Inauguration & Inaugural Address Shri. Arif Mohammad Khan Honourable Governor of Kerala Presidential Remarks Prof. R. Indira President, Indian Sociological Society Special Address Prof. Mahadevan Pillai Vice-Chancellor, University of Kerala Presentation of Lifetime Achievement Award & Professor M.N. Srinivas Memorial Prize</p>	Prof. Kattakayam Hall
10:30 am – 11:00 am	<p>Presidential Address Situating Development in a Culture Sensitive and Eco-Conscious Framework: A Roadmap for Policy and Practice Prof. R. Indira President, Indian Sociological Society</p>	Prof. Kattakayam Hall
11:00 am-11:15 am	Tea Break	Food Court
11:15 am- 12:45 pm	<p>Professor. M.N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture Complicating ‘Victimhood’ in Diaspora Studies: The Saga of Tamils in Exile Speaker Prof. Kamala Ganesh Formerly Professor and Head Department of Sociology University of Mumbai Review of the Book The Legacy of M.N. Srinivas His Contributions to Sociology and Social Anthropology in India by A. M. Shah Dr. Janaki Abraham Associate Professor, Department of Sociology University of Delhi Chair Prof. R. Indira President, Indian Sociological Society</p>	Prof. Kattakayam Hall
12:45-1:30 pm	Lunch	Food court
1:30 – 3:00 pm	<p>Meet the Former Presidents of ISS Interactive Session Currents in Indian Sociology - Challenges and Prospects Book Release Exploring Sociabilities of Contemporary India: New Perspectives</p>	Prof. Kattakayam Hall

	<p>Editor: Sujata Patel Chair Prof. D. R. Sahu Secretary, Indian Sociological Society</p>	
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Tea Break	Food court
3:15 – 4:45 pm	<p>Plenary Session - I Cultural and Developmental Contours in India – A View from the Margins Chair Prof. Vineetha Menon Formerly Professor and Head, Department of Anthropology and Dean of Humanities Kannur University</p> <p>Speakers Dr. Vijayalakshmi Brara Associate Professor Department of Sociology Manipur University, Imphal</p> <p>De-Development: Cultural Contours of North East India Dr. Suresh Babu Assistant Professor Zakir Husain Centre for educational Studies Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi</p> <p>Changing Landscape and the Political Culture of the Indian University System Dr. Manisha Rao Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology University of Mumbai, Mumbai</p> <p>From the Margins of the Spice Garden Economy: Agro-forestry and Gendered Practices in the Western Ghats, Karnataka</p>	Prof. Kattakayam Hall
5:00 – 6:30 pm	Research Committee Sessions – I	Social Science Block & ONV Memorial Language Building & Aquatic Biology
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Cultural Programme	Prof. Kattakayam Hall
8:30 – 10:00 pm	Dinner	Food Court

DAY 2		
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019		
Time	Programme	Venue
7:30 – 8:45 am	Breakfast	Food Court
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Research Committee Sessions - II	Social Sciences Block & ONV Memorial Language Building & Depts. of Aquatic Biology & Future Studies
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Tea Break	Food Court
10:45 am – 12:00 noon	<p style="text-align: center;">Professor Radhakamal Mukerjee Memorial Lecture Citizenship, Gendered States & the Right to Privacy Speaker Prof. Kalpana Kannabiran Director, Council for Social Development Hyderabad</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair Prof. Paramjit Singh Judge Department of Sociology Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar</p>	Prof. Kattakayam Hall
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary Session II Making of the Nation in the Post-Liberal Era-Shifting Agenda & Identities Chair and Lead Speaker Prof. Chandrasekhar Bhat Formerly Professor and Head Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Crossing Boundaries in Emerging India: Some Reflections on Migration, Development and Globalization in the Post-Liberal Era Speakers Prof. G. Mohan Gopal Formerly Director, National Judicial Academy and Formerly Vice Chancellor NLSIU, Bengaluru</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Social Identity and the Constitution in Contemporary India: The Question of Caste Dr. Anindita Chakrabarti Associate Professor Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kanpur, Kanpur</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rights, Religion and Law: What Can Sociology Bring to the Conundrum?</p>	Prof. Kattakayam Hall
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm	Lunch	Food Court

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm	Research Committee Sessions – III	Social Sciences Block & ONV Memorial Language Building & Depts. of Aquatic Biology & Future Studies
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Tea break	Food court
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Special Address Culture Trauma, Morality and Solidarity: The Social Construction of ‘Holocaust’ & Other Mass Murders Prof. Jeffrey C. Alexander Yale University, USA Chair Prof. Susan Visvanathan Centre for the Study of Social Systems, JNU</p>	Prof. Kattakayam Hall
5:00 pm – 6.30 pm	Research Committee Sessions IV	Social Science Block, ONV Memorial Language Building & Depts. Of Aquatic Biology & Future Studies
6.45 pm – 8:45 pm	General Body Meeting	Prof. Kattakayam Hall
8.45 pm – 9.30 pm	Meeting of Regional Associations (Dinner Meeting)	Seminar Hall – Jubilee Building
8:45 pm – 9.30 pm	Dinner	Food Court

**DAY 3:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019**

Time	Programme	Venue
7:30 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast	Food court
9 .15 am – 10:30 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Interactive Session Prof. Jeffrey C. Alexander Yale University, USA The Theory and Practice of the Civil Sphere Chair Prof. T.K. Oommen Professor Emeritus, JNU, New Delhi</p>	Prof. Kattakayam Hall
10:30 – 10:45	Tea Break	Food Court
10:45 am – 12 noon	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary Session – III Rebuilding Kerala-Technological & Environmental Challenges Chair Dr. Sekhar L. Kuriakose Head, State Emergency Operations Centre Kerala State Disaster Management Authority Government of Kerala</p>	

	<p align="center">Speakers</p> <p align="center">Prof. T.K. Oommen Professor Emeritus, JNU, New Delhi Rebuilding Kerala Society: A Perspective</p> <p align="center">Prof. Oommen V. Oommen Formerly Chairman, Bio-diversity Board, Government of Kerala Rebuilding Kerala: Environmental Biology and Bioinformatics</p> <p align="center">Prof. A. Bijukumar Dept. of Aquatic Biology & Fisheries University of Kerala Rebuilding Kerala: Eco-centric Solutions for Eco-restoration and Sustainable Development</p>	<p align="center">Prof. Kattakayam Hall</p>
12:15 pm -1:45 pm	<p align="center">Closing Session Presidential Remarks Presentation of Reports by Conveners of RCs Saying Thanks and Good bye</p>	<p align="center">Prof. Kattakayam Hall</p>
1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	Lunch	Food court

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ACADEMIC WRITING WORKSHOP

Academic Writing Workshop for young faculty members and research scholars in Anthropology and Sociology (November 04-10, 2019) sponsored by Anthropological Society of India and Indian Sociological Society was organized by Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow

The seven day academic writing workshop was conducted in the Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow from 04th Nov, 2019 to 10th Nov, 2019.

The workshop had the following main objectives:

- To acquaint young faculty members and research scholars in departments of anthropology and sociology with academic writing skills.
- To promote scientific and action oriented research in the field of anthropology and sociology.
- To provide the participants an opportunity to get to meet and socialize with the recognized persons in the academic field.

The seven day workshop addressed all the major areas of academic writing in a total of 18 sessions. The participants had the advantage of listening to academicians and administrators from across the country. The workshop was well received by young up-coming researchers in sociology and anthropology.

REPORTS OF RESEARCH COMMITTEES

(As received from the Conveners)

RC 01- History of Sociology

Convener - Manoj Chhparia

The venue for sessions of RC 01 was social science block & ONV memorial language building & the department of Aquatic biology within the campus of Kerala University, Kerala. RC 01 accepted 18 abstracts and all the papers were presented. The first technical session was scheduled on 27 December 2019 between 5 to 6.30 pm. The theme of this session was, **Sociology in India: From Emergence to Post Independent Orientation**. This session was chaired by Prof. Jagan Karade, Shivaji University, Kolhapur. A special lecture was delivered by Prof. S.K. Bhattacharya, University of Calcutta, titled **Indian Society in the present historical Junction: How to look at it?**

The second technical session was scheduled on 28 December 2019 at 9 to 10.30 am. The theme of this session was **Theories and Methods to understand contemporary society**. Prof. Sheobahal Singh memorial lecture was delivered by Prof. B.K.Nagla on searching new paradigms and theories in sociology. He was of the view that the colonial influence on Indian sociology should be replaced now with new paradigms and concepts. The session was chaired by Prof. M.P.Singh, Gorakhpur University and co-chaired by Dr. B. S. Gaur, Haryana.

The third technical session was scheduled on 28 December, 2019 at 2:15pm- 03:45pm. The theme of this session was; **Searching new rules in Sociological method**. The special lecture was delivered by Prof D.R. Sahu, Secretary, ISS on **The Relevance and views and Utility of Indological paradigm in sociological investigations** and using the western theories only as a supporting and helping device. This session was chaired by Prof. R. Maruthakutti, M.S. University, Tirunelveli and co-chaired by Dr. Haresh Pandey, Central University of South Bihar.

The fourth and last technical session was scheduled on 28 December, 2019 from 05:00pm-06:30 pm. The theme of this session was **Crises and Content in Indian Sociology**. This session was chaired by Prof. B.B. Mohanti, Puducherry University, and co-chaired by Dr. Hemant Singh.

RC 02 -Studies in Family, Marriage and Kinship

Convener - Prof. C.S.S.Thakur

28. Dec. 2019 at 02:15 pm

The Business meeting of RC 02, Studies in Family Marriage and Kinship was held on 28 Dec., 2019 at 02:15 PM to elect the new managing committee for 2020-2021. Unanimously the following RC members were selected for various positions:

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RC03 - Economy and Society

Convener - B. B. Mohanty

During the 45th All India sociological Conference, RC 03 received 20 abstracts. Of these 16 reported for presentation. Besides, the 2nd D. N. Dhanagare Memorial Lecture, there were two technical sessions where 16 papers were presented covering a wide range of themes interfacing economy and society in the context of recent economic changes.

In the first session eight papers were presented. This session was chaired by Prof. Manish K. Verma, Professor of Sociology, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow. In the next session, the 2nd D. N. Dhanagare Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. Shruti Tambe, Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune on “Labouring in Metropolitan India: Gap Between Dreams and Reality. Prof. Gaurang Ranjan Sahay of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai chaired this session. In the subsequent session, there were eight paper presentations. The session was chaired by Prof. Tatwamasi Paltasingh of Sambalpur University, Sambalpur. In both the technical sessions we had meaningful deliberations and a good number of participants actively took part in the discussions, besides the paper presenters.

At the end, a brief business meeting was conducted. In the business meeting 12 members were present. The members discussed the possibility of conducting academic events including seminars and workshops in the near future.

RC 04- Migration and Diaspora Studies

Convener - Prof. Ajailiu Niumai

RC-04 received 27 abstracts for consideration for presentation in the 45th AISC. Of these, 25 were accepted. However, 21 papers were presented during the Conference. On 27th December 2019, the first Technical Session on “Migration, Transnational Identity and Culture” was chaired by Prof. Chandrasekhar Bhat, Formerly Professor of Sociology, University of Hyderabad. In this session, five papers were presented viz; “Identity Crisis among Migrant Dalits: An Analysis based on Malayali Novel ‘karikkottakkari’ by Aarya P. V, (M.A. Integrated in Sociology, Pondicherry University). Her paper reflected on the large scale

migration that took place due to identity crisis. It was followed by Anindita Shome, (Senior Research Fellow, University of Hyderabad) on “Climatic Displacement and Devastation: Understanding Climate Migration and Refugees through the Works of Amitav Ghosh.” This paper aimed to understand climatic migrants and refugees, especially with India’s erratic climatic changes that are affecting communities at the margins. Nazimuddin Siddique, Ph.D Independent Researcher presented his paper on “Citizenship, Othering and Resistance: The emergence of Miya Poetry in Assam.” He highlighted the mixed method approach and analyzed the emergence, background and impact of Miya poetry in the socio-political milieu in Assam. Dr. SonalThakker, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Sociology, M.E.S. College, Zuarinagar, Goa presented a paper on ‘Socio-Cultural Milieu as a Precipitating Factor of Migration’. She shed a light on migration being a norm and explained it as a natural course of life in many cultures. Dr. NupurPatnaik, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Central University of Odisha, Koraput, Odisha presented her paper on ‘The Changing Perspectives of Migration and Diaspora: A Case study in Koraput, Odisha’. Her paper examined the process of mobility and super-empowerment among Koraput tribals and the changes in the notions of diasporic community.

On 28thDecember 2019, we had the second Technical Session on the sub-theme: ‘Refugees, Migration and Livelihood: Problems and Perspectives’. This session was chaired by Dr. Muneer Illath, Assistant Professor, Central University of Allahabad. The first presenter Dr. SuchismitaMajumder, Assistant Teacher, Araidanga R.N Ganguly BalikaVidyapith, Malda, West Bengal presented a paper on ‘Relentless Cross Border Move of Rohingyas and Bangladeshis: A Matter of Concern’. Her study explored the continuous trespassing of Bangladeshis and Rohingyas through Bangladesh and West Bengal Borders with different motives and the resulting difficulties. Dr. Jagadeesha M., Assistant Professor, GFGC, Kalaghatagi, Dharawad (D), Karnataka presented his paper on ‘A Comparative Study on Unsettled Repatriates in India’. He highlighted about the repatriates who were rehabilitated in Karnataka. Dr. Surinder Kumar, Post Doctorate Researcher, Jadavpur University presented a paper on ‘Cycle of Exclusion-Inclusion and Integration: A Comparative Developmental Study of West Pakistani and Tibetan Refugees in India’. His paper explained the sociological perspective of refugee communities. Dr. BinitaBehera, Assistant Professor, KIIT University, Odisha presented her paper on ‘The Exodus Story of Kandhamal: A Study of the Migrant Trajectory’. She explained about the socio-religious experiences and the process of adaptation in the new city. Finally, Shristi Kala Chhetri, Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, Annamalai University, Chennai presented a paper on ‘Tibetan Refugees and the Process of Cultural Integration within the Indian Himalayas’. She analyzed about the Tibetan Refugees and their cultures.

The third Technical Session with the sub-theme ‘Diasporas and Homeland: Transnational Linkages and Networks’ was chaired by Dr. Peruvemba S Jaya, University of Ottawa, Canada. The first presenter Dr. Sr. Prafula, Teresian College, Siddarthanagar presented a paper on ‘Education for Migration and Cultural Development: It’s Impact on Indian society’. Her paper

analyzed the diffusion of ideas, cultures and migration. She examined the impact of new forms of mass-media and its influence on migration and cultural development. Lekhraj Singh, Ph.D. scholar from Bhopal presented a paper on 'Bharat Ki Paryavaran NitiavamVisthapan (Environmental Policy of India and displacement.)'. He examined the policies of migration and environmental issues in India. MrinalManjari, Assistant Professor, J.D. Women's College (Patliputra University) Patna presented a paper on 'Psychological Bereavement Faced by the Women due to Development Induced Displacement'. She emphasized on the exploitation faced by women due to displacement. AshikSharaf, Research Scholar, University of Kerala presented a paper on 'Return Emigrants in PoovarPanchayath, Kerala: Family, Community and Social Linkages' and he analysed the socio-economic aspects of emigrants after their return. M. S. Jayakumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology & Director, Centre for Diaspora Studies, University of Kerala presented his paper on 'Technology Mediated Transnational relations: The Experience in Kerala'. He explained about the role of social technologies.

The final Technical Sessions on the sub-theme 'Interface of International Migration and Development' and 'Migration, Gender and Violence' were chaired by Dr. Bhup Singh Gaur and Prof. Ajailiu Niumai. The First presenter Dr. Muneer Illath, Assistant Professor, Central University of Allahabad spoke on 'Development, Distress and Youth Migration: Some Sociological Implications of Demographic Dividend in Neo-Liberal India'. He explored the possibilities and challenges of a demographic dividend in India with specific focus on the diversities and dynamics of youth migration in the country. Dr. Peruvemba S Jaya, Associate Professor, Department of Communication, University of Ottawa, Canada presented a paper on 'Imagined Communities and Ethnic Identity: Building Bridges between Indo Canadians and the Mainstream in Ottawa through the ICA and ICFC'. She asserted that organizations communicate and facilitate an understanding of the Indo-Canada diaspora to the community. Dr. Mansy M, Assistant Professor, Pondicherry University presented a paper on 'Migration as a Strategy for Inclusion - An Analysis of Transgender Migration'. She examined the migratory movements of transgender people who aspire for social inclusion and integration. Kirti Sharma, Central University of Himachal Pradesh presented a paper on 'Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere: Unsaid Sufferings of Terrorism Afflicted People in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)'. She attempted to explore major afflicted sections of terrorism in J&K. Finally, Prof. Ajailiu Niumai thanked everyone and encouraged the scholars to critically examine the new emerging issues of Indian Diaspora, migration and transnationalism.

Business Meeting

The business meeting of RC04 was held on 28th Dec, 2019 after the final technical session. Convener of RC 04 Prof. Ajailiu Niumai welcomed the members and highlighted the slow and steady growth of RC 04 since the past years. She also acknowledged the contributions of former RC 04 Conveners and active members. She thanked Prof. Chandrasekhar Bhat for arranging an interactive session between Dr. Parvati from Trinidad and Prof. Vishnu Bisram from Guyana with RC 04 members. She encouraged the existing members to mobilise young scholars and faculty to become members of RC 04 and actively participate in the RC's

programmes in the future. She gave an idea of the structure and content of the upcoming RC newsletter, membership details and stated that the total amount received from ISS as RC 04 membership fee in 2019 was Rs.7000/- only (Seven thousand). And, the earlier Treasurer Dr. Muneer Illath has transferred a sum of Rs. 4,310/ only (Four thousand three hundred and ten) on 11th August 2018. The total amount of available fund is Rs. 11,310/- only (Eleven thousand three hundred and ten).

The members of RC-04 unanimously elected Dr. Muneer Illath, Assistant Professor, Central University of Allahabad as the new Convener and Dr. NupurPatnaik, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Central University of Odisha, Koraput, Odisha, as the new co-convener for 2020-21. We propose to organize a mid-term conference of RC04 around October or November 2020. This is for facilitating a continuous engagement of all the members and taking the discussions forward. And, we decided to utilise the total available fund for the proposed mid-term conference. It was discussed that RC 04 should attempt to connect to every centre for Diaspora Studies across the country. Finally, the certificates were distributed to the paper presenters and Prof. Ajailiu Niumai delivered the vote of thanks.

RC 05- Sociology of Education

Convener -Prof. Birendranath Dubey

For the 45th All India Sociological Conference, RC 05 received 32 papers and after rigorous assessment a total of 28 papers (24 English and 04 Hindi) were selected for presentation. Members from 08 states, 3 Central Universities, 01 IIM, 01 IIT, Himachal Pradesh, 01, TISS Mumbai, 07 State Universities, various colleges and some NGOs participated in the deliberations. The broad themes covered included higher education, exclusion, education and environment, education and culture, pedagogy, government schemes, states role and development. A total of 23 papers were presented during 04 sessions of deliberations.

We had a business meeting also but no candidate was found eligible for the post of convener. The matter has been brought to the attention of the ISS.

RC 07 - Adivasi and Tribal Studies

Convener – Prof.Sanjay Singh

A total of 27 papers were presented in three different sessions on diverse sub-themes. The sub themes on which the papers were presented are as follows:

- 1. Tribes: Policy and Development Issue**
- 2. Tribes: Socio-Cultural Issues**
- 3. Tribes: Social Change Environment and Development**



Research papers were presented on diverse issues. The emphasis was mainly on land alienation, forest rights, customs- folktales, religion and environmental issues. A special invited lecture was delivered by Prof. Sukant K Chaudhury on the topic *Tribes: Environment and Development Discourse*. The business meeting was held and the RC members were requested to collaborate with RC 07 to conduct different academic workshops, seminars and lectures. It was also decided that in the year 2020, RC 07 proposes to conduct a research workshop for the research scholars working on tribal issues.

RC09 Dalit Studies

(Report for the period April 2019 to November 2019)

Convener - Dr. Arun Paudmal

During the period under reference, the RC organized a lecture by Dr. Archana Kamble, on Education and Society in the Lead College Workshop held at Kolhapur Municipal Corporation's Yashwantrao Chavan (KMC) College, Kolhapur (MS), during September, 2019.

Dr. Arun Paudmal, the Convener of the RC delivered a lecture on General Studies at Pre-IAS Training Centre, Vidyanagar, Kolhapur (MS) during August, 2019.

The RC had a tentative plan of organizing a One Day National Workshop in association with the Department of Sociology, Smt. Minalbeen Mehata College, Panchagani (Mahabaleshwar) Dist. Satara, Maharashtra.

RC 12 Sociology of Health, Ageing and Well-being

(Report for the period April 2019 to November 2019)

Convener - Dr. M. Thamilarasan

Health Sociology is a highly developed specialization in sociology that integrates sociology with other social sciences and medical sciences to promote good health and well-being of

people. Good health and Well-being is the third important Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of the United Nations. Research Committee 12 has been actively promoting interdisciplinary studies, especially in areas of health sociology and social gerontology.

Articles based on presentations made in RC-12 sessions have been published in edited books from reputed publishers.

The Convener of the Research Committee 12 attended the Mid-term meeting of conveners of RCs held on 3rd October 2019 at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha and also presented a paper titled *Rural Development in Tamil Nadu – The Current Scenario*, in the International Conference on Rural Development, organised by the Department of Sociology, Utkal University from October 2-4, 2019.

RC 12 of Indian Sociological Society, in collaboration with the Department of Sociology, University of Madras conducted a National Colloquium on Good Health and Well-Being on October 17 & 18, 2019. The report of the colloquium has been sent to the President, Indian Sociological Society on 1st November 2019.

RC12 received the maximum number of abstracts (68) for presentation in the 45th All India Sociological Conference being held at the University of Kerala from December 27-29, 2019.

RC16 Work, Occupation and Organisation

Convener–Prof.P S Vivek

RC 16 was created after the reorganisation process of RCs held in 2018. Since then we had thirteen members on board. We had received nine abstracts for submission during this 2019 AISC. However, only eight abstracts were presented in two sessions held during the course of AISC on 27th and 28th of December 2019.

The range of issues deliberated during the sessions included labour reforms in India; creative labour force; street vendors; workers preparedness in modern automation; labour welfare measures; risk and challenges in modern industry; rag pickers' plight; nature of industrial migration; and, aspirations of workers for social mobility. The presentations followed lively discussions and comments from the audience.

A special lecture of *Professor S. K. Bhowmik and his contribution to the study of Informal Sector* in India was delivered by Dr. M. T. Joseph, a longtime associate of late Professor Bhowmik, on December 28. The session was chaired by Professor S. K. Chaudhary. It has been decided to publish the special lecture as Occasional Paper of RC 16 before the next AISC to be held in 2020 at the business session of the research committee.

A general concern was raised about the need for increasing the membership of RC16 on priority basis. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the Convener.

RC 17 - Sociology of Social Movements

Convener – Prof. Gayatri Bhattacharya

Sociology of Social Movements had received 25 abstracts of whom 15 made their presentations.

Appreciating the busy schedule of the presenters, the convener may modestly submit here the fact of her accommodative nature that led her to include abstracts that reached her long after the prescribed dateline. The request for giving abstracts was circulated and extended three times.

This year the RC started with a Special Lecture by Prof. Gaurang P. Sahay discussing the **Changing Nature of Peasant Movements in India from the Perspective of New Social Movements**. Prof. Sahay suggests the emergence of class-ness in peasant movements including the rise of rich farmers in the arena of agrarian relations where the old peasants are gradually withering away.

The second session had the A.R. Desai Memorial Lecture. The lecture was given by Prof. Sujata Patel who spoke on the *Ouvre of A.R. Desai and Contemporary Times*. It was an amazing experience listening to her explicating the contributions of A.R. Desai to Indian Sociology, particularly the study of social movements. Prof. Patel showed how Desai was important in a paradigm shift from emphasis on indological studies and structural-functionalism, on the one hand, to a study of class-formation in India, on the other. Prof. A.R. Desai, according to Prof. Patel, made an attempt to indigenize the study of classes in India. She was also lamenting on the fact of shifting of locale of sociology in India from Bombay to Delhi.



The presentations this year were on a) problems of identity, b) feminist movement, c) movement by Adivasis and backward classes and Dalits, d) Naxalite movement, e) movement by the ULFA and f) movement due to globalization and acculturation.

The presenters were from all over India including the newly formed U.T. of Ladakh.

The RC feels gratified to have Professor ParthaNath Mukherjee, one of the pioneers of movement studies in India, on the chair in its First Session.

The present convener feels that she has been able to conduct the RC successfully through her four-year term which ends on 31 December, 2019. She acknowledges her deep sense of gratitude to her team. Last but not the least, she will miss the opportunity of interacting with the young presenters, correcting and editing their abstracts as well as giving guidance to them.



Rohit Jain from the School of Rural Development, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Maharashtra, will be the next convener and Dr. MachchindraSakate, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, MangaltaiRamchandraJagtapMahila College, Umbraj, Karad, Maharashtra will be the co-convener of the RC.

RC 19 - Urban Studies

Convener - Kulvinder Kaur

During the 45th ISS AISC, the RC 19 organized four sessions of paper presentations. A total of 15 papers were presented over a period of two days. Three members could not come to present the papers. The first session on the evening of December 27, was chaired by Prof. Sujata Patel. In this session Prof. Shruti Tambe delivered a lecture titled 'Beyond Dual Cities: The Indian Cities Today'. Her lecture touched upon the cultural and ecological transformations of urban space in India. Following the lecture, four papers were presented in this session. The session II, on December 28, saw four presentations chaired by Dr. Kulwinder Kaur. It was followed by a vibrant discussion. The post-lunch session was jointly chaired by Prof. Sujata Patel and Dr. Kulwinder Kaur. The papers presented were based on challenges to urban development in varied contexts ranging from the smart city to urban sanitation. Prof. Sujata Patel concluded the session with her comments and insights which were greatly appreciated by the presenters. The final session of the RC, had two paper presentations followed by a discussion and comments by Dr. Kaur. After this, the business meeting was conducted and certificates were distributed to the presenters.

RC 20 - Media Studies

Convener – Prof. KalinathJha

There were thirty (30) accepted papers for the presentation out of which twenty seven (27) papers were presented during RC sessions. Some papers focused on conceptual and theoretical

issues whereas others were on various issues regarding impacts and influences of media. During RC sessions, social sites, satellite channels, audience behaviour as well as role of media were discussed. Some of the papers as 'Reviewing Television and Audience Research in India', 'Madhubani Paintings and Media', 'Social Media: Encountering the Real World' were very much significant.

During RC sessions, special lectures were delivered by Prof. Sukant K. Chaudhury, Prof. Manish Kumar Verma and Prof. Jagan Karade on significant media issues.

The RC sessions were chaired and Co-Chaired by Prof. Mohammed. Salim, Prof. Jagan Karade, Prof. Manish Kumar Verma, Dr. KalinathJha, Dr. P.K. Chaudhary, Dr. Shanthi and Dr. Sudhansubala Sahu whereas ShefaliSoni, Deepak Kumar Rajak and Ram VrikshDwivedi were rapporteurs.

In the business session, Prof. Pramod Kumar Chaudhary (Dept. of Sociology, Magadh University, Bodh Gaya, Bihar) was chosen as the new Convener and MrinaliKonwarGiri, Pradeep Kumar Meshram, Sudhansubala Sahu, ShefaliSoni, Swati Kumari, ArunimaDey and Raghuwansh Kumar Sinha unanimously elected as members of Executive committee of RC-20 for the next term (2 Years).

In a resolution, Dr. KalinathJha proposed the vote of thanks to Prof. Indira Ramarao (President, ISS), Prof. D.R. Sahu (Secretary, ISS), all the members of MC, ISS and local organising committee for organizing such a nice and academic conference at Mysuru.

RC 21 - Political Sociology

Convener In-charge: Dr. Akhaya Kumar Nayak

The RC didn't have a permanent convener for this year and the secretary of Indian Sociological Society, Prof. D. R. Sahumanaged the activities of RC including membership, selection of abstracts, communication with members etc. The secretary of ISS entrusted the responsibility of managing the activities of RC during the conference to Dr. Akhaya KumarNayak, Faculty at Indian Institute of Management, Indore.

The RC accepted 12 papers for oral presentation out of which 11 presented during the conference in two sessions. The theme of the first session was "studies in structure, system and systemic interventions". Five papers were presented under this theme including the topics such as Panchayat Raj Institutions in India: A historical perspective, Environmental politics in India: Environmental protection vs development, Imagining India: Government schemes that sell in the post-liberal era, Contradictions of freedom and inclusion: The pariah discourse, and Dynasty in Democracy: A sociological analysis on Indian electoral politics.

The theme of the second session was agent, "social groups and their interaction with the system". Six papers were presented under this theme including political participation of women

in rural society with references to SHGs in Tamilnadu, unemployment among graduate tribal women, landholdings and life style of scheduled castes, gender inequality in politics: a sociological analysis, physically disabled and rehabilitation services: problems and perspectives, and impact of social media on voting behavior.

Both the sessions were chaired by Dr. Akhaya Kumar Nayak.

RC 23 - Sociology of Law, Crime and Deviance

Convener - Prof. Ramesh H. Makwana

RC 23 of ISS and the theme of the sessions under this RC during 45th AISC at University of Kerala, Thiruvanthapuram pertain to Sociology of Law, Crime and Deviance. Out of 25 papers printed in the Book of Abstracts, 22 papers were presented during the three consecutive technical sessions, commencing with an inaugural session on 27th December 2019 afternoon. Dr. Ramesh Makwana, Convener RC 23 gave introductory remarks expressing his satisfaction about gradual increase in the number of members and paper presenters. Prof. Hemixa Rao, Former Vice Chancellor of H.N.G. University PATAN, Gujarat was the Chief Guest who expressed serious concerns about the rising number and nature of crime in the Society. Dr. R.K Mohanty Co- Convener addressed the audience on *Police Accountability and Rights of the Accused: Some Reflections from the Perspective of Criminology*.

The sessions had a gamut of papers from different areas such as Striking a Balance between Environment and Development, Analysis of Witness Protection Mechanism under Indian Administration of Criminal Justice, Concept, Practice and Law Related to Triple Talaq in India, Female Juvenile Delinquency, and Suicide among farmers, drug addiction and terrorism as a social crime. Out of 22 paper presenters, 7 were young research scholars and 15 regular faculty from around 10 states of the country. The Sessions were chaired respectively by Prof. Ramesh Makwana, Prof. Hemixa Rao, Dr. R. K. Mohanty, Dr. Sudha Kodwane, Dr. Bhup Singh, Dr. M. Mohan Singh and Dr. Jaysinh Zala. The research importance of each of the topic, origin, nature, causes, sociological implications, and consequence were well deliberated upon. This generated many views and suggestions from eminent experts present. On the whole, the RC deliberations were fruitful and meaningful.

In the last session at the Kerala conference the business meeting of the RC was held and Prof. Makwana presented the accounts. It was decided to give 3 Prizes to the best Papers to be presented and to edit a book consisting of selected papers presented in the RC 23 with effect from 2019 AISC. It is my pleasure to mention the RC 23 has its election and our new body is as under:

- Prof. Ravindrakumar Mohanty- Convener, Professor and Head, Dept. of Sociology, Mizoram University, Aizawl (Mobile-09437277597, 09612201485 and Email: rabisir@gmail.com, rkmohanty_socio@yahoo.com)
- Prof. Ramesh H. Makwana- Co-convener, Professor and Head, Dept. of Sociology, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Anand, Gujarat.

- Dr.Kamini B. Dashora-Treasurer,Assistant Professor in Sociology, Adivasi Arts College,Santrampur,Dist.Mahisagar,Gujarat. (Mobil-09824158619 and Email:kaminidashora111@gmail.com)
- Dr.Mohan Singh- Executive Member.
- Dr.Veerendrakumar- Executive Member.

RC24 Sociology of Childhood and Youth

(Report for the period April 2019 to November 2019)

Convener - Prof. Piyali Sur

The RC Organized a Two-Day National seminar on *Articulating Multiple Childhoods: Demystifying* the Normative on 8-9th August, 2019 at Jadavpur University, Kolkata, with financial support from JU-RUSA 2.0. It also organized the Youth Convention for the Rights of the Child 2019 on 25th September 2019 with Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University and Teach for India at Jadavpur University, Kolkata. The RC also organized invited talks by Utsa Mukherjee, Ph.D. Student in Sociology, Royal Holloway, University of London on *Parenting, Children's Leisure and Consumption* was organized on 6th November 2019 at 12:30 pm at Jadavpur University, Kolkata.Dr. Chandni Basu, Research Associate at Goethe University of Frankfurt presented a Research Lecture on Juvenile justice and children in conflict with law on August 30, 2019 at Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

RC 26 - Minority Studies

Convener - KhwajaMohd. Ziyauddin

The research committee on Minority Studies has been conducting a series of events and activities in collaboration and independently in Hyderabad and across the country in the relevant field of the research concern to minority studies. The annual conference held at University of Kerala during 27-29 Dec 2019 was quite successful with the kind of papers and panel discussion held. There were more than two dozen papers received from the presenters out of which 21 abstracts were accepted from delegates coming from various universities and institutions. One panel discussion was organized chaired by Prof. Jagan Karade, Shivaji University, Kolhapur and in-coming secretary, ISS. The panelist Prof. Arvinder Ansari spoke on *NRC and consequences on Minorities in India in view of recent developments* and Prof. Manoj Chapariaspoke on *Politics of religious sentiments*. Prof. Jagan Karade gave a brief talk on *Minorities in India and Constitutional Frameworks*, Dr. Vijaylakshi Brara, University of Manipur was invited discussant whereby large number of students from host university participated. The RC also collaborated for an International Seminar proposed in collaboration with the Department of Sociology, RadhaGovind University, Ramgarh, Jharkhand and Department of Sociology, Nur Mohammad SmritiMahavidyalaya, Dhuliyan, Murshidabad (West Bengal) that was held in Ranchi on February 11, 2020. The seminar was entitled as *Women in India: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*. Dr. KhwajaMohdZiyauddin, Convener of the Minority Studies was invited as Keynote Speaker in the International Seminar. Special lecture was conducted in the year 2019 on behalf of RC by esteemed speakers, Prof. B.K.

Nagla (Rohtak University), Dr. Ghazal Jameel (JNU), Dr. Sumit Srivastava, Allahabad University on various dimensions of the research committee.

Two books are proposed for publication. One volume is under publication *Reading minorities in India* by Rawat Publication. Another volume is under discussion with Sage India. The RC is looking for various proposed activities as discussed in the Business Meeting of the RC during the AISC at Trivendrum in Dec. 2019.

RC 27 - Sociology of Care

Convener - Prof. Samita Manna

RC 27 is actively engaged in encouraging young researchers to undertake sociological researches in different emerging areas of sociological interest including the fast-changing facets of care receiving and care giving. RC 27: Sociology of Care in collaboration with the Institute of Social Research and Applied Anthropology (ISRAA), Bidisa, Kharagpur, PaschimMedinipur, West Bengal organised a Two Days Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences during November 2-3, 2019. Forty One (41) young teachers and research scholars from different Universities like Jadavpur University, Kalyani University, Vidyasagar University, Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, Burdwan University, KaziNajrul University, GourBanga University atp from various universities and academic institutions extended their cooperation by delivering enlightening speeches on different methodological issues and shifting paradigms from Quantitative to Qualitative approaches and methods. The special emphasis has been given on 'how to write a research paper' following the rules devoid of plagiarism. The importance of research process by following various steps in social research including referencing, online data as well as endnotes and footnotes played the important part of discussion.

The two day workshop was vibrant with nine interactive sessions, chaired by different Resource Persons. Academic discourses dealing with various issues, contents, contexts and applications of the proper methodology in different applied and action research in Sociology were the main objectives of the workshop. Major emphasis was also given on field based research focusing on the welfare approach of the society. The workshop was ended by the fruitful valedictory address given by Prof. Biswajit Ghosh, University of Burdwan. Extensive sessions on various issues of research methodology made the workshop knowledgeable and meaningful in this rapid social transformation amidst a new post structural society.

It is a pleasure to inform that the Research Committee has already published two edited volumes based on the research papers presented by the participants in AISC held in Tejpur(2016) and Lucknow(2017). These are:

Motherhood: Demystification and Denouement (2017) edited by Samita Manna, SoumyajitPatra. Kolkata: Levant Books.

Sociology of Motherhood and Beyond: Roots and Rejuvenation (2018) edited by Samita Manna, SoumyajitPatra and Sujit Roy. Kolkata: Levant Books.

The third volume entitled *Motherhood: East and West* is in the pipeline. The earlier publications have got appreciations from the readers all over the country. RC 27 is encouraging and will always encourage young scholars to share their views with the wider audience through publications.

RC28 - Sociology of Every Day Life

(For the period between April and November, 2019)

Convener - Dr. AbhijitMitra

On 19th and 20th September, 2019, RC28, Sociology of Everyday Life, collaborated with the Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, to organize a national seminar (funded by RUSA) on Sociology and the Everyday: Possibilities and Perspectives.

On 22nd November, 2019, RC28 collaborated with Cluny Women's College, Kalimpong to organize a one-day national seminar on Beliefs, Rituals and Everyday Life.

REPORT ON CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS ORGANIZED IN COLLABORATION WITH INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

International Conference on Society: Reconstruction, Reflection and Responsibilities organized by the Department of Sociology, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, December 10, 11 & 12, 2019

The Department of Sociology, Shivaji University, Kolhapur organized an International Conference *Society: Reconstruction, Reflection and Responsibilities (SRRR)* in collaboration with National and International academic agencies that included Indian Sociological Society, Russian Society of Sociologists, South African Sociological Association, Working Group-5 and RCs05; 14; 34 and 41 of International Sociological Association, BRICS, Asian climate Change Education Center, South Korea and Media Tec Kolhapur as social media partner from 10th to 12th December 2019.



The Conference received financial assistance from UGC and ICSSR and was actively supported by the Shivaji University administration. It was attended by 8 former Vice Chancellors of various Universities in India, with sociological background and 40 senior academicians and 15 international delegates.

The Conference was inaugurated by senior Sociologist and Human Rights Activist Prof. Gail Omvedt. In her address, Prof. Omvedt brought out the relevance of the conference for creating a better society. In his keynote address, Prof. Sukhdeo Thorat, Former Chairman of UGC and as ICSSR, New Delhi brought forth the importance of the conference theme in contemporary times for reconstruction of contemporary society, where several conflicts and challenges still prevail. An all-round development of the country was the need of the hour to establish an egalitarian social order. Prof. Jagan Karade gave the welcome address. Prof. R. Indira, President and Prof. D. R. Sahu, Secretary of Indian Sociological Society were present on the occasion.

The conference was divided into six plenary and twelve technical sessions with the active participation of 90 researchers in addition to eminent professors from India and across the world. The first plenary session of 'Poverty and Inequality: Identity and Complexities' was chaired by Prof. K.L. Sharma, former V.C. Rajasthan and the speakers were Prof. Monogeng Mogalakwe, University of Botswana, Prof. Yufi Adriyani, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University, Indonesia, Prof. Y.N. Chetty, Bangalore University, Dr. Harjit Anand, President, WG-05, ISA, The second plenary session on the same day was on 'Environment and Society: Crisis and Challenges chaired by Prof. R. Indira, President, ISS, New Delhi. The speakers were Dr. Mohinder Slariya, Himachal Pradesh, Prof. Dai Yeun Jeong, Director, Asia Climate Change Education Centre, South Korea and Prof. P. S. Vivek, University of Mumbai, Mumbai.

The third plenary session on the following day i.e. 11th December 2019 was on 'Gender, Ageing and Society: New Trends and Strategies' chaired by Prof. Jasmeet Sandhu, GND University, Amritsar and the speakers were Dr. Argel Masanda, Central Luzon State University, Philippines, Dr. Jade Le Grice, University of Auckland, New Zealand, Prof. Arvinder Ansari, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi. The fourth plenary session was on 'Science, Technology and Society' chairperson of the session was Prof. Hari Babu, Former VC, Central University, Hyderabad, Dr. Mokong Simon Mapadimeng, North West University, South

Africa, Prof. Hemixa Rao, Former VC, Hingu Patan, Gujarat. Fifth plenary session was held on the last day of the conference i.e. 12th December 2019 on 'Neo Liberal, Urban Society and Social Movement in Global Era'. The session was chaired by Prof. D. R. Sahu, Secretary, ISS, New Delhi and the speakers were Prof. V. P. Singh, University of Allahabad, Prof. Jayanthan Govender, University of Kwazulu Natal, South Africa, The last plenary session of the conference was on 'Migration: Issues and Challenges.' The session was chaired by Prof. Samita Manna, Former VC, SKB University, West Bengal and the speakers were Prof. B.B. Mohanty, Pondicherry University, Prof. Kiran Odhav, North West University, South Africa, Prof. S. Guruswamy, Gandhigram University, Tamil Nadu, Prof. R. Rajesh, Registrar (Evaluation), Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, Mysore

A special session of Prof. Vilas Sangave Memorial Lecture, which is organized every year in the department in memory of this eminent Professor was also organized on 10th December 2019. It was chaired by Prof. S.N. Pawar, Former Head, Department of Sociology, Shivaji University, Kolhapur and the special address was given by Prof. Vidyut Joshi, Former VC, M.K. Bhavnagar University, Gujarat. Another special session of *100 Years of Indian Sociology: Retrospect and Prospect* was also organized for putting forward the ongoing journey of sociology in India. The session was chaired by Prof. Uttamrao Bhoite, Former VC, YCMOU, Nashik and Bharati University, Pune & Former President, ISS, New Delhi. The speakers contributing were Prof. B.K. Nagla, Former Head, Rohtak University, Haryana and Prof. P. G. Jogdand, Former Head, University of Mumbai. The 2nd Special session given by Dr. Ajay Gupta, Director, ICSSR, New Delhi. Apart from this, a historic, unique special E-session was also organized on 11th December 2019 which was chaired by Prof. B.C. Barik, Former VC, Sambalpur University, Odisha and the chair person was B. K. Nagla and the speaker of the session was Paramjit Singh Judge. The twelve technical sessions were organized on various sub themes and the ninety (90) researchers presented their research papers and exchanged their ideas and opinions. On the conference eve, there was on 10th and 11th December beautiful presentation of cultural programme which added charm to the conference.

The conference concluded with the valedictory function wherein certificates were distributed to all the participants. Mementos were also given to the session chairs and the valedictory address was delivered by Prof. Arvind Agarwal, Former VC, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Bihar in the presence of Dr. Upendra Choudhary, Director, ICSSR, New Delhi. Vote of thanks was proposed by the co-convenor to all the delegates, organizing committees and the Technical Committee for the smooth conduct and the huge success of the conference. The three day proceedings of the conference was nicely and successfully managed by the teaching and non-teaching faculty, research scholars, and students of MA I - II Department of Sociology. The research contribution is published in the souvenir which is handed over to the participants at the time of registration.

The Department of Sociology, Shivaji University, Kolhapur would like to thank all the delegates who participated in the intensive three days of discussions and exchanging their ideas and views.

International Conference on Interrogating the Trends of Rural Development and Social Transformation in South Asia organized by the Department of Sociology, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar on October 2,3 & 4, 2019

The Department of Sociology, Utkal University and Global Centre for Rural Studies at Utkal University, Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha in collaboration with Indian Sociological Society (ISS) and Indian Anthropological Association (IAA) organized an international conference on **Interrogating the Trends of Rural Development and Social Transformation in South Asia** from October 2 to 4, 2019. About 120 participants drawn from Nepal, Bangladesh, United States and different universities in India presented papers on such themes as contemporary rural development, development projects and social transformation, sustainable agriculture and development, women and development, participatory development, development of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes and role of science and technology in rural development.

The conference began with a special inaugural session on “Mahatma and His Vision on Rural Development and Social Transformation”. The organizing secretary of the conference, Dr. Rabindra Garada, in his welcome address brought out the importance of the conference theme and outlined the importance of the conference outcomes to sociologists, anthropologists, economists and policy analysts across south Asia. The conference was inaugurated by Prof. Triloki Nath Pandey from the University of California. In his address Prof. Pandey highlighted the need to practice Gandhian ethos in one’s personal life. Prof. S.K. Chaudhury from the University of Lucknow stressed on the need to re-live Gandhi in the present context and opined that rural development has to be planned and executed on the Gandhian model. Prof. D.R. Sahu, from Lucknow University, Secretary, Indian Sociological Society, spoke on the relevance of Gandhi in building a just, democratic and equal society. He presented Gandhi as a blend of ‘Culture of Silence’ and ‘Culture of Voice’. While giving a voice to the voiceless

Gandhiji's allegiance to non-cooperation was a symbol of silence. Prof. Annapurna Pandey, anthropologist from the University of California, talked about re-defining development within the Gandhian paradigm. In her opinion; the skilling of women was the cornerstone of rural development and the core value of the Gandhian model.



Prof. Nilika Mehrotra, CSSS, JNU talked about Gandhi's contribution as a political and economic agent. In this context, she focussed on women's movement from the 1970s and discussed certain path-breaking studies on women's movements highlighting their role. Prof R. Indira, President of Indian Sociological Society (ISS) in her Presidential Address emphasized the need for micro studies in the local contexts in order to understand social transformation. She stressed on inter-disciplinary approach to transformation in the context of enhancing the quality of life for different groups in society in general, and marginalized groups in particular. Prof. Soumendra Mohan Patnaik, Vice-Chancellor of Utkal University in his address brought forth the fact that no learning is possible without employing the 3Hs – Head, Heart, and Hand together. Reflecting on the increasing disjuncture between technology and human values, he argued that technological progress may mean having proportionally decreased humane touch. He laid stress on the fact that the four pillars of Gandhian ideology- Swaraj, Swadeshi, Satyagraha, and Sarvodaya are relevant in the present context. Besides the inaugural session the international conference had three plenary sessions and eight parallel technical sessions with 90 papers being presented on different sub-themes of the conference. The three plenary sessions were addressed by 15 speakers who were members of either the Managing Committee or Research Committees of the Indian Sociological Society. These included Prof. Paramjit

Singh Judge, Prof. Samita Manna. Prof. S. Gurusamy, Prof. Pranjal Sarma, Prof. Gayatri Bhattacharya, Prof. Rabindra K. Mohanty, Prof. B.B.Mohanty , Prof.Shruti Tambe, Dr. M. Thamilarasan, Prof.Satish.K. Sharma and Prof. Abhijit Mitra. Prof. Balgovind Baboo, Dr. Sthabir Khora, Dr.Randhakant Barik, Prof. Triloki N. Pandey, Prof. Annapurna Pandey, Prof.Tattwamasi Paltasingh, Prof. Rajkishor Meher and M.d Mohiuddin and Md.Faruk Hossain from Bangladesh also presented their papers. The first Plenary Session was chaired by Prof. R. Indira, President, ISS and co-chaired by Prof. P.S.Vivek. Plenary Session-II was chaired by Prof. Annapurna Pandey and co-chaired by Prof. D.R.Sahu, Secretary, ISS. The third plenary session was chaired by Prof. B.K. Nagla and co-chaired by Prof. B.B.Mohanty. The plenary sessions were well attended. Participants included sociology students, research scholars and faculty members from different departments of Utkal University. For the Department of Sociology, which was organizing its first international conference in collaboration with the Indian Sociological Society, the event was of a very special occasion.

The papers were presented in the parallel technical sessions. Senior faculty members Prof. Nabaneeta Rath, Prof. Rajkishor Meher, Dr. Manaj Kumar Singh, Dr.Tanaya Mahanty, Dr.Sthabir Khora, Dr. Manas Nanda, Dr.Subrata S Satapathy and others chaired the parallel sessions. Prof. S.K. Chaudhury from Lucknow University along with Dr. Swagatika Samal helped in coordinating the plenary and technical sessions of the conference.

The valedictory session of the conference was chaired by Prof. Basanta K. Mallik, Chairman PGC, Utkal University. Prof. Nabaneeta Rath. welcomed the guests. Prof. Paramjit Singh Judge from Guru Nanak Dev University & Editor of Sociological Bulletin gave the Valedictory Address. Prof. Judge explained how Ambedkar's critical view of village is different from that of Gandhi's glorified view.. Nehru, on the other hand also had a critical view of village but did not side either with Gandhi or Ambedkar. Instead, Prof. Judge argued that Nehru saw the constitutional vision of Ambedkar and village Panchayat model of Gandhi. Subsequently many movements are raising their voice against the development interventions.The Conference saw very fruitful deliberations and even opened up a possibility for collaboration between Utkal University and Bangladesh academics.

International Conference on Global Frameworks in the Local Context: Challenges and Way Forward from December 5-7, 2019

The Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh, successfully organized an International Conference on Global Frameworks in the Local Context: Challenges and Way Forward from December 5-7, 2019. The International Conference which was part of Chandigarh Climate Meet (second in the series) was organized by the CRRID, Chandigarh with the support from many leading institutions and government bodies. Indian Sociological Society joined hands with CRRID in this endeavour.

The conference aimed at creating a platform for debating on interlinked issues of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Climate Change Initiatives and New Urban Agenda (NUA).

The conference in all had three panel discussions, 16 technical sessions. A special session was planned to distribute certificates to the environmental, social & legal activists who had worked on environmental regeneration/revitalization/research & social activism. The Conference included three symposia, the first symposium was on *Climate Change, Climate Justice and Resilience*, the second debated on *Cities, Housing, Transport & Environmental Policies & Practices*, while the third addressed *Situating SDGs in Local Context*.

Dr. Manoj Kumar Teotia, was the Conference Coordinator and Dr. Pawan Kumar Sharma was the Co-coordinator. The conference drew delegates from different parts of the country and outside, enriching the existing body of knowledge related to the theme of the conference.

International Conference on Leisure and Social Development in the Post-Modern Era: Contemporary Issues and Challenges organized by Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow on December 02, 03 & 04, 201.

The Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow organised the Conference on behalf of ISA. It was held in the Department of Sociology, Lucknow University, Lucknow, India on behalf of International Sociological Association collaborated by the Ethnographic and Folk Culture Society. The Indian Sociological Society collaborated with the Department of Sociology in the organization of this conference.

The Conference was attended by about 329 delegates including 4 foreign delegates. It had 8 plenary sessions had 15 distinguished speakers and 8 technical sessions were held with about 156 presentations. The inaugural session was presided over by Sri G. Pattnaik, Keynote address was given by Prof. Kenneth Roberts of University of Liverpool, U.K. and the Guest of Honour was Prof. Manoj Dixit, Vice Chancellor, RML Faizabad University. The Valedictory address was delivered by Prof. Francis Lobo of Edith Cowan University, Perth, Australia.

Further we also organised an International workshop on Sociology of Leisure and Happiness in Contemporary World on 17th February, 2020 on behalf of RC 13, ISA. Prof. Alan, Law, University of Trent was the Key Speaker. We have planned to bring out volumes out of the Conference presentations.

National Seminar on Urban and Sustainable Development organized by Department of Sociology, Ranchi University, Ranchi on 27th and 28th September 2019

A two day National Seminar on ***Urban and Sustainable Development*** was organized by Department of Sociology, Ranchi University, Ranchi on 27th and 28th September 2019. This seminar was organized in collaboration with the RC19 (Urban Studies), Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi and was sponsored by Govt. of Jharkhand and Department of Urban Development and Housing, Ranchi Smart City Corporation Ltd.

The Seminar was inaugurated by Prof. Ramesh Kumar Pandey, Vice Chancellor, Ranchi University, Ranchi. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Ranchi University, Ranchi, Prof. Dr. Kamini Kumar was the Chairperson. Dr. Amar Kumar Chaudhary, Registrar of Ranchi University, was the guest of the Seminar. The Keynote address was delivered by Dr. D.R. Sahu, Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow and Secretary Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi.

The seminar in all had six technical sessions and academicians and researchers across the country deliberated on different sub themes of the Seminar.

Karnataka Sociology Association (KSA) National Conference at Karnatak University, Dharwad 13th and 1st September, 2019

A two day National Sociology Conference under the aegis of Karnataka Sociology Association (KSA) was held on 13th and 14th September 2019 at Karnatak University, Dharwad. The Department of Sociology, Karnatak University, Dharwad, hosted the conference. The Theme of the Conference was ***Science, Technology and Society: Responses, Reflections and Responsibilities***.

Prof. R. Indira, President, Indian Sociological Society gave the Special Address in the Inaugural ceremony and Prof. B. K. Nagla, Editor, Bhartiya Samajshastra Sameeksha and Formerly Professor of Sociology, M.D. University, Rohatak, Haryana delivered the Keynote Address.

The inaugural session was followed by Prof. Hiremallur K Ishwaran Memorial Lecture, which was sponsored by Tontadarya Education Trust, Gadag. Prof. Arun Bali, Formerly Deputy Director, ICSSR delivered the invited lecture on ***K. Ishwaran: Refreshing Memories***.

In the First Plenary Session ***Development Disparities in Karnataka*** Prof. Rajesh, Professor of Sociology, Bangalore University, Bengaluru was the plenary speaker.

The Second Plenary Session was titled ***Technology, Marginalisation and Social Change***. The talk was presented by Prof. G.K. Karanth, Formerly Director of Karnataka State Labour Institute, Bangalore and Formerly Professor of Sociology, ISEC, Bangalore.

The Second Prof. C. Parvatamma Memorial Lecture sponsored by Syagale Shivarudramma Charitable, Social and Education Trust, Mysuru was held on day 2. Prof. R. Venkataratnam, Formerly Professor and Head, Dept. of Sociology, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamilnadu spoke on *Science and Technology in India: A Sociologist's View as a Citizen*.

The conference created an academic platform for paper presenters through different Research Committees. The conference drew young researchers and students in large number both within and outside the state of Karnataka.

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