Indian Sociological Society

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General Body Meeting Notice

The General Body Meeting (GBM) of the Indian Sociological Society will be held on Friday, 29th December 2023 at 05.30 pm at Anna Auditorium, Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore. All Life Members are requested to attend the meeting. The following agenda will be taken up for discussion:

Prof. Manish K. Verma
Secretary
Indian Sociological Society

Agenda

1. Welcome address by the President, ISS
2. Condolences
3. To approve the minutes of the General Body held at the USTM Meghalaya on 21st December 2022 at 5:00 PM
4. To present the Secretary’s report for the year 2023
5. To present the Treasurer’s report for the year 2023
6. To approve the Resolution based on the decision of the MC regarding a change in the Membership Fee structure of the ISS and fare to be paid to the MC Members, during its Meeting held on April 28, 2023, at the University of Lucknow
7. To present a report on the mid-term international conference held at the University of Lucknow, Lucknow in collaboration with the Indian Sociological Society on April 28, 2023.
8. To present a report on the 48th All India Sociological Conference, VIT, Vellore.
9. To consider the Report of the Managing Editor, Sociological Bulletin
10. To consider the Report of the Managing Editor, Bharatiya Samajashastra Sameeksha
11. To consider the Report of the Managing Editor, ISS E-Journal- Explorations
13. To Present the Reports of the Managing Committee meetings held on 28th April 2023, and 27th December 2023.

14. To present the report of Regional Associations held on 29th April 2023 and other online meetings, and inform about the formation of the NCRA.

15. To approve the admission of new members

16. Any other issue with the permission of the Chair

29-11-2023

Manish K. Verma
Secretary
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Minutes of the General Body Meeting
Indian Sociological Society
21 December 2022, Wednesday
Time: 5.00 pm
Venue: Central Auditorium, USTM Meghalaya

No. of Members Present: 125 Life members attended the Meeting

The President, Prof. Abha Chauhan chaired the General Body Meeting. She was accompanied by the Secretary, Prof. Manish K. Verma, and the Treasurer, Prof. Shruti Tambe.

Discussion Items

1. President’s Introductory Remarks

The meeting began with a Welcome Address by the President, the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) Prof. Abha Chauhan. She expressed her gratitude to the local organizers of the 47th All India Sociological Conference (AISC), the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM), particularly the Hon’ble Chancellor Mr. Hoque, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sharma and the Organizing Secretary, Prof. B.I. Laskar, the Sociology Department, student volunteers, and the entire USTM team for organizing the Conference most systematically and efficiently. She also thanked the Life Members of the ISS and all others who attended and participated in the Conference.

The President gave a brief report of the Conference, the number of registrations and paper presentations, as well as different plenary and technical sessions. She also congratulated the Research Committee (RC) Conveners and members for their meticulous performance because of which a large number of very good papers were received and presented during the various RC sessions. The President apprised the General Body about the main activities of the ISS of the year 2022, like important decisions taken during meetings of the Managing Committee, RC Conveners, Regional Associations, Editorial Boards; ISS Mid-term International Conference at Awantipora, Kashmir (J&K); Website updates, ISS publications, and lift...
installation at the ISS Delhi office. She also highlighted the proposed activities to be undertaken by the ISS in the year 2023.

2. Condolences
Two minutes of silence was observed during the GBM for the following life members of the ISS (and others whose names are left out inadvertently) who left us in the year 2022.

1. Father. Shaji E. Stanislaus, Bhopal (LMI-3297)
2. Prof. Kulhalli, Bangalore (LMI - 746)
3. Dr. (Mrs) Muthu Chidambaran, Tamil Nadu (LMI - 1268)
4. Dr. P. Kannappan, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu (LMI - 1265)
5. Prof. M. Ramakrishnan, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu (LMI - 1712)
6. Prof. Gail Omvedt, Sangli (LMI - 1802)
7. Dr. Awadh Kishore Pandey, BHU, Varanasi (LMI- 2983)
8. Prof. Sohan Ram Yadav, BHU, Varanasi (LMI -1289)
9. Prof. Suguna Pathy, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat (LMI - 733)
10. Dr. Babita Shrivastava, Rae Bareli (LMI- 2989)
11. Prof. C.N. Natarajan, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu (LMI -1108)

3. To approve the minutes of the General Body Meeting (GBM) held at the University of Mumbai, through online mode on 7th December 2021

The last meeting of the GBM was held at the University of Mumbai, through online mode on 7th December 2021. The minutes of the GBM were accepted and approved by the General Body (GB).

4. To present the Secretary’s Report for the year 2022

The Secretary thanked the outgoing Office bearers of 2020-2021. He presented the details of the progress made by the ISS during the last one year. ISS conducted meetings of the Managing Committee (12th March 2022, 18th July 2022, and 6th September 2022), Conveners of the Research Committees (2nd April 2022 and 5th September 2022), and organized a Workshop for RC Conveners on April 23 in which interaction was organized with two former Presidents of ISS, Prof. Anand Kumar and Prof. R. Indira, and former Secretary Prof. Rajesh Mishra. Meetings with Editors of ISS Journals (Feb 6, 2022, with Editor E-explorations and Feb 12, 2022, with Editors, Bhartiya Samajshastra Sameeksha) and representatives of Sage Publications (Jan 27, 2022) have also been organized. On May 28, 2022, a meeting of the Website Committee, ISS, and IRIS was organised. Again, a meeting of the website committee with ISS office bearers was organised on July 17, 2022, to improve the website. To streamline
the functioning and activities of Regional Associations, a meeting was organised on June 4, 2022, with the representatives of the Regional Associations.

Indian Sociological Society has organized an international mid-term conference (hybrid mode) in collaboration with the Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora, Kashmir on the theme, “Society, Culture and Social Change: Kashmir and Beyond” on September 6 & 7, 2022. The international conference was attended by delegates hailing from India and abroad in both offline and online modes. The two-day conference was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Lt. Governor, Jammu & Kashmir. Now, ISS is holding its most awaited and celebrated annual All India Sociological Conference (AISC) scheduled between December 20-22, 2022 on the theme, “Hundred Years of Sociology in India: Exploring Trajectories for the Future” at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM). The Chief Guest on the occasion is the Hon’ble Governor of Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi.

The Secretary’s report was accepted and approved by the GB.

5. **To present the Treasurer’s Report for the year 2022.**

The Treasurer, Prof. Shruti Tambe, presented the Treasurer’s Report for the financial year 2021-2022 and a brief report to date. The audited balance sheet and the Budget 2023 were circulated among all Life Members of ISS present in the meeting, and approved by the General Body (GB).

GB suggested that a committee should be constituted by the ISS to explore the possibility of utilizing the RC funds to meet the travel expenditure of student members and RC conveners. It was also proposed that publications like Readings in Sociology, Studies in Indian Sociology, and Themes in Indian Sociology can be considered for re-publication from Rawat Publications, Jaipur to generate extra income.

The GB also suggested that the Audit report may be circulated via email before the meeting. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted and approved by the GB.

6. **To present a report on the mid-term International conference held at IUST Awantipora, Kashmir in collaboration with the Indian Sociological Society on September 6-7, 2022**

The President presented a brief report of the Mid-term International Conference held at the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) Awantipora, Kashmir in collaboration with the Indian Sociological Society on September 6-7, 2022. The Conference (hybrid) was held on the theme *Society, Culture and Social Change: Kashmir and Beyond* and attended by several national and international delegates. Various technical and plenary sessions were held.
in which more than 250 participants made their presentations. The Chief Guest during the Inaugural session was the Hon’ble Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Shri Manoj Sinha and Chief Justice Pankaj Mittal, J&K High Court was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory session. The President of the International Sociological Association (ISA), Prof. Sari Hanafi delivered the Keynote Address (Online).

The ISS is thankful to the Vice Chancellor of IUST, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Ramsoo, the Organizing Secretary, Prof. Pirzada M. Amin, and everyone at the IUST for their support and cooperation. The President, ISS informed the GB members that the detailed report of the Conference will be published in the forthcoming ISS E-Newsletter (September - December 2022).

7. **To present a report on the 47th All India Sociological Conference (AISC) at the USTM Meghalaya**

Prof. Bahrul Islam Laskar, the Organizing Secretary of the 47th AISC gave a short report on the ongoing 47th AISC. He highlighted that more than 1200 delegates have registered for the Conference and on-the-spot registration is still going on. He apprised the GB about the preparations undertaken for the Conference and the facilities made available by the USTM. He also thanked the Office Bearers and the ISS for agreeing to their proposal and giving an opportunity to the USTM to organize the 47th All India Sociological Conference. He said that he will send a detailed report of the Conference after its completion. The report will be published in the ISS forthcoming E-Newsletter.

8. **To consider the Report of the Managing Editor, Sociological Bulletin**

The Managing Editor, Prof. B.B Mohanty presented the report at the GBM which was also presented by him to the Editorial Board of Sociological Bulletin held at the USTM on the 21st of December 2022 morning for the year from 6th December 2021 to 15th December 2022. He gave the details about the 71st and 72nd volumes and their issues, besides some other information. The report was accepted by the ISS General Body (Report attached).

9. **To consider the Report of the Managing Editor, Bharatiya Samajashastra Sameeksha**

The Editors’ Report of the Hindi Journal, Bharatiya Samajashastra Sameeksha submitted by Prof. Vivek Kumar was presented by Prof. B.K Nagla, the former editor of the Journal. It was also presented in the Editorial meeting the same morning. The report outlined the information about the details of the two issues of Sameeksha Vol. 9, No. 1 (published) and No. 2 (about to be published). It also expressed concern about the high cost of the Journal and the problem of reaching out to a large number of people in the Hindi belt, the issues discussed by the ISS earlier. The Editor mentioned about organizing two workshops in 2023, in Lucknow and
Delhi (JNU) on writing book reviews and research articles.

Prof. Nagla proposed to publish articles of the ISS Hindi Journal in the form of Edited Books and it was accepted in the Managing Committee Meeting held on 19th December 2022. M/S. Rawat Publications has agreed to publish these volumes/books. Each Volume will have an Editor and the ISS President will be the General Editor.

The report was accepted by the General Body.

10. To consider the Report of the Managing Editor, ISS E-Journal- *Explorations*

The Editor, Prof. Nagaraju Gundemeda was not present at the meeting. The report which was sent by him through email was presented in the meeting by the Secretary, ISS. It was also presented in the Editorial Board meeting on the 21st morning by Dr. Aditya Raj. The report gave the details about the initiatives of the Editor and the two issues of the e-Journal *Explorations* of 2022 (Vol. 6, No. 1 & 2).

The report was accepted by the GB.


In its meeting held on March 12, 2022, at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, the Managing Committee of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) appointed a sub-committee comprising of the following to examine and revise the rules and regulations of the Research Committees (RC) of ISS.

1. Prof. Arvinder Ansari (Convener)
2. Dr. Vinita Singh (Member)
3. Prof. R.K. Makwana (Member)

The Committee examined and revised the norms and regulations of the Research Committees (RC) of the ISS. The report of the Committee was circulated and was discussed threadbare and approved in the RC Conveners meeting held in Kashmir on 5th September 2022. The RC Rules - 2022 were approved by the MC Meeting held on 6th September 2022 at the same venue and were uploaded on the ISS Website. [http://www.insoso.org/images/RC_Rules2022.pdf](http://www.insoso.org/images/RC_Rules2022.pdf)

The New RC Rules - 2022 were approved in the GBM.

12. To Present the Report of the Managing Committee meetings held on 7th December 2021, 12th March 2022, and 6th September 2022.

The GB was apprised that the following committees were formed to expedite the
work of ISS.
To assist Prof. Manish K. Verma, the editor of the E-Newsletter, Prof. Ajailiu Niumai was nominated as the Co-Editor along with others as Members – Prof. Balaji Kendre, Dr. Anshu Kedia, and Dr. Sudha Khokate. A Committee was formed to update the existing life member list. It consists of the following:
1. Prof. Shweta Prasad (Convener)
2. Prof. Tattwamasi Paltasingh (Member)
3. Dr. Vinita Singh (Member)
4. Dr. Alok Kumar Meena (Member)

A Committee was formed to review the election process. Following are the members of the committee:
1. Prof. Shruti Tambe (Convener)
2. Prof. Balaji Kendre (Member)
2. Prof. Manish Thakur (Member)

A Committee was formed to update and handle the ISS website. It comprised of the following:
1. Prof. Ajailui Niumai (Convener)
2. Prof. Shruti Tambe (Member)
3. Dr. Sanjay Tewari (Member)

A Committee to review the status of Regional Associations and coordinate their activities with the ISS was constituted of the following:
1. Prof. Shweta Prasad (Convener)
2. Dr. Anshu Kedia (Member)
3. Dr. Sudha Khokate (Member)

The General Body members were apprised of the decisions taken in the MC Meetings held in December 2021, 12th March 2022, 6th September 2022, and 19th December 2022. The GBM approved the minutes of these meetings.

13. To present the report of Regional Associations held on 4th June 2022 and discuss other issues related to its functioning.
There are 13 Regional Associations of Sociology in India in different states and regions affiliated with the ISS. The representatives of the 12 Regional Associations (RAs) were present. Some new RAs like Jharkhand Sociological Association, represented by Dr. Vinita Singh, the President, and NEISA by its’ Secretary Prof. Ajailiu Niumai gave details about the formation of their organizations. The representatives of other RAs - Bihar Sociological Society, Karnataka Sociology Association, Madhyanchal Sociological Association, Marathi Samajshastra Parishad, NWISA, Odisha Sociological Society, Rajasthan Sociological Association, Sociological Society of Uttar Pradesh, Sociological Society of Himachal Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu Sociology Association also participated actively in the meeting. It was suggested that all RAs would give a small write-up about their organization to be uploaded on the ISS website. They could also give reports about their activities for better and wider dissemination of information. The possibility of forming a common platform to bring all RAs together and organize activities like conferences and seminars was also discussed.

In the MC meeting of JNU held on 12th March 2022, it was decided to enhance the fees of the Regional Association membership to Rs.1000/- for three years starting from April 2022. The report of Regional Associations was accepted by the GBM.

14. To approve the admission of new life members

The new life members from LMI 5169 - LMI 5566 were admitted to the ISS. It was informed that their names and other details will appear on the ISS Website Membership list and the forthcoming ISS E-Newsletter. The GB approved the admission of the new Life Members to the ISS.

15. Any other issue with the permission of the Chair

Website Committee Convener Prof. Ajailiu Niumai informed the GB about the poor condition of the ISS website and problems in the functioning of the Society. The Convener of the Membership Directory Upgradation Committee, Prof. Shweta Prasad apprised the house about the progress in this direction. Various MC members also expressed their views.

Members of the General Body raised several issues and the Office Bearers answered the queries to their satisfaction.

The Meeting ended with a Vote of thanks to the Chair and all life members of ISS present during the GBM.

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