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Dear Colleagues,

This brings you warm greetings from the President's desk!!!

The preparations for the 44th All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society being hosted by St. Philomena's College at Mysuru on December 27, 28 and 29, 2018 on the theme *Reconstructing Sociological Discourse in India: Perspectives from the Margins* are on in full swing. We extend a cordial welcome to all of you to Mysuru and invite you to experience the academic and cultural ambience of the Conference and the city.

I am glad that the response to the conference has been encouraging and supportive. Nearly 820 abstracts have been submitted and about 900 delegates have registered. Besides, 4 slots, each of one and a half hours duration have been allotted for presentation of papers through 27 Research Committees and One Adhoc Group. There are three plenary sessions and two Endowment Lectures during the three day conference period. The General Body meeting of the ISS is scheduled to be held on December 28, 2018 at 6.15 PM.

The Conference is being inaugurated by Prof. Margaret Abraham, Immediate Past President of International Sociological Association and Professor of Sociology, Hofstra University, USA. Lifetime Achievement Awards are being presented to Prof. M.N. Karna and Prof. Gail Omvedt. The Professor Radhakamal Mukerjee Memorial Lecture is being delivered by Prof. R.K. Jain and the Professor M.N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture by Prof. N. Jayaram. The Professor M.N. Srinivas Memorial Prize is being presented to Dr. Subhasis Sahoo from the Department of Sociology, Central University of Allahabad.

The Indian Sociological Society is growing in strength from year to year. Today we have 4668 Life Members and 564 Ordinary and Student Members have joined us in the past one year. A really heartening development is the increase in the number of research students and younger faculty from colleges and university departments across the country. We have also initiated a review of member lists and are trying to locate the addresses of members that are missing or have

changed, through our regional associations and members who may be aware of their present locations.

During the year three issues of *Sociological Bulletin* and one issue of *Bharatiya Samajashastra Sameekha* have been published. The second issue of *Sameeksha* would be out soon. The April 2018 issue of the ISS E journal *Explorations* has been released. The first issue of the ISS e-Newsletter (January-September 2018) has also been uploaded in the ISS website and the second issue is on the anvil.

I have been informed by Prof. Sujata Patel, Immediate Past-President of ISS that the two volumes of ISS conference papers presented at the plenaries in Tezpur and Lucknow, to be published by Orient Blackswan are in the production process. While the Tezpur volume will go into production next month, the one from Lucknow will do so after March 2019.

I am happy that a number of students of sociology both at the graduate and undergraduate level, and research scholars are travelling to Mysore from all parts of the country to participate in this Conference. This ensures continuity between different generations of the sociology fraternity, while at the same time giving an opportunity to young scholars and students to understand the discipline in its various manifestations.

Looking forward to meeting you in Mysuru.

Sincerely yours,
R. Indira