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President's Message



Dear colleagues,

Warm greetings to all.

It has been an academically packed last three months as the Newsletter would show. The yearlong events ended with a very well attended and intellectually vibrant 49th AISC held at BML Munjal University in Gurugram, Haryana. This was a fitting end to a year filled with activities held by different Research Committees in collaboration with various colleges, universities and research institutions across the country.

A little more than a year ago, I had shared a vision document that I was committed to, were I to become the President of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS). There were two basic points that I had flagged of at that time. It is time that to revisit them. One was a widely felt the need to have academic workshops for basic sociological skills to be upgraded. The other was to build the ISS website not just as an efficient gateway to the ISS but also as an e learning resource.

Academic workshops help develop multiple skills that are essential for contemporary research as well as for the work world. Such workshops apart from sites of training also facilitates greater interaction between generations of scholars, across regions and thereby create a space for dialogic learning. As 2024 ended, we can assert with some confidence that it has been a year marked by a range of such academic workshops led by the ISS. This would not have been possible without the leadership of the Research Committees taking initiatives to

hold not just workshops but also mid-term conferences apart from the new initiative to have regular online lectures by subject experts.

Most of the online lectures have been recorded and uploaded on the ISS website. These are early beginnings to develop the ISS website as an e-learning resource for high quality sociological content that is also easily accessible. It will one hopes helps bridge the gap between research and teaching. And opens possibilities of continuous learning. We hope that over the next year, this process gets consolidated.

Looking forward to 2025 which is also the year of the 50th AISC.

Thanking you
Warm wishes

Maitrayee Chaudhuri

Secretary's Message



Dear Colleagues,

Namste!!

As we step into a new year following the successful 49th All India Sociological

Conference (AISC) at Munjal University, Gurugram, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your participation, engagement, and unwavering commitment to advancing sociological thought and practice. This conference, marking another milestone in the journey of the **Indian Sociological Society**, brought together distinguished scholars, young researchers, and practitioners to deliberate on critical themes shaping our discipline and society.

The academic richness of the conference was evident in the depth of discussions and research presentations across diverse domains. Special thanks are due to the local organizing team for their impeccable efforts in ensuring a seamless experience.

As we move forward, ISS remains committed to strengthening *interdisciplinary dialogues, regional engagement, and policy-oriented research*. The year 2025 holds special significance as we prepare to celebrate **50 years of All India Sociological Conference** this year.

Furthermore, our **research committees, publications, and collaborative networks** continue to expand, offering members opportunities to contribute meaningfully. As we shape the roadmap for the **50th AISC**, we look forward to wider participation,

innovative research, and deeper engagement with pressing social realities.

I invite all members to share their insights, achievements, and reflections for upcoming newsletters, ensuring that ISS remains a vibrant intellectual space. Let us continue to build on our collective strength and commitment to **sociology's role in shaping a just and equitable society**.

Looking forward to your continued participation.

With best wishes,



Prof. Shweta Prasad
Secretary, Indian Sociological Society

REPORT OF THE 49TH AISC, BMU, MUNJAL UNIVERSITY

December 21, 2024, marked the beginning of the 49th All India Sociological Conference at BMU, Munjal University, with a series of pre-conference activities setting the stage for events over the next three days and shaping the agenda for the main conference.

The pre-conference meetings on December 21, 2024, witnessed active participation and productive discussions. Various sessions were held, including the Research Committee/Adhoc Group Conveners' Meeting, Editorial Board Meeting, ISS Managing Committee Meeting, and Regional Associations' Meeting. These sessions provided a platform for meaningful exchanges among committee members, setting the stage for the main conference.

The conference, centred on the theme "Sociology, Democracy, and Development," resonated throughout the plenary and RC sessions. The inaugural session on December 22, 2024, featured an inspiring address by the Chief Guest, Ms. Urvashi Butalia, a distinguished scholar and advocate for social justice. To enhance accessibility, the session was live-streamed. The first plenary session, "Debating Development and Democracy," was chaired by Prof. Bandana Purkayastha and featured eminent speakers such as Prof. Surinder Singh Jodhka and Prof. Virginius Xaxa, who provided diverse perspectives on the interplay of development and democracy. The prestigious R.K. Mukherjee Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. Swapan Kumar Bhattacharyya. The day also included an engaging Research Committee session and concluded with a vibrant cultural program that showcased the rich heritage of Haryana.

On December 23, 2024, the second day of the conference continued with Research Committee sessions. The second plenary session deepened the exploration of the theme "Sociology, Democracy, and Development," with insightful discussions by Prof. Geoffrey Pleyers and Prof. Rajni Palriwala, under the chairmanship of Prof. Dipankar Gupta. The day also featured the M.N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture, where Prof. Satish Deshpande highlighted the sociological nuances of contemporary issues. A special student panel session, "What Sociology Means for Us," allowed PhD scholars to share their perspectives, sparking an engaging dialogue with attendees.

The final day, December 24, 2024, began with the Professor Yogendra Singh Memorial Lecture, delivered by Prof. Karuna Chanana and chaired by Prof. Geetha Nambissan. This was followed by the third plenary session, which had two segments focusing on "The Sociology of the Region (NCR and Haryana)." These sessions shed light on local challenges and solutions through a sociological lens. The conference concluded with the valedictory session, where Research Committee reports were presented, summarizing the discussions that took place over the three days.

Overall, the 49th AISC at BMU, Munjal University, was an important academic gathering that brought together scholars and researchers, reflecting the Indian Sociological Society's commitment to advancing the discipline.

SECRETARY'S REPORT OF THE INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY FOR 2024

Respected Members of Indian Sociological Society,

It is my privilege to present the Secretary's Report for the year 2024, that highlights the diverse activities undertaken by the Indian Sociological Society throughout the year. The year has been marked by a host of scholarly engagements, cutting-edge discussions, and valuable collaborations.

i. Administrative Activities

The year started with the office bearers of the ISS taking charge on 5th of January, 2024 for the term January 2024 to December 2025. Thereafter several key meetings with the RC conveners and MC members were conducted to streamline the Society's functioning and plan activities for the year ahead.

The year began with meetings with the Managing Committee members on 13th January and the RC Conveners on 17th February in online mode. These meetings were held, mainly to understand the issues that needed attention and to frame agenda for the forthcoming meetings.

On 9th March 2024, the Managing Committee meeting was held at JNU, New Delhi, followed by another meeting in Mumbai on 21st July 2024. On the same day, the ISS organized a Special Workshop for the RC Conveners in Mumbai itself, where several critical issues related to the functioning of RCs were streamlined. Additionally, a meeting with the present Editorial Board of the Sociological Bulletin took place on 5th February 2024 in online mode, during which some crucial decisions were taken.

ii. Academic Activities of the ISS

On the academic front, the ISS has successfully organized a wide range of lectures, workshops, seminars, and conferences, furthering its mission of promoting sociological research and knowledge dissemination. Over the year, more than 60 academic activities were conducted in collaboration with RCs, Ad Hoc Groups (AGs), and regional associations in both online and offline mode (on themes of critical significance). Some of the themes focused upon were- gender; ecology; food culture & history; pedagogy; migration and diaspora; urban landscape; agrarian studies; globalization; family values; child protection; participatory approaches; the crisis in Indian higher education; wealth elites and challenges of 21st century.

One workshop that needs special mention was organized under the aegis of the ISS where 7 different regional associations collaborated. The workshop was focused on improving research quality among the young researchers of the Hindi speaking belt.

Workshops and Faculty Development Programs

Workshops and faculty development programs remained a cornerstone of ISS activities, addressing methodological, theoretical, and practical aspects of sociology. The Research Methodology initiatives included a five-day International Research Methodology Workshop by RC-25 in hybrid mode, a seven-day National Workshop on Qualitative Research for Young Social Scientists in collaboration with regional associations, and a Mixed Methods Research Workshop at VIT Chennai, incorporating SPSS, NVivo, and AI.

Workshops on proposal writing and pedagogy included the Seven-Day International Workshop by RC-25. A significant Faculty Development Program on Theory, Method, and Techniques was organized by Christ, Delhi NCR in collaboration with ISS. Seminars and conferences were equally impactful, with national seminars such as "Freedom and Unfreedom in Everyday Life" by North Bengal University and RC-28; a three-day seminar on "Migration and Diaspora: Challenges and Opportunities" by RC-04; and the midterm seminar of RC-10 on Gender Studies. Annual conferences were successfully held by Bangalore, Karnataka, Kerala, and Chhattisgarh Sociological Societies.

iii. Website

We renewed our services with GlueUp for the year 2024-2025. However, as we were (and still are) facing issues, mainly access related as it is a US based company, we were in search of India based vendors. For this we invited proposals from vendors and received proposal for the same from 8 vendors. On the basis of the services they offered to provide and the amount to be charged, we shortlisted 5 vendors for a few rounds of interviews. After these meetings-cum-interviews, one vendor WebTech has been finalized and currently we are in the process of shifting our data to this new website. This website will become fully functional by March next year i.e. 2025.

iv. ISA Grant

ISA Grant Application Form for National Associations' Activities during the period 2023-2027 for website updation.

The ISS was sanctioned an amount of Rs. 30,000 for the purpose, of which Rs. 15,000 has been received and the remaining amount of Rs. 15,000 is awaited.

v. Changes in the Editorial Board

In an online meeting with the members of the editorial board held on 5th of February, 2024, it was decided to introduce certain changes to lessen the burden of the Managing Editor and to ensure timely publication of the Bulletin and other journals. It was resolved that Associate editors and Book Review editors will be appointed for the purpose.

The Managing Editor informed that Bulletin's Impact factor is 0.45

As Prof. B. B. Mohanty is completing his tenure of 5 years, Prof. Manish Thakur has agreed to shoulder the responsibility of the new Managing Editor. His 5 years term will start on 1st of January 2025.

On behalf of ISS, the Secretary proposed a vote of thanks for Prof. Mohanty and welcomed Prof. Thakur.

In the end, the Secretary extended gratitude to all members, collaborators, and resource persons for their invaluable contributions and expressed hope for their continued support. Additionally, the Secretary, Prof. Shweta Prasad, conveyed sincere appreciation to the Managing Committee members, RC and AG Conveners, for their active participation and cooperation in making these achievements possible.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE/ AD HOC GROUP REPORTS

RC 01 -Theory and Practice in Sociology

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49th All India Sociological Conference, Indian Sociological Society, held on **22-24 Dec 2024**, at BML Munjal University, Gurgaon, had following activities undertaken in RC-01. Total abstracts received were 37, 32 shortlisted and 28 presented. 6 papers were presented on the theme of **Social Theory** and different issues in theorization. 4 papers dealt with **Gender Dynamics** and social and cultural aspects of gender. 5 papers looked at the **Question of Disability and its relation to social practices**. In the session on **Field and Methodology**, 8 papers engaged with different issues related to fieldwork, methodology, data collection, questions of identity, ethnography, decolonial epistemology, researcher's positionality etc. RC 01 also organized a special Panel Discussion on *Humour, Politics and Democracy in India* with 5 panelists.

During the AISC, there were two special lectures organized in offline mode:

1. "Fieldwork Traditions: In search of roots" by Prof. S. M. Patnaik, Dept of Anthropology, University of Delhi
2. "Consumption Cultures, Youth and Questions of Modernity" Prof. Nita Mathur from IGNOU New Delhi.

Business Meetings Agendas and Discussion

Members of RC 01 discussed the future plan and activities for the coming year 2025:

- A. RC 01 decided to organize **Two Lectures in January and Feb online** as part of RC 01 Lecture Series. RC 01 also planned to organize a **Writing Workshop in April, 2025**.
- B. An interim one-day lecture was organized in November, 25 2024, Prof. Sanjay Roy, Dept of Sociology, NBU Siliguri delivered a lecture on 'Subjectivation in Theory'.
- C. Editing volumes out of papers from last three RC sessions in year 2022, 2023, 2024.
- D. To actively work, share and advertise RC activities on social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram.
- E. To organize Discussion Forums for PhD Scholars on Theorization and Engaging Theory
- F. RC 01 also reconstructed its Core Group to conduct different activities, with following members: Prof. Nilika Mehrotra, Dr. Suraj Beri, Ayush, Junaid, Divya, and Koumudi
- G. RC 01 Convenor also discussed with the members to constitute an Advisory Committee with Prof. Abha Chauhan, Prof. Sukant K. Chaudhary, Prof. S. M. Patnaik, and Prof. Rukmini Sen.

RC-2 Studies on Family, Marriage & Kinship

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The committee's work was central to the success of the conference, with numerous relevant papers presented during the six sessions of RC 02, chaired by prominent sociologists and included high-level academic discussions and presentations. A total of 68 abstracts were submitted to the conference, out of which 65 were shortlisted for presentation.

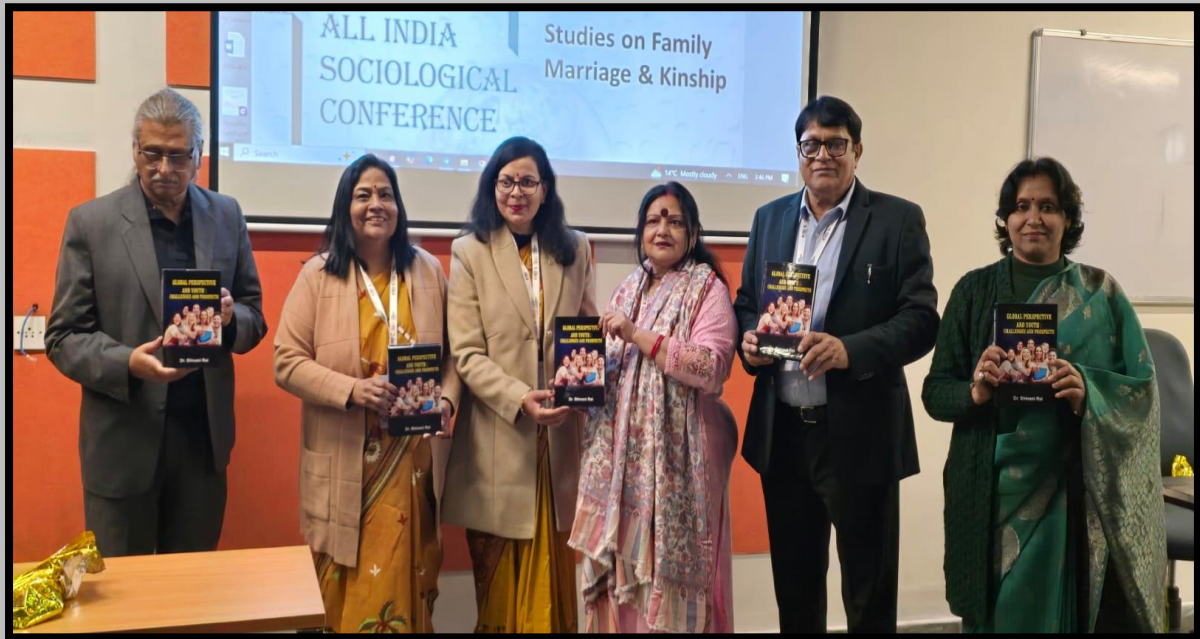
The RC was hosted the first KM Kapadia Memorial Lecture, which was delivered by Professor Abha Chauhan, the former president of the Indian Sociological Society, providing deep insights into the intersection of sociology, democracy, and development.

In addition to academic discussions, the conference also served as a platform for the launch of three remarkable books by the RC, each addressing key social issues:

1. **Women Entrepreneurship: Trends in the 21st Century**, authored by **Prof. (Lt.) Lata Kumar** – This book explores the evolving role of women in entrepreneurship and their profound impact on modern economies. It examines the changing landscape for women entrepreneurs, their struggles, and their triumphs in today's competitive world.
2. **Sculpting Tomorrow: Women & Children in a Changing Global Environment**, a collaborative work by **Prof. (Lt.) Lata Kumar** and **Dr. Preeti Singh** – This book delves into

the challenges and opportunities faced by women and children in the contemporary globalized environment, highlighting the sociological and economic aspects of their lives.

3. **Global Perspectives & Youth: Challenges and Prospects**, authored by Dr. Shivani Roy – This book offers a deep exploration of the complexities and aspirations of youth in a globalized context, addressing key social challenges and opportunities for the younger generation.



Another important event during the conference was the dedicated business meeting with the RC 02 members. This meeting allowed committee members to discuss ongoing projects, share research progress, and brainstorm new ways to strengthen the work of the committee.

The first session, focusing on sociological perspectives on gender and society, explored a wide range of topics that highlighted the intersection of family, culture, and societal norms, spurring intense discussions on the role of culture, religion, and democracy in shaping family structures. The second session concentrated on the impact of modern parenting on family life and the role of traditional family values in shaping youth. Session 3 focused on the dynamics of **marriage, family, and kinship** in the changing socio-economic landscape of contemporary India in response to global trends, digital technologies, and changing cultural norms. The session presented a rich set of papers that investigated the intersection of globalization, digitalization, and family life, with a particular focus on gender, agency, and the transformation of traditional norms.

Session 4 focused on **marriage, family, and kinship** within the context of contemporary social transformations. The papers presented in this session explored a variety of sociological issues concerning the changing institution of marriage, youth's perception of marriage, the impact of

digital technologies, and the socio-cultural dimensions of early marriage and teenage pregnancy. Session 5 focused on **the evolving dynamics of marriage, relationships, and family structures** in the 21st century, and **social justice** in the context of modern challenges. This session examined the factors influencing marriage, the changes in societal norms, and the impact of culture, technology, and socio-economic shifts in family life. In particular, two key papers were presented that dealt with contemporary issues: **grey divorce** and **the evolving nature of relationships** in modern society.

Session 6 centred on **gender, sexuality, and social justice**, addressing some of the most pressing and evolving social issues in contemporary India. This session featured thought-provoking papers on the topics of **homosexual and asexual couples' access to reproductive technologies, domestic violence, and the intersectionality of gender and disability** among university students. These papers emphasized the importance of understanding the complexities of social identities, rights, and inclusivity in today's society.



The 49th AISC hosted by BML Munjal University was an intellectually stimulating event that provided an important platform for academics to discuss critical sociological issues related to family, development, democracy, and social change. The keynote lecture by Professor Abha Chauhan, the book launches, and the rich academic discussions during the six sessions added immense value to the event, ensuring its success. The outcomes of the business meeting with RC 02 members further strengthened the committee's work, promising future collaborations. This conference marked a significant contribution to sociological research in India, fostering greater awareness and understanding of the dynamic relationship between sociology, development, and democracy.

RC 03: Economy and Society

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A total of 30 abstracts were received for this conference by the RC, 26 abstracts were accepted and 18 participants presented their papers. There were four sessions: the first session, “Prof. D.N. Dhanagare Memorial Lecture”, set the tone of the Conference on 22.12.2024 with Prof. B. K. Nagla in the Chair and Prof. Manish Thakur (Professor, IIM Kolkata) with his seminal presentation entitled “Engaging with the Economic: A Plea for an Agenda” along with three paper presentations; the second session was by Prof. Jayashree; and the third and fourth sessions were chaired by Prof. S. Sampath Kumar and Prof. Sathish K. Sharma respectively.

On Tuesday the 23rd of December 2024 at 3.30 p.m., a business meeting was held and the resolutions passed were as follows: Prof. Jayashree, S. (Dean and Senior Professor, Department of Sociology, Karnatak University, Dharwad, Karnataka) was unanimously elected as the Convenor for the next tenure (2025-2026) of RC 03 with the consent of Prof. S. Sampath Kumar (Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore – 641046, Tamil Nadu) to continue as Co-Convenor and Treasurer. And it was further resolved that (i) Prof. B.B. Mohanty (Pondicherry University), (ii) Prof. R. Maruthakutti (Manonmaniam Sundaranar University), (iii) Prof. Biswamber Panda (North Eastern Hill University), (iv) Prof. Tattwamsi Palta Singh (Sambalpur University) and (v) Dr. Deepali Aparajita Dungdung (Ranchi University) will constitute the Advisory Committee for RC03 of the next tenure 2025-2026.

Prof. D.N. Dhanagare Memorial Lecture, 2024



Prof. D. N. Dhanagare Memorial Lecture (sixth in series) organised under RC 03, ISS. This session was Chaired by Prof. B. K. Nagla. The lecture on 'Engaging with the Economic: A plea for an Agenda' delivered by Prof. Manish Thakur .

RC 04: Migration and Diaspora Studies

Convener: Dr. M. S. Jayakumar

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RC04 has organized the Fifth Lecture by Dr. Divya Balan, Assistant Professor and Area Chair of International Studies, Flame University, Pune on 25th October 2024. Dr. Bhaskar Teegela, Assistant Professor, Sociology at School of Social Sciences, M S Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bengaluru moderated.

The Mid Term National Conference of RC 04 was held on 14-16 November 2024 in Hybrid Mode in Association with the Centre for Diaspora Studies, University of Kerala, and funded by the University of Kerala. It was inaugurated by Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri, the President of ISS and Prof. Shweta Prasad, the Secretary of ISS gave a special address. It was a great success as we received quite a large number of abstracts not only from India but also from abroad, out of which, 81 were selected for presentation.

RC04 had remarkable presence in the 49th Annual Sociological Conference held on 22-24 December 2024 at BMU Munjal University, Gurgaon, Haryana. We received a total of 65 abstracts, out of which 42 were selected and presented in four packed sessions chaired by Prof. Anisur Rahman, Jamia Millia Islamia; Prof. Naresh Kumar, Centre for Diaspora Studies, Central University of Gujrat; Prof. Ajailiu Niumai, University of Hyderabad and Prof. Sakul Kundre, National University of Fiji.

The Business Meeting of the RC was conducted at 5.30 on 23 December 2024 at BMU Munjal University. The esteemed members including Professors Ajailiu Niumai, Joanna Pereira, Sakul Kundre, Nupur Pattanaik etc. attended the meeting. The membership of RC04 went up substantially and is nearing 100. The RC-04 is in the process of rolling out the Silver Jubilee Souvenir compiling the notes from all the eight convenors that tell its origin and evolution.

RC-05- Sociology of Education

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The Research Committee 05 on Sociology of Education received over 60 abstracts, which were divided into four sets, each assigned to one of the three reviewers: Prof. G. Nagaraju, Prof. R. Rajesh, and Dr. Mosam Trivedi. After the review process, 56 abstracts were accepted.

The Research Committee 05 organized a novel inaugural session on the first day, inviting Prof. G. Nagaraju from the University of Hyderabad, who was the convener of the RC earlier. Prof. Nagaraju delivered the inaugural lecture on "Sociology of Education in India: Epistemological Issues and Methodological Challenges," setting the tone for the following three days of presentations.

Following the inaugural lecture, two paper presentation sessions were held in parallel sessions A and B chaired by Prof. P. H. Mohammad and S. Nagaraja of Tumkur University respectively. Following the paper presentations, a session on Panel Discussion, chaired by Dr. B H

Anjanappa, Department of Sociology, Kuvempu University, Shivmoga, Karnataka was held on the theme “Empowering Future: Innovations and Challenges in Education in Indian States” wherein Professor R. Rajesh from Bengaluru University, Dr. R Santhosh from Karnataka State Open University, Mysore and Prof. P. H. Mohammad representing MANUU Hyderabad, have participated.

On day two, two parallel sessions were held between 8:30 AM to 9:45 A.M, chaired by Prof. B. N. Dubey, BBAU and Dr. Shanthi Sheshadri, MMPS Women’s College, Mumbai. In these two sessions, the issues of technological integration in education, teaching democracy in the classroom, educational aspirations, the educational benefits accrued through government schemes and programs, etc., were presented.

Later, on day two, between 3:30 PM to 5:45 PM, the other two parallel sessions were held, chaired by Dr. Hazrath Saheb Nadaf, Department of Studies and Research in Sociology, Tumkur University and Prof. R. Rajesh of Bangalore University, respectively. Factors like marginalization across gender, tribes, spatial segregation, etc., affecting access to education were presented.

On the last day, the papers were presented in two sessions chaired by Dr. G. N. Nimbarte, Head, Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, VNIT, Nagpur and the Convener on the theme- NEP 2020, dominant textbook culture, etc. The Research Committee ended its programme with a Panel Discussion session on the theme “Marginalities, Intersections and Education”.

The panel was proposed and chaired by Professor Geetha Nambissan of Zakir Hussain Centre for Educational Studies, JNU, with her former students- (1) Prof. Nivedita from Lakshmibai College, University of Delhi; (2) Dr. Tripti Bassi from Lady Sriram College for Women, University of Delhi; (3) Prof. Radhika Menon, Mata sundry College for Women, Gender, and (4) Prof. Dr. Yaminin Agarwal, Max Weber Forum for South Asian Studies, New Delhi as speakers and presented papers based on their empirical research, addressing diverse themes, including caste, gender, and education; religion, gender, and marginalization; gender and spatial inequalities in education; and the impact of COVID-19 on new marginalities in education.

The proceedings of the Research Committee – 05 came to an end with the formal vote of thanks offered by convener to the participants, the chairing members, the organizers of both the ISS and the hosting body – BML MU.

RC 06: Sociology of religion

Convener: Dr. Joseph M.T.

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For the 49th All India Sociological Conference, RC06, Sociology of Religion received 75 abstracts of which 56 abstracts were accepted for presentation. All the 56 paper presentations were done in two parallel sessions. Seven papers were part of a roundtable titled ‘*decolonising sect: re-conceptualising the indic religious traditions*’ conceptualised and moderated by Dr. Daisy

Barman. Another set of five papers were part of a panel titled '*religion in everyday life*,' conceptualised and moderated by Dr. Saidalavi P.C. The sessions were chaired by Prof. Virginius Xaxa, Prof. Gita Chadha, Dr. Vaishali Diwakar, Dr. Vishav Raksha, Prof. P.S. Vivek and Dr. Manisha Rao. In addition to the roundtable and the panel mentioned above the other papers dealt with the following themes: sacred geographies and urban religious places, religious identity and transformation, religion, politics and social dynamics, cultural practices and rituals, marginalisation and social reconstruction, modernity, economy, and religion.

The business meeting of RC06 was held at room number NB206. The number of members present for the meeting was 30. The following members are elected to the executive committee of RC06 for the upcoming term: Dr. Joseph M.T. is re-elected as convenor after completion of two years of tenure, Dr. Daisy Barman, co-convenor, Dr. Saidalavi, secretary and treasurer. The following are elected as members of the executive committee: Dr. Aditya Kapoor, Dr. Bhaswati Borgohain, Dr. Racheal D'Sangma, Dr. Ankita Patra, Dr. Lekha N.B., Dr. Farsana K.P., and Ms. Nazreen Fatima. The plan that was discussed at the meeting for the next year include: a midterm research methodology workshop for PhD scholars doing research in areas related to the Sociology of religion, book discussions online, online special lectures, a newsletter of the RC, and publication of selected papers from 49th AISC in an edited volume.

RC- 07- Adivasi and Tribal Studies

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The Research Committee- 07 on Adivasi and Tribal Studies had received 62 abstracts and 53 were accepted for presentation however 49 people presented in 8 sessions held in two rooms. The session chaired by Prof. S.M. Patnaik of Delhi University, Prof. D.R. Sahu of Lucknow University, Prof. Abhik Ghosh of Punjab University, Prof. Antony Palackal of University of Kerala, Prof. Nilika Mehrotra of CSSS JNU, Prof. Sangram Gunjal of Baba Saheb Ambedkar Marathawada University, Prof. Tattwamasi Paltasingh of Sambalpur University. They were also co-chaired by Dr. Rita Malachi, Dr. Iswar Naik, Dr. N.B. Lekha, Dr. Manoranjan Das, and Dr. Simashree Bora.



The issues discussed were:

1. Educational infrastructure and resources among tribes,
2. Health, nutrition, and both traditional and modern practices,
3. Impact of Globalisation and loss of livelihood,
4. Tribe and caste continuum,
5. Tribal identity formation, and
6. Alcoholism and substance abuse.

The case studies covered the tribes from almost the entire India. In fact, the session started first day with Prof. J.K. Pundir, delivering the 4th Prof. Vinay Kumar Memorial Lecture on the current challenges of tribal studies in India. It was chaired by Prof. S.M. Patnaik of Delhi University.

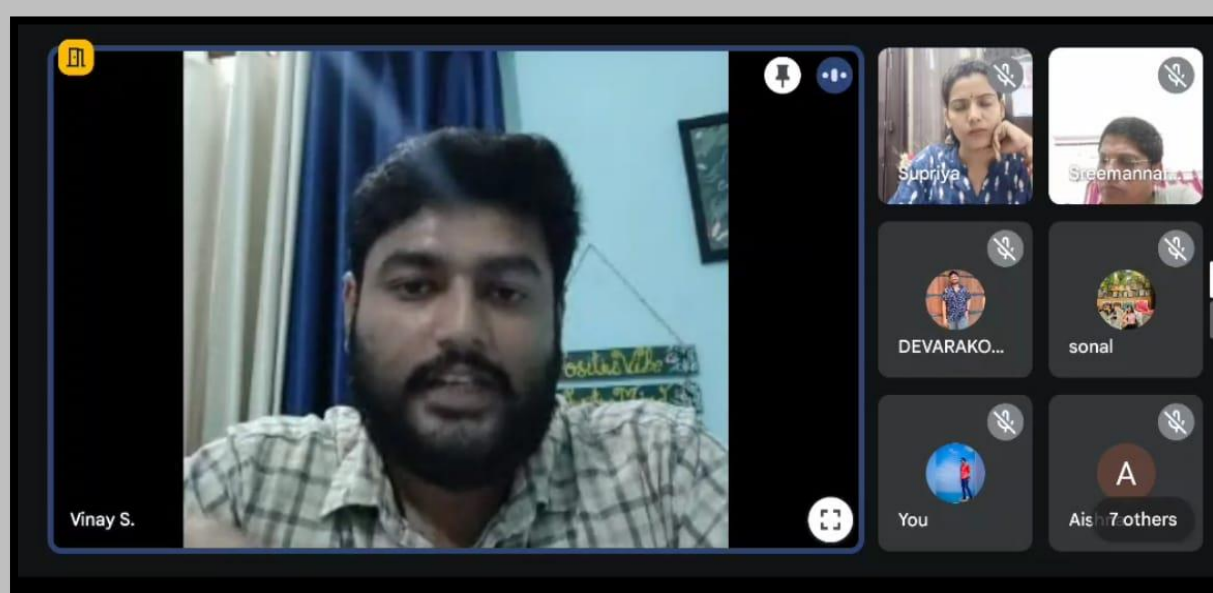
In the end, a Business Meeting was held and elected members during 48th conference held at the Vellore were confirmed. They are: Convener- Prof. S.K. Chaudhury, Co-convenor- Dr. Arvind Haldankar, Secretary- Mr. Prashant Anand, Members- Dr. Sangram Gunjal, Miss Samprikta Chatterjee, Dr. Shipra Sagarika. In addition, Miss Jeba Anjum has been nominated as a member.

RC 08: Inequalities, Stratification and Exclusion Studies

Convener: Dr. V. Sreemannarayana Murthy

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On 5th September 2024, the RC 08 organized an online lecture on "On Digital Divide: Reading Jan Van Dijk" by Dr. Vinay Singh Chauhan, Department of Sociology, Rajendra Prasad Degree College, Bareilly. The speaker dwelt on the concept of Digital Divide in general and its applications in Western and Indian contexts. He explained the consequences of the 'Divide' in India where digital technology is moving at a galloping pace on one hand and the access to technology is limited to some sections while some sections are totally bereft of the technology.



About twenty academics attended the lecture and there was a meaningful discussion towards the end of the lecture.

On 6th December 2024, the RC 08 organized an online lecture on "Privatization of Ports and Transformation of Ecological Regions: Dynamics of Exclusion and Marginalization in a South Indian Coast" by Prof Purendra Prasad, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad. The lecture explained the manifest and latent dysfunctions affecting the displaced and the dispossessed and the ecology in general due to the privatization of ports in India, through an empirical study in East Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh. While mapping the environmental transformation, the talk analyzed contestations at local and global level and also dealt with dynamics of accumulation, marginalization and social exclusion. 74 academics attended the thought-provoking lecture and there followed a meaningful discussion towards the conclusion.

On 23rd December 2024, at the 49th All India Sociological Conference held at BML Munjal University, Gurugram, the RC 08 organized a special lecture on "Climate Smart Aquaculture in Coastal Regions of India: The Logic of Accumulation and Marginalization" by Prof Purendra Prasad, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad. The lecture focused on the Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh where paddy fields were converted into shrimp ponds on a large scale. It dealt with the 'control of aquaculture' by large corporations in the form of hatcheries; illegal antibiotics; high costs of cultivation; pollution of the land due to discharge of effluents; environment and climate change; threat to the livelihood of small fishermen; drastic reduction in rice production; marginalization of labourers; violation of Coastal



Regulation Zone Notification 1991, and Coastal Aquaculture Authority (Amendment) Act 2023. The attitude of the neo-liberal regime was examined through theoretical applications and empirical evidence. About 35 members participated and the lecture was followed by a meaningful discussion.

RC-09 : Dalit Studies

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The online meeting of RC-9 was conducted in the end of July in which the future plan was discussed. The tentative future plan undertaken is as follows: “Two Day International Workshop” will be held at Panaji, Goa, in association with Department of Sociology, Smt. Minal Been Mehta College, and District Satara.

RC-10: Gender Studies

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In the last quarter of 2024, the Research Committee on Gender Studies (RC-10) of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) organized a Mid-Term Conference, and a lecture Series, and participated in the 49th All India Sociological Conference. These events brought together scholars, researchers, and activists to deliberate on gender issues, feminist methodologies, and the role of gender in contemporary sociological frameworks. The following report provides a detailed account of these activities;

Two-Day Mid-Term Conference of RC-10, September 20-21, 2024

The Mid-Term National Conference, organized on September 20–21, 2024, at K.C. College, Mumbai, revolved around the theme “*Interrogating Sociology: Feminist (Re)Imagination.*” The conference sought to challenge conventional sociological paradigms and explore feminist re-imaginings of knowledge, pedagogy, and theory creating a vibrant and thought-provoking



academic atmosphere. Prof. Leena Pujari acted as the organising secretary of the conference.

The conference commenced with an inaugural session chaired by Prof. Shweta Prasad, Secretary, Indian Sociological Society, setting the stage for engaging and critical discussions. Prof. Hemlata Bagla, Vice-Chancellor of HSNC University, addressed the persistent marginalization of women in STEM fields, emphasizing the need to integrate gender perspectives into scientific disciplines. Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri, delivering the keynote address, reflected on the contextual and empathetic dimensions of feminist pedagogy, calling for a nuanced understanding of gender in academic frameworks. Drawing from her research in Kashmir, Prof. Abha Chauhan emphasized the significance of incorporating field-based narratives in feminist sociology, ensuring that marginalized voices shape academic discourse.

The conference's plenary and technical sessions explored key themes, including feminist ways of knowing, methodological reimagination, and the transformation of theoretical frameworks. Scholars from different parts of the country; Prof. Kamala Ganesh, Prof. R. Indira, Prof. Rukmini Sen, Prof. Hrithik Bhasin, Prof. Vishav Raksha, Prof. Leena Pujari, Dr. Rajni Bala, Prof. Gita Chadha, Dr. Sonali Wakharde, Dr. Joseph M.T, Prof. Balaji Kendre, Dr. Manisha Rao, Dr. Seneha Gole, Dr. Pranoti Chirmuley and Dr. Khevna Desai discussed feminist critiques of positivism, the integration of narratives in research, and the challenges of inclusive pedagogy. Topics ranged from feminist epistemology and Dalit feminism to digital activism and environmental concerns.

RC-10 Lecture Series on the Topic 'Challenges of the 21st Century: A Gendered Perspective'

In addition to the Mid-Term Conference, RC-10, in collaboration with the Department of Women's Studies, University of Kerala, organized a lecture series to explore the gendered challenges of the 21st century. During the last quarter of 2024, three significant lectures were organized:



Lecture on the topic 'LGBTQI+ Rights in India: Legal Milestones, Social Movements, and Ongoing Challenges

The second lecture in the series, held on September 3, 2024, focused on the evolving landscape of LGBTQI+ rights in India. Delivered by Dr. Akkai Padamshali, a well-known transgender rights activist and writer, the session provided a first-hand narrative of lived experiences, struggles, and achievements in the fight for LGBTQI+ equality.

Dr. Akkai, who played a crucial role in the Sexual Assault Law Committee formed in the aftermath of the Nirbhaya rape case (2013), shared powerful insights into the policy reforms, legal battles, and social activism that have shaped India's LGBTQI+ rights movement. She also addressed the deep-rooted societal biases and resistance to third-gender rights. The session, chaired by Dr. Sudeshna Mukherjee, Associate Professor, Centre for Women's Studies, Bangalore University, concluded with discussions on intersectionality, transgender rights, and the need for inclusive policy-making in India.

Lecture on the topic 'Gender and Age Intersectionality: A Critical Analysis'

The third lecture, held on October 15, 2024, explored the intersectionality of gender and aging, an issue often neglected in mainstream feminist discourse. Prof. Mala Kapur Shankardass, a former professor at the University of Delhi and an expert in gerontology and gender studies, delivered an insightful talk that highlighted the socio-economic vulnerabilities of elderly women, the gendered nature of caregiving, and the structural neglect of aging populations in policymaking.

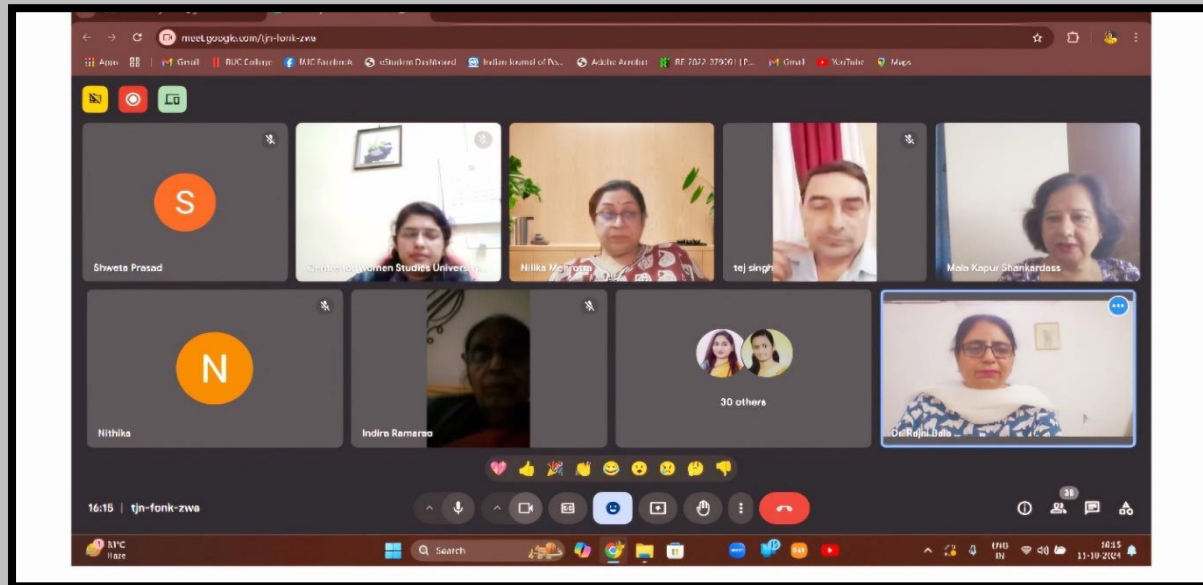


Prof. Shankardass emphasized that elderly women in India face compounded discrimination, not only due to age-related stereotypes but also due to their gendered roles in familial and societal structures. The lecture examined how gender influences economic security, healthcare access, and social inclusion for aging populations, calling for policy interventions that recognize the specific needs of elderly women. The discussion was further enriched by

Prof. Nilika Mehrotra, University of Delhi, who chaired the session and emphasized the need for feminist gerontology and the role of feminist organizations in addressing elderly women's issues.

Lecture on the topic 'Gender Inequalities at Elite IITs: An Exploration'

The fourth lecture in the series, held on November 8, 2024, delved into gender biases within premier academic institutions, particularly in science and technology disciplines. Delivered by Prof. Ravinder Kaur, Professor Emeritus, IIT Delhi, this session focused on the structural barriers preventing women's equitable participation in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and other elite technical institutions.



Prof. Kaur provided empirical evidence and qualitative insights on how patriarchal norms, systemic biases, and gendered social conditioning shape the experiences of women in IITs. Despite policy-level interventions, female students and faculty members in these institutions continue to face discrimination, exclusion from networking opportunities, and subtle forms of gender-based marginalization. Prof. Abha Chauhan, Director of the Centre for Kashmir Studies,



Central University of Himachal Pradesh, facilitated a rich discussion on institutional reforms, mentorship programs, and the need for feminist interventions in STEM education

49th All India Sociological Conference, BML Munjal University, Haryana

RC-10 also played an active role in the 49th All India Sociological Conference, held at BML Munjal University, Gurugram, in December 2024. The committee received 183 abstracts, out of which 152 were selected for presentation. The conference hosted 15 technical sessions, covering diverse themes related to gender and society.

The inaugural session on 22.12.2024, featured two notable special lectures:

1. "Sociology, Democracy, and Development: A Gendered Perspective" – Delivered by Prof. R. Indira, this lecture examined the intersections of democracy, development, and gender.
2. "Exploring Haryana: Gender, Patriarchy, and Violence" – In this session, Prof. Abha Chauhan provided a critical analysis of patriarchal structures and gender-based violence in Haryana.

The senior members of RC-10 also released the edited book 'Breaking Barriers: Gender Disparities, Inclusion and Empowerment in India', edited by Dr. Rajni Bala and Dr. Mayanglambam Lilee.



The technical sessions witnessed the presentation of high-quality research papers covering emerging feminist theories, gender and technology, political participation, and socio-economic inequalities in which scholars from various academic institutions across India actively participated, fostering rich intellectual debates on contemporary gender issues. A special online session was also conducted, ensuring wider accessibility and participation. The presentations made at the conference under RC-10 highlighted the depth and diversity of feminist research in India, reinforcing the importance of interdisciplinary approaches in gender studies.

The 14 offline sessions and one online technical session, were chaired by eminent scholars; Prof. Sudeshna Mukherjee, Prof. Swati Akshay Sachdeva, Prof. Sudha Khokate, Dr. Shalini Singh, Prof. Vinita Singh, Prof. Anshu Kedia, Prof. Tattwamassi Paltasingh, Prof. Manish Verma, Dr. Sanjana Marwaha, Prof. Dhananjay Sontake, Prof. N.K Singh, Prof. Bushra Beegom, Prof. T. B Singh, Prof. Lata Kumar, Dr. Rajni Bala, Prof. Deepti Kaushik, Prof. Gulam Dastagir, Prof. Leena Pujari and Dr. Asha Singh.



RC-11: Sociology of Environment

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RC-11 in collaboration with JNPG College, Lucknow, University of Lucknow organized an international conference on Population and Development 2024(ICPD) :Navigating challenges & Exploring Opportunities between November 18-20 2024. More than 300 delegates from all over the country and good number of delegates from abroad in online and offline modes participated in the conference. More than 8 delegates from RC-11 also participated and presented their papers on various issues of development and challenges caused for Environmental degradation. Convener RC-11 also participated in various deliberations and chaired a session in the conference.

49th All India Sociological Conference

This year, RC-11 received 40 abstracts, of which 36 were accepted, and 32 papers were successfully presented, including contributions from an international delegate from Nepal and two online presentations. Notably, this year witnessed a significant increase in participation from early-career scholars, reflecting a promising shift towards greater engagement from the younger academic community. The four sessions were chaired by a distinguished panel of academicians, including Prof. D. R. Sahu, Prof. Manish Kumar Verma, Prof. Rajesh Mishra, Prof. Sudha Vasan, Prof. Balaji Kendre, Prof. Manisha Rao, and Dr. Pragyan Singh. Their profound

insights and scholarly reflections provided invaluable direction to the discussions and significantly enriched the academic discourse.

The thematic range of the presentations was both diverse and deeply relevant to contemporary environmental concerns. Key areas of focus included: 'Urbanization and rurality, Sustainable development and just transitions, Climate resilience and climate justice, Environmental conservation and waste management systems, Forest degradation and species extinction, Infrastructural challenges in ecologically fragile regions, Social ecology and democratization of environmental governance, Responses to climate crises and the phenomenon of climate refugees'.





On 23rd December 2024, following the conclusion of the first session, RC-11 convened a business meeting to address two crucial agendas: enhancing RC-11 membership and reconstituting the advisory committee to ensure more effective governance and representation. In conclusion, RC-11 has once again proven to be a critical platform for advancing scholarly engagement and praxis-oriented dialogue on environmental issues.

RC- 12, Sociology of Health, Ageing and Well-being

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On September 18, 2024, the Indian Sociological Society's Research Committee on the Sociology of Health, Ageing, and Well-being (ISS RC-12) organized an international webinar titled "Elder Abuse: A Public Health & Wellbeing Challenge," in collaboration with the Department of Social Sciences at Vellore Institute of Technology, the International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA), and the Development Welfare and Research Foundation (DWRF). This event aimed to raise awareness and discuss the pressing issue of elder abuse in alignment with both World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and the International Day of Older Persons. The webinar took place from 1:30 PM to 8:30 PM IST and gathered a diverse audience, including sociologists, healthcare professionals, students, and advocates for elder rights, allowing for a rich exchange of ideas and experiences.

The event commenced with an inaugural session featuring a welcome address by Dr. Prabakar S., who underscored the significance of discussing elder abuse in a public health context. This was followed by messages from prominent figures, including Prof. Dr. Maitrayee Chaudhuri, President of ISS, who stressed the crucial need for addressing elder abuse as a systemic issue. The presidential address by Prof. T.V. Sekher highlighted the importance of comprehensive research on ageing populations. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Mala Kapur Shankardass, focusing on the intersection of elder abuse, ageing, and public health perspectives, which set the tone for the subsequent discussions. The

inaugural session also featured a special address by Dr. Ng Wai Chong, who presented effective case management approaches to managing elder abuse.

The webinar consisted of three technical sessions, each focusing on different aspects of elder abuse. The first technical session addressed "Elder Abuse, A Crisis & Combating Strategies," chaired by Prof. M. Thamilarasan. Experts from multiple countries shared their insights and experiences, with talks covering issues such as the silent crisis of elder abuse in Indonesia by Dinni Agustin and Dr. Thika Marlina, and enhancing care for vulnerable populations presented by Joel Rey U Acob. The session also highlighted preventive services developed in Taiwan, challenges in the Indian context presented by Prof. Vankayalapati Venkateswarlu, and the connections between malnutrition and neglect among older adults discussed by Dr. Sercan Ozbek Yazici

The poster is for an international webinar organized by the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) in collaboration with VIT, INPEA, and the Indian Sociological Society. The theme is "ELDER ABUSE: A PUBLIC HEALTH & WELLBEING CHALLENGE" to mark World Elder Abuse Awareness Day & International Day of Older Persons. The event is on Wednesday, 18 September, 2024, from 01:30 PM to 8:30 PM IST. It lists 16 speakers from various countries including India, USA, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Africa. Organizers include Prof. Manushi Srivastava and Dr. Pratibha B. Desai. Registration is free, and a QR code is provided for access.

The second technical session focused on "Concerns related to Abuse, Health Care & Wellness," chaired by Dr. Manushi Srivastava. Discussions revolved around critical topics including the effectiveness of respite care intervention programs as presented by Dr. Elham Lotfalinezhad, and the sociological study of elderly people in conflict zones by Prof. Azra Abidi. The challenges posed by India's growing geriatric care needs were outlined by Dr. Sudeshna Mukherjee, while the importance of legal frameworks in combating abuse was addressed by Dr. Ho Mun Wai. This session concluded with insights on victim-blaming from Ojo Melvin Agunbiade, emphasizing the challenges faced in various cultural contexts.

The third technical session, "Intersectional Perspectives," chaired by Prof. Dr. Ruby Bhardwaj, featured discussions on integrating public health approaches to understand elder abuse by Ana Joao Santos and the issue of digital exclusion faced by the elderly, articulated by Dr. Navneet Kaur Arora. The session further highlighted the importance of creating age-friendly environments with contributions from Prof. Chandana Sarmah and concluded with a call to action against elder abuse delivered by Dr. Monica Rao.

The webinar concluded with a valedictory session that featured key takeaways and insights on the critical nature of addressing elder financial abuse by Dr. Raudah Yunus and the role of data in formulating public policies to combat abuse, presented by Dr. Rosy Pereyra. Overall, the event successfully fostered a collaborative environment for discussing and strategizing on the prevention of elder abuse, reinforcing its significance as a global public health issue.

GUEST LECTURE



On October 30, 2024, Dr. Laishram Ladusingh, an esteemed Emeritus Professor at The Assam Royal Global University and former Vice-Chancellor of Bodoland University, delivered a significant guest lecture on the importance of "Quantitative and Qualitative Data Collection on Health, Ageing, and Wellbeing Aspects." This event was organized in collaboration with the Department of Social Sciences at Vellore Institute of Technology, the Department of Community Medicine at Banaras Hindu University, and the Department of Sociology at Shivaji University. Convened by Dr. Prabakar S. and co-convened by Dr. Manushi Srivastava, the lecture attracted participants eager to delve into effective research methodologies for health and ageing studies.

Attendees were encouraged to register online to obtain the Google Meet link for joining the lecture, marking an important opportunity for academic engagement and discussions on enhancing research practices in the field of health and well-being among aging populations.

49th All India Sociological Conference Report

The 49th All India Sociological Conference (AISC) hosted by BML Munjal University, Gurugram, featured a dedicated program for RC-12: Sociology of Health, Ageing, and Well-Being. The program was convened by Dr. Prabakar S, Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Vellore Institute of Technology, and co-convened by Dr. Manushi Srivastava, Professor, Department of Community Medicine, Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University.

Total papers Received – 70 papers

The RC-12 program consisted of four sessions, spread over three days, featuring 70 paper presentations. The sessions were chaired by renowned experts in the field, including Dr. M. Thamilarasan, Dr. Arun Kumar Dubey, Dr. Manushi Srivastava, Dr. V. Vijayalakshmi, and Dr. Sarita Gautam.

Session Highlights

Day 1 Session 1 had two parallel sessions having 15 total papers on the theme Health and Development

Session I-A (December 22, 2024): Health and Development

- Papers presented focused on health and development, including topics such as ethnic dietary habits, maternal healthcare, and mental health.
- Dr. Zunjrute Sneha Mahadev's paper on "Ethnic dietary habits of Nyishi women in Arunachal Pradesh, India" highlighted the importance of traditional dietary practices in promoting health and well-being.

Day 2 Session 2 had two parallel sessions having 17 papers on the theme **Women's Health & Reproductive care were presented**

Session II-A (December 23, 2024): Women's Health and Reproductive Care

- Papers presented explored various aspects of women's health and reproductive care, including maternal healthcare, reproductive problems, and healthcare infrastructure.
- Dr. Manjula G. K.'s paper on "Exploring the impact of socio-economic factors on women's health in rural communities" emphasized the need to address socio-economic determinants to improve women's health outcomes.

Day 2 Session 3 had two parallel sessions having 16 papers on the theme **Ageing as a Social Concern**

- Papers presented examined various aspects of ageing, including healthcare infrastructure, social isolation, and mental health.
- Dr. Parimala S. Hiremath's paper on "Aging population - Trends, challenges, and technology" highlighted the need to leverage technology to address the challenges of an ageing population.

Day 3 Session 4 had two parallel sessions having 21 papers on the theme **Healthcare**

Session III-A (December 23, 2024): Ageing as a Social Concern

Session IV-A (December 24, 2024): Healthcare Infrastructure and Social Development

- Papers presented focused on healthcare infrastructure and social development, including topics such as healthcare access, health equity, and healthcare policy.
- Dr. Manushi Srivastava's paper on "Upskilling women through telehealth education and training" emphasized the potential of telehealth to improve healthcare outcomes and promote health equity.

On the Day 2, evening at 6pm Business meeting was held at NB301. All the RC members participated and gave valuable suggestions for developing the RC.

Decision taken

Formulate guidelines for paper submission

Constitute committee for reviewing the abstracts

Conduct more events on methodology workshops, paper writing

Monthly Lecture series and

Periodical meeting with RC Members.

Conclusion

The RC-12 program provided a platform for scholars to share their research on various aspects of health, ageing, and well-being. The sessions featured a diverse range of papers, highlighting the complexities and challenges of promoting health and well-being in India. The program emphasized the need for interdisciplinary approaches, policy interventions, and community engagement to address the social determinants of health and promote health equity.

RC 13: Science Technology and Society

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Research Committee 13, Science Technology and Society, has successfully conducted four vibrant academic sessions with a special lecture and book discussions at the 49th All Indian Sociological Conference held at BMU Gurugram. The Research Committee 13 received Forty-eight papers (forty-six in English and two in Hindi language) this year. Forty two interesting research papers were presented in four sessions that addressed various contemporary issues



like STEM education, Artificial intelligence(AI) and social inclusion, Digital payment and financial inclusion, role of ICT, Science and social mobility, impact of META-AI on students, Inequality and Digital Divide, AI and Youth, Social Media and Old age people, Social Media and reinforcement of Caste, Mate selection and matrimonial sites, reproductive technology and Urban youth, Cyborg and its emancipatory possibilities or subjugating agency, AI and its challenges and exclusion, inequality and Global South, Air Pollution and Public Health, Disease and Death, Actor network and Post-human world, Technology, Globalization and Democracy, Psych-politics, technology and emotion, ICT and agrarian structure, Eclectic vehicle as new form of human interaction, techno nationalism, media, middleman and art market place, Digital inclusion among Tribal communities, peoples science movement in Kerala and pandemic, AI and women.

Prof Manoj Kumar Jena, Prof Madhav Govind, Prof Sambit Mallick, Dr Bibekananda Nayak, and Dr Sumanth S. Hiemanth chaired and co-chaired the four sessions. At the beginning of the first session, Prof Manoj Kumar Jena, convener of RC, welcomed all the participants and highlighted the activities conducted under RC 13 in the previous academic session.

It is worth mentioning that many young scholars have participated and presented their papers in various unique interdisciplinary areas. There was an elaborate discussion on the transition of traditional practices in agriculture due to the introduction of modern technology and the unequal implications of ICT and agrarian structure—the question of marginals and how they negotiate with new technological tools. The question of the digital divide and digital inequality

in marginal areas were discussed. The new emerging issues related to Korean beauty standards and scientific intervention were also discussed. Some of the issues pertaining to techno-democracy and public-private emotions in the contemporary period were also discussed. Various questions related to AI and META, as well as their impact on our socio-educational lives, were discussed. The issues related to gender and AI were also addressed in various sessions. All the sessions were engaging and had set the agenda for technological research.



The session also included a book discussion on a new book titled Media and Marginals in India: Medium, Message and Meaning, edited by Prof Manoj Kumar Jena. The session concluded with a valedictory address by Prof. R. Rajesh, Bangalore University and his special lecture on Future technology studies.

Finally, it was decided that RC 13 will continue its online lecture series and will organise a workshop in the coming academic session.

RC 14: Globalisation and Society

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Special Lecture

The RC 14: Globalisation and Society and Department of Sociology, Central University of Odisha had jointly organised a distinguished special lecture on "Gender & Globalisation" through Hybrid mode on 13 September (Friday) at 03.00 PM. The distinguished lecture was delivered by Prof. Indira Ramarao, Professor of Eminence, Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bangalore; Former President of Indian Sociological Society and Retd. Professor of Sociology, University of Mysore. The lecture series was inaugurated by Professor (Dr.) Maitrayee Chaudhuri, the President of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) and former Professor of Sociology, JNU. Dr. Deepthi Shanker, Convenor of RC 14 and Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Central University of Odisha moderated the event

Lecture series

The RC had jointly organised an online lecture series on the topic 'Globalization and society in the 21st century' in collaboration with St. Mira's College for Girls, Pune and Dattajirao Kadam College, Ichalkaranji from 18 – 27 September 2024 between 4.30 –6.00 p.m. The speakers included: Prof. Maitrayee Choudhury, Former Professor at JNU and President, of the Indian Sociological Society; Dr. Sadhana Natu, Professor and HoD Department of Psychology, Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Ganeshkhind Pune; Dr. Triveni Mathur, Media and Communication Expert; Rituparna Patgiri, Asst. Prof., Dept of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati; Gayatri Nair, Research Scholar IIT Delhi. Digital certificates were issued to all the participants. Dr. Deepthi Shanker, Convenor - RC 14 and Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Central University of Odisha coordinated the event.

49th All India Sociological Conference

The RC had successfully organised the four technical sessions during the 49th AISC under different sub-themes, namely: (1) Globalisation - Sociology of the Global and Local, (2) Globalisation: Issues Related to Art, Media, and Communication, (3) Social Consequences of Globalisation; (4) Globalisation: Issues Related to Gender, Environment, Youth, etc. The Research Committee received around 35 research papers, and about 30 papers were selected for presentation during the conference. About 40 authors and co-authors presented their papers during the four technical sessions. The technical sessions were chaired by Prof. B.B. Mohanty, Prof. Parvez Abbasi, Prof. V.P. Singh, Prof. Manish K. Verma, Dr. Deepthi Shanker, Dr. Poonam Gandhi, and Dr. Sunita Srivastav. Selected papers after revision shall be published in the edited volume by a national publisher.

RC-15 Agrarian and Rural Studies

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Report of RC-15 Agrarian and Rural Studies In this conference a total of 39 papers were presented over four dedicated sessions focusing on the forms and directions of agrarian transitions in India, agrarian crises, agitations and movements, transition in village and rural lives, land reform, commercialisation of agriculture, changing patterns of land use, employment, migration, caste class and gender relations in agriculture. Besides these papers, special deliberations were made by Professor Debal K Singha Roy on the Changing Dynamics of Agrarian Society and Theoretical Issues Involved Therein, Professor Purendra Prasad on The Agrarian Question and the Recent Debates, and by Professor Bibhuti Bhusan Mohanty on The Emerging Perspectives On Agrarian Studies In India. The sessions of the RC were structured around four major themes. In the first session nine papers were presented on the theme Agrarian Change and Resistance. This session was chaired by Prof. Debal K. Singh Roy. There were nine presentations in the second session on the theme Agrarian Society and Gender. The next session was chaired by Dr. Saqib Khan. Nine papers were presented in this session. In the last session twelve papers were presented. This session was chaired by Prof. Debal K. Singh Roy.

A business meeting was held to elect the Convener, Co-convener and Advisors of this RC. The Meeting unanimously elected the following:

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2. Co-Convener: A Chandrashekar Reddy (GITAM University) & Avinash (GITAM University) Email: iss15agrarianandruralstudies20@gmail.com
3. Advisors: Bibhuti Bhushan Mohanty, Department of Sociology, Pondicherry University, Professor Purendra Prasad, Professor of Sociology, Hyderabad University.

RC-18: Social Demography

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RC-18 (Social Demography) has extended its reach globally through collaboration and support for The International Conference on ***"Population and Development, Navigating Challenges and Exploring Opportunities"***. Under the Convenorship of Prof. Vinod Chandra and hosted by Sri JNMPG College, Lucknow, the conference was a great success. We were joined by other esteemed agencies such as ICSSR, ISS, ISA (RC-41), IASP, PSI, etc. Our participation further solidified our global network.

The International Conference on Population and Development, organized by Sri Jai Narain Misra Post Graduate College (JNMPG), Lucknow, from November 18-20, 2024, provided a

crucial platform for scholars, policymakers, and development practitioners to delve into the complex interplay of population dynamics and global development. The conference, supported by esteemed institutions like ICSSR, IASP, IHAT, ISA, and RC-11, RC-18 and RC-19 of ISS fostered insightful discussions and knowledge exchange on a wide array of critical issues. The convener



of the conference was esteemed Sociologist of the country, Prof Vinod Chandra, who also happens to be the Principal of Sri Jai Narain Misra PG College, Lucknow.

The conference featured distinguished speakers such as Keynote Speaker Prof. Praveen Jha, who critically examined the concept of GDP and underscored the relevance of Amartya Sen's 'capability approach.' Prof. Anand Kumar explored urban-rural power dynamics and emphasized the sociology of markets.



Prof. A.K. Sharma, in his role as chair for the panel on Urbanization and Development, emphasized the need for inclusive urbanization that balances cultural preservation and modernization. Prof. Shweta Prasad examined the evolution of India's population policies through a gendered lens, highlighting the critical role of women in achieving sustainable development goals. Prof. D.R. Sahu, as chair of the panel on Migration, Population, and

Development, emphasized the critical interconnections between migration, population dynamics, and development. Prof. Naresh Kumar discussed Development Beyond Remittances, focusing on the Gujarati diaspora's history and its contributions to GDP and socio-economic infrastructure. Prof. Vivek Kumar, as co-chair of the panel on Sources of Population Data, highlighted the need for inclusive and participatory data systems that reflect the diversity of India's population. Prof. S.K. Singh discussed the stages of India's



demographic transition and highlighted the importance of leveraging the demographic dividend.

The proposed International Conference

RC 18 has planned to organize a national/international conference, research methodology workshop/invited talk/symposium/expert discussion with the other RCs of ISS/ISA in collaboration with other Institutions/universities in India or abroad in the year 2025.

Panel Discussion

The RC-18 (Social Demography) organized a panel discussion titled "Social Demography, Democracy, and Development" at the 49th All India Sociological Conference (AISC) on December 22, 2024, at BML Munjal University in Haryana.

The 49th AISC was a resounding success, receiving a total of 47 abstracts. Out of these, 38 were shortlisted and submitted for the annual conference.

The 49th AISC, organized by RC-18, hosted panel discussions on the topic of "Social Demography, Democracy, and Development," featuring renowned experts from across India. Notable participants included Prof. Jagan Karade, Prof. B.B. Malik, Prof. Mala Kapur Shankardass, Prof. Jayashree, Prof. Bhup Singh, Prof. Harihar Sahoo, and Prof. Balaji Kandre. The panel session was chaired by Prof. Jagan Karade, with Prof. Naresh Kumar and Prof. D. Rama Rao serving as co-chairs. Additionally, four



members of the ISS Managing Committee participated during the discussion, focusing on significant issues related to study and research in India.

The significance and scope of social demography, democracy, and development in India are deeply interconnected and vital for the nation's progress. Social demography provides essential insights into the population's structure and dynamics, enabling policymakers to tailor strategies that address the diverse needs of various age groups, genders, and marginalized communities. This understanding is pivotal for effective resource allocation and urban planning, particularly in the context of rapid urbanization and migration. Democracy, as the world's largest democratic framework, ensures political participation and representation, empowering citizens and fostering social justice.

It promotes stability and governance, essential for sustainable development. The interplay between these elements highlights the importance of harnessing India's demographic dividend, particularly its youth population, to drive economic growth through education and employment opportunities. Moreover, an inclusive democratic process enhances social cohesion, which is critical for equitable development. Ultimately, integrating demographic insights into democratic governance can lead to more effective policies, ensuring that development is not only economically driven but also socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable, paving the way for a just and prosperous society.



RC 19: Urban Studies

Convener: Dr. Manoj Kumar Teotia

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International conference on Population and Development' 2024 (Lucknow)

Sri JNMPG College Lucknow KKC organized an international conference on Population and Development' Nov 18 to 20, 2024 in association with ICSSR, RC41, ISA and RC 19, ISS and other committees and institutions. Conference was inaugurated by Sri Amit Mohan Prasad IAS, Former Additional Chief Secretary, UP Government and presided by Sri VN Misra, IPS (Retd), Chairman Management committee KKC. The keynote address was delivered by Prof Praveen Jha of JNU New Delhi. The conference was attended by 250 delegates from all over India and scholars from ten countries.

49th All India Sociological Conference, BMLMU, Gurugram, 22-24 December, 2024



RC 19 received 80 papers and selected 62 papers for presentation. It organised 8 technical sessions (51) and inaugural (3 lectures) and valedictory sessions (4 lectures). In total 58 presentations were made. Besides young students, research scholars and faculty, about 20 lectures by senior and eminent sociologists were delivered as keynote lectures and invited lectures. Professor SL Sharma, Prof B K Nagla, Prof R Indira, Prof Debal Singha Roy, Prof Maitrayee Chaudhuri, Prof Ranvinder Singh Sandhu, Prof K S Sangwan, Prof Satish K Sharma, Prof Abha Chauhan, Prof Dr DR Sahu, Prof Manish K Verma, Prof Kulwinder Kaur, Prof Balaji Kendre, Prof Pirzada, Prof DPS Tomar, Prof Monica Munjial Singh, Prof Thamilarsan, Prof Hamendra Singh, Prof Alok Kumar, Prof Mala Kapoor Shankardass, Dr Shabnam Ara, Dr Sumedha Dutta, Dr Pooja Dixit and some other eminent Professors either chaired the sessions or gave lectures as key speakers and chief guests of various sessions. RC 19 deliberated on various critical aspects of urban studies and touched upon crucial aspects of development and democracy.

Proceedings of the Business Meeting (49th All India Sociological Conference, BMLMU, Gurugram, 22-24 December, 2024)

Agenda Item 1: Nomination of Member for writing proceedings of Business Meeting of RC 19

Mr Shankarjyoti Saikia, Secretary was requested by Dr Manoj Kumar Teotia, the Convener, to record in writing the proceedings of the Business Meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Presentation of annual Report of the RC 19 by Dr Manoj Kumar Teotia

Dr. Teotia welcomed the new members into the RC and briefed the members about its activities in Chandigarh, Lucknow and about the conference at BML.

Agenda Item -3: The future agenda and programs of the RC

The members deliberated at length about different activities such as mid-term workshop/conference, peer review of good papers presented in the conference, the need to ensure plagiarism checks, further review, selection and editing of good papers by the convener for regular publications including the progress of ongoing collection of articles for the edited volume (9 full papers already collected). The Convener spoke to the Rawat Publications also regarding the proposed edited volume. The members also discussed various research themes, funding options and platforms to share ongoing work. There is a plan to carry joint activities with other RCs and also organize a methodology/writing workshop for young scholars.

Agenda Item -4: The Advisory Board of the RC19

RC-19 constituted an advisory board comprising of eminent professors and senior researchers from the field of Urban Studies such as Prof S L Sharma, Prof R S Sandhu, Prof Rajesh Gill, Prof Kulwinder Kaur, Prof Thamilarasan, Prof Balaji Kendre, Mr Jit Kumar Gupta, Prof Sujata Patel (tbc) and Dr B S Sekhon.

Any other item: Mr Saikia proposed that if RC19 could have a collective research proposal for mobilizing funding on any crucial urban theme. The proposal was welcomed by the RC members and Mr Shankarjyoti was entrusted with doing the ground work and report to RC.

The Business Meeting ended with a Vote for Thanks by the Chair.

RC 20: Media Studies

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RC-20 received fifty six abstracts from which forty four abstracts were presented on different issues and aspects of media. There were four sessions in total which were chaired and co-chaired by Dr. Rachna Sharma (Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar), Dr. Pradeep Meshram (Nagpur University, Nagpur), Dr. Jitendra Ram (Central University of South Bihar, Gaya), Prof. Antara Ray (Presidency University, Kolkata), Dr. Priyasha Kaul (Ambedkar University, Delhi), Dr. Tanaya Mohanty (Utkal University, Bhubaneswar), Prof. Pramod Kumar Chaudhary (Magadh University, Bodhgaya) and Prof. Kali Nath Jha (Dr. Harisingh Gour Central University, Sagar). During sessions, special lectures on different issues of media sociology were delivered by Prof.

Manoj Kumar Jena (JNU, Delhi), Prof. Manish Kumar Verma (BBAU, Lucknow) and Dr. Usha Rana (IGNOU, Delhi). Prof. Manoj Kumar Jena also released his book 'Media and the Marginals In India' during one of the sessions. During business session, Priya Garg (Dr. Harisingh Gour Central University, Sagar) was unanimously nominated as Secretary of the RC for next one year. Special thanks to Prof. Maitrayee Choudhary, President ISS, Prof. Shweta Prasad, Secretary, ISS and MC members of ISS.

RC-22: Conflict & Violence Studies

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Day 1

Invited Lecture by Prof. Bandana: She emphasized the need to re-examine conflict and violence methodologies, advocating for intersectional and ethical approaches. She highlighted the significance of everyday violence, often normalized and under-researched, and discussed the effective use of interviews, archival data, oral histories, and ethnographies in studying conflict. Paper Presentations (Session 1) Chair: Prof. Hema Gandotra Papers explored themes such as armed conflict's impact on girls' education in Mali, resilience strategies in Kashmir, gendered violence, and empowerment strategies for marginalized communities.

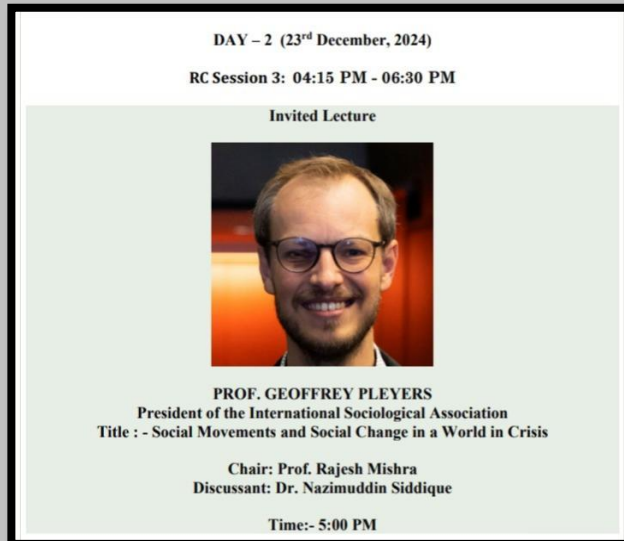


Day 2

Paper Presentations (Session 2) Chair: Dr. Imtiaz Ahmad Ansari Topics covered narratives of violence in Assam and Myanmar, displacement, caste-based conflict, gender and empowerment, and cinematic narratives in LGBTQ advocacy.

Invited Lecture by Prof. Geoffrey Pleyers: He examined social movements as responses to systemic injustices, highlighting their role in fostering resilience and social change. He elaborated on the transformative power of collective action in addressing global crises, emphasizing the need to understand the intersections of local and global struggles.

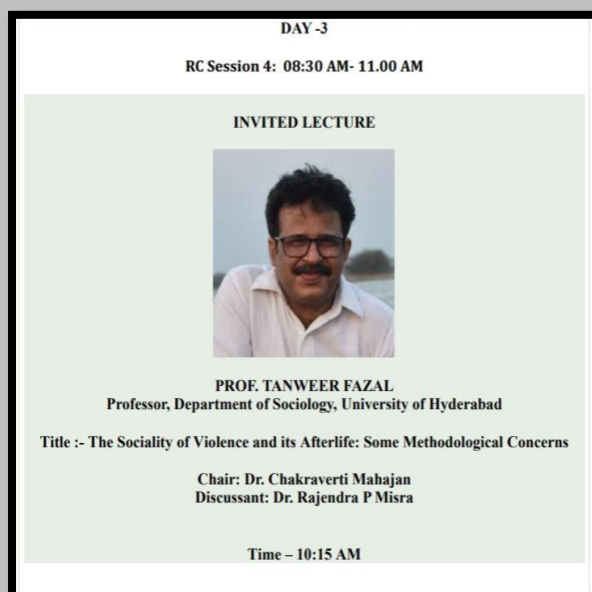
Paper Presentations (Session 3) Chair: Dr. Shazia Farooq Fazli Discussions included communal violence in Mewat, caste and gender intersectionality among artisans, and the role of language in shaping violence in Assam.



Day 3

Paper Presentations (Session 4) Chair: Prof. Antony Pallackal Topics explored borderland conflicts, resistance in Kashmir, epistemic oppression, human rights violations among Talwara migrants, and caste violence in Tamil Nadu's education policy.

Special Lecture by Prof. Tanweer Fazal: He emphasized structural approaches to violence, arguing that it stems from political, economic, and socio-cultural structures rather than



isolated acts. He elaborated on the sociality and afterlife of violence, demonstrating how it persists beyond individual acts and becomes entrenched in systemic structures. His discussion

on the ethical responsibilities of researchers, particularly in representing affected communities, highlighted the need for nuanced and context-sensitive methodologies.

Conclusion

The conference provided a platform for rigorous academic discussions on conflict and violence, highlighting diverse perspectives, methodological refinements, and the need for ethical, intersectional research.

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Convener, RC 22 (Conflict & Violence Studies) Violence Studies)

RC-23: Law, Crime and Deviance

Convener: R. K. Mohanty

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Report of the RC program during 49th AISC

1. Number of Abstracts Submitted: 49
2. Number of Abstracts Shortlisted: 49
3. Number of Papers Presented: 45
4. Panel discussions/ Special Lectures: The RC had an inaugural Pannel discussion on 22nd December 2024 at 3:35 pm to 5:00 pm on “Vikashit Bharat and New legislation”. The panelists and their topics are as follows.
 - a. Dr O P Mishra, IPS (Retd), Former Joint Commissioner of Delhi Police talked on Victim Friendly Initiatives in New Criminal Laws. This was the KEY NOTE ADDRESS.
 - b. Rabindra K Mohanty, Professor and Head, Mizoram University, Aizawl, talked on Indian Penal Code and *Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita* in Comparative Perspective.
 - c. Prof. Ramesh H. Makwana. Professor, Dept of Sociology, SPU, Gujarat talked on The Impacts of Crimes on Countries’ Socio-Economic Development.
5. Proceeding/decision of Business meetings, in case it applies.

Minutes of Business Meeting

Date: 24/12/2024

Agenda 1: Inclusion of a Co-convener

In this business meeting, it is decided that RC 23 will have a co-convener. The name and designation of the co-convener is as follows.

Name: Prof. Mamta Patel, Dr. Harisingh Gour (Central) University, Sagar (M.P.)

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Agenda 2: Members of Advisory Committee

Further is resorted to have the following as the members of advisory committee

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Agenda 3: Treasurer

It is decided to have the following member as the treasurer of RC 23

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Agenda 4: Future Plan

1. RC decided to hold an international conference on Law, Crime and Deviance in March 2025
2. The RC is also going to have several special lectures in the coming year.

RC 25: Sociology of Sports

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The Research Committee 25 received 194 Abstracts for the 49th AISC. An Abstract Review Committee of Ten Professors/Associate Professors was formed and the abstracts were scrutinized by Members of this Committee. A total of 179 Abstracts were approved. There were 173 presentations, out of which 34 were online. Ten Parallel Sessions were facilitated. Three Sessions on Day 1, Five Sessions on Day 2 and Two Sessions on Day 3. RC 25 will be publishing a Volume of the Papers presented at the 49th AISC.

Special Lecture of Prof BB Mohanty, the Managing Editor of Sociological Bulletin was organized on the topic "Future of Sports Sociology in India: Opportunities & Challenges" on Day 1. On Day 2, RC 25 felicitated Prof Gattu Satyanarayana on his achieving the ISS Life Time Achievement Award 2024. On Day 3, we had a Special Lecture of Prof Abha Chauhan, the Former President of ISS on the topic "Gender & Sports".

RC 25 convened a Ten Days Research Methodology Workshop on SPSS and Academic Writing from 18 September 2024 till 27 September 2024 in collaboration with Pondicherry University and Holy Cross Home Science College, Thoothukudi (TN)

It also convened a Seven Days International Research Methodology Workshop on Project Writing from 12 December 2024 till 18 December 2024 in collaboration with the Department of Sociology, St. Jude's College, Thoothoor, Kanyakumari (TN), Department of Geography, Bharathi Women's College (A), Chennai (TN) and the Department of Sociology, M.O.P. Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai (Autonomous) (TN).

The Membership base of RC 25 has risen to 620.

RC 25 has come out with an E-Newsletter which has been widely circulated and it has also been put up on the ISS website.

RC-26: Minority Studies

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Research Committee on Minority Studies (RC-26) has approximately 60 members, majority of whom are life members of ISS. For the 49th AISC, organized by BML Munjal University, from 22-24 December, 2024, RC-26 received total 29 abstracts. The screening committee constituted approved all the 29 abstracts for presentation in the 49th AISC. Total 27 paper presentations were made at the conference.

All the papers were divided thematically into 4 technical sessions. First technical session (22nd December), was titled "Caste Dynamics in India: Language, Politics, and Identity", six papers were presented, which dealt with the various aspects of politics of caste, language, and occupational specialisation. The session was chaired by Prof. Shafique Ahmed, from the Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia. The second technical session (23rd December)



was on the theme of "Perpetual Subjugation and Subjective Freedom: Religion, Gender and Neo-Liberal Economy", in which seven papers were presented and it was chaired by Dr. Shazia

Farooq Fazli, from Department of Sociology, Aligarh Muslim University. RC-26 also organized two invited lecture during the conference. On 23rd December, first invited lecture was delivered by Prof. Shafique Ahmed. The title of the talk was “Normalisation of Hate and Violence against Minorities in India”, and it was chaired by Dr. Nazimuddin Siddique. The business meeting of RC-26 was held on 23rd December at 3:30-3:45 PM, where the future activities for the RC was proposed and discussed.

In the third session (23rd December), seven papers were presented. The theme of the session



was “Shifting Margins, Peripheral Narratives: Paradox of Exclusion” and it was chaired by Dr. Imtiaz Ahmad Ansari from the Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia. The second invited lecture was organized on 23rd December at 5:15-5:45 PM. Dr. Nazimuddin Siddique delivered the lecture on the theme of “Understanding the Public Space and Muslims: An Insight from Assam”. In the fourth technical session, held on 24th December, seven papers were presented and it was chaired by Prof. T. B. Singh, from Department of Sociology, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi. The theme of the session was “Democracy and Development: Minorities in Post-Colonial India.

Forthcoming Events:

Following activities have been proposed by RC-26 (Minority Studies)

1. RC-26 will be organizing its mid-term conference in September 2025. The theme and collaborations will be worked upon in due course of time. The RC is also working on to celebrate the 50th year of AISC. The details of which will be shared once it is finalized.

RC-27: Sociology of Care
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RC 27 started Online Lecture Series as per the suggestion of ISS. The second lecture of the Online Lecture Series was delivered by Prof. Shweta Prasad on 14 September 2024. This session was organised in collaboration with the Centre for Women Studies, Raigunj University, WB.

For 49th AISC, held at BML Munjal University from 22- 24 December, RC 27 received 23 abstracts from different states of the country. During the AISC, 22 abstracts were presented (only one participant presented it online). The inaugural lecture of RC 27 was delivered by Prof. Manish K. Verma and the session was chaired by Prof. Paramjit Singh Judge. Dr. Nupur Pattanaik acted as the moderator.

RC 27 also organised three Special Lectures. Prof. Sudeshna Basu Mukherjee, Dr. Iswar Naik and Prof. Tattwamasi Paltasingh delivered these lectures in different Technical Sessions. Prof. Debal Singha Roy, Prof. Shweta Prasad and Prof. Shruti Tambe Chaired these Special Lecture sessions respectively. The Technical Sessions were Chaired by Prof. Sangram Gunjal (Co-chair: Dr Sumantra Chakraborty), Dr. Randhir Goutam (Co-chair: Dr Nidhi Bansal), Prof. Balaji Kendre (Co-chair: Mr. Debadyuti Karmakar) and Prof. Chandan K. Sharma (Co-chair: Dr. Nilima Sarap). In this AISC, RC 27 felicitated Prof. Anand Kumar (although he could not attend this AISC due to unavoidable reasons), Prof. R. Indira and Prof. B. K. Nagla for their contributions to popularise sociology among the new generation learners. A book edited by Prof. Manish K. Verma was also released during this felicitation session.

RC 28: Sociology of Everyday Life
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The RC received 27 abstracts in the year, 24 of which were accepted for presentation. One did not present her paper, and two presented their papers online.

The business meeting of the RC was held on 23rd December at 5 PM, and 17 RC members attended it. Prof. Amites Mukhopadhyay chaired the meeting.

The Convener of the RC, Prof. Sanjay K. Roy, reported that although in the initial years, the RC was West Bengal-centric now RC has assumed a pan-Indian character as its 100 members are drawn from all over the country.

The Convener underlined the need for strengthening its core group and the meeting, in response, resolved to include a few new members to its core group, namely, (1) Anwesha Bhattacharya, (2) Rukmani Sharma, (3) Siddika Moktan, (4) Manita Subba, (5) Koyal Verma and (6) Sunaina Rai.

The Convener reported that the RC has an accumulated fund of nearly Rs. 87,000 and proposed that the money could be used (1) to pay a token honorarium to the speakers in its monthly online seminar programme and (2) as a contribution to the institutions organizing seminars in collaboration with the RC 28.

The meeting resolved (1) that Rs. 1000 be paid to each speaker speaking in its online seminar programme, and (2) that Rs. 15000-20000 be paid to the host institution of the collaborative seminars depending on the situation and the availability of funds.

The Convener reported that efforts have been initiated to organise two collaborative national seminars in early 2025 one at North Bengal St. Xavier's College and another at Sikkim University.

The meeting expressed its gratitude to Prof. Abhijit Mitra, who took the initiative in instituting this Research Committee of the Indian Sociological Society.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

RC-29: Social Transformation and Development

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The recently organized 49th. AISC, 2024, witnessed a total of 40 Research Papers that were presented across 4- Sessions both in English and Hindi respectively by participants on thematic areas of democratic governance, agrarian relations and crisis, socio-political economic issues, socio-environmental challenges, political economy of natural resources and management of institutional governance, sustainability studies and lastly policy implications for the promotion of development across all sections of society.

The Deb-Kumar Memorial Banerjee Lecture which was held with the initiative of Prof. Anirban Banerjee. Dr. Ajailiu Niumai delivered a Lecture on "Cross Border Human Trafficking in India Unmasked: An Intersectional Perspective" that was chaired by the RC-29 Convenor, Dr. Sampat Kale on Day-II.

Post that, RC-29 Convenor was invited for a Guest Lecture at the International Workshop on Education & Development in Bihar jointly hosted by IIT, Patna and **The Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC)**, an initiative of the Ministry of HRD, GoI and RC-29 Social Transformation and Development from 11-12, November 2024. The Lecture titled as "*Right to Education and Marginalized Communities: Retrospect and Prospect*" was delivered with a view to emphasize the importance of education as a tool for social change among the communities at the peripheries.

Soon after, RC-29's hosted its second Online Guest Lecture on 21st. November, 2024 by inviting **Prof. Vishav Raksha**, Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, University of Jammu. The talk on "Gender Challenges in Local Governance Institutions and Way Forward" was focused on Panchayati Raj in local and urban governance and the empowerment of women across the country. Though the Speaker cited her Research Findings based on empirical research conducted in the state of Jammu and Kashmir, yet the lecture highlighted several insights from all over India. Various strategies were also proposed for emancipation of women by challenging the existing patriarchal norms in order to create a substantive equality and social justice. Furthermore, the lecture raised crucial questions among the audience while also leading to an insightful debate and discussion.

Both lectures witnessed significant participation of fellow colleagues, academicians, research

scholars and enthusiasts from pan-India. While such online events not only provide hosts and participants with an important platform for debate and discussion but also help us to channelize issues pertinent to society. For this, I wish to acknowledge and thank my colleague and Co- convenor, **Dr. Vinita Lal** along with the ISS Office for their valuable support in facilitating both the online events which otherwise would not have been possible.

This was followed by a business meeting on 24th December, 2024 that discussed about the future activities to be conducted by RC-29 in the coming year.

Ad Hoc Group 01: Digital Sociology

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49th All India Sociological Conference, 2024 – Digital Sociology Report

📍 BML Munjal University, Gurugram, Haryana | 📅 22nd-24th December 2024

Session Highlights:

- **39 abstracts** submitted; all accepted. **25 papers** presented across four sessions on themes like AI in education & health, social media, digital privacy, and cybercrime.
- **Inaugural session chaired by** Prof. Sambit Mallick (IIT Guwahati). Keynote by **Prof. Abdul Matin** on *“In Pursuit of Soteria: A Sociological Sagacity.”*
- Sessions chaired by **Prof. B.K. Nagla, Prof. Abha Chauhan, Prof. Bijaylakshmi Vasudevan, and Prof. Abdul Matin.**
- **Certificates distributed** on 24th December; vote of thanks by Dr. Asfiya Karimi.



Business Meeting (22nd Dec, 5 PM):

- Prof. Abdul Matin re-elected as Convener; Dr. Mahmudul Hasan Laskar elected as Co-convener & Treasurer.
- Resolutions: Organizing a mid-term conference, lecture series, workshops (2025), and publishing selected papers in a journal or book.
- Plan to expand membership by engaging scholars nationwide.

Ad Hoc Group 02: Sociology of Sanitation

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Session I



Prof B. K. Nagla, retired Professor, M. D. University, Rohtak, Haryana delivered the Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak Memorial Lecture. Prof. Shaukat Azim chaired the session.

Session II, Water Resource Management: Water Sanitation & Hygiene

This session was chaired by Prof. Ramesh S. Mangalekar, Principal of Government First Grade College for Women, Belagavi Karnataka State. In this session, six research scholars presented their papers followed by discussion and question answer session.

Session III -Theme: Manual Scavenging and Sanitation Workers

The third session was chaired by Dr. Sangram Gunjal, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University. In this session, five research scholars presented their papers relating to the sub theme entitled 'Manual Scavenging and Sanitation Workers' followed by discussion on presentations and question answer session.

Session IV Time: 09.30 am to 10.00 am Theme: Cleanliness and Society

Dr. Prashant Bansode, Professor, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune chaired this session. Four research papers were presented by four different scholars.

Business Meeting was conducted by Dr. Jagan Karade, Convenor, with five agendas. 1. Review of the activities, 2. To Appointment of Co-Convener, 3. To Appointment of Treasurer, 4. Executive Body Members and 5. Other academic issues related to the AG-02.

Session VI -Health and Sanitation

This session was chaired by Dr. Sudha Khokate, Bangalore University, Bangalore. And Co-chaired by Dr. Gomati, Jamiya University, New Delhi. In this session seven research scholars presented papers.

Session VII Plenary: Future of Sanitation

Dr. Druva B. Jyoti, Professor, Karnataka University, Dharwad chaired this session. Dr. Ramesh Makhwana of Sardar Patel University, Anand, Gujarat and Dr. B. B. Malik of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow delivered their thought-provoking ideas.

DAY- 03 Date: 24th December, 2024

Session Theme: Migration, Environment and Sanitation

Dr. K. Gulam Dasthagir, of Pondicherry University, Pondicherry chaired and Co-chaired by Dr. Nagedrappa, Karnataka. Eight papers were presented by scholars. After the end of session VIII, the convener of A.G. II, Prof Jagan Karade & other dignitaries have distributed certificates to participants and paper presenters.

Adhoc Group 3: Pedagogy, Teaching and Learning

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Adhoc Group 3 on Pedagogy, Teaching and Learning witnessed rich presentations both at the panels and the paper presentations. The presentations were organised into three themes and covered various aspects of knowledge production both within the classroom and beyond. The presentations were followed by a lively discussion. A total of 25 papers were presented at the RC.

Session I titled Classrooms and Campuses: Critical Reflections brought interesting insights from diverse classrooms across different geographies. Twelve papers explored various questions such as using social media in the classroom to foster critical discussions about caste, challenge ingrained biases and promote a certain sensitivity to caste among students, use of AI and its

ramifications in terms of power inequities within the classroom, the role of socially conscious Hip-Hop, particularly through Mumbai's Swadesi Crew (anti-establishment music that addresses issues of caste, gender and environment) as an innovative form of critical pedagogy in teaching sociology to asking questions about what happens to sociological theorizing and research in the digital age and how a discussion on entrenched social inequities such as caste and gender produces a certain discomfort in the classroom to disorganization as a pedagogic asset.

Session II titled Feminist Pedagogies had seven presentations that spoke about the possibilities and challenges of feminist pedagogical practices within sociology classrooms. From films and filmmaking as pedagogical tools to build engaged classrooms, Reading Affect in Feminist pedagogies and Reflections from the Sociology Classroom in Law Schools to using sociological imagination to understand everyday gendered experiences, each of the seven papers spoke about how diversity within the classroom opened up opportunities to explore and experiment with multiple pedagogic styles to enable a nuanced understanding of the subject.

Session III titled Teaching and Learning in Schools witnessed engaging presentations by research scholars who shared their research insights from both formal and informal educational spaces and of working with children and teachers. This session also had some papers that critically reflected on teaching practices in secondary schools and the absence of dialogue and democratic classroom practices. A total of six papers were presented in this session.

Panel Discussions

The RC had also organised two panel discussions. Day One had a panel on **Reflecting with Sharmila Rege: Working with Phule Ambedkarite Feminist Pedagogies in times of New Education Policy**. Panelists included Dr Anagha Tambe, Dr Swati Dyahadroy and Dr Sneha Gole from the Dept. of Women and Gender Studies, Pune University. Dr Rukmini Sen chaired the session.

Given the reality of a market oriented neoliberal university and the New Education Policy, this panel engaged with some pertinent questions such as how can we reimagine pedagogies in embattled but intimate space of public university? How do we reformulate individual struggles in classrooms to think of critical pedagogies as a collective endeavour? How do we explore the democratic and collective possibilities of institutionalization, albeit within the institutional modes of efficiency and austerity? How do we rework the boundaries of classrooms, bringing in diverse practices and sites of learning? How do we learn from the alternative modes of radical studying and learning? Using the Phule Ambedkarite feminist pedagogies, the panelists deliberated on both the classroom as a site of learning as well as the field outside the classroom.

On Day Two the RC had a panel discussion on **Queer Pedagogies**. Panelists included Dhiren Borissa, Jindal Global Law School, Suraj Harsha, Centre for Women and Girls, Manipur and Sayantan Datta, Krea University. The session was chaired by Dr Pushpesh Kumar.

This panel was an attempt to address queer pedagogies from the perspectives of various subjects within queer communities towards the emancipatory agenda of the discipline and its practices. An (in)visible trans and queer participants' presence in contemporary classrooms demands fresh pedagogy and new ways of problematizing and (re)imagining social realities. While some universities have introduced transgender policy and have created gender-neutral spaces like washrooms there are others that are witnessing the formation of queer collectives. We also see a queer consumerism growing among the affluent classes of queer who constitute homonormative and depoliticized constituencies. In opposition to the hegemonic, homonormative queer subjects, the intersectional voices emerging from within the transgender movement such as dalit, disabled, asexual, intersex, and transmasculine persons are asking very different sets of questions. These new assertions and developments need a complex and critical queer pedagogy to discuss issues and problems across disciplines. A queering of pedagogy in our classrooms is thus necessary and each one of the three speakers at the session drew rich insights from the classroom and spoke about the 'vulnerability' of both the queer student and the pedagogue. The queer pedagogue faces considerable resistance in their attempts to integrate queer teaching practices both within and outside the classroom.

The panels and RC sessions recorded good turnouts, with 18 to 20 participants at each session.

Business meeting

Business meeting of the RC was held on 23rd December, 2024 at 3.30 pm. A total of 15 RC members were present at the meeting. Dr Leena Pujari's name was proposed by Dr Roopa Rathnam as Convenor of Adhoc RC 3. This was seconded by Dr Rukmini Sen and all the attendees.

Dr Roopa Rathnam's name was proposed as Co Convenor by Ayeshna Dutta and was seconded by Kaustubh Redkar and endorsed by others. Dr Gargi Gayan's name was proposed by Dr Leena Pujari for the post of Secretary Adhoc RC 3 and this was seconded by Abhishek Vinkare and other attendees.

The following suggestions were made at the meeting.

- Publish a bi-annual newsletter
- Publish an edited volume of selected papers presented at the RC sessions
- To reach out to those practising sociology in other streams/programmes like Law, Engineering, management, engineering etc and have them share their experiences of classroom and beyond.

Future programmes

- Student panel on Weekly Rural Newsletter: A Pedagogical Tool for Rural Sociology and Liberal Education' in January
- Session on Situated pedagogy: Exploring the caste question in the month of February
- Session on Challenges of teaching method in Sociology classrooms in the month of April

Ad Hoc Group 4: Indian Sociology And Knowledge Systems

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Ad Hoc Group 4 in a short period has 130 members—an unprecedented milestone in the history of the Indian Sociological Society. Over 100 abstracts were submitted. A total of 89 papers were presented. Dr. Sanat Kumar Sharma, from the Central University of South Bihar and affiliated with Columbia University graced the session. The session was further enriched by the esteemed presence of Prof. Shweta Prasad, Secretary of the Indian Sociological Society, who expressed her wholehearted support for this new initiative.

A total of 89 papers were presented, including 79 in physical mode and 10 online. The first session featured twelve presentations that explored the intersections of sociology and



indigenous knowledge, offering critical insights into various aspects of Indian society. The second session included 16 papers, with scholars proposing innovative strategies to integrate traditional wisdom into mainstream development, sparking engaging discussions. The third session, comprising 24 presentations, stood out for its inclusion of Hindi papers, reflecting cultural and linguistic diversity. The fourth session featured 37 presentations, with 27 delivered in person and 10 online. Across all sessions, the scholars demonstrated an impressive commitment to

preserving and integrating indigenous traditions into contemporary sociological discourse.

Ad Hoc Group 05: Food Culture and Society

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Monthly Lectures

Since its acceptance at the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) Managing Committee meeting held in Mumbai on 21 July 2024, the Ad Hoc Group 05 Food, Culture and Society of the ISS has held three monthly lectures online.

The first lecture was delivered by **Kiranmayi Bhushi**, Professor, School of Social Sciences, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi on **Food Cultures in India as a Socially Embedded Practice** on 9 September 2024.

Culinary and gustatory ‘imaginary’, to use Appadurai’s (1996) term, has overtaken the public space in India of late. This can be gauged from the public cultures of eating and drinking – seen in the rise of restaurants, takeouts, and packaged food; The anxieties about modernity and the late modernity process of globalisation are somatised, which can be seen in the increasing presence of traditional know-how on wellness, media mediated diet influencer and specialist etc. The electronic and digital platforms are inundated with shows and snippets on food. The culinary superstars in turn have spawned the culture of celebrity chefs that have made the ordinary, domestic and marginal space of the kitchen into the extraordinary: taking centre stage and fuelling a desire for the perfect modular kitchens. What does it say about caste, class and gender? Do women continue to inhabit the modular kitchen, or has the coolness quotient associated with celebrity chefs (almost all male) altered the traditional gender roles involving food? Have culinary influencers broken the barrier between the professional chef and the home cook? Is ‘recovering of the domestic space’ – cooking, preserving, nurturing - questioning the easy association one had with cooking and drudgery that 70s feminists criticised? Are we heading towards a post-feminist notion of domestic space? Do women need to continue to provision food now that ordering in and takeaways have mushroomed in urban settings? India seems to have woken out of the slumber of ‘habitus’ stirred by the immense possibilities of a neo-liberal economy. Food is also strategically deployed as boundary differentiation and a marker of distinction. The globalised world has opened India to a great range of shifts. The global networks and flows, aided by communication technologies, have made the world more connected than before, such that the global and the local nourish each other. Modern media technologies and mass migration have produced an increasing insatiability in culture and social arrangements. The flows and interconnections, and global processes and changes are destabilizing the thralldom of ‘habitus’ where culture and social structures are typically reproduced through embodied dispositions (Bourdieu, 1977). In this new conjuncture, constructions of self, identity, and community, among other things, become slippery, implicated as they are by narratives of tradition, history and global flows. The ideas of national cuisine, what constitutes ethics of food, self-projects of well-being, and agrarian choices are all subject to global forces and processes. Donning a sociological lens, Bhushi took a synoptic overview of the food practices of contemporary India.

The second lecture was delivered by **Krishnendu Ray**, Professor, Department of Nutrition and Food Studies, New York University (NYU) on **Hard and Soft Power: Changing Histories and Dynamics of Accumulation** on 3 October 2024.

This presentation interrogated the relationship between hard and soft power and the challenges of accumulating them. Taking the case of Indian culinary culture, as represented in high-end restaurant cuisines across global cities, it provides original data and conceptual arguments about the changing geo-cultural landscape. Using material from outside of India – which are the loci of soft power projects – such as New York City, London, Dubai and Bangkok and coverage in major metropolitan newspapers and consecrating organizations such as Michelin, Zagat, Yelp, The New York Times, etc., it painted a picture of the current distribution of culinary capital and coming changes as the world reorients itself since the Great Divergence of ca. 1800.

The third lecture was delivered by **Richa Kumar**, Associate Professor, Sociology and Science and Technology Studies, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi on **Standardised Foods and Compromised Consumers: Tracing India's Post-Green Revolution Food History** on 19 November 2024.

The transformation of Indian agriculture by the state during the Green Revolution of the 1960s has often been critiqued for its negative environmental and livelihood impacts. In this talk, Kumar argues that the industrial logic that harnessed science and technology to transform agriculture also had significant impacts on people's diets and led to greater nutritional insecurity. Challenging the tropes of food security, modernisation, efficiency and quality that have been used to justify the perpetuation of this industrial logic in agriculture, she argues that it is only by tracing the relationships of harm that have brought us to the present, that we can begin to unravel them and reimagine a healthier and more sustainable agrarian future.

All India Sociological Conference 2024 (AISC)

1. Number of Abstracts Submitted: 27
2. Number of Abstracts Shortlisted: 24
3. Number of Papers Presented : 19
4. Themes: Food, Media and Commercialization; Food, Culture and Identity; Food, Dietary Choices and Resistance; Food, Taste and Ecology

Future Roadmap

1. Collaborative workshop with RC 40 Sociology of Agriculture and Food of the International Sociological Association (ISA) in May 2025
 2. Continuation of monthly lectures from January 2025 onwards
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YOUNG RESEARCHERS' WORKSHOPS

Two-day Young Scholars Workshop on Conducting Research in North-East India in Contemporary Times: Issues, Concerns and Challenges

The Department of Sociology, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong in collaboration with Indian Sociological Society organised a Two-day Young Scholars Workshop on *Conducting Research in North-East India in Contemporary Times: Issues, Concerns and Challenges* in the blended mode on 13-14th December 2024 at NEHU, Shillong. The workshop was sponsored by ICSSR-NERC and supported by Foundation for Ecological Security.

The workshop intended to deliberate on diverse issues on which research is being conducted in North-East India and explore the ways in which research in and on the North-East has transformed over time to account for the changing socio-cultural, economic and political reality in the region. Deliberations during the workshop not only problematized the many taken for granted sets of knowledge but also provided an opportunity to critically engage with both existing and novel theoretical and methodological directions of investigation and analysis on North-East India. Moreover, the workshop created a shared space for senior and young scholars researching in and on the region wherein the latter presented their research themes and findings and received mentoring from the former to develop a comprehensive understanding on the issues, concerns and challenges that impact their research.

The participants of the workshop (30 in total) were carefully selected by the selection committee from a pool of 80 applications received from research scholars enrolled at institutions of national importance and repute. These include Mizoram University, Christ University, Savitribai Phule Pune University, The Assam Royal Global University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, BITS Pilani K.K. Birla (Goa Campus), Dhanamanjuri University, Manipur University, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, Assam Central University, National Institute of Technology Nagaland, Jamia Millia Islamia University, Nagaland University, University of Delhi, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, Indian Institute of Technology Dhanbad, Gauhati University and North-Eastern Hill University.

The workshop started with the inaugural session at 9am on 13th December 2024. Prof. B. Panda, Head of the Department of Sociology NEHU and Convener of the workshop, delivered the welcome address which was followed by the introduction to the workshop by Dr. R. Bhargava who was also the convener of the Workshop. The inaugural session was graced with the presence by Chief Guest - Prof. N. Saha, Vice-Chancellor (Acting) NEHU, Guest of Honour - Prof. Bhagirathi Panda, Honorary Director ICSSR-NERC and Special Invitee- Mr. Sanjay Sharma, Regional Team Lead - North East, Foundation for Ecological Security. The keynote address was delivered by Prof Maitrayee Chaudhuri, Former Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and current President of the Indian Sociological Society who joined us online.

Over the span of two days, 30 papers were presented in eight technical sessions, five of which were in-person sessions while three were conducted online. The eight sessions covered the following themes: Theoretical & methodological concerns; Gender & gender dynamics; Gender in contemporary times; Ecology and culture; Culture, ecology & agricultural practices; Culture & rituals in North-East India; Migration, marginality & identity; Identity, history and knowledge

production. Each of the sessions was chaired by a senior professor who provided valuable inputs and insights to the participants.



The Valedictory address was delivered by Prof. B. B. Mohanty, Professor of Sociology, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry & Managing Editor, Sociological Bulletin. Prof. A. K. Thakur of the Department of History, NEHU as Dean's (Dean School of Social Sciences) nominee chaired the session. The workshop ended with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. R. Bhargava, convenor of the workshop.

The workshop was attended by faculty members, research scholars and MA students of the Department of Sociology. Faculty members and research scholars from various Departments of NEHU, and Mr. Naveen Isarapu and Ms. Daiophika Thangkhiew from Foundation for Ecological Security, were also present in the workshop. On day one, the total number of attendees along with the workshop participants was 92 and on day two it was 72.

Prof. B. Panda and Dr. Rashi Bhargava, Convenors
Young Scholars Workshop, NEHU-ISS 2024

Young Research Scholars Workshop IIIT-Delhi 16-17 October 2024

The Indian Sociological Society (ISS)- Indraprastha Institute of Information Delhi (IIIT-Delhi) (ISS-IIITD) Young Scholars Workshop 2024: Doing Sociology in the Technological Contemporary was held on 16th and 17th October 2024. There were 6 sessions that were conducted. Session 1 was on Mediatization, Intensity, Materiality. Session 2: Kinship and Intimacy. Session 3: Identity and Digitality. Session 4: Media, Communication, Pedagogy. Session 5: Digital Transformations and the World of Work. Session 6 focused on Alt Academic Track which discussed alternative career pathways for scholars beyond traditional academia. Key themes included roles in media and journalism, policy-making, Ed-Tech, and interdisciplinary collaborations. Participants examined the significance of bridging academia with real-world impact through public engagement, independent research, and advocacy. Emphasis was

placed on building sustainable careers, leveraging digital platforms, and exploring funding opportunities. The session highlighted the importance of mental health.

There was a special session conducted by Danilyn Rutherford, President, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research session which provided young scholars with insights into crafting successful grant proposals, particularly for anthropological research. Key points included understanding the Foundation's mission and grants, structuring proposals with clear objectives and methodologies, and articulating the significance of research. Discussions also focused on budget planning, ethical considerations, and community engagement. The session emphasized the value of clarity, storytelling, and feasibility in proposals, offering practical advice for navigating the competitive grant landscape.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY WORKSHOP

📍 Sri Jai Narain Misra PG College, Lucknow | 📅 16-17 November 2024

Sri Jai Narain Misra PG College, in collaboration with the **Indian Sociological Society (ISS)** and **Ethnographic and Folk Culture Society, Lucknow**, successfully organized a **two-day Research Methodology Workshop** as a precursor to the **International Conference on Population and Development (Nov 18-20, 2024)**.

Inaugural Session:

- **Keynote Address:** Prof. Sanjay Singh (Giri Institute of Development Studies) emphasized interdisciplinary research and effective data handling.
- **Guest of Honour:** Prof. Sukant K. Chaudhury stressed the importance of accurate referencing and research objectivity.
- **Presidential Address:** Prof. Anand Singh (KwaZulu-Natal University, South Africa) highlighted the need for critical thinking and managing biases in research.
- **Workshop Director:** Prof. Vinod Chandra welcomed participants and outlined the event's objectives.

Technical Sessions:

- **Theoretical & Philosophical Orientations in Social Science Research** – Prof. Vivek Kumar (JNU, Delhi)
- **Qualitative Research Designs & Ethnography** – Prof. Anand Singh (KwaZulu-Natal University, South Africa)
- **Basics of R-Programming for Research** – Dr. Shambavi Tiwari (Copenhagen, Denmark)
- **Handling & Processing Large Datasets** – Prof. S.K. Singh (IIPS, Mumbai)
- **Importance of Research Databases** – Prof. M.U. Raja (Integral University, Lucknow)
- **Crafting Research Questions & Writing Research Proposals** – Prof. A.K. Sharma (IIT Kanpur)
- **Data Analysis Using Statistical Tools (SPSS, T-tests, Sampling Methods)** – Prof. Shashi Bhushan (Lucknow University)

- Research Communication & Dissemination (Academic Writing & Presentations) – Prof. D.R. Sahu (Lucknow University)



Valedictory Session:

- **Key Takeaways:** Summarized by Prof. Manish K. Verma (BBA Central University, Lucknow).
- **Closing Address:** Prof. Shweta Prasad (Secretary, ISS) emphasized the importance of rigorous research and encouraged participants to apply their learnings.
- **Vote of Thanks:** Delivered by Prof. Vinod Chandra.

The workshop successfully equipped researchers with essential skills in **theoretical frameworks, data analysis, qualitative & quantitative methods, and research communication.**

REGIONAL ASSOCIATION'S REPORT

Sociological Association of North Eastern India (SANEI)
In collaboration with the
Department of Sociology, Manipur University
Organised the Fifth Special Lecture

Distinguished speaker: Prof. R. Indira

The Sociological Association of North Eastern India (SANEI), in collaboration with the Department of Sociology at Manipur University, Canchipur, Manipur, successfully organized a significant special lecture in hybrid mode titled "Teaching and Researching Sociology in the Regional Language." This impactful lecture was delivered by Prof. R. Indira, the esteemed former President of the Indian Sociological Society and a Professor of Eminence at the School of Social Sciences, M. S. Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bengaluru, on December 6, 2024. Dr. Nabanipa Bhattacharjee from Sri Venkateswara College, Delhi University, played a key role as the chair of this noteworthy event.

Prof. Indira began her talk by noting that this subject is not really new, as even as early as in 1969, Prof. Neera Desai had said that the time had come to give serious attention to the matter of teaching Sociology through the regional language. Citing the reasons for regional language being an effective teaching-learning medium, Prof. Neera Desai had discussed the ease of expression that one experiences, when the regional language becomes a classroom tool. Prof. Indira noted that in a society embedded in hierarchies of various kinds, language has also remained a divider, and in this sense, English associated with colonial times, and colonial hegemony was the 'status giver', which excluded large sections of our population from getting the benefits of modern education, a situation which still continues. But by 1970s voices started emerging that students in higher education must be given the option to use the regional language as the medium of learning. Over a period of time, regional language became the medium of research writing as well. But there were voices of dissent which argued that adoption of regional language was beset with problems such as lack of technical words, non-availability of text books and meaningful translations of standard publications, among others. She also referred to the abuse of the situation by those who prepared guides and ineffective translations, and divested the discipline of its seriousness.

Prof. Indira said that in a society like ours, we need to celebrate cultural and linguistic pluralism by creating the space for languages with which students experience comfort. However, sincere efforts must be made to enrich the regional languages by creating translation equivalents for discipline-related concepts, use context-specific terminology and even evolve new terminologies, when required. She also noted that it is important to give due attention to the different dialects in a single regional language, while translating from English language.

Prof. Indira concluded her talk by saying that multi-lingual capabilities must be built in students and teachers, as knowledge of English is an asset. She argued that given the sharp divide that is being created between public and private educational spaces, language must never be allowed to play the role of a divider, but serve as a force that bridges socio-economic-educational gaps. Dr. Nabanipa Bhattacharjee extended her heartfelt gratitude to Prof. R. Indira for delivering an insightful lecture, emphasizing its key points with clarity and purpose. The session was further enriched by a dynamic Q & A discussion. Representing SANEI and the Department of Sociology at Manipur University, Dr. Mayanglambam Lilee Devi, the Head of Department and host of the special lecture, delivered the vote of thanks.

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