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Dear Colleague,

Warm greetings from the Indian Sociological Society.

At the outset I would like to thank each one of you for your support and participation. Had this enthusiastic and committed involvement not been present it would be impossible to have the academically exciting months filled with lectures, workshops and conferences in different parts of the country. My sincere thanks to each one of you for making this possible. My gratitude to the Secretary and every member of the Managing Committee and RC Convenors for enabling this. Thank you.

It is my pleasure to let you know that the brochure for the 50th AISC to be held in SRM Andhra (SRMAP) from 28-30 December is out. Many of you must have already seen it. Reflecting our times, the theme of the Conference is on Mobilities and Inequalities: Shifting Contexts and Changing Paradigms. In a way, the topic captures almost all dimensions of sociology that is reflected in the wide array of sub themes. I urge you to register early and spread the word to others. Here is the conference link: <https://srmap.edu.in/esla/sociology-and-anthropology/home/> You would already be aware that a new website is slowly building up as an accessible e-learning resource. The ISS Website is now a dynamic, multipurpose portal for the members of the Society and the larger public. As a professional body of sociologists, the ISS with its long and rich history has a very special role in the practice of public sociology. ISS has made a concerted effort to document the contributions of our predecessors and ensure updates on contemporary debates. Kindly explore the website and some of its new features, which you might find interesting: Resources, Remembering the Past and Videos to name a few. You can visit them and share your feedback on the same. We would like you to visit the ISS You Tube Channel. Many interesting Conversations and panel discussions are uploaded on our website. Those who are on social media, please follow us on LinkedIn, Instagram, X Platform and Facebook to stay connected.

Looking forward to meeting you at the Conference

Warmest wishes
Maitrayee Chaudhuri



Editor's Message

Dear Life Members,

Warm greetings from the Indian Sociological Society!

As we move towards the closing months of this year, it gives me great pleasure to share some significant updates from the Society. Preparations are well underway for the forthcoming 50th All India Sociological Conference, scheduled to be held between 28-30 December, 2025 in SRM University, Andhra Pradesh. This Golden Jubilee Conference marks a moment of reflection and renewal for Indian sociology, celebrating five decades of vibrant scholarly exchange, institutional growth, and collective commitment to the discipline. The preparations for this landmark conference are progressing with great enthusiasm. We are delighted to note that around 1,000 participants have already registered, representing universities, research institutions, and professional bodies from across the country and abroad. The Organizing Committee, in close coordination with the ISS, is working

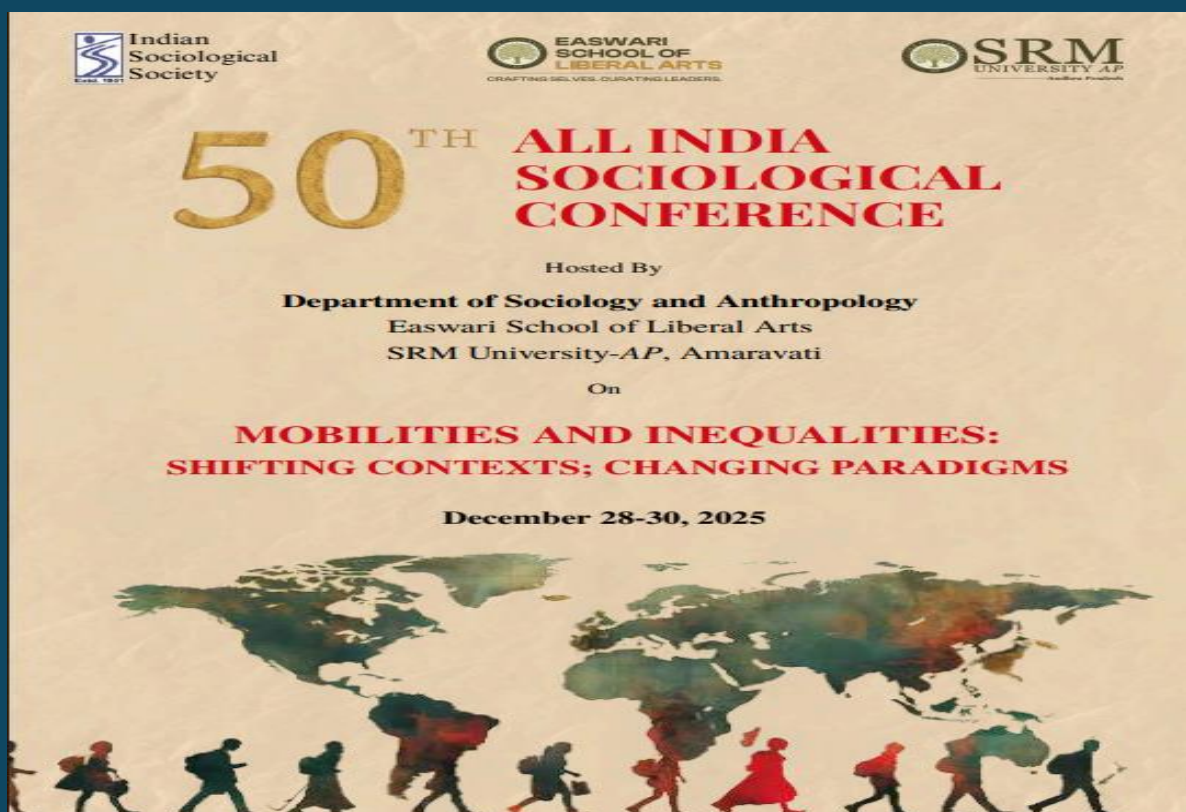
diligently to make this conference a memorable and intellectually stimulating event for all participants.

The ISS continues to serve as a vital platform for sociologists across India to share insights, promote dialogue, and advance sociological understanding in a rapidly changing world. I take this opportunity to thank all our members, especially our Life Members, for their continued support and active engagement in the Society's academic and organizational endeavors. We look forward to meeting many of you at the 50th AISC and to celebrating together this golden milestone in the journey of Indian sociology.

Shweta Prasad,
Secretary, Indian Sociological Society

50TH ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to the 50th All India Sociological Conference (50th AISC) of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS). The conference will be hosted by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Easwari School of Liberal Arts (ESLA), SRM University-AP, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh on the theme Mobilities and Inequalities: Shifting Contexts; Changing Paradigms from December 28 to 30, 2025. The conference will be attended



by national and international delegates, including renowned sociologists, professors, researchers, and students. The collective expertise of the scholars would help the participants to engage and extend the discourses within sociology. This brochure provides you with all the required information to participate in the conference. We look forward to welcoming you to the 50th AISC at SRM UniversityAP, Amaravati, in December 2025

RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

RC 01 Theory and Practice in Sociology

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The Research Committee 01 of the Indian Sociological Society, in collaboration with the Department of Sociology at Nagaland University, hosted a distinguished Panel Discussion titled "Remembering Michael Burawoy: Theory, Practice & Politics" on 20th May 2025. The event brought together eminent sociologists and scholars to reflect upon the contributions of Michael Burawoy to sociological thought, emphasizing the interplay between theory, practice, and politics in contemporary sociological inquiry. The session was chaired by Prof. Sujata Patel, Professor of Sociology (Retd.) at the University of Hyderabad, whose leadership provided a structured and engaging dialogue. Panelists included: Prof. Geoffrey Pleyers, President, International Sociological Association, who highlighted the global relevance of Burawoy's work in public sociology and its ethical implications. Prof. Rajiv Gupta, Former Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, Rajasthan University, who reflected on the impact of Burawoy's methodology in Indian sociological practice. Prof. Rajesh Misra, Former



Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, Lucknow University, who discussed the theoretical underpinnings and critical approaches in Burawoy's scholarship. Dr. Aditya Raj, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, IIT Patna, who examined the intersections of academic research, activism, and policy-making in Burawoy's work.

The event was convened by Prof. Nilika Mehrotra, Convenor of RC 01, and co-convened by Dr. Suraj Beri, ensuring a seamless organization that promoted inclusive academic discourse. The discussion fostered a thoughtful exploration of Michael Burawoy's legacy, particularly his

advocacy for reflexivity in sociological research, the significance of public sociology, and the ethical responsibility of sociologists in addressing contemporary social challenges.



RC 01 Theory and practice in Sociology, organized a Special Lecture on ‘**Engaging with Social Theory**’ in association with Dept. of Sociology, Nagaland University, Lumami on 18.08.2025 at 3.30pm online. Prof. Ansari’s lecture discussed in detail various aspects of feminist theory and the challenges of studying gender through empirical work. She explained different strands within feminist methodologies and how Indian sociological writings have engaged with feminist approaches.

RC 02- Studies on Family, Marriage, and Kinship

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The Department of Sociology, Ismail National Mahila P.G. College (INMPG), Meerut, in collaboration with ISS RC 02 (Studies on Family, Marriage, and Kinship) and RC 21 (Political Sociology), organized a National Seminar on “Family Power Structures and Their Role in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals” on May 15, 2024, via Google Meet. The seminar was held under the esteemed patronage of Shri Arun Kumar Gupta, Secretary, INMPG College, Meerut, and Prof. Anita Rathi, Principal & Professor, INMPG College, Meerut.

Convened by Prof. Deepti Kaushik, (Professor and HOD of Sociology at INMPG) the seminar brought together eminent sociologists, researchers, and academicians from across India to examine the power structures within families and how they can be instrumental in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The key themes discussed included understanding family power structures, gender and generational dynamics, empowering women and youth, viewing the family as a driver for SDG implementation, and the importance of policy and community engagement.

The session commenced with a welcome note by Prof. Deepti Kaushik, who not only served as the Convenor but also laid down the context of the seminar, highlighting the importance of examining internal family dynamics in relation to national and global development goals. The Presidential Address was delivered by Shri Ompal Singh, कुटुम्ब संबोधन संयोजक, who spoke

passionately about the deep cultural ethos of Indian families and their potential to become micro-engines of development. The Keynote Address was delivered by Dr. Sanat Kumar Sharma from the Central University of South Bihar, Gaya. He drew attention to how family power hierarchies influence access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities, and how recognizing these patterns is essential for any grassroots-level intervention aiming at sustainable development.

The seminar featured an engaging panel of renowned scholars as distinguished guest speakers who enriched the discourse with their insights: Prof. Shweta Prasad (Secretary, ISS; Professor of Sociology, Banaras Hindu University) emphasized intersectionality within family power structures and the urgent need for gender-sensitive policy frameworks. Prof. (Dr.) Pushpa Antil (Principal, DGC Gurugram) focused on inter-generational negotiations within Indian families and how these affect women's roles in decision-making, especially in rural households. Prof. Mahesh Shukla (Former Convener, ISS RC02; Professor, Govt. T.R.S. College of Excellence) discussed family systems from a comparative lens, sharing real-world case studies from tribal, urban, and peri-urban communities.

The National Seminar on “Family Power Structures and Their Role in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals” was not just an academic gathering—it was a thought-provoking dialogue that reminded us that change begins at home. The seminar highlighted new research directions by emphasizing the need to study power redistribution within families and its long-term developmental impact. It initiated interdisciplinary dialogues between political sociology and family studies, paving the way for holistic research that connects sociology, policy, and development economics. Actionable recommendations included integrating family-level assessments into welfare schemes, fostering gender-equitable upbringing through awareness programs, and promoting youth leadership as a means of community transformation. Additionally, the seminar fostered networking and collaboration among scholars, resulting in proposals for joint projects and publications.

RC-05- Sociology of Education

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The programmes conducted by the Research Committee -05 during May to August 2025 are as follows:

1. Invited Lecture (online) on “Academic Outsiders: Casteplanning in Classrooms” by Professor N. Sukumar, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, on 16/05/2025 (Friday) at 3:30 PM. The lecture drew upon Social Dominance Theory, linking it with Bourdieu's concept of cultural capital embedded in caste habitus, to explain systemic caste-based oppression in India. Professor Sukumar highlighted how institutional, group, and individual discrimination sustain hierarchies by relegating marginalized communities to low-paying and hazardous jobs. He emphasized the role of legitimizing ideologies, discriminatory behaviour, and institutional allocations in reproducing group-based inequalities. The discussion contextualized these theoretical insights through classroom experiences, offering a critical praxis of caste and education.

2. Invited Lecture (online) on “Caste and Pedagogical Practices: Philosophical Praxis of Phule and Ambedkar”, by Professor P. Kesava Kumar, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, on 5th June 2025.

3. Invite Lecture on “Education as Empowerment: India’s Journey from Literacy to Innovation” (online), by Professor Rajesh Rajasekhar, Chairperson, Department of Sociology, University of Bangalore, Bengaluru, June 30, 2025 03:00 PM

RC-8 Inequalities, Stratification and Exclusion Studies

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RC-08, Inequalities, Stratification and Exclusion Studies in collaboration with RC-14, Globalization and Culture and Khun-Khun Ji Girls Degree College had organized a two-day national webinar which was held from 1st and 2nd March, 2023. On the basis of the papers presented and discussed during this webinar an edited book has been published in July, 2025 under the title “Gram-Nagar Sambhandh: Prabhavi Pariprekshya and Udiyman Pravratayan”. The Book has been edited by Prof. Rajesh Misra (former Head of the Department of Sociology at Lucknow University) and Dr. Supriya Singh (Co-Convener, RC-08). This edited volume is a collection of research studies and theoretical analyses by leading and emerging scholars on the processes of change, key perspectives, and emerging trends in rural India. It not only analyzes various aspects of rural-urban interaction, but also explores new dimensions of rural dynamics and change in the context of peasant mobilization, caste, occupation, gender inequality, and education. It will help illuminate an emerging area of rural sociology in the Hindi language.

RC 10 Gender Studies

Convener: Rajni Bala

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During May to August 2025, the Research Committee on Gender Studies (RC-10) of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) organized events that 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.

Book discussion session on "Gender, Law and Social Transformation in India"

On 13.08.2025, Research Committee on Gender Studies (RC-10) of Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi, organised a book discussion session on "Gender, Law and Social Transformation in India". This publication by Springer is important for RC-10 as it is the outcome of first mid-term conference of the Research Committee on Gender Studies.

This session was chaired by Prof Bishwajit Ghosh, Former Vice Chancellor & Senior Professor at University of Burdwan. The speakers; Prof. Abha Chauhan, Former President, Indian Sociological society and Prof. Ajaii Niumai from University of Hyderabad, who are also the

editors of the book, explained that the book critically examines the intersections of gender, legal frameworks, and social change in contemporary India.



Both the speakers highlighted that the book provides a multidimensional perspective on gender justice, exploring how legal mechanisms have shaped and been shaped by—social movements, state policies, and cultural practices.

The volume is divided into thematic sections covering key issues such as women's rights, legal interventions in cases of gender-based violence, and the role of grassroots activism in pushing for progressive legal reforms.

The contributors engage with critical debates surrounding laws on domestic violence, sexual harassment, marriage, inheritance, human trafficking, etc offering both theoretical insights and empirical case studies. The session was well attended and engaging. The session was moderated by Dr. Rajni Bala, Convenor of RC-10. Prof Sudeshna Mukherjee, the co-convenor of RC-10, proposed the vote of thanks.

Lecture on the topic “Women, Technology and Empowerment: A Slippery Slope of Social Media” by Prof. Amrit Srinivasan on August 20, 2025

The sixth lecture in our esteemed lecture series, "Challenges of the 21st Century: A Gendered Perspective," was successfully organized on August 20, 2025, in collaboration with the Centre for Women's Studies, University of Kerala.

The lecture was delivered by Prof. Amrit Srinivasan, Former Professor at IIT Delhi, on the timely theme: “*Women, Technology and Empowerment: A Slippery Slope of Social Media.*”



Prof. Srinivasan offered a thought-provoking analysis of how social media opens new spaces for empowerment while simultaneously creating risks and reinforcing vulnerabilities for women.



The session was chaired by Prof. R. Indira, Former President, Indian Sociological Society, whose academic leadership brought depth and focus to the proceedings. Prof. Sudeshna Mukherjee, Director, Centre for Social Impact, Chanakya University, Bangalore and Co-Convener of RC-10, enriched the dialogue as the discussant, offering theoretical and critical insights that broadened the debate. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation of the Advisory committee members, senior scholars, and young research.

RC-11 Sociology of Environment.

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Panel Discussion

A Panel Discussion was organized by ISS-RC 15[Agrarian & Rural Studies], RC 11[Sociology of Environment], & Ad Hoc RC03[Food, Culture & Society] on 21st May 2025 at 6 p.m. IST.

The title of the panel Discussion was- ‘Sustaining Inequality? Agrarian Change, Food Cultures, and Ecological Futures’. The Panellists were- A.R. Vasavi, Social Anthropologist, Mekhala Krishnamurthy, Associate Professor, Ashoka University and Aniket Aga, University of Buffalo.

The panellists put forward their views on the topic. Aniket Aga spoke on the issues related to current Food regimes that exacerbates inequalities and erodes diversity of food systems , leading to environmental destruction. This can be addressed by ecological farming and also that a sub-continental effort is required since the problem is not restricted by international borders.

A.R. Vasavi spoke on the need to understand inequality. For this there are two sets of contradictory forces at work- on the one hand are the economies of neglect, where funding

support to agriculture has gone down and on the other hand, are the politics of rescue- like MNREGA, PDS, Moratorium on loans etc during Election time.

Mekhala Krishnamurthy spoke about trying to bring these strands together through sociology. She pointed out that we make these separations at the conceptual and policy level. Whereas at the ground level one can observe connections. The presentations were followed by a question-and-answer session. The session had over 50 participants. The session ended at 7.30 PM. after the vote of thanks.

Proposed Activities

A two days Symposium will be organized in collaboration with RC-17 on ‘ ‘ Social Movement and Environmental conservation’ ’ in the month of October in Which two panel discussions along with two special lectures will be organized.

Academic activities/events organised by RC 14 – ‘Globalisation and Society’ (For the period May to August 2025)

Forthcoming Events – International conference from 2nd – 6th December, 2025

RC 14 – Globalisation and Society

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RC 14 – Globalisation and Society’ in collaboration with International Sociological Association (ISA) Working Group 01 – Sociology of Local-Global Relations and Global Research and Educational Foundation India (GREFI) is organising an International (Interim) Conference on the theme “Geopolitics, Media, and Nation State: Local and Global Dynamics” from 2nd – 6th December, 2025 at Institute of Social Science (ISS), New Delhi. The last date to submit abstract is 30th October, 2025. Abstract of 400 words and full paper can be sent to presidentwg0123.27@gmail.com; etdrvps@gmail.com . The link for the brochure and details of the conference is given below.

https://www.grefiglobal.org/_files/ugd/cf23a6_01df5df348c74529b8c05c59a142aa0c.pdf

RC 15: Agrarian and Rural Studies

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1. Panel Discussion in Collaboration

Theme: Sustaining Inequality? Agrarian Change, Food Cultures, and Ecological Futures

Panelists:

Aniket Aga, Assistant Professor, University at Buffalo

A. R. Vasavi, Social Anthropologist

Mekhala Krishnamurthy, Associate Professor, Ashoka University

Date: 21 May 2025

Mode: Online

Collaboration: RC 11 (Sociology of Environment) and Ad-hoc Group 03 (Food Culture and Society)

2. International Panel Discussion

Title: Land Movements in India and Brazil: A Comparative View

Panelists:

Dr. Vasundhara Jairath, Assistant Professor, Department of HSS, IIT Guwahati

Rafael Soriano, PhD Student, UFABC (São Paulo), Brazil & Exchange PhD Scholar, JNU Delhi

Date: 18 June 2025

Mode: Online

RC 25 Sociology of Sports

Convenor: Sanjay Tewari

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The Membership of RC 25 has risen to 788 as on date.

Publications:

The Convener, Prof Sanjay Tewari has published Chapter Number 22 titled “Hundred Years of Sociology in India: The Way Forward for Sociology of Sports at home and the World” in the book “Hundred Years of Sociology in India: Evolving Issues, Emerging Trends” published by Springer DOI : 10.1007/978-981-96-1317-5, ISBN 978-981-96-1316-8, Year 2025

The Convener, Prof Sanjay Tewari has published a Chapter titled Intersection between Sports Sociology and Tourism published in the Book of the International Conference on Sports Science 2025, Ton Duc Thang University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, June 2025, pp 285-297, ISBN 978-0-646-70623-8.

Conferences:

The Convener, Prof Sanjay Tewari, was a Guest of Honour at the International Scientific Committee Congress “Sport, People and Health” organized by the International Public Organisation for the Promotion of Science and Sport “Sport, People and Health” (Saint Petersburg, Russia); National State University of Physical Culture, Sports and Health named after P.F Lesgaft (Saint Petersburg, Russia); International Sambo Federation (FIAS) (Lausanne, Switzerland); St. Petersburg State University (Saint Petersburg, Russia) and The Committee for external relations (Saint Petersburg, Russia) on 16, 17 and 18 April 2025 at St. Petersburg, Russian Federation.

The Convener, Prof Sanjay Tewari Chaired an important Session at the International Conference on Sports Science 2025 organized by the Ton Duc Thang University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam on 12-13 June 2025.

The Convener, Prof Sanjay Tewari Chaired a session at the 5th International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology at Rabat, Morocco (6-11 July 2025). The Session was of the Research Committee 13 (Sociology of Leisure).

The Convener, Prof Sanjay Tewari presented a Paper titled “Deconstructing the Role of Media in Sports, Leisure and Culture: Studying Disadvantaged Group” at the 5th International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology at Rabat, Morocco (6-11 July 2025). The Session was of the Research Committee 13 (Sociology of Leisure).

Grants/Awards:

The Convener, Prof Sanjay Tewari’s full trip was sponsored as a Guest of Honor at the Russian Federation in the International Public Organization World Congress for the Promotion of Science & Sport “Sport, People and Health” (Saint Petersburg, Russia), held on 16, 17 & 18 April 2025 at St. Petersburg, Russia.

The Convener, Prof Sanjay Tewari received a Registration Grant from the International Sociological Association, RC 13 on Sociology of Leisure for attending the 5th ISA Forum of Sociology, Rabat, Morocco July 6-11, 2025

Future Collaborations/Events of RC 25:

Research Committee 25 (Sociology of Sports) is collaborating with the Department of Sociology, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law for a Two Day Conference on Ageing and Sports, scheduled to be held on 20-21 September 2025. The Convener, Prof Sanjay Tewari is a Keynote Speaker there.

Research Committee 25 (Sociology of Sports) is collaborating with the Madhyanchal Sociological Society for its Annual Conference scheduled to be held at Rewa, MP on 11-12 October 2025.

Research Committee 25 (Sociology of Sports) is organizing a ten Days Research Methodology Workshop along with the Southfield College, Darjeeling; The South Eastern University of Oluvil, Sri Lanka and the Integrated Institute of Disaster Management, Chennai from 17 September till 26 September 2025, in Hybrid Mode.

RC 27 Sociology of Care

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RC 27 has started an online lecture series. The third lecture of this series was delivered by Prof. Manish K. Verma on 18 May, 2025. The theme of the lecture was Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Development: Issues and Movements.

Hon’ble Vice- Chancellor of Vidya Sagar University, Prof. Dipak Kumar Kar was invited as the Chief Guest, and he chaired the session. Prof. Soumyajit Patra, Convener of RC 27 delivered the welcome address. Dr. Biswajit Bera of the Department of Geography, SKBU, was the discussant. Participants of different states joined the programme. Dr. Nidhi Bansal Proposed the Vote of Thanks.

RC 30 Digital Sociology
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Members: 55

Activities:

- Two Day National Training Program was organized in collaboration with the Dept. Of Sociology, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya on “Dimensions and Relevance of Social Ethics for Contemporary Society”. It was attended by Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri, President, Indian Sociological Society, Prof. Paul Streumer (Netherland), Prof. B P Sahu, NEHU, Prof. S C Roy, NERIE-NCERT, Meghalaya, Prof. Sambit Mallick, IIT Guwahati and other distinguished dignitaries. The training program emphasized the critical role of social ethics in navigating contemporary societal challenges and inspired meaningful dialogue across academia and cultural boundaries.
- Two Day International Seminar on Politics on Gender, Health and Digital Initiatives in India Organized by Centre for Women Studies, MANUU In Collaboration with Department of Sociology, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad in association with RC 30- Digital Sociology, Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi on 5-6 August, 2025. Seminar focused on gendered dimensions of health policies, digital initiatives, digital governance in health, access, equity, and autonomy across gender identities in India. It emphasized a dialogue among scholars, activists, policymakers, and health practitioners regarding inclusive and feminist approaches to digital health governance and related issues.
- Initiated publication of edited books: Papers presented in the International Conference “Digitalization, New Media and Video Game Culture” held in Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad on 7-8 December, 2023 are reviewed and selected papers are considered for the publication. Some selected papers are considered for an edited book to be published with Springer Nature. Proposed book editors are in talk with one commissioned editor of Springer Nature for the same.

Seven-Day Online National Workshop on “SPSS: Statistical Tools for Social Sciences”

A transformative Seven-Day Online National Workshop on “SPSS: Statistical Tools for Social Sciences” was successfully held from June 24 to June 30, 2025. It was conducted by Indian Sociological Society under the patronage of Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhury (President, Indian Sociological Society) and Prof. Shweta Prasad (Secretary, Indian Sociological Society), actively supported by the Managing Committee members of the Indian Sociological Society. The workshop was conducted in collaboration with the regional sociological bodies including the Rajasthan Sociological Association, Madhyanchal Sociological Society, Marathi Samajshastra Parishad, Bihar Sociological Society, Chhattisgarh Sociological Association, Jharkhand Sociological Society, North West Sociological Society and Sociological Society of Uttar Pradesh, reflecting a nationwide academic synergy. The workshop was envisioned as a foundational training program in quantitative data analysis using SPSS software, specifically tailored for researchers, faculty members and students in the field of social sciences.

In the inaugural session of the workshop on 24th June 2025, Prof. Shweta Prasad (Secretary, Indian Sociological Society) delivered the Welcome Address, followed by the Inaugural

Lecture on “Research Methods and Methodology” by Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri (President, Indian Sociological Society) who set the tone for a week of methodologically rich discourse. The session was followed by Dr. Pramod Gupta (Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow) delivered a session on “Introduction to SPSS in Social Sciences and Basic Tools” and Prof. Archana Sinha (Department of Statistics, Navyug Kanya Manhavidyala, Lucknow) delivered an insightful session covering topics such as Statistical Tools and their Interpretation providing participants with a strong conceptual foundation in statistical analysis.

Each day of the workshop was enriched by the expertise of distinguished resource persons from the field of statistics- Dr. Shambhavi Mishra (University of Lucknow), Dr. Prafulla Swain (Utkal University, Odisha), Dr. Naga Rajeev L (Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Pune), Dr. Ashok Kumar (University of Lucknow), and Dr. Ashish K. Yadav (IMS, BHU Varanasi).

The workshop covered a wide range of topics including SPSS Interface, Exploratory Data Analysis, Tests of Normality, and Bivariate Analysis. It also included sessions on Graphs using SPSS, Parametric and Non-parametric Tests, Factor Analysis and Case Study Discussions. Each session was conducted with a hands-on approach, enabling participants to use SPSS for real-time data analysis in social science research. Experts in the field guided attendees through critical concepts and live demonstrations. More than 500 participants from across India actively engaged in the workshop.

The workshop concluded with a valedictory session on June 30, 2025, where reflections and feedback from participants were shared. It was indeed a meaningful coincidence that the 7-Day Online Workshop on SPSS (Statistical Tools for Social Sciences) was held during the same week as National Statistics Day- observed in the memory of P. C. Mahalanobis, a connection that was duly acknowledged.

The workshop not only strengthened the statistical competencies of participants but also reinforced the growing role of digital tools in sociological research. With a nationwide academic backing, this event reaffirmed the need for statistical literacy in contemporary social science. The workshop successfully concluded with the consistent dedication of its organizing team members comprising Dr. Suchitra Sharma, Dr. Saroj K. Dhal, Dr. Neha Kumari along with technical support from Dr. Gaurav Mishra, Dr. Sampriya Trivedi, Dr. Pragya Chaturvedi, Ms. Aishna Verma, Ms. Neha Kanoujia, Ms. Jeba Anjum, Ms. Shashi Rawat .

Ad Hoc RC 1 Pedagogy Teaching and Learning

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Book Discussion

On 24th May, the RC organised a book discussion on the book ‘Reflexivity, Relatedness and Interpretations: The Curved Trajectory of Research’ authored by Dr Roopa Rathnam, Dr. Roma Bhattacharya, and Dr Vasudha Katju. The discussion focused on lesser known or rarely discussed aspects of ‘doing research’ and its dilemmas, contradictions, and antinomies. The session was moderated by Dr Amman Madan.

As part of our attempts to collaborate with Research Committees, a panel discussion was held on 30th May on 'Family Studies Today: Reflections on Pedagogy' in collaboration with the Research Committee 2 on Studies on Family, Marriage, and Kinship. The panel comprised Dr Nilika Mehrotra, Dr Kamla Ganesh and Dr Tiplut Nongbri. The session was moderated by Dr Rukmini Sen. The session provided a wonderful trajectory of family and kinship studies along with enriching discussions on new pedagogies of doing family studies today.

FUTURE PLANS

A session on Disability affirming pedagogies in higher education is being planned in September.

A session on Teaching, Reading and Writing in the age of AI is scheduled on 11th October. This will be organised in collaboration with Society and AI Lab Gitam University

A workshop on 'Doing academic Writing Differently' is being planned in collaboration with RC 6 on Sociology of Religion and RC 11 on Sociology of Environment.

Ad Hoc Group-02 (Indian Sociology and Knowledge Systems)

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Ad Hoc Group-02 organized a series of academic activities during the period of May to August 2025. These initiatives sought to foster dialogue on the intersections of Indian knowledge traditions and sociological perspectives.

1. Online Lecture by Prof. Brijendra Pandey

- **Title:** *Bhartiya Gyan Parampara Aur Samaj Vigyan*
- **Speaker:** Prof. Brijendra Pandey, Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla
- **Date and Time:** 2nd August 2025, 7:00 PM
- **Participation:** Around 60 participants attended.
- **Discussion & Impact:** Prof. Pandey emphasized the deep-rooted connections between Indian epistemological traditions and the evolution of social thought. The lecture stimulated discussion on how classical Indian categories of knowledge can provide fresh conceptual tools for the discipline of sociology. Participants appreciated the critical reflections offered by the speaker, particularly on bridging modern social science with indigenous intellectual heritage.

2. Online Lecture by Prof. Ram Nath Jha

- **Title:** *Indian Knowledge Tradition: Sociological Perspective*
- **Speaker:** Prof. Ram Nath Jha, School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- **Date and Time:** 23rd August 2025, 6:45 PM
- **Participation:** Around 87 participants attended.
- **Discussion & Impact:** Prof. Jha provided an interdisciplinary perspective on how Indian knowledge traditions can be interpreted sociologically. He highlighted the importance of Sanskritic sources, textual traditions, and

philosophical categories in enriching sociological theorization. The lecture evoked active interaction, with participants engaging in questions regarding the applicability of these traditions in contemporary contexts. Feedback received indicated that the session was intellectually stimulating and broadened the participants' understanding of Indian sociology's scope.

Overall Reflection:

Both lectures were well received and generated constructive academic engagement. Participants expressed that the sessions helped them situate sociology in dialogue with Indian intellectual traditions, thereby strengthening the Group's objective of advancing indigenously grounded sociological discourse. The deliberations also underscored the relevance of revisiting classical sources to respond to contemporary challenges in the discipline.

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Alanna Higgins delivered a lecture titled *Moralization of Food through U.S. Policy and the Implications for Healthcare Practice* on 10 April 2025. Alanna Higgins is an Assistant Professor in the School of Geography at the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom. She spoke about the governmental discourses and communication around food and health by legal-policy archaeology in the United States of America (USA) to investigate governmental communications around “good” food in the context of the recent white House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health and the specific resulting discussions of “nutrition security”.

Sayan Dey's lecture titled *Discardable Palates* was hosted on 23 May 2025. Sayan Dey works as an Assistant Professor and Department Chair (English Studies) at Bayan College (affiliated with Purdue University Northwest), Oman. In this talk, he discussed how the condition of ‘discardable palates’ is being structurally curated as a theoretical and methodological mechanism to normalise fractured ideologies in India.

On 10 June 2025, we organised a lecture titled *The Classed, Gendered and Racialised Nature of the School Meals Service in the UK* by Gurbinder Singh Lalli. He is a Professor in the Faculty of Education, Health and Wellbeing, University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom. This presentation explored current-day experiences of the School Meals Service, specifically examining ideas around how school food policy is classed, gendered and racialised in the United Kingdom.

In July, we organised an Early Career Scholars Research Panel with two presentations by Sohini Bhattacharjee (*Trust, Quality and Consumption: Eating Organic Food in Delhi NCR*) and Srijita Biswas (*The Pice Hotels of Calcutta: Site of Homely Food and Urban Gastronomy*) on 20 July 2025. Sohini Bhattacharjee is an early-career researcher who recently submitted her doctoral thesis at the Centre for the Study of Social Systems (CSSS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. Srijita Biswas is a PhD Research Scholar in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Bhopal (IISER Bhopal).

In August, we organised an Academic Writing Workshop on Everyday Practices and Meanings of Food in India in collaboration with Bihun Collective from 1-23 August 2025. The speakers were Kranmayi Bhushi (Sociology of Food and Identity), Dolly Kikon (Ethnographic writings on Food), Sudha Nagavrapu (Food Systems and Agrarian Histories), Richa Kumar (Food, Health and Nutrition), Ishita Dey (Political Economy of Food), Sanchita Das (Oral Histories), Hoineilhing Sitlhou (Documentation and Archival Research Methods) and Rituparna Patgiri (Representations of Food in Media and Digital Cultures).

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