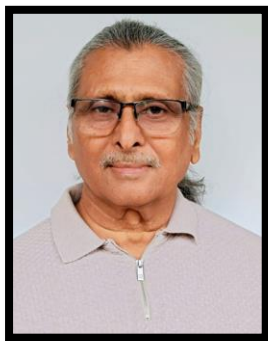


ISS Election Candidate Profiles
Candidate for President, ISS 2025

	Dipti Ranjan Sahu LMI-1442
State	Uttar Pradesh
Profile	
Dipti Ranjan Sahu is a Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Lucknow. His academic career has spanned more than 3 and half decades in University of Lucknow and Ravenshaw University, Odisha (2010-2012). With a M.A., M. Phil (Utkal) and Ph.D. (Lucknow), he has contributed to three research areas: Development, Gender and Social Movement Studies. He has also completed more than a dozen and half research projects close to the tune of more than crores (i.e., from agencies like I.C.S.S.R, Govt. of U.P., NABARD, H.P.C.L., UNICEF and CARE). His publications include a seminal volume commissioned by the Indian Sociological Society (ISS), viz., Sociology of Social Movement (ed), SAGE 2012, fifty-two research papers and two monographs People's Protest and Social Change & Media Violence and Youth (Rawat Publications 2021 & 2024).	
He believes that academics need to blend both the quest to develop cutting-edge ideas and also disseminate it to the diverse, talented and variegated community of sociologists in India. As an institution builder, he has a chequered association with the I.S.S., wherein he has assiduously risen up the ranks from being a R.C. Convener (2012-16), through Managing Committee Member (2012-17) to being its Secretary (2018-19). Under the aegis of the I.S.S., he has successfully organized -- the 36th and 43rd Indian Sociology Conferences of 2010 and 2017 (Cuttack, Odisha & Lucknow, U.P.) respectively, Mid-term ISS International conference on "Sociology of and In Regions" held in 2023 and of late the October 2025 International Conference on Intersectionality in South Asia.	
Further, he has been instrumental in resurrecting the Uttar Pradesh Sociological Society in 2019 and shaping the Odisha Sociological Society in 2010. Even at the international forum, he has served as the Member, Executive Board of Working Group (WG-05) on Famine and Society (2010-14) & Secretary-cum-Treasurer, RC-48 Social Movement, Collective Action and Change of the International Sociological Association (2014-16).	

	Jagan Karade LMI-2615
State	Mumbai
Profile	
My school studies in remote villages in Maharashtra, I pursued collegiate studies in sociology and then higher studies to an M.A. and M.Phil. in the department of sociology at Shivaji University, Kolhapur. Thereafter, a PhD at University of Mumbai. CAREER: I served at many institutions in Pune and elsewhere as a sociology teacher, and later appointed as an Associate Professor in my department of sociology at Shivaji University. My service was elevated to the position of Professor & Head (2016-25). Research and Development: Conducted MRP :2+3 Produced :11 PhD. Workshop on Research Methodology, Capacity-Building Programmes & Policy-Research :10 National & International Seminars/Conferences :8 UGC-SAP Phase-III. :1 PUBLISHED: Books :14 Articles :50+ Reports :15 NAAC EXPERT: Assessed as Chairman and Member-Coordinator. SERVICE TO PROFESSION: Secretary, ISS (2020-21) Member, MC, ISS (2014-19) Founder Convenor, RC-31 Sociology of Sanitation, Member, Board-WG, ISA (2018-23) President, Marathi Samajshastra Parishad OVERSEAS VISITS: USA, Austria, Switzerland, Malaysia, Thailand, Canada, Dubai. With a profound sense of gratitude, I seek your valuable VOTE and Support to serve ISS as PRESIDENT, ensuring our Society remains a vibrant, world-class, intellectual and inclusive. Let us all work together.	

	Manish K. Verma LMI-2327
State	Uttar Pradesh
Profile	
Having completed my undergraduate (Patna University), Graduation (Hindu College, Delhi University), and M.A., M.Phil and Ph.D (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi), I began my journey in the profession of sociology nearly three decades ago. At present, I am serving as the Dean, Ambedkar School of Social Sciences, Dean, School of Vocational & Futuristic Studies, Professor & Head in the Department of Sociology at Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Central University (BBAU), Lucknow and, Governing Council Member, Ministry of Education, Government of India (2024-2027). In BBAU, I have also worked as Deputy Coordinator UGC SAP DRS-I, Chief Vigilance Officer and Controller of Examinations. I had earlier served in the College Education, Rajasthan and as Sociologist at the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Corporate Office, New Delhi. I have served as Secretary of the Indian Sociological Society from 2022-2023, and also as a Member of the Managing Committee from 2016-2021. I have also worked as Secretary of ISS RC 07: Rural, Peasant and Tribal Communities (2010-2012) and Editor of the E-Newsletter of the ISS. I have published 13 books, 51 articles/book chapters and delivered more than 300 lectures at various national and international forums including Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Canada, USA, Australia and Nepal.	



Rajesh Misra

LMI-1037

State

Uttar Pradesh

Profile

Rajesh Misra is a sociologist of enduring influence and scholarly integrity. He served as Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology, and as Director of the JK Institute of Sociology and Human Relations at the University of Lucknow. With over five decades of academic engagement, his principal areas of research have been class, the Indian middle class, and social movements. He has authored two books and numerous research papers. His recent sociological interest lies in exploring the dimensions of contemporary global crises and their intersections with class structures, viewed through the lens of Planetary Sociology.

He completed his Master's from the Institute of Social Sciences, Agra University, and earned his M.Phil. and Ph.D. from the Institute of Advanced Studies, Meerut University—both institutions located on the periphery of India's academic map. His doctoral work on the New Middle Class, though library-based, was guided by a stalwart of India's fieldwork tradition. He began his teaching career at Dayanand College, Ajmer, and soon joined Kumaun University, Nainital, where he spent twelve formative years teaching large undergraduate cohorts and establishing himself as a compelling communicator of sociological thought in a mofussil hill region.

In 1991, driven by a desire to move from the 'periphery' to the 'centre', he joined the University of Lucknow – a one-time 'Centre', as Reader, and later became Professor. For two and a half decades until his superannuation ten years ago, he worked to uphold and revitalize a fragile academic tradition through dedicated teaching and mentorship. He remains active in the 'online world', delivering lectures both online and offline, and participating in symposia, seminars, and conferences as an independent scholar. Over the course of his career, he has mentored generations of students, cultivating a culture of dialogue, intellectual rigor, and academic engagement.

A life member of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) for four decades, Professor Misra has served as Convenor of the Research Committee on Social Stratification, Secretary, and member of the Managing Committee. He is also an active life member of the International Sociological Association, and continues to participate in its conferences and academic fora. His intellectual contributions have consistently drawn attention to pluralism, social inequalities, democratic fragility, and social movements, promoting critical discourse within Indian sociology as well as beyond.

His leadership is defined by humility, emotional intelligence, and a steadfast commitment to equality, collegiality, and democratic participation. He continues to inspire through his articulate, bilingual communication and his ability to connect across divides with warmth, clarity, and purpose. As a candidate for the ISS Presidency, he envisions a vibrant, inclusive, and pluralistic association of sociologists – one that bridges divides, nurtures both wisdom and youthful imagination, and upholds the critical spirit of the social sciences.