

ISS Election Candidate Profiles
Candidate for Secretary, ISS 2025

	Arvinder A. Ansari LMI-1728
State	Delhi
Profile	
I am Prof. Arvinder A. Ansari, Professor in the Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. I am filing my nomination for the post of Secretary, Indian Sociological Society (2025-27) with a deep sense of purpose and lifelong commitment to our discipline. My association with the Indian Sociological Society spans nearly three decades-years of active engagement, institution building, and collective learning. Educated at Delhi University, Jamia Millia Islamia, and Jawaharlal Nehru University, my intellectual journey has been. shaped by Sociology's transformative vision. This discipline connects knowledge with social responsibility and empathy.	
Within ISS, I have served as Founder-Convener of RC-26 (Minority Studies), Convener of RC-22 (Conflict and Peace Building), and as a Managing Committee Member who received. the highest number of votes. Internationally, I serve as a Board Member of ISA RC-01 (Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution) and RC-32 (Women in Society), where I also serve on the Executive Committee and as Editor of its Newsletter.	
My vision for ISS is to strengthen its democratic, inclusive, and participatory ethos by building capacity among young scholars, fostering regional and global collaborations through research. committees, and creating repositories of curriculum and research resources. I wish to bridge the gap between sociology at the periphery and at the centre, making the Society a shared home for all voices.	
As I seek your support, I do so with humility and hope, guided by the conviction that true. sociology must emerge from lived realities and diverse standpoints. Our workshops and our discipline gain meaning only when they draw upon the experiences, positions, and truths of all who constitute society. With the guidance of seniors, and in collaboration with colleagues and students, I aspire to make the Indian Sociological Society more responsive, inclusive, and reflective of the varied worlds it seeks to understand and represent.	



Balaji Kendre

LMI-2290

State

Mumbai

Profile

I am Professor in the Department of Sociology University of Mumbai with twenty-two years of teaching and research experience. His areas of specialization include Sociology of Development, Sociology of Migration (Diaspora), Sociology of Media, and Sociology of Law.

I have held several important academic and administrative positions, including Head of the Department (2019-2022), Director/Chair Professor at the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Contemporary Studies, and Coordinator of the Master of Social Work Programme (2018-2022). He has also served as Chairperson of the Board of Studies, Member of the Academic Council, Member of the Research and Recognition Committee etc.

As a research guide, I have successfully supervised twelve M.Phil. and eleven Ph.D. scholars. He has completed five research projects (both major and minor). My academic contributions include the publication of five books, fifteen research articles in edited volumes and journals, and two book reviews published in the Sociological Bulletin of the Indian Sociological Society.

I have also delivered over fifteen invited lectures at Academic Staff Colleges across the country and has presented papers, chaired sessions, and delivered invited talks at numerous national and international conferences, seminars, and workshops. I am a regular participant in the All India Sociological Conferences since 2004, contributing in multiple capacities as paper presenter, Treasurer of a Research Committee, Convener of the Research Committee on Sociology of Environment, and currently as a Member of the Managing Committee. Importantly I have served as the Organizing Secretary of the 46th All India Sociological Conference hosted by the Department of Sociology, University of 2021. Mumbai, in I am a Life member of the Marathi Samajshtra Parishad, the Indian New Sociological Delhi, and the Society, Indian Science Congress, Kolkata.

Vision and Agenda:

My agenda for the forthcoming term emphasizes senior inclusive sociologists, participation of both encouragement young and of academic dialogue, inclusion, and the and constructive promotion of engagement diversity, as guiding principles in India. for the growth of Sociology



Daya Shanker Singh Yadav

LMI-3880

State

Uttar Pradesh

Profile

Dr. Daya Shanker Singh Yadav

- Designation: Professor in Sociology
- Department: Sociology
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Personal Information

- Languages Known: Hindi, English
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Academic Qualifications

- Educational Degrees: B.A., M.A., B.Ed., Ph.D. from Banaras Hindu University (BHU)
- Teaching Experience: 18 years
- Number of Research Papers Published: 175
- Number of Seminars Attended: 105
- Number of Seminars Organized: 2+2

Research Supervision: Ph.D. Awarded: 01, Ph.D. Under Supervision: 3

- Membership & Recognition: Member, Research Committee: Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi
- Honors/Awards: Recognized for academic excellence and contribution to sociology education and research.
- Shiksha Bhushan Samman (Nepal)

Research Interest & Objective: Dedicated to the advancement of Indian knowledge systems

within the framework of the National Education Policy 2020. I have organized national seminars focusing on the revival of Indian traditions in education.

I aim to further strengthen interdisciplinary research and contribute meaningfully to higher education and nation-building through teaching, research, and academic leadership.



Sanjay Tewari

LMI-2884

State

Uttar Pradesh

Profile

1. PG-Sociology, Law, Science Graduate, MBA-HR, UGC NET Sociology & PhD Sociology.
2. Life Member of ISS, ISA, ISSA, NASSS, SSSP, IIPA & attended all AISCs since 2006 onwards.
3. Convener of RC 25 on Sociology of Sports, largest RC, Membership of 840+. I founded & established this sub-discipline & got it inducted into MoSports, GOI for funding. I have served as an Elected Member of Managing Committee (2018-2023). 4. Published 30+ papers, academic visits to 30+ countries, chaired, attended & spoke in 150+ conferences, FDPs, Keynotes etc. Editorial Board Member of International Journal of Health, Computer Science in Sports; PANACEA & reviewed IJRSS (SAGE). 5. Received grants from ISA, ICSSR, MYAS, Yokohama Young Sociologist, Japanese Sociological Society.
6. Current Chair - Sports, Leisure & Body Division of SSSP, USA 2025-27 & Honorary Professor - Russian Academy for Fundamental & Social Sciences, Moscow.

Vision & Mission

1. Initiate efforts to ensure Sociology becomes more career oriented.
2. Strive to introduce Sociology in Universities where it doesn't exist & thereby make Regional Associations most powerful & inclusive.

Appeal to Esteemed LMI

I seek your valuable vote/support to strengthen ISS as an all-inclusive Society.



Saket Bihari

LMI-2592

State

New Delhi

Profile

Dr. Saket Bihari is working as an Associate Professor at Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi, an autonomous body under the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Government of India. He has completed his MA, M.Phil., and PhD from the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

He has supervised 20 candidates for the M.Phil. and co-supervised 3 candidates for PhD programmes. His extensive expertise is in research methodology, sociology of education, cultural studies, globalization, and social stratification.

He has 25 years of teaching and research experience. His research interests span from social development to women's studies to rural and urban sociology to anthropological theories to methodological innovations—perfectly resonating with the subjects' focus through interdisciplinary approaches. He has written eight books and 37 research papers. He also writes periodically in "Business World" and reviews various reports and theme papers on contemporary issues. Bestowed twice with the TN Chaturvedi Memorial Award for conducting the maximum number of studies, Dr. Bihari is invited by government departments and ministries to contribute to the effectiveness of different public policies. He also traces sociological insights from the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) by emphasising fourteen sources of knowledge.

He has conducted numerous capacity-building programmes for senior civil service officers. For Indian Forest Service Officers, the major training programmes have included "Good Governance," "Green Space, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services," and "The Role and Scope of Environmental Economics in Sustainable Development." The idea of "think global and act local" is embedded in his thought process. For a mixed group of officers drawn from different cadres, he has conducted a 15-day international capacity-building programme on Innovations in Organisational Management in collaboration with Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand; Crawford School of Public Policy, Australia; St. John's University, New York; and other business schools in the USA.