



Indian **Sociological Society**

RC-07: Adivasi and Tribal Studies



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Concept Note

This ISS research committee is on ‘Adivasi and Tribal Studies’, earlier it used to be ‘Rural Peasant and tribal studies’ since its inception in 1999. However, in 2017 it changed into the present nomenclature. The RC focuses on the understanding and analysis of a holistic account of the tribes of the world in general and the tribes of India in particular. India has 468 tribes; however, there are 705 scheduled tribes, who constitute about 8.6% of the population. They live in 15% of the geographical area of the country. They have no unitary culture, language, food habits, customs and so on. They are diversified in every sense. Today the scope of tribal studies rests mainly on the changing perspective of the tribal society.

Objectives:

1. To understand the diversity of tribal culture.
2. To study the social system, including family, marriage, kinship and stratification.
3. To find out the impact of modernisation and globalisation on the tribe.
4. To critically examine the impact of the development programme on them.
5. To study the land and forest rights of the tribal community.
6. To understand the issue of identity and ethnicity among the tribes.
7. To study their political participation and representation.
8. To analyse tribal social movement: Protest and Resistance.
9. To study the impact of Climate Change on them.
10. To analyse displacement and Rehabilitation among the tribals due to the construction of mega projects.

The RC 07, is one of the first Research committee constituted initially. It was named as Tribal, Rural and Peasant Communities from 1999 to 2017. In 2018 it was renamed as Adivasi and Tribal Studies. This committee has received a large number of membership upto 2017 because of it diversified studies. After it focused on tribes it continued to attract members concentrating on tribal research.

Conveners of RC 07 over the years:

1999-2001: Prof. P. M. Chacko, NEHU, Meghalaya.

2002-2008: Prof. S. Gurusamy, Gandhigram Rural University, Chinnalapatti, Tamil Nadu.

2009-2012: Prof. Sukant K Chaudhury, University of Lucknow, Lucknow.

2013-2016: Prof. S.M. Patnaik, University of Delhi, New Delhi.

2017-2021: Prof. Sanjay Singh, RMNLU, Lucknow.

2022-2025: Sukant K Chaudhury, University of Lucknow, Lucknow.

Report of the proceedings of RC- 07- Adivasi and Tribal Studies, in the 49th AISC 2024

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-convener- 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.

Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava Memorial Lecture

RC-07 started a memorial lecture dedicated to late Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava, who has done pioneering researches on tribal studies in India, both has been a researcher from department of Anthropology, University of Delhi and Director, Anthropological survey of India. He passed away on 23rd December 2020 during Covid 19 pandemic.

The following have delivered the lecture:

1st lecture by Prof. Soumendra Mohan Patnaik, Anthropology, University of Delhi.

Topic: Adivasis as Citizens: Exploring Marginality, on 9th December 2021 during the 46th AISC at University of Mumbai (Online)

2nd lecture by Prof. Abdul Matin, Former Professor, Sociology, AMU. Aligarh.

Topic: Perspectives on Social Research Methods: Tribal Issues, on 20th December 2022 during the 47th AISC at USTM Meghalaya.

3rd lecture by Prof. D. R. Sahu, Professor, Sociology, University of Lucknow, Lucknow.

Topic: Trajectory of Tribal Resistance in Odisha: Some Reflections, on 29th December 2023 during the 48th AISC at VIT Vellore.

4th lecture by Prof. J. K. Pundir, Former Professor, Sociology, CCS University, Meerut

Topic: Current Challenges of Tribal Society in India, on 22nd December 2024 during the 49th AISC at BML Munjal University, Gurugram.

1st Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava Memorial Lecture

by

Prof. Soumendra Mohan Patnaik

Department of Anthropology
University of Delhi
Former Vice Chancellor, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar &
President, Indian Anthropological Association

Topic

Adivasis as Citizens: Exploring Marginality

Online Lecture on

9th December, 2021
at 10:00 am (link will be provided later)

Prof. Sanjay Singh
Convenor, RC-7
Professor
RMNLU, Lucknow

Prof. Sukant K. Chaudhury
Chair
Professor
Department of Sociology
University of Lucknow,
Lucknow

2nd Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava Memorial Lecture

by

Prof. Abdul Matin
Visiting Professor, Sociology, USTM, Meghalaya
Former Professor, Sociology, AMU, Aligarh.

Topic

Perspectives on Social Research Methods: Tribal Issues

On 20th December, 2022 at 5.00 PM at RC-07 Venue, USTM, Meghalaya

Chair
Prof. Soumendra Mohan Patnaik
Department of Anthropology,
University of Delhi
Former Vice Chancellor, Utkal University
President, Indian Anthropological Society

Convenor RC-07
Prof. Sukant K. Chaudhury
Convenor RC-07
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4th Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava Memorial Lecture

Prof. J. K. Pundir
Formerly Professor, Department of Sociology,
Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut

'Current Challenges of Tribal Society in India'

Chair
Prof. Soumendra Mohan Patnaik
Director, Centre for Tribal Studies,
&
Head, Department of Anthropology,
University of Delhi

Convenor RC 07
Prof. Sukant K. Chaudhury
Department of Sociology
University of Lucknow

22 December 2024;
03:15 PM

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211 & 212 BML
Munjal University

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3rd Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava Memorial Lecture

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Convenor RC 07
Prof. Sukant K. Chaudhury
Department of Sociology
University of Delhi

29 December 2023;
03:45 PM

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