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Message from the President!

Dear Colleague,

Warm greetings from the Indian Sociological Society (ISS).

It gives me great pleasure to connect with you again. This is my last message as the President of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) and I would like to take this opportunity extend my sincere thanks to the Secretary and members of the Managing Committee for their support, help and warmth. They took the initiative and effort to conduct significant academic workshops and conferences in different parts of the country. Thank you.

My special thanks also to the Convenors, Co-convenors and members of the Research Committees (RCs) without whose active engagement, the ISS as a professional body of academics can neither be sustained nor flourish. They ensured that the thematic focus of Research Committees are central to the regular lectures, workshops and panel discussions that were held throughout the year. Most of these have been recorded and uploaded, ensuring that the website remains a rich source for sociological knowledge. I am absolutely certain that this practice shall continue. This will strengthen one of the key objectives of Indian Sociological Society, namely, to produce and disseminate evidence based knowledge across institutions and generations. In the world of AI, the role of professional bodies become crucial to ensure the production of knowledge that keeps up the legacy and high standards of our predecessors in Indian sociology. It is but obvious that none of these initiatives would have been possible without the enthusiastic participation of the larger body of life members of the ISS and indeed the wider sociological community. Not surprisingly the calendar of the ISS has been academically rich with lectures, workshops and conferences in different parts of the country. Details will be evident in the Newsletter. My sincere thanks to each one of you for making this possible.

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. Please also visit the ISS *You Tube Channel*. Many thought-provoking Conversations and panel discussions are uploaded here. This I know is just the early days of building what promised to be a very fine e-learning resource.

The 50th All India Sociological Conference (AISC) was held in SRM Andhra (SRMAP) from 28th to 30th December. The theme of the Conference was 'Mobilities and Inequalities: Shifting Contexts and Changing Paradigms' reflecting the challenges of our times and capturing almost all dimensions of sociology. This is reflected in the wide array of sub themes and the rich range of papers. It is our collective pride that a large number of scholars, young and established, from different parts of the country participated. They brought in their own expertise and perspectives, enriching the deliberations. I am sure that they would have returned, academically enriched to engage with their teaching and research. For that is the pillar of the ISS.

Wishing each of you well in your endeavour.
Warm wishes

Maitrayee Chaudhuri

Editor's Message

Dear Members of the Indian Sociological Society,

Warm greetings to all!!

As this issue reaches you, it marks an important moment of transition for our Society. The successful completion of the 50th All India Sociological Conference stands as a significant milestone in the journey of the Indian Sociological Society. The conference provided an important occasion to reflect on this milestone while reaffirming the vitality of sociological inquiry in understanding the rapidly changing realities of our society. The enthusiastic participation of scholars, researchers, and students from across the country once again reflected the strength, diversity, and intellectual vibrancy of our academic community.

The past two years have been a time of both, accomplishment and introspection for the Society. Alongside academic achievements, the Society has also passed through a phase that called for reflection, patience, and collective responsibility. Such phases are not uncommon in the life of long-standing institutions, and they often remind us of the importance of upholding the values of transparency, mutual respect, and democratic functioning that lie at the core of academic communities.

As I write this message, I am also conscious that it will be my last communication to you in the capacity of Secretary of the Society. Serving the Indian Sociological Society has been both an honour and a deeply rewarding experience. The opportunity to work with colleagues from different parts of the country, to witness the vibrancy of sociological scholarship, and to contribute in a small way to strengthening our professional community has been truly fulfilling.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the President, Treasurer, Managing Committee members and all the members of the ISS for their constant support, cooperation, and engagement with the activities of the Society. The progress and vitality of the Society are a reflection of the collective commitment of its members, and it is this shared dedication that continues to sustain and enrich our discipline.

As I conclude this tenure, I remain closely connected with the Indian Sociological Society, an institution with which I have shared a long and meaningful association. I look forward to continuing as an active member and to seeing the Society grow further in the years ahead.

With warm regards and best wishes to all.

Shweta Prasad,
Secretary,
Indian Sociological Society

ISS OFFICE BEARERS OVER THE YEARS

The office bearers—particularly the Presidents and Secretaries—of the Indian Sociological Society have played a pivotal role in shaping the trajectory of sociology in India through their leadership, institution-building efforts, and scholarly contributions.

Foundational Leadership

G. S. Ghurye is widely regarded as the founder of the Indian Sociological Society. As the first Head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Bombay, he revitalized the discipline in India and established the Society in 1951, along with its flagship journal, *Sociological Bulletin*. His seminal work, *Caste and Race in India*, continues to be a foundational text in Indian sociological literature.

M. N. Srinivas, who served as President of the Society in 1967, played a crucial role in strengthening its institutional framework. During his tenure, the integration of parallel sociological bodies led to the consolidation of the All India Sociological Conference (AISC) as the principal national forum for sociologists, thereby enhancing the coherence and visibility of the discipline in India.

Scholarly Contributions by Presidents and Secretaries

Ramkrishna Mukherjee (President, 1973–75)
A distinguished sociologist and statistician, Mukherjee made significant methodological contributions to the discipline. His work, *Dynamics of a Rural Society*, introduced a dialectical approach to the study of Indian society, and his presidency coincided with a period of methodological innovation.

Shyama Charan Dube (President, 1975–76)
An eminent anthropologist and sociologist, Dube also served as Director of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, and later as Vice-Chancellor of Jammu University. His leadership in the Society reflected his broader intellectual influence in the field of Indian sociology.

T. K. Oommen (President, 1998–99)
Oommen held several important positions within and beyond the Society, including Secretary of the ISS and Secretary-General of the XI World Congress of Sociology (1986). His tenure was marked by enhanced international engagement and the promotion of Indian sociology on the global stage.

A. M. Shah (President, 1992–93; Secretary, 1967–72)
A.M. Shah made foundational contributions to the study of family and household structures in India. His leadership within the Society played a key role in institutionalizing sociological research and strengthening academic networks.

A. R. Desai (President, 1980–81)
A leading figure in Indian sociology, Desai was known for his commitment to social justice and critical sociology. His presidency emphasized the role of sociology as an instrument for understanding and transforming society.

Institutional Contributions

Under the leadership of its office bearers, the Indian Sociological Society has:

- Organized the All India Sociological Conferences, fostering sustained national-level academic dialogue.

- Published *Sociological Bulletin*, providing a key platform for scholarly exchange.
- Established a national office in New Delhi to streamline administrative and organizational functions.
- Developed a Code of Ethics to guide professional conduct within the discipline.

OFFICE BEARERS OVER THE YEARS

No.	Term	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1	1951-66	G. S. Ghurye	J. V. Ferreira,	S. K. Bhuvalka,
			K. M. Kapadia	G. S. Poddar
2	1967-69	M. N. Srinivas	M. S. A. Rao,	Yogendra Singh
			A. M. Shah	
3	1970-72	R. N. Saxena	A. M. Shah	Indra Deva
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5	1976-77	S. C. Dube	Yogendra Singh	T. K. Oommen
6	1978-79	I. P. Desai	Yogendra Singh	T. K. Oommen
7	1980-81	A. R. Desai	Y. B. Damle	Uttam B. Bhoite
8	1982-83	M. S. Gore	Y. B. Damle	Uttam B. Bhoite
9	1984-85	Y. B. Damle	D. N. Dhanagare	Uttam B. Bhoite
10	1986-87	Victor S. D'Souza	Suma Chitnis	Neera Desai
11	1988-89	B. R. Chauhan	Partha N. Mukherjee	M. N. Panini
12	1990-91	P. C. Joshi	T. K. Oommen	George Mathew
13	1992-93	A. M. Shah	B. S. Baviskar	George Mathew
14	1994-95	Yogendra Singh	S. L. Sharma	George Mathew
15	1996-97	Indra Deva	S. L. Sharma	Mohini Anjum
16	1998-99	T. K. Oommen	Aneeta Minocha	Mohini Anjum
17	2000-01	B. S. Baviskar	Aneeta Minocha	Tulsi Patel
18	2002-03	D. N. Dhanagare	J. J. Kattakayam	Harish Doshi
19	2004-05	Partha N. Mukherjee	J. J.Kattakayam	Uttarm B. Bhoite

20	2006-07	P. K. B. Nayar	Anand Kumar	Uttam B. Bhoite
21	2008-09	Uttam B. Bhoite	Ishwar Modi	Ravinder Kaur
22	2010-11	J. J. Kattakayam	Tulsi Patel	J. R. Panda
23	2012-13	Ishwar Prasad Modi	Rajesh Mishra	Bipul Kumar Bhadra
24	2014-15	Anand Kumar	R. Indira	Paramjit Singh Judge
25	2016-2017	Sujata Patel	Abha Chauhan	Biswajit Ghosh
26	2018-2019	Indira Ramarao	D.R Sahu	Hemixa Rao
27	2020-2021	Paramjit Singh Judge	Jagan Karade	Satish Kumar Sharma
28	2022-2023	Abha Chauhan	Manish K. Verma	Shruti Tambe
29	2024-2025	Maitrayee Chaudhuri	Shweta Prasad	P.S Vivek

ISS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDEES OVER THE YEARS

Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest and most coveted award given by the Indian Sociological Society. The Society instituted the award with the following objectives:

To honour outstanding Indian Sociologists who have made profound and exceptional contributions in the field of sociology and thereby enriched the discipline of sociology and enhanced the capability and respectability of its professionals, and

To inspire and encourage other members of the profession to emulate these awardees and consider them as role models and to work for their own and the profession's betterment and exaltation through creditable work and significant contribution.

ISS Lifetime Achievement Awardees till date		
1) Prof. M.S.Gore	**2) Prof. Ramkrishna Mukherji**	**3) Prof. Y.B. Damle**
4) Prof. Victor D'Souza	**5) Prof. Yogedra Singh**	**6) Prof. Leela Dube**
7) Prof. Brij Raj Chauhan	**8) Prof. P. C. Joshi**	**9) Prof. T. N. Madan**
10) Prof. Andre Beteille	**11) Prof. A. M. Shah**	**12) Prof. Bela Duttagupta**

13) Prof. Suma Chitnis	14) Prof. D. N. Dhanagare	15) Prof. T. K. Oommen
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31) Prof. Patricia Uberoi	32) Prof. Yogesh Atal	33) Prof. Ratna Naidu
34) Prof. Nandu Ram	35)Prof. M. N. Karna	36) Prof. Gail Omvedt
37) Prof.M.N Panini	38) Prof.B.K. Nagla	39) Prof. Anand Kumar
40) Prof. Bidyut Jyoti	41) Prof. Shyam Lal	42) Prof. N. Jayaram
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ISS ENDOWMENTS

PROFESSOR M. N. SRINIVAS ENDOWMENT FUND

Professor M. N. Srinivas Endowment Fund was set up jointly by the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) in 2001. The fund was constituted of the following: (a) donation of accumulated royalties on the five volumes of Social Structure and Change published in honour of Prof. Srinivas given by its Editors — A.M. Shah, B.S. Baviskar, E.A. Ramaswamy— to Indian Sociological Society, amounting to Rs. 142,236.00 as on 15 May 2000; (b) a grant of Rs.2 lakh given by the ICSSR to the ISS; and (c) subsequent royalties on the five volumes donated by the Editors to ISS from year to year. A Committee composed of the following manages the Fund: (i) the President of ISS, who is also be the Chairman of the Committee, (ii) one sociologist or

social anthropologist nominated by the ICSSR, and (iii) one of the three Editors of Social Structure and Change, namely, A.M. Shah, B.S. Baviskar or E.A. Ramaswamy in the order in which their names are mentioned. When none of them is available, the Managing Committee of ISS will nominate a panel of three eminent sociologists or social anthropologists out of which the President of ISS will choose one to be a member of the Fund Committee in place of the editors. The income from the Fund will be used for two main purposes: a) to arrange for a distinguished sociologist or social anthropologist to deliver the Prof. M.N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture annually, and b) to annually award to a young sociologist or social anthropologist the Prof. M. N. Srinivas Memorial Prize for publishing the best sociological or social anthropological paper in any of the social science journals or edited books published in India. The honorarium for the Srinivas Lecture and the amount of the Srinivas Prize will be paid from the Fund accounts.

PROFESSOR M. N. SRINIVAS MEMORIAL LECTURES

SL. NO.	LECTURER	THEME	VENUE AND DATE
1	Prof. Andre Beteille	“Hierarchical and Competitive Inequality”	GNDU, Amritsar, AISC, 27.12.2001
2	Prof. P. C. Joshi	“Between Vision and Reality: Reflections on Hindi Region”	Department of Sociology, Delhi University, 14.11.2003
3	Prof. N. R. Sheth	“The Field of Labour”	MPUA&T, Udaipur, AISC, 21.12.2003
4	Prof. T. N. Madan	"The Sociology of Hinduism: Reading 'Backward' from Srinivas to Weber"	Jammu University, AISC, 25.10.2005
5	Prof. J. P. S. Uberoi	“Sociology of Commerce and Industry”	Loyola College, Chennai, AISC, 27.12.2006
6	Prof. T. K. Oommen	“Disjunctions between Field, Method and Concept: An Appraisal of M. N. Srinivas”	Karnataka University, Dharwad, AISC, 29.11.2007
7	Prof. Yogendra Singh	“Social Praxis, Conceptual Categories and Social Change: Observations from a Village Study”	Rajasthan University, Jaipur, AISC, 28.12.2008
8	Prof. Ravindra Kumar Jain	“Diaspora, Trans-nation and Nation: Reflections from India”	Kashmir University, Srinagar, AISC, 10.10.2009
9	Prof. Suma Chitnis	“Lessons from the Field”	Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, AISC, 27.12.2010
10	Prof. Partha Nath Mukherji	“Social Mobility and Social Structure: Towards a Conceptual- Methodological Reorientation”	Jawaharlal Nehru University, AISC, 11 December 2011
11	Prof. Patricia Uberoi	“The Career of a Comparativist: Francis. L.K. Hsu and Aspects of India, China and the West”	Mysore University, AISC, 2013

12	Prof. Dipankar Gupta	"The Metaphors of Culture: Multiculturalism as a way of Everyday Life"	MG Kashi Vidyapeeth, AISC, 2014
13	Dr. George Mathew	"Power to the People and its Enemies"	KISS, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, 27 December 2015
14	Prof. Imtiaz Ahmad	"History of Secularism in India"	Tezpur University, Tezpur, 29 December 2016
15	Prof. N. Jayaram	"Sociological Imagination and Literary Sensitivity"	St. Philomena's College, Mysuru, 28 December 2018
16	Prof. Kamala Ganesh	"Complicating 'Victimhood' in Diaspora Studies: The Saga of Tamils in Exile	University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, December 27, 2019
17	Prof. David Gellner	'The Persistence of Hierarchy: Paradoxes of Dominance in Nepal and Beyond'	University of Mumbai, Maharashtra, December 08, 2021
18	Prof. Virginius Xaxa	Paradoxes and Trajectories of Development: State and Tribes in India	USTM, Meghalaya, December 20, 2022
19	Prof. Susan Visvanathan	Between Past and Future: Intermeshing of Narrative, Technology and Cyberspace	Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, December 28, 2023
20	Prof. Satish Deshpande	CASTE AFTER COUNTING: The Sociology of Graded Inequality in the Age of Enumeration	BML University, Gurgaon, December 22, 2024
21	Prof. Anand Chakravarti	M. N Srinivas, Fieldwork, and Sociology: A Personal Journey	SRM University-AP, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh, December 22, 2025

PROFESSOR M N SRINIVAS MEMORIAL PRIZE WINNERS

SL. NO.	NAME AND THE YEAR THE AWARD WAS GIVEN	THEME	PUBLISHED IN
01	Dr. Rowena Robinson, IIT, Mumbai (2001)	"Interrogating Modernity, Gendering 'Tradition': Theatre Tales from Goa"	*Contributions to Indian Sociology* (NS), 33(3), 1999, pp.503-39.
02	Dr. NandiniSundar, Centre for Law and Governance, JNU (2002)	"The Indian Census, Identity and Inequality"	*In* RamchandraGuha and Jonathan P. Parry (eds.), *Institutions and Identities: Essays in Honour of Andre Beteille*, Oxford

			University Press, Delhi, 1999, pp.100-127.
03	Dr. Amita Baviskar, Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University (2004)	"States, Communities and Conservation: The Practice of Eco- development in the great Himalayan National Park"	*In* V. K. Saberwal and M. Rangarajan (eds.), B*attles over Nature: Science and the Politics of Conservation*, Delhi: Permanent Black, 2003, pp.267-99.
04	Dr. Arima Mishra, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi (2006)	"Local Perceptions of Famine: Study of a Village in Orissa"	*Economic and Political Weekly*, 5.2.2005, pp.572-78.
05	Dr Manish K Thakur, Department of Sociology, Goa University (2007)	"Social Scientists for Development Professionals? Research-Policy Interface in a Rural Development Institute"	*Review of Development and Change*, Vol. XI, No. 2, July-December 2006, pp.179-200.
06	Pushpesh Kumar, SRTM University, Nanded 2007)	"Gender and Procreative Ideologies among the Kolams of Maharashtra"	*Contributions to Indian Sociology*, Vol.40, No. 3, September- December 2006, pp.279-310
07	Dr. Vibha Arora IIT, Delhi (2008)	"Assertive Identities, Indigeneity and the Politics of Recognition as a Tribe: The Bhutias, the Lepchas and the Limbus of Sikkim"	*Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 56, No. 2; MayAugust 2007, pp.195220.
08	Dr. P. Vigneswara Illavarasan, Dept of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Delhi (2009)	"Software Work in India: A Labour Process View"	In C. Upadhyaya and A. R. Vasavi (eds.), *In an outpost of global economy: Work and workers in India's information technology industry*, Routledge, Delhi, 2008, pp. 162-89.
09	Anindita Chakrabarti Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Delhi (2010)	"Judicious Succession and Judicial Religion: Internal Conflict and Legal Dispute in a Religious Reform Movement in India"	In Thomas G. Krisch and Bertram Turner (eds.), *Permutations of Order: Religion and Law as Contested Sovereignties*, Ashgate, UK/USA, 2009, pp.87-105.
10	Dalia Chakravarty (2011)	"D. P. Mukherji and the Middle Class in India"	*Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 59, No.2, MayAugust 2010, pp.23555.
11	Shelly Tara (2012)	"Private Space in Public Transport: Locating Gender in the Delhi Metro"	*Economic and Political Weekly* (Vol. XLVI, No. 51, 17 December 2011, pp. 71-74).
12	Aditya Raj (2013)	"The Indian Diaspora in North America: The Role of Networks and Associations"	*Diaspora Studies*, 5:2, 107-123, 2012

13	Sumit Saurabh Srivastava (2015)	"Disciplining the 'Desire': 'Straight' State and LGBT Activism in India"	*Sociological Bulletin,* New Delhi, Vol. 63, No. 3, September December 2014, pp. 368-385.
14	Salah Punathil (2016)	"Kerala Muslims and Shifting Nations of Religion in the Public Sphere"	*South Asia Research*, Vol. 33, No. 1, February 2013, pp.1-20.
15	Hoineilhing Sitlhou (2016)	"Patriarchal Bargains and Paradoxical Emancipation: Issues in the Politics of Land Rights of Kuki Women",	*Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, Volume 22 No. 1, February 2015, pp. 92-115
16	Subhasis Sahoo (2018)	"Contested Reproduction and Cultural Change: The Case of Odissa"	*Social Change* 47(4)565-581 2017
17	Dr. Sudhansubala Sahu (2019)	"Revisiting Television in India: Mapping the Portrayal of Women in Soap Operas"	*Sociological Bulletin Volume 67, Issue 2 August 2018*
18	Dr. Saravana Raja (2019)	"The Associational Basis of Vanniyar Organizations in Tamil Nadu"	*Studies in Indian Politics Volume 5 No. 2 December 2017*
19	Devi Prasad (2021)	"Caste Identity and Community Feast among Yadavs: An interpretation"	*"Caste and Gender in Contemporary India: Power, Privilege and Politics" Routledge publication 2019*
20	Dr. Chakraverti Mahajan (2022)	"Narrating Fear, Tracing Landscape: Memory and Militancy ka Daur in Doda, Jammu and Kashmir"	*Sociological Bulletin (Vol. 70, No. 1, pp. 42-58)* 2021.
21	Dr. Lekha N B (2023)	"Property—A Metaphor Beyond Economics Exploring the Semiotics of Property Among the Nayars in Kerala, South India"	*The Journal of Indian and Asian Studies Vol. 3 (1) 2022.*
22	Dr. Aleena Sebastian (2023)	"Matriliny, merchandise and Islam: A study of the Keyis in the coastal belt of Tellicherry, North Malabar"	*Coastal Studies & Society (Sage Publications) 2022.*
23	Dr. Banhishikha Ghosh (2024)	'State, Citizenship and Gender Variant Communities in India'	*Citizenship Studies (26 (2): 127-145. Jan 2022)*
24	Dr. Nilamber Chhetri (2024)	"Elusive Identities, Enduring Demands: The Haatis' Struggle for Recognition in the Trans-Giri Region, Himachal Pradesh."	*European Bulletin of Himalayan Research (DOI: 10.4000/ebhr.1305, July 2023) Issue: Volume 60.*
25	Dr. Anchala Gupta (2025)	"Coached Habitus: Mapping the Role of Shadow Education in Shaping Students'	*Journal: British Educational Research*

		Educational Trajectories," published in the British Educational Research Journal on 26 October 2024 (Rout-ledge).	*Journal (published by Wiley on behalf of BERA) (Later appears in print issue: 2025, Vol. 51, Issue 2)*

PROFESSOR RADHA KAMAL MUKERJEE ENDOWMENT FUND

Professor Radhakamal Mukerjee Endowment Fund was set up jointly by the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) in 2010. The fund was constituted of (a) a donation from the Radhakamal Mukerjee Memorial Society to Indian Sociological Society, amounting to Rs. 3 lakh, and (b) a grant of Rs.1.5 lakh given by the ICSSR to the ISS. A Committee composed of the following manages the Fund: (i) the President of ISS, who is also be the Chairman of the Committee, (ii) one sociologist or social anthropologist nominated by the ICSSR, and (iii) one representative of the Radhakamal Mukerjee Memorial Society.

The income from the Fund will be used for holding the Professor Radhakamal Mukerjee Memorial Lecture annually, preferably along with the All India Sociological Conference, by a distinguished sociologist or social anthropologist.

The honorarium for the Lecture will be paid from the Fund accounts.

The Lecture Series

FIRST: Prof. T. N. Madan, 2010, XXXVI AISC, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack. ***"Radhakamal Mukerjee and His Contemporaries: Founding Fathers of Sociology in India"***

SECOND: Prof. D. N. Dhanagare, 2011, XXXVII AISC, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
"From Ideal Type to Metaphor: Rethinking the Concept of 'Revolution'"

THIRD: Prof. Yogendra Singh, 2012, XXXVIII AISC, Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur
"Changing Discourses in Social Sciences: Relevance of Radhakamal Mukherjee"

FOURTH: Prof. N. Jayaram, 2013, XXXIX AISC, Karnataka State Open University, Mysore
"Against Fragmentation: Radhakamal Mukerjee's Philosophy of Social Science"

FIFTH: Prof. T. K. Oommen, 2014, 40th AISC, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi

"Radhakamal Mukerjee on Social Ecology: Filling Up Some Blanks"

SIXTH: Prof. A. R. Vasavi, 2016, 42nd AISC, Tezpur University, Tezpur
"Eroded Life-Worlds and Emergent Assemblages: Rethinking Sociologies/ Anthropologies of the Contemporary"

SEVENTH: Prof. Veena Das, 2017, 43rd AISC, University of Lucknow, Lucknow ***"The Vulnerability of Expert Knowledge: Observations on a Global Intervention on TB in an Indian City"***

EIGHTH: Prof. R.K Jain, 2018, 44th AISC, St. Philomena's College, Mysuru ***"Universalism and Ecology: Anthropological Bridge between Radhakamal Mukerjee's Key Concepts"***

NINTH: Prof. Kalpana Kannabiran, 2019, 45th AISC, University of Kerala**,** Thiruvananthapuram ***"Citizenship, Gendered States and the Right to Privacy"***,

TENTH: Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri, 2021, 46th AISC, University of Mumbai, Maharashtra "***Culture and Cultural Policy: Trends in Indian Sociology''***.

ELEVENTH: Prof. Surendra Munshi, 2022, 47th AISC, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) "***Universalizing Sociology: Lessons from Radhakamal Mukerjee"***.

TWELFTH: Prof. Vidyut Joshi, 2023, 48th AISC, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore "***Restructuring Value Base of Social Sciences in the Age of Neo-Liberalism"***.

THIRTEEN: Prof. Swapan Kumar Bhattacharyya, 2024, 49th AISC, BML Munjal University, Haryana "***Radhakamal Mukerjee: Interrogating the Conventional Notions of Sociology, Democracy and Development"***.

FOURTEEN: Prof. Sujata Patel, 2025, 50th AISC, SRM University-AP, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh, "***Critical Sociology and its future. Reframing the concerns of Radhakamal Mukerjee"***.

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03.	Prof. N. Jayaram	*"Between Tradition and Modernity: A Sociological Reading of Bimal Mitra's Saheb Bibi Golam"*	Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, December 30, 2023
04.	Prof. Karuna Chanana	*Societal context and Corporal Punishment in schools: Toward equitable education and positive outcomes*	BML Munjal University, Haryana, December 22, 2024
05.	Prof. Surinder S. Jodhka	*Teaching 'India': 'Politics' and Predicaments of Academic Framings.*	SRM University-AP, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh, December 22, 2025

ISS RESEARCH COMMITTEES

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This initiative played a crucial role in promoting collaborative research, facilitating thematic specialization, and strengthening scholarly engagement among members, thereby contributing to the overall advancement of sociological research within the Society.

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AISC OVER THE YEARS

The All India Sociological Conference (AISC) was first initiated in 1955 and was formally integrated with the Indian Sociological Society in 1965. A significant turning point in its institutional development occurred during the 1960s, particularly with the appointment of M. N. Srinivas as President of the Society in 1967.

During this period, two separate bodies were organizing similar sociological conferences in India, leading to a degree of duplication in efforts and fragmentation within the discipline. The critical shift took place when these bodies were brought together under the aegis of the Indian Sociological Society.

Following this merger, the AISC emerged as the official and unified national platform for sociologists across the country. This institutional consolidation substantially enhanced the scale, inclusivity, and academic significance of the conference, thereby strengthening its role in shaping the direction and development of sociology in India.

S. No	Year & Date	Venue	Themes
1995-1960			
I	1955	Dehradun	Social Change
II	1957	Patna	
III	1958	Calcutta	
IV	1959	Lucknow	Psychology, Social Stratification
V	1960	Agra	
1961-1970			
VI	1961	Sagar	
VII	14-16 Oct, 1967	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Bombay	Sociological Prerequisites of Democratic Polity, Education and Social Change, Industrialisation and its Social Consequences
VIII	1-3 Sept, 1968	Institute of Social Sciences, Agra University, Agra	Religion and Modernisation, Political Sociology, Changing Patterns of Stratification
IX	22-25 Nov, 1969	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, New Delhi	Gandhi's Contribution to Indian Thought and Action, Science, Technology and Society, Sociology of Religion, Sociology of Kinship, Education and Society and Teaching Sociology in Regional Languages
X	26-28 Dec, 1970	Osmania University, Hyderabad	Sociology of National Integration, Socialist Revolution, Sociology of Social Organisation
1971-1980			
XI	28-30 April, 1972	Gujarat University Ahmadabad	Social Demography, Sociology of Development, Changing Pattern of Caste, Urbanism and Urbanisation
XII	28-30 Oct, 1974	Banaras Hindu University Varanasi	Sociology of Conflict, Sociology of Development, Sociology of Law
XIII	26-28 Dec, 1976	Punjab University, Chandigarh	Sociologist Observer, Analyst or Interventionist, Sociology

			of Social Movements, Sociology of Peasant and Workers, Towards reorientation of Teaching and Research in Sociology
XIV	28-30 Dec, 1978	Jabalpur University, Jabalpur	Education Policies in India, Transformation of Tribal Societies, Changing Status of Women
XV	2-4 Nov, 1980	Meerut University, Meerut	Social Stratification, Family, Social Change
1981-1990			
XVI	29-31 Dec, 1982	Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu	Caste, Class and Gender
XVII	27-29 Dec, 1984	South Gujarat University, Surat	Social Action for Change, Ethnicity and Ethnic Processes
XVIII	19-21 May, 1987	North Eastern Hill University, Shilong	Sociology and Social Transformation
XIX	3-5 March, 1989	Haryana Agriculture University, Hissar	Rural Development
1991-2000			
XX	29-31 Dec, 1993	Saint Aloyius College, Mangalore	Identity, Equality and Social Transformation
XXI	19-21 Dec, 1994	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Cultural Dimensions of Social Change
XXII	16-18 Dec, 1995	Barkatullah University, Bhopal	Challenge of Change and Indian Sociology Retrospect and Bhopal Prospects
XXIII	23-25 Nov, 1996	Shivaji University, Kolhapur	Ecology, Society and Culture
XXIV	22-24 Dec, 1997	Osmaia University, Hyderabad	Fifty Years of India's Independence and Beyond
XXV	17-19 Dec, 1998	Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh	Nation, Nationality and National Identity: South Asia
XXVI	2-31 Dec, 2000	University of Kerala, Thiruvantapuram	Civil Society in India
2001-2010			
XXVII	26-28 Dec, 2001	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	Half a Century of Sociology in India (1951-2001) Challenges, Responses and Expectations

XXVIII	18-20 Dec, 2002	IIT, Kanpur	Globalisation and the Indian Society
XXIX	21-23 Dec, 2003	Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur	Social Policy Governance and Mobilisation
XXX	27-29 Dec, 2004	DDU University, Gorakhpur	National Policy of Social Sciences
XXXI	25-27 Oct, 2005	University of Jammu, Jammu	Redesigning Sociology, Teaching and Research
XXXII	27-29 Dec, 2006	University of Madras, Chennai	Science, Technology and Society
XXXIII	28-29 Dec, 2007	Karnataka University, Dharwed	State, Civil Society and Social Justice
XXIV	27-29 Dec, 2008	University of Rajasthan, Jaipur	Youth, Globalisation and Social Transformation
XXXV	10-12 Oct, 2009	University of Kashmir, Srinagar	Identity, Development and Nation Building
XXXVI	27-29 Dec, 2010	Ravenshaw University, Cuttack	Development, Polity and Social Tensions
2011-2021			
XXXVII	11-13 Dec, 2011	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Sociology and the Crises of Social Transformation in India
XXXVIII	27-29 Dec, 2012	Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur	Contemporary Indian Society: Challenges and Responses
XXXIX	27-29 Dec, 2013	Karnataka State Open University, Mysore	Inequality, Social Justice and Empowerment
XL	29-30 Nov-1 Dec, 2014	Department of Sociology, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi	Development, Diversity and Democracy
XLI	27-29 Dec, 2015	Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar	Development, Marginalisation and People's Movements
XLII	27-30 Dec, 2016	Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, Tezpur	Rethinking Sociological Traditions of India
XLIII	9-12 Nov, 2017	Department of Sociology, Lucknow University, Lucknow	Neo- Liberalism, Consumption and Culture
XLIV	27-29 Dec,2018	St. Philomena's College (Autonomous) Bannimantap, Mysuru Karnataka	Reconstructing Sociological Discourses in India: Perspectives from the Margins

XLV	27-29 Dec,2019	Department of Sociology, Kariavattom Campus, University of Kerala Thiruvananthapuram	Environment, Culture and Development: Discourses and Intersections
XLVI	8-10 Dec 2021	Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai	Constitution, Citizenship and Minorities: Mapping Seventy Years of Indian Republic
2022-2025			
XLVII	20-22 Dec 2022	University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya	Hundred Years of Sociology in India: Exploring Trajectories for the Future
XLVIII	28-30 Dec 2023	Department of Social Sciences, School of Social Sciences and Languages, VIT, Vellore	The Crisis of the 21st Century and the Way Forward
XLIX	22-24 Dec 2024	School of Liberal Studies, BML, Munjal University, Gurugram	Sociology, Development and Democracy
L	28-30 Dec 2025	Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Easwari School of Liberal Arts, SRM University-AP, Amaravati	Mobilities and Inequalities:Shifting Contexts; Changing Paradigms

ISS PUBLICATIONS

Indian Sociological Society has published three journals that contribute significantly to the dissemination of sociological knowledge:

Sociological Bulletin

Started: 1952
Language: English
Frequency: Quarterly (since 2021; previously biannual)
Details: The flagship peer-reviewed journal of the Society, Sociological Bulletin publishes high-quality empirical and theoretical research. Since 2021, it has included one special thematic issue annually as part of its four-issue cycle.
Since 2021, Sociological Bulletin has been published quarterly, with one issue each year designated as a special thematic issue focusing on contemporary and emerging areas of sociological inquiry.

Bhartiya Samajshastra Sameeksha

Started: 2014
Language: Hindi
Frequency: Biannual
Details: This journal aims to promote sociological writing and research in Hindi, thereby expanding the reach of sociological discourse to a wider academic audience.

Explorations (E-journal)

Revived: 2017
Language: English
Format: Online
Details: Explorations provides a platform for early-career researchers and encourages innovative and experimental approaches to sociological writing.
Special Issue of Sociological Bulletin

JUBILEE VOLUMES

Diamond Jubilee Volumes

The Indian Sociological Society successfully completed the project on the Diamond Jubilee Volumes. In all, there are seven volumes under the series 'Studies in Indian Sociology'. Shri M. Hamid Ansari, Hon'ble Vice-President of India released the volumes at the inaugural function of the 37th All India Sociological Conference hosted by the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi on 10 December 2011 in the presence of Prof. S. K. Sopory, Vice-Chancellor, JNU and Prof. Jacob John Kattakayam, Editor of the Diamond Jubilee Volumes and President, Indian Sociological Society There has been an enthusiastic response from students, teachers and researchers who have found the volumes very useful.

Golden Jubilee Volumes

The Indian Sociological Society successfully completed its project on the Golden Jubilee Volumes. In all seven volumes under the series 'Themes in Indian Sociology' have been published during 2003-2005. There has been an enthusiastic response from students, teachers and researchers who have found the volumes very useful. The Society is also expected to benefit financially from the income through royalty. We would like to thank the Editors and Academic Advisors for their cooperation in preparing the volumes. Our special thanks to Tejeshwar Singh, Omita Goyal,. Ritu Vajpeyi-Mohan and their colleagues at the Sage Publications for their willing cooperation and support in maintaining the time schedule and high quality of production.

REPORTS OF RESEARCH COMMITTEE, ISS

RC-01: Theory and Practice in Sociology

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Following is the report of the sessions held at SRM University from 28th- 30th December 2025
46 abstracts received
24 papers were actually presented out of 30 abstracts selected.
RC 01 also organized two special lectures. The first was on Feminist Epistemology as a Method, delivered by Prof. Aparna Rayaprol, University of Hyderabad. The Second Lecture was given by Prof. Ajailiu Nuimai, University of Hyderabad.

Session 1 on Day 1, 28th Dec 2025, there were 6 offline paper presentations and two participants joined online. The theme of the session was Theoretical Revisits and Epistemological Shifts.

The session brought together a rich set of theoretical interventions that revisited classical sociological concepts while engaging with contemporary epistemological debates, particularly from Global South, feminist, decolonial, and post-humanist perspectives. Dr. Suraj Gogoi, Dr. Arya Priya, Yashita Gupta, M Abhinay, Prof. Lekha & Prof. Anthony Palackal, Dr. Reshmi Chakraborty and Dr. Sarbani Sharma presented their papers during this session. The session concluded with the presentation by Dr. Sumit Saurabh Srivastava on intersectionality as both a theoretical and methodological tool.

Session II was conducted in the morning of 29/ 11/ 25, eight presentations were conducted on the theme "Structural Inequalities and Forms of Marginalisation." Prof. Rukmini Sen, Akanksha Shahi, Suyash Sagar Bajpai, Sayantan Ghosh, Suraj Beri & Ujithra Ponniah, Ayush Kushwaha, Prof. Anil Kumar and Asha Saikia presented papers during the session.

Session III, 29th Dec 2025

The third session began with the presentation by Swatiprava Rath on eco-phenimenology of waste mobility and gender in the Bhubaneswar city. She remained the notion of uselessness to study the relation of gender and objects in the social space of urban life.

Special Lecture

Prof Aparna Rayaprol, University of Hyderabad delivered a special lecture on Feminist Epistemology as a Method. She engaged into a discussion on pedagogy and gender to highlight the framing of gender question which actually defeats the whole purpose of feminist approach. Drawing instances from different cases teaching, care economy, census, labour, population control techniques she foregrounded the feminist position to approach experience as reality. She highlighted the limitations of positivist approach in social research to understand the social life organization and arranged on gendered lines.

Day 3
30th Dec 2025

Session VI
Morning 30th December

Special Lecture by Prof Ajailiu Niumai
She examines the vulnerability of trafficked women in India's neoliberal economy, where girls from the Northeast are treated as commodities. Linking political economy to the commodification of women's bodies, she argues sociology must go beyond theory to influence policy. Promoting women's entrepreneurship and strengthening NGO-led rehabilitation and skill-building, she suggests, can reduce trafficking.

Varun kumar, Divya Mehta, Ramesh Chandra Nayak, MD Junaid, and Repsha Chakraborty were the presenters of the session.

Session V

Jogi presented a paper on role of a figure, Jolly Roger, in online depiction and portrayal of social movements. He engages into a critical theoretical analysis of digital spaces.
Reniya presented her paper on question of mobility drawing on experience and understanding of phenomological theory. She explored into questions methodological dilemmas of studying mobility.

BUSINESS MEETING

In the business meeting, held on 29th December, 2025 different activities of the RC were discussed. Prof. Nilika Mehrotra completed her term as Convenor. With the members nominated Prof. Rukmini Sen as the Convenor and Dr. Suraj Beri as Co-convenor for the following term.

RC-02: Studies on Family, Marriage and Kinship

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The **50th All India Sociological Conference (AISC)**, organized by the **Indian Sociological Society (ISS)**, was hosted by **SRM University, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh**, from **28th to 30th December 2025**. Marking a historic milestone, the golden jubilee edition of AISC brought together sociologists, researchers, academicians, and practitioners from across the country to engage in critical discussions on contemporary sociological concerns.

Within this prestigious national forum, **Research Committee (RC)–02: Studies on Family, Marriage & Kinship** played a significant role by organizing a series of intellectually stimulating sessions focusing on the changing structures of family, evolving marriage practices, kinship networks, gender relations, migration, digital transformations, and social justice.

Conference Structure and RC–02 Participation

The conference featured multiple Research Committees and parallel sessions addressing diverse sociological sub-fields. RC–02 successfully conducted **six academic sessions**, including **memorial lectures**, **parallel technical sessions**, and a **business meeting**, ensuring active participation and scholarly engagement.

A large number of abstracts were received under RC–02, out of which selected papers were presented across six sessions over three days. The sessions reflected thematic diversity, methodological richness, and regional representation.

K. M. Kapadia Memorial Lecture Series – II

The **K. M. Kapadia Memorial Lecture Series – II** was delivered by **Prof. R. N. Tripathi (BHU)**. The lecture provided deep sociological insights into family, kinship, and changing epistemologies of marriage in contemporary India. The session was chaired by **Prof. Deepti**

Kaushik and received wide appreciation for its academic depth.

Irawati Karve Memorial Lecture Series – I

The **Irawati Karve Memorial Lecture Series – I** was delivered by **Prof. Shweta Prasad (BHU)**, Secretary, ISS. The lecture highlighted critical intersections of gender, family, and social change, drawing attention to evolving sociological debates in India.

Detailed Session Overview

Date: Sunday, 28 December 2025 **Convener &**
Chair: Prof. Deepti Kaushik **Chair:** Dr. Mahesh Shukla
Co-chair: Dr. Gajanan Mishra
Rapporteur: Dr. Vivek Kumar Yadav

Session 1 focused on emerging transformations in kinship, marriage preferences, digital matchmaking, gender roles, and mobility. Papers explored topics such as educational mobility, astrology and artificial intelligence in marital decision-making, caste and conjugality, and urban family life. The session generated critical discussions on how tradition and modernity intersect in shaping family structures.

Session 2 (Parallel)

Date: Sunday, 28 December 2025 Convener: Prof. Deepti Kaushik Chair: Prof. Anshu Kedia
Co-chair: Ms. Sohini Chatterjee
Rapporteur: Dr. Santosh

Session 2 examined family change through the lenses of women's empowerment, state welfare schemes, gender fluidity, online dating, youth aspirations, and migration. The session highlighted the role of family norms in shaping socio-economic mobility and identity formation in contemporary India.

Session 3
Date: Sunday, 29 December 2025 Convener: Prof. Deepti Kaushik Chair: Dr. R. N. Tripathi
Co-chair: Dr. Vasudev Singh Jadon
Rapporteur: Abhinandan
Session 3 focused on family structures among marginalized communities, women's education, MGNREGA's impact on rural families, changing social interactions, and cultural influences on marriage. The papers reflected grassroots-level sociological research and emphasized continuity and change within Indian family systems.

Session 4 (Parallel)
Date: Sunday, 29 December 2025 Convener: Prof. Deepti Kaushik Chair: Dr. Sunil Rana
Co-chair: Mr. Pradeep Kumar
Rapporteur: Dr. Sarita Singh
This session addressed caste dynamics, post-migration family relations, parenting across generations, gender roles, and ethical perspectives on care within families. The session concluded with a Business Meeting of RC–02, where members discussed academic planning, future collaborations, and committee strengthening.

Session 5
Date: Sunday, 29 December 2025 Convener & Chair: Prof. Deepti Kaushik Chair: Dr. Suchitra Sharma
Co-chair: Ms. Anita Tomer
Rapporteur: Brajesh Kumar
Session 5 explored women's empowerment schemes, family and health policies, work–life balance, alimony, divorce, migration, and social justice. The discussions highlighted the evolving legal and social frameworks shaping family life in India.

Session 6
Date: Monday, 30 December 2025 Convener: Prof. Deepti Kaushik Chair: Dr. Sarita Singh
Co-chair: Dr. Sunita Agarwal
Rapporteur: Sulma

The final session focused on gender, caste, digital pilgrimage, assisted reproductive technologies, migration, sustainability, and family power relations. Both offline and online presentations enriched the session, reflecting interdisciplinary and regional diversity. The conference concluded with the National Anthem.

Outcome and Conclusion

The 50th All India Sociological Conference proved to be an intellectually enriching and academically successful event. RC–02 significantly contributed to the conference by facilitating rigorous discussions on family, marriage, and kinship in the context of rapid social change. The memorial lectures, diverse sessions, and active participation strengthened scholarly dialogue and reinforced the relevance of sociological inquiry in understanding Indian society.

The outcomes of the RC–02 business meeting promise stronger academic networking, collaborative research, and future initiatives. Overall, RC–02's participation marked a meaningful contribution to the golden jubilee edition of AISC.

RC-03: Economy and Society

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The Research Committee 03 Economy and Society is a dynamic committee to study and discover the changing scenario of India's socio- cultural economy. It focuses on historical transformation of economic systems from agriculturally based society to industrial and now postindustrial societies. As per the vision of the research committee the received abstracts (31 abstracts) were brought under five broader themes like

- Session I-Gendered Mobilities: Economic and Social Transformation
- Session II-Digital Mobilities Reorganization of Economy and Society
- Session III-Everyday Mobilities of Time, Space and Consumption
- Session IV-Margin to Mobility: Economic Transformations of Rural and Tribal India
- Session V-Internal and Transnational Mobilities: Mapping of New Mobilities

The first session held on 28th December 2025 was chaired by Dr. R. Maruthakutti, ICSSR Senior Research Fellow, Former Professor, Department of Sociology ,Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. There were four papers presented by the faculties and scholars. The Session focused on the interconnections between gender, mobility, and economic life in contemporary India. The papers examined women's participation in diverse economic domains including platform capitalism, agriculture, informal markets, drawing on empirical fieldwork, narrative analysis, and preliminary assessments, the session foregrounded women's lived experiences across rural, urban, and digital spaces. The discussion emphasised moving beyond celebratory narratives of empowerment. Participants underscored the need for intersectional feminist analysis that recognizes unpaid labour, informal work, and embodied constraints.

The second session was conducted on 29 December 2025 under the thematic focus on Digital Mobilities and the Reorganization of Economy and Society. The session was chaired by Dr. D. Jayalakshmi, Former Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, University of Madras, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

There were four presenters their paper. In her opening remarks, She critically reflected on contemporary digital transformations, highlighting issues related to the digital divide, digital disparities, and the broader social repercussions of social media. She emphasized that while digital technologies promise inclusion and efficiency, they also risk reproducing and intensifying existing socio-economic inequalities.

During the Session III, the Dr. D. N. Dhanagare Memorial Lecture by Dr. Sudeshna Mukherjee on "Beyond Subsidies: Rethinking Empowerment and Public Policy" critically examined India's shift from welfare-based subsidies to empowerment-oriented public policy. The session was chaired by Dr. Jayashree. S, Convener RC03, Senior Professor, Department of Sociology, Karnatak University, Dharwad. The resource person highlighted the examples such as women-centric DBT schemes (Ladli Behna Yojana, Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana) and the JAM framework. She highlighted both welfare gains and emerging fiscal constraints. Emphasis was placed on low female labour force participation, unpaid care work, and the limits of cash transfers in achieving genuine empowerment.

Prof. Ravi Dalawai of Rani Chennamma University in Belagavi presided over the fourth session. Four research papers were presented in this session, with a primary focus on understanding how economic engagement reduces the gender gap and how government programs assist rural artisans in achieving social mobility. Dr. Maruthakutti emphasised the significance of comprehending rural elderly people's everyday sociability. The motion to form an executive committee and hold a workshop and conference was approved during the RC 03 business session, which was called by Dr. Jayashree S., Convener, RC 03.

Mr. Sai Darshan Kumar J. gave a paper on Entrepreneurship As A Quest For Social Equality: The Caste Collectivity of Nadars of Tamil Nadu during the last session, which was presided over by Dr. Jayashree S. The faculty and researchers responded favourably to the sessions and actively participated in the discussions. The 50th AISC was a productive academic event that gave aspiring scholars the opportunity to express themselves and hone their research skills under the guidance of prominent experts.

RC-04: Migration and Diaspora Studies

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RC 04 organised one lecture on 15th October 2025 by Ms. Anjali Guntur, Director of Programs, Raksha Inc, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. The title of the lecture was "BREAKING THE SILENCE: Domestic and Sexual Violence among the South Asians in the USA". Dr. Rajni Bala, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, BUC, College, Punjab and Convenor of RC 10 Gender Studies, ISS was the Chair. The lecture was insightful and was followed by a lively discussion.

Ms. Anjali Guntur

All together RC 04 organised five lectures in 2025 of eminent scholars including, Dr. TLS Bhaskar, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, M.S. Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bengaluru, Dr. Joanna Pereira, Professor of Sociology, and Vice Dean (Research)DD Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies, Goa University, Dr. Lina Samuel, Associate Professor and Undergraduate Chair, Department of

Sociology, McMaster University, Ontario, Canada, Dr. Irudaya Rajan, Chair, The International Institute of Migration and Development (IIMAD), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala and Ms. Anjali Guntur, Director of Programs, Raksha Inc, Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

The lecture series has set a lively platform for both the budding and seasoned scholars in migration and diaspora studies across disciplines and borders for constant academic interactions.

In the 50th AISC held at SRM University AP, Amaravathi on 28-30 December 2025, 58 presentations were scheduled, of which 46 were presented, including one each from Fiji, Nepal and Srilanka.

A panel discussion titled "Youth Migration and India: Problems and Prospects" is also organised with Prof. Paramjit Singh Judge, Former President of ISS and Former Convenor RC04, Prof. Kamala Ganesh, former Convenor RC04, and Prof. S Irudaya Rajan, Chair, IIMD as Panellists. Prof. R Indira, Former President ISS will be the Chair and Prof. Ajailiu Niumai the discussant.

Releasing Silver Jubilee Souvenir

Panel Discussion

The Silver Jubilee Souvenir was released by jointly by the former convenors of RC04, Prof. Kamala Ganesh, Prof. Aparna Rayaprol and Prof. Ajailiu Niumai at the SRM University on 28.12.2025.

Hard copies were presented to the President, Secretary and former convenors while soft copy was circulated to all members of RC04 and ISS members.

RC04 witnessed a milestone in 2024-25 as its membership reached 120 and it has become a dynamic branch of Indian Sociological Society.

The business meeting of the RC was conducted on 29.12.2025 at Room 302 CV Raman Block. 25 members including Prof. Ajailiu Niumai, Dr. Muneer Illath, Prof. Abhay Kumar, Dr. TLS Bhaskar participated. Dr. M S Jayakumar, Convenor, RC04 presented the report of the activities of RC during 2025. The members appreciated the RC and Convenor for the efficient and systematic functioning. The meeting unanimously elected the present convenor, Dr. M S Jayakumar, University of Kerala as the Convenor and Dr. Abhay Kumar, Galgotias University, Noida as Co-convenor for the next term.

RC-05: Sociology of Education

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A business session of the Research Committee - 05 (Sociology of Education), ISS, was conducted on 28/12/2025 in the after noon during the first session of the RC. In this regard the Convener of the RC 05 (Sociology of Education), ISS, Prof. P. H. Mohammad, informed the members attending the proceedings that in view of another year left for the completion of his tenure in the wake of the recent amendment, effecting the same, in the RC conveners meeting held in Mumbai in 2025, he needs the support of another member in performing the activities related to the RC. Thus the Convener Prof. P. H. Mohammad while moving the resolution, has insisted that the RC needs the services of a dedicated member as a co-convener since the RC could not access the services of the incumbent/existing co-convener. Following this, the members proposed the name of Dr. Sreeramulu, Gosikonda - Department of Sociology, BHU, Varanasi - nominating him as the Co-Convener of the RC - 05 and unanimously accepted the resolution. The esteemed members of the RC, Dr. Rafia Kazim, Dr. Trilk Chandan Goud, Dr. S. Nagaraja, etc., who spoke in the meeting supporting the resolution as well as the candidature of Dr. Sreeramulu, expressed that Dr. Sreeramulu, is eligible in all manner and would lead the RC efficiently and effectively. Professor Nagaraju, Gundimeda, a senior member of the RC-05 has conducted the proceedings of the house.

The meeting ended with a formal vote of thanks.

RC-06: Sociology of Religion

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SPECIAL LECTURE

RC06 Sociology of Religion organised a special talk online on 4th October 2025. The book is titled Governing Hinduism: State and Ritual Authority in South India authored by Dr. Shiva Urella, Lector in Telugu, Yale University. The programme was chaired by Dr. Daisy Barman, Co convenor of RC06. The talk evolved from the PHD dissertation of Dr. Shiva on the Ogulvanlu ritual specialists at Rekulakunta, Andhra Pradesh. These ritual specialists sustain Bahujan religious traditions through story telling, drumming and turmeric rituals. Dr. Shiva explores this phenomenon with an intersectional lens spanning gender, caste, religion and state power. In his presentation Dr. Shiva contextualized his work within the regulatory provisions and practices of the state with regard to temples, ritual specialists and worship patterns. Dr. Daisy Barman who chaired the session contextualised the presentation giving a pan-India comparative perspective to how communities seek to sustain their identities by celebrating unique ritual practices.

The research committee organised a book discussion during the 50th All India Sociological Conference at SRM University Andhra Pradesh on 29th December 2025. The discussion was on the recently

published book authored by the secretary of RC06 Dr. P.C. Saidalavi titled Seeking Allah's Hierarchy: Caste, Labour and Islam in India. The discussants were Prof. R. Santhosh, IIT Madras and Dr. Joseph M.T., University of Mumbai. Dr. Daisy Barman, GITAM University chaired the session. A very insightful book with significant implications for Sociology of Religion India, Seeking Allah's Hierarchy demonstrates the craft of reflexive ethnography and grounded arguments. Foregrounding lived Islam in the present day Kerala, the book delves into the complexity of Islam and its relationship with caste. Caste is negotiated and renegotiated among the various Muslim communities with recourse to values attributed to the Islamic worldview. Both the discussants gave a detailed and critical assessment of the volume. Author Saidalavi replied to the discussion on the floor foregrounding the rationale of the work and the uniqueness of methodology and thematic contributions. Dr. Daisy Barman concluded the session with the comments of the chairperson.

50TH ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

At RC06 sociology of religion, we received 60 abstracts. In all 39 papers were presented spread across the nine parallel sessions. The papers were of the following broad themes: hierarchy, harmony and the making of religious publics; indigeneity, memory and the re-contextualisation of religious traditions; ritual, embodiment and the social production of the sacred; institutions, law and the governance of religious communities; digital cultures, mediation, and contemporary religious life; caste, inequality and the reconfiguration of religious boundaries; gender, agency and the formation of religious subjectivities; conversion, identity and the transformation of religious selfhood; and mobility, migration and the translocal making of religious worlds. Eminent scholars chaired the sessions and provided very useful comments for the young scholars. The chairpersons were: Prof. Nagaraju Gundimeda, Prof. Gita Chadha, Dr. Pushpesh Kumar, Prof. Antony Palackal, Prof. R. Santhosh, Prof. Surinder Jodhka, Dr. Rituparna Patgiri, Dr. Sanjay Kolekar, and Dr. George Jose.

ACADEMIC WRITING WORKSHOP

RC06 - Sociology of Religion joined RC11 - Sociology of Environment and Adhoc Group 01 - Pedagogy, Teaching and Learning to organise an academic writing workshop titled Doing Academic Writing Differently sponsored by the Indian Sociological Society in collaboration with Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai and Department of Sociology, HSNC University. It was conducted at HSNC University, Worli, Mumbai on 28th and 29th MNovember 2025, attended by 85 registered participants from in and around Mumbai. Resource persons with vast experience in the fields of research and writing presented the rationale, the road map and the hacks of writing academically. The themes ranged from personal journeys in academic writing (Prof. Indra Munshi), reading the absences in selecting literature (Dr. Anagha Tambe), reframing and reformulating the research problem (Dr. Sharmila Sreekumar), feminist autoethnographies as social science (Dr. Gita Chadha), reading and writing in the digital age (Dr. Rituparna Patgiri), writing embodies labour (Dr. Meena Gopal), reframing academic writing: reflexivity and practice in the global south (Dr. Vaishali Diwakar), and citing from the margins: the politics of citation and referencing in academic research (Dr. P. Bindhulakshmi). The participants gained valuable insights into the craft of academic writing along with skills at negotiating writing in the changed scenario of the times.

RC-07: Adivasi and Tribal Studies

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In the 50th All India Sociological Conference, SRM University, Dec 28-30, 2025, RC 07 on Adivasi and Tribal Studies received a total of fifty-seven abstracts, of which forty-nine were accepted. Three presenters were absent, while six participants presented their papers online. Altogether, nine sessions were conducted.

The first joint session commenced with opening remarks by the Convenor, Prof. Sukant Chaudhury, who highlighted contemporary issues related to tribal identity, mobility, inequality, and resistance. This was followed by the Sixth Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava Memorial Lecture, delivered by Prof. Nilika Mehrotra of the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, on *"Gender Concerns in Tribal Studies Today."* The lecture was chaired by Prof. Paramjit Judge.

The sessions were chaired by Prof. Sukant Chaudhury (Lucknow University), Dr. Arvind N. Haldankar (Goa University), Prof. Soumendra Mohan Patnaik (University of Delhi), Prof. D.

R. Sahu (Lucknow University), Prof. Rita Malache (University of Mumbai), and were co- chaired by Dr. Manoranjan Das (Ravenshaw University), Ishwar Chandra Naik (Ravenshaw University), and Prof. Sangram Gunjal (BAMU, Aurangabad).

The major issues discussed included the following:

1. Scientific studies on tribal societies, particularly those focusing on women, continue to be neglected.
2. Greater emphasis needs to be placed on conceptualising and theorising tribal issues.
3. Inequality, once largely absent, now affects almost all aspects of tribal society.
4. Although substantial funds have been allocated to the tribal development sector, implementation remains weak and ineffective.

5. External encroachment and influences have led to the emergence of practices and changes such as dowry, fragmented lifestyles, eco-entrepreneurship, and religious conversions.
6. Climate change has had a severe impact on tribal communities, with heavy rainfall, droughts, and extreme heat waves adversely affecting agricultural production and livelihoods.

In the end, a business meeting was held in which the following were elected:

1. Dr. Arvind N Haldankar Sociology Programme, Goa University (Convenor)
2. Dr Ishwar Chandra Naik Ravenshaw University (Co-Convenor)
3. Mr Prashant Anand (Secretary)
4. Ms Jeba Anjum (Treasurer)

Executive members:
i. Prof. Rita Malache (University of Mumbai)
ii. Dr. Doddamani Lokaraja (Govt.College,Vijayanagara,Krishnadevarya University)
iii. Dr Manoranjan Das (Ravenshaw University, Cuttack)
iv. Prof Ravindra Nath Sharma (Sai Baba Aadarsh Mahavidyalaya, Chhattisgarh University)
v. Dr Maya Mohan (Christ University, Bangalore)

Advisory Board:
a) Prof Sukant K Chaudhury (Lucknow University)
b) Prof Soumendra M Patnaik (Delhi University)
c) Prof Sanjay Singh (Dr Ram Manohar Lohia University, Lucknow)

RC-08: Inequalities, Stratification and Exclusion Studies

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RC activities from September to December 2025

Research Committee-08 (Inequalities, Stratification & Exclusion Studies) organized an online special lecture titled "Faultlines of Transformation: Classes and the Making of the Modern World" on 17th September 2025. The lecture was delivered by

the distinguished speaker Prof. Rajesh Mishra, Former Professor & Head, Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow. The session was chaired by Prof. S.L. Sharma, Former Director of UGC-MMTTC, Panjab University. The lecture dealt with the crucial developments in emergence of new class structure in the context of globalization and it shed light on various approaches in the resolution of the challenges in the modern world. The lecture provoked active discussion as the participants raised questions on conceptual aspects of dynamic class structures in the contemporary society. The event was successfully coordinated by the Convener, Prof. V. Sreemannarayana Murthy, Department of Sociology, Andhra University, and the Co-Convener, Dr. Supriya Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Khun-Khun Ji Girl's Degree College.

As part of the 50th All India Sociological Conference, Research Committee-08 (Inequalities, Stratification & Exclusion Studies) and Research Committee-29 (Social Transformation & Development) jointly organized a special session titled "Nomadic Communities, Mobility and Inequalities." The session took place on December 29th, 2025, at SRM University-AP. The session was chaired by the Prof. K. K. Mishra, Professor Emeritus, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar. The panel featured four distinguished speakers who presented insightful papers on various aspects of nomadic life:

Dr. Sanjay Kolekar, Associate Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Savitribai Phule Pune University, presented on "Nomads on the Periphery: Identity, Mobility and Exclusion" focusing on social exclusion.

Dr. V. Raju Nayak, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Indian and World Literatures, EFL University, Hyderabad, delivered a talk titled "Narratives on the Move: A Case of Banjara Bhat Community of South India," focusing on oral narratives and tribal displacement.

Dr. Bikku, Assistant Professor and Head, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, SRM University-AP, presented on "Pastoralism and Conservation: A Case Study of Raika/Rebari Pastoralist of Western India," highlighting the human-animal interface and indigenous communities.

Dr. Suheel Rasool Mir, Sociologist, presented on "Multispecies Ethnography of the Bakarwal Tribe: A Study of Human-Animal Relations in the Kashmir Himalayas," based on his extensive work in the borderlands of Kashmir and Ladakh.

The session was followed by discussions and many pertinent questions were raised by the participants. The screening of a Documentary was also scheduled in the session. This documentary is part of a collaborative research and filmmaking effort. The film offered an intimate visual exploration of the cultural, social, and historical lifeworld of the Dard Aryan tribe. Through immersive cinematography and ethnographic depth, it seeks to preserve and contextualize their lived realities, oral histories, and identity narratives.The session was successfully coordinated by the Conveners, Prof. V. Sreemannarayana Murthy (RC-08) and Dr. Sampat Kale (RC-29), along with Co-Conveners Dr. Supriya Singh (RC-08) and Dr. Vinita Lal (RC-29).

RC-09: Dalit Studies

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From **28th December, 2025 to 30th December, 2025**, the seminar sessions were conducted successfully. The chairpersons for the seminar sessions were as follows:

- **Session I:** Prof. B. B. Mallik (Lucknow)
- **Session II:** Prof. Priyadarshan Bhaware (Maharashtra)
- **Session III:** Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi (Jharkhand)
- **Session IV:** Prof. Rakesh Yadav (Azamgarh)
- **Session V:** Prof. Y. P. Singh (Meerut)

During one of the sessions, the Research Committee invited **Prof. Vivek Kumar, Prof. Jagan Karade, and Prof. M. H. Makwana** for a discussion on the book *Decoding Ambedkar* written by Prof. Vivek Kumar. This session was followed by the **Business Meeting** of the Research Committee.

The following office bearers were elected:

- **Convenor:** Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi
- **Co-Convenor:** Dr. Sandhya Paudmal
- **Secretary:** Dr. Rakesh Yadav
- **Treasurer:** Dr. Priyadarshan Bhaware

In total, **46 research papers** were presented during the seminar. Each presentation was followed by discussion and interaction among the participants.

I am thankful to the **Indian Sociological Society** for giving me this opportunity to present this report.

RC-10: Gender Studies

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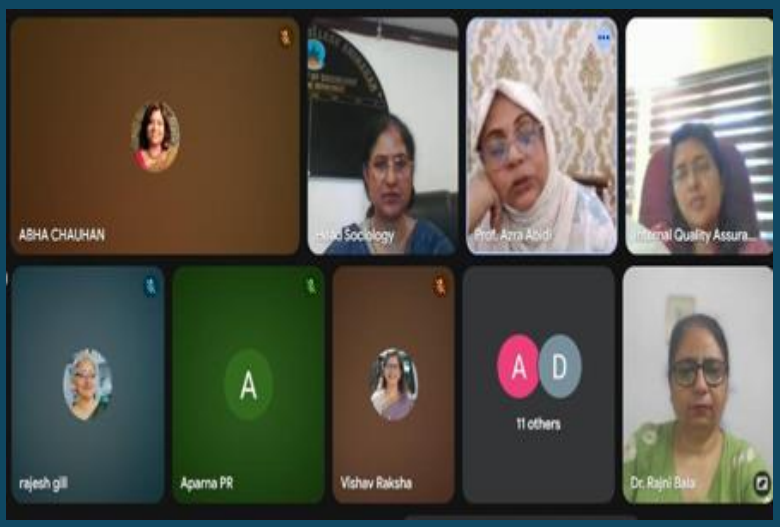
Report of the Research Committee on Gender Studies (RC-10), Indian Sociological Society (September–December, 2025)

During September to December 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.

Lecture on the topic "Intersecting Margins: Muslim Women, Patriarchy and the Struggle for Inclusion in Higher Education in India" by Prof. Azra Abidi on September 13, 2025

The seventh lecture in our lecture series, "Challenges of the 21st Century: A Gendered Perspective," was successfully held on 13 September 2025, in collaboration with the Centre for Women's Studies,

University of Kerala. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Azra Abidi, Head, Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia, Central University, New Delhi.



Prof. Abidi offered a powerful and deeply engaging analysis of how Muslim women in India navigate the intersecting challenges of patriarchy, religion, and structural inequalities in accessing higher education. She highlighted the systemic barriers of exclusion, the burden of cultural stereotypes, and the role of institutional mechanisms in shaping women's educational trajectories.

Her presentation combined rich empirical insights with theoretical frameworks, underscoring the need for inclusive policies and social transformation to ensure equal participation of Muslim women in higher education. The session was chaired by Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhary, President, Indian Sociological Society, whose opening remarks set a strong intellectual context for the discussion and emphasized the importance of intersectional approaches in sociology.

Dr. Shabnam Ara, Head, Department of Sociology, Amar Singh College, Srinagar, Kashmir, contributed as the discussant, offering nuanced reflections on the complexities faced by minority women in peripheral regions and reinforcing the lecture's arguments with regional examples.

The lecture was marked by robust intellectual engagement and vibrant discussions, making it a valuable contribution to the ongoing series on gendered challenges in the 21st century.

One-Day National Webinar on "Gender and Violence in Digital Spaces" in Collaboration with Department of Sociology, Dr. M.K Umathe College, Nagpur, October 4, 2025

RC-10, in collaboration with Dr. M. K. Umathe College, Nagpur, organised a one-day national webinar on "Gender and Violence in Digital Spaces: Understanding Problems, Exploring Solutions" (online mode). The webinar addressed urgent concerns around digital vulnerabilities for women and gender minorities, and explored academic and policy responses. The event brought together distinguished academicians, scholars, and participants from across the country to deliberate upon one of the most urgent concerns of the contemporary era — the vulnerabilities and possibilities of digital environments for women and gender minorities.

The inaugural session was chaired by Prof. R. Indira, Former President of the Indian Sociological Society. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Vinod Khedkar, Convener of the webinar and Assistant Professor of Sociology at Dr. M. K. Umathe College, followed by special messages from Prof. Shweta Prasad, Secretary of ISS, and the Principal of Dr. M. K. Umathe College. Introducing the theme of the webinar, Dr. Rajni Bala, Convenor of RC-10, highlighted how digital spaces, while opening new avenues for communication, visibility, and empowerment, have simultaneously become sites of harassment, exclusion, and violence. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Abdul Matin, Former Professor, Aligarh Muslim University, who provided a thought-provoking analysis of gender-based digital violence and the inadequacy of legal frameworks to fully address these challenges. Prof. Rajesh Gill, Former Professor, Panjab University, graced the session as Guest of Honour and emphasised the responsibility of academic institutions in responding to the social consequences of digital violence.

The panel discussion that followed, chaired by Prof. Abha Chauhan of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh and Former President of ISS, focused on the theme "Women in the Digital Era: Risks, Rights and Resilience." Panelists included Prof. Sudeshna Mukherjee, Dr. Usha V. T., Prof. Dhananjay Sontake, and Prof. Leena Pujari.

Their interventions drew attention to multiple dimensions of online gendered violence — from cyberstalking and trolling to structural inequalities in digital access. They also explored possibilities of resilience, solidarity, and legal reform, while questioning the accountability of digital platforms and the need to integrate digital ethics into education.

Two technical sessions were held in the afternoon, where participants from diverse institutions presented their research papers on issues such as online misogyny, trolling, digital activism, women's experiences of cyber violence, and legal responses. The discussions were marked by academic rigour and constructive feedback, reflecting the seriousness with which younger scholars and researchers are engaging with the theme.

The valedictory session was chaired by Prof. Mahesh Shukla, Professor and Head of Sociology, Govt. TRS College of Excellence, Rewa. The webinar report was presented by Dr. Vinod Khedkar, who summarised the major insights of the day's deliberations. The valedictory address was delivered by Prof. Ajailiu Niumai, University of Hyderabad, who situated digital violence within larger frameworks

of exclusion and inclusion, and stressed the need for sustained academic engagement with these issues.

Prof. Sandip Chaudhary, Professor and Head, SBES College, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, addressed the gathering as Guest of Honour and underscored the importance of mainstreaming digital gender justice within higher education. The session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Apurba Pal, Co-Convener of RC-10. The webinar provided a vibrant platform for academic and social dialogue on a theme of increasing urgency. The deliberations highlighted the dual nature of digital spaces — as enabling platforms for empowerment as well as new terrains of vulnerability.

The participants collectively agreed on the importance of stronger policy frameworks, platform accountability, legal safeguards, and digital literacy programmes to counter gender-based violence online. Above all, the discussions reaffirmed the commitment of RC-10 and the ISS to continuously foreground such pressing gender issues and to ensure that digital environments are reclaimed as spaces of equality, dignity, and freedom.

Special Session of RC-10 Gender Studies in the National Conference on "Development, Democracy and Governance: Debating New Social Imaginaries" held on 31 October – 1 November 2025 at NIPER, Mohali

The Research Committee on Gender Studies (RC-10), Indian Sociological Society, collaborated with the host institutions to organise a dedicated special technical session focusing on gender. This session was organised within the broader framework of the national conference hosted by RC-19 (Urban Studies), ISS, along with the Department of Holistic Education (DHE) and NIPER, Mohali.

The Special Gender Session, titled "Promoting Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment", was conducted on 31 October 2025 (11:30 AM – 1:30 PM) at the Board Room, Convention Centre. The session was chaired by Prof. Abha Chauhan, with Prof. Ajailiu Niumai as Co-Chair, and was moderated by Dr. Rajni Bala, Convenor, RC-10 (Gender Studies), Indian Sociological Society, thereby formally reflecting RC-10's academic leadership and institutional presence within the national seminar.

The session brought together a diverse range of research papers addressing women's empowerment, gender justice, health, education, political participation, caste and community, and lived experiences of marginalisation. Presentations included sociological analyses of rape investigation by women police officers, feminist readings of motherhood, women's empowerment through theoretical frameworks, struggles of women in rural higher education, breast cancer and society, political participation of Scheduled Caste women, gendered spaces and democratic rights, menopause policy gaps, domestic violence survivors lived realities, and adolescent girls' health concerns. The thematic breadth of the session reflected RC-10's long- standing commitment to advancing intersectional and empirically grounded gender scholarship

.The discussions during the session highlighted how gender inequalities intersect with structures of caste, class, health, education, and governance, reinforcing the need for feminist perspectives within debates on development and democracy. Active participation by scholars and researchers enriched the deliberations and underscored the relevance of gender- focused sociological inquiry within national academic Forums.

Mid-Term Conference of RC-10 Gender Studies on the topic "Inclusive Empowerment: Addressing the Needs of Marginalised Women through Intersectional Policies" on 27–28 November 2025

The Research Committee on Gender Studies (RC-10), Indian Sociological Society, in collaboration with the Department of Sociology and the Centre for Women's Studies, University of Kerala, organised a two-day Mid-Term Conference on the theme "Inclusive Empowerment: Addressing the Needs of Marginalised Women through Intersectional Policies" on 27–28 November 2025 at the Department of Sociology, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The conference was successfully conceptualised and organised under the leadership of Dr. Bushra Beegom R. K., Head, Department of Sociology, and Director, Centre for Women's Studies, University of Kerala, who also served as the Organising Secretary of the Conference. Her academic vision, administrative coordination, and sustained engagement ensured the smooth conduct of the conference and created a vibrant intellectual space for feminist and intersectional dialogue.
The inaugural session featured presidential remarks by Dr. Rajni Bala, Convener, RC-10, ISS, followed by a keynote address by Prof. R. Indira (Former President, ISS), delivered online. Special invited lectures by senior faculty members from different teaching departments of the University of Kerala significantly enriched the proceedings, bringing interdisciplinary perspectives on gender, marginalisation, policy, and social justice.

The conference included plenary and technical sessions that provided a robust platform for scholarly exchange. A notable feature of the conference was the enthusiastic participation and high-quality presentations by students, whose papers reflected strong conceptual clarity, empirical grounding, and critical engagement with gender and intersectionality. Their contributions were widely appreciated and underscored the importance of nurturing young feminist scholars within academic spaces.

The valedictory session brought together senior scholars and members of RC-10, with reflections on the academic deliberations and future directions for intersectional feminist research. The conference

concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Bushra Beegom, acknowledging the collective efforts of faculty members, students, invited speakers, and collaborating institutions. Overall, the conference facilitated meaningful academic dialogue on inclusive empowerment, strengthened collaboration between RC-10 and the University of Kerala. It reaffirmed RC-10's commitment to promoting feminist sociological scholarship through collaborative and student- inclusive academic engagement.

50th All India Sociological Conference, SRM University, Amravati, Andhra Pradesh, 28- 30 December, 2025

For the 50th AISC, RC-10 (Gender Studies) approved 123 abstracts, and a total of 121 papers were presented, including 29 online presentations. Overall, 10 technical sessions were organised, along with one Special Lecture Session. The sessions were chaired by senior members of the Committee: Prof. Rajesh Gill, Prof. Ajailiu Niumai, Prof. Dhananjay Sontake, Prof. Sudha Khokate, Prof. Pradeep Meshram, Dr. Rajni Bala, Prof. Leena Pujari, Prof. Anshu Kedia, Prof. Niranjan Singh, Prof. Sandeep Chaudhary, and Prof. T. B. Singh.

Inaugural Session (28.12.2026)

During the inaugural session held on 28 December 2026, an edited volume titled Capturing the Gendered Realities in India was released. The book is edited by the Convener, Dr. Rajni Bala, with Dr. Mayaglambam Lilee (senior member, RC-10) as the Co-editor. On the same occasion, the RC-10 Newsletter, documenting the Committee's activities over the last four sessions (2021–2022, 2022–

2023, 2023–2024, and 2024–2025), was also released by the senior members of RC-10.

Special Lecture Session

The Special Lecture Session was chaired by Prof. Rajesh Gill. The Chief Guest was Prof. Shweta Prasad, Secretary, Indian Sociological Society. The invited lectures were delivered by Prof. R. Indira, Prof. Ajailiu Niumai, and Prof. Sudeshna Mukherjee.

Business Meeting of RC-10

On 28 December 2025, the Business Meeting of RC-10 was held. Following the presentation of the Committee report by the Convener, elections for the 2026–27 session were conducted. The following office-bearers and committee members were elected unanimously:

Office Bearers (2026–27)

- Convener: Prof. Ajailiu Niumai
- Co-Convener: Prof. Dhananjay Sontake
- Treasurer: Prof. T. B. Singh
- Secretary: Prof. Lata Kumar

Advisory Committee Members

- Dr. Rajni Bala
- Prof. Sudeshna Mukherjee
- Prof. R. Indira
- Prof. Rajesh Gill
- Prof. Abha Chauhan
- Prof. Shweta Prasad
- Prof. N. K. Singh

Executive Committee Members

- Dr. Mayaglambam Lilee
- Dr. Bushra Beegom
- Prof. Pradeep Meshram
- Prof. Hilda Devi
- Dr. Neha Chaudhary
- Dr. Priyanka
- Dr. Krishna Paswan
- Dr. Asha Singh

RC-11: Sociology of Environment

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Academic writing workshop

In November 2025 [27 & 28], the Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai in collaboration with Department of Sociology, HSNC University, Mumbai as well as RC 06- Sociology of Religion, RC 11- Sociology of Environment & Ad Hoc RC-01- Pedagogy, Teaching & Learning, organised a two day Academic Writing Workshop titled- 'Doing Academic Writing Differently'. Financial support for the workshop was received from the ISS. The workshop examined the journey of academic writing that involves a reflexive process alongside the analysis of data. It highlighted the need to pay attention to certain key features of research- accountability, awareness of power relations, of difference, of multiple voices and where the research stories are layered. It fore grounded the messy processes of academic writing. The session began with an address by Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri, President of the Indian Sociological Society, who placed strong emphasis on reading as a non- negotiable foundation of writing. Prof. Vivek, Treasurer Indian Sociological Society and the Guest of Honour offered a more practice-oriented perspective on writing. The inaugural address was delivered by Prof. Indra Munshi who emphasised academic writing as having a distinct genre with its own specific demands. The two day workshop covered various topics and sessions ranging from Prof. Anagha Tambe's session on the politics of citation and knowledge production-Reading the Absences, Prof. Sharmila Sreekumar's on - Staying with the Problem: On Re-framing and Re-formulating Research, Prof. Gita Chadha on - Self and the Politics of Knowledge Production: Feminist Auto ethnographies as Social Science; Prof. Rituparna Patagiri explored the contours of academic writing in the digital age, Prof. Meena Gopal

examined how feminist thinking shapes writing women's lives that spans a range of embodiment: from performance to labour, Prof. Vaishali Diwakar's session was- on Academic Writing: Knowledge, Reflexivity, and Practice in the Global South and Prof. Bindhulakshmi P. Session was on - Citing from the margins-examining how academic citation practices reproduce hierarchies of caste, ability, gender, and geography in the production of knowledge & acknowledges knowledge as relational, situated, and embodied. The workshop was attended by over 60 research scholars and Master's students of both the Universities.

In December [28-30 2025], for the National Conference at SRM University,-AP Amaravati, RC 11 received 36 Abstracts in all. Twenty three presentations were made in all. Out of these there were 3 Virtual presentations.

The broad themes ranged from climate change issues, impact of infrastructure projects on the environment, the loss of biodiversity, traditional land management systems, issues related to solar power and its lived environments, issues of peri urban and suburban environment, ecotourism, Forest governance reforms, issues of water, air quality and so on.

The Business meeting of the RC was conducted on 29th December during afternoon session with Prof. Balaji Kendre as chair. It was stated that Dr. Amarpal Singh has successfully carried out his responsibility as chair of RC 11 for 2 consecutive terms. The name of Prof. Manisha Rao was proposed by Dr Nishi Francis for Chair of RC 11, it was seconded by Dr. Mohan Nayak. The members in the meeting unanimously approved and accepted the decision. Prof. Manisha Rao accepted the responsibility of RC 11 Convenor post.

RC-12: Sociology of Health, Ageing and Well-Being

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Report of 50th All India Sociological Conference held from December 28th to 30th, 2025, at SRM University-AP, Andhra Pradesh.

Session Overview and Themes

The RC 12 organized the paper presentations in eight sessions, covering four primary themes focused on contemporary sociological issues in health and wellness:

1. Gender, Women's Health, and Reproductive Rights (Day 1): Addressed maternal health, menstruation, PCOD, and gender disparities in healthcare access.

2. Traditional Medicine, Technology, and Modern Healthcare Systems (Day 2): Focused on Ayurveda, digital health literacy, medical pluralism, and healthcare infrastructure.

3. Geriatric Health, Ageing, and Elderly Care (Day 2): Examined challenges in old age homes, elder abuse, pension policies, and the impact of migration on the elderly.

4. Social Inequality, Mental Health, and Public Wellness (Day 3): Covered poverty, chronic diseases (Cancer/TB), disability, and mental well-being in marginalized communities.

Presentation Statistics

Across the three days, a total of 71 presenters successfully presented their papers out of 94 approved abstracts. The following table details the participation for each session:

- Diverse Research Topics: Papers ranged from the sociocultural determinants of postpartum depression and the impact of digital health literacy to the feminization of ageing and health perceptions among the urban homeless.
- Hybrid Participation: Session 4(B) included an online link to accommodate remote presentations, facilitating broader engagement.
- Leadership: Individual sessions were chaired by senior academics including Dr. Alok Kumar, Dr. Ziyauddin K.M., Prof. Udai Bhan Singh, and Prof. (Dr.) S.K. Ramani.

Business Meeting of the RC was held on 30th December 2025. The following decisions were taken unanimously by all the members for the RC-12 present in the meeting.

1. Dr. S. Prabakar will continue as Convenor of RC-12 for the second term
2. Dr. Manushi Srivastava will continue as Co-Convenor of RC-12 for the second term
3. Dr Pratibha B Desai is nominated as additional Co-Convenor of RC-12 for the new term
4. Dr. Arun Kumar Dubey is nominated as the Secretary of the RC-12 for the term
5. Dr. Balamurugan J will continue as Treasurer of RC-12 for the second term

Apart from this, in the business meeting it was decided to constitute a committee to promote publication of research paper presented in the AISC.

1. Dr. Thamilarasan, Professor & Head, Dept. of Sociology, University of Madras.
2. Dr. Ravindra Nath Sharma, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Sociology & Social Work, Saint Gahivo Guru University, Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh.
3. Dr. G. Pitchaimani, Associate Professor, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education & Research, Porur, Chennai.
4. Javed Ahmad, Sociologist, Dept. of Community Medicine, SKIMS, Srinagar.
5. Urmila Sahoo, PhD Scholar, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
6. Md Adul Aziz, PhD Scholar, Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur, MH.
7. S. Gayatri Devi, PhD Scholar, Dept. of Sociology, University of Madras.
8. Swapna D, PhD Scholar, Dept. of Sociology, Vijayanagara Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Ballari.

RC-13: Science, Technology & Society

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In the 50th All India Sociological Conference this year thirty abstracts/papers were accepted out of which twenty five papers were presented over five sessions during 50th AISC at Amarvati. The inaugural address was delivered by Prof Manoj Kumar Jena, Convenor, RC 13 on Digital Technology and Changing Social Dynamics in India. The Valedictory address delivered by Prof Vivek Kumar, JNU, New Delhi. RC 13 organized two distinguished special lectures delivered by Prof Biswajit Das on Being and Becoming Digital: Paradox of Hope and Sublime in the Digital World, and another lecture was delivered by Dr Victor P Karuna on Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights and Governance: The Impact of Fourth Industrial Revolution on Marginalized Group in South Asia with Comparison to India.

In the entire five sessions many papers presented covering the issues related to the paradox of digital inclusion, reproductive technology, social shaping of ICT, Hindu religiosity, bridging epistemic inequality, digital gap, algorithmic bias, occupational stress, digital mobilities, on line learning and unequal mobilities followed by engaging discussion.

In its business session RC members unanimously elected Prof Madhav Govind, JNU, New Delhi as the convenor and Dr. Seema Dutta continued(SNU, Kolkata) , as the co-convenor and Dr Sudhir Kumar Srivastav as Secretary of RC-13 for two years-2026-27. The house also elected five EC members of the RC 13. These members are Dr. Bibekananda Nayak, Dr. Sumanth Heeramath, Dr Dhirendra Kumar Sahoo, Dr Ashvini Patil, and Dr. Ananad.

RC-14: Globalization and Society

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(For the period September – December 2025)

International conference from 2nd - 6th December, 2025

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) organised 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 welcome address was delivered by Prof. V.P. Singh, President, WG01, ISA and the inaugural address was delivered by Prof. Geoffrey Players, President of International Sociological Association. Book of Abstracts and Edited volume were released during the inaugural session. The conference had six technical sessions, three symposiums, besides Inaugural and Valedictory sessions. Delegates from India and abroad presented their papers and contributed to the discussions.

ISS Conference - 28 – 30 December 2025.

RC 14 – 'Globalisation and Society' successfully organised four technical sessions and a business meeting during the annual ISS conference at SRM university, Amaravathi -AP from 28-30 December 2025. The Research Committee had received around 40 research papers and about 36 papers were selected for presentation during the conference. The four technical sessions were under different sub-themes namely: Globalisation, Culture & Society; Globalisation Technology, Media, Environment, Education; Globalisation and the Changing

World Order; Globalisation - Problems related to youth, Education & Inequality. The technical sessions were chaired and co-chaired by Prof. Rajesh Mishra, Prof. V.P. Singh, Prof. Maruthi Kutti, Prof. Chandrashekar, Dr. Sontosh Naik and Dr Deepthi Shanker. Each session had rapporteurs who have documented the proceedings of the sessions. Selected papers after revision shall be published in the edited volume by a national publisher.

Business meeting of RC 14 was conducted on 29th December 2026 between 4.30 – 5pm. The convenor briefed the members about the various activities RC 14 had undertaken in the past one year and also informed about the future plans for the forthcoming year. The session ended with vote of thanks and a group photograph.

RC-15: Agrarian and Rural Studies

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The Research Committee on Agrarian and Rural Studies (RC 15) of the Indian Sociological Society organised a series of academic sessions during the 50th All India Sociological Conference. The RC conducted five thematic sessions over three days, with 36 papers scheduled, covering a wide range of issues related to agrarian change and rural transformation in India.

Academic Sessions

Session I: Agrarian Change, Intermediaries and Rural Society

This session comprised nine papers and focused on changes in agrarian relations and rural social structures. Papers examined land ownership patterns, caste and class relations, tenancy and lease arrangements, and the role of intermediaries in agricultural production and marketing systems.

The session highlighted the continued centrality of land in shaping rural inequalities, even as agrarian relations are being reconfigured through market forces, state interventions, and new institutional arrangements.

Session II: Migration and New Ruralities

This session included eight papers addressing migration as a key dimension of contemporary rural life. Presentations analysed seasonal and circular migration, youth mobility, changing livelihood strategies, tourism-driven rural change, climate-related stress, and transformations in rural social organisation. The session demonstrated that migration has become integral to rural social reproduction and must be understood as constitutive of emerging ruralities rather than merely as a response to agrarian distress.

Session III: Gender and Policy in Rural and Agrarian Contexts

Comprising five papers, this session focused on gendered dimensions of agrarian and rural

change. Papers examined women's participation in agriculture, access to education and resources, decision-making processes, and the impact of state policies and welfare schemes. The discussions highlighted the uneven outcomes of policy interventions and reaffirmed the importance of gender as a critical analytical category in agrarian and rural studies.

Session IV: Agrarian Crisis, Movements and Emerging Trends

This session featured eight papers addressing the ongoing agrarian crisis and emerging forms of collective action. Presentations examined farmers' indebtedness, neoliberal transformations in agriculture, structural continuities in rural political economy, and agrarian movements. The session underscored the continuing relevance of land, debt, and social mobilisation in understanding contemporary agrarian dynamics.

Session V: Youth, Emergent Ruralities and Mobilities

This session, with six papers, focused on rural youth, education, social mobility, digital media, entrepreneurship, and changing perceptions of agriculture. The papers addressed emerging forms of rural aspiration and mobility and their implications for the future of agrarian and rural societies.

Business Meeting

RC 15 conducted a business meeting during the conference. The following office bearers were unanimously elected:

- Prof. Debal K. Singha Roy – Convener
- Dr. Avinash – Co-Convener
- Dr. A. Chandrashekar Reddy – Co-Convener

The meeting also discussed future academic activities of the Research Committee, including lectures, panel discussions, and collaborative initiatives with other Research Committees of the Indian Sociological Society.

RC-16: Work, Labour and Organization

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A total of 28 numbers of abstracts had been accepted in RC-16: Work, Labour and Organization. The participants were from different parts of the Country -Assam, Manipur, Maharashtra, Delhi, Odisha, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and so on. Papers were presented across several sessions generating healthy academic discussions and interactions.

Altogether 20 numbers of papers have been presented in the different Sessions in SRM University. Prof Pranjal Sarma and Prof Smita Awachar has chaired the sessions of RC-16.

A Business Session of the RC was held on 29-12-2025. The members of the RC-16: Work, Labour and Organization of ISS has unanimously nominated Prof Smita Awachar as the Convener of RC-16. An Advisory Committee of the RC-16 has also been formed during the Business session.

RC-17: Collective Actions, Mobilizations and Social Movements

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Many interesting and relevant programmes were conducted under RC 17 Collective action, Mobilization and Social Movements of Indian Sociological Society in the year of 2025.

A two-day workshop on 'Academic Writing and Publication' was organized by Dr. Terbi Loyi in the state university of Arunachal Pradesh in Collaboration with RC 17 in Hybrid mode on 13th and 14th November 2025. In this workshop total 60 students participated (25 offline and 35 online). We would like to thank President. Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuari, Secretary, Prof. Shweta Prasad and Treasurer Prof. Vivek for the support and encouragement for organizing this workshop. This workshop helps RC 17 not only to get connected with State University in Arunachal Pradesh but also help to get new young members as well.

The second programme was organized by Department of Sociology Savitribai Phule Pune University Pune organized on 15th December 2025 on 'Subject Centred Approach to the Study of Social Movements' in collaboration with RC 17 of ISS. For this workshop total 50 participants were participated in online and offline mode (35 offline and 15 online).

The third programme was a one-day workshop on 'Future of Sociology' on 16th December 2025 organized by Department of Sociology, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune in collaboration with RC 17 of ISS. For this workshop total 60 participants (45 offline and 15 online) were participated. Prof. Geoffrey Pleyers delivered the key-note address in this workshop. Prof. Mishra, Lucknow University, Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri, President, ISS, Prof. Manisha Rao, Mumbai University, Prof. Dhanraj Patil, Gondwana University, Prof. Pratibha Desai, Shivaji university, and College teachers and faculty members including Prof. Nilima Sarap, Khandelwal College, Sant Gadge baba University, Amrawati, Prof. Anagha Tendulkar, Sophia College, and Prof. Savale, Prof. Shelake, Dr. Pathan, Dr. Deshpande from colleges affiliated to SPP University presented their thoughts on Futures of Sociology and students also participated in large numbers.

For 50th All India Sociological Conference on Mobilities and Inequalities: Shifting Context; Changing Paradigms held on 28th to 30th December 2025 in SRM University, Amravathi AP. Under RC 17 Collective Action, Mobilization and Social Movements total 21 abstracts received and 13 abstracts were selected by the scrutiny committee. Prof. Shruti Tambe (RC Convenor), Dr. Ajay Kumar (Co-Convenor), Dr. Meghna Arora (Co-convenor) were the members of scrutiny committee of RC 17.

The Presentations were divided into 4 Sessions. The first session of Research Committee 17 begun with Prof. A. R. Desai Memorial Lecture delivered this year by prominent scholar and Prof. Anand Kumar (Retired Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi) on State and Society in India Today: A Tribute to Prof. A.R. Desai. For this session Prof. Anthony Palackal (Rtd, Professor, University of Kerala) was the chairperson.

There was a total of 14 papers presented in four sessions in online and offline mode.

In first session total 4 papers were presented on the theme of Gender, Caste and Religion: Mobilization of Marginal Communities. For this session Prof. Shruti Tambe were a chairperson. In the second session 5 papers were presented on the theme of Gender, Caste and Religion: Mobilization of Marginal Communities. For this session. Dr. Ajay Kumar was the chairperson. In the third session of RC total 4 papers were presented by the candidates on the theme of Strategies of Social Movements. For this session Dr. Rohit Jain was the Chairperson. The fourth session was on Identity, Politics and Social Movements only 1 paper was presented in this session. For this Session Dr. Ajay Kumar was the chairperson.

The RC sessions at SRM University ended with the business meeting. The committee condemned the killing of Tripura Student Anjel Chakma and paid homage to the young student.

During this meeting three agenda items were discussed.

First, is the organization of collaborative workshop and Webinars with colleges, state and central universities in the coming year. Based on the suggestion of members the RC decided to organize a Research proposal writing workshop to help the research scholars and teachers to write a proposal to secure funding from agencies like ICSSR under collaborative projects scheme.

The second agenda item was organizing a collaborative programmes with Other Research Committees. Also, the members of RC 17 collectively decided that we should try to organize book discussion programme and film screening sessions in the upcoming 51st All India Sociological Conference and we should also try to organize some programmes and sessions in collaboration with other Committees.

The third agenda item was selection of a new RC Members. The committee collectively decided that the current committee will continue for the next two years as well. The meeting ended on a positive note with a vote of thanks.

RC-18:Social Demography

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The following report presents the activities and achievements of RC-18 (Social Demography) of the Indian Sociological Society during the recent period.

1. Increase in Membership

There has been a significant increase in the Life Membership (LMI) of RC-18 over the last two years, and the membership has reached approximately 50 members during the current year.

2. Participation in the 50th All India Sociological Conference (AISC)

A total of 28 abstracts were received under RC-18 for the 50th All India Sociological Conference. Out of these, 23 papers were selected and all selected papers were presented during the conference.

3. Panel Discussion Organized by RC-18

Keeping in view the aims and vision of the Indian Sociological Society and the theme of the 50th AISC, RC-18 organized a panel discussion on:

"Social Demography, Migration and Development: An Analytical Perspective of India."

The panel included the following distinguished scholars:

1. Prof. Vinod Chandra, Lucknow University
2. Prof. Rajesh, Bangalore University, Karnataka
3. Prof. Dhananjay W. Bansod, IIPS, Mumbai
4. Prof. Sanjay Kolekar, Savitribai Phule Pune University
5. Prof. Mala Kapoor Shankardas, University of Delhi
6. Prof. Prashant Bansode, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune
7. Prof. Anisur Rehman, Former Director, HRDC-UGC, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

The panel discussion session was chaired by Prof. Balaji N. Kendre, Mumbai University, and Prof. Naresh Kumar, with Prof. Chandrika K. B. as the discussant.

Two Managing Committee members of the Indian Sociological Society also participated in the deliberations. The session witnessed participation from scholars and delegates from different parts of India.

4. Technical Sessions under RC-18

Three technical sessions were organized covering different aspects of Social Demography.

The papers presented focused on the nature and dynamic dimensions of social demography, sociology, and related interdisciplinary areas.

Senior sociologists and demographers from reputed universities and institutions chaired / co-chaired the sessions.

(Annexure-1: Programme Schedule attached)

5. Participation in ISS Workshop

The Convener and Co-Convener of RC-18 participated in the workshop organized by the Indian Sociological Society in Chennai.

Business Meeting

RC-18 has scheduled its Business Meeting for 29th December 2026, C.V. Block Room No. 303—timing: 4:30 PM, at SRM. During the business session, various issues were discussed, including the RC's plans. The decisions taken unanimously in the business meeting are as follows:

- Convenor: Prof. Naresh Kumar (to be continued for the next two-year term)
- Co-Convenor Prof. Chandrika K.B (to be continued for the next two years)
- Treasurer(s): Dr P. B. Desai and Dr Aveivey D (opted) (to be continued next two years)

- A three-member executive committee were formed (2025-2027), namely Prof. Jagan Karade, Prof. R.H. Makwana and Prof. Balaji Kendre.
- The six-member advisory committee were formed, namely Prof. Shaukath Azim, Prof. Dhananjay Bansod, Prof. I. Rajan, Prof. Anisur Rehman, Prof. Sandip Choudhary, and Prof. Harihar Sahoo (2025-2026)

Future Plan:

1. Naresh Kumar, Chairperson, Centre for Diaspora Studies, Central University of Gujarat, had sent an international conference proposal to ISS's respected President and Secretary by email for collaboration and support to the three-day International Conference on "The Global Indian Diaspora, Transnationalism and Sustainable Development" by CDS, Central University of Gujarat, which will be held on 27th- 29th April 2026.

- RC-18 has proposed (tentatively) to organise a research methodology workshop, an invited talk, a symposium, or an expert discussion in the coming year with the other RCs of ISS/ISA.

RC-19: Urban Studies

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50th All India Sociological Conference, SRM AP, 28-30 December, 2025.

Academic Sessions: RC 19 received 40 papers and selected 36 papers for presentation. It organised 4 technical sessions (24) and inaugural (5 lectures) and valedictory sessions (5 lectures) and had key lecture (8). In total 42 presentations were made.

Keeping in view the overall theme of the conference RC19 selected its theme, "Urban Inequalities and Mobilities: Shifting Contexts, Changing Paradigms," to capture the emerging urban realities. In last 3 days RC-19 organised four technical sessions besides inaugural and technical sessions.

On 28th, Convenor of the RC 19 welcomed the invited speakers and introduced the theme of the programme and various technical sessions. He highlighted that Urban spaces are expanding rapidly, but this expansion has not benefited everyone equally. While cities promise opportunity, mobility, and growth, they also produce exclusion, insecurity, and new forms of inequality. The aim of RC19 sessions was to critically engage with these contradictions and understand how urban life is being reshaped in contemporary India.

Technical Session I focused on Urban Inequalities, Exclusion, and Socio-Spatial Marginalisation in which 6 papers were presented.

Session II focused on the theme of Migration, Labour, Informality, and Urban Livelihoods, in which 8 papers were presented.

Session III on Urban Spaces, Land Transformations, Governance, and City-Making, in which 4 papers were presented.

Finally, the 4th Technical Session focused on Urban Mobilities, Digital Cities, Crime, Environment, and New Urban Challenges, in which 6 papers were presented.

Two lectures were delivered by key speakers in each of the technical sessions.

In Inaugural sessions Professor Anirban Banerjee delivered the inaugural address, Professor M. Thamilarasan the keynote address, and Professor Manish Verma Chaired the session. Prof Sujata Patel gave a special address which we recorded and will be circulated to the members.

The Valedictory Session was addressed by Prof. Anand Kumar, Prof. R Indira and Prof. Debal Singharoy and Prof. Kulwinder Kaur.

Besides young students, research scholars and faculty about 18 lectures by senior and eminent sociologists were delivered as keynote lectures and invited lectures. Professor Anand Kumar, Prof R Indira, Prof Sujata Patel, Prof Anirban Banerjee, Prof Satish K Sharma, Prof Debal SinghaRoy, Prof Abha Chauhan, Prof Dr D.R Sahu, Prof Manish K Verma, Prof Kulwinder Kaur, Prof Balaji Kendre, Prof Pirzada, Prof DPS Tomar, Prof Thamilarasan, Prof Manoj Jena, Prof Alok Kumar, Dr Shabnam Ara, Dr Akshatha Pranjyothi, Prof Pranjal Sharma, Dr Suchet Kumar 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 Urban Inequalities and Mobilities. We are grateful to Prof Carol Upadhyay who also joined us in one of the sessions and Prof Sujata Patel who spent considerable time and attended 2 sessions.

Proceedings of the Business Meeting (50th All India Sociological Conference, SRM AP, 28-30 December, 2025)

Agenda Item 1:

Nomination of Member for writing proceedings of Business Meeting of RC 19

Mr. Shankarjyoti Saikia, 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 Srinagar conferences.

Agenda Item -3:

Elections of RC-19

Professor Sunil Kumar was requested to act as an election officer and conduct the proceedings. After the members proposed and seconded names of various members, the following members were unanimously elected:

RC 19 Team (2026-28)

Convenor: Prof Kulwinder Kaur

Co-convener: Mr. Shankarjyoti Saikia

Executive Board:

1. Dr Devender Pal Singh Tomar
2. Prof. Alok Kumar
3. Dr Jagdish Mehta
4. Dr. Suchet Kumar
5. Dr. Shakti Shukla

The Advisory Board of the RC19

RC-19 later 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. Debal Singharoy, Prof. Chandan Kumar Sharma, Prof. Shweta Prasad Dr. Manoj Kumar Teotia, and Prof. Sunil Kumar.

Agenda Items - 4 to 7:

The future agenda, submission of papers, discussion on programs of the RC-19 for 2026-27, and creation of a web-page and website

The members deliberated at length about different activities such as mid-term workshop/conference in NIT Hamirpur, HP in October 2025. The 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 (some full papers have already been 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 as recently held at NIPER, Mohali with about 20 RCs also organize a workshop for young scholars. The idea of creation of an RC-19 webpage and website

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 as 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.

RC-20: Media Studies

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The total selected abstracts were 41 and the total paper presented were 30.

The first session was chaired by Prof. Birendra Kumar Singh. It was co-chaired by Dr. Mrinali. Business session was conducted in first session. It was unanimously decided by the house that Prof. Kali Nath Jha will continue as Convener for remaining one year, Prof. Pramod Kumar Choudhary will continue as a Co-Convener for next one year and Miss. Priya Garg will continue as secretary RC-20 for remaining term.

The second session was chaired by Dr. Jitendra Ram. It was co-chaired by Dr. Arvind Kumar. Prof. Biswajit Das former Prof. Jamia Milia Islamia New Delhi, delivered the lecture on Digitization, Culture and Communication: Rethinking change Retrieving critique.

The third session was chaired by Prof. Pramod Kumar Choudhary. It was co-chaired by Dr. Subodh Kumar Choudhary.

The fourth session was chaired by Dr. Pranta Pratik Patnaik. It was co-chaired by Sugandha Maheshwari. There was a lecture delivered by Prof. Indira Rama Rao former President Indian Sociological Society on Media: Issues and Challenges and Dr. Sudeshna Mukherjee from Chanakya University Bangalore on Gender and Media.

The fifth session was chaired by Prof. Kali Nath Jha. It was co-chaired by Dr. Suraj Beri. Dr. Suraj Beri from Nagaland Central University also delivered a lecture on Media issues. RC-20 is very thankful to the President, Secretary, and Organising Secretary of the ISS for the good arrangements and is grateful for the hospitality and meticulously planned sessions during the event.

RC-21: Political Sociology

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RC-21 organised academic sessions focusing on mobility, migration and identities examining political and sociological dimensions of citizenship governance, belonging and identity formation. The RC has currently over 100 members including both 5yr and 1yr members reflecting academic engagement.

Rc-21 has presentation for 2 days with around online and offline papers and the RC had 3 technical sessions with the first session with themes social stratification, justice and democracy was chaired by Dr. Srinivas Sajja, the second session was on migration, language and identity politics chaired by Prof Deepti Kaushik, the third session was on Grassroots Governance, gender and Rural development was chaired by Dr. Srinivas.

The papers were engaged in methodological development, regional social engagement and collaborative academic initiatives in political sociology. Prof Deepak Patila, Department of Sociology and Anthropology Punjabi University, Patiala has been appointed as convenor, and Dr. Nupur Pattanaik, Assistant Professor, Department of sociology as Co-Convenor. And Prof Bhup Singh Gaur as advisory board member.

RC-23: Sociology of Law, Crime and Deviance

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Report of the RC (50th AISC)

Number of Abstracts Submitted: 59 Number of Abstracts Shortlisted: 40

Number of Papers Presented: 29 + 1 keynote address

Panel discussions/ Special Lectures: The RC had an inaugural Pannel discussion on 28th December 2025 from 2:15 pm to 4:30 pm on "Crime, Penology, Law and Mobility Justice". The panelists and their topics are as follows.

Prof. Benarji Chakka, Dean, VSL, Professor Grade 2, School of Law, VIT University, AP, talked on "Crime, Penology, Law and Mobility Justice. This was the Keynote address.

Prof Rabindra K Mohanty, Professor and Head, Mizoram University, Aizawl, talked on 'Sociology of City Transport and Mobility Justice: Interrogating Gender Issues in the Public Transport System'.

Prof. Mamta Patel. Professor, Dept of Criminology and Forensic Science, Dr. Hari Singh Gour University, Sagar, MP chaired the session and summed up the discussion.

Sessions II, III, IV, and V were conducted on subsequent days (29th and 30th December) having following themes.

Theme of Session II was Crime, Punishment & Marginalized Communities. This session was chaired by Prof. Sunil Kumar Dhul, Kurukshetra University.

Theme of Session III was Gender, Family, Sexualities & Crime. This session was chaired by Prof. Rabindra Kumar Mohanty, Mizoram Central University.

Theme of Session IV was Cybercrime, Technology & Emerging Criminalities. This session was chaired by Prof. Anil Kumar, Central University of Himachal Pradesh.

Theme of Session V was Law, Policing & Justice Systems in Transition. This session was chaired by Prof. Rabindra Garada, Utkal University.

Proceeding/decision of Business meetings. Minutes of Business Meeting (30/12/2025)

Agenda 1: RC 23 Election

a. Convenor: In this business meeting, the members of RC 23 unanimously elected Prof. Sunil Kumar Dhul, Department of Sociology, Kurukshetra University, Haryana as the Convenor of RC 23. His email id is Email: skdhullkuk@gmail.com, and the contact number is +91 9416380411.

b. Co-convenor: Prof. Mamta Patel, Dept of Criminology and Forensic Science, Dr. Hari Singh Gour University, Sagar, MP is elected as the Co-convenor of RC 23. Her Email id is mamta_cfss@rediffmail.com and her contact number is +91 9826975138.

c. Members of Advisory Committee: Further is resolved to have the following as the members of advisory committee.

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II. Prof. Anil Kumar, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Email: vipanil@gmail.com, Mob: +91 9911685347.

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V. Dr. Kamini Dashora, Adivasi Arts College, Gujarat. Email: kaminidashore@gmail.com, Phone: 9824158619

d. Treasurer: It is decided to have Dr. Akhaya Kumar Nayak, Indian Institute of Management Indore as the treasurer of RC 23. His Email id is aknayak@iimidr.ac.in and the contact number is 9755911188.

Agenda 2: Future Plan

I. The RC resolves to organize several special lectures in the coming year.

II. Full Papers received are aimed to be published in an international journal and/or edited volume.

RC-24: Sociology of Childhood and Youth

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This report summarizes the sessions and paper presentations for Research Committee 24 (RC-24): Sociology of **Childhood and Youth during the 50th All India Sociological Conference held from December 28th to 30th, 2025, at SRM University-AP, Andhra Pradesh. Session Overview and Themes The conference organized four sessions for RC-24, covering four primary themes focused on contemporary sociological issues in childhood and youth.**

Session Overview and Themes:

The conference organized four sessions for RC-24, covering four primary themes focused on contemporary sociological issues in childhood and youth. 1. Childhood Vulnerabilities, Mental Health, and Justice 2. Digital Childhoods, Mobilities, Inequalities, and Changing Care Practices 3. Youth, Socialisation, Digital Practices, and Everyday Life 4. Youth Identities, Generations, Mobility, and Collective Action

Presentation Statistics

Across the three days, a total of 22 presenters, 16 participants successfully presented their papers. The following table details the participation for each session:

Day	Session	Venue	Presenters (Present)
Day 1	RC Session 1	S512	4
Day 2	RC Session 2	S512	2
	RC Session 3	S512	5
Day 3	RC Session 4	S512	5

Key Highlights

Diverse Research Topics: The sessions highlighted the interconnected challenges of childhood vulnerability, mental health, justice, and the impact of digitalisation on care, mobility, and inequality. They also underscored how youth identities, everyday digital practices, and collective action are reshaping socialisation, participation, and agency across generations. Hybrid Participation: Session 1 & 2 included an online link to accommodate remote presentations, facilitating broader engagement.

Special Inaugural Guest Lecture (Online):

Title: Children as Agency: The First Theorist on Childhood

Speaker: Dr. Bula Bhadra, Professor Emeritus, & Director Center for Interdisciplinary Studies and

Research , Sister Nivedita University Newtown, Kolkata

Exclusive Panel discussion:

Panel Theme

Generation Z and the New Dynamics of Youth-Led Protest in the Global South: Insights and Implications from Bangladesh, Nepal and India

Panel Chair

Prof. (Dr.) Ravinder Barn

Royal Holloway, University of London

Panel Moderators

 Dr. Chandni Basu

Assistant Professor (Sociology/CISRS),

Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata

Panelists

 Dr. Mallika Shakya

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The committee was led by Convenor Dr.V.Vijayalakshmi (VIT) and Co Convenor Dr. Mouneshwar Badigar (Karnatak University) Individual sessions were chaired by expertise people in the RC areas including Dr. Victor Karunan, Dr. Jayanathan Govende, Dr.Chandini Basu and Dr.Bhavna Sood. The business meeting discussed about developing the RC by organizing various events, seminars and workshops connecting to the theme of RC and additionally has opted Dr.Chandini Basu as Co-convenor for the RC24. The RC members have accepted for a vibrant participation in the future events and also focus on increasing the number of members in the RC.

RC-25: Sociology of Sports

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RC25 came out with an informative E-Newsletter in September 2025, which was put up on the ISS website in the RC25 Column. Hundreds of copies of this E-Newsletter, both in colored and black-white were distributed to our Sociologists in December 2025 during the course of AISC. This was our second E-Newsletter of 2025, and we are the only RC to have published it. This E-Newsletter is on our website, and all activities for the period are mentioned in it, and so it will not be apt to repeat it here.

The RC25 received the maximum number of Abstracts for the 50th AISC amongst all RCs. A total of 130 Members presented their papers (113 offline and 17 online) during this period, in five sessions. The RC25, with a base of 860+ Members, conducted it's Business Meeting also, on 29.12.2025.

Prof Mahesh Shukla, President of Madhyanchal Sociological Society, and a Senior LMI, was the Returning Officer. The house unanimously elected Dr Rakesh K Tiwari, LMI-4059, our Treasurer as the new Convenor of RC25, for the period of 2026-28. The new Executive Board will be formed soon.

The house stood in praise for Dr Sanjay Tewari, towards his contribution in the growth and PAN India expansion of RC25, which is largest RC ever in the 74+ years history of ISS. The house was also informed about the collaboration with MSS for its annual conference scheduled to be held on 21-22 February 2026 at Rewa, MP. More collaborations and academic events for 2026 will be discussed in the Executive Board of RC25.

RC-27: Sociology of Care

Convenor- Soumyajit Patra

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RC 27 Business Meeting was held at SRM University. It is noted that a new Convener and Co-convener have been elected, namely Prof. Samita Manna as Convener, RC 27, and Prof. Soumyajit Patra as Co-convener, RC 27.

RC-28: Sociology of Everyday Life

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50th AISC, at SRM University, AP

Business Meeting Resolutions

The business meeting of the RC 28, Sociology of Everyday Life, of the ISS, held on 29 December 2025 at the SRM University, AP, as a part of the 50th AISC, unanimously resolved the following.

Approved the Activities Report submitted by the Convener of the RC.

Approved the statement of accounts submitted by the treasurer, which showed that the RC has an amount of Rs. 82,000/ (approximately) in its bank account.

The meeting elected the following set of office bearers for the next two years.

Convener: Prof. Amites Mukhopadhyay, Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (Ph. 9830006597; Email: amites.mukhopadhyay@jadavpuruniversity.in)

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RC-29: Social Transformation & Development

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Research Committee 29 since it's very inception has always encouraged academicians, researchers and young- scholars to bring up contemporary issues for discussion and deliberation for developmental outcomes for a holistic change. The RC hosted it's first event in the form of an Online Lecture delivered by the ISS Secretary Prof. Shweta Prasad on 'Gender and Sustainability: The Daily Environmental Contributions of Women in Rural Indian Households' that was followed by a discussion among all the participants present online. 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

Post this online event, RC-29 witnessed a total of 41 paper presenters both in offline and online mode during the 50th. AISC held at SRM-University, AP from 28-30 December, 2025. Papers were presented both in English and Hindi by the participants on issues such as- social justice, migration, resource distribution, socio-environmental challenges, agrarian prospects, sustainability and circular economy to name a few thus keeping in mind the central theme of the Conference.

Apart from this, the annual Prof. Deb Kumar Banerjee Memorial Lecture was also held on 29th. December, 2025 in which a special lecture was delivered by Prof. Debal K. SinghaRoy on 'Culture, Religion & Nationalism: An Exploration on Intertwining''. The same was chaired by Prof. Anirban Banerjee which drew participants not just from the host RC but also other RCs. Felicitation was done for the Guest Speaker, Chairperson, RC Convenor and other senior Members of RC-29 too.

Furthermore, a Special Session was jointly organized by RC-08 Inequalities, Stratification and Exclusion Studies & RC-29 Social Transformation and Development organized Session on 'Nomadic Communities, Mobility & Inequalities' that was Chaired by Prof. K.K. Mishra and the Session Speakers were Dr. Sanjay Kolekar, Dr. V. Raju Nayak, Dr. Bikku Rathod & Dr. Suheel Rasood Mir. An engaging session like this, gave an opportunity not just to experienced academicians to share their views on contemporary issues but also promoted young scholars too partake in the discussion that followed thereafter.

During the 3-Days Conference, RC-29 also conducted a Business Meeting that was attended by all Senior Members of the RC along with the newly joined Life Members too and it was unanimously decided that Dr. Sampat Kale and Dr. Vinita Lal should continue to serve as the Convenor and Co-Convenor respectively for the next two calendar years 2026 and 2027 under whose able leadership and guidance the RC summit to greater heights.

Before I conclude, I wish to extend my gratitude to the outgoing ISS President & ISS Secretary

Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri and Prof. Shweta Prasad for their unprecedented support to RC- 29. My heartfelt gratitude to all the Members of the Managing Committee, Members of the Organizing Committee of SRM-University, AP and the ISS Office for the rigorous hard work in planning, executing and making the 50th. AISC 2025 a grand success.

RC-30: Digital Sociology

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RC 30: Digital Sociology received 35 abstracts for the 50th All India Sociological Conference, 2025. Review committee has accepted all the abstracts for the presentation. 26 Papers have been presented in the five technical sessions on various themes such as digital privacy and surveillance, AI and education, social media influencer culture, algorithmic bias and gender, cybercrime etc.

Inaugural session of RC 30: Digital Sociology technical session was chaired by Dr. K M Ziyauddin, Associate prof. & Head, Dept. of Sociology, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad. Session started with welcome address by Dr. Mahmudul Hasan Laskar, Co-Convener of RC 30. Members of RC 30 shown homage to Prof. Abdul Matin, Convener of RC 30. Members expressed their sorrow over the unfortunate demise of Prof. Matin. Participants presented their paper and followed by discussion.

Business meeting was held on 28th December, 2025 at 4pm. Meeting was chaired by Dr. K M Ziyauddin. RC 30 has been reconstituted due to the unfortunate demise of Prof. Abdul Matin. Members unanimously elected Dr. Mahmudul Hasan Laskar as Convener and Dr. Sukanya Das as co-convener cum Treasurer. Meeting has also taken the resolution on organizing mid-term conference, lecture series and workshop in 2026. It has also discussed about the publication of selected papers in Journal or in edited book. Meeting has decided to increase membership by reaching out to scholars and faculty members in different parts of the country. It was concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Mahmudul Hasan Laskar.

On 29th December, 2026, 1st Prof. Abdul Matin Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. Abha Chauhan, Central University of Himachal Pradesh. Session was chaired by Prof. Sambit Mallick, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati. Prof. Chauhan highlighted his immense contribution in the field and her association being colleague and friend. It was followed by paper presentation and discussion. Other technical sessions on 29th and 30th December have been chaired by Dr. Rituparna Patgiri, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati; Dr. Prashant

Kumar Kain, English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad; and Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Nagaland University.

Report of the RC 30: Digital Sociology was presented in the Valedictory Session of AISC 2025 on 30th December by Dr. Mahmudul Hasan Laskar, Convener.

Ad Hoc Group 01: Pedagogy, Teaching and Learning

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October – December 2025

The Managing Committee of Indian Sociological Society in its meeting held on 9th March, 2024 approved the Adhoc Research Committee on Pedagogy, Teaching and Learning. Recognizing the need for a space that would enable a meaningful discussion of the practice of sociology in the classrooms, the Research Committee soon after its formation, initiated an online lecture series on Teaching and learning practices within the classroom. This series aims at foregrounding the classroom as an important site of the teaching, learning process. Classrooms are where we belong, practice our craft and do our sociologies.

Teaching, Reading and Writing in the age of AI

A session on Teaching, Reading and Writing Sociology in the age of AI was held on 11th October in collaboration with AI and Society Research Lab, Gitam University. Dr Rakesh Krishnan from Gitam University chaired the session and the panelists included Dr Suraj Beri from Nagaland University, Dr Sambit Mallick from IIT Guwahati, Dr Roma Bhattacharya from Gitam University and Dr Debapriya Ganguly from Savitribai Phule University, Pune. The session witnessed scintillating discussions around a theme that has generated a lot of interest as well as apprehension, anxieties and fears about invisible algorithms, the interplay between AI and social structures and the question of agency. In this context the panelists raised critical questions about access, design, location of AI generated data and sources of origin, the seemingly infallible nature of content in AI and what if AI is wrong? What could be the possible ramifications for research and the researcher?

Senseing a shift: the audio-visual turn in pedagogical practices in Sociology

Dr Rituparna Patgiri from the department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati spoke on a very pertinent theme on 'Senseing a shift: the audio-visual turn in Sociology on the 19th of November. She established the context of the emergence of Doing Sociology- an academic blog dedicated to promoting sociological consciousness among young students and scholars and explained the need for meaningful pedagogical tools such as blogs and podcasts in the times we live in.

Workshop on Doing Academic Writing Differently

An ISS sponsored workshop on 'Doing Academic Writing Differently' was organized on 27th and 28th November by the departments of Sociology of University of Mumbai and HSNC University, Mumbai in collaboration with Research Committees 6 on Sociology of Religion and Research Committee 11 on

Sociology of Environment. Spread over two days the workshop saw insightful presentations by a diverse set of scholars on varied aspects of Academic Writing.

50th All India Sociological Conference, SRM University

For the 50th AISC we received a total of 25 abstracts of which 19 were presented over 3 thematic sessions that included Teaching and Learning Sociology: Pedagogical Reflections, Learning in Digital Spaces, Pedagogical Practices in Schools and other Sites of Learning, there were a few last-minute dropouts despite registration.

Special Lecture

We had a special lecture on Critical Pedagogy for Transformative Education which was delivered by Prof Meenakshi Thapan.

Panels

We had two very engaging panels. First Panel was on The Creative Classroom: Experimental Pedagogies across media, methods and material world and the second panel was on Bots talking to Bots: Pedagogy in the times of AI.

Release of RC Newsletter

The inaugural newsletter of ADHOC RC 1, titled Pedagogie Chronicles was released. This newsletter is a collection of short essays, articles and poems around the central theme of the RC.

Business Meeting

Business Meeting held on Day One discussed the possibility of publishing select papers in a good journal and that a core committee would look into it. Some suggestions were received on the possible themes for RC online sessions.

Ad Hoc Group 02: Indian Sociology and Knowledge Systems

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The Ad Hoc Group–02 on Indian Sociology and Knowledge Systems, under the aegis of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS), New Delhi, successfully organized a series of academic sessions at SRM University–AP from 28 to 30 December 2025. The group was convened by Dr. Vikash Kumar with Dr. Karunakar Singh as Co-Convenor.

The conference witnessed wide academic participation from faculty members and research scholars representing universities and institutions across the country. The conference witnessed participation of over 96 paper presenters, with 75 presenting in offline mode across 10 sessions in 3 classrooms and around 21 presenters participating through online sessions. The enthusiastic involvement of participants in both modes enriched the quality of discussions and reflected the growing relevance and inclusiveness of the Ad Hoc Group on Indian Sociology and Knowledge Systems.

Over the course of three days, the Ad Hoc Group 2 organized multiple parallel paper-presentation sessions, including offline and online modes. More than a hundred research papers were presented, covering a wide thematic spectrum such as Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), decolonization of social sciences, family and kinship, gender, tribal and indigenous knowledge, religion and ritual practices, education, health, environment, technology, migration, governance, and contemporary challenges like artificial intelligence and digitalization. Special emphasis was laid on sociological reinterpretations of classical texts, folk traditions, oral narratives, and indigenous practices.

The Ad-hoc Group 2 programme commenced with a special lecture on 28th Dec. by Prof. Vivek Kumar (JNU) on "Indian Knowledge System in Indian Sociology: Re-Visiting Benoy Kumar Sarkar." The lecture critically revisited the idea of Sarkar's sociological thought and emphasized the need for epistemic decolonization and contextual theorization in Indian sociology. The session set a strong intellectual tone for subsequent deliberations.

A Special Lecture Session of Prof. Anand Kumar on "Indian Knowledge Discourse and Its Challenges" was conducted on 29th December, who critically examined the challenges and possibilities of Indian Knowledge Discourse in contemporary sociology. Their interventions highlighted methodological pluralism, ethical concerns, and the relevance of indigenous perspectives in addressing modern social inequalities. The sessions were marked by rigorous discussions, constructive feedback, and active engagement between presenters and chairpersons.

Finally, on 30th December a Valedictory session was organised. Prof. Awadh Bihari Singh (Head and Dean Veer Kuwar Singh University, Bihar; Prof. B.B. Malik (Former Head, Baba Bhim Rao Ambedkar, Universityand MC member ISS); Prof. Dileep Kahairnar (MC member ISS); Prof. Dhruv Kumar Dikshit (Kesharwani College, Jabalpur, M.P) were presented in this Valedictory session.

Overall, the conference successfully advanced scholarly dialogue on Indian Sociology and Knowledge Systems, strengthened academic engagements, and reaffirmed the importance of indigenous

sociological perspectives in understanding contemporary Indian society. The event concluded with optimism regarding the future contributions of Ad Hoc Group–02 to sociological scholarship in India.

Future Roadmap

Vision

Ad-Hoc Group–02 seeks to emerge as a dynamic and intellectually rigorous platform for advancing Indian sociological thought grounded in indigenous knowledge systems, while critically engaging with contemporary social realities and global sociological discourse.

Academic and Methodological Orientation

The Group will focus on strengthening sociological engagement with Indian traditions of knowledge. Emphasis will be placed on demonstrating the universal relevance of Indian knowledge systems and their applicability to present-day social challenges. Future activities will involve sustained scholarly engagement with the works of key Indian sociologists and thinkers such as B. K. Sarkar, Radha Kamal Mukerjee, G. S. Ghurye, P. H. Prabhu, and Irawati Karve. etc. Further, the Group will promote sociological readings of Vedic, Buddhist, Jain, folk, and regional traditions, emphasizing India's long-standing epistemic pluralism. Classical texts will be approached critically.

Contemporary Relevance

Discussions will link IKS with nation-building, social cohesion, value education, family transformation, gender relations, ethics, ecology, and sustainability. Indian Knowledge Systems will be presented as living and evolving, rather than static or nostalgic traditions. Way Forward With growing participation and intellectual vibrancy, Ad-Hoc Group–02 aims to contribute meaningfully to the consolidation of Indian sociology rooted in indigenous knowledge systems, strengthening its relevance at national and international levels.

Ad Hoc Group 03: Food, Culture and Society

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Annual Activity Report (September–December 2025)

Lecture: Masculinity and the Rongmei Naga's Custom of Eating Pig Testicles

- Speaker: Richard Kamei, Royal Thimphu College, Bhutan
- Date: 4 September 2025
- Mode: Online

The lecture examined the cultural meanings of masculinity among the Rongmei Naga through the customary practice of eating pig testicles. Drawing on ethnographic insights, it explored how food

practices are embedded in gendered identities, ritual performance, and social hierarchies within indigenous contexts.

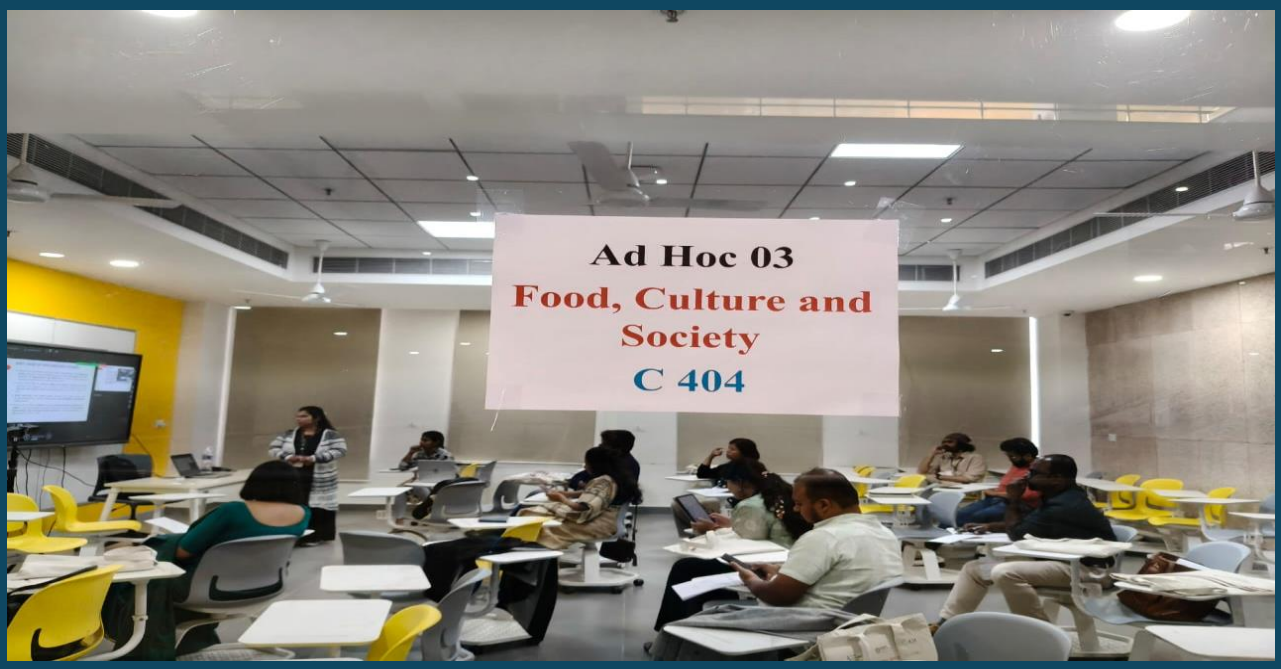
50th AISC

The 50th All India Sociological Conference (AISC) witnessed a vibrant and thought-provoking session centered on the sociology of food, bringing together diverse perspectives on taste, identity, memory, and political economy. The RC received 19 abstracts, of which 12 papers were selected for presentation, reflecting both the thematic richness and the growing scholarly interest in food studies within sociology.

The presentations traversed a wide range of themes. Papers such as Sanchita Das's exploration of Calcutta cuisine as a marker of social distinction and Samiksha Dave and Aribam Bijayasundari Devi's analysis of food, caste politics, and identity foregrounded the deeply stratified and political nature of food practices in India. Expanding this discussion, Bijayasundari Aribam examined the vegetarian–non-vegetarian debate in relation to the state and individual freedom.

Several contributions engaged with sensory and affective dimensions of food. Ishita Dey's work on smells and placemaking among migrant workers and Priyam Chatterjee's evocative account of shutki maach and memory highlighted how food is experienced, remembered, and negotiated through the senses. Similarly, Rajanya Dey's paper on eco-feminist foodscapes and Kiranmayi Bhushi's study of food blogs as visual archives opened up new methodological and conceptual directions.

Other papers focused on questions of mobility, transformation, and region. Pawan Baraik's autoethnographic reflection on food and adaptation in Poland, Praapti Sarma's study of rice wine and agrarian change in Assam, and Sabari Girisan's engagement with agro-geographical identities illustrated how food connects local worlds to broader socio-economic processes. Akash Jyoti Barthakur's paper on opium use and modern medicine and Prajot Pradeep Asolkar's exploration of Marwari culinary diasporas in Goa further underscored the intersections of tradition, modernity, and identity.



The session was enriched by two special panels. The panel on "Food and Political Economy", featuring Debal Deb, Dolly Kikon, and Krishnendu Ray (moderated by Vandana Swami), examined structural

and economic dimensions shaping food systems. The second panel, "The Sensory Politics of Food: Embodiment, Experience, and Everyday Worlds", with Kiranmayi Bhushi, Ishita Dey, and Rituparna Patgiri (moderated by Sebanti Chatterjee), brought attention to lived experiences and sensory engagements with food.

Overall, the session highlighted the centrality of food as a lens to understand social hierarchies, cultural practices, and political processes, making it one of the most engaging and interdisciplinary segments of the conference.

Ad Hoc Group 04: Visual Sociology

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Objectives of the Ad Hoc Group

The primary objectives of the Ad Hoc Group on Visual Sociology are:

To explore visual, audiovisual, and digital methods as tools for sociological research.

To engage with visual culture, representation, and ethics in sociological inquiry.

To create a platform for interdisciplinary dialogue between sociology, anthropology, and visual/media studies.

To encourage methodological innovation in research and pedagogy.

Annual regular activities

'Unfolding Visual Sociology.'

On August 25, 2025, the Visual Sociology Ad-hoc Group hosted its inaugural event, 'Unfolding Visual Sociology' as a roundtable discussion aimed at reimagining the future of visual research beyond disciplinary boundaries.

Led by Dr. Ankita and Dr. Sebanti, the session explored visuality as a bridge between history and sociology. Key themes included feminist and queer readings of visual media, the visibility of disability, the affective and sensory dimensions of images, and innovative methodologies such as patchwork and collaborative fieldwork. The interdisciplinary dialogue—featuring scholars from history and sociology—highlighted visuality as a shared intellectual terrain. The presence of Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri, President of the Indian Sociological Society, added significant depth, particularly regarding the future of visual studies in India.

With nearly 100 participants, the roundtable embodied a decolonial and participatory format, encouraging collaborative listening and bottom-up knowledge production.

From Akharha to Videography : Changing Contours of Musical Performance in Punjab

A lecture was organised by Prof. Judge on 30th October 2025. Prof. Paramjit Judge traced the sociological transformation of Punjabi performance music from intimate spaces like akharas and fairs to radio, television, and digital platforms, arguing that these shifts were deeply social rather than merely

technological. He highlighted how changes in audience composition, caste and religious identities, patronage, and performance practices reshaped the cultural field.

From early traditions such as Marasi music and classical gharanas to the diaspora-driven pop boom and today's YouTube era, he examined evolving political economies of music, visual cultures of masculinity and violence, and shifting gender representations. He concluded by inviting critical reflection on how technology, power, and cultural memory shape contemporary practices of seeing and listening.

"The Sound of a Metal Pipe Meeting Flesh: Textile Painting and Women's Labor in Nagaland"

The group hosted a guest lecture titled "The Sound of a Metal Pipe Meeting Flesh: Textile Painting and Women's Labor in Nagaland." The session examined art, gendered labor, and political resistance in Northeast India.

Dr. Tankha analyzed the work of painter Iris Odyuo, challenging the classification of "tribal craft" by situating textile painting as a political and artistic response. The lecture addressed women's labor within overlapping patriarchies of state and custom, and highlighted materiality and violence as central to visual expression.

Methodologically, the talk emphasized positionality, collaborative knowledge production, and the textile as a visual text documenting suffering and resilience.

In her concluding remarks, Prof. Patricia Uberoi situated the lecture within the broader trajectory of Visual Sociology in India, underscoring the visual as a site of labor, history, and contestation. The session ended with a rich discussion on indigenous aesthetics and sociological research.

50th AISC Conference Session Details

The Ad Hoc Group organised four sessions over three days as part of the RC programme. These included an inaugural session, paper presentation sessions, film screenings, and discussions.

Summary of Sessions

RC Session 1: Inaugural Session (8 December)

The inaugural session opened with remarks by Prof. Satish Sharma and Prof. Vaishali Diwakar, outlining the aims and scope of Ad Hoc Group 04. The inaugural address was delivered by Prof. S. M. Patnaik, who traced the evolution of Visual Anthropology in India from its colonial origins to contemporary reflexive practices. He emphasised the use of visual methods as analytical tools rather than ends in themselves, and encouraged engagement with indigenous visual traditions to advance decolonial perspectives.

The session included a screening and discussion of Music of the Same Heaven with Prof. Kamala Ganesh, based on her ethnographic research on a Telugu Muslim Dudekula community of musicians. The film highlighted historically fluid religious identities and cultural exchange. The session concluded with a discussion led by Prof. Parmit Singh Judge, focusing on changing musical practices in Punjab and the incorporation of folk traditions into popular cultural platforms.

RC Session 2: Paper Presentations (29 December, 8:30–10:30 AM)

This session featured four paper presentations addressing diverse thematic and methodological concerns within Visual Sociology. Dr. Swatiprava Rath examined urban life in Bhubaneswar through auto-ethnographic visuals. Dr. Pratichi Majumdar presented a critical analysis of AI-generated art,

focusing on questions of authorship and meaning. Dr. Lekha analysed the commercialisation of private festivals in Kerala using visual documentation. Krithika N. Iyer employed photography to examine the role of women voluntary workers in the development bureaucracy in Kerala, highlighting gendered labour and institutional structures.

RC Session 3: Film Screening and Discussion (29 December, 3:30–5:30 PM)

This session comprised an online screening of selected clips from Bidesia in Bambai, followed by an interaction with filmmaker Surabhi Sharma. The discussion focused on labour, migration, and Bhojpuri music in Bombay, demonstrating the value of film and audiovisual methods for sociological analysis and public engagement.

RC Session 4: Paper Presentations (30 December 2025, 8:30–10:30 AM)

The session featured four papers examining contemporary social processes through visual analysis. Dr. Vaishali Joshi analysed pet advertising and post-humanist consumer desire; Millo Riya examined the aestheticisation of Ziro Valley and gendered labour in tourism imagery; Anna Zacharias discussed visual art projects and identity formation among the Jewish community in Kerala; and Dr. Arjun Jadhav analysed the visual politics of the Maratha Reservation Movement. The session concluded with a focused discussion on the role of visuals in shaping social meanings and collective identities.

Participation and Engagement

The sessions were well attended and generated active discussion among participants. Discussions addressed both paper- specific questions and broader methodological concerns related to visual methods, ethics, and representation in sociological research.

Outcomes of the ad hoc group activities

Strengthened interdisciplinary engagement around visual methods in sociology.

Identification of key methodological and ethical concerns in visual research.

Recognition of film and visual material as important tools for sociological analysis and pedagogy.

Future Activities

The Ad Hoc Group plans to organise regular activities, including:

Workshops on visual analysis and the ethics of visual research.

Training sessions on short ethnographic filmmaking.

Sessions on the use of visuals in research and teaching.

Documentary and short film screenings followed by discussions with filmmakers.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS AS APPROVED BY THE MANAGING COMMITTEE IN DEC 2025

LMI-6715	Pitheli K Jimo	Nagaland
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LMI-6718	Sreejith Murali	Maharashtra
LMI-6719	Gunjan Srivastava	Gujarat
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LMI-6722	Haresh Ram	Uttarakhand
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LMI-6724	Dipannita Chand	Jharkhand
LMI-6725	Sunita B. Jadhav	Karnataka
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LMI-6759	Rita Dubey	Madhya Pradesh
LMI-6760	Arpana Ekka	Chhattisgarh
LMI-6761	Pallavi Deka	Assam
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LMI-6763	Savyu Sarvadi	Maharashtra
LMI-6764	Shashwata Singh	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-6765	Sarita	Uttar Pradesh
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LMI-6767	Vaishali Lohani	Uttarakhand
LMI-6768	NEETOO SRIVASTAV	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-6769	Rhishika Baruah	Assam
LMI-6770	Pradeep Kumar Pandey	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-6771	Anshumali Kumar	Bihar
LMI-6772	Nibha Kumari	Jharkhand
LMI-6773	Rupak Borgohain	ASSAM

LMI-6774	Shruti Pathak	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-6775	Sangita Sushree Nayak	Odisha
LMI-6776	Pooja Singh	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-6777	Sanjay Kumar	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-6778	Sancharini Mitra	West Bengal
LMI-6779	Urvashi Nag	Uttar Pradesh
LMI-6780	Lalmalsawmi Sailo	Tripura
LMI-6781	Abhijay Rambabu	Telangana
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