

INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
XXXIV ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE
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Organized by:
Department of Sociology,
University of Rajasthan, Jaipur

Venue
University of Rajasthan, Jaipur

Theme:
“YOUTH, GLOBALIZATION AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION”

- SYMPOSIUM – I Globalization and North-South Hiatus: Dilemmas, Disparities and Dynamics (International Symposium)
- SYMPOSIUM – II Globalization, Youth and Challenges of Reconciliation in Transitional Societies.
- SYMPOSIUM – III Globalization and Issues of Core and Periphery with special reference to Marginalized Groups in India
- SYMPOSIUM – IV Socio-Cultural Transformation in Rajasthan: Opportunities and Challenges

Invitation to submit abstracts to the conference:

With a feeling of great privilege and pleasure we welcome you to the 34th All India Sociological Conference at Jaipur in Rajasthan. You are invited to submit abstracts for paper presentation at the conference through any of the 22 Research Committees (RCs) and “Adhoc Group on Sociology of Law” of the ISS. Since all the paper presentations at the conference (except those in the Symposia) will be made through RCs, interested scholars are advised to contact the convenors of the concerned RCs / Adhoc Group on Sociology of Law, for presenting papers. The list of RC convenors and their email addresses is attached in a separate link with this. Two copies of the abstract of the paper in about 300-400 words should be submitted to the RC convenors in the Abstract Form not later than September 30, 2008. Each abstract should carry the Membership Number of the participant and the Name and the Number of the RC to which it is submitted. (The scholars willing to present paper in the Adhoc Group on Sociology of Law may send it to Dr. Arvind Agrawal, Head, Dept. of Sociology, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, along with Rs 400/- for 5 years membership fees for the Adhoc Group). Acceptance of the abstract will be communicated by the respective RC Convenors by October 15, 2008. RC Convenors will send a copy of the abstracts received by them by October 15, 2008 to the Organizing Secretary, XXXIV All India Sociological Conference. The ISS members (Life/Ordinary/Student) who have paid the RC membership Fee (Rs. 200/- for 2 years and Rs. 400/- for 5 years)_per Research Committee alone are allowed to present papers in the conference. Only the abstracts of those who register before October 31,2008 and submitted in the Abstract Form will be published in the Conference Souvenir.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Registration Fees in Rs.	Delegate	Accomp- anying Person	Child below 12 yrs	Extra Bed	Research Scholars
Up to August 15, 2008	1000/-	900/-	800/-	500/-	700/-

After August 15, 2008 up to October 15, 2008	1200/-	1100/-	800/-	500/-	800/-
After October 15, 2008	1400/-	1300/-	900/-	500/-	900/-

Only two or three accompanying persons would be allowed.

Registration Fee for Foreign Participants (for various ISA category countries):

- (i) For A Category Countries - € 150
- (ii) For B Category Countries - € 100
- (iii) For C Category Countries - € 50

The Registration Fees should be sent to the Organizing Secretary by Crossed Demand Draft drawn in favour of the Organizing Secretary, 34th All India Sociological Conference, payable at Jaipur. The delegates paying Registration Fees up to October 15, 2008 are advised to produce their receipts at the time of registration at the Conference Venue.

THE CONFERENCE:

It is planned to attract maximum number of sociologists and social scientists from SAARC Nations and developed world. This would probably be the biggest congregation of sociologists from all over the world in India after 1986 World Congress at Delhi.

THE JAIPUR CITY:

Jaipur, the Pink City, is fast emerging as a new mini metro of the country. It is well known for its cosmopolitan culture, communal harmony, political stability and very good law and order situation unlike many other cities. It is one of the few clean and aesthetically well kept cities in India. No wonder, millions of foreign and Indian tourists throng the city every year making it one of the most coveted point of the golden triangle of Delhi-Jaipur-Agra tourist circuit.

This city is one of the few traditionally planned cities of India. Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh founded Jaipur on 18th November 1727. It is the only planned town by Indians in Northern India. At first British addressed it as 'Jainagar', 'Jyenagur', but later on they settled for 'Jeypore' as its name. The post-independent India has standardised its spelling as 'Jaipur'. Nevertheless, the old romantic charm of Jaipur is manifested by marketing of a famous French Perfume by a western cosmetic company in its old spelling, Jeypore.

The British resident wrote in his 1869-70 report on Jaipur administration in following words: "Jeypore is as it were a sort of Lombard Street of Rajpootana".

The city has been planned in accordance with tenets and principals of Vaastu Shastra. The city planning follows the 'Manasara' concept of large blocks for the upper castes and smaller blocks for the lower castes. On Jaipur, Mulk Raj Anand writes that 'the east-west axis of the length of the rectangle was divided by four main roads, running north-south. The width was bifurcated into two by a main road, which ran east-west. The crossings of main roads and the north-south were made into open squares. The main streets ended in the eight gateways of the surrounding city wall.' The traditional city was planned with provision of running arcades with the shops to provide shade for the shoppers and the pedestrians, for the wide streets were exposed to bright sunrays all day long. The narrower streets of city are planned in such a manner that the buildings provided shade and cooled the air. The traditional city planning of the city was not just limited to spatial or architectural dimensions rather it also involved social demographical planning. The city planners had placed various caste-based professions in different residential blocks.

The city was given its famous pink hue by the scholar king of Jaipur, Maharaja Sawai Ram Singh towards the end of the nineteenth century. He was also responsible for metalling of city roads.

Apart from town planning and architectural uniqueness, the city stands out in cultural realm also. The erstwhile rulers invited best scholars, astronomers, artisans and musicians from various parts of India, gave them estates liberally and encouraged them to pursue their creative-aesthetic pursuits and passions. Thus, very soon, Jaipur made a name for its glorious traditions and masters of various areas of excellence such as arts, literature, music, dance and handicrafts. The first recognised modern Hindi story, titled as 'Usne Kaha Tha', was written by Pandit Chandra Dhar Sharma 'Guleri', a Jaipur resident astronomer-cum-scholar. Jaipur schools of 'Dhrupad' and Classical 'Kathak' dance are known all over the world. The world-renowned maestro, the Grammy Award winner, Pt. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt and Dhrupad experts, Dagar brothers are some of the eminent citizens of Jaipur. Jaipur city is now known for its calico fabric printing (Sanganeri Print), tie-and-dye print ('Bandhej' and 'Lahariya' prints), marble statue making and hand made paper.

The 'Jaipur Foot' has helped thousands of handicapped persons walk across the globe. The main professional behind it, Dr. P.K. Sethi, brought Ramon Magsaysay Award to the city.

THE CLIMATE: The climate in December end is very pleasant with mild winters and bright sunshine. The nights are very cold and day is soothingly cold. The delegates are advised to carry warm clothes for day and night.

THE HOST UNIVERSITY: The University of Rajasthan is more than 60 years old. It is the oldest and the biggest university of Rajasthan. It is spread in more than 800 acres of land. Its beautiful stone architecture in unique Rajasthani style and lots of greenery is appreciated by every one. The University has more than 60 independent academic departments and 5 constituent colleges. The University has been accredited with A+ grade by NAAC, University Grants Commission of India.

The Department of Sociology, established in 1961, is known for its stalwarts such as Prof. T.K.N.Unnithan, Prof. Yogendra Singh, Prof. Indra Deva, Prof. T.K.Oommen, Prof. K.L.Sharma, Prof. Ram Ahuja, Prof. N.K.Singhi and Prof. Shyam Lal.

AIR: Jaipur has an international airport which is served by Indian, Jet, King Fisher, Go Air, Indigo, Deccan Air, and Spice Jet airlines besides some international carriers. It is having direct flights with every metro city of the country.

TRAINS: Jaipur is well served by broad gauge trains with long distance trains connecting every part of country. It includes direct trains from North-east, deep South and North.

BUSES: Jaipur is well linked with a four lane highway network connecting it from Delhi to Ahmedabad. There are every hourly luxury buses running from Delhi and Agra. There are many buses that ply between Jaipur & major cities of Punjab, Haryana, Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. The long distance buses have heating system with sleeper coaches.

THE CONFERENCE VENUE: The inaugural function and evening function will take place in the beautiful Birla Auditorium. Birla Auditorium is modeled as a replica of Ganesh Pole of Amer (Jaipur) and located on the Statue Circle, facing the statue of the founder king, Sawai Jai Singh of Jaipur, in the heart of the city. This Auditorium is so beautiful that many big bollywood films have been shot in its premises.

The Registration, symposia and RC sessions will be held in the main campus of the University of Rajasthan. The symposia will be held in the Humanities Hall of the University and the Registration and RC session will take place in the Social Sciences Block of the University.

LOCAL HOSPITALITY: A big conference food court is planned near the social science block in the lawns of Convocation Ground of the University, where delegates will be served breakfast, Tea, Lunch and Dinner on

production of food coupons. Food Coupons will be issued to the delegates at the time of registration. Accompanying person with foreign delegates will have to pay registration fees (20% less than the main delegate). The foreign delegates will have to pay for their own accommodation. The organizers will arrange accommodation for such foreign delegates according to their requirement and budget.

All the delegates who register up to October 15, 2008 will be provided with free accommodation in various guest houses in and around University campus for four nights starting from December 26th night to 30th morning. The organizers will provide beds with quilts to all the delegates. The organizers have booked sufficient number of rooms having independent toilets and bathrooms with geysers. The best accommodations will be booked on first come – first serve basis. Therefore, who all want good quality accommodation are advised to register as early as possible. The organizers do not guarantee accommodation to late comers though every effort would be made to make the delegates comfortable but Jaipur being a hot tourist destination; it is difficult to find accommodation in December, which is peak season of tourism. For those, who require better accommodation, the organizers can make arrangements in moderately priced comfortable hotels on extra payment. Necessary information may be obtained from the Organizing Secretary in this regard.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION: The organizers will make a fleet of buses available for the delegates to commute from their place of stay to conference venues and back during the conference days.

SIGHT SEEING: The Organizing Committee will arrange conducted sight-seeing tours on 30th December on demand from delegates. Interested delegates are requested to send their requests to the Organizing Secretary so that adequate arrangements can be made accordingly. Much will depend, if there are sufficient numbers of delegates interested in outstation excursions in Rajasthan, and then such an arrangement will be made. But the delegates have to make a request latest by August 15, 2008.

The important tourist places in Rajasthan to visit are as follows:

- Ajmer : Pushkar, Dargah etc.
- Bharatpur : Keola Dev National Bird Sanctuary and Deeg Palace
- Bikaner : The city known for its palaces and forts
- Chittorgarh : Famous Fort and the place of Johar of Rani Padmini and known for legendary Rana Pratap and Meera Bai.
- Jaisalmer : The Golden City known for its beautiful Havelis and Sand dunes
- Jodhpur : The Suncity known for its fort and palaces
- Mount Abu : Famous Hill Station with beautiful Dilwara Jain Temples known for exquisite marble carvings
- Ranthambore: Tiger Forest reserve
- Sariska : Tiger Forest reserve
- Shekhawati : Known for its Havelis and Frescoes
- Udaipur : City of Lakes

The Packaged Tours can be arranged on getting adequate number of interested delegates.

NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

Prof. Uttam B. Bhoite :President, ISS
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Dr. Arvind Agrawal :Organizing Secretary

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

Dr. N.K.Jain, Patron and Vice-Chancellor, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur
Dr. Arvind Agrawal, Organizing Secretary
Dr. Rashmi Jain, Conference Coordinator

All the delegates are requested to keep checking the ISS website for latest announcements and information regarding this conference. We are planning to start a link on the ISS website on this conference shortly for your convenience.

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