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Greetings to you.

- I.** The 37th KSS Annual Conference will be held at Farook College, Calicut from November 19th to 21st 2010. The theme of the conference is *Mobility, Mobilization and Social Development in a Globalized World*.

Present day society is characterized by social mobility and mobilization which ultimately points to the question of social development. Mobility, mobilization and social development seem to be interlinked and mutually implicating in a post liberal society. People, as individuals and groups are on the move today, which affects the way humans live and organize their lives. At another level, mobilization efforts are set in motion in various parts of the country, especially by the excluded communities and indigenous groups striving for basic rights and livelihood. Hence we look at the processes and dynamics of mobility and mobilization in the overall framework of social development in contemporary society. Research papers may be presented on the following sub themes:

1. Theoretical and conceptual elaborations on the issues of mobility, mobilization and Social Development in a globalised society
2. Nature, process, dynamics and effects of social mobility
3. Social mobility and development
4. Gender issues related to social mobility
5. Social Mobility vis-à-vis elderly, youth and children
6. Mobilization - causes, issues, categories etc
7. Mobilization and social exclusion
8. Mobilization and issues of identity
9. Mobilization and gender
10. Mobilization and leadership
11. Mobilization vis-à-vis social development
12. Mobilization and Environmental issues
13. Mobilization and issues of displacement

- II.** Papers are invited on the topics related to the theme of the conference. Those who wish to present papers may send in their abstracts in not more than 250 words by 20th September 2010, to the Secretary via email: antonypalackal@yahoo.com. The abstracts should contain the problem, objectives, methodology and the major findings/arguments of the paper. The screening committee will go through the abstracts and the selected papers will be intimated by 30th September 2010. The full paper will have to be turned in by 10th November, 2010.

- III.** The following awards will be given away in the conference and nominations are invited for the same.

- i. Dr. Jose Murickan SJ Memorial Young Sociologist Award - Rs. 2000/- and certificate for the best published research paper in the last three years (2007-2010), to a KSS member (life/ordinary/student) below 35 years of age as on 31st October 2010. Send four copies of the published paper along with the reprint and the title page of the Journal/edited volume and proof of age to the secretary, KSS before 10th October 2010.
- ii. Dr. P.K.B Nair Award for the best paper presented in the 37th Annual Conference of Kerala Sociological Society - Rs. 1000/- and certificate to a KSS member (life, ordinary or student) of 35 years or less in age as on 31st October 2010. The paper should be in English and not

exceeding 3000 words. If the paper is co-authored, all the scholars must be 35 years or less. Submit four copies of the paper with an abstract in not more than 250 words before 20th September 2010 and the final paper by 20th October 2010

- iii. Dr. Joseph Puthenkalam SJ Memorial Ever-rolling Trophy for the best Sociology Association in colleges/departments having PG/MPhil Courses in Sociology in Kerala.
- iv. Sr. Mary Cecile Ever-rolling Trophy for the best Sociology Association in Kerala having UG course in Sociology.

For the awards 3 & 4, the reports of the respective associations along with the duly filled in proforma have to be submitted to the secretary on the first day of the Conference before the inaugural session.

IV. For the presentation of the reports on the activities of Sociology Associations at the college/department level, a separate session will be organized. The staff coordinators of the Sociology Associations are requested to ensure that the report is ready for the presentation. The time limit for the presentation is ten minutes.

V. As usual, we will have a 'cultural fete' immediately after the inaugural session. The Staff Coordinators and Association Secretaries please bear in mind that the 'programmes' as far as possible be organized around the theme of the conference. Please remember that the time allocated for each college is 15 minutes and so prepare the programmes accordingly.

VI. Executive members please remember to collect students' membership fee of Rs. 25/- and bring it along when you come for the conference.

VII. We are happy to note that group mail (keralasociologists@yahoogroups.co.in) has been picking up momentum and several of our members do find it as a platform to share the news and opinions on matters concerning our discipline. However, many more members are yet to make use of this facility. Those who have not yet part of the group mail are welcome to join. Kindly furnish your email to the Secretary.

As announced in the previous News Letter, our website- keralasociologicalsociety.org was launched in the 36th Annual Conference held in Loyola College of Social Sciences, Trivandrum. It's now renewed and updated.

VIII. *Kerala Sociologist*, the official journal of the Kerala Sociological Society, has now obtained an ISSN: 0975-8933. The journal is proudly entering its 36th year of uninterrupted publication thanks to the editorial team headed by the Managing Editor Dr. Jacob John Kattakayam. We are happy that the journal continues to be critically instrumental in enhancing the academic, professional and career advancements of several of us. However, besides improving the quality of the journal, it still suffers from two other major problems: poor subscription and finance. We need to really address them if we want to sustain the journal. Executive committee will take it up this matter and hopes to come up with some concerted plans to improve the situation. Meanwhile, those in charge of KSS in each college/department, please remember to renew the annual subscription of the Journal.

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