

KERALA SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY (KSS)

45th National Conference

Theme:

Sociology, Society & Social Engagements

Dates:

November 9thFriday - 11thSunday 2018

Venue

Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady

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Conference Theme: Though a young discipline, Indian sociology has had a chequered trajectory in the short span of its growth and development from its textually blended, Western, colonial and indological origins to the empirical and field based growth through nationalistic struggle and nation building projects to the age of globalization and after. Marked and punctured by more or less distinct transitional phases, the discipline has grown encountering corresponding changes in theorizing and operationalizing researches by way of shifting paradigms, premises, themes and trends. Resultantly, there occurred greater diversification and differentiation in the choices and concerns in its research, praxis and engagements. The theme of the 45th Conference of the Kerala Sociological Society, titled *Sociology, Society and Social Engagements* is indeed a retrospection and introspection so as to review the prospects of the discipline in the present day changing world. The topic *Sociology Society and Social Engagements*, assumes greater scope and significance in the neo-liberal context wherein education and academia driven by market forces are largely privatized and commoditized and therefore guided by utility syndrome. At this juncture, the seminar calls for a revisit at the societal engagements and interventions of the discipline of Sociology at the intellectual, academic, professional and social fronts.

Sub-themes: The discourses and deliberations on the theme may be organized on the following sub-themes:

- ◉ Sociology - Pedagogy and Praxis in India/Kerala
- ◉ Challenges to Sociology in India/Kerala
- ◉ Professionalization of Sociology in India/Kerala
- ◉ Sociology at the intellectual and Academic fronts
- ◉ Teaching and Learning in Sociology in India/Kerala
- ◉ Sociology and Engaged Knowledge Building
- ◉ Everyday forms of Sociology
- ◉ Sociology in a globalized world
- ◉ Sociology, Development and Transformation
- ◉ Indigenization of Sociology
- ◉ Sociology of the Marginalized Communities
- ◉ Sociology of the Elderly
- ◉ Sociology, Demography and Migration
- ◉ Sociology, Marriage, Family and Kinship
- ◉ Sociology and Culture

- Sociology, Gender and Transgender
- Sociology and Politics
- Sociology Crime and Violence
- Sociology, Communication and Media
- Sociology, Social movements and Mobilization

Besides the academic sessions, there will be a panel session on the theme with special reference to Kerala. In addition, two special sessions will be organized: 1) for teachers and research scholars and 2) for student community, separately on topics that are related to the theme, but significant to the respective groups.

Registration Fee

No.	Category of participants	In rupees
1.	Senior delegates & Teachers	1500
2.	Research scholars with UGC Scholarship	1000
3.	Guest Lecturers and research scholars	750
4.	Students	350

- **Paper Presentation:** Those interested in presenting papers in the academic sessions may send their abstracts to Dr. Uthara Soman, the Secretary in the email: keralasociologicalsociety@gmail.com before September 30th 2018. The abstracts shall be sent adhering strictly to the following specifications: 200 words, font- Times New Roman, 12 pt., 1.5 space, providing the name, designation, institutional affiliation and address, Life Membership Number, email and mobile number of the presenter. A Committee will scrutinize the abstracts and only the selected abstracts will be accepted for presentation. The criteria for scrutiny are: 1) Relevance of the paper to the theme, 2) Methodological application and 3) Theoretical and Conceptual clarity. The selected papers will be informed by 10th October 2018 and the full paper will have to be turned in by November 5th. Only those who have submitted the full paper on time shall present their papers in the Conference.
- Life membership in KSS, particularly for teachers, permanent or temporary, and research scholars is essential for paper presentation. Life membership Number has to be furnished along with the abstract. Nonetheless, a person whose paper has been selected for presentation, but do not possess a Life Membership, need to have a minimum of one-year ordinary membership. Ordinary membership can be obtained at the conference registration desk by remitting Rs. 500/-, prior to the paper presentation

- ◉ **Prof. John Kattakayam Young Sociologist Award**

Applications are invited for Prof. John Kattakayam Young Sociologist Award for the best research paper published in the last three years (2014-2017), from the Life members of Kerala Sociological Society below 40 years of age as on 30th November 2017. The award involves a cash award of Rs. 3000/- and a certificate of merit. Applicants shall send three copies of the published paper along with the title page of the Journal/edited volume and proof of age to Dr. Uthara Soman, the Secretary, Kerala Sociological Society, Head, Department of Sociology, SN College, Chempazhanthy P.O., Thiruvananthapuram, 695 587 before **15th October 2018**. The Award will be distributed in the valedictory session of the 44th Sociological Conference of the Society at Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam, Kerala on 10th December 2017.

New Life members also may apply for the Award. Life membership of the Kerala Sociological Society can be obtained by sending in duly filled in application form along with the membership fee of Rs. 3000/- in cheque or DD in favour of Kerala Sociological Society, payable at Trivandrum to Dr. Uthara Soman, the Secretary, Kerala Sociological Society, Head, Department of Sociology, SN College, Chempazhanthy P.O., Thiruvananthapuram, 695 587. The Application Form is available at www.kss.org.in.

- ◉ **Prof. Jose Murickan SJ Memorial Best Paper Award**

Applications are invited for Prof. Jose Murickan SJ Memorial Best Paper Award for the best paper presented in the 44th Annual Conference of Kerala Sociological Society from the registered participants below 40 years of age as on 15th October 2018 and whose abstracts have been accepted for presentation in the Conference. The Award includes a cash award of Rs. 2000/- and a Certificate of merit. If the paper is co-authored, all the authors must be 35 years or less. Applicants whose abstracts have been accepted, shall send three copies of the full paper in English not exceeding 5000 words along with the proof of age to Dr. Uthara Soman, the Secretary, Kerala Sociological Society, Head, Department of Sociology, SN College, Chempazhanthy P.O., Thiruvananthapuram, 695 587 before **15th October 2018**. The Awardee will be selected in the separate academic session for the applicants during the Conference. The Award will be distributed in the Valedictory Session of the 45th Conference.