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Message From The President

Dear Friends

Now we are in the 40th year of the society and over the period, Kerala Sociological Society has taken a good shape in quality and quantity. Still we have miles to go before we sleep. In this context let me remember all those who have contributed to the growth of KSS and I wish that we will get the same support from the sociology fraternity of Kerala and elsewhere to carry out our task.

In the last conference we have taken a decision that all the sociologists of Kerala should actively participate in KSS so that the status of academic sociology can climb up in the ladder of Social Sciences. Sociologists have to play a key role in the development of the country and the state. We all know that we are passing through a crucial period in terms of development in general and economic and social crisis in particular. We will join our hands together to find solutions to the problems the state is facing from the sociological perspective through KSS and for this we have to work together. We the office bearers of the society seeks the cooperation of all of you for all the future work of the society.

With all best wishes

L.Thara Bhai

Research Scholars Forum

A few researchers interested in Sociology, mainly from Kerala gathered here in Loyola College of Social Sciences, Trivandrum on April 9th 2013 to discuss about the scope of having a state level forum for researchers. The meeting was preceded by a talk by renowned sociologist Prof. T.K. Oommen on Social Science Research in India.

The first meeting was attended by researchers mainly from centres like Loyola College of Social Sciences, University of Kerala, Govt. College Kanjiramkulam, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, from the Sothern Region and Sree Sankaracharya Sanscrit University, Kaladi. On the basis of the discussions in the meeting we have formulated certain points about the group as follows. Most of the time researchers join for research struggles very much and find it very hard to tide through the process of research in the initial years. This could be avoided if there could be a peer group guidance and hence we need a platform for such peer group interactions not just at the level of institutions but there across the institutions within an outside the state. The other objectives are to create a constant interaction among peers and with experts, to have an exposure about the opportunities and learning and resources available in different research centers, to have an access to critical information and often which is locked among certain clicks and to have a visibility and prospects for the discipline atleast in our state and we need to push though these issues. For more details contact Mr Charles Varghese, Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, Uty of Kerala.

40th All Kerala Sociological Conference

Date – Dec 13th to 15th 2013

Venue: Sacred Heart College, Thevara

Theme: Indian Sociology- Issues and Challenges

Registration Fees

Teachers – 1000/-, Research Scholars – 650/-, Students - 300/-, Students' membership fee - Rs. 25/-

Papers are invited on the topics related to the theme of the conference. There will be strict screening to ensure quality papers to be presented. Those who wish to present papers may send their abstracts by **October 25th, 2013** to the Secretary via email:lvnair@gmail.com. The selected papers will be intimated by **October 30th**.

Sub Themes

1. Sociological issues of contemporary India:
 - i) Issues of women, children and old

- ii) Political issues and the development
 - iii) Development issues of dalits and tribes.
 - iv) Poverty and Unemployment
 - v) Migration
 - vi) Corruption and Crime
2. Crisis in Indian Sociology
 3. Kerala Sociology – Past, Present and Future
 4. Development of Sociology in the Regional level
 5. Theory, methodology and Indian Sociology

There will be a **separate session in the conference for the research scholars and for report presentation by student representatives** of the activities of Sociology Associations at the college level. Everyone has unanimously found these exercises very welcoming in the last Conferences. Please make sure that the department presentation does not exceed more than ten minutes.

Cultural programmes should bear marks of something ‘sociological’ about it. Please keep this in mind as you prepare for the same. Also remember that each college is expected to strictly adhere to the allotted time slot of 15 minutes for the performance.

Awards

1. **Dr. Jose Murickan SJ Memorial Young Sociologist Award** - Rs. 2000/- and certificate for the best published research paper in the last three years (2008-2011), to a KSS member (life/ordinary/student) below 35 years. 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 **30th October, 2013**.
2. **Dr. P.K.B Nair Award for the best paper** presented in the 40th All Kerala Sociological Conference, - Rs. 1000/- and certificate for the best paper to a KSS member (life, ordinary or student) of 35 years or less in age on 31st October 2013. The paper should be in English and approximately 3000 words. If the paper is co-authored, all the scholars must be 35 years or less on 31th October 2013. Submit four copies of the paper with an abstract of 100-200 words before **30th October 2013**.
3. **Dr. Joseph Puthenkalam SJ Memorial Ever-rolling Trophy** for the best Sociology Association in colleges/departments having PG/MPhil Courses in Sociology in Kerala.
4. **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.

It is a matter of joy and pride that *Kerala Sociologist*, the official journal of Kerala Sociological Society, is entering its 39th year of uninterrupted publication and the sole credit goes to the editor Dr. Jacob John Kattakayam. At the same time we are also aware of the fact that the journal has serious financial crunch and unless we raise some corpus fund, its future is in real jeopardy. It is an undeniable fact that several of us have had academic, professional and career advancements in and through the journal. At this crucial juncture, we make an ardent appeal, especially to those of us who have benefited by the journal for some financial support. As decided in the AGBM, all faculty members are requested to contribute a small amount for the smooth functioning of the journal. **Please send your draft/cheque to the secretary in favor of Kerala Sociological Society or as cash to Dr Antony Palackal, Editorial Secretatry, Kerala Sociologists.**

The Journal has a new email address: keralasociologist@yahoo.in. Please use this email ID for any correspondence with the journal. Executive members representing every college/department please remember to renew the annual subscription of the Journal at the time of the Conference.

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