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**Celebrating 100 Years of Sociology in India**

Department of Sociology  
University of Hyderabad

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the Golden Jubilee Distinguished Lecture Series,  
School of Social Sciences*

**Session Plan**

**Day 1 - 01.04.2024**

**Inaugural Session**

Timing: 09:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Venue: Zakir Husain Lecture Hall Complex

◆ Message

*from the Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. B. J. Rao*

◆ Note

*from the Dean, School of Social Sciences, Prof. Jyotirmaya Sharma*

◆ Introducing the Department and its Trajectory

*Prof. Nagaraju Gundemeda, Professor and Head of Department, Department of  
Sociology*

◆ Introduction of the Conference

*Dr. Asima Jena, Conference Convener and Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology*

◆ Note

*from Prof. Ratna Naidu*

◆ Message

*from the President of the Indian Sociological Society, Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri*

◆ **Keynote Address**

*Prof. Satish Deshpande, Professor M. N. Srinivas Chair, Institute for Social and  
Economic Change, Bengaluru*

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### **Session I: Rural and Urban Processes and Exclusion**

Timing: 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM

Venue: Zakir Husain Lecture Hall Complex

**Chair:**Dr. Arvind Susarla, Centre for Regional Studies, University of Hyderabad

<b>Speakers</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Title</b>
Prof. Surinder Singh Jodhka	Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi	The Decline of Agriculture, and the Futures of 'Agrarian Studies'
Dr. Pooja Satyogi	School of Law, Governance and Citizenship, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University, Delhi	"History repeats itself with more vigour now": Police Officials as Executive Magistrates in Metropolitan India
Dr. Suchismita Satpathy	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, BITSPilani, Hyderabad	The Process of Residential Segregation in Hyderabad: Untangling Segregation and Discrimination
Dr. Sudarshan Papanna	Centre for Studies in Society and Development, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar	Invasions, Depositions, Disposessions and Conflicts for Land: Land Acquisitions and Land Development in Bangalore City
Dr. Niloshree Bhattacharya	Department of Sociology, Presidency University, Kolkata	The Taste of Street Food is not just about the Taste of Food
Dr. Javed Wani	School of Law, Governance and Citizenship, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University, Delhi	Urban Peripheries and Public Order: The Precarious and their Claims to Power in a Colonial City



**Lunch Break**

**01:15 PM to 02:00 PM**



## **Session II: Science and Technology**

Timing: 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Venue: Zakir Husain Lecture Hall Complex

**Chair:** Prof. C. Raghava Reddy, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad

<b><u>Speakers</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Dr. Naveen Thayyil	Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT-Delhi	Towards a Contemporary Sociology of Technology in India: Taking the Algorithmic Self Seriously
Dr. Parvathi Iyer	Centre for Studies in Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar	Bridging Boundaries, Framing the 'Social', Unpacking the Socio-technical: Taking Stock of Social Studies of Science and Technology in India
Prof. Antony Palackal	Department of Sociology, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram	The Web of Paradox: Internet, Pandemic and Democracy
Dr. Dharendra Kumar Sahoo	Senior Research Associate, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Parliament of India	"Untouchable" Mobile Phone? Digital Inequalities and Caste Exclusions in Rural Odisha

## **Parallel Session II: Sociology of Dalits**

Timing: 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Venue: Conference Hall, School of Social Sciences

**Chair:** Prof. G. Chakrapani, Former Director, Department of Sociology, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University, Telangana.

**Discussant:** Dr. Sowjanya Tamalapakula, School of Gender and Livelihoods, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad

<b><u>Speakers</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Prof. Umesh Bagade	Department of History and Ancient Culture, Dr.	Fighting Caste and Untouchability: Changing

	Babasaheb Marathwada University, Aurangabad	Textures of Dalit Historical Consciousness from Pre-colonial to Colonial Maharashtra
Dr. Ch. Satish Kumar	Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata	The History of Sociology in Bengal (1900–1951)
Dr. Gurram Srinivas	Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi	Tracing the Sociology of Dalits: Thematic, Theoretical and Methodological Approaches
Prof. K. G. Dasthagir	Department of Sociology, Pondicherry University	Waning Water Mirroring Fading Margins: A Social and Gender Analyses of Managing Irrigation in South India
Dr. V. Sreemannarayana Murthy	Associate Professor & Head Department of Sociology Andhra University Visakhapatnam	Institutes Of Law and Sacred Texts: Prescriptions and Interpolations on Social Exclusion of Dalits



**Session III:Plenary Session: Sociology in India: Theory, Method and Practice**

Timing: 03:45 PM to 05:15 PM

Venue: Zakir Husain Lecture Hall Complex

**Chairs:** Prof. Vinod Jairath, Former Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad and Prof. Jyotirmaya Sharma, Dean of School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad

<b>Speakers</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Title</b>
Prof. Deepak Mehta	Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ashoka University	Khadi Archive: An Alternative Genealogy of the Indian Nation
Prof. Kalpana Kannabiran	Former Director, Council for Social Development, Hyderabad	Exploring the Contours of Interdisciplinary Law

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Timing: 05:30 PM to 06:30 PM

Venue: Zakir Husain Lecture Hall Complex

<b>Speakers</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Title</b>
Prof. Mary E. John	formerly Professor and Director at the Centre for Women's Development Studies, Delhi	On the work of Sharmila Rege and Seemanthini Niranjana
Prof. Bandana Purkayastha	Sociology and Asian American Studies, University of Connecticut and Vice President of International Sociological Association	A Sociologist's Sorting of the Approaches to Humanitarianism and Human Rights
Prof. Balmurli Natrajan	Department of Community Development and Social Justice' William Paterson University, New Jersey	Sociology and Accountability in Uncertain Times
Prof. John Harriss	School of International Studies, Simon Fraser University, Canada	Reflections on the History of Sociology in India: Achievements and Paths Not Taken



**Day 2 – 02.04.2024**

**Session I: Plenary Session: Gender and Queer Studies**

Timing: 09:00 AM to 10:45 AM

Venue: C. V. Raman Auditorium

**Chair:** Prof. K. Suneetha Rani, Centre for Women Studies, University of Hyderabad

<b><u>Speakers</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Dr. Debjani Chakravarty	School for Cultural and Social Transformation, University of Utah	Locating Gender and Queer Studies Transnationally: Generative Connections with Sociology
Prof. Aparna Rayaprol	Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad	Sociology and Gender: Theory, Methodology, Pedagogy and Practice
Prof. Pushpesh Kumar	Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad	Queer Ecology/ Queer Vegans vs. Dalit Feminism
Prof. Anurekha Chari Wagh	Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad	Doing Feminism in Sociology: Engaging with Scholarship of Leela Dube and Sharmila Rege



**Session II: Migration and Diaspora**

Timing: 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM

Venue: C. V. Raman Auditorium

**Chair:** Prof. C. S. Bhat, Former Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad

<b><u>Speakers</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Dr. Aashish Xaxa	Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT-Gandhinagar	Urban Development and Social Margins: Analysing the Trajectory of Tribal Migration in Urban Areas
Prof. Ajaya K. Sahoo	Centre for Study of Indian Diaspora, University of Hyderabad	Emerging Issues in the Study of Indian Diaspora
Dr. Sadananda Sahoo	School of Inter-disciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies,	Demographic Transitions and International Migration:

	Indira Gandhi National Open University, Delhi	Policy Implications for India
Prof. Ajailiu Niumai	Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Hyderabad	Naga Diaspora in the United States: Integration and Transnationalisation
Prof. Kiran Odhav	Department of Sociology, North-West University, South Africa	The Roles of Sociology in the Contemporary New World Order

**Parallel Session II: Work, Business, Industry, Labour and Organization**

Timing: 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM

Venue: *Conference Hall, School of Social Sciences*

**Chair:** Prof. Sujit Kumar Mishra, Regional Director of Council for Social Development, Hyderabad, Telangana

<b><u>Speakers</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Dr. Rama Devi & Prof. Sawmya Ray	Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Interwoven Arts and Sciences (SIAS), Krea University, Andhra Pradesh & Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT-Guwahati	“Not just work, but a respectable work”: Caste, Gender, and Employment in Delhi
Dr. Ashima Sood	Anant National University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Terrains of Struggle: Labour and Land
Dr. Mitaja Chakraborty	Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University, Andhra Pradesh	Many Lives of Labour: An Inquiry into the Methods of Exploring Work
Kapil Tamang	Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad	Unfolding Value Chain Governance: A Study of the Tea Industry in India from a Disarticulation Perspective of Global Value Chain Approach
Anupam Sankar	Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad	Indianisation of Corporate Organisations: A Study of Some Tendencies

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**Lunch Break**

**01:00 PM to 02:00 PM**

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**Session III: The Crisis of Education in India**

Timing: 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Venue: Conference Hall, School of Social Sciences

**Chair:** Prof. Anindita Mukhopadhyay, Department of History, University of Hyderabad

<b><u>Speakers</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Prof. Srinivas Rao Srungarapu	Professor of Sociology and Education and Dean, Indira Mahindra School of Education, Mahindra University, Hyderabad	Higher Education in the Neo-liberal and Neo-conservative Society: Crises and Contentions
Prof. Shivali Tukdeo	Indira Mahindra School of Education, Mahindra University, Hyderabad	The Multiple Lives of Crisis in Education
Prof. Sujatha Surepally	Department of Sociology, Satavahana University, Telangana	
Aniruddha Naik	Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad	Sexuality and Knowledge: A Sociological Study of the Culture of Silence on Sex Education in Odisha
Annika Amber	Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad	“We give sex a good name”: Exploring Affective Sex Pedagogy of Agents of Ishq

**Parallel Session III: Ethnic Conflict, Communalism and Secularism**

Timing: 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Venue: C. V. Raman Auditorium

**Chair:** Prof. Manjari Katju, Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad.

<b><u>Speakers</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Prof. Suryakant Waghmore	Professor, Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT-Bombay	Is There a Future for Progressive Hinduism?



Dr. Aditya Ranjan Kapoor	Department of Sociology, Central University of Punjab	Studying Religion in India; Questioning the Framework
Baidehi Das	Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad	Emergence of a Neighbourhood: The Story of a Refugee Settlement Along the India-Bangladesh Borderland



#### **Session IV: Social Protest and the Indian State**

Timing: 03:45 PM to 05:15 PM

Venue: C. V. Raman Auditorium

**Chair:** Dr. Aniket Alam, International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad

<b><u>Speakers</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Prof. Mahuya Bandyopadhyay	Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT-Delhi	Beyond Incarceration: Some Reflections on the Carceral State
Dr. Vasudha Katju	Kautilya School of Public Policy, GITAM University, Hyderabad	A Reason to be on the Streets: The State and Protest
Dr. Rajesh K.P.	Department of Social Sciences, Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur	Sufferings, Everyday Resistance and Enunciation of Political Subjectivity: Deciphering <i>Adimamakka</i> , the Autobiography of C K Janu
Prof. Chandan Gowda	Ramakrishna Hegde Chair Professor of Decentralization and Development, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru	Reading a Protest Episode
Shamshad Bashir	Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad	Memories and Testimonies: The Imprints of 'Living Violence' in Kashmir

**Parallel Session IV: Navigating Social Identities**

Timing: 03:45 PM to 05:00 PM

Venue: Conference Hall, School of Social Sciences

**Chair:** Prof. L Lam Khan Piang, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad

<b><u>Speakers</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Dr. Lekha. N.B.	Department of Sociology, Sree Narayana College, Chempazhanthy, Kerala	Reclaiming Identity: Adivasi Struggle for Decolonization – The Case of Mavilan Tribe
Prasanna S	Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad	Question of Honour and Gender Among Dalit Communities



**Day 3 - 03.04.2024**

**Session I: Plenary Session: Growth of Cities and Urban Transformation**

Timing: 09:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Venue: C. V. Raman Auditorium

**Chair:** Prof. C. Rammanohar Reddy, Editor-in-Chief, The India Forum

<b><u>Speakers</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Prof. Purendra Prasad	Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad	Indian Cities as Sites of Health Inequalities
Prof. Kushal Deb	Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT-Bombay	Theoretical Shifts in Urban Studies in India: An Overview
Prof. Amita Bhide	Centre for Urban Policy and Governance in the School of Habitat Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai	Migration and Urbanization: An Uneasy Relationship



**Session II: Health, Body and Social Inequalities**

Timing: 11:30 PM to 01:15 PM

Venue: Conference Hall, School of Social Sciences

**Chair:** Prof. Purendra Prasad, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad

<b><u>Speakers</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Prof. Roger Jeffrey	School of Social and Political Science, and Associate Director of the Edinburgh India Institute, University of Edinburgh	Engaging with Bijnor, 1982-2007: Reflections on Longitudinal Research and its Branches
Prof. R. Srivatsan	Anveshi Research Centre for Women's Studies, Hyderabad	A Perspective on the Politics of Health and Healthcare in India Today
Dr. K. M. Ziyauddin	Department of Sociology, Maulana Azad National Urdu	Social Inequalities of Health, Illness, and Healthcare:

	University	Narratives in Sociological Studies
Dr. Shubha Ranganathan	Department of Liberal Arts, IIT-Hyderabad	From 'Community Care' to 'Community Mental Health Care': Critical Questions from Local Healing Shrines in India
Shilpa Krishna	Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad	Pathopolitics and Health Inequalities

### **Parallel Session II: Environment and Climate Change**

Timing: 10:45 PM to 12.15 PM

Venue: C. V. Raman Auditorium

**Chair:** Prof. Satyapriya Rout, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad

<b><u>Speakers</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Prof. Sudha Vasani	Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi	A Sociological Imagination for a Planet in Crisis
Dr. Ambika Aiyadurai	Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT-Gandhinagar	Discipline of Ecology in India: A Social Science Perspective
Prof. Amites Mukhopadhyay	Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University, Kolkata	Where the Dust Remains Unsettled: The Climate Discourse and the Sundarbans in the Bengal Delta
Prof. D. Parthasarathy	Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT-Bombay, Mumbai	From Uncertainty to Transformation: Sociology's Contribution to Climate Studies

## **II**

Timing: 12:15 PM to 01:15 PM

Venue: C. V. Raman Auditorium

**Chair:** Prof. Arvind Susarla, Centre for Regional Studies, University of Hyderabad

<b><u>Speakers</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Hari Bharathi T &	Research Scholar, Department of	Framing, Discursive Opportunity Structure and

Prof. Satyapriya Rout	Sociology, University of Hyderabad & Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad	Movement Success: Study of Anti-Hydrocarbon Extraction Movement in Kaveri Delta of Tamil Nadu
Deepu P	Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad	Trapped in Giddens's Paradox: Sociological Dimensions of the 'Illusion of Separation' in Global Warming Inaction
Isaiamudhu SS	Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad	Understanding The Dynamics of Informal Water Access In Peri-Urban Madurai



**Lunch Break**

**01:15 PM to 02:00 PM**



**Session III: Sociology of Culture and Performance**

Timing: 02:00 PM to 03:45 PM

Venue: C. V. Raman Auditorium

**Chair:** Prof. Vinod Pavarala, Department of Communication, University of Hyderabad

<b><u>Speakers</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Dr. Abbas Mohammad	Indira Gandhi National Open University, Telangana	Sufism in South Asia: A Preliminary Understanding
Dr. Mohamed Shafeeq Karinkurayil	Manipal Centre for Humanities, Manipal University	The Performative Migration: Gulf as a Method
Dr. D. Adam Stephen	Head of Department, Social Sciences and Humanities, Vignans Foundation for Science Technology and Research, Guntur	Revisiting Themes in Sociology of Pop Culture and Pondering its Future Implications
Prof. Deepa Srinivas	Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad	Amar Chitra Katha's Past and the Neoliberal Present: (Dis)continuities

Nyamath Hussain Shaik	Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad	Death and Ethnicity: A Sociological Study of Rituals among Dudekulas in Andhra Pradesh
Al Ameen J	Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad	Dance and Discourse of Marginality: A Sociological Enquiry among Muslim Classical Dancers in Kerala

### **Parallel Session III: Region and Borderland**

Timing: 02:00 PM to 03:45 PM

Venue: *Conference Hall, School of Social  
Sciences*

**Chair:** Prof. Kham Khan Suan Hausing, Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad

<b><u>Speakers</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Dr. Salah Punathil	Centre for Regional Studies, University of Hyderabad	Racial Capitalism, Sexuality and Labour: Experience of North East Migrant Women in Hyderabad
Dr. Soibam Haripriya	Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, IIT Delhi	Fraught Fields: Doing Sociology in/from the Margins



### **Valedictory Session**

Timing: 04:00 PM to 05:00 PM

Venue: *C. V. Raman Auditorium*

◆ Prof. Kamala Ganesh, Former Faculty, University of Mumbai



### **Felicitation**

Timing: 05:00 PM to 06:00 PM

Venue: *C. V. Raman Auditorium*

Title: (tentative)

Many lives of labour: an inquiry into the methods of exploring work

Abstract:

The concept of labour has been central in sociology of industrial organisation and work in India. Historically, Indian sociologists have attempted a subversion of social deterministic approaches of Western positivistic or idealistic formulations to chart a discourse in difference and defiance of the colonial interests that denied India's historicity of social organisation. In that effort, the social sciences discourse in India was oriented towards identification and exploration of the structural nature of social and cultural challenges. They sought to devise methodological interventions and techniques of research to empirically establish the factual dimensions of social and cultural challenges. Concurrently, the consolidation and establishment of a modern nation-state was the basis on which sociology of work and labour explored the centrality of nationalism and national movements in understanding labour through the industrial policies and state initiatives directed towards social, cultural and economic transformation of the nation. However, it was the 1970s when class contradictions turned sharper and a break in the consensus among social scientists regarding the methods and approaches used by them led to the growth of 'critical social sciences'. This paper locates itself in that departure and draws an overview of the labour question and methodological considerations in social sciences research in India. The use of the term 'social sciences' is intentional in bringing attention to the interdisciplinary approaches that have enriched the exploration of the social question of labour. In doing so, the paper will assemble a historical sketch of the discussions and exchanges between the sociological method and its relations with the methods of economics, history and political sciences in shaping labour as the social question in post-colonial contexts. The paper ends with a brief account of methodological questions that emerged during fieldwork based on my doctoral research in the industrial belts of Dhaka, Bangladesh that looked at the role of work in shaping the subjectivity of garment workers.