



# INDIAN SOCIAL SCIENCE ACADEMY

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## Annual Report for 2022-23

Mr. President and the Honourable Members!

This Report for 2022-23 is being presented on behalf of the Executive Council for 2022-23. Post corona crisis particularly on economic front is continuing and expecting another economic recession in the world. Directly or indirectly these things have an impact on science education and research. Indian Social Science Academy too was badly affected. However, all effort was made by the Executive Council under the presidentship of Prof. G. Palanithurai. What is reported here is a glimpse of our collective endeavour for keeping the flag of the Indian Social Science Academy still flying in such an unprecedented and highly unfavourable conditions.

Dr Harsha Merchant, Returning Officer, placed the results of election before the EC which was approved by the EC (2021-22, 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022) and approved in AGM held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Chennai. Sincerely thank her for her efforts.

Honourable members know that the ISSA pursues following activities with a view to making Democratic Republic of India self-reliant in indigenous science of Nature-Human-Society.

1. Indian Social Science Congress
2. State Social Science Academies and State Social Science Congresses
3. Young Scientists Division and All India Young Scientists Convention
4. Research Centres
  - I. Rural Development Study Centre
  - II. Survey Research Centre
  - III. Silver Jubilee Peoples Centre for Theoretical and Policy Research
5. National Science Translation Centre
6. Publication of Journals and Newsletters
  - I. Bharatiya Samajik Chintan (English Quarterly)
  - II. Samayik Samajik Chintan (Hindi Quarterly)
  - III. Social Science Abstracts (Annual)
7. Publication of Books and Monographs

Executive Council used to discussed the functioning of these ISSA activities. Among these, some of them are slow in functioning. State Level Academies are organizing annual State level Congresses and some progress is there regarding the Journals. As I mentioned that we are not getting good funding support from various agencies which leads to the slow functioning of other activities. Previously, ISSA used to get support from UGC through Host University but last few years, it was discontinued for various reasons. Despite these financial constraints and uncertainties, thanks to the unconditional support and dedication of its



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members, Universities, Colleges and Research Institutions, ISSA has been making substantive and unique contribution in promoting integration of all sciences, social and natural sciences. A brief information about whatever ISSA has been able to do during 2022-23 is given below:

## 1. Indian Social Science Congress

The XLV Indian Social Science Congress was held under the auspices of B. S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai, during 28th March to 1st April 2022. 'ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND HEALTH' was its focal theme. Its abstracts proceedings have been printed Vol. 45, 2021-22 containing around 440 abstracts. I take this opportunity on behalf of entire EC members, to thank 45<sup>th</sup> ISSC esteemed guests and delegates, the host institution, BSARCIST Vandalur, Chennai. Also thanks to the host institution Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Professor A. Peer Mohamed, and his dedicated and vibrant team. Special thanks are also to Local Organizing Secretary Professor T Harnarayana for his hard work.

All the respective chairpersons of 28 subject Research Committees and 21 Thematic Panels have been requested to select and edit good papers for publication in all Indian Languages.

Executive Council (2021-22) considered and resolved to accept the invitation from Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu for holding the 46th Indian Social Science Congress with a focal theme of "75 Years of Swaraj India" and also being approved in the general house with slide modifications. Originally, the dates were December 27-31, 2022 and on the request of host University the dates were shifted to January 27-31, 2023. The new Executive Council (2022-23) met four times (one in virtual mode and another one in hybrid mode) and organisational planning exercise was initiated. National Academic Advisory Committee and organising committee were set up. All the Chairpersons of 28 subject Research Committees, 21 Thematic Panels, several international and national seminars/symposia/workshops were appointed. Grant applications to UGC, DST/SERB, ME (MHRD)/NIEPA, ICSSR, ICPR and ICHR were submitted.

First announcement of the XLVI ISSC was printed and circulated to all universities, colleges, research institutes and member/non-member scientists. Arrangement for organisation of XI All India Young Scientists Convention too has been made. A booklet of 112 pages giving all the details of the XLVI ISSC has been printed and mailed to all members and universities, etc. Abstract volume for 46th congress will be printed after the congress. Bharathidasan University team under the leadership of Prof. M. Selvam, the Vice-Chancellor, has been doing their best to make comfortable stay and vibrant deliberations in the congress.

## 2. State Social Science Academies and State Social Science Congresses

a) Bihar Social Science Academy organised its second Bihar Social Science Congress.



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b) UP State Academy is also planned to organize its Congress.

### 3. Young Scientists Division

The XI All India Young Scientists Convention was planned during this 46<sup>th</sup> ISSC. A programme of 'Learning Science' is under preparation.

### 4. Research Centres

Research Centres of ISSA making its efforts to strengthen but because of financial limitations, their functioning is slow.

### 5. National Science Translation Centre

NSTC also making its efforts but paucity of funds makes it weak functioning.

### 6. Publication of Journals and News Letters

The EC had appointed Prof. Vikas Gupta as the Editor of Bharatiya Samajik Chintan and he is making good efforts with his editorial team to bring out at least online copy.

Prof. G. Parthasarathy took keen interest to activate the journal "**Nature-Human-Society Science**" as its Editor. Editorial board was constituted and he is making full efforts to make it reality to make it more sustainable.

### 7. Publication of Books and Monographs

The volume on 'Human Future in Digital Era' is finally printed with financial support of KIIT.

8. Election process for 2023-24 and 2024-25 (President Elect) started and Dr. Sudhira Chandra Jena has been nominated as the Returning Officer. I sincerely thank him for his efforts in conducting the elections smoothly.

This in brief is what we have been able to do during 2022-23.

ISSA is continuously facing with three major problems.

1. Financial.
2. Non-availability of dedicated members.
3. Accommodation.



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We need to deliberate upon all these in order to seek solutions. Management of Headquarters need adequate manpower and the General Secretary ought to be competent and willing to work for ISSA free of any honorarium. However, the General Secretary from outside Allahabad will have to be provided free stay, travel and transport. A camp secretariat is also required in case of the General Secretary, from outside Allahabad. Let all the members of the EC and the General Body discuss and work collectively and seriously. In addition to financial issues, facilitation of operations of ISSA headquarters deserve serious attention of members, changes in Constitution, if necessary, may have to be considered based on past experience. Responding to all the activities envisaged by honourable members will require dedicated effort of many more members.

The undersigned wishes to thank Prof. G. Palanithurai, the president of ISSA and Prof. M. Selvam, the Vice-Chancellor, Chairman of the organising committee and Co-Chairman Prof. L. Ganesan and members of various committees for extending their unconditional support to make the Congress a grand success. Special thanks to Dr. S. Senthilnathan, the Local Organising Secretary, Dr. P. Natarajamurthy and Dr. Y. Srinivasa Rao, Joint Organising Secretaries and the entire team of Bharathidasan University for their dedication and active involvement. Also, thank all the members of the EC. I thank all the members of ISSA for making it convenient to attend this meeting. I wish to thank all of them who have supported directly or indirectly in furtherance of the objectives of the ISSA.

However, for all failures if any, the undersigned owns the responsibilities.

I hereby place this Annual Report 2022-23 for the consideration of the general house.

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