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Sanitation : Issues, Challenges and Future Directions

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AG-02 Sociology of Sanitation of Indian Sociological Society (ISS)

Throughout history, people have devised systems to get water into their communities and households and dispose of wastewater conveniently. Though the rivers were the source of water for the early settlements, rivers would serve as a crude form of natural sewage disposal. Early civilizations like Greece, Rome, Mesopotamia, Persia, China, Harappa and Mohenjodaro had extensive networks of water supply and sewage systems.

Sanitation refers to the formulation and application of measures designed to protect public health. It also refers to safe conditions which includes clean and safe water supply, clean and safe ambient air, efficient and safe animal, human, and industrial waste disposal, protection of food from biological and chemical contaminants and adequate housing in clean and safe surroundings. Practically, sanitation is any system that promotes proper disposal of human and animal wastes, proper use of toilets and avoiding open space defecation. Inadequate sanitation is a major cause of disease worldwide and improving sanitation is known to have a significant beneficial impact on health both in households and across communities.

Sociology has developed rapidly since World War II, resulting in an increase in the specializations within the general field of sociology. Recently, the importance of sanitation in human society forced social scientists to improve the sociology of sanitation as a specialized study in sociology. Thus, the relationship between people and human society enabled further developments in the sociology of sanitation.

The sociology of sanitation is the study of human action which includes the individual, community, and public policies, for the betterment of sanitary measures in the environment therefore Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune and AG-02 Sociology of Sanitation of ISS, organises a mid-term conference on *Sanitation: Issues, Challenges and Future Directions* for the development of Indian Society.

Themes and sub-themes of the conference

I Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)

- Surface water and groundwater pollution and prevention
- Waste-water treatment
- Entrepreneurship, gender, and governance in WASH
- Water resources management and sustainability

II Sanitation and hygiene

- Toilets as a tool of social change
- Gender and sanitation
- Children and Sanitation
- Scavenging and Manual scavengers
- Sanitation, Health and Society
- Sewer systems and waste-water management
- Potential sanitation solutions during an emergency response
- Hygiene in low- and middle-income countries

III Water and WASH futures

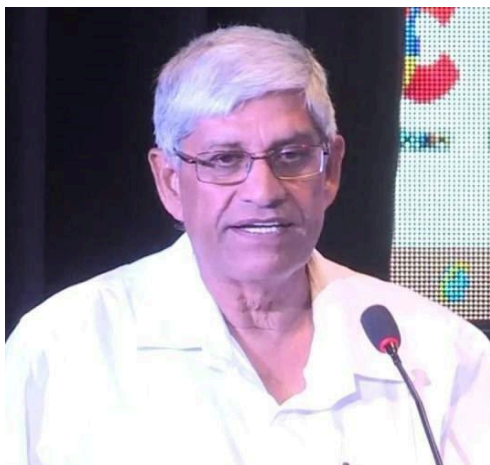
- Local water security and scarcity
- Environmental Sanitation
- Climate-resilient WASH in practice
- Improving hygiene practices in a climate-stressed and COVID-19 world

IV Market-based sanitation

- Creating an enabling environment through policy and interagency cooperation
- Developing sustainable supply chains
- Sulabh Sanitation Movement in India
- Globalisation and Sanitation
- E-waste sanitation

V: Any other theme related to the main theme and sub-themes

Keynote Speaker: Professor B. K. Nagla (retired), M. D. University, Rohtak, Haryana



Dr. B. K. Nagla, a retired Professor of Sociology from M.D. University, Rohtak, has also taught at JNU, M.S. University Baroda, and the Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science, New Delhi. Post-retirement, he served as a consultant at Kota Open University and as a Professor on the Babu Jagjivan Ram chair at Banaras Hindu University. His research spans political sociology, deviance, crime, and underprivileged studies, with numerous UGC, ICSSR, and government-sponsored projects. He has received several honours, including the ISC Fellow Award, Lifetime Achievement Award from Rajasthan Sociological Association, and Sulabha Swachhata Saman for his work on sanitation.

Chief Guest: Prof. R. Indira, Former President, Indian Sociological Society (ISS)



Prof. R. Indira, former President of the Indian Sociological Society, is a retired Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Sociology at the University of Mysore. She has served as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Director of the Centre for Women's Studies. A recipient of two Fulbright fellowships and several other prestigious fellowships, she has led numerous national and international research projects on social issues. Prof. Indira has authored and edited numerous books and

articles in English and Kannada, and has been recognized for her contributions to academia and literature.

Chief Guest: Prof. Maitreyee Chaudhuri, President, Indian Sociological Society (ISS)



Prof. Maitreyee Chaudhuri, President of the Indian Sociological Society and retired from JNU's Centre for the Study of Social Systems, has focused her research on public discourse in modern India, with early work on nationalism, colonialism, and feminism. Her later research addresses neoliberalism and majoritarianism. She has held visiting positions at Harvard, the University of Massachusetts, and Albert Ludwig University, and contributed to UNESCO's study on women and intangible heritage. Prof. Chaudhuri also coordinated the JNU Global Studies MA Program with universities in Germany and South Africa.

Conference Highlights:

- Plenary Sessions and Discussions on the core issues in the sociology of sanitation.
- Technical sessions: Researcher exploring themes such as WASH, sanitation and hygiene, market and sanitation.
- Commemorative Exhibitions: Exhibitions showcasing pictures, posters, and memorabilia sanitation.

Registration Fees Without Accommodation

Faculty: Rs 2500

Students: Rs 1000

Important Dates

Abstract Submission 5th September 2024

Full Paper Submission 10th September 2024