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EDITORIAL

With this editorial, I would like to explain the origin and development of Social Science Gazetteer (SSG) and share with you my relationship with the founder member, Prof Rajeshwar Prasad and other members of Indian Social Science Association (ISSA). It was in 2002, I had been to Agra to attend the conference of ISSA where there was a panel on Research Committee (RC) - 9, *Dalits and Backward Classes* of Indian Sociological Society (ISS). As I was getting ready to leave, I went to meet Prof. Rajeshwar Prasad, past President of ISSA he told me, "Richard, I heard that you had organized a very good conference of ISS in your college in 1993. Why don't you organise a similar conference for ISSA?" I told him that I will be very happy to organise one for ISSA and it will be done only after consulting the Principal.

After returning from Agra, I consulted the Principal and convinced him that such a National level conference would not only enhance the status of the college but also of his status nay it would be a feather in his cap since he was retiring the next year. He not only was convinced, but came forward to donate Rs. 50,000/- from the college towards the conference. We worked out the modalities and decided to hold the conference in January 2003.

In September 2002, Prof. Rajeshwar Prasad had organised a ISSA conference at Madurai Institute of Social Sciences (MISS) and he had invited me also to see how ISSA conferences are organised. Around 90 delegates attended the conference but I was not very much satisfied with the arrangements. I came back with the conviction that I should organise the conference in better way.

In December 2002, I invited Prof. Rajeshwar Prasad to come to St Aloysius College, Mangalore to see the arrangements being made for the conference. In the morning, he met the Principal and discussed with him about the arrangements and in the evening I called a meeting of the members of Mangalore Sociology Association (MSA) from Mangalore city colleges and asked Prof. Prasad to release Volume 10, Number 2 of *Samaja Shodhana*, Journal of the Mangalore Sociology Association. After releasing the journal, he spoke about the importance of having research journal and publishing articles