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Indian Social Science Association (ISSA) - a brain child of late *Prof. Rajeshwar Prasad* - is more than 50 years old inter disciplinary professional body engaged in *promotion of Social Sciences* with the motto “*समाजं रक्ष सर्वदा*”. The founders of **Indian Social Science Association (ISSA)** set high academic standards and promoted new ideas, new answers, new possibilities through debates, dialogue and writings. The Association endeavours to catalyse effective social dialogue between *Academia, Civil Society and Industry* to elicit discerning *Insights on Society, Sustainability, Accountability. ISSA* has been serving the social categories of scholars, researchers, students, activists associated with Non-Governmental Organisations and Civil Society Organizations, policy analysts and conscious citizens of different nation-states by constructing and providing academic narratives and logical constructions based on scientific research.

Social Science Gazetteer- a peer reviewed / blind review research journal - is an official Journal of **Indian Social Science Association – ISSA**. It is an academic organ of professional expression by which the academic and action-oriented world of Social Science is assessed, examined and searched by various scholars belonging to different but interdependent disciplines through singular, inter - disciplinary, multi - disciplinary and trans - disciplinary perspectives.

Social Science Gazetteer has been publishing regularly due to the committed efforts of editorial board led by *Prof. Richard Pais*. But due to his unavoidable commitments, the publication of journal could not take place for some time. ISSA is now publishing this prestigious journal again and editorial board with *Prof. Arvind Kumar Joshi* at

the helm of affairs now assures you its regular publication. **Social Science Gazetteer** will also endeavour to examine those issues which are either contributing to social transformation or hampering this process. In near future we are also planning to organise various academic activities so that **ISSA** could reach to the “*world of global scholars*”. Simultaneous publication of **Online** version of **Social Science Gazetteer** is on such effort.

“**ISSA**” requests you to extend support to journal by sending research articles, academic narratives and book reviews so that what is happening in the field of knowledge is distributed to various ‘*stakeholders*’ who have curiosity to ‘*know*’ that which is ‘*unknowable*’ to them. Professor Rajeshwar Prasad did call such efforts as ‘*Critical Social Encounters*’ - a necessity for advancement of ‘*inclusive system of knowledge*’.

We are confident that all activities including publication of journals will be regularised and will get desired momentum. We are thankful to all Scholars who have not only appreciated these efforts but have sent their articles as that academic gesture which makes *memories of founders and stalwarts of ISSA live*.

The present Volume of Social Science Gazetteer is associated with the memories of **Padambhushan Dr Bindeshwar Pathak, Founder Sulabh International**, who passed away suddenly. Dr Pathak was actively associated with ISSA and was one of the **Patrons. Team ISSA pays ‘rich tribute’ to the memories of Dr Bindeshwar Pathak**. As a mark of respect, the current volume of **Social Science Gazetteer** opens with the article **Indian Sociology: Emerging Vistas** contributed by Dr Pathak.

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