

**ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE GENERAL SECRETARY – 2013
(FOR THE YEAR 2012-13)**

Mr. President and Members of this august gathering,

I heartily welcome all of you to this Annual General Body and Budget meeting today. I have great pleasure in presenting this report before you. The details of the Society's activities and action taken during 2012-13 have broadly been as follows:

1. The year started with some new ideas given by the President. For continuous and sustained research activities he suggested employing some junior/senior research fellows in the research wing of the Society, for which there was a need to establish a corpus fund. A committee was constituted and proposal to create corpus fund was finalized. Efforts are now being made to approach donor agencies for the above.
2. The State Bank of India, Lucknow Mandal, under its corporate social responsibilities scheme donated a Cannon Photocopier and a Computer with printer worth Rs. 1.00 Lac to the Society. I gratefully acknowledge the contribution of Mr. Kajal Ghosh, the then Chief General Manager of State Bank of India, for his gesture.
3. A book entitled *Ambedkar and Future of Dalits* edited by Dr. Sukant K. Chaudhury was published in 2012 by Serials Publications on behalf of the Society. The book was released in a well attended function held at Tagore Library Auditorium, Lucknow University, by the Vice Chancellor of Lucknow University on 13 Dec. 2012.
4. The problems regarding land allotted by Lucknow Development Authority for the construction of Majumdar Bhawan was again the major issue before the Society. The LDA in its Technical Committee conceded in principle that the land acquisition of the above suffers from infirmities hence an alternate land should be allotted to the Society. Efforts are going on to negotiate with the LDA Officials to solve the dispute. But nothing concrete has come out so far.
5. The Society is organizing the biennial conference on "Research Methods in Social Sciences: Emerging Trends and Current Challenges" on 23rd and 24th March, 2013, hosted by the Department of Sociology, Lucknow University. The delegates include about 22

distinguished senior scholars and 150 participants from all over the country.

6. Regarding journals: *The Eastern Anthropologist* is being published regularly. No.1 issue of 2012 i.e. the Vol. 65 will come out by the end of this month i.e. March, 2013. The *Indian Journal of Physical Anthropology and Human Genetics* is also doing very well. Vol.31 No.2, Dec. 2012 is fully devoted to Human Ecology and its Challenges in the 21st Century. The Guest Editors for the number are Prof. Becky A. Sigmon, Emeritus Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto at Mississauga, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada and Prof. S.L. Malik, Head, Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, Delhi. *Manav* after a gap of seven years is getting published in 2013. The next three volumes are going to be published within a period of two months.
7. The K.S. Mathur Library continues to attract students and research scholars from the University and colleges.
8. I wish to report that the following life members have joined the Society. They are as follows:
 - I. Dr. Hari Charan Behera, Centre for Rural Studies, LBSNAA, Mussoorie
 - II. Dr. Kailash Kumar Mishra, Freelancing Anthropologist, New Delhi.
 - III. Dr. Prashant Khattri, School of Translation and Interpretation, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha.
 - IV. Dr. Pramod Kumar Gupta, Deptt. of Sociology, Lucknow University, Lucknow.
 - V. Ms Aparna, Deptt. of Sociology, Lucknow University, Lucknow
 - VI. Ms Supriya Singh, Deptt. of Sociology, Lucknow University, Lucknow
 - VII. Ms Anshul Singh, Deptt. Of Sociology, Lucknow University, Lucknow
9. With regret I would like to inform you that some Life Members of the Society passed away: Prof. Leela Dube, Prof. Sachchidananda, Prof. B. K. Roy Burman, Prof. Gaus Ansari, Prof. P. K. Parmar and Sri Bhawani Shankar Shukla. Condolence meetings were held where the members mentioned about their contribution to the society. Messages of condolence were sent to the bereaved families.
10. Proposed activities for 2013-14:

- (i) Concerted efforts to be made to create a corpus for research wing so that out of the interest generated research fellows are appointed and sustained research goes on.
- (ii) Efforts to move forward on issues connected with the Majumdar Bhawan as per lines suggested by the Executive Committee.
- (iii) To organize an inter-congress of IUAES in 2016.
- (iv) To organize D.N. Majumdar and K.S. Mathur Memorial Lectures.

To achieve successfully the above proposed activities I need active co-operation of all Members and members of the Executive Committee in particular in terms of advice on various matters. I am sure we will solve all the problems and march ahead together.

Finally I extend my sincere thanks to all of you.

Dr. Sukant K. Chaudhury
Hony. General Secretary