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Minutes of the Meeting

Date of the Meeting: 24th of August, 2020

Venue: Through Web-Meeting

Fourth Meeting of Sociological Society, Himachal Pradesh (SSHP) was held on Monday, 24th August, 2020 at 1700 hrs through web-meeting due to Covid-19 under the chairmanship of President of SSHP, Dr. Ruchi Ramesh. The agenda of the meeting was **how to take Sociology further to new heights** and how we collectively work for Sociology? And moreover, we can collectively **find solutions** to the social problems by using sociological knowledge and can suggest to government as well as to policy makers at state and national level.

The agenda of the meeting was as follows:

1. Welcome of all new members of SSHP by President
2. Presentation of Minutes of Last meeting by General Secretary
3. International Web-series description by Secretary on the behalf of President
4. Presentation on Webinars by organizing secretaries: Dr. Sujit Surroch (GC Palampur), Dr. Amarjeet Attri (GC Hamirpur), Sh. Bharat Khepan (GC Seema) and Dr. Surya Prakash Upadhyay (IIT Mandi).
5. SSHP's International Research Journal
6. Expansion of Membership within and out of the state
7. Election of Executive of SSHP
8. Any other item with the permission of chair.
9. Vote of Thanks.

As per agenda item 1, The chairperson of the meeting and the other delegates were welcomed by General Secretary of SSHP and requested Dr. Ruchi Ramesh, the President SSHP to chair the meeting. The President addressed the members and welcomed all new members and suggested everyone to add more new members.

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As per the agenda item 2, Dr. Mohinder Slariya, officially on behalf of the SSHP, read out minutes of the last meeting held at Hotel Holiday Home, Shimla on 22nd of December 2018 and minutes were approved.

As per the agenda item 3, The agenda of the present meeting was presented by the secretary and the house was open for discussion. By considering the regional balance, as already whole state has been divided into four geographical clusters: *Cluster-I Shimla, Kinnaur and Solan; Cluster-II Sirmour, Mandi and Kullu; Cluster- III Hamirpur, Bilaspur and Lahul Spiti and Cluster- IV Una, Kangra and Chamba*, four webinars are being planned, one in each cluster. Proceeding toward next agenda item, secretary described the *International Web-series* and after thoughtful discussion following topics, venue and dates were finalized:

Webinar Number	Title of the Webinar	Dates	Organizing Secretary	Organizing Institution
SSHPWEB-1	Relevance of Sociology in Post-Covid-19 World-	14-15 September, 2020	Dr. Sujit Surroch	Department of Sociology, Govt. College, Palampur, District Kangra, HP
SSHPWEB-2	Expanding Horizon of Sociology: Basic Institutional Changes	17-18 October, 2020	Dr. Amarjit Attri	Department of Sociology, Neta ji Subhash Chander Bose, Govt. College, Hamirpur, District Hamirpur, HP
SSHPWEB-3	Journey of Sociology in Himachal Pradesh: Issues and Challenges	14-15 November, 2020	Sh. Bharat Khepan	Department of Sociology, Govt. College, Seema, District Shimla, HP
SSHPWEB-4	Conceptualizing the Western Himalayas: History, Culture, Politics and Environment	19-20 December, 2020	Dr. Surya Prakash Upadhyay	Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, IIT Mandi, District Mandi, HP

Then after, the organizing secretaries of all webinars were requested to make presentation. All organizing secretaries one by one made presentation on the proposed topic of webinars. After the presentations, all organizing secretaries were requested to share concept note of the webinar (s) with executive of SSHP, particular with President and Secretary. However, Dr. Kaistha emphasized that we should start with national webinar instead of international keeping in view the difficulties and technological issues, but the house assures him that they will manage everything with the blessings of all our predecessors.

As per the agenda item 4, The secretary apprises the house that SSHP is going to start its *On-line Research Journal* with name, **SSHP's International Research Journal**. For the research journal initial codial formalities have been completed and applied for ISSN and hopefully we will get it soon. All the members welcomed the decision and extended their support. Secretary requested to volunteer to part of the research journal and to form academic committee, the following academic committee to see the research journal related issues was formed:

1. Dr. Ruchi Ramesh, President, Convenor
2. Dr. Mohinder Slariya, General Secretary cum member
3. Dr. Sujit Surroch, Vice-president cum member
4. Dr. Amarjit Lal, member
5. Dr. Surya Prakash Upadhaya, member

This committee will develop layout, plan everything related to research journal including editorial board etc. it was also decided that the convenor of this committee will organize meeting within next 15 days (before 10th of September, 2020) and submit complete report.

As per the agenda item 5, it was proposed by the secretary on the behalf of president that membership of SSHP should be open for non-sociological persons (teachers/students and research scholars) within and outside of the state. In this regard it was told to the house by the president that expansion requires amendment in the constitution for which we have to apply separately in the office of registrar of societies, then after we can expand and open membership to others.

As per the agenda item 6, As present executive is going to compete its tenure in May, 2021, so it was decided to announce election of executive of SSHP. For this it was decided to opt on-line voting method, which is less expensive. *Sh. Minod Guleria* has been requested to see on-line voting and research journal related issues which are to be executed by official website of SSHP (www.sshp.co.in). It was decided after a thoughtful discussion that in the month of March, 2021 the election will be announced. Till then it was decided to focus more on the growth of SSHP in the vital interest of the sociology in the state.

As per the any other item in agenda, it was discussed and decided to publish out-come of the series of webinars in form of volume (s) of book by selecting some to the best paper, which will be decided by the scientific steering committee of each webinar and finally some papers will be submitted to SSHP and finally the attempt will be made to publish and launch the book on 25th of January, 2021 on *Himachal Day at Shimla on the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Statehood*.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks by the General Secretary, Dr. Mohinder Slariya.

The Following members were Present:

Sr. No.	Name
1.	Dr. RK Kaistha
2.	Dr. Ruchi Ramesh
3.	Dr. Mohinder Slariya
4.	Dr. Sujith Surroch
5.	Dr. Amarjeet Attri
6.	Dr. Surya Prakash Upadhaya
7.	Dr. Anita Surroch
8.	Dr. Laxmi Sindhu
9.	Dr. Narender Verma
10	Dr. Kewal Krishan
11	Sh. Dinesh Sharma
12	Smt. Anjana Thakur
13	Sh. Yogesh Koundle
14	Sh. Naresh Dhiman
15	Sh. Bharat Khepan
16	Sh. Minod Singh Guleria
17	Sh. Ajay Kumar
18	Sh. Duni Chand
19	Sh. Bhisham Thakur
20	Sh. Damodar Gautam
21	Ms. Babli Joshi
22	Mrs. Kiran Kashayap

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Dr. Mohinder Slariya
General Secretary