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The National Conference was led by **Research Committee 29: Social Transformation & Development**, along with the Three-Collaborating Research Committees namely **RC 03: Economy & Society, RC 07: Adivasi & Tribal Studies** and **RC 31: Sociology of Sanitation** as part of two remarkable institutional milestones—Navati, commemorating 90 years of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences and the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS). Led by Research Committee 29: Social Transformation & Development.

The National Conference was inaugurated by **Prof. Badri Narayan Tiwari**, Hon. Vice Chancellor, TISS Mumbai in a virtual mode, followed by a welcome address by **Prof. Bal Nagorao Rakshase**, Campus Director, TISS, Tuljapur-Off Campus. The Guest of Honour, **Prof. Sujata Patel**—Former President - ISS and former Head of the Sociology Department at the University of Hyderabad—then delivered the context-setting address for the event highlighting the broader significance of the conference. This was followed by the keynote address by **Prof. Dipti Ranjan Sahu**, President, ISS-New Delhi who provided insights that set the tone of the Conference deliberations. The concluding remarks was given by **Prof. Arvinder A. Ansari**, ISS-Secretary while the Vote of Thanks was delivered by **Dr. Sampat Kale**, Conference Convenor.

Abstracts were grouped thematically based on Four-Sub-Themes, **Economy & Society**, **Adivasi & Tribal Studies, Social Transformation & Development** and **Sociology of Sanitation** in addition to Two-Plenary Sessions namely – **Late Prof. S. Parasuraman Plenary Session** and **Late Prof. M. Kunhaman Plenary Session** was organized on Day I and Day II of the National Conference respectively. The **Late Prof. Armaity Desai Roundtable Session** was organized on the second day after which the **Valedictory Session** was held marking the end of the two-days event.






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