

टाटा सामाजिक विज्ञान संस्थान  
TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ref No - M-196/2004



Prof. Manorama Savur  
Tel: 560 55966 - Res

November 19, 2004

To.  
The Head Dept of Sociology  
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur  
IIT Post Office  
Kalyanpur 208016  
Uttar Pradesh

Subject: - History of the Origin and Growth of Sociology in India

Dear Professor

I am sure you would agree that the history of a discipline is important for its growth, there is none in sociology. I look forward to your co-operation in working it out. For some time now I have been looking at it, as it grew from the Bombay University. I found it originated under very peculiar circumstances during the First World War. This study is sponsored by the ICSSR.

The influence of the "Bombay school of Sociology" had spread and established itself in other university departments, when the first generation scholars trained here began to occupy chairs in the newly established departments of sociology in other prestigious universities. And Sociology in India developed a peculiar flavour.

There is of course an other important source of influence generated by the Lucknow School, which was set up in 1922. Perhaps there are many, which have not been influenced by either. Today, out of a total 279 universities 88 have established Department of Sociology, 19 of these universities also have separate department of Anthropology and only 9 other universities offer Anthropology alone. This distinction is important since right from start the Bombay School confounded Sociology with Anthropology.

Construction of the history of a discipline so widely spread is a formidable task it needs the cooperation and help from teachers from all the universities and may I ask for yours?

2/-

TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

CONTINUATION SHEET

At this point of time I urgently need to know: -

The name of your University and the date of its establishment <sup>IIT Kanpur 1959</sup>  
Date of establishment of your department of Sociology <sup>Dept of Humanities and Social Sciences Department</sup>  
The name of the original head of the dept of Sociology; <sup>N.A.</sup>

She/He was trained at/by <sup>N.A.</sup>  
The name of the present head of the dept of Sociology <sup>HSS A.K. Sharma who happens to be a sociologist</sup>  
She/He was trained at/by <sup>IIT Bombay (Ph.D.), IIPS Mumbai (Dip. in Population Sciences), and 'M.Sc. in Statistics (Meerut University)</sup>

And if applicable:

Date of establishment of the Department of Anthropology in your university

The name of the original head of the dept of Anthropology

She/He was trained at/by

The name of the present head of the dept of Anthropology

She/He was trained at/by

The major influence, which has shaped sociology in your University: <sup>we have a strength of six in sociology discipline. All different teachers have different interests and have different influences.</sup>  
Kindly send the list of papers you offer at M.A. degree in Sociology. And if possible enclose the syllabus. <sup>NIL</sup>

Please either e-mail your response or send it by post to Prof. Manorama Savur, at the above address or to WRC/ICSSR, Mumbai University campus, Vidyanagari, Mumbai 400 098. I need this information by the end of November. Perhaps you would like to know who I am.

My name is Manorama Savur. I retired as Professor of Sociology from the University of Bombay and hold a Chair in Sociology at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Bombay till the end of this year. I am attached to Western Regional Center of the ICSSR in Bombay. My e-mail ID is [mansavur@yahoo.com](mailto:mansavur@yahoo.com).

I look forward to your help and cooperation.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely

*M. Savur*  
Manorama Savur

B.Tech. courses are on population studies, urban sociology, human rights, industrial sociology and sociology of development.  
Ph.D. Courses are on theory, research methods, statistics, population studies, science, policy and sociology of development, population studies, education and development.  
A.K. Sharma, [arunk@iitk.ac.in](mailto:arunk@iitk.ac.in)



**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**KANPUR-208 016, INDIA**

---

***Dr. Arun Kumar Sharma***

Professor of Sociology and Head

Tel        •(91) (0512) 2597946 2597632 (O)

            •(91) (0512) 2598336 (R)

Fax        •(91) (0512) 2597510

E-mail    [arunk@iitk.ac.in](mailto:arunk@iitk.ac.in)

URL       <http://home.iitk.ac.in/~arunk>

Res        House # 422 IIT Campus Kanpur-208 016