



Title: Manthan 2 : Upcoming Census in India its Needs and Concern

Date: 28th June, 2025

Time 5.30 Pm onwards

Venue: ISCS's Interactive Zone – 46A Jatin Das Road, Kolkata- 700029

The Census in India represents a thorough process of gathering, compiling, and analysing demographic, social, economic, and other relevant data concerning the nation's population. Conducted every decade, it yields essential information for governmental planning, policy formulation, and resource distribution. Recently, the Indian government has officially sanctioned the inclusion of caste enumeration in the forthcoming national census—marking a first since the nation gained independence. Against this background, the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies has organized an academic discussion on this topic titled “Upcoming Census in India its Needs and Concern.” Moderated by Shri Sourav Roy, Additional Secretary of the Eastern Command, Ministry of Defence, Government of India, the event featured an esteemed speaker in the form of Professor Biswanath Chakraborty from the Department of Political Science at Rabindra Bharati University, who provided insights on this matter. The programme followed the Chatham House principle.

The programme was commenced by the honourable Director of the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, Shri Arindam Mukherjee who felicitated the speaker and the honourable chair for the evening before proceeding on to the main discussion session. The discussion captured about the history of the Census in India since the colonial times till present before proceeding on to the challenges and the concerns of conducting caste census on India.