

CANDIDACY STATEMENT FOR IASP ELECTION – 2019



I am a Post Graduate in Applied Economics from Andhra University and obtained Master of Population Sciences (MPS) from IIPS, Mumbai. I have completed my Ph.D. in the area of Family Planning.

For nearly 3 decades I was with the Population Research Centre at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam. During this period I was actively involved in a number of research projects in the areas Family Welfare, Health and Population related issues. I took a lead role in carrying out many large scale surveys including DLHS and NFHS in Andhra Pradesh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

I am currently with Sigma Research and Consulting Pvt Ltd as one of its Directors. I was one of the GOI sponsored participants of the work shop on Determinants of Fertility at the EWC, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA during 1996.

Also, I was a TCDC Consultant for the FAO project on *Best Practices in Micro-Finance Management* at Zambia during January-April, 2000.

I have been a Resource Person for in-service training programmes conducted by the Indian Institute of Health and Family Welfare, Hyderabad to the Statistical Personnel of the Andhra Pradesh government in the areas of population concepts, Population estimates, Monitoring and Evaluation and Health Management Information System (HMIS). Member of the Expert Group of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) for developing protocols to carryout Demographic and Health Surveys.

I have Published about 10 research papers in Population related areas, Presented about 50 research papers in various conferences and work-shops and edited a Book on “Population and Reproductive Health – Perspective and Issues”.

My areas of interest include Population Policies and Programmes, Reproductive and Child Health, Fertility and Family Planning.

I am life member of the IASP for a long time and served as BOT member and as Vice President. I have taken a key role in organizing the last 8 annual conferences.

I was part of the team that prepared the Bid document for the IPC and I have been coordinating with the HVICB and HICC . At present I am actively involved in the organizing of IPC-2021 at Hyderabad and looking forward for the success of this event and eventually a strong and energetic Association of ours.