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I am an Associate Professor of Population Studies in the Centre for Population Studies, Annamalai University, Tamilnadu. I have B.Sc degree in **Physics** and MA and PhD degrees in **Population Studies** and have also completed my **MBA** Degree in Annamalai University. I have actively involved in demographic teaching and research for the past 20 years including guidance of M.Phil and PhD Scholars in this Centre. I am a life member of (IASP) this prestigious Association for the 20 years.

My researches focus mainly on the Demography of Tribal population including their general and Reproductive Health. Aging of Population and its implications is also my area of interest. I have published more than 30 scientific research articles in various national and international journals. Many of my popular articles relating to various population issues have been published in the Tamil Dailies.

I am serving as member of the Editorial Board and Review committee of various national and international social science journals including International Journal of Business and Rural Development Studies, Indian Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences and World Population & Health. I have involved in developing curricula for Post Graduate Programmes in Population and Development and Health Social Science in this Centre.

I am also serving as a member in the Board of Studies, Departmental Research Committees Doctoral Committees and PhD Evaluation committees in various Universities of Tamilnadu and other states of India. I am a member in various Professional Associations including APA, IASSH, AGI, and IUSSP. I was conferred the Award of **Teaching and Research Excellence** by the GRABS Educational Charitable Trust, Chennai as a recognition to my contributions.

I have also worked as a **Research Officer** in the **Population Simulation Project (Phase-II)** with renowned senior Demographer Professor **Dr.P.C Saxena** and **Dr.Ravi Verma**, the then Professor at IIPS, Mumbai and presently Regional Director for the International Center for Research on Women's (ICRW) Asia Regional Office in New Delhi, India. I had been attending most of National conferences of IASP and have successfully hosted two annual conference of IASP at our University during 1994 and 2004. I have contested in the IASP Elections-2016 for the post of Executive Committee member and lost his election in a narrow margin.

At present, I am contesting for the post of **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER** in the IASP Elections-2019 and seeking your wholehearted support and request all the members of the prestigious Association to cast their vote in favour of me.

If elected, I am planning to work with the team of office bearers of IASP for networking and collaboration with the international organization in the field of Demography, Public health, population policy, advocacy and socio economic development. I would like to work and expand the opportunities for early career demographers, population scientist and researchers by mobilizing resources for meetings, scholarships, training courses, etc - in middle, and low income countries and also encourage them to join the IASP.

Thank you with regards.