

# CANDIDACY STATEMENT FOR IASP ELECTION18-19

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I am currently working as Professor and Head, Department of Demography and Director, Population Research Centre (PRC), University of Kerala. I have Ph.D. in Demography (1994), Masters degree in Demography (1982) and Bachelors degree in Mathematics from University of Kerala. Under my guidance 22 students were awarded Ph.D. and three have submitted their thesis for the award of Doctoral Degree and 7 more students are currently doing research under my supervision. During the last twenty eight years of my career, published 52 research papers in various national/international journals and edited volumes, presented more than 60 papers in various seminars/conferences, and authored four books. I also have received Dr. Srinivasan award for outstanding research paper published in Demography India twice (Vol. 38, 2010 and Vol 42, 2013). I took initiative in starting the new courses M.Sc. and M.Phil. Programmes in Actuarial Science in the Department of Demography, University of Kerala. Workstation for Research on Micro-Data from Census was established in the Department of Demography under my initiative by signing MoU with Registrar General and Census commissioner of India.

I have been member of various academic and administrative bodies of the University. I currently serve as Chairman of the Board studies in Demography of the Kerala University and member of the Board of Studies in other Universities. I am also working as member of the Academic Council of University of Kerala. I was member of the Senate (2010-2014) and Syndicate (2011-2014), the supreme administrative bodies of University of Kerala. As a syndicate member, I was the Convener of the Research and Academics committee thus contributing to matters of research and academic activities at the University level. The Department of Demography publishes the International Journal "Janasamkhya", and currently I am serving as the editor. 'Dr. Ramakumar Memorial Centre for Population Ageing and Health' was established in the University of Kerala in 2017 and I am the Honorary Director of the Centre from its inception. As part of research activities, I have been working as Project Coordinator of various externally funded projects in the Population Research Centre and the Department of Demography. Further I have organized more than 20 National & International Seminars/Conferences / Workshops.

I was elected as the Executive Committee Member and Joint Secretary of Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) during the period 2010-12 and presently serving as the General Secretary of IASP (2016-18). As the Executive Committee Member and General Secretary of the Association I tried my level best to strengthen the activities of the IASP and take steps to promote scientific study of Population in general and India's Population problems in particular. I had organized the Southern Regional conference of IASP in 2010 and the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of IASP in 2014, at the Dept. of Demography& PRC, University of Kerala, Trivandrum.

If elected, I shall make efforts for the collaboration of IASP with International Organizations for better academic activities. I would like to take measures for more opportunities for the study and training of population sciences and career opportunities for young scholars.