

CANDIDACY STATEMENT FOR IASP ELECTION 2019

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I have completed my PhD in Population Studies from International Institute for Population Sciences, and I have been working for research and consulting agencies and organization that provide technical support to Govt. and national and international donor and implementing agencies on health and social sector programs. I had started my career from Centre for Operations Research & Training (Baroda) and worked on several surveys. Then I moved to IIMR (Jaipur) in 1997 and worked in academics as well as research. There I got opportunity to work in large scale national level surveys like NFHS/DLHS and other evaluation studies on RCH and related programmatic components. I was actively involved in teaching to MBA students and MDPs trainings also. Then I moved to Delhi in 2005 and worked in Consultancy Firm on healthcare sector and thereafter I had moved to Bhopal in 2008 to work for technical assistance program and provided support to GoMP on program implementation on HNWASH and healthcare systems strengthening under DFID TAST. During my tenure I was key member to support WCD Department in M.P. to convert manual MIS into online MIS, which has received prestigious CSI-Nihilent National Award for innovative MIS. I also had opportunity to work in the area of primary healthcare services for past three years where I led the team of research, monitoring and evaluation to improve primary healthcare services in remote and underserved areas as well as in urban cities thru smart health clinics using innovative health technologies.

I am actively involved in training, research and consultancy. I am also a life member of Indian Gerontology Association.

I have published 10 papers, authored policy documents/reports, etc. Also conducted training and capacity building programs on data quality improvement, use of MIS data for planning and monitoring programs and research methodology to improve capacity of young researchers and mid-level managers, NGO staff and to strengthen the data management systems both in public and private sector to contribute towards national development.

I joined IASP in 2016-17 as life member. I had been attending regularly National conferences of IASP and have been providing support as abstract reviewer, Co-chair in technical sessions of IASP conferences as well as presenting papers and organizing panel discussions on new topics of interest in IASP conference. During past 2 years, I have consistently worked towards promoting the activities of IASP.

If elected, I plan to work for networking and collaboration with the national and 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 conference/meetings, scholarships, training courses, etc. and also encourage them to join the IASP.