



CANDIDACY STATEMENT FOR IASP ELECTION 2018-2019

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I am a PhD in Population Studies from Department of Population Studies, Annamalai University; Diploma in Population Studies from International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai; M.Sc. (Statistics) with 30+ years of experiences in Social sector Research, Monitoring & Evaluation and Project Management with the international and national development organisations and reputed research agencies. My areas of interest are: HIV/AIDS, Sexual and Reproductive Health, Nutrition, Gender, Disease surveillance, Health Management Information System, Maternal and Child Health, Family Planning, Child Rights, Child Protection and Child participation, Education, Livelihood issues, Social Audit, e-governance, Corporate Social Responsibility, and Monitoring & Evaluation of development programmes. I authored several research reports and published research papers in peer reviewed journals and also presented papers in several National and International conferences.

I joined IASP in 1986. I was BOT member for two terms and also Executive Committee member during 2016-2018. As EC member, I was responsible for coordinating IASP activities in Eastern and North Eastern States. I actively participated in almost all IASP Annual Conferences and GB/BOT/EC meetings in the recent past. During my tenure as EC member and Coordinator for Eastern and NE States, World Population Days were successfully observed once in collaboration with Institute for Development Studies (IDS), Kolkata and twice in collaboration with Population Research Centre, Patna University. During my tenure, on the occasion of 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. P C Mahalanobis, for the first time in this region, a Regional conference on “Population and Development in Eastern and North Eastern Regions in India” was conducted in collaboration with Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata on September 14-15, 2017. Nearly 50 research papers and posters on Demographic and Development issues in Eastern and North Eastern region were presented in the conference. Several academicians, researchers, development professionals, research scholars and students from Eastern and North Eastern States participated in this conference.

But still I am left to do a lot. If elected, I plan to focus again in the IASP activities in Eastern and North Eastern States by networking and collaborating with the international and national level development organisations, Universities and Institutes working in Demography, Public Health, Population Policy and Advocacy and socio-economic development issues. I wish to strengthen IASP activities with membership drive from Eastern and NE regions, by involving more young researchers working in demographic/population studies sector, by organizing regional conferences/ training workshops in collaboration with the institutes and universities in Eastern and North Eastern regions. I wish to do advocacy for including Population Studies courses in the universities/institutes in the regions. I would like to work and expand the opportunities for early career demographers, population scientists and researchers by mobilizing resources for meetings, scholarships, training courses, etc. in the region. My best efforts will be to focus more on demographic and socio-economic development issues in the North Eastern States by involving the researchers, academicians, development professionals and policy makers from those States in IASP activities.