



INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF POPULATION



Newsletter, August 2016

Dear members of IASP

Greetings from the new BOT and Executive council of IASP. This newsletter gives an update on the recent activities, some decisions taken in the last EC meeting as well as future activities of IASP.

IASP ELECTIONS 2016

In the recently held elections of IASP, the following candidates have been elected as President, Executive Committee and BOT members of IASP.

President

1. Dr. U. V. Somayajulu

Executive Committee Members

1. Dr. Jeetendra Yadav
2. Dr. Manoj Alagarajan
3. Dr. P. Mohanachandran Nair
4. Prof. V. K. Ravindra Kumar
5. Dr. D. P. Singh
6. Dr. Suresh Sharma
7. Prof. H. Lhungdim
8. Dr. K. V. R. Subrahmanyam
9. Dr. Ashwini Kumar Nanda
10. Dr. Jayanta Kumar Basu

Board of Trustees

1. Dr. A. G. Khan
2. Dr. A. K. Ravishankar

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 2016-18

The first meeting of the new Executive Committee (EC) of IASP held at IIPS, Mumbai on July 4, 2016, elected the following members as the Office Bearers of the Association for the term 2016-18.

1. Dr U V Somayajulu	President
2. Dr K V R Subrahmanyam	Vice President
3. Prof V K Ravindra Kumar	Vice President
4. Prof P Mohanachandran Nair	General Secretary
5. Dr Suresh Sharma	Treasurer
6. Prof A K Nanda	Joint Secretary
7. Dr Jitendra Yadav	Joint Secretary
8. Dr J K Basu	Member
9. Prof D P Singh	Member
10. Dr Manoj Alagarajan	Member
11. Prof H Lhungdim	Member
12. Dr Ravi Verma	Coopted Member
13. Prof KK Singh	Ex Officio member
14. Prof F Ram	Ex Officio Member

REGIONAL CHAPTERS

It was decided in the last EC meeting that regional chapters would be activated so that various activities such as seminars, symposiums, workshops etc can be organised at regional level/state level. Dr JK Basu, Dr AG Khan and Dr H Lhungdim would be the coordinator for east and north east, south and west respectively. The regional coordinators would plan for the activities and communicate to the members of the region regarding the same.

WORLD POPULATION DAY EVENTS IN VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN COLLABORATION WITH IASP

IASP, Department of Demography and Population Research Centre, University of Kerala

Dr Gopakumar made the inaugural speech on the occasion of the World Population Day observance at the Department of Demography, University of Kerala, Kariavattom on 11th July 2016. Dr. Gopakumar said that India has an advantage of demographic dividend only in quantity due to its large chunk of younger people, but they lack proper nutrition, education, health and career opportunities and if this continues, India will have a demographic disaster. He also emphasized the need for population control and took reference of Aristotle to suggest that a state should be small enough for governance and big enough to be sustainable. He elaborated on the advantage Kerala had historically on development. By AD 1900, Princely state of Travancore had a literacy rate of about 50%, whereas the corresponding figure for India was only 8%.

At the time of independence, while India had a literacy rate of 17%, Kerala had 75% literacy. But he said that Kerala has been experiencing strong reverses in the well acclaimed 'Kerala Model of Development'. He said that a vibrant population is the need of the hour who receives proper health, education and housing. Population ageing, which is a problem of the developed countries currently, will be one of the most challenging issues for India and other developing countries in the coming years.

The function was presided over by Dr. P Mohanachandran Nair, Professor and Head, Department of Demography and General Secretary of IASP, Mr. C. R. K Nair, Additional Director General (Rtd), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, Dr. Radhamany P. M and Dr. Rajeshkumar, members of the Syndicate and Smt. Bindhu, Councillor, Corporation of Thiruvananthapuram spoke on the occasion. Awards were presented to meritorious students in the function.



IASP and Population Research Centre, Economics Dept, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam

PRC, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam observed World Population Day in collaboration with IASP and Lions Club, Visakhapatnam and a function was held in the Department of Economics, Andhra University. The I/c Vice-Chancellor of Andhra University Prof. E. A.Narayana was the Chief Guest. Prof. R. Ramakrishna, Honorary Director, Population Research Centre, Andhra University presided the function.



Delivering the key note address, the Vice-Chancellor called the youth to actively participate in the population related activities and to be aware of the consequences of population growth. He lamented that the limited resources and the unlimited growth of population severely affect the quality of life of the people. He explained population in India has grown enormously during the last few decades in comparison to a very slow growth during first half of the 20th century. He called upon the departments of Andhra University, Research Organizations and Research Associations to deliberate on the burning issues of population growth and come out with solutions to these issues. The Vice-Chancellor felt that the idea of demographic dividend can only be achieved if investments are made in improving the health and education sectors. Prof.V.Uma Maheswara Rao, Registrar, Andhra University, Dr.K.V.R.Subrahmanyam, Vice-President, IASP, Ln.P.V.Siddhardha, President, Lions Club, Visakhapatnam and Prof.M.Prasada Rao, Member A.U. Executive Council also addressed the gathering. Dr.M.Sudhakar Babu, Population Research Centre, A.U. welcomed the Guests. Ln.Surya Rao and Dr.Ch.Suribabu proposed formal Vote of Thanks.

IASP and Department of Population Studies, S V University, Tirupati

IASP and Dept. of Population Studies, S V University, organised the "World Population Day"- 2016 with participation of Teaching and Non-teaching staff and students of the university. The officials of District Medical and Health Office also participated in the programme. Prof. Bhaskar, Rector of University inaugurated the programme and gave the presidential address, Prof. Ramachandran and Prof. MSR Murthy, retired teachers of the department participated as guests and spoke on the origin and worldwide attention of governments of the day of July 11th to take principle policy matters regulated to population issues in different countries. Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Vice President of IASP added that high growth rate of population in India is not a major problem now, except eight states where special programmes are being implemented. He opined that the burning issues in India are decline in Child Sex ratio, Youth unemployment, feminisation of senior old population and increase in Life-Style diseases. The dept. of organised elocution competitions in six Degree Colleges on the theme of 2016 World Population Day and prizes were distributed the winners college wise by the Rector and Principal.



IASP and Population Research Centre, Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), New Delhi

The Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), Delhi in collaboration with the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) celebrated the World Population day n with a seminar on the theme 'Investing in Teenage Girls' which was chaired by Dr. Manoj Panda, Director, IEG and special talks were delivered by eminent demographers like Shri A.R. Nanda, Former Health Secretary, MoHFW and Life time BOT member of IASP, Dr. Sanjay Kumar, National Programme Officer, UNFPA and Dr. U.V. Somayajulu, President, IASP. Dr Somayajulu mentioned about genesis of IASP and the agenda for the coming months besides the population related challenges. Shri A.R. Nanda spoke about Sustainable Development Goals.



He lauded the efforts of the SDG Team for coming up with targets that were all-inclusive and recognized the issues of the population and called it a 'paradigm shift' towards a better future. The seminar ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. Suresh Sharma, Head, Population Research Centre, IEG and Treasurer of IASP.

IASP-Institute of Development Studies (IDS) Kolkata

On Monday July 11, 2016, IASP and IDS Kolkata jointly observed World Population Day 2016 at IDS Campus in Kolkata. Dr. Jayanta Kumar Basu, Coordinator of Eastern and NE region of IASP and Prof. Saswata Ghosh, Senior Faculty from IDS-Kolkata organised the programme and it was attended by the Faculty and Research Scholars of IDS-Kolkata. Dr. Basu made a presentation on "Importance of World Population Day and role of IASP". He also explained the visions and objectives of IASP and how it could be strengthened in the Eastern and North-Eastern part of the Country. Prof. Ghosh talked about the role of IDS-Kolkata in Demographic research and how it can collaborate with IASP to strengthen the association in West Bengal and neighbouring States. IDS-Kolkata also requested IASP to pursue with the Universities in the State to include courses on Population Studies.



ANNOUNCEMENT 1 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF IASP

The 37th annual conference of IASP on Population and Sustainable Development will be held at Population Research Centre, Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), New Delhi during Dec 7-9, 2016.

Sub Themes:

1 Population and Sustainable Development Initiatives

- 1.1 Inter linkages between Population dynamics and Sustainable Development
- 1.2 Status of MDGs and way forward for SDGs
- 1.3 Policies and Programmes towards achieving SDGs

2 Census and SRS data Analysis

- 2.1 Demographic dividend: Evidence from the Indian States
- 2.2 Population Projections for India and states
- 2.3 Indirect estimates of fertility and mortality based on Census and SRS data for different states & districts
- 2.4 Access to basic amenities including water and sanitation

3 Aging and Burden of Disease

- 3.1 Ageing and consequences
- 3.2 Feminisation of Aging population
- 3.3 Emerging Patterns of Morbidity in India
- 3.4 NCDs and health care delivery system

4 Reproductive and Child Health, Nutrition and NHM

- 4.1 Fertility and recent FP trends
- 4.2 Reproductive Health issues
- 4.3 Adolescent reproductive health
- 4.4 Infant and child mortality
- 4.5 Gender issues and differentials
- 4.6 HMIS as a dependable source for health and demographic data

5 Migration and Urbanisation

- 5.1 Migration – trends, patterns
- 5.2 Urbanisation, urban poverty, urban health and issues
- 5.3 Urban development initiatives- SMART cities,

6 Statistical Approaches. Models and Innovations

- 6.1 Recent analytical approaches
- 6.2 Mathematical models for study of population dynamics
- 6.3 Challenges and Innovative approaches for Large Scale Surveys

The members interested to present a paper at the conference are requested to submit short abstract of 300 words and an extended abstract of 2 pages with objectives, methodology, data sources, salient findings, conclusions and implications on line at the IASP website before September 10, 2016. Intimation regarding acceptance would be sent by September 20, 2016. The full paper needs to be submitted by November 15, 2016.

Due to financial constraints, the members are requested to explore funding opportunities within their organisation/institution to manage the travel to Delhi for the conference.

ANNOUNCEMENT 2 PROF CHANDRASEKHARAN AWARD

Papers on the conference theme /sub themes are invited from young scholars (below 30 years of age) for Dr. Chandrasekharan award. Authors of the papers selected by the Screening Committee would be invited for presentation during the Annual Conference. The eligible members are requested to send the abstract by Sept 10, 2016 (through email as word document along with age proof) and full paper by October 5, 2016 to the IASP Secretariat (iasp.india@gmail.com). The author of the selected paper would be intimated by October 10, 2016. The first and the second best papers will be presented with Dr. Chandrasekharan Award during the annual conference. The young scholars whose papers are selected will be reimbursed up to maximum AC-3 Tier train fare for their travel if requested in advance. Please note that the paper should not be of joint authorship

ANNOUNCEMENT 3 PROF PATHAK AWARD

The annual award in memory of Prof K B Pathak would be presented in the annual conference of IASP to the author of the best paper in the field of Population and Health with significant contribution in terms of methodological innovation. The papers must have been published in any refereed journal on Population/Demography and Health in the past two years. The author must be below 40 years of age. The papers along with age proof must be sent to the IASP Secretariat (Sigma Research and Consulting, C23, South Extension I, New Delhi – 110 049) before September 15, 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENT 4 PROF K SRINIVASAN AWARD

Two of the best papers published in Demography India in issues of 2013 and 2014, one on Demographic techniques and the other on substantive Demography, will be selected for Dr Srinivasan Award. The selection of the best papers will be made by the Editorial Committee of the Journal and communicated by the Chief Editor during the next conference.

ANNOUNCEMENT 5 ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

In the recent EC meeting, it was resolved to modify the conditions for becoming life member of the association. As per the new conditions, those who are annual members of IASP for 2 years or those who have five years of working experience in the population studies or allied fields after Post Graduation degree would be eligible for life membership.

ANNOUNCEMENT 6 COMMUNICATION TO MEMBERS

The EC decided to send e newsletter with updates to the members at regular intervals so as to improve the communication to members. Efforts would also be made to make IASP website more interactive and provide user name and pass word to the members in the due course.

The members are also requested to send all the communication to iasp.india@gmail.com

Updated version of the IASP members' mailing list is posted on the IASP website. The members are requested to check their mailing address and communicate to the Secretariat (iasp.india@gmail.com) about any changes that need to be made.

ANNOUNCEMENT 7 DEMOGRAPHY INDIA

The EC members discussed in the last EC meeting about Demography India and resolved to appoint Prof K K Singh as the Chief Editor of Demography India with immediate effect. Efforts are being made to make Demography India available on line. Volume 43 Issues No 1 and 2 is ready for dispatch to the members. All correspondence relating to Demography India should be sent to Prof KK Singh, Chief Editor, Dept of Statistics, BHU, Varanasi, UP.

ANNOUNCEMENT 8 ELECTORAL REFORMS AND ONLINE ELECTION PROCESS

In the last EC meeting, Dr U V Somayajulu, President briefed the members about recommendations of the Electoral Reforms Committee headed by Prof PM Kulkarni that were approved by the EC and GB in the earlier meetings. As the earlier GB meetings were not having the required Quorum, it is resolved in the EC meeting to send communication to all the members of IASP regarding e - voting and limiting the number of terms for the EC members to two at a stretch in accordance with the recommendations. We seek consent of all the members for implementing these for the next elections to be held in 2018. Thus the next election would use e- voting method instead of postal ballot after information is sent to all the members. Your e mail ids and mobile No are needed for initiating the process and the members are requested to send these details by September 15, 2016 to iasp.india@gmail.com.

NAME : _____ LM/AM No : _____

E mail id (1) _____ (2) _____

Mobile No : _____

Look forward to your active participation in the activities of IASP.

The executive committee and board of trustees