



## **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP)**

**International Conference on Population, Nutrition and Development  
12-14 December 2019**

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Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala-695581

Dear Conference Participant,

We are very happy to host the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP). The Organizing Committee of IASP Conference warmly welcomes you to Thiruvananthapuram.

Please note the following points while you prepare for your travel to Thiruvananthapuram.

### **Venue of the Conference**

The venue of the conference is Golden Jubilee Hall, University Campus at Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram, which is about 15 kilometres away from the Central Railway Station and about 12 kms from the Airport.

### **Accommodation for Participants**

Accommodation for most of the EC and BOT members is arranged at the University Guest House, Kariavattom Campus. Accommodation for all the other participants is arranged at Maria Rani Convention Centre, Trivandrum. The address is

**Maria Rani Centre, Pallotti Lane  
Gandhipuram, Sreekariyam P.O.  
Thiruvananthapuram- 695 017  
Kerala, India Tel: 91-471-2592018**

### **How to reach the Accommodation?**

BY AIR – The nearest airport is Trivandrum / Thiruvananthapuram International Airport (12 km away from the Centre) and has a domestic and an international terminal. It is approximately a 25-minute ride to the Centre. On arrival, on leaving the airport, you can arrange for a prepaid taxi (with fixed rates) to the Centre.

The local organizing committee has arranged pick up of participants who travel by air from the airport on a pooling basis. All participants who reach the airport will be picked up every two hours on 11<sup>th</sup> December and 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**BY RAIL** – The nearest main railway station is Trivandrum (Thiruvananthapuram) Central Railway Station. The station is about 12 km away from Maria Rani Centre and takes almost half an hour to reach by car or auto. There is a prepaid auto rickshaw stand in front of the station's Main Entrance where you can arrange for a rickshaw at a fixed rate. It will be around Rs 250/- one way.

For trains that stop in Kochuveli Railway Station/Trivandrum, you are already close to Sreekariyam and can take a rickshaw to the centre.

Please note that we are constrained to provide pick up from the railway station during the day. Our volunteers will be there at the station and they will guide you to your accommodation. Participants who reach late (After 9 PM and before 5AM) at the railway station will be picked up.

**BY ROAD** – Central Bus Station (CBS), also called Thampanoor Bus Station, is located opposite the Trivandrum Central Railway station (see above). It serves buses traveling on all routes in Kerala and other inter-state destinations.

*To reach Maria Rani by car/auto, you need to travel to Sreekariyam located in the National Highway 47. You need to cross Sreekariyam and travel half a kilometre and reach Chaavadimukku. Immediately after Chaavadimukku, there is a byroad towards right (Gandhipuram Road). Travel for about 700 metres, there will be a left turn and you will see a board of Maria Rani Centre there. Take that road to reach the Center. Road signs pointing towards Mariarani Centre will guide you to the center.*

Our volunteers will be there at Maria Rani Centre to help you for room allocation and also for any other assistance.

### **Weather in Thiruvananthapuram**

The weather in Thiruvananthapuram will be pleasant during the conference with temperatures within the range 31<sup>o</sup>-22<sup>o</sup>. Though this is not rainy season, occasional rains may be expected. Evenings and early mornings will be cooler.

### **Commencement of the Conference**

1. Please note that the conference will commence on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 8:00 AM  
with Registration of Participants

2. At 9:30 AM we will have the George Simmons Memorial Lecture delivered by Professor Siva Halli and chaired by Dr U V Somayajulu, President IASP. All participants are requested to be present at the Golden Jubilee Hall by 9:30 AM for the Lecture
3. The inaugural session of the conference will be at 11:00 AM
4. On 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019, dinner will be arranged for participants who reach Maria Rani Centre before 9PM. Those who come late will have to manage dinner by themselves.

### **Need Help?**

In case you have any query or have difficulty in local travel or accommodation, please call the following people, who will be more than happy to help you.

#### Query related to local travel:

Arun Kumar VS: 94 96 18 13 01 OR 89 21 15 01 44

#### Any other query:

Dr. Anil Chandran S, Organizing Committee Convenor, Mobile: 94 46 09 39 78

Ms. Preethi K, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Demography Mobile: 94 96 46 87 47

Dr. Asha T Chacko, Scientific Officer, Dept. of Demography Mobile: 94 95 54 95 98

### **Map showing route to Maria Rani Centre from Sreekariam Junction**

