

Dear Fellow Members

The activities of the Indian Association for the Study of Population conducted or being conducted during 2014-15 are as follows:

XXXVI Annual Conference of Indian Association for the study of Population (IASP)

The XXXVI Annual Conference of Indian Association for the study of Population (IASP) was held Department of Demography and Population Research Centre, Kerala University, Thiruvananthpuram during Nov 07-09, 2014. More than 200 delegates representing various universities, research institutions, population research centres, government departments, NGOs and International donor agencies from length and breadth of India have actively participated and attended the conference. The thematic areas for the conference were as follows-

1. Fertility and Family Planning
2. Ageing and its consequences
- 3a. Ageing and Health Needs
- 3b. Mortality and health
4. Gender and Reproductive Health
- 5a. Migration and Development
- 5b. International Migration, Remittances and Its Role in Development
6. Population and sustainable development
7. National Food Security Bill and MDGs
8. Health Management Information System: Content, Quality and Utilization
9. Demographic dividend: Evidence from the Indian States
10. Population Projections
11. Demographic Data and Analysis
12. Marriage and family
13. Transitions from adolescence to young adulthood: health and development perspectives
14. Burden of Disease and Premature Mortality
15. Emerging Concerns in Low Fertility Population in India
16. Population policy and Programmes with reference to NRHM, NUM and NHM

The Inaugural session was held 7th November, 2014 in the Convocation Hall of University of Kerala, Thiruvananthpuram. Padma Vibhushan Dr. G. Madhavan Nair, former Chairman ISRO graced the occasion as Chief Guest and made contextual remarks on "large proportion of youth population in the country and to capitalize on this". He suggested that despite consistent economic development, country continue to have sizeable proportion of population below poverty line and singled out reason being non-participation of masses in economic activities due to the lack of skills. He identified corruption as a by-product of improper teaching at early ages and stressed upon the need to inculcate social values to the children. Finally he concluded "bold and brave steps needed to empower the youth of India to solve the problems of India". Prof F. Ram Chaired the sessions and delivered presidential address. He highlighted urgent need for importance of sanitation and linked it to national drive of "Swachhha Bharat Abhiyan". He also highlighted the linkages between hygiene to the public health outcomes such morbidity and mortality and called for the need for data gathering on this count so in future we are able to measure the impact of this initiative. Prof. K.K. Singh, General Secretary of IASP welcomed the guest and delegates on the behalf of IASP and spoke

about the objectives and activities of the association. Keynote address was delivered by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Kerala University Prof P.K. Radhakrishnan. He made very pertinent points with respect to population, health and development. The book of abstract was released by the chief guest and other dignitaries. Two edited volumes were released in this session "Population Dynamics and Health Issues of Children in India" by Prof Mohanachandra Nair et.al. and "NRHM- Unfinished Agenda" by Dr Suresh Sharma and Dr William Joe. Prof Mohanachandra Nair, Head Department of Demography and Director, Population Research Centre University of Kerala, Thiruvananthpur, the organizing secretary of the conference welcomed the delegates while Prof. S.K. Singh, Treasurer, IASP proposed the vote of thanks.

Continuing with its tradition of felicitation to senior demographers, Felicitation to three senior demographers- namely Dr M Vijayanunni, Prof D. Radha Devi and Prof K. Krishnakumari.

As an attempt to promote demographic research IASP awards two papers respectively as Prof K Srinivasan and Prof KB Pathak Awards. Prof Srinivasan award was given to Dr. Sandip Anand and Prof. R. K. Sinha for Substantive paper published in Demography India. No paper was found appropriate for Prof. K.B. Award. The awards were announced by Prof. K.K. Singh, General Secretary of the Association.

Dr. George Simmons memorial oration in the memory of Prof George Simons was organized as a part of the Conference. This memorial oration was delivered by eminent statistician and demographer Dr. M. Vijayanunni on "Conandrum to Conurbation: Kerala's Unique Urbanization Journey" where an exclusive presentation of the process of urbanization in Kerala was illustrated. While highlighting unique features of Urbanization in Kerala he mentioned that rural to urban migration was not so massive due to seldom availability of resources peculiar to other urban areas and concentration of industries. Prof DC Nath, Sr Vice President of IASP chaired the session.

Plenary sessions

Two plenary sessions were organized at the conference -

First Plenary session

First Plenary session was chaired by Prof. F. Ram, President IASP and Director and Sr Professor IIPS. In this session Prof James presented on the theme "Effective monitoring of maternal and child health. He proposed that infrequent surveys makes it difficult to monitor these programmes and suggested that HMIS, which is improving on counts of quality, to be handy in this monitoring. He cited tools and techniques of numerator analysis and reinforced need for data triangulation. Second paper was presented by Prof Shiva Halli. He presented on "Pregnancy outcome-wastage among the HIV infected women" and made useful empirical observations. Prof RC Yadav made excellent comparison between parity progression ration (PPR) and instantaneous parity progression ratio (IPPR) along with their applications in different settings.

Second Plenary session

Prof K Srinivasan, Ex Director IIPS and Eminent Demographer and Prof Shiva Halli of Manitova University, Canada chaired the session. Three presentations were made in this session. Prof S. Irudaya Rajan presented on Kerala Migrants' Health and clearly made case of international migrants who end-up with poor health. He termed quality of these migration streams as low as it may be termed as "modern slavery". Prof V. Raman Kutty made a presentation on Health Implications of low

fertility. While making a statement that low fertility is an inevitable accomplishment of development and throw a big challenge on the health implications. He suggested policy changes in this direction. Dr. N. Sreedhar, Additional Director, Family Welfare, Govt of Kerala presented NRHM Impact and Services in Kerala. He reiterated importance of NRHM and cited enhancement in the service delivery by the way of provisions of NRHM.

Third Plenary session

Prof RC Yadav chaired the session. This session was on the dissemination of DLHS-4 results in the five Southern States of India. There were six thematic presentations by senior faculty members of IIPS, Mumbai. Shri CRK Nair, ADG, Dept of Family Welfare, GoI gave his remarks on the findings of DLHS-4. Prof B. Paswan made a presentation on the content coverage and design of DLHS-4. Dr Manoj Alagrajan presented the results on Maternal Health Care. Prof TV Sekher made a presentation on the child health care indicators. The results on family planning and fertility were presented by Prof Chander Shekhar. Prof SK Singh presented the results on Nutrition and Health. Prof H Lhungdium presented the results on morbidity and treatment seeking behaviour. In his remarks Shri Nair while complementing IIPS for the presentations cautioned on some data quality issues.

Technical Sessions

Numerous technical sessions were organized at two parallel locations. In total there were 14 technical sessions where 70 oral presentations were made. Also three poster sessions were organized where 89 posters highlighting various issues were displayed.

Awards

On the last day of the conference, Dr. C, Chandrasekharan memorial award presentation was organized in the IASP Conference. Five young demographers presented the papers for Chandrasekharan Award. Judges for this session were Prof RC Yadav, Professor, BHU, Prof. Pradeep Mishra, Additional Director, PRC, Dept of Economics, University of Lucknow and Dr Anil Chandran, Department of Demography, University of Kerala. Two papers "Nutritional Deficiency in Rural Household: A Study of Household Food Security in Benkura District, West Bengal by Mr. Sanjit Sarkar and A Bayesian Exploration for Mean Recurrence of Conception by Mr. Kushagra Gupta were jointly selected for the Dr. C Chandrasekharan award.

Three best posters were given Dr. S.N. Singh award. The winners of the best posters were: Mr. Radhey Shyam Mishra (Health Inequality among the Elderly in Rural India), Ms. Anjali Pandey (Contraceptive Use before the First Birth: Determinants and Differentials) and Ms. Shalini Meshram (Factors affecting Inter-Caste Marriage in India)

Valedictory Function

The valedictory session of the conference was held on November 09, 2014. The participants expressed their satisfaction with the way the conference was organized and appreciated the efforts of the organizing committee and the IASP. Dr. Rajesh Kumar Chauhan, Joint secretary presented the rapporteur general's report. Prof. K.K. Singh, General Secretary of IASP thanked UNFPA, UNICEF, ICMR, ICSSR and Department of Demography and Population Research Centre, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram for their generous financial support on the behalf of IASP. He also thanked Department of Demography and Population Research Centre, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Department of Statistics, Banaras Hindu University and IIPS for their active

support in the activities of IASP in general and the conference in particular. Prof Mohanachandra Nair, local organizing secretary thanked IASP and its members for making the conference a success.

EC Meeting on November 06, 2014 at Thiruvananthpuram

The Meeting of the Executive Committee held at Department of Demography and Population Research Centre, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthpuram on November 06, 2014. The following members were present in the meeting.

Prof. F. Ram	President
Prof. D C Nath	Vice President
Dr. Suresh Sharma	Vice President
Prof. K. K Singh	General Secretary
Prof. S. K Singh	Treasurer
Dr. P. Mohanachandran Nair	Joint Secretary
Prof. B. Paswan	Member
Prof. T. V. Sekher	Member
Dr. Rajesh Kr. Chauhan	Member
Dr. U. V. Somayajulu	Ex Officio Member

At the outset Prof. F. Ram welcome EC members and presided over the EC meeting. EC condoled the sad demise of four life members- Prof Ashish Bose, Prof GK Chadha, Prof Devesh Chakravarty and Prof. KE Vaidyanathan and observed two minute silence as a mark of respect for the departed souls.

Following were resolved in the EC and GB meeting -

1. Looking at a sizeable expenditure on conduct of two-yearly elections for President and EC members it came for discussion that long pending recommendation of election reform committee i.e. e-voting, is to be implemented. In preparation of e-voting it was decided that the news letter has to be sent by post requesting all the members to provide/update their functional email address if it is different to that already in record of IASP.
2. It was decided that now efforts should be made seriously on publishing the Demography India Journal online, which will definitely cut down the cost and it will be easily accessible to the members of IASP. In this respect it is decided to request again to UNFPA to provide funds for Demography India to set-up the website for it.

Note: All the members are requested to update their surface mail address as well as email address by informing us on the following email address. Following will the rule for e-voting this year.

As decided in the EC and GB of IASP, it has initiated the process of election of President, EC Members and Members of Board of Trustees for 2015-17. Accordingly, IASP requested all the members, through the website of the association, to update their address and email id by sending a mail to iaspelection2015@gmail.com. IASP have received email from several members and accordingly updated their address as well as mail id. Since IASP is conducting the election online, it require your mail id with an account in **GMAIL** so that it can be sent to the Returning Officer, Dr. A. K. Singh, Deputy Registrar General of India. Therefore, you are requested to send your mail id with an account in **GMAIL** by **September 15, 2015** in the mail id **iaspelection2015@gmail.com** It will facilitate us in consolidating the mail Ids of all the members and communicating to the Returning Officer so that he may send you online ballot paper for voting. Those failing to send their mail ID with an account in **GMAIL** by **September 15, 2015** may miss the opportunity to vote in this election.

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