

IASP INDIAN ASSOCIATION
FOR THE STUDY OF POPULATION
Minutes of BoT IASP Meeting

Date: 18 February, 2026 **Time:** 01:00 PM to 03.00 PM **Venue:** IEG, New Delhi (Hybrid)

The meeting of Board of Trustee (BoT) of the IASP.

Participants: Following attended the BoT members convened for the meeting.

Sr. No.	Name of the EC Members	Designation
1.	Dr. Sudesh Nangia	Member BoT (Chairperson)
2.	Dr. S C Gulati	Member BoT
3.	Prof. F.Ram	Member BoT*
4.	Dr. Suresh Sharma	President, IASP
5.	Dr. Jeetendra Yadav	Secretary BOT & Treasurer IASP **
6.	Dr. Rahul Kumar	Elected Member, BoT (Treasurer)
7.	Dr. Priyanka Yadav	Elected Member, BoT

* Could not attend due to personal reasons

** Attended online

Agenda: The agenda for the meeting was as follows.

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the last BoT Meeting
3. Brief Presentation of IASP Activities
4. Discussion on the General Body (GM) minutes and key points
5. Status of the financial position of IASP
6. Status of the IASP office and accounts at IEG
7. Permanency of the IASP office
8. Amendment of the Memorandum of Association
9. Any other item with the permission of the chair

Minutes of the Meeting: Below are agenda-wise broad minutes of the meeting.

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Prof. Suresh Sharma, President of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP), extended a warm welcome to all members of the Board of Trustees (BoT) and invited Prof. Sudesh Nangia to formally open the meeting. Prof. Nangia thereafter presided over the proceedings. The following agenda items were discussed.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous BoT Meeting

Prof. Suresh Sharma presented the minutes of the previous BoT meeting held on 6th September 12:30 P.M. at IEG. Prof. Sudesh Nangia recommended a modification to Point 5, which previously stated

that Life Members should have a minimum of two years of membership to be eligible, whereas Annual Members should have at least three consecutive years of membership.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the General Body Meeting held on 13 December 2024 at Jawaharlal Nehru University, it was confirmed that:

- Only Life Members shall be eligible to contest elections for the positions of President, Executive Committee (EC) Member, and Board of Trustees (BoT) Member.
- Annual Members shall not be permitted to contest elections.
- Candidates must have held Life Membership for a minimum period of two years prior to contesting elections.

Prof. S.C. Gulati confirmed the minutes of the previous BoT meeting with the above modification.

3. Brief Presentation of IASP Activities

Prof. Suresh Sharma presented an overview of the Association and its activities. During the period 2024 - 2025, he mentioned that two Regional Conferences and two Annual Conferences were organized.

Regional Conferences:

- The Northeast Regional Conference was organized jointly with Shri Ramasamy Memorial University Sikkim on 29–30 May 2025.
- The Northern Regional Conference was organized jointly with the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Institute of Technology Hamirpur, on 20–21 March 2025.

Annual Conferences:

- The 45th Annual Conference of IASP was organized jointly with the Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, from 12–14 December 2024, with participation exceeding 400 delegates.
- The 46th Annual Conference of IASP was organized jointly with National Atlas & Thematic Mapping Organisation in collaboration with Anthropological Survey of India, from 27–29 November 2025.

Prof. Sharma also informed members about the forthcoming Western Regional Conference that is to be organized jointly with Goa Business School, Goa University on 20–21 March 2026.

Additionally, he reported that 32 sessions had been conducted under the Monthly Distinguished Lecture Series and that the Association currently has 992 Life Members.

4. Discussion on the General Body Minutes and Key Decisions

Prof. Suresh Sharma informed the Board that the Executive Committee had approved the following:

Amendment to the Byelaws Regarding Elections

(Decision taken at the Annual General Body Meeting held on 13 December 2024 at Jawaharlal Nehru University)

It was resolved that the following provisions shall govern eligibility and participation in elections of the Indian Association for the Study of Population:

1. Only Life Members shall be eligible to contest elections for the positions of President, Executive Committee (EC) Member, and Board of Trustees (BoT) Member.
2. Annual Members shall not be permitted to contest elections.
3. Candidates must have held Life Membership for a minimum period of two years prior to contesting elections.
4. A candidate shall be permitted to contest for only one position at a time in any election.
5. Annual Members shall not be entitled to voting rights in IASP elections.

Monetary Prizes under IASP Awards

(Decision taken at the Annual General Body Meeting held on 13 December 2024 at Jawaharlal Nehru University)

It was resolved that for the following awards:

- Dr. K. Srinivasan Award
- Professor S.N. Singh Award
- Prof. K.B. Pathak Award
- Chandrasekharan Award

only certificates shall be conferred henceforth, and no monetary prizes shall be awarded.

A brief discussion was held regarding the cash award to be continued or not in the above 4 cases. The BoT recommended that the Executive Committee may once again deliberate and decide on the prize money as this is a sensitive issue in its next monthly meeting.

5. Status of the Financial Position of IASP

The Board of Trustees advised that Fixed Deposits (FDs) shall not be prematurely withdrawn without prior approval of the BoT.

The President informed the Board that an amount of ₹5 lakhs from the BoT account had been seized by the Reserve Bank of India in 1988 and requested the BoT to take appropriate action to recover the amount.

The BoT authorized the President to pursue the matter, including seeking legal consultation, to recover and restore the amount to the BoT account.

6. Status of the IASP Office and Accounts at IEG

The Board was informed that the functioning of the Association had been adversely affected due to the absence of properly maintained historical records. It was noted that the previous Executive Committee had not formally handed over official documents, records, or account-related information to the succeeding Executive Committee. Consequently, no designated individual had been entrusted with responsibility for maintaining the Association's records at Institute of Economic Growth.

The Board further observed that certain bank accounts surfaced after a lapse of nearly ten years; however, no comprehensive account information or supporting documentation was available, owing to the non-transfer of records by the previous Executive Committee. The matter was noted with concern, and the need for systematic record maintenance and formal handover procedures was emphasized.

7. Permanency of the IASP Office

The Board of Trustees strongly recommended that the IASP Secretariat Office be retained at the Institute of Economic Growth, subject to obtaining permission from the Director. It was further recommended that all books, records, accounts, and official documents of IASP be maintained at the Institute. The Board also advised that the office should not be relocated and proposed that any interested IASP member affiliated with the Institute may assume responsibility for overseeing the office.

8. Amendment of the Memorandum of Association

The Board recommended that all amendments incorporated into the Memorandum of Association (MoA) and reflected on the Association's website be duly retained and carried forward.

9. Any Other Item with the Permission of the Chair

Prof. Suresh Sharma informed the members that funds had been received during the Annual Conference from the United Nations Population Fund (₹15 lakhs) and the Population Foundation of India (₹5 lakhs). He further noted that accommodation and transport facilities would be provided exclusively to Life Members.

The President also informed the Board that a bank account had been opened in the name of IASP during the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population conference held in Hyderabad and proposed that the account be closed. The Board resolved that the Chairperson of the BoT shall take necessary steps to close the account.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



The End
