

INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF POPULATION (IASP)

The Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) was founded in 1970 and is a professional body of population scientists, economists, statisticians, health professionals, social scientists, and other related experts. IASP promotes and enables demographic, health and development research; deliberates on emerging challenges in the field of population and health issues; advocates with central and state governments on policies and programmes; collaborates with national and international professional and academic bodies; provides an enabling environment for discussions on pertinent issues through Annual Conferences. Besides, to promote, disseminate and stimulate research on population issues at local levels, the IASP organises regional conferences in different parts of the country. In 2024, the IASP, jointly with Annamalai University, will organise the Southern Regional Conference at the Department of Population Studies.

ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY

Annamalai University is a unitary, teaching, and largest residential University in Southern Asia with 10 Faculties and 49 Departments of Study—the Abode of the Cosmic Dancer Lord Nataraja. The University was founded by the Educationist and Philanthropist Rajah Sir S.R.M. Annamalai Chettiar in January 1929 with the vision to provide educational opportunities to thousands of youths cutting across the social spectrum, especially from economically and socially disadvantaged classes.

The NIRF-2020 by the MHRD has ranked the University in the band 101-150 in the University category. The QS World University Ranking – 2021 has ranked AU in the band of 301-350 in Asia Ranking and 39 in India Ranking. Among government universities, Annamalai University is ranked 15th in India by India Today Magazine.

DEPARTMENT OF POPULATION STUDIES

Realising the importance of imparting population education in this country, the University started the Centre for Population Studies in August 1976. This is a pioneer in training demographic research and graduate programmes in Tamil Nadu. Over 700 demographers with interdisciplinary orientation have successfully graduated from the department. It helped in building a nucleus of professionals in the field of population and health in India and various countries of the African region. The department has undertaken many research projects sponsored by national and international agencies.

In addition, the department has organised many seminars, Conferences, Workshops, and training programmes at the regional and national levels. The department functions in consonance with the national policy of the Government of India.

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and

ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY

(Accredited with 'A+' Grade by NAAC)

Tamil Nadu

jointly organise

REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON

DEMOGRAPHY OF SOUTH INDIA: PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES

(16.02.2024 & 17.02.2024)

Venue

DEPARTMENT OF POPULATION STUDIES
ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY

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THEME OF THE CONFERENCE

In India, the demographic dividend of a relatively younger and bigger working-age population is projected to continue increasing both in number and as a proportion of the total population through mid-century. However, while the population ages and its growth shrinks in the southern states of India, labour migration from the northern and eastern states will make up for it and the "demographic dividend" will continue there, according to the UN. The Total Fertility Rate ranges from 1.4 for Tamil Nadu and West Bengal to 3 for Bihar among the large states, with Kerala at 1.5. Labour migration from the youthful northern and eastern states could bolster the size of the workforce in the relatively older southern states, prolonging the demographic dividend in those regions. Against this backdrop, the theme of this regional conference of IASP is **DEMOGRAPHY OF SOUTH INDIA: PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES**.

SUBTHEMES

Papers pertaining to the following subthemes focussing on South India will be considered.

- Population Momentum
- Spatial Demography
- Demographic Transition
- Population Ageing
- Regional patterns of Fertility declines
- Determinants and Differentials of Morality
- Changing patterns of morbidity and disease burden
- Nutrition issues and challenges
- Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Migration and Urbanisation
- Domestic violence and gender-based violence
- Political Scenario and Demography
- Contraceptive use and unmet need for family planning
- Any topics which do not fall in the categories of the above sub-themes

GUIDELINES TO SUBMIT ABSTRACT

Those who would like to submit papers for presentation at the conference must register and log in to www.iasp.ac.in and submit their abstracts. A short abstract with a maximum of 300 words and an extended abstract of 2 pages (1000 words) are to be submitted online at www.iasp.ac.in. The text of the abstract should be copied and pasted in the box provided for the purpose. The extended abstract should be attached as a PDF document. Please make sure that the name or any other contact details of the author(s) are not included in the extended abstract. One author can submit a maximum of two abstracts. Please click on the link below to register as an author and submit your abstract:

REGISTRATION FEE

Registration fee will be charged as follows

Outstation Faculty members	Rs 2000/-
Outstation students/scholars	Rs 1000/-
Local Faculty members	Rs. 1,000/-
Local students/Scholars	Rs. 750/-

FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION

Food and Refreshments will be provided by the Organisers for all participants.

Accommodation will be provided on sharing basis at the University Hostels/ Guest House to the outstation participants only.

TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

Travel allowance by shortest distance will be reimbursed to the outstation participants (bus or train sleeper class) as per IASP guidelines. The participants should present original tickets to claim TA. No local conveyance would be reimbursed

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Last date for submission of Abstract: 10th January, 2024**
- **Communication regarding Selection: 20th January, 2024**

FURTHER ASSISTANCE:

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Weather in Chidambaram



In Chidambaram, the weather in February is generally perfect, characterised by very high temperatures and low rainfall. Dressing in lightweight and breathable outfits will help you stay cool.

Holi Places around Chidambaram

Chidambaram is the 'temple town' of South India. Owing to its magnificent architecture, Chidambaram is one of the most prominent pilgrimage destinations in India. All Navagraha Temples are located around Chidambaram



Muslim shrine: Nagoor Dargha (77 km)

Christian shrine: Velankanni (94 km)

Tourist Places nearby Chidambaram

Gangai Konda Cholapuram (Heritage 14 km)

Pichavaram (Backwater Mangroves 16 km)

Poompuhar (Beach 40 km)

Pondicherry (73 km)



How to reach Chidambaram

Chidambaram has great connectivity to all the major cities by Road

Train Station: Chidambaram Station (CDM)

Nearest Train Stations

Virudhachalam Jn. (VRI: 43 Kms)

Mayiladuthurai Jn. (MV: 41 Kms)

Villupuram Jn. (VM: 65 Kms)