

## IASP ELECTION 2024



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A Doctor of Philosophy in demography and double masters in population studies and Economic, I am currently working as a Research and Technical Specialist at the Institute for Global Public Health, University of Manitoba, Canada. In the past I worked as Professor and head, Depts. of Bio-Statistics & Epidemiology and Public Health and Mortality Studies, IIPs, Mumbai. I was awarded CIHR-Hope Fellowship by the Canadian Institute for Health Research, Canada to pursue my research at the Centre for Global Health Research, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Canada between 2011 and 2015.

The only serving faculty member at IIPS who appeared in the recently released 'Indian Researchers who were Top 2% in 2019 - Stanford Study'. My work on estimating childhood and adult mortality for the Indian district published in the Lancet Global Health has been widely appreciated and has been adopted by several countries, including Ethiopia, Mexico, and Brazil. I have worked and continue to work in several capacities for various international and national organizations including as consultant to UNFPA and is on Editorial/Advisory board of the Lancet EclininMedicine, and Canadian Studies in Population and a Governing Board member of ARPAN, an NGO working towards eliminating child sexual abuse in India.

I have experienced in implementing large scale sample surveys, analyzing large data sets on population and health, teaching in higher education institutions and undertaking research on issues of public health including maternal and child health, adolescent health and minority population and working with non-governmental organizations working on child sexual abuse and nutrition. I served as External Review Committee Member, Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) and Grand Challenges Canada (GCC): Stars in Gender Equality (Stars in Global Health Round 10) competition, 2018-19. Dr. Ram has visited and presented her research at the several prestigious institutions and university including University of Toronto, Canada, MPIDR, Germany, John Hopkins University, USA, East-West Population Institute, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, Netherlands, UNESCAP, Thailand, UN head office in New York, USA .

As a General Secretary, IASP (2022-24) along with the IASP office bearers I have successfully completed series of activities including launch of several new activities that were initiated by the outgoing EC. These activities brought a lot more visibility to the association and brought out global eminent experts who shared their knowledge and insights which benefitted the population and public health scientists with newly emerging area of research.