

## **CANDIDACY STATEMENT FOR IASP ELECTION 2024**

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After completing my M.Phil and Ph.D. in Population Studies from the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), I worked with several international organizations focusing on areas such as Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (MNCH), Family Planning, Reproductive Health and Rights, Gender Equality, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Digital Health, Disaster Risk Reduction, and Renewable Energy. I have also contributed significantly to the academic field with numerous peer-reviewed publications.

As an active member of the IIPS Alumni Association for two terms post my studies, I took the lead in connecting thousands of IIPS alumni worldwide. I facilitated organizing global alumni meets

attended by many former students across the globe. Over the past four years, I have coordinated three successful regional alumni meetings in Delhi, with each event drawing participation from more than 200 alumni. These meetings have been very effective in fostering networking and learning among young alumni for their professional growth.

In 2022, I joined the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) as a life member and was elected to the executive committee. I have served as Joint Secretary for the past two years at IASP. In this role, along with other members of the Executive committee, I actively facilitated in organizing two annual and four regional conferences of IASP. I was also in charge of conducting the North-Eastern regional conference at the Bodoland University in Assam, which was quite a success. These conferences attracted thousands of young researchers, students, and experts. Additionally, I also actively participated in organizing monthly distinguished lecture series for IASP, widely praised for its contributions to knowledge sharing.

Looking ahead, if re-elected to the executive committee of IASP, I am committed to enhancing networking and collaboration with national and international organizations in Demography, Public Health, Population Policy, Advocacy, and Socio-Economic Development. My focus will be on expanding opportunities for early-career demographers and researchers in middle and low-income countries through initiatives like scholarships, training courses, and resource mobilization, encouraging their involvement with IASP.

