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I am honored to announce my candidacy for a second term as President of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP). Reflecting on our achievements during my current tenure, I am proud of the progress we have made together.

We introduced the Distinguished Guest Lecture Series, inviting eminent international speakers to address contemporary health issues. Our regional and annual conferences have been revitalized, offering platforms for valuable discussions and insights. Celebrating World Population Day on a grand, multi-collaborative scale has further raised awareness. The introduction of pre-conference workshops for young scholars and an annual essay competition have been significant steps towards nurturing the next generation of demographers.

Administratively, we have forged active and continued partnerships with leading governmental and non-governmental institutions, including UNFPA, UNICEF, USAID, and the Population Council. We introduced institutional memberships for reputed institutes and successfully obtained 12-A and 80-G certifications for the IASP, enhancing our operational capacity and credibility.

Looking ahead, I envision further growth and development for the IASP. My goals include securing Scopus indexing for our journal "Demography India," expanding our membership base, and fostering international collaborations for conferences. I am committed to increasing the representation of demographers at state and district levels and promoting the discipline of demography to more universities.

Our achievements thus far have been possible due to the active engagement of you all. I am dedicated to continuing this momentum, fostering a strong and engaged fraternity of demographers, and engaging in dialogues and advocacy for population associations in India and abroad.

I appeal to you for your vote and support. It would be an honor to serve another term as your **President**, steering the organization towards its full potential.

Thank you and Warm regards.