

## CANDIDACY STATEMENT FOR IASP ELECTION 2024-26



### **DR BINOD KUMAR SINGH**

I am graduated and post graduated from Banaras Hindu University (BHU). After completing my Masters in Geography from BHU, I proceeded to International Institute for Population Science (IIPS), Mumbai on a Government of India fellowship. During this fellowship I completed my M.Phil. degree from IIPS in the area of Migration. I started my career as a Geographer in the Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India (ORG & CCI) New Delhi in the year 2002 and finally reached the Chair of Assistant Registrar General (Map) in 2023. I got an opportunity to have a closure look at operational aspects of Census 2011 undertaken in several districts of Bareilly Division of Uttar Pradesh. I also served as a member of the Task Force for Quality Assurance in Directorate of Census Operation, Uttar Pradesh for 2011 Census. I have published more than 50 research papers, edited 03 books/policy documents/reports and contributed the census publications ranging from reports, books, atlases etc. During this period, I was also conferred a Ph.D. degree by Utkal University for my thesis – “Disabled Population in India-A Geographical Analysis.

I have been conferred the prestigious ‘**Census Silver Medal**’ and ‘**Certificate of Honour**’ by the Hon’ble President of India in the year 2011 in recognition of my Outstanding Zeal and High Quality of Services rendered by me during 2011 Housing & Population Census. I was also awarded by Prof K Srinivasan award for best paper (Spatial distribution of health care Facilities in Bihar, India) publication in Demography India, Vol. 2, 2017.

Presently, I hold the post of the Director (JS-SAG Level) and Head of the Organisation/Department/Institution of National Atlas & Thematic Mapping Organisation (NATMO), the oldest and the only map-making Organisation of the Union Government and an important stakeholder of National Geospatial Policy (NGP). I am also now the Sr. Vice President of Indian National Cartographic Association (INCA).

I have recently visited Rotterdam, The Netherlands during May 13-16, 2024 as a part of the 03 members Indian delegation to participate in the “India Geospatial Business Summit 2024” organised by Geospatial World Forum (GWF) where I received the Geospatial World Excellence Award 2024 on behalf of Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS).

I joined IASP in 2001 as a life member and was elected unanimously to the Board of Trustees in 2022. I have also served in the editorial board of Demography India published by IASP during 2018-22. I have been attending most of National conferences of IASP. If elected, I plan to work for networking and collaboration with the institutions/organisation in the field of Spatial Demography, Public health, population policy, advocacy and socio-economic development. I would like to work and expand the opportunities for early career for demographers, population scientist and researchers by mobilizing resources for meetings, scholarships, training courses, etc – especially for downtrodden professional demographers and also encourage them to join the IASP.