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Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP)

WORLD POPULATION DAY 2018 OBSERVED BY IASP

Department of Demography, University of Kerala in Collaboration with IASP



World Population Day is observed worldwide to raise awareness on global population issues. The event was started by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in 1989. Population day is celebrated every year with a specific theme and this year's theme is "Family planning is a human right". This theme is to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1968 International Conference on Human Rights, where family planning was, for the first time, globally affirmed to be a human right. The Teheran proclamation states that "Parents have a basic human

right to determine freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children." The Conference also adopted Resolution XVIII, titled "Human Rights Aspects of Family Planning," which connects this right to "the dignity and worth of the human person," and notes the relationship between access to family planning and the status of women.



The observance of World Population Day at the Department of Demography, University of Kerala in collaboration with IASP was inaugurated by Dr. Gopinath Ravindran, Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala. In the inaugural address Prof Gopinath Ravindran made a detailed analysis of the current and past demography of India and Kerala. He said that the demographic dividend cannot be harnessed merely because of the change in age structure, but other enabling factors like adequate education and employment opportunities are decisive. He also mentioned that while other demographic indicators are better in Kerala, we are lacking in couple protection rate, which needs to be explored.

The function was presided over by Dr. P. Mohanachandran Nair, Professor and Head of the Department and the General secretary of the IASP. He mentioned that, despite the dramatic progress, enormous challenges remain: some 214 million women in developing countries lack safe and effective family planning methods. Most of these women live in the 69 poorest countries. Fulfilling their unmet demands would save lives by averting 67 million unintended pregnancies and reducing by one third the estimated 303,000 annual maternal deaths. Better reproductive health care, including voluntary family planning can booster economies and contribute to sustainable development by empowering

women to complete their education, join in the labour force, earn higher incomes and increase savings and investments. Family planning, therefore, is critical to achieve sustainable development goal 1, to end poverty. It is also key to achieve other goals, such as ending hunger as well as promoting good health and gender equality.



Sri.Sivadath, Kulathoor ward councillor, Dr.Nazeeb S, Member, University Syndicate, Dr.Satheesh Kumar, Head Department of Statistics, Dr. PS Nair and Dr.Jyothikamalam, former heads of the department of Demography delivered felicitation addresses. There was a special population day talk on ‘Family Planning is a human right’ by Dr.Leelamoney, Senior Gynaecologist, Directorate of Health Services in the afternoon.

Population Research Centre, Department of Statistics, Patna University

Population Research Centre, Department of Statistics, Patna University organized a programme on the theme “*Population Scenario and Research Activities in Bihar*” on the occasion of “World Population Day”, 2018 in collaboration with Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP), New Delhi. The programme started with the lighting of lamp by distinguished guests and participants from the University.



Prof. (Dr.) B.K. Pandey, Department of Statistics welcomed the guest. Prof. (Dr.) Rash Bihari Prasad Singh, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest on this occasion. He addressed the audience and stressed upon the need of population education and urged to start a certificate/diploma course in Population Studies in the Centre. He highlighted the need for observing the World Population Day.

Dr Dilip Kumar, Joint Director, PRC made a detailed presentation on the population scenario in Bihar and research activities of the PRC, Patna. He discussed about the role of PRC and different studies completed by PRC on Health and Family Welfare. He emphasised that the role of family planning is in a bit of silent mode at the moment though the theme of World Population Day this year is “Family Planning is a Human Right”.

Prof. V. K. Lal, Head, Department of Sociology, Patna University delivered the talk on the need of population education in Bihar. He talked about different population theories to regulate the fertility.



Dr. J K Basu, Executive Committee Member and Co-ordinator of Eastern and North-Eastern States, IASP gave a detailed presentation on the activities of IASP and Challenges in Civil Registration System (CRS) and Vital Statistics in Bihar. He stressed on the active role of PRC in demographic research in Bihar.

Prof. (Dr.) Dolly Sinha, Pro –Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) N K Jha, Dean, Student Welfare, Col. Manoj Mishra, Registrar, P.U. were also present among the distinguished guest apart from the presence of Head of the different departments, faculty members, researchers and students. Dr. Ajit Kumar, Analyst of the Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati

The event was organized in collaboration with IASP on July 11th in the Department of Population Studies, S.V. University, Tirupati .



Prof Janaki Ram, Pro Vice Chancellor was the chief guest and Dr Mohan, Chief Medical Officer was the special invitee. Prizes were distributed to the elocution competition winners on the topic of the theme. Prof V K Ravindra Kumar, Vice President of IASP spoke about IASP and its activities .

CSRD and IASP at JNU, New Delhi

CSRD, JNU organised the World Population Day at JNU, New Delhi on 11th July 2018. The event was attended by faculty, students and scholars of JNU and members of IASP based in Delhi.

The proceedings started with address by Dr. U.V. Somayajulu, President of IASP. He briefly explained the genesis of IASP. He also talked about various national and international conferences conventions organized by IASP. He specifically mentioned about the International Population Conference of IUSSP to be hosted by IASP at Hyderabad. He also mentioned about the skill development workshops that would be organised by IASP with support from UNFPA during the 39th annual conference of IASP to be held at BHU, Varanasi during Sept 18-20, 2018. He presented the trends in key indicators from NHFS 3 and 4 covering issues like child marriage, teenage pregnancy, fertility, maternal and child health, use of family planning methods, unmet need for family planning etc. He also mentioned about the need to strengthen the collaboration between IASP and CSRD. He also thanked CSRD, JNU in general and Prof Dipendranath Das and Dr Bhaswathidas of CSRD in particular for taking this initiative.



Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, JNU mentioned about energy resources and how it would be affected by population factors and highlighted the per person average energy consumption. Europe being more sensitive to the issue has an average consumption of 2kW per person whereas in case of America, it has gone up to 5kW. He added that with the increasing population, the average energy consumption will go up to such heights that the available resources won't be able to meet them, that being the biggest concern of population growth according to him.

Prof. Sachidanand Sinha, Chairperson of CSRD, welcomed the delegates and emphasized on increasing the opportunities and working on the skill sets of the youth. Citing the example of government schools, he said that both KV's and local government schools come under the same administration but how diverse is the opportunity provided there. He further added that in spite of increasing population being such a pressing problem it fails to receive as much attention as other less significant issues.

Prof. Sudesh Nangia, Former president of IASP and former chairperson CSRD talked about teaching of population studies in various universities of India.

Dr. Sanjay Kumar, of UNFPA talked about Demographic Dividend considering three important factors: Age, Gender, and Location. He talked about fertility and mortality rates and the steps to deal with fertility decline, harmful practices related to gender, etc. He also talked about improvement in human capital formation in education and health and skills development of the young people, especially of girls.



Sri A.R. Nanda, IAS (Former secretary Ministry of health and family welfare) spoke about the health and family planning policy and programme initiatives in India.

Prof. S.C. Gulati, Former IASP President, talked about the need to address the health concerns and issues while talking about family planning.

Dr. Sanjay Pandey, PSI, highlighted the case study of Uttar Pradesh under the Hausla Sajhedari programme in which NHM/GoUP have involved the private health facilities and FP surgeons for widespread practices of contraception under FP2020. Comparative data of the improvement brought about by involving the private sector was elaborated on. The meeting ended with formal vote of thanks by Prof Dipendranath Das of CSRD, JNU.



EC AND BOT MEETING HELD THROUGH CONFERENCE CALL ON MAY 15, 2018

The Meeting of the Executive Committee and BOT was held through conference call May 15, 2018 at 4pm. The president gave a brief update on the work in progress for the IPC 2021 of IUSSP. President mentioned about the visit made to Hyderabad international convention centre, the conference venue, along with Dr Shireen Jeejbhoy, Vice President of IUSSP and Dr KVR Subrahmanyam, Vice President of IASP. He also mentioned about the proposed visit of the IUSSP team to Delhi and Hyderabad in September 2018.

Dr Somayajulu provided an update on the IASP 2018 elections and about the meeting with Prof CM Pandey at Lucknow followed by the discussion at Delhi. Prof Pandey provided feedback about the security and confidentiality of the e voting software developed by Mr Tyagi of IEG, Delhi.

The members discussed about the preparations for the 39th Annual Conference of IASP. Dr Somayajulu provided an update about the resource mobilization for the annual conference. He also mentioned about the skill development workshops that would be organised during the 39th annual conference, with support from UNFPA. Dr Suresh Sharma informed about the number of abstracts received. Prof PMC Nair mentioned about the conference brochure prepared by the BHU. The members decided to extend the last date for receiving the abstracts upto 31st May, 2018. They also decided about the registration fee as follows :

For Members	: Rs 2000/-
Non members	: Rs.2500/-
Research Students with fellowship	: Rs.1500/-
Research Students without Fellowship	: Rs.1000/-

The committee approved the membership of 40 applicants. Dr Sharma mentioned that some of the annual members did not pay their membership dues. Dr Somayajulu mentioned that all of them were sent reminder. The members suggested that another reminder can be sent to all these members to pay the dues before 31st May, 2018.

The members discussed about Demography India and it was decided to request all Universities and other Institutions to send letters to UGC for including Demography India, in the approved list of UGC. The letters can be sent by the VC of respective universities.

39TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 39th annual conference of IASP on Population, Gender and Development will be held at BHU, Varanasi during Sept 18-20, 2018.

GB MEETING OF IASP

General Body meeting of IASP will be held at BHU, Varanasi on 18th September 2018, at 6 pm. All the members are requested to attend the same.

Agenda

Item 1 : Confirmation of minutes of the last General Body meeting held at AU, Visakhapatnam

Item 2 : General Secretary's Annual report for 2017-18

Item 3 : Presentation and Approval of Balance Sheet for 2017-18

Item 4 : Update on IUSSP- 2021 Conference at Hyderabad

Item 5 : Update on IASP Elections 2018

Item 6 : Next conference of IASP

Item 7 : Any other item with the permission of chair

REQUEST FOR OFFERS TO HOST 40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

We request for offers from institutions to host the 40th annual conference of IASP in 2019. The request letter can be sent to the IASP President with details about the infrastructure available, resources that would be generated, likely dates etc before Sept 15, 2018.

ELECTIONS 2018

As informed earlier, the process for conducting the elections has been initiated. Updating the list of voters with e mail id and mobile No (that are mandatory) took long time. In spite of repeated messages, many of the members did not send correct e mail id and mobile No. We are using all possible ways to get these details. The updated list is available on iasp website. Request all the members to visit IASP website and check their details. They may inform the IASP secretariat about any changes that are needed.

The e voting software developed by the IEG programmer is being reviewed by the Election Committee to ensure that there are no issues of conflict of interest, confidentiality etc. As we are doing this for the first time, it is taking time. The committee has been requested to complete the elections at the earliest possible, immediately after the 39th annual conference.

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Dr P Mohanachandran Nair, General Secretary

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Dr Ravi Verma, Co-opted member

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