

## Dear Fellow Members

Greetings to one and all. Through this news letter, we wish to update you about the activities carried out by IASP in the past one year.

## Thirty Fourth Annual Conference

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) was held at Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune during Dec 13- 15, 2012. The sub themes were : Gender Analysis of 2011 census data, Ageing, Women and Development, Programme Evaluation, Population, Nutrition and Development, Population and Sustainable Development, Health Management Information System: Content, Quality and Utilization, Demographic Dividend: Evidence from Indian States , Youth: Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs, Urban Health Needs, Burden of Disease and Premature Mortality, Longitudinal Study in India: Methodological Challenges, Emerging Concerns in Low Fertility Population in India, Universal Health Coverage in India: Challenges Ahead

About 200 participants representing universities, research institutions, Population Research Centers, NGOs, international donor agencies and government departments participated in the conference. The inaugural session was held on December 13, 2012 in the Kale Hall of GIPE. Dr. R. Nagarajan, the Local Organizing Secretary welcomed the participants. Prof. Rajas Parchure, Director of GIPE gave the welcome address. Prof. F. Ram, President of IASP, in his presidential address discussed about the emerging challenges for demographers in our country and posed a question – “Are we prepared to face it?”. His presidential address argued for a strong component of “Public Demography” in our empirical research. The Key note address of the conference was delivered by Dr. Anders Thomsen, Deputy Country Representative, UNFPA India. He emphasized the need for more policy oriented research and also reiterated the commitment of UNFPA to facilitate population and development activities in India. The souvenir of the conference was released by Dr. Anders Thomsen.

Prof. Kumudini Dandekar, a doyen among Indian Demographers, addressed the delegates and recollected the work done by GIPE, at research as well as field levels, to promote family planning in early 50s and 60s.

IASP felicitated six eminent Demographers for their significant contribution to the teaching and research in Population Studies. They include : Prof. Leela Visaria, Prof. Sudesh Nangia, Prof. P. Krishnan, Prof. K. N. S. Yadava, Prof. K. Balasubramanian and Dr. Sanjeevaneey Mulay.

Prof. K. Srinivasan Award was given to Prof D P Singh for his paper entitled “Migrants to Mumbai : District wise Inflow and Characteristics” published in Demography India Volume 39, No 2, July-Dec 2010. Prof. K. B. Pathak Award for the best research paper published in the areas of Population and Health Sciences was presented to Dr. Aparajita Chattopadhyay for her paper “ Men in Maternal Care : Evidence from India ” published in Journal of Bio Sciences. The awards were announced by Dr. U.V. Somayajulu, General Secretary, IASP. Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Treasurer, IASP proposed the vote of thanks.

In all, the conference had 2 Plenary sessions with 7 paper presentations, 18 technical sessions with more than 80 paper presentations and 3 poster sessions with about 60 poster presentations.

### Memorial Lecture

Dr. George Simmons Memorial Lecture is an important event of the Conference. This year, Prof. Arvind Pandey (Director, National Institute of Medical Statistics, ICMR, New Delhi) delivered the lecture on "HIV Estimation in India: Methods and Results". Prof. K. Srinivasan and Prof. F. Ram chaired the session

### Awards

On the last day of the conference, Dr. C. Chandrasekharan memorial award presentation was organized with presentation of papers by six young scholars working in the field of Demography for this award. The evaluators selected the paper entitled "Uses And Importance Of The Models In Analyzing Real Life Time Data For First Birth Interval" by *Shipi Tanti* for the award.

Three best posters were given Dr. S.N. Singh award. The winners of the best posters were: Debangana Bose (Labour Migration, Gender and Work in Urban India – A Comparison of Million Plus Cities and Rest of Urban Centres), Priyanka Yadav (District Wise Estimation of Total Missing Girls in MP, India, 2001-2011 : Evidence from Census 2011), and Koyel Sarkar (Women's Fertility Behaviour in West Bengal : Levels, Trends and Differentials).

### Book Release

The edited volume with selected papers presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual conference of IASP held at Bhubaneswar entitled " Population, Reproductive and Child Health: Perspectives and Challenges" edited by Ulimiri V Somayajulu, Gopal Krishna Panda, Ranjana Kar, Pradeep Mishra and Kaushalendra Kumar Singh was released at the inaugural function of the 34<sup>th</sup> annual conference. The volume with 4 sections viz., Population Dynamics, Reproductive and Sexual Health, Child Health and Nutrition, and Miscellaneous has 23 papers.

### Valedictory Session

The valedictory session of the conference held on December 15, 2012 was chaired by Prof. F. Ram, President of IASP. The valedictory address was delivered by Prof. Ramesh Paranjape, Director, National AIDS Research Institute (NARI), Pune, Prof. Rajas Parchure, Director of GIPE, offered his support in bringing out a special issue of good quality papers of the conference in their journal " Arthavigyana". The participants expressed their satisfaction with the way the conference was organized and appreciated the efforts of the GIPE and IASP. Dr. T V Sekher, Joint Secretary, IASP presented the rapporteur general's report. Dr. U.V. Somayajulu, General Secretary of IASP thanked UNFPA, UNICEF, ICRW, APA, CSO and IIPS for their generous financial support on behalf of IASP. He also thanked the staff of GIPE, IIPS, NIMS, Sigma et al for their active support in the activities of IASP in general and the conference in particular. Dr R Nagarajan, local organizing secretary thanked IASP and its members for making the conference a success.

### EC and GB Meeting

The Joint Meeting of Board of Trustees and Executive Committee held at GIPE, Pune on Dec 12, 2012 approved the membership application of 5 Life and 39 Annual members for admission to IASP. The EC discussed about various issues relating to the association including Demography India, settlement of the court case, electoral reforms committee report etc.

The General Body Meeting of the Association was held on Dec 14, 2012, which was chaired by Prof. F. Ram, President. The meeting expressed condolence over the sad demise of Dr Almas Ali and Prof Sahadeva Reddy and observed silence for one minute.

Dr. U V Somayajulu, General Secretary informed the members about the final settlement of court case which was pending for a long time, as authorised by the GB at its last meeting at Lucknow. He also briefed the members about the recommendations of the Electoral Reforms Committee comprising Profs P M Kulkarni, Sayeed Unisa and K S James to recommend electoral reforms to be implemented. Copy of the committee's report was circulated among the members present. The members were informed about the key recommendations of the committee viz., a) shifting to online election mode, b) sending short CV of the contestants to all the members instead of individual request letters by the contestants and c) limiting the number of terms of President to two and of the members to two consecutive terms by keeping the possibility for an EC member to contest the

elections after a break of two terms (four years) open. The report that was accepted by the EC and BOT members in the joint meeting held at GIPE on 12.12.12, and by the GB at its meeting held at GIPE on 14.12.12. Prof PM Kulkarni added that as implementation of the recommendations need amendment of the byelaws and we have elections in 2013, we should continue with the existing rules and put this issue before the next GB with prior notice as formal changes need formal agenda.. Prof Ram, President added that the report is accepted in principle and consent of the GB would be obtained in the next GB meeting with prior notice with specific agenda to all the GB members and can get implemented from 2015 elections.

Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Treasurer, presented the audited balance sheet for 2011-12 and the same was approved by the GB.

#### **Appeal for Monetary Contribution**

Dr Somayajulu informed the members about the appeal sent by the President for monetary contributions in view of the amount spent to settle the long pending court case, and response of some of the EC and BOT members and senior members. The details are given below :

SI No	Name	Amount in Rs
1	Dr Suresh Sharma	5100
2	Mr Tilak Mukherji	5000
3	Prof Sayeed Unisa	5000
4	Dr U V Somayajulu	5000
5	Prof B D Mishra	5000
6	Sri CVS Prasad	10000
7	Prof K Srinivasan	5000
8	Prof Sudesh Nangia	7000
9	Prof P M Kulkarni	5000
10	Prof T K Roy	5000
11	Prof P S Nair	15000
12	Prof K S James	5211
13	Dr K V R Subramanyam	5000
14	Prof F Ram	5000
15	Dr T V Sekher	5000
16	Dr Pradeep Mishra	5000
17	Prof D C Nath	5000
	TOTAL	102311

We request all the members to contribute generously for strengthening the financial status of the association.

#### **Announcement 1: Request for Expression of Interest for hosting 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

We request the universities/institutions that are interested to host the next annual conference of IASP to send the expression of interest with details on the support they can provide/mobilise in cash or kind and the infrastructure available. This can be sent through e mail to the President by March 20, 2013.

We also request the members to suggest themes and sub themes for the next conference.

#### **Announcement 2 Demography India**

Demography India Vol 40 No 1 (Jan- June 2011) was dispatched to all the members and in case of non receipt of the same, please let the General Secretary know the same. The Vol 40 No2 (July- Dec 2011) is in press and will be sent to the members in about couple of months.

### **Announcement 3 Elections**

The President has written to the Registrar General of India to nominate the RGI official to act as the returning officer for conducting the IASP EC and BOT elections. The process is about to start and all the members will get communication from the RGI office soon on this.

### **Announcement 4: Renewal of Annual Membership**

The annual members who have not renewed their membership are requested to send the membership fee.

### **Announcement 5: Updating Address of IASP Members**

All the members are requested to kindly communicate change of address, if any, along with e mail address. You can visit the website of IASP ([www.iasp.ac.in](http://www.iasp.ac.in)) and check your mailing address given under the "Member: Annual/Life". **Also send us your e mail id(s)**. Due to non availability of correct address of the members, many a times the communication sent by IASP including copies of Demography India comes back. We seek cooperation of all the members in resolving this problem and appreciate your timely help in updating the member information. The members are requested to send the information relating to demise of any of the members and change in the address of other members to the General Secretary so that the member data base can be updated.

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