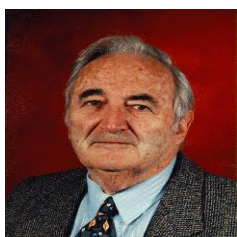


Second Professor John Caldwell Memorial Lecture organized by the Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH) on 17th Nov. 2017



The Doyen of Demography Professor John (Jack) Caldwell died on 12th March 2016 at the age of 87 in Canberra, Australia. He was associated with Australian National University (ANU) for many decades. Caldwell's seminal work included documentation of the role of mother's education in fertility limitation and child mortality decline, and the role of circumcision in inhibiting the spread of HIV/AIDS in Africa. He is known for his "wealth flows" theory, which relates demographic transition theory to changes in intergenerational transfers within the family. He was the President of IUSSP and a recipient of the prestigious United Nations Population Award in 2004. He has encouraged and mentored many young scholars from India, and a good number of them received their PhDs from ANU under his

able guidance. His anthropological demographic work on south India, particularly on marriage, fertility, and contraception, received a lot of research attention. His students, colleagues, and friends under the initiative of Prof. K.N.M. Raju (former Head, Population Research Center, ISEC, Bangalore) approached the Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH) to institute a memorial lecture in his honor. IASSH decided to have the memorial lecture series in honour of the "most famous demographer of our times", and the first lecture was held at Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, on 24th September, 2016. The first memorial lecture was delivered by distinguished demographer Prof. K. Srinivasan (former Director, IIPS, Mumbai) on the topic- "Malnutrition and mortality among children in India: A need to revisit the ICDS program" (later it was published by IASSH for wider dissemination).



The second Professor John Caldwell Memorial Lecture was organized during the 15th annual conference of IASSH on 17th November, 2017 at National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), Hyderabad. Distinguished scholar and development expert **Prof. S. Parasuraman** (Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai) delivered the lecture on the theme - "Can India be a hope for the troubled world?" In his talk, Dr. Parasuraman highlighted India's strength in demographic dividend, scientific and technological manpower, secular and inclusive approach, participatory democracy, and above all, the resilient spirit. He also emphasized the weakness and limitations of the developmental model that India has followed / still following, and highlighted the challenges ahead.



Dr. Venkatesh Srinivasan, Assistant Country Representative, UNFPA-India, chaired the session. He listed the programmatic challenges that we are facing in governing education and health sectors. Prof. T.V. Sekher, General Secretary, IASSH welcomed the gathering and recollected the contributions of Professor Caldwell to Demography as a discipline and specifically his work on India. Prof. S. Siva Raju, President, IASSH introduced the speaker. Dr. Sujarita Pujari presented a bouquet to the guest speaker. IASSH is grateful to Professor Parasuraman for delivering this important lecture, which generated lot of discussion among the participants.



View of the Conference Audience