



First Prof. John Caldwell Memorial Lecture



Prof. K. Srinivasan, Distinguished Demographer and Former Director of IIPS, delivering the first Prof. John Caldwell Memorial Lecture at the 14th Annual Conference of the Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH) at Pune on 24th Sept. 2016.

The Doyen of Demography Professor John Charles (Jack) Caldwell died on 12th March 2016 at the age of 87 in Canberra. He was associated with the Department of Demography of 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 has encouraged and mentored many young scholars from India, and good number of them received their Ph.Ds from ANU under his able guidance. His anthropological demographic work on south India, particularly on marriage, fertility and contraception, received lot of research attention.

His students, colleagues and friends have approached the Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH) to institute a memorial lecture in his honour. IASSH is happy to announce the lecture series in memory of the most famous demographer of our times. The First Prof. John Caldwell Memorial Lecture was held during the 14th Annual Conference of IASSH on 24th Sept. 2016 at Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (Deemed University), Pune. Distinguished Demographer **Prof. K. Srinivasan** (former Director of IIPS, Mumbai) delivered the first Professor John Caldwell Memorial Lecture on the theme -"Malnutrition and mortality among children in India: Need for a revisit to ICDS Program". He also recollected his long association with Prof. Caldwell and Pat Caldwell.

Using the available empirical evidence, Prof. Srinivasan emphasized the need to redefine the problems of malnutrition and also the ways of strengthening the ongoing programs. Dr. Venkatesh Srinivasan, Assistant Country Representative, UNFPA-India chaired the session. He listed the programmatic challenges that we are facing to ensure nutrition and health care to poor. Prof. T.V. Sekher read out the citation highlighting the contributions of Prof. Caldwell to demography as a discipline and specifically his work on India. Prof. S. Siva Raju introduced the guest speaker Prof. K. Srinivasan. Dr. Anjali Radkar presented bouquet and shawl to the guest speaker. Prof. K.N.M. Raju (formerly with ISEC, Bangalore), who completed his PhD at ANU under the supervision of Prof. Caldwell, took the initiative in organizing this memorial lecture, recollected his personal association with his mentor and guide. IASSH is grateful to Prof. Srinivasan for agreeing to deliver this lecture, which generated lot of discussion among participants and was appreciated by one and all.



The first Prof. John Caldwell Memorial Lecture at the 14th Annual Conference of IASSH was chaired by Dr. Venkatesh Srinivasan, Assistant Country Representative of UNFPA, India. Also seen are Prof. T.V. Sekher (General Secretary, IASSH), Prof. S. Siva Raju (President, IASSH) and Prof. K. Srinivasan.



View of the Conference Participants at the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune.