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Sixth Prof. John Caldwell Memorial Lecture

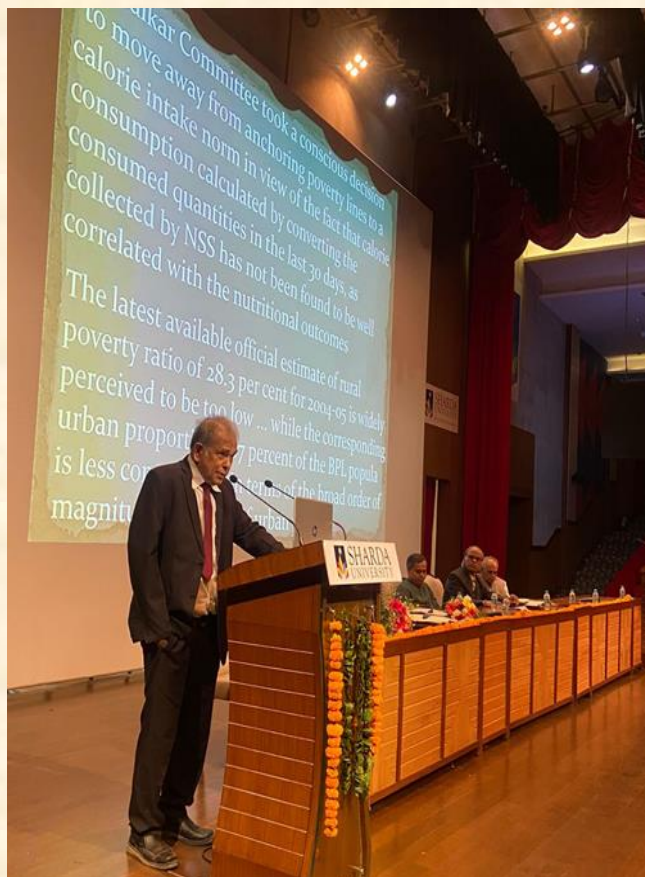
The Doyen of Demography, Professor John Charles (Jack) Caldwell, died on 12th March 2016 at the age of 87 in Canberra. He was associated with the Department of Demography of the Australian National University (ANU) for many decades. Caldwell's seminal work included documentation of the role of mother's 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 a good number of them received their Ph.D. from ANU under his able guidance. His anthropological demographic work on South India, particularly on marriage, fertility and contraception, received much research attention. At the initiative of Prof. K.N.M. Raju, his students, colleagues and friends have approached the Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH) to institute a memorial lecture in his honour. Considering this request, the IASSH instituted the lecture series in memory of the most famous demographer of our times.



Felicitations of Prof. Amitabh Kundu (who delivered the Dr Caldwell Memorial Lecture) by Prof. Anviti Gupta, Prof. C.P. Prakasam and Prof. K.N.M. Raju on the dais.

The Sixth Prof. John Caldwell Memorial Lecture was held at the Anand Swaroop Auditorium, Sharda University. Prof. T V Sekher, (President, IASSH) chaired the session. The session began with an introduction by Prof. K.N. M. Raju about the life and works of Prof. John Caldwell, a renowned demographer who contributed significantly to the field of demography.

The guest speaker was Prof. Amitabh Kundu (Professor Emeritus at L. J. University, Senior



Fellow at the World Resources Institute and Adjunct Fellow at Research and Information System for Developing Countries.) who delivered the sixth Prof. John Caldwell Memorial Lecture on the theme - **"Multi-dimensional Poverty for Planned Intervention and Monitoring in India"**.

He highlighted the need for a multidimensional approach to poverty measurement and suggested the use of various indicators such as health, education, and access to basic amenities to capture the various dimensions of poverty. Prof. Kundu emphasized the importance of addressing poverty as a

multidimensional issue and the need for planned interventions to address the specific needs of various sections of the population. He also discussed the challenges in monitoring poverty reduction efforts and suggested the use of technology and data-driven approaches for effective monitoring and evaluation.

The lecture was followed by a Q&A session, where the audience had the opportunity to interact with the speaker and clarify their doubts. Dr. Rukmani proposed the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the guest speaker, the chairperson, and the audience for their active participation and contribution to the event. Overall, the Sixth Prof. John Caldwell Memorial Lecture provided valuable insights into the multidimensional nature of poverty in India and emphasized the need for a comprehensive approach to poverty reduction efforts.