

INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH (IASSH)

8th Prof. K. E. Vaidyanathan Memorial Lecture

IASSH has instituted a memorial lecture in honour of Prof. K.E. Vaidyanathan since 2014. He was the President of the Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH) from 2007 to 2011 and was mainly responsible for the expansion of the Association to its present form. Dr. Vaidyanathan was a distinguished demographer who served in various capacities in the United Nations and other organizations. He started his career as a faculty at the International Institute for Population Sciences in Mumbai and later became the Head of the Department of Population Studies at the Institute of Rural Health and Family Planning in Gandhigram. He then joined the UN system and worked in various countries such as Egypt, Syria, Uganda, and Sudan, where he helped establish centers for population studies and research, advised planning commissions, and conducted successful population surveys and censuses. In his later years, he also helped plan and implement the Living Standards Measurement Survey in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Dr. Vaidyanathan passed away in 2014 at Bangalore.



Prof. Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, Prof. T.V. Sekher, Prof. N. Audinarayana, Prof. Sandhya Rani, Prof. Anviti Gupta, Dr. Ramna Thakur, Dr. Pragya Gupta and others.

8th Dr. K. E. Vaidyanathan Memorial Lecture was held at the Chanakya Auditorium, on the 16th of March 2023. The session was chaired by Prof. T V Sekher and co-chaired by Prof. Anviti Gupta. The event was graced by the presence of distinguished personalities, scholars, students. Prof. N. Audinarayana, spoke about the life and contributions of Prof.



Vaidyanathan. The speaker for the event was Prof. Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay from Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Delhi, who spoke on the topic, *"Education and Economic Prosperity: Lessons from the Past and What it Means for Our Future."* Prof. Mukhopadhyay's lecture provided valuable insights into the role of education in achieving economic prosperity. He highlighted the importance of education in creating a skilled workforce and driving innovation, which are critical factors in achieving economic growth. He also drew attention

to the historical context, illustrating how education has played a critical role in the economic development of various nations in the past.

The lecture was followed by a vote of thanks, by Dr. Ramna Thakur, who expressed her gratitude to all the speakers and participants for their valuable contributions. The event was well-attended, and the audience actively participated in the discussions that followed.



Participants attending the Prof. K. E. Vaidyanathan Memorial Lecture