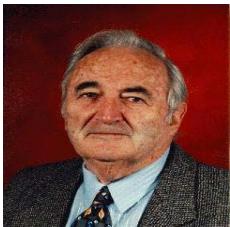


Second Professor John Caldwell Memorial Lecture organized by the Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH)



The Doyen of Demography Professor John (Jack) Caldwell died on 12th March 2016 at the age of 87 in Canberra, Australia. 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 approached the Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH) to institute a memorial lecture in his honor. IASSH instituted a memorial lecture series in honour of the "most famous demographer of our times", and the first memorial lecture was held last year at Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, on 24th September, 2016.



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. For more details, see IASSH website: www.iassh.org



Prof. S.Siva Raju, President,IASSH, Prof.S. Parasuraman, Dr.Venkatesh Srinivasan, Prof.T.V. Sekher,General Secretary,IASSH, on the stage

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.

