

Secretary's Report, 2023

Esteemed members of APGI,

I am presenting before you the report of activities for the year 2022-23 with a very heavy heart. We received the shocking news of the demise of Prof. Surya Kant on March 19, 2023. We deeply condole his death and pray to God to grant peace to the departed soul and strength to family to bear this loss. The Association acknowledges the contribution of Prof. Surya Kant in promoting the cause of Association in general and Population Geography Journal in particular. The vacuum created by his death has put us on a difficult cross road. He recently joined as President of the Association but destiny deprived us from his services untimely.

Prof. Gopal Krishan our ex. President desired last year to find a new President for the Association. The APGI honored his request. A few informal and formal meetings with senior members and EC members were held. Subsequently a consensus was arrived at, in order of priority, for Prof. Surya Kant and Prof. Krishna Mohan as next president of APGI in the EC meeting dated Jan 9, 2023. In the same meeting, suggestion, to ensure an honorable position in association for our very senior members, was forwarded. A constitution reform committee, to be formed soon, will be requested to suggest modalities.

We have received an email dated March 21, 2023 from Prof David G. Dickason regarding his inability to continue as sectional editor (International Migration) due to his escalating health issues. We duly acknowledge his contribution and accept his request.

We have received Journal Vol. 57, No. 1 and 2, AUC Geographica from Charles University, Prague. We shall be sending our volumes in exchange to continue this collaboration.

In order to face lift our website, the services of Jalgaon, Ratnagiri based Kulkarni Technologies was hired. An amount of Rs. 28074 was paid for unpaid part payment of website creation and domain renewal.

The proposal of giving the task of printing our journal by taking the services of a professional body could not materialize due to feasibility reasons. The printing of the journal at present is done by Chandika Press private Ltd, Industrial Area Chandigarh. However, the entire setting and editing work is our responsibility. We get 350 copies printed for each volume. Volume 44 number 1 was printed at a cost of Rs 46041/-.

The Dec 2022 volume of our journal will soon be submitted to press as we have received the reports from some reviewers. This task of journal shall be entrusted to one of the persons amongst us who has a missionary zeal and willingness to serve the association.

Our website address has been changed from www.apgichd.com to www.apgin.org.

Further we have received the publication grant of Rs 63000/ for the financial year 2022-23 from ICSSR, New Delhi. We deeply acknowledge this grant support We have received Institutional Membership for the following Volumes – Volume 42 (2020) -01 copy, Volume 42 (2021) -01 copy, Volume 44 (2022) -04 copies, Volume 45 (2023) -01 copy.

The Association is getting its account audited by Rajni Anil and Associates on an annual payment of Rs 5900.

During 2022-23, our Association admitted 16 new members. These are L-402 Prof. Md Salim Reja (Cooch Behar, West Bengal) L-403 Mr. Prashant Bhimrao Dongordive (Mumbai, Maharashtra) L-404 Ms. Girimallika Borah (Guwahati, Assam) L-405 Ms. Mallica Rajendra Desai (Margao, Goa) L-406 Mr. Shahid Jamal (Delhi) L- 407 Dr. Neeti (New Delhi) L- 408 Ms. Shweta Singh (Srinagar, Uttarakhand) L-409 Ms. Abhilasha Sharma (Varanasi, U.P.) L-410 Prof. Bharwati Das (New Delhi) L-411 Dr. Kumari Saroj (Hissar, Haryana) L-412 Mr. Gurpreet Singh Sandhu (Gurdaspur, Punjab) L-413 Ms. Reet Bishnoi (Chandigarh), L-414 Shalini Sharma (Chandigarh), L-415 Mr. Deepak (Chandigarh), L-416 Mr. Sachin (Chandigarh), L-417 Mr. Sarabjit Singh (Chandiagarh) . We have in all 417 registered life members. This year association admitted two Annual Members also namely Mr. Mohit Kesarwani and Mr. Deepak Moda.

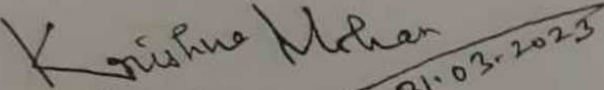
We welcome all the new members to the Association and look forward to their active participation in the activities of the Association in the years to come. Certificate of their life membership will be distributed to them.

Regarding the financial position, APGI has FDR worth Rs. 1162486. Our accounts for the financial year 2022-23 have been audited. A copy of the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Association for the year ending 31st March, 2023 shall be uploaded on our website and will also be shared on whatsapp group.

I am pleased to share that we have received an amount of Rs 5100/- as donation amount on April 1, 2022 from Prof. Nina Singh and Rs 5100/ from Prof. Surya Kant. APGI applauds their generosity and support. I am also pleased to inform that Mrs. Shashi Kanta Sharma donated Rs 5000/- on March 31, 2023. We highly acknowledge her continuous support.

Our association works as a team and receives support from every member as and when sought. It is acknowledged whole heartedly.

Thank you,


(Krishna Mohan)
Secretary, APGI

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