

Brief Report of Conference Participation

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Participated and presented a paper titled “**Real-Time Biosurveillance Program: Field Experiences from Tamil Nadu, India**” in the 7th Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH) conference on Health, Poverty and Human Development held at Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, during 5th to 7th March 2010. This conference was organized by Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. The three-day conference was held in K.N. Udappa Auditorium. The registration and inauguration was held at the same Auditorium followed by three Symposiums on the following topics:

1. Health, Poverty and Human Development Interrelationships
2. Public policies to improve Health and Human Development
3. Food & Nutrition, Women & Children and HIV

Apart from symposium, there were seven technical sessions held at three different places of BHU campus at which 196 oral presentations and 120 posters were presented.

Technical sessions

1. Inequalities in Health and Human Development
2. Gender, Health and Poverty
3. HIV/AIDS, Poverty and Human Development
4. Strategies and Programs
5. Environment, Health and Poverty
6. Measurement
7. Other Emerging Health Issues

The time and venue have been allotted for both oral and poster presentations. Our paper was presented in the 5th session titled “**Environment, Health and Poverty**” scheduled on 6th March 2010. As soon as my presentation was over, I attended the technical sessions according to my interest and relevant subject area. All the sessions got over by 11 am on 7th March 2010. The valedictory function was held at the K.N. Udappa auditorium and presided over by Prof. C.D. Sing, Vice Chancellor of Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Madhya Pradesh.