

## Delhi Assembly Speaker Commends IAPPD's Initiatives on Ageing, Gender Equity, and Social Development

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Mr. Avinash Rai Khanna, former Member of Parliament and Vice Chairman of the IAPPD Standing Committee, along with Mr. Manmohan Sharma, Executive Secretary, IAPPD, called on Mr. Vijender Gupta, Hon'ble Speaker of the Delhi Legislative Assembly, on 28 May 2026.

During the meeting, Mr. Khanna and Mr. Sharma briefed the Hon'ble Speaker on the wide-ranging activities and programmes being undertaken by the Indian Association of Parliamentarians for Population and Development (IAPPD). They highlighted the Association's 48-year legacy, having been founded by Late Shri Sat Paul Mittal, Member of Parliament, and currently functioning under the chairmanship of Prof. P. J. Kurien, former Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. They also outlined the Association's ongoing initiatives in the areas of population and development, with particular emphasis on promoting active and healthy ageing, improving the female sex ratio, and preventing child and early marriages.

They further proposed organizing a joint sensitization workshop or seminar on "**Ageing in India**", with particular reference to the challenges and opportunities associated with the elderly population in Delhi.

The Hon'ble Speaker expressed keen interest in IAPPD's work and appreciated the Association's longstanding contribution to addressing important social and developmental issues. He engaged in a detailed discussion on the emerging challenges relating to population ageing and gender imbalance in Delhi and assured his support for organizing an appropriate programme in collaboration with the Delhi Legislative Assembly.

Commending IAPPD's sustained efforts, the Hon'ble Speaker lauded the Association's commitment to advancing gender equity, promoting the welfare and dignity of senior citizens, and raising awareness about the harmful consequences of child and early marriages. He acknowledged the significance of these initiatives in fostering inclusive and equitable social development.

