

VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA COMMENDS IAPPD ACTIVITIES

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At a function held at **Uprashtrapati Bhavan** on 22 May 2026, the Hon'ble Vice President of India, **Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan**, released the book *The Library Man of India: The Story of P. N. Panicker*. Prof. P. J. Kurien was the keynote speaker on the occasion. The Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Tourism, **Shri Suresh Gopi**, was also present.

Following the book release, the Hon'ble Vice President interacted with Prof. P. J. Kurien and Mr. Manmohan Sharma and took keen interest in learning about the activities and initiatives of the Indian Association of Parliamentarians for Population and Development (IAPPD). He appreciated the wide-ranging work being undertaken by the Association in addressing important population, health, and development issues.

During the interaction, Prof. Kurien and Mr. Manmohan Sharma presented the following IAPPD publications to the Hon'ble Vice President:

- *Gender Equality, Equity and Women Empowerment in India*
- *Social and Behaviour Change (SBC) for SRHR, including FP: India on the Move*
- *Status of Sex Ratio at Birth in India*
- *Elderly Population in India: Status and Support System*

The Hon'ble Vice President expressed his appreciation for the significant work undertaken by IAPPD and was pleased to learn that the Association has addressed many of the major population, health, and development challenges confronting the country through its research, advocacy, and sensitization initiatives. He also assured that he would study the publications and have them placed in the library of Uprashtrapati Bhavan.

