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Population Issues

Population issues make waves

There has been a spate of articles in United States on population issues thanks to aggressive leadership of UNFPA & IPPF –Los Angeles Times (2nd December) under *Beyond 7 Billion; Bending the population curve*. Published views of well-known population expert's Malcolm Potts on “*No one-size solution*”, Gopi Gopalakrishnan on “*The Kulanjan Lesson*”, J. Joseph Speidel & Kristen Thompson on “*Better Birth Control*”, Leona D’agnes & Joan Castro on “*An Integrated Approach*”, Martha Campbell on “*A Strange Silence*”, Djavad Salehi-Isfahani on “*Success in Iran*”, William N. Ryerson on “*Pop Culture’s Role*”, Carl Pobe on “*Religion as an Asset*”, John F. May on “*Support from the top*” & USAID Chief - Rajiv Shah on “*Preventing Child Deaths*”.

Singapore Prime Minister “not enough babies”

The Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hisian Loong also given an interview focusing on the question on demographics, population growth, connected to economic growth and having a discussion over the last few months, nationally.

“It is a big issue, is not something which we are going to be able to solve, but we will be dealing with it for 10 years and longer. Because we are not producing enough babies, we need to top up it with immigration. We must strike the right balance, commenting on rising the birth rate: well, it is an issue which many countries have been dealing with. None of them have come to any very satisfactory solutions because the trade-off are difficult ones. All the developed countries have a problem of not having enough babies”. --More: Bloomberg Business Week 20th Nov.

“Don’t play politics with women’s health”, Barack Obama

Government should design policies that allow women to make decisions about their Sexual & Reproductive Health, was the message of the U.S. President Barack Obama for the IPPF-UNFPA commemoration in Midrard (South Africa). Woman issues should not politicize woman are not interest groups. If you truly value families don’t play politics with woman’s health, he said, there was strong call for women allowed to make their own decisions regarding reproductive health. UNFPA Executive Director Babatunde was critical of the failures of civil societies to promote woman’s health. It was up to communities to insure the woman and young girl are on the policy agenda, progress can only be achieved when woman and young girls reach their full potentials, he said.

--Source The New Age, SA, 6th Dec.

RH Bill in Azerbaijan

After Philippines, a reproductive health bill has been developed by Azerbaijan which is now renamed as “Law of Protection of Reproductive health.” Number of serious changes related to maternity rights, treatment of infertility, sperm donation are also part of the Bill. Social policy committee of the parliament which is piloting the Bill is associated with the European Parliamentary forum (EPF).
--Source: APA News Azerbaijan

Will population peak at 2030?

David Markel, in his blog published in Business Insider, analyzed that human fertility is falling faster than most demographer expect, using CIA Factbook, present total fertility rate for the world is 2.47 births per women last year it was 2.50 and in 2006 it was 2.90, with this rate in 2022 world will be at replacement level, that is a lot earlier than most expert think and he suggest that global population will tab out at 8.5 billion in 2030.

-log on to www.businessinsider.com

Vegetarians have better sex life: Study claims

A new research conducted by UC Barclay’s Department of Environment Science suggest that vegetarians have a better sex life than people who eat meat. “People who consumed tofu and other vegetable food might enjoy a better sex life”. Sciencelive website reported. However, the site also reported a study conducted by Bellarmine University in Louisville, found that most men believe that eating meat makes them more manly.

When it comes to making love, meat eaters can be as sluggish as the blood trying to squeeze through their clogged arteries but vegans have the stamina to keep the party going all night long.
--Source: *The New Age SA*, 26th November.

Third World Reproductive Health outcomes: Harvard

The Harvard Law Center on 19th November posted information about center for disease control and prevention report about *Reproductive and Child health in America* which compares some American states with Third World countries. -Source: Harvard Law Center.

Nepal has more women

The population census in Nepal counted 51.5% woman against 48.8% of male population. The census was conducted in June last year.
--Source: *Himalaya Times*.

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