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Dr. S. Chandrasekhar and The Kaufman Trust Award

Sripati Chandrasekhar is one of the few living men who has managed to get the whole world in his debt -- and not only those alive today but generations to come. This is because although a young man of fifty, Dr. Chandrasekhar is one of the earliest prophets of the population crisis.

While more than 99 per cent of the earth's inhabitants were blissfully unaware that there was such a thing as a population problem, Dr. Chandrasekhar, beginning more than 30 years ago, entered upon a ceaseless campaign of issuing warnings about over-population.

In 1937, while 18 years old and a student at Madras College, ^{Presidency} he wrote a prize-winning essay entitled, "The Population Problem in India". Since then, Dr. Chandrasekhar has published a stream of articles and books -- more than 200 articles and 18 books -- a majority of which have dealt with the population problem in India and the world.

He has given hundreds of lectures on population. In fact, it is believed by students of population that no other man has been so active. So long, in doing everything he could to avert the impending population crisis.

He has visited the United States 26 times in the last 27 years, and has travelled to all parts of Europe and Asia in pursuit of his work as a Demographer and Social Scientist.

Now, as Minister of State for Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development, Dr. Chandrasekhar is in a position to bring all his dynamic talents to bear not only on the problem of over-population but on all matters relating to the health and welfare of the people of the nation he loves so dearly.

Dr. Chandrasekhar's academic record is a most distinguished one. Upon completion of his studies at the Madras Presidency College of the University of Madras, from which he graduated with honours and distinction in 1938, he chose to continue his studies in the United States at Columbia, New York and Princeton Universities. He received his Doctorate of Philosophy from New York University and then returned to India to become the youngest professor and head of the Department of Economics at the Annamalai University (1947-50). Then he became Director of Demographic Research at UNESCO in Paris for two years. Following that, he served as Professor and Head of the Department of Economics at Baroda University, followed by two years as a Nuffield Fellow in Demography at the London School of Economics.

In 1950, Dr. Chandrasekhar founded the Indian Institute of Population Studies and was its Honorary Director along with other duties.

Dr. Chandrasekhar has received many high awards including the Watumull Award, the highest recognition for excellence in demography. He has received an honorary degree, Doctor of Letters, from the University

of Redlands in the United States, and the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature in March of this year from Kurukshetra University.

On behalf of the Kaufman Trust, I am honored to present to Dr. Sripati Chandrasekhar -- who has done so much to keep our world from reaping the bitter harvest of over-population -- the first Kaufman Award.

Sd/- A.R. Kaufman