

## 2022 IASS PRESIDENTIAL VOTE - FINAL REPORT

The IASS Election Committee is pleased to announce the results of the 2022 Election for President of the International Association of Sanskrit Studies.

**Candidates:** Two candidates had been approved on 17 Nov 2022 by the IASS Board:

- Prof. Hari Dutt Sharma, Em. Professor, Univ. of Allahabad
- Prof. Dipti Tripathi, Em. Professor, Univ. of Delhi

**Method:** Owing to the interruptions, delays, and extenuating circumstances of the global pandemic, the election was conducted **online**, using a professional voting website, **ElectionRunner.com**. The procedure was as follows, in accordance with the IASS Statutes:

- A current list of **198 IASS Members** in good standing was provided by the Secretariat of the 2023 World Sanskrit Conference (Canberra), who is handling the processing of IASS membership fees for this year; supplemented with additional names kindly provided directly by the IASS Treasurer.
- IASS Members in good standing were **invited to vote** through an email to their registered addresses via the ElectionRunner software, providing their USER ID and VOTING KEY, and a unique PERSONAL LINK.
- **BALLOT URL:** <https://app.electionrunner.com/election/281764/ballot>
- Voters were provided **CANDIDATE DOSSIERS**, containing their CV and a vision statement for their candidacy for IASS President; this was provided both through the ElectionRunner ballot as well as through a message to all members.
- **DURATION OF VOTING:** 25 November - 5 December 2022.
- **CLOSE OF VOTING:** 5 December, 2022; 11.59PM Pacific (GMT-8.00).

**Results:** We hereby verify the following results:

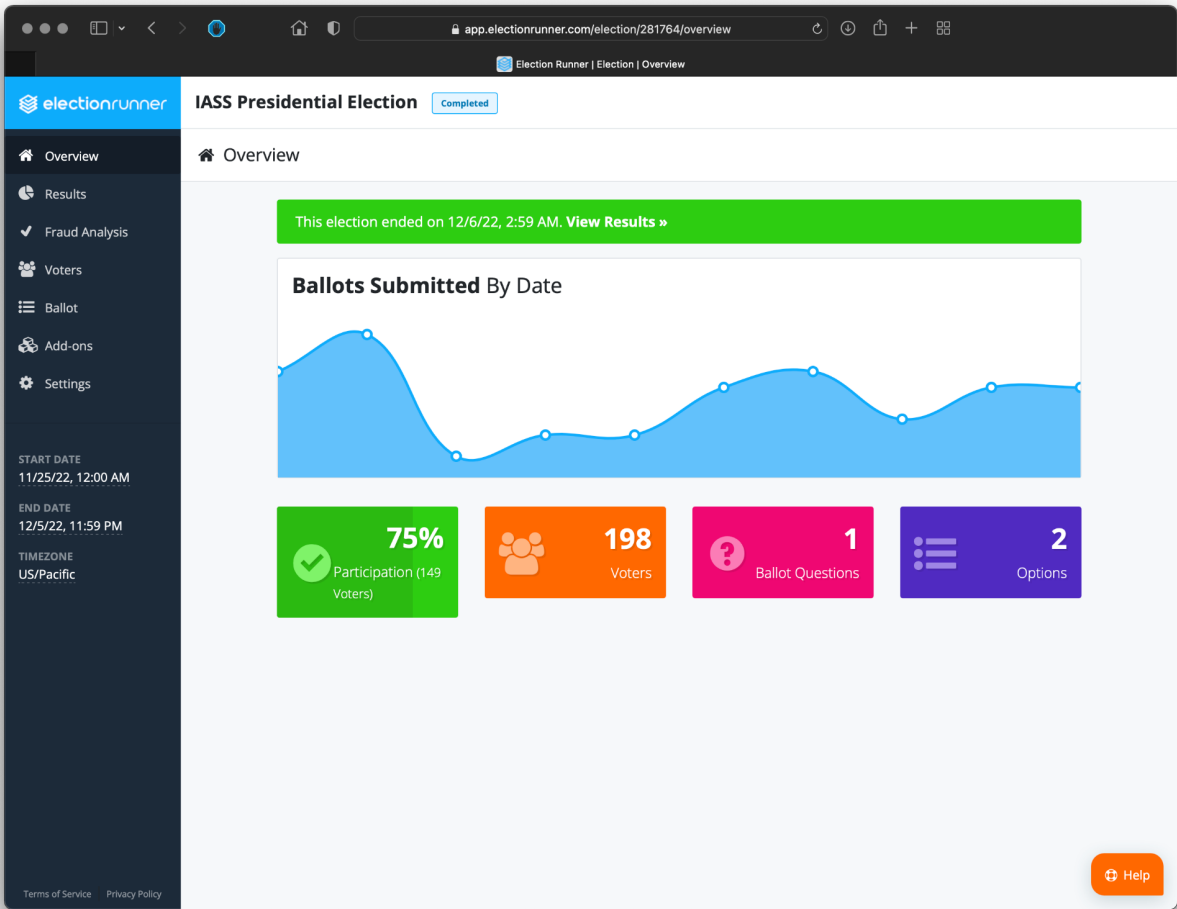
- Prof. Dipti **TRIPATHI** - 91 votes (61%) ✓
- Prof. Hari Dutt **SHARMA** - 58 votes (39%)
- **Participation:** 149 of 198 voters (75%).
- An internal **voter audit** has been conducted by ElectionRunner.com, based on 'device fingerprints' of all voters, finding no evidence of potential fraud.

We hereby submit this report for the approval of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Sanskrit Studies. We attach in the following pages screenshots from ElectionRunner.com as evidence of the above results. The voter audit spreadsheet is also available upon request.

Adheesh Sathaye, University of British Columbia  
Chair, IASS Election Committee

SCREENSHOTS FROM ELECTIONRUNNER:

OVERVIEW of VOTING



BALLOT:

The screenshot shows the 'Ballot' page of the Election Runner application. The browser address bar displays 'app.electionrunner.com/election/281764/ballot'. The page title is 'IASS Presidential Election' with a 'Completed' status. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Overview, Results, Fraud Analysis, Voters, Ballot, Add-ons, and Settings. The main content area displays the 'IASS President' ballot with a 'Multiple Choice' question. The description section lists two candidates: Prof. Hari Dutt Sharma and Prof. Dipti Tripathi, with detailed biographies for each. Below the description, there are 'Rules' (Voters are required to select a minimum of 1 option(s), Voters can select only 1 option), 'Attachments' (SHARMA-dossier.pdf, TRIPATHI-dossier.pdf), and 'Options' (Prof. Hari Dutt Sharma, Prof. Dipti Tripathi). The bottom right corner features a 'Help' button.

**IASS President**  
Multiple Choice

**Description**

Please choose one of the following candidates for IASS President:

- Prof. Hari Dutt Sharma (Emeritus, University of Allahabad)
- Prof. Dipti Tripathi (Emerita, University of Delhi)

**Prof. Hari Dutt Sharma** (D.Phil. Univ. of Allahabad) is Emeritus Professor of Sanskrit, University of Allahabad, where he also served as Head of Department. He has served on the IASS Consultative Committee since 2012, and has been a Convenor of various sections of the World Sanskrit Conference (2015, 2018, 2023) as well as the "Kavismavijay" events. In addition to numerous other awards and honours, Prof. Sharma received the President's Certificate of Honour (Rashtrapati Samman) in 2015. A scholar of Sanskrit poetics and literature, Prof. Sharma has published more than 15 books (including several original works of poetry and drama), 80 research papers, delivered invited lectures across India, and guided 29 research scholars to obtain D.Phil. degrees at Univ. of Allahabad. Travelling widely outside of India, Prof. Sharma has held a visiting position at Silpakorn University (Bangkok, 1998-2001), delivered lectures, conducted archival research, and participated in conferences in Europe, North America, and Asia.

**Prof. Dipti Tripathi** (PhD, Patna University) is Emerita Professor of Sanskrit at Delhi University, she has served as Head of Department. From 2010-2014, Prof. Tripathi was the Director of the National Mission for Manuscripts, a nationwide digital inventory of manuscripts undertaken by the Ministry of Culture of the Government of India. In addition to numerous other awards, honours, and distinctions, Prof. Tripathi received the President's Certificate of Honour (Rashtrapati Samman) in 2017. A scholar of Sanskrit Grammar (Vyākaraṇa), Prof. Tripathi has published 8 books and more than 70 research articles, and has guided 14 students to a PhD degree and 22 to MPhil degrees at Delhi University. She has presented at numerous conferences in India and abroad, and has a long history of involvement with the IASS, including a plenary address at the 17th World Sanskrit Conference (Vancouver 2018). She has held visiting professorships in China, conducted postdoctoral research through a Commonwealth Scholarship in the UK, and engaged professionally with institutions across North America, Europe, and Asia.

Prior to casting your vote, you are encouraged to please download both candidates' **VISION STATEMENTS** and **CVs**, and which are given below as PDF attachments.

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**Rules**

Voters are required to select a **minimum of 1** option(s)

Voters can select **only 1** option

**Attachments**

[SHARMA-dossier.pdf](#)

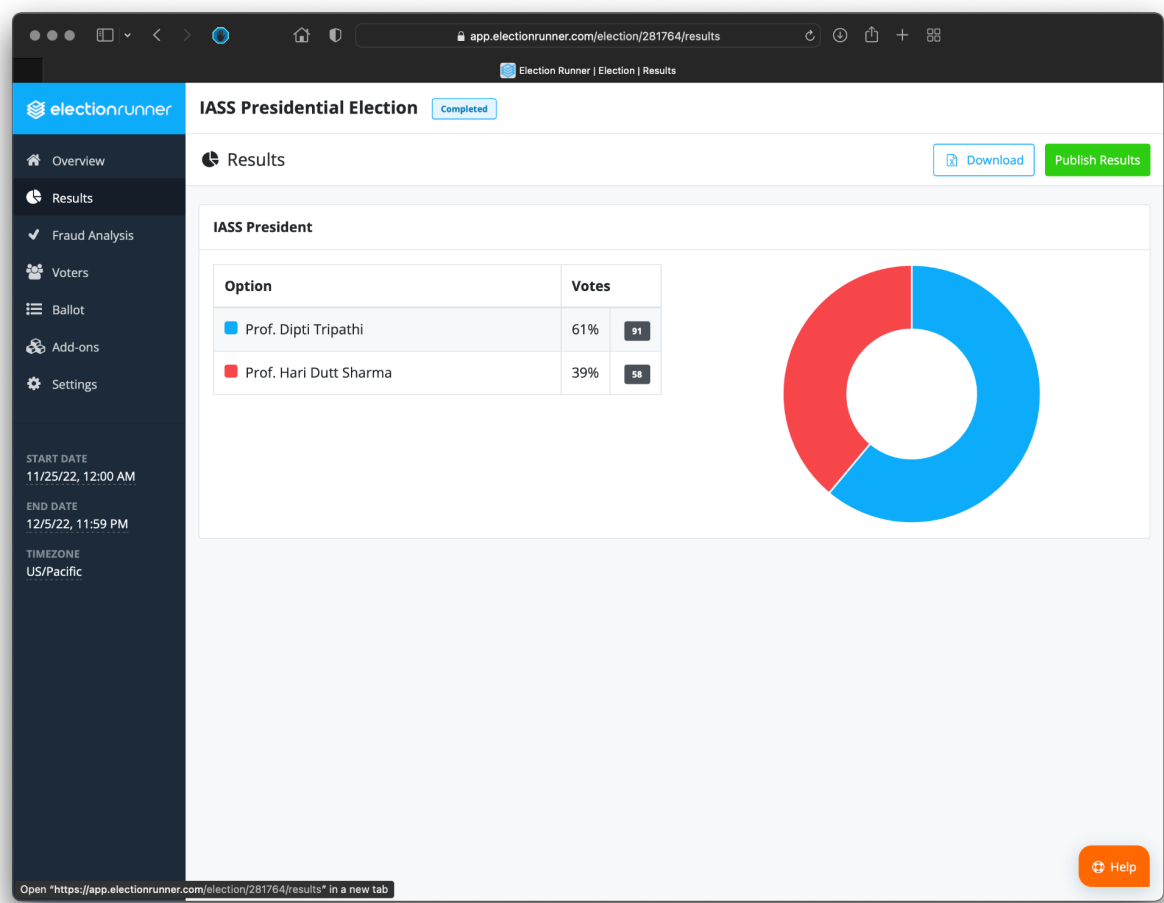
[TRIPATHI-dossier.pdf](#)

**Options**

☒ Prof. Hari Dutt Sharma [Details](#)

☐ Prof. Dipti Tripathi [Details](#)

RESULTS:



FRAUD ANALYSIS:

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Overview Results Fraud Analysis

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Voters

Ballot

Add-ons

Settings

START DATE  
11/25/22, 12:00 AM

END DATE  
12/5/22, 11:59 PM

TIMEZONE  
US/Pacific

**Great news!** We were unable to detect any potential voter fraud in this election.

**How is voter fraud detected?**

Voter fraud is detected by using what we call a "device fingerprint". When a voter casts their ballot we generate a fingerprint that is unique to their device. Our fraud detection algorithm factors in the fingerprint when looking at your election's ballots, and groups them by matching fingerprints.

If you anticipate your voters legitimately voting on the same device (in a library, computer lab, etc.), then expect a lot of false positives.

**IMPORTANT:** Discarded ballots cannot be recovered.

[Click here to learn more »](#)

Open "https://app.electionrunner.com/election/281764/fraud" in a new tab

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