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Five-Days Workshop on Sampling Methods in Population and Health Research:

Types, Techniques, Examples

DEC 12 – 16, 2022



Venue: IIPS, Mumbai

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Application Deadline: 5 Dec, 2022

Seats Available: 30



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Objective of the Workshop

The sample size is essential in any research, and its estimation is one of the most crucial steps in designing a study. The primary purpose of the sample size estimation is to determine the minimum number of subjects/participants required in a study to derive valid conclusions with a prefixed precision, significance level, and power. This workshop is proposed to enhance the researchers' knowledge regarding the importance of sample size and essentials in its estimation, along with sample size estimation methods in different scenarios added with hands-on training in population and health research.

Certificate

The certificate will be given to the participants after successfully completing the course conducted by Resource persons and IIPSAA.

Course Content

- Introduction and importance of sampling and sampling frames (Introduction, concepts, and theory of sampling frames in health research)
- Single and Multistage sampling design.
(Example of NFHS, LASI, and NSS)
- Sample Size estimation for different study designs.
- Importance of Sampling weight and its estimation for different sampling methods.
- Sample size estimation in clinical trials using EPI info & statistical packages.

Resource Persons



Prof. T.K. Roy is Former Faculty (1966-1999) & Director and Senior Professor (1999-2004) at IIPS. He is a statistician and demographer with more than 40 years of teaching and research experience. Prof. Roy was engaged in the NFHS survey from its inception. He served as an expert on the Sampling Review Committee for the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS), USA, CNNS and designed many other large-scale sample surveys. He is an expert in estimating sample size, processing, and managing large-scale cross-sectional and longitudinal data sets. His book, "Statistical Survey Design and Evaluating Impact", is extensively used by researchers and students.

Dr S.N. Dwivedi is a retired Professor of the Department of Biostatistics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS-New Delhi). He is a PhD in Statistics (BHU-1985). Dr Dwivedi is associated with various professional bodies, including an elected Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society member of the International Statistical Institute. More than seventy-five articles published in national/ international journals are to his credit. He has been the recipient of awards (e.g., the title "Fellow of the Indian Society for Medical Statistics (FSMS)" and its Dr R N Srivastava Award for best paper). His current interest is in epidemiological modelling using comparatively advanced methodologies like time-to-event/multilevel analysis and randomised controlled trials.



Dr Sayeed Unisa is currently working as a Professor at the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai. She holds PhD degree from IIPS, Mumbai and two Master's degrees from Osmania University, Hyderabad (Statistics and Education). Her research interests are nutrition, gender, infertility, health and education. She carried out cross-sectional, impact evaluation and longitudinal studies in most of the states of India with funding from UNICEF, WHO, World Bank, Ford Foundation and the Government of India. Prof Unisa has published more than 100 articles in refereed journals and six books. Dr Unisa is the recipient of prestigious awards in population studies.



Dr Shahina Begum is a Scientist-E and Head, Department of Biostatistics, ICMR NIRRCH. She holds a master's degree in statistics (BHU) and an MPS degree in Population studies (IIPS, Mumbai). She got her PhD in biostatistics from AIIMS, New Delhi. She has published several research papers in academically acclaimed journals. Her area of expertise is Reproductive Health and Clinical Trials. Her professional experience has been as an Assistant Professor (RDGMC, Ujjain), then Scientist 'C' and Scientist 'D' at National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health.



Dr Laxmi Kant Dwivedi is currently working as a Professor in the Department of Survey Research & Data Analytics, International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai. He holds a Master's Degree in Statistics (Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi) and a PhD in Population Studies (IIPS, Mumbai). His area of expertise is Demographic Models; Applied Econometrics; Applied Multivariate Analysis; Impact Evaluation, and Large-scale Survey Research Methods in Demography and Health.



Important Dates

- Date of Training: 12th Dec - 16th Dec, 2022
- Last Date to Receive Application: 5 Dec 2022
- Date For Sharing the Final List of Participants: 7 Dec 2022
- Last date payment: 10 Dec 2022
- Valedictory Session: 16 Dec 2022

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Registration & Course fee

Registration/ Course fee for this workshop:

- IIPSAA Member- 1000
- Non-Member- 2000

Fill Google form on or before 5th Dec 2022. The final list of participants will be decided by the IIPSAA and selected participants will be informed by 7th Dec 2022.

Google form link

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Objective of the Workshop

The motivation behind this training session is to introduce the basics of SPSS to the **working professionals (Age above 35)** who are interested in data analysis but need more computation and statistical analysis using the software. This course would benefit faculty members of colleges and universities, management executives, Industry training professionals, and research scholars who wish to enhance their understanding of this subject. Experts with knowledge of all aspects of the SPSS will train the participants on various statistical analysis topics, data mining, and interpretations. The workshop will focus on practical learning through case studies which will enable the participants to practice what they learn through the workshop.

Certificate

The certificate will be given to the participants after successfully completing the course conducted by Resource persons and IIPSAA.

Resource Persons



Dr. C. P. Prakasam is a retired Professor with over 30 years of experience in Demography. He has expertise in Public Health, Mortality, Bio-Statistics, and Computer Applications in Demographic Data analysis. He has published several research papers, supervised 10 Ph.D. students in Population Studies, and completed 35 research projects funded by various organizations. He has organized workshops on Population Data Bases and Development of Knowledge assets through e-books. Dr. Prakasam has been involved in NFHS, POPIN, POPLINE, and PO-ENVIS projects and has visited several countries for teaching and training programs. He is an ex-President of IASSH and ex-Vice President of IASP, and shares his knowledge on SPSS and Population Studies through his YouTube channel and blog.

Dr. Sulabha Parasuraman is a retired Professor and Head of the Department of Population Policies and Programmes at the International Institute for Population Sciences in Mumbai. She holds a post-graduate degree in Statistics and a Ph.D. in Demography from Mumbai University. Dr. Parasuraman has guided several M.Phil. and Ph.D. students' dissertations and was actively involved in constructing the Population Clock of IIPS. After retirement, she served as a consultant with UNICEF, NAANDI Foundation, and Tata Institute of Social Sciences. She was also a member of various committees constituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, with her areas of interest being evaluation of health and family welfare programs, population projections, and large-scale sample surveys.



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Dr. Kunal Keshri is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Migration and Urban Studies at the International Institute for Population Sciences in Mumbai. He holds a Master's Degree in Geography from Delhi School of Economics, and an M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Population Studies from the International Institute for Population Sciences. Dr. Keshri's research interests include migration and development, urbanization and environment, public health, nutrition, maternal and child health, and population ageing. He has published extensively in international and national journals and edited books, and has served as a consultant to UNFPA and the Population Council. Currently, he is involved in several research projects funded by ICSSR, and University of Aberdeen, UK.



Dr Illias K. Sheikh is trained as a demographer with interest in demographic data & methods, large scale surveys, fertility, family planning, reproductive health, maternal & child health, maternal mortality and ageing. Dr. Sheikh has been affiliated as an Assistant Professor with IIPS, Mumbai. Much of his work is focused on reaching the poorest and most vulnerable populations with interventions and evaluating national efforts to improve maternal and child health. Dr. Sheikh has more than 30 publications. He has received a number of fellowships and awards throughout his academic career from various national and international organizations, including 'Best Young Researcher Award' in 2019. Dr. Sheikh has also been associated with several professional associations such as the IUSSP, France; WPHNA, UK; ACAMH, UK; IAPHS, US etc.



Important Dates

- Date of Training : **26th - 30th April, 2023**
- Last Date to Receive Application : **20th April, 2023**
- Date For Sharing the Final List of Participants : **21st April, 2023**
- Last date payment: **25th April, 2023**

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- Non-Member- 3000

Note: The registration fee includes the workshop kit, Lunch and evening Tea (every day). Limited accommodation is available at the IIPS hostel at a nominal price. Participants are supposed to pay themselves for the accommodation. Breakfast and dinner can be taken from the IIPS hostel mess by paying the daily coupon price.

Fill Google form on or before 20th April, 2023. The final list of participants will be decided by the IIPSAA and selected participants will be informed by 21st April, 2023.

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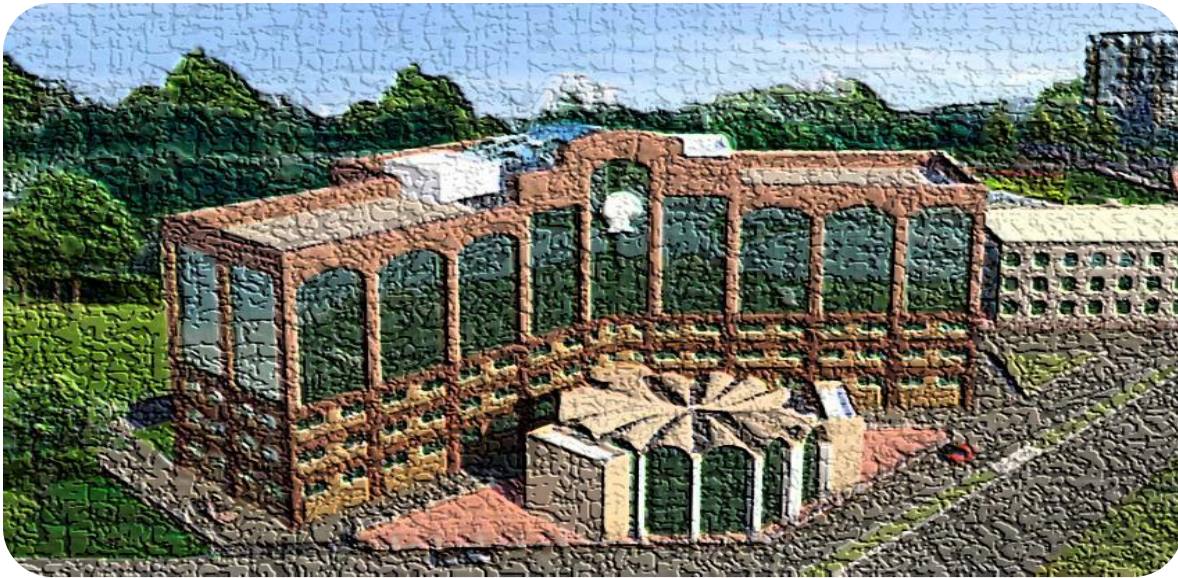

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From the Editor's Desk



I am happy to present this *Newsletter* (the eighth volume) of IIPSAA as the Chief Editor. I accept that it is delayed, and I express regret for this delay in its publication.

This issue covers an article by Prof. Irudaya Rajan, who has described his journey as a demographer since 1982 when he joined IIPS as a CPS student, and Prof. Zachariah's impact on his life and academics. Then, it highlights the major academic and cultural activities that the managing committee of IIPSAA was able to initiate during the last year. As a new initiative, the committee has started supporting a few deserving and needy students in presenting their papers at international conferences in India and abroad. The committee desires to expand such

activities in the future. Details of such awards provided during the last year are included.

IIPS is expanding in different fields, and this *Newsletter* also provides information about the significant academic and other developments in IIPS.

I thank the editorial team members, particularly Dr. Kunal Keshri, for providing leadership in bringing out this *Newsletter* and the student members for providing details about different activities.

The managing committee has various plans, but they all require financial support. I appeal to all alumni to help in identifying alumni (also demographers and social scientists who may be interested in joining the association) who have not yet joined the association and encourage them to become life members. I also wish to thank the members of the association who have donated money to the association for its activities. More such contributions are required primarily to help needy students.

Comments on the organization of the *Newsletter* are welcome. A few of them may be included in the next issue of the *Newsletter*.

I hope in the future; we will be able to improve the publication further so that one can know about the significant achievements of the alumni, major developments in the institute, and opportunities for younger demographers and social scientists. Small technical notes/commentaries from alumni are also invited to be included in the next issue.

With good wishes,

Arun Kumar Sharma

Senior Professor, IIT Kanpur (Ret)

An alumnus of the 1975 batch of CPS

Memorial

My Journey of Migration Research with Prof Zachariah



Prof. K C Zachariah
1922-2023

My journey with Prof. Zachariah started from the days when I was a Certificate in Population Studies (CPS) student at the International Institute for Population Studies (IIPS), way back in 1982. There was a compulsory paper Migration (Technical and Substantive), and we were supposed to read a book by K C Zachariah, titled, ‘Manual VI –Methods of Measuring Internal Migration’ published by the United Nations in 1970. He wrote two monumental books when he started research in the 1960s at the Demographic and Research and Training Centre (DTRC) as Deputy Director, now known as IIPS. These books are *A Historical Study of Internal Migration in the Indian Sub-Continent 1901–1931* (Asia Publishing House, 1964) and *Migrants in Greater Bombay* (Asia Publishing House, 1969).

At IIPS, we learned about the famous works of Prof. Zachariah on migration. At the final stage of my PhD, under the guidance of Prof. K Srinivasan, formerly Director, IIPS, I joined as an Assistant Professor in the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) supported Global Training Program on Population and Development at the Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Kerala. This was a golden era for CDS with trained demographers – P N Mari Bhat, K Navaneetham, P S Sarma, U S Mishra, P K Panda, and Mala Ramanathan in the 1990s.

When I joined CDS, Prof. Zachariah had just retired from the World Bank and was designated an honorary professor. He was 65 years old, and I was just 30. I fondly call his new phase of Zachariah’s life as “Zachariah 2.0”. He was allotted the faculty room very next to mine, and that’s how our interaction began. I started talking to the same personality whose book I once read as a student. By now, he had established himself as a world-famous demographer. We often chatted, and I once asked him whether he would like to engage in any major research; he was



already availing a handsome pension from the World Bank. He said that he had no interest in taking any research work and would lead a relaxed life in Kerala as a returned emigrant. Incidentally, he left Kerala to join Gauhati University, Assam, then Patna University, and then IIPS. After that, he moved to Cairo Demographic Centre, Egypt, and finally joined the World Bank. I was eagerly willing to work with him; he was looking for a comfortable retired life. I had a huge zeal for his contribution to demography, so I told him that he needn't do any work; instead, I wanted him to read my writings and guide me professionally. He agreed, and that's how our long journey of 35 years began till his last breath on January 20, 2023.

It was a journey of joint research, mentorship, and, most importantly, friendship till his last breath at the age of 99, four months. In 1991, one day, he brought one of his World Bank working papers titled *Anomaly of the Fertility Decline in Kerala*, published in 1981. He told me he wanted to replicate a similar Fertility Survey in 1991, after ten years of his earlier work. His long-time friend and colleague, Professor Pravin Visaria, then Director of the Gujarat Institute of Development Research, had agreed to fund the survey of 3000 households in three districts of Kerala – Ernakulam, Palakkad, and Malappuram. He wanted me to join him in the project. He requested all demographers at CDS to join him to be part of the book, published as CDS Monograph Series in 1994 titled, *Demographic Transition in Kerala in 1980*, authored by K C Zachariah, S Irudaya Rajan, P S Sarma, K Navaneetham, P S Gopinathan Nair and U S Mishra in 1994. I was traveling extensively at that time while Prof. Zachariah was mainly at home. I promoted the book extensively. The second edition of the book was brought out in 1998. This was our first work together, and I still fondly remember and cherish those days.

After tasting the success of our work on fertility, Prof. Zachariah again came up to me and said, "I started my research career at the age of 35, and it was on migration in Greater Bombay. Now, I wish to end my research career with the same topic of migration. Shall we develop some projects on migration? Can you become a part of this?" When he told me, he was close to 75. I was around 40 at that time and brimming with enthusiasm to work. That is how the first Kerala Migration Survey (KMS), 1998, was born. We applied for grants to some places in 1996 but got rejected. Finally, in 1997, the third funder agency supported us. We successfully completed the first migration survey. I would say that Prof. Zachariah baptized me as a migration expert.

Otherwise, I was planning to pursue my interest in studies of elderly people, and I continue to take up studies on elderly people. I must say that I got attracted to this study area because of his profound influence. And that was the beginning of our long-term collaboration. Since he retired, I was the one who attended all seminars to present the findings of KMS; the fame and success of the first round of KMS gave birth to subsequent rounds in the following years. We have completed eight rounds, and the 9th round of KMS 2023 has just begun. When I asked for any advice for KMS 2023, he suggested increasing the sample size. When we started in 1998, 10,000 households were studied. In 2008, it went to 15,000; we plan to increase it to 20,000 households. During the last 35 years, we have worked together on around eighteen working papers from CDS, nine journal articles, and ten books. The last one is a book entitled *Researching International Migration*, which Routledge publishes. Due to its popularity, Routledge wanted us



to prepare another companion volume, *Researching Internal Migration*. After some discussion, he asked me to work with R B Bhagat of the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, whom I have known since my student days at IIPS. Prof. Zachariah read the manuscript and wrote a foreword for the book, which was released recently at the IIPS in the presence of Prof. K S James, Director, IIPS. Our strong bond kept us going through the last four decades. When I asked Prof. Zachariah about starting an institute, the International Institute of Migration and Development (IIMAD), he gladly agreed. Thus, he became the Founder and President of IIMAD and continued until he died in 2023. When I asked for his insights for the 2023 survey, I was confident that I would get the funding. In the last 25 years, I arranged the funding without any hassle, so Prof. Zachariah was confident that I could run IIMAD or any survey. He would always compliment my ability to gather resources.

Most people plan to enjoy a comfortable retired life, while Prof. Zachariah stood up to conduct one of the biggest surveys in the world after his retirement. His contribution to the field of migration studies focused on Kerala's spirit of migration. Prof. Zachariah was also a man of great willpower and determination. He was diagnosed with diabetes at the very young age of 24. From that day onwards, he took utmost care of his lifestyle and diet and conquered the condition with discipline and perseverance. Even at the age of 90, he was interested in studying the workings of new gadgets and technology. There were no bounds to his thirst for knowledge. It is notable that he published his last book, 'Researching International Migration' at the age of 92!

Another incident I recollect is when I went to East-West Centre, Hawaii, as a visiting scholar. I was out on the beach with a great professor, and he was lying down and listening to me. I was introducing myself and where I hail from while he laid down. He was indifferent throughout, and the moment I told him I worked with Prof. Zachariah, the professor suddenly got up and looked at me with astonishment. I still remember his eagerness to know about my association with Prof. Zachariah. After reaching home, when I narrated the incident to him, his face broke into a wide grin. People looked up to him as a great personality, and I was lucky enough to get him as a colleague in the next room. I have countless memories of him.

I am working on my biography and plan to combine it with Prof. Zachariah's. After spending 35 years together, I can't find any way to write about me without including him. I plan to name it "The Migrant" as my tribute to Prof. Zachariah.

Prof. Irudaya Rajan

Former Professor at the Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Kerala
& IIPSAA President

IIPSAA Lecture Series

IIPSAA has started a new initiative to call renowned demographers for motivational and academic lectures under the IIPSAA lecture series. These lecturers aim to increase IIPS graduates' awareness about admission to different national and global institutions. In some of these lectures, speakers have discussed job opportunities to support those who would be looking for jobs right after graduating PhD or master's programmes. IIPSAA is also trying to focus on enhancing the research network, consultancy services and general health, which will benefit all members, including middle and late-career alumni. These lectures are delivered mostly by the alumni of IIPS. We have also invited global experts where there is a requirement. We will engage with our alumni regularly to gauge the training gaps. During the last year, six lectures were held. The lectures were well attended and appreciated by the students and younger faculty. The details are given below.

➤ Lecture 1 | 05th July 2022 (Online)

“Opportunities for students of IIPS in the leading academic institutions in India”

Speaker: Prof. A K Sharma, IIT Kanpur

Chairperson: Prof. Irudaya Rajan

Introduction of Speaker: Prof. Nandita Saikia

Vote of Thanks: Dr. Bashir A Bhat

Prof. Sharma is a distinguished alumni of IIPS. He joined IIT Kanpur as a lecturer in Sociology, where he served for 41 years from 1980 to 2021, and retired as an Emeritus Fellow in June 2021. Prof. Sharma discussed the admission procedure in IITs and IIMs of India and job opportunities for scholars with population backgrounds.



➤ **Lecture 2 | 06th September 2022 (Online)**

“Higher education opportunities in Europe”

Speaker: Dr. Aravinda M Guntupalli, University of Aberdeen, Scotland

Chairperson: Prof. Sayeed Unisa

Introduction of Speaker: Dr. Bashir A Bhat

Vote of Thanks: Dr. Sandhya R Mahapatro



Dr. Arvinda Meera Guntupalli is a distinguished alumni and works as a senior lecturer in Global Health at the University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom. She provided insights on various universities suitable for the students of IIPS, the availability of funds and fellowships to pursue the courses and the useful websites and other resources to know more and avail of these opportunities.

➤ **Lecture 3 | 12th January 2023 (In-person)**

“Higher Education and Employment Opportunities in North America”

Speaker: Prof. Shivalingappa Halli, Max Rady College of Medicine, University of Manitoba

Chairperson: Prof. Sayeed Unisa

Introduction of Speaker: Dr. Kunal Keshri

Vote of Thanks: Pankaj Kumar Patel

Prof. Shivalingappa Halli is a distinguished alumni and works as a Professor at the Max Rady College of Medicine, University of Manitoba, Canada. He discussed the admission procedure in the universities of Canada and talked about the projects running in India on health issues and the job opportunities in India and Canada.



➤ **Lecture 4 | 17th February 2023 (Online)**

“Research Ethics in Australian Universities / Research Institutes”

Speaker: Dr. Santosh Jatrana, James Cook University, Australia

Chairperson: Prof. R. Nagarajan

Introduction of Speaker: Prof. Nandita Saikia

Vote of Thanks: Dr. T R Dilip

Dr. Santosh Jatrana, is the Senior Principal Research Fellow and Research Head at the Murtupuni Centre for Rural and Remote Health and currently holds an honorary Associate Professor position at the Australian National University..Dr Jatrana gave detailed information and procedures followed to clear the data collection of the students in the universities of Australia.

➤ **Lecture 5 | 27th March 2023 (Hybrid Mode)**

“The Digital Revolution and Demography: Perspectives from Digital and Computational Demography”

Speaker: Prof. Ridhi Kashyap, Nuffield College, University of Oxford

Chairperson: Prof. Sayeed Unisa

Introduction of Speaker: Prof. Nandita Saikia

Vote of Thanks: Mr. Pankaj Kumar Patel



Prof Ridhi Kashyap is an eminent scholar in the field of population studies at Nuffield College, University of Oxford. She explained the procedure of using digital data and procuring the data from social media sites. She has also presented her papers on the use of this data for demographic studies.



➤ Lecture 6 | 3rd May 2023

“Preparing for a career in global health and development.”

Speaker: Dr. Saumya Rama Rao, Consultant Population Council, New York, USA

Chairperson: Prof. A K Sharma

Introduction of Speaker: Prof. Sayeed Unisa

Vote of Thanks: Prof. Dhananjay W. Bansod

Dr Saumya Rama Rao is a former faculty of IIPS. She is the Chair of the Institutional Review Board of the Population Council, New York. She had advised scholars to expand the area of research to get global opportunities.



IIPSAA Workshops

- ❖ The different committee members of IIPSAA are organising workshops for the skill development of the students, early career graduates and senior staff who require different skills. These will be paid workshops; however, concessions will be given to life and student members. IIPSAA decided to hold offline and online workshops from time to time. During last year, two in-person workshops were held. Their details are given below.

Five-Day Workshop on Sampling Methods in Population and Health Research: Types, Techniques, Examples

Date: DEC 12 - 16, 2022

Venue: International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai.

Organizers: IIPSAA & IIPS

The sample size is an essential determinant of survey estimates' reliability; its determination is one of the most crucial steps in designing a study, acknowledging that a Five-Day **Workshop on Sampling Methods in Population and Health Research** was held in IIPS, Mumbai, from Dec 12-16, 2022. This workshop was jointly organized by the International Institute for Population Sciences Alumni Association (**IIPSAA**) & International Institute for Population Sciences (**IIPS**). The primary aim of organizing such a workshop was to equip and enhance the student's knowledge regarding the importance of sample size and essentials in its estimation, along with sample size estimation methods in different population and health research scenarios. The course (for the workshop) was designed by Prof. T.K. Roy and Prof. Sayeed Unisa (two workshop coordinators).

The workshop brought together over 47 participants from IIPS and other institutes across India. The workshop was inaugurated at 2:00 p.m. on Dec 12, 2022, at IIPS Mumbai. Prof. R. Nagarajan, IIPSAA Vice President and Workshop Coordinator, facilitated our guest resource person, Prof. T.K. Roy, and gave the welcome speech. Prof. Sayeed Unisa, IIPSAA Vice President and workshop coordinator, made some introductory remarks that made the participants aware of the workshop's theme and its rationale in the research context. She further gave a brief overview of the five-day workshop. IIPSA MC members Prof. Dhananjay W. Bansod, Dr. Dilip T. R., Dr. Kunal Keshri, and Dr. Illias Kanchan Sheikh graced the occasion with their presence.

Resource persons for this workshop were Prof. T.K. Roy, Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Prof. S.N. Dwivedi, Dr. Shahina Begum, and Prof. L.K. Dwivedi. The first session started with opening remarks by Prof. Roy, emphasizing that the primary purpose of the sample size estimation should be to determine the minimum number of subjects/participants required in a study to derive valid conclusions with a prefixed precision and significance level. Prof. Roy also taught multistage sampling design and sample size estimation for different study designs. Prof S.N Dwivedi delivered a lecture on clinical trials and sample size determination, whereas Dr. Shahina spoke on sample size estimation using EPI info. Prof L.K. Dwivedi demonstrated the importance of sampling weight and its estimation for different sampling methods (Example of NFHS, LASI, and NSS). In the last session, Prof. Sayeed Unisa discussed impact evaluation designs using the SWABHIMAN monitoring and evolution model as an example.

The workshop successfully harnessed the enthusiasm and experience of participants and reached wide-ranging topics for discussion and learning. Informative and worthwhile sessions made participants happy and satisfied. They gave positive feedback on their learning experiences during the feedback and discussion session. The Valedictory function of the workshop was held at 6:00 p.m. on Dec 16, 2022. Workshop Coordinators (Prof. Unisa & Prof. Nagarajan) distributed the certificate to all the participants. In the end, Pankaj Kumar Patel (workshop volunteer) extended the vote of thanks. The workshop organizing committee extends heartfelt gratitude to all resource persons, IIPS administration, IIPSAA MC Members, student volunteers, and participants.

Workshop Coordinators: Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Prof. R. Nagarajan & Prof. L.K. Dwivedi





Five-Day Workshop on “A Hands-on Training of SPSS: Basics to Advance” **26-30 April, 2023**

Venue: International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai

Organizers: IIPSAA & IIPS

The five-day workshop titled “A Hands-on Training of SPSS: Basics to Advanced” was organized by the International Institute for Population Sciences Alumni Association (IIPSAA) in collaboration with the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS). The workshop aimed to provide comprehensive training on using SPSS software to individuals aged 35 and above. Individuals employed in the public or private sector, faculty members, professionals, independent researchers, and NGO workers. The primary objective was to introduce the basics of SPSS to working professionals interested in data analysis, helping them acquire additional computational and statistical analysis skills using the software. The workshop sought to benefit faculty members, management executives, industry training professionals, and research scholars looking to enhance their understanding of this subject. A total of 20 participants actively took part in the SPSS training program. The participants included professionals aged 35 and above from various backgrounds, such as the public and private sectors, academia, and NGOs. The diverse range of participants ensured a rich learning environment and facilitated knowledge exchange among individuals from different fields. The workshop covered a wide range of topics related to SPSS, including various statistical analysis techniques, data mining, and interpreting the results. The participants were provided practical learning opportunities through case studies, enabling them to apply the concepts learned during the workshop. The workshop coordinators, Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Prof. R. Nagarajan, and Prof. Nandita Saikia, ensured that the training program encompassed both theoretical and hands-on aspects of SPSS, thus enhancing the participants’ understanding and practical skills. The workshop featured esteemed resource persons with extensive knowledge and expertise in SPSS. The resource persons responsible for the training sessions were Prof. C. P. Prakasam, Prof. Sulabha Parasuraman, Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Dr. Kunal Kesari, and Dr. Illias K. Sheikh. Their expertise in various SPSS and statistical analysis aspects gave participants valuable insights and guidance throughout the workshop.

The workshop commenced with an inauguration ceremony at 10:00 a.m. on April 26, 2023, at the Indian Institute of Population Studies (IIPS) in Mumbai. Prof. R. Nagarajan, the Vice

President of IIPSAA and one of the workshop coordinators, facilitated the resource persons, Prof. C. P. Prakasam and Sulabha Parasuraman, and delivered the welcome speech. Prof. Sayeed Unisa, also a Vice President of IIPSAA and workshop coordinator, introduced the workshop's theme, emphasizing its relevance in the research context. In the end, the valedictory function took place at 2:00 p.m. on April 30, 2023. Participants in the event included Prof. C. P. Prakasam, Prof. Sulabha Parasuraman, Prof. K.S. James (Director & Senior Prof, IIPS), Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Prof. R. Nagarajan, and Anjani Mishra (ICT Unit head). The distinguished speakers distributed the participation certificates to all the participants. Pankaj Kumar Patel (workshop volunteer) delivered the vote of thanks on behalf of the organizing committee, expressing gratitude to the resource persons, IIPS administration, ICT Unit, IIPSAA MC members, student volunteers, and participants.

Workshop Coordinators: Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Prof. R. Nagarajan, Prof. Nandita Saikia



IIPSA Membership Drive and Regional Meetings

Management Committee of IIPSA had organized a membership drive meeting with the passing out students on 25th May 2022. Additionally, IIPSA organized several regional meetings to develop a strong network of alumni and to know the availability of experts for lecturers and workshops. Regional meetings were held in Lucknow (27 August 2022), Bhubaneswar (19 November 2022), UK (24 November 2022) and US and Canada (3 December 2022).

Glimpses of Meetings





T-Shirt Drive

To develop a sense of solidarity among family members of IIPS, IIPSAA organized a T-shirt drive. Many students and staff bought the T-shirt and found it to be a helpful activity. The association did not have to contribute any money towards this.



Book Release



Prof. Nandita Saikia, Department of Public Health and Mortality Studies, along with Dr. Moradhvaj Dhakad (IIASA) launched the book **“Adult Mortality in India: Trends, Socio-Economic Disparities and Consequences”** on May 11, 2023 at New York University, Abu Dhabi. Since there has been a significant decrease in mortality among children under five, the weight of disease has shifted to the adult age group, with dire socioeconomic ramifications, as the new book emphasizes. Given that India has one of the greatest intra-country variances in mortality by location and socioeconomic category, this book highlights the critical need for a full knowledge of these variations.



IIPSAA Marathon 2023



The International Institute for Population Sciences Alumni Association (IIPSAA), in collaboration with USV Private Ltd. (Pharmaceutical Company), organized a marathon event called “Run for Health Awareness” on the 22nd of January, 2023. The event was aimed at improving health awareness among students and was marked by the presence of Shri. Jayant Dwivedy, Executive Director of USV, Shri. Krishna Prakash IPS, Special Inspector General, Maharashtra Police, and Smt. Dr. Arpita Dwivedy, L. H. Hiranandani Hospital Mumbai.

The run was for short distances of 2 km and 5 km within the Deonar area in the vicinity of IIPS and was open for students, faculty, and staff of IIPS. Upon completing the run, every participant was awarded a finisher’s medal. Among the faculty members, Prof. K S James (Director & Senior Professor, IIPS), Prof. R B Bhagat, Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Prof. U S Mishra, Prof. T V Sekher, Prof. Nandita Saikia, Prof. Dhananjay Bansod, Prof. R Nagarajan, Prof. K C Das, Prof. S K Singh, Dr. Srinivas Goli, Dr. Kunal Keshri & Prof. M Sivakami (TISS) participated in the marathon.

The run was financially supported by USV, where all the registered participants received a T-shirt and a water bottle. Refreshments were served. Along with IIPSAA and marathon special volunteers, the Students Council of IIPS played a crucial role in making the event successful. Volunteers were present at the venue and along the route to guide the runners and to help in the smooth finishing of the marathon at the end-point. The police department also extended its support and guidance in making the event successful.





IIPSAA Young Achievers

IIPSAA Conference Fund aims to support alumni of IIPSAA to attend an international academic conference to disseminate their research findings. This competitive fund can be available for researchers to present oral presentations at an international conference in or outside India. The following students have benefitted through IIPSAA funding to attend various conferences/workshops.

1. Nawaj Sarif, PhD Scholar, IIPS Mumbai

Conference Details: Population Association of America, 12-15 April 2023, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

Paper Title: **“The Paradox of Urban Decline in India”**

Author: Nawaj Sarif and Archana K. Roy

Description: The paper highlights the global phenomenon of urban shrinkage in the Indian context. The study has found that 11.4 percent of towns have experienced population decline, and many are shrinking. It is paradoxical that despite having a low level of urbanization, India still faces population decline in many urban centers. Urban shrinkage will become a major challenge for urban planners and policymakers in the upcoming decades. Therefore, it is crucial to address this issue and take necessary actions.

“Attending a conference abroad is a dream for every PhD student. Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the PAA Conference 2023 in New Orleans, USA, and it was one of the greatest experiences of my life. I am grateful to IIPSAA for helping me with the registration fee and making attending the PAA 2023 conference easier.”



2. Dr. Ratna Patel, Junior Research Officer, NFHS-6

Conference Details: Policy Brief Talk, United Nations, Geneva, 23-25 June 2022

Paper Title: **“Earning gap and intimate partner violence: Testing Household Bargaining Model and Male Backlash Model theories”**

Description: This research attempts to outline the factors determining the violence against women in India, adopting a multilevel approach. Two rival economic hypotheses account for the incidence of domestic violence against women: Household Bargaining Model (HBM) and Male Backlash Model (MBM). They are employed to understand the predictors of violence against women.

“I would not have been able to present this policy brief talk at the United Nations Office, Geneva, Switzerland if the IIPSAA committee had not provided me with the travel support. For this reason, I am very grateful to the IIPSAA committee, and I look forward to being associated with the organization for years to come.”

3. Dr. Sekhar Chauhan, Senior Project Officer, LASI

Conference Details: Policy Brief Talk, United Nations, Geneva, 23- 25 June 2022

Paper Title: **ENRICH Marital Satisfaction Scale: Factor Structure and Reliability Study in rural population of Uttar Pradesh, India**

“This work was part of my PhD research work. This research work examines the reliability of the ENRICH Marital Satisfaction Scale among married men in the Lalitpur and Shrawasti districts in Uttar Pradesh, India. Despite being selected for the oral presentation category, traveling costs were almost impossible for

me to cover without any financial aid, which is where the IIPSAA travel support came into play. For providing me with a travel grant to disseminate my PhD research work at the UN Office in Geneva, Switzerland, I am very grateful to the IIPSAA committee.”



4. Mihir Adhikary, PhD Scholar, IIPS Mumbai, IIPSAA Volunteer

Conference: Population Association of Singapore 2023 Annual Meeting, National University of Singapore, 11-12, May 2023

Paper Title: “Neonatal, post-neonatal, child, and adult mortality attributable to household and ambient air pollution in India”

Author: Mihir Adhikary, Nandita Saikia, Pallav Purohit, Wolfgang Schöpp, Vladimir Canudas-Romo

Description: The paper highlights ambient and household air pollution and its association with mortality risk in life stages. This study is of paramount importance as it assesses the connection between air pollution and mortality in India. Pinpointing geographical pollution clusters and examining age-specific risks offers valuable insights for targeted public health interventions. The findings emphasize the urgency of adhering to air quality standards and reducing anthropogenic PM2.5 emissions to mitigate the substantial health risks of air pollution. Moreover, the study underscores the vulnerability of children to household air quality, necessitating measures to protect their health. This research provides critical information to guide policy decisions and improve public health outcomes.

“My experience at the 2023 Population Association of Singapore annual meeting was truly remarkable. The conference offered unparalleled opportunities for cutting-edge research engagement and networking among scholars, providing invaluable insights into population health. Singapore’s juxtaposition of architectural marvels with abundant green spaces exemplified its commitment to urban planning, creating a refreshing blend of nature in the cityscape. This awe-inspiring experience enhanced my academic journey and allowed me to

embrace the city-state's unique charm. I am grateful to IIPSAA and IIPS for their generous funding support, enabling my attendance at this conference."



5. Sourav Dey, PhD Scholar, IIPS Mumbai, IIPSAA Volunteer

Workshop: The 10th KOSTAT-UNFPA Summer Seminar on Population, Daejeon, South Korea, 24-28 July 2023

Attended two workshops:

- i) "Introduction to Demography with R."
- ii) "Standardization and Decomposition"



Workshop Description: The first workshop introduced basic demographic concepts and data; it explained the fundamental ideas about age, time, intensity, change, comparisons, and projection in demography using worked examples in R-language. In comparison, the second workshop demonstrated decomposition methods, the heart of demographic measures, and unifying standardization procedures with hands-on exercises using R and demographic data.

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first time attending a workshop abroad. The opportunity to engage with international experts and immerse myself in a new academic environment was truly invaluable. I am immensely grateful to IIPSAA for their generous funding support, which made this journey possible. The workshop not only enriched my knowledge but also a truly transformative experience that has expanded my horizons and will undoubtedly benefit my future endeavors."*

Achievements of IIPSAA Volunteers

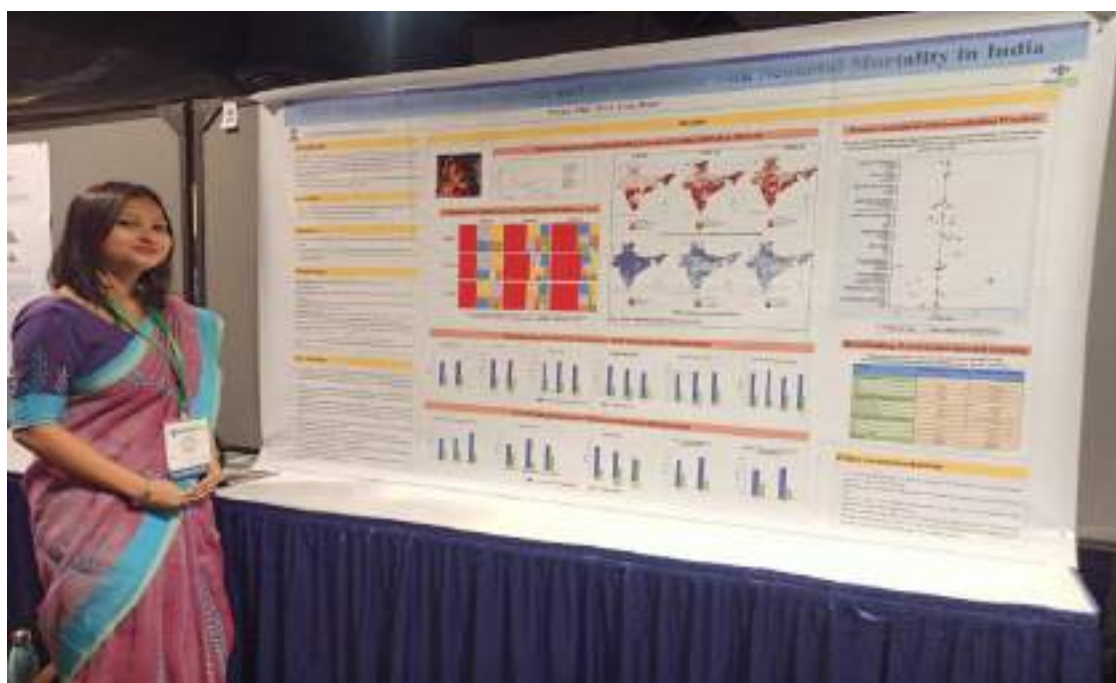
1. Piyasa Mal, PhD Scholar, IIPS Mumbai, IIPSAA Volunteer

Conference Details: Population Association of America, 2023, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

Poster Title: **“First 3 days of breastfeeding practices and its association with neonatal mortality in India”**

Author: Piyasa Mal & Prof. Usha Ram

“I am happy to share that I have received the ‘PAA (Population Association of America) Best Poster Award 2023’. Winning this prize is a noteworthy accomplishment and validation of my work. I would like to sincerely thank Prof. Usha Ram and my supervisor, Prof. Nandita Saikia, for supporting and advising me at every turn of my academic path. This conference allowed me to connect with researchers, scholars, and professionals worldwide, exchange knowledge, and explore the latest developments in our field. It allows me to broaden my perspective, gain new insight, and build a valuable international network.”



2. Neha Kumari, PhD Scholar, IIPS Mumbai, IIPSAA Volunteer

Conference Details: “Population Dynamics in India, the World’s Most Populous Country conference,” which was held on May 10 and 11, 2023, at NYU Abu Dhabi campus.

Paper Title: **“What explains low cognitive functioning among older tribal people in India?”**

Authors: Neha Kumari and Prof. Nandita Saikia.

Description: The study aims to explain low cognitive functioning among tribal older adults in India. Using the Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (2017-18), a nationally representative sample, the study found that 77.5% (Coefficient: -2.73; p-value < 0.001) of the divergence attributed to caste-based differences was elucidated by varying characteristics. Addressing the educational chasm between tribal and non-tribal adults could potentially ameliorate cognitive inequity by 39% while narrowing the rural-urban residence divide could contribute an additional 8% reduction. Notably, among others, the absence of education emerges as a pivotal factor in the cognitive underdevelopment within India's tribal populace. Tailored educational policies targeted at tribal communities promise to foster cognitive growth and defer cognitive health deterioration.

"I had always dreamed of traveling abroad, and this conference made that dream come true. It was a privilege to accompany some of the most brilliant faculty members from IIPS, which led to numerous enlightening discussions. The conference took place at NYU's Abu Dhabi campus, where I had the opportunity to engage in insightful discussions about India's population dynamics. I'm deeply thankful to my supervisor and the General Secretary of IIPSA, Prof. Nandita Saikia, for providing me with this incredible opportunity."



Appointments of Alumni



Dr Kunal Keshri has joined as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Migration & Urban Studies on October 27, 2022.



Dr Archana Kujur has joined as an Associate Professor in the Department of Fertility and Social Demography on September 29, 2022.



Ankita Siddhanta has joined as an Assistant Professor (Research) at UH Population Health, University of Houston.



Dr. Hanumant Waghmare has recently joined as an Assistant Professor at Department of Sociology & Social Work, Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar, Uttarakhand.



Dr. Mayanka Ambade has joined as an Assistant Professor at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Mandi.



Dr. Aishwarya is working as an Assistant Professor, Public Policy at Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bengaluru- Karnataka.

Obituary

We are sorry to inform you that during last few years, many distinguished alumni of IIPS passed. We are sharing the obituaries written by their friends, colleagues and family members.



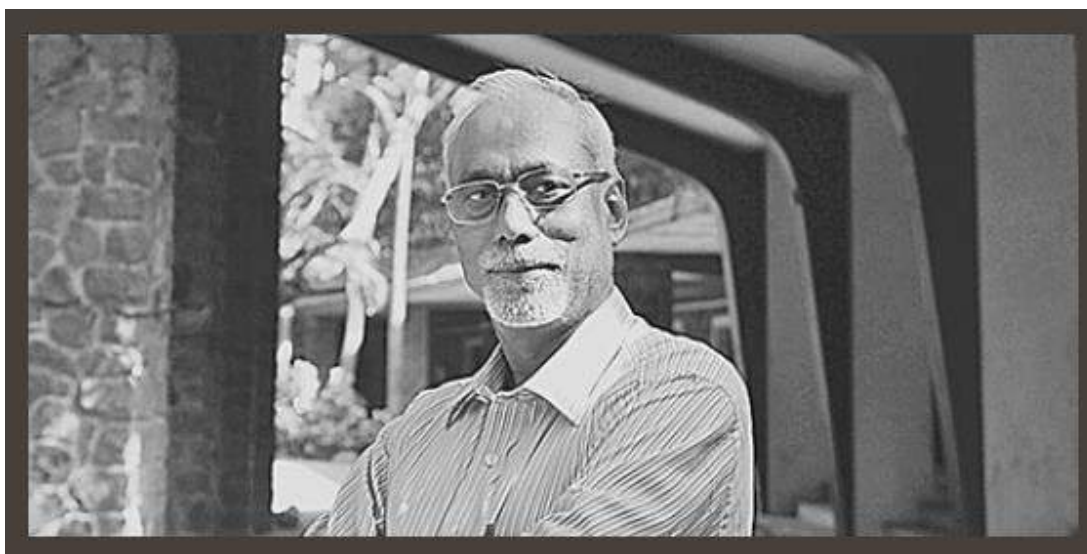
Professor U P Sinha
(16-10-1935 to 26-02-2023)

Professor Sinha was born in Gaya, Bihar. He moved to Patna after completing his early education to pursue his interest in mathematics/statistics. Following his passion for statistics and instinct to be a lecturer, he migrated to Mumbai and joined IIPS in July 1964 while completing his Certificate in Population Studies (CPS) from during 1964 to 1965. He joined as a lecturer in 1968, was promoted to Reader and Professor, served as Head of the Department of Mortality and Public Health, and was Acting Director for a short time. Prof Sinha retired as a Professor in October 1995. Prof. U.P. Sinha's PhD thesis on "Demographic Study of Tribal Population of India" was highly recognized by researchers within demography and even outside the discipline. His contribution in revising the book entitled "India's Population Problem" by S N Agarwala was one of his great contributions to the demographic community.

Prof. Sinha married Ms. Indira Sinha in 1975 and has three children. Prof. Sinha, lovingly called by his colleagues and students as 'Chacha', was one of the most popular teachers of his time, and his masterly teaching of 'life table' was highly admired by his students. Prof. Sinha has done a pioneering demographic study of the Toda tribal community of South India. His extensive fieldwork among the Toda community in the Nilgiris highlighted the health and cultural practices and also brought to our notice high primary sterility among them in the late 1980s. He initiated the alumni association work in the early 90s. He had a major setback when his wife Indira passed away on September 22, 1999. His children completed education in later years and moved to the USA, where he spent many golden years before settling down in Delhi in 2016 in an Aashiana care home. He spent many good years in a care home with a dedicated, caring team before passing away on 26th Feb 2023.

Neelu Sinha

(Eldest Daughter of Prof. Sinha)



Prof S. Parasuraman
(1952-2022)

We, the members of the IIPSAA community, are deeply saddened by the passing of Professor S. Parasuraman on September 2, 2022, in Pune. Professor Parasuraman was a distinguished alumnus of our institution, having received his certificate in Population Studies and a Ph.D. from the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai.

He dedicated 14 years of his career to serving as the Director of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in Mumbai. Before assuming the Vice Chancellor role at MIT World Peace University in Pune, Prof. Parasuraman played a pivotal role as the university's Chief Advisor and Dean of the Faculty of Sustainability Studies (FSS). His illustrious career spanned over 25 years in the field of education, where he not only imparted knowledge but also functioned as an advocate, an administrator, and a catalyst for development. His contributions have left an indelible mark, and his memory will forever endure.

He had worked several times on the governing boards of IIPS and helped the Institute in its growth. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his grieving family, and we pray to the divine for the eternal repose of his soul. May he rest in eternal peace!

Editorial Committee



Prof. P. K. Bhargava
(1953-2023)

We regret to inform all of our members of the tragic passing of Prof. PK Bhargava. On July 13, 2023, while Dr. Bhargava was visiting his daughter in the United States of America, he departed for his heavenly home. Dr. Bhargava was a well-known colleague among demographers and those who teach population studies. He was awarded a Rockefeller Foundation Special Postdoctoral fellowship in Population Sciences for advanced research in Population Sciences at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA, 1989-90. After returning from the US, he joined Population Research Centre, Institute of Economic Research Dharwad, as Director & Professor and later joined the National Institute of Adult Education, New Delhi. He also served as Advisor (Demography, Economics & Statistics) to the General Directorate of Statistics, Central Informatics Organizations, Kingdom of Bahrain from 2008-2009.

He spent several years teaching population education and economics courses at the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai. Dr. Bhargava is one of the primary figures in founding the population education department at Udaipur University, of which he was incredibly proud. Dr. Bhargava was a really welcoming, kind, and warm individual. People who knew him and had a chance to visit him at his Gurgaon home can also attest to his ardent devotion to and affiliation with the IIPS.

We send his grieving family our sincere condolences and pray to God to give them the fortitude to cope with this unrecoverable loss. May he rest in eternal peace!

Ravi Verma

Regional Director

(International Center for Research on Women's Asia Regional Office)



Mrs A. Sebastian
(1935-2021)

When I joined IIPS (then DTRC), Mrs Sebastian was my senior colleague. We, 7 to 8 persons, were working on the population simulation model project under the leadership of Dr. Venkata Chary. Mrs. Sebastian was a very humble, decent lady. She used to call me A. P. It was a great pleasure to work with her. She was also my guide for my research paper on Internal Migration in India during 1961-71 when I did my CPS during 1975-76. The reference of this paper is also given in the book written by late professor Asha Bhende. I had great respect for Mrs. Sebastian. She worked as Asst. and Associate Professor in the Department of Migration and Urbanization and in-charge of the computer centre for several years. Mrs. Sebastain retired from IIPS service in 1995. May god rest her soul in peace!

Dr A.P. Deshpande
(Retired Faculty of IIPS)

List of IIPSAA Members



It is a matter of great satisfaction that the size of IIPSAA community is expanding. As on record there are 472 members (including life members and student members). There is a need to approach other IIPSA to register as a member. Even other demographers who are not alumni of IIPS are encouraged to get membership (see the website).

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