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CIRCULAR

“ Celebration of 74th year of India’s Republic Day “ .

IIPS will be celebrating the “74th year of Republic Day” with the Tiranga unfurling event in the Institute on **January 26, 2023 at 9.00 a.m., in front of the Library Building Ground.** All IIPS members viz. faculty, staff, project staff, students and their family members are cordially invited to attend the function.



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Hello Everyone!

We are pleased to invite our **IIPS Family** (Faculties ,Staffs and Students) to seek the blessing of Maa Saraswati, the Goddess of knowledge, music, and art on the auspicious occasion of Vasant Panchami, **26th jan 2023 at New Hostel .**

Your presence will make the occasion more cherished ,joyful and successful.

Pooja Time : **10.45 am onwards**Patangbazi : **3 pm onwards(Venue : IIPS Playground)**Sandhya Arti : **6.30 pm**Games : **7pm onwards**Kalash Visarjan: **7 pm ,27th Jan 2023**Venue : **New Hostel ,IIPS**

Thanks and regards

IIPS Student Council



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नमस्तस्यै नमस्तस्यै नमस्तस्यै नमो नमः॥


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**BARANT PANCHAMI
2023**

On the occasion of
Basant Panchami,
all are cordially invited for
Saraswati Puja

Lets come forward and see
blessings from
Maa Saraswati

Puja & Pushpanjali: 26th January, 10:30 a.m.
Patangwaji : 26th January, 03:00 PM
Sandhya Arati : 26th January , 06:30 PM
Games: 26th January, 07:00 PM
Kalash Visarjan: 27th January 07:00PM
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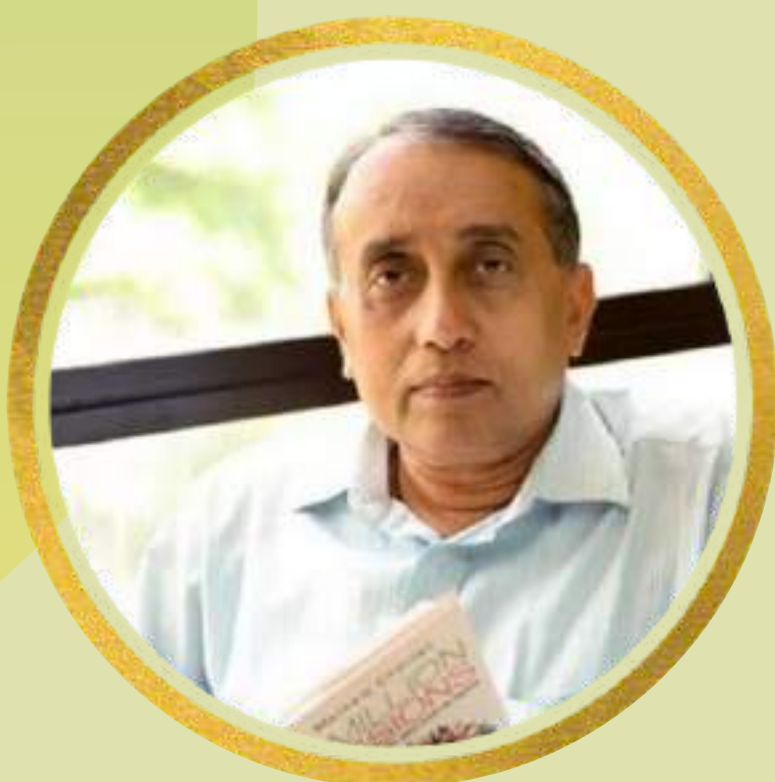


INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS - 2022

Theme: Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World

Symposium

Speakers



Shri. Mathew Cherian

Board Chair, CARE India and
former CEO, HelpAge India



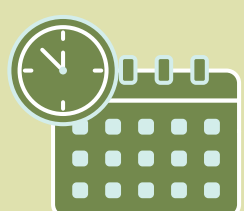
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Dean, Tata Institute of Social
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03 October 2022



04:00 pm - 05:30 pm



3rd floor, Library
building, IIPS

International Yoga Day 2022

Celebration of 8th International Yoga Day

Venue :- Seminar Hall, IIPS

Date: 21st June 2022 (Tuesday)

Time: 4.00 PM



IIPS Staff Welfare Committee



International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS)

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About IIPS

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), formerly known as Demographic Training and Research Centre, was established at Mumbai in July 1956 under the joint sponsorship of Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, the Government of India and the United Nations to serve as the regional centre for training and research in Population Studies for the countries of Asia and Pacific region. The Vision of the Institute is to position IIPS as a premier teaching and research institution in population sciences responsive to emerging national and global needs based on values of inclusion, sensitivity and rights protection. The Mission of the Institute is to strive to be a centre of excellence on all population and relevant issues through high quality education, teaching and research. This is achieved by creating competent professionals, generating and disseminating scientific knowledge and evidence, collaborating and exchanging knowledge, and advocacy and awareness. The Institute was redesignated to its present name in March 1984 to facilitate expansion of its academic activities. It was declared as a 'Deemed University' on August 14, 1985, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India in view of its contribution to the field of population studies. The recognition has enabled it to formulate its own courses as well as award degrees. This has paved the way for its further expansion as an academic institution. Currently, the IIPS is an autonomous institution under the administrative control of Department of Family Welfare, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. It holds a unique position among all the regional population centres started by the United Nations. It was the first such centre which was started, and it serves a much larger population than any of the regional centres.

This is the only Institute of its kind in the world completely devoted to teaching and research in the population-related areas. Naturally it attracts students from other countries which lack such facilities. This year, the Institute is completing 65 years of its glorious existence in the field of Population Sciences. Since its inception in 2015, International Yoga Day (IYD) is conducted every year by Staff welfare committee, IIPS.

Why this International Yoga Day -2022...

Since its inception in 2015, International Yoga Day (IYD) is conducted every year by IIPS, which has been attended and graced by Central Ministers of Government of India. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected India very badly. The healthcare workers have been exemplary in taking care of the patients to the best of their abilities. However, they are under continuous stress during the pandemic due to heavy responsibility, heightened demand, relentless duties and inherent healthcare issues of the disease. It is found that healthcare workers are losing their physical and mental health due to stressful situation during this pandemic. The public is suffering from long-term sequelae of the pandemic. Yoga is known to promote psychophysical health. Yoga will reduce the stress, will facilitate recovery from COVID-19 and yoga will promote all aspects of health. Practice of yoga will promote immunity and prevent the infections including COVID.

This National yoga day is mainly on how to improve the mental, physical & psychological health. Hence the topic of the day is "Yoga for Perfect Health". The sessions will be presented by the experienced faculty members who have the expertise in their respective fields related to Yoga.

















7.1.11 Institution celebrates / organizes national and international commemorative days, events and festivals.

Sr. No.	Details
1.	The capacity building programme on “ <i>Ethics for administrative professionals in higher educational Institutes</i> ”
2.	The 3rd Food festival “ <i>Lazeez</i> ”,
3.	‘Know your alumni’ lecture series
4.	The 66th Foundation Day
5.	Diwali Celebration 2022
6.	31 st December 2022 Celebration

Other Activities

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

IQAC with IIPS administration jointly organized the capacity building programme on “*Ethics for administrative professionals in higher educational Institutes*” from 5-7 and 11 & 18th July at IIPS. The resource persons were Lt. Col. Prashant Borde, CAO, IIPS and Dr. K. Praveen Kumar, Library and Information Officer, IIPS. The programme had sessions on necessity of ethics for administrative professionals, moral judgement,

antecedents and linkages with ethical climate, case studies etc. The administrative staff and faculty members attended the sessions.



FOOD FESTIVAL- LAZEEZ

On 30th May 2022, an amazingly mouthwatering food festival, the 3rd Food festival “**Lazeez**”, was arranged by the International Institute for Population Sciences to celebrate the flavors from across the country. With fifteen counters spread across the ground, the event kick started with the encouraging words from Prof. K S James, Director & Senior Professor and Cultural Coordinator, Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay. From the famous hot & Spicy *Litti-Chokha*, the iconic Bengali delicacy of Mutton Kosha, *paturi* and *dimer Chop*, special sweet dishes of Odisha, Kerala's own Malabar porotta and naadan chicken curry to the traditional Cuban Punch, or as we call “Mojito”, and deliciously cheesy Pasta and Maharashtrian prawn and fish fry, along with ice-cream/ Kulfis, the stalls offered explosion of flavors. Students, staff and faculty delighted in the food alike, reminding again about the feeling of family that IIPS always cherish. Lazeez was one



such a platform that brought together those who love cooking and those who love eating! We thank our IIPS fraternity for making this programme sparkling.

KNOW YOUR ALUMNI- IIPSAA LECTURE SERIES

International Institute for Population Sciences Alumni Association (IIPSAA) conducted the second lecture under the 'Know your alumni' lecture series on 06th September 2022. The lecture entitled “Higher Education Opportunities in Europe” was delivered by Dr. Aravinda Meera Guntupalli (Senior Lecturer, University of Aberdeen, UK). Dr. Aravinda's research focuses on health inequalities across the life courses, nutrition and food insecurity among migrants, multidimensional poverty among older people

and NCD related inequalities in middle-aged and older adults in low and middle-income countries. The speaker elaborated on different teaching as well as learning techniques of the European



countries and how the students should address the same effectively. Further, Dr. Guntupalli provided insights on various universities suitable for the students of IIPS, the availability of funds

and fellowships to pursue the courses and the useful resources to avail these opportunities. More than 35 students joined this interactive and informative lecture.

THE FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

The International Institute for Population Sciences, celebrated its 66th Foundation Day on 16th August 2022. It was a grand evening of decor, dance and drama with enthusiastic participation by students, faculty and staff members. Continuing with the spirit of the 75th Independence Day “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”, the students of IIPS put up a gorgeous event.

The program started with the lighting the lamp by Director Prof K S James, Prof K C Das and Prof Nandita Saikia. The program was then packed up by various classical, folk and modern dances, such as Durga Vandana, Kathak, Bharatnatyam, Bihu, Lavni, Semi-classical and Bollywood. The Master students had come together to put up a drama to showcase the difference between online and offline classes, something which all of us have experienced during the COVID. The



message that they portrayed was significant. The children of faculty and staff members performed patriotic songs. The Staff Welfare Committee also felicitated the bright students of the staff to encourage them to perform even better in studies in future.

YOGA DAY

The Yoga Lecture was organized on 18th August 2022 and the speaker for the lecture was E. Ravi Singh Choudhary (Social Entrepreneur and Author). He spoke about “Yoga: The Civilizational Heritage”, focusing on the subject of classical definition of Yoga, Samkhya, and Yoga Darshan Shastra, Ancient manuscripts of Yoga: Katha,



Upnishad, Yogacharbhumi, Vigyaan Bairav, Yoga throughout the world and applicability of Yoga in modern life. The lecture was followed by a Yoga session. The program was attended by Faculty, Staff, and Students



Internal Committee Activities

The internal committee (IC) has carried out number of activities during the academic year 2022-23 to uphold the Institute commitment towards ensuring an environment free of all forms of violence, sexual harassment, and discrimination on the basis of sex/gender and to create awareness and promote gender equality in all spheres among its students, staff and faculty to build a gender neutral practices for all. These included following activities:

1. A special talks addressing issues of Sexual harassment at workplace; Zero tolerance to Gender Based Violence (GVB), Types of discrimination and violence; Cyber Stalking and Cyber bullying and the legal Safeguards against GBV on 27th September 2022. Prof. Vibhuti Patel, Former Head of the Department, of Economics, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai, Former Professor, Advanced Centre for Women's Studies, School of Development Studies, TISS, Mumbai was the guest speaker.

2. A special lecture about Orientation on what is ICC, need of ICC, students and staff shall be briefed regarding ICC helpline details, gender-based

orientations and seminars before beginning work on campus. 29th September 2022. Prof. M. Sivkami, Professor, Centre for Health and Social Sciences, School of Health Systems Studies, TISS was the guest speaker.



3. Celebrated Gender Equality Day on 6th October 2023. Adv. Varsha Deshpande, Secretary, Dalit Mahila Vikas Mandal, Satara was the guest speaker.



4. Organized series of events including Extempore, Debates, Skits & Street plays by students and staffs for Creating awareness on Gender Neutral Environment on 28th January 2023.

5. Celebrated International Women's Day, 2023 on 3rd March 2023. Dr. Shireen Jejeebhoy, President, IUSSP & Director, Aksha Centre for Equity and Wellbeing, Dr. Kalpna Apte, Secretary



Diwali Celebration 2022

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) celebrated Diwali on October 24, 2022, with great zeal and enthusiasm. The event was attended by students, faculty, and staff, who

General, Family Planning Association of India, and Shri Pallav Patankar, Vice President-Digital Bharat Collaborative in Piramal Swasthya were the guest speakers for the event.

6. Celebrated National Girl Child Day, 2023 on 10th March 2023. Adv. Ujwala Hemant Kadrekar, Independent Socio-legal Consultant, Mumbai was the guest speaker for the event.

7. Celebrated Human Rights Day, 2023 on 24th March 2023. Dr. Vahida Nainar, Women's Research & Action Group, Mumbai was the guest speaker for the event.

8. Organized series of events including Poetry Recitation Competition, Quiz competition, Story Telling Competition by students and staffs on 27th March 2023.

Prof. Usha Ram is the chairperson and Prof. Nandita Saikia, Dr. Manas Ranjan Pradhan, Ms. Yogita Rangari, Mr. Soumendu Sen, Ms. Shivani Gharge, Ms. Aditi Chaudhary are the internal members and Prof. Vibhuti Patel is the External



Member of the Internal Committee.

participated in various cultural programs and activities. The celebration began with the lighting of Diya's and the performance of traditional puja rituals.

The Diwali celebrations at IIPS brought together the community in a spirit of joy and unity. The event provided an opportunity for students to showcase their talents and creativity and helped to foster a sense of belonging among the IIPS

31st December 2022

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized a range of cultural activities at IIPS Park on December 31, 2022, to celebrate the end of the year. The event was inaugurated by the Director & Sr. prof. K.S.James, along with the Cultural Coordinator, Professor Nandita Saikia, and was well-attended by students, faculty, and staff, who participated in various programs with great enthusiasm.

The cultural activities included dance performances, singing competitions, skits, and a fashion show. Students from different departments of IIPS showcased their talents and creativity through these activities. The dance performances ranged from classical to contemporary styles and were accompanied by lively music. The singing competitions saw participants showcasing their vocal range and talent in both solo and group performances. The skits were humorous and thought-provoking, addressing important social issues. The fashion

show was a highlight of the event, featuring stunning designs and innovative concepts.

The cultural activities provided an excellent platform for the students to showcase their diverse talents and interests, and also fostered a sense of community among the IIPS members. The event was a huge success, with the attendees appreciating the effort and hard work put in by the organizers. It was a memorable way to end the year, bringing together the IIPS community in a fun and celebratory atmosphere.



IIPSAA Activities – 2022-23

IIPSAA is a professional body of IIPS-trained population graduates who hold distinguished positions in several national and international NGOs and UN organisations. Additionally, a number of IIPS alums are hired by various academic and research institutions. IIPSAA actively plans several events for students, such as lectures, workshops, and debates, to encourage them to interact with renowned individuals who are accomplished experts in a variety of topics relating to population, health, and its allied areas. The association conducted more than five lectures by renowned speakers from India and abroad during the academic session



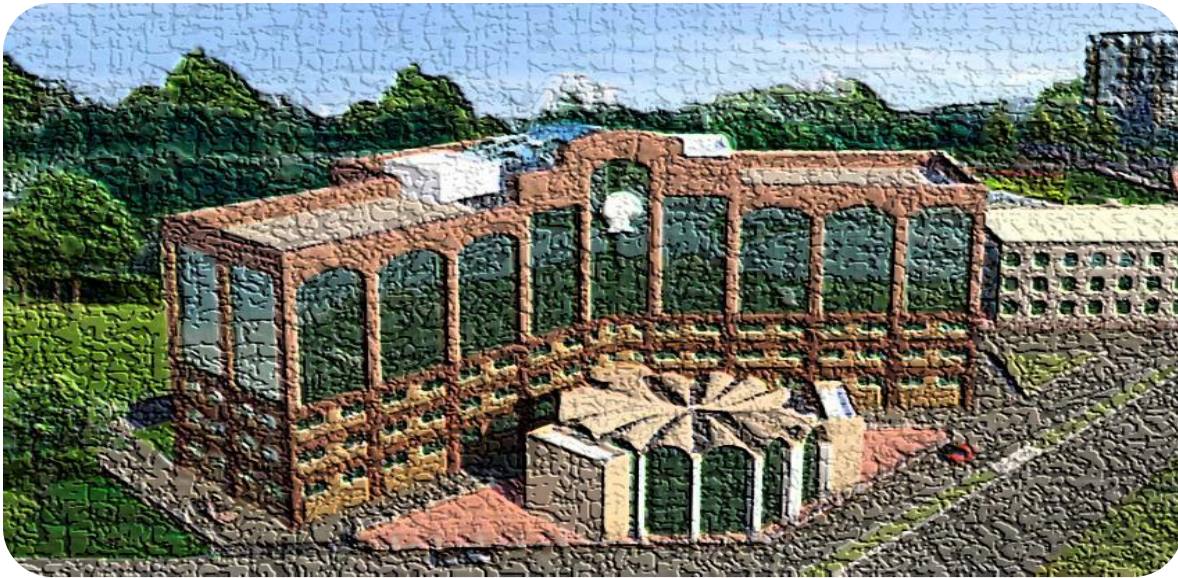
2022-23. The IIPSAA lecture series were delivered by speakers like Dr. Shivalingappa Halli, Professor at the University of Manitoba in Canada; Dr. Santosh Jatrana, Professor at James Cook University in Australia, and Dr. Ridhi Kashyap, Professor at Nuffield College, University of Oxford. IIPSAA also conducted a five days' workshop on "Sampling Methods in Population and Health Research" during December 12-16, 2022 and marathon for Health Awareness "Run for Health Awareness" in association with USV Private Limited, Mumbai, India.





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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



IIPSAA 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, IIPSAA 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

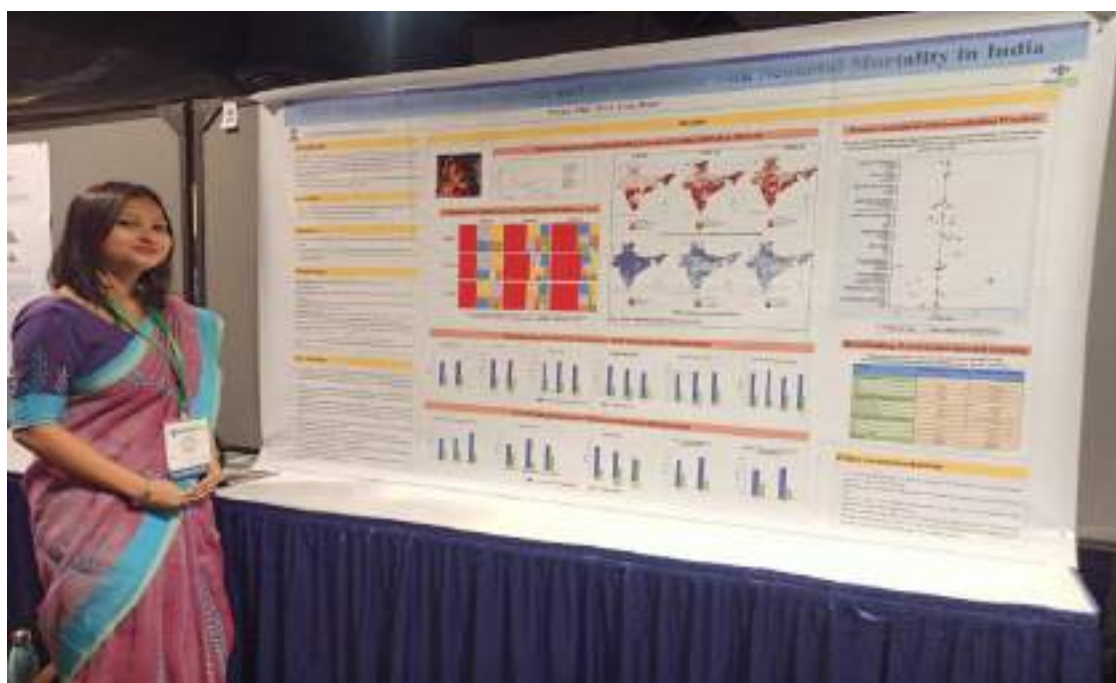
1. Piyasa Mal, PhD Scholar, IIPS Mumbai, IIPSAA Volunteer

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 IIPSAA, 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.



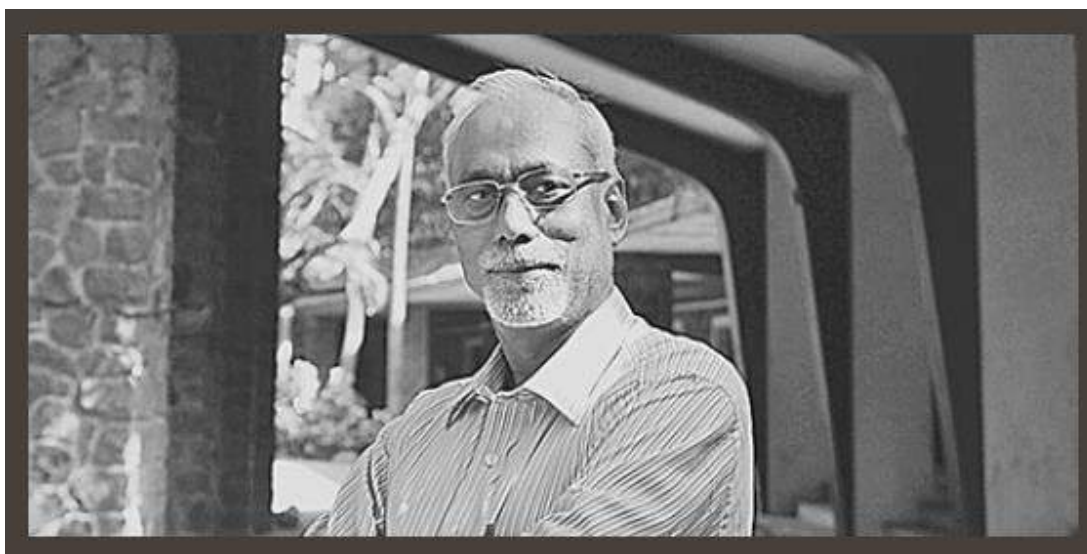
Professor U P Sinha
(16-10-1935 to 26-02-2023)

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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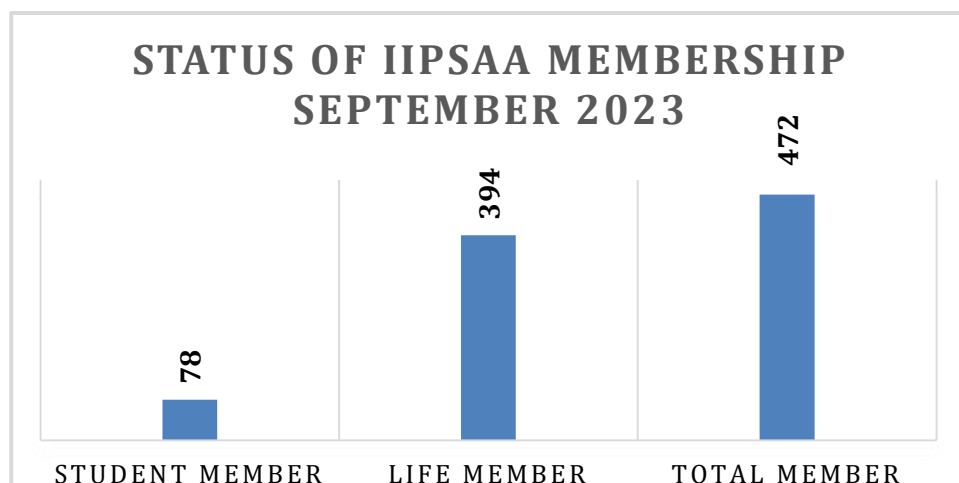
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From Editorial Desk

Warm Greetings!

We are delighted to bring to you the volume 65, issues 1 & 2 of the IIPS Newsletter, which presents glimpses of activities of the Institute from October 2022 to March 2023.

To commemorate the 75 years of India's independence, International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) and Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) jointly organized the IIPS National Seminar 2023 on the theme, "75 years of India's Demographic Changes: Process and Consequences" at ISEC, Bengaluru from 23-25 Feb 2023.

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The editorial team takes this opportunity to express our hearty congratulations to our colleagues who got promotions and extends a very warm welcome to the new faculty/staff members who joined the IIPS family.

The editorial team is grateful for the timely support, contribution and suggestions in preparing the IIPS Newsletter and looks forward to your continued support in future. For any feedback/query, please contact the Publications Cell at publication@iipsindia.ac.in

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IIPS NATIONAL SEMINAR 2023

75 Years of India's Demographic Changes: Process and Consequences

To commemorate 75 years of India's independence, International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) and Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) jointly organized the XXVII IIPS National Seminar 2023 on the theme, "75 years of India's Demographic Changes: Process and Consequences" at ISEC, Bengaluru from 23-25 Feb 2023. The seminar began with a welcome address by Prof. D. Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC, Bangalore. Prof. K.S. James, Director and Senior Professor of IIPS, presented the genesis and relevance of the seminar.

The seminar was inaugurated by Shri. T.K. Anil Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Karnataka. The session was chaired by Padma Shri Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, former chairman of the UGC and Chairperson of the Board of Governors, ISEC. The seminar also felicitated Prof. K. Srinivasan, who became the first Indian to receive the prestigious 2023 IUSSP Laureate Award. The inaugural session ended with a formal vote of thanks by Prof. H. Lhungdim, IIPS. The seminar brought together a diverse group of experts from all over India and seven foreign countries to discuss the demographic changes that have occurred in India and their implications.

The seminar comprised 4 plenary sessions, 15 technical sessions and 2 poster sessions. The plenary sessions deliberated on four themes: a) 75 Years of India's Demographic Change: Processes and Consequences, b) Nutritional Issues in Karnataka: Policies and Programmes, c) Maternal and Neonatal mortality transition framework in India and its States, and d) Population Research Centre's Vision: Past to Future. In addition, a total of 84 papers were presented orally in 15 technical sessions touching upon various themes such as Demographic and Health Transition, Mortality Transition, Fertility and Family Planning, Child Health & Education, Morbidity and Quality of Life, Maternal Health, Internal Migration, South Asia Migration, Findings from Swabhimaan Intervention Study, Nutrition & Health, Livelihood and Healthcare, Elderly Wellbeing and Health. Fifty-five papers were presented in two poster sessions and the three best posters of each session were awarded prizes.

The seminar was successfully concluded on 25th February with a formal vote of thanks by Ms B. P. Vani on behalf of the organizing committee. The seminar was organized under the patronage of Prof. K.S. James, Director & Sr. Professor, IIPS and Prof. D. Rajasekhar Director, ISEC. Coordinators of the seminar from IIPS were Prof. H. Lhungdim, Prof. Archana K. Roy, Prof. Dhananjay Bansod, Dr. Dilip T.R. and Dr. Pradeep Salve, and from ISEC were Prof. T. S. Syamala, Dr. Lekha Subaiya and Ms. B. P. Vani. Seminar Secretarial team were Mr. Manish Kumar, Ms. Priya Mudaliar, Ms. Sheetal Zore and Mr. Devendra Kumar Yadav from IIPS.



Felicitations of Prof. K. Srinivasan



A glimpse of a technical session



A glimpse of a poster session



Coordinators, Secretariat Team and Volunteers of the IIPS National Seminar

IUSSP LAUREATE AWARD FOR PROF. K. SRINIVASAN

Professor Krishnamurthy Srinivasan, former Director of the International Institute for Population Sciences and National Fellow, Indian Council for Social Science Research, was selected as the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) Laureate for the year 2023. A leading academician in the field of demography, Prof. Srinivasan was the first Indian to have received this award. The IUSSP Laureate award is conferred every year on those individuals who have made notable strides in the advancement of demography and population sciences. IUSSP is a global network of scientists and researchers working to



promote the scientific study of population. This award recognizes his outstanding contributions in the field of demography as a researcher, teacher and for evaluation of family planning programs. As the Director of the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) for more than 14 years, Professor Srinivasan played a crucial role in shaping the teaching and research on demography in Asia. Under his leadership, India initiated the Demographic Health Survey (DHS) - known as the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) - in 1990, considered the largest demographic and health survey in the world. He was a member of the National Statistical Commission. He was also a visiting professor at the Australian National University and University of North Carolina, USA. Prof. Srinivasan was the Executive Director of the Population Foundation of India, New Delhi (1995-2002). A career spread over six decades in many institutions in India and abroad, starting from Gandhigram Rural Institute of Health and Family Welfare in Tamil Nadu, and going on to the Population Center at Bangalore, IIPS in Mumbai, PFI, New Delhi and UNESCAP in Bangkok, Prof. Srinivasan played many roles with his distinct mark as a teacher, researcher, institution builder and advisor to many Governments and organizations. The Laureate award ceremony was held on 9th March 2023. Dr. Shireen Jejeebhoy, President, IUSSP, chaired the event. Those who spoke on the occasion about Dr. Srinivasan's career and achievements included Prof. T.V. Sekher, Prof. Amy Tsui, Prof. Tim Dyson, Prof. Alaka Basu, Prof. Frans Willekens, Prof. Sureeporn Punpuing, Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Prof. K. S. James, Prof. P. M. Kulkarni, Dr. K.M. Sathyanarayana, Prof. Sayeed Unisa and Dr. Padmavathi Srinivasan. Video recording of the award ceremony can be accessed: [2023 IUSSP Laureate Ceremony in honour of Krishnamurthy Srinivasan - YouTube](#)

MEMORIAL LECTURES

21st Prof. C. Chandrasekharan Memorial Lecture

International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized the 21st Prof. C. Chandrasekharan Memorial Lecture on 23rd December 2022 in hybrid mode. The Memorial Lecture series is held annually in the memory of **Prof. C. Chandrasekharan**, former Director of IIPS. Prof. Chandrasekharan was a pioneer in Indian demography. He developed the well-known Chandra-



Deming formula, to provide better estimates of vital events, which is the backbone of the Sample Registration System, India, that collects data about vital events. He was the President of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) from 1969 to 1973. Prof. Chandrasekharan was

instrumental in initiating and conducting the well-known Mysore Population Study in the early fifties, which was jointly undertaken by the Government of India and the United Nations. **Prof.**

T.V. Sekher, Coordinator of the Publications Cell, welcomed the participants and spoke in brief about Prof. C. Chandrasekharan and his contributions. He also introduced the guest speaker, Prof. Jinkook Lee. **Prof. K. S. James**, Director and Sr. Professor, IIPS, chaired the session and highlighted the importance of



ageing in India and the need to study dementia among the elderly. **Dr. Jinkook Lee** is a Research



Professor of Economics and the Program Director of Global Aging, Health, and Policy at the Center for Economic & Social Research, University of Southern California. She has led the development of an international data harmonization project, the Gateway to Global Aging Data (g2aging.org), which is a platform for population survey data on

aging from many countries around the world. She has co-led the development and implementation of the Longitudinal Aging Study in India (LASI) and is the principal investigator of the Harmonized Diagnostic Assessment of Dementia for the Longitudinal



Aging Study in India (LASI-DAD), an interdisciplinary project on dementia and cognitive aging. She delivered the lecture on the topic, “**Ageing Populations and Dementia: Global Challenge, Local Insights**”. During the presentation Prof. Lee discussed about the dramatic growth of the World’s older population. Further, she explained dementia and stressed upon the fact that age was the strongest known risk factor for dementia. It has been noted that more women expect to live with dementia than men. Prof. Lee explained the findings of the Harmonized Diagnostic Assessment of Dementia for the Longitudinal Study of Aging in India, (LASI-DAD), a HCAP study in India. Her presentation was followed by a question and answer session. Dr. Dipti Govil, Coordinator of the Publications Cell, proposed the formal vote of thanks. The lecture was attended by over 250 participants physically, while 30 joined online. The video recording of the lecture is available at: [The 21st, Professor C. Chandrasekaran Memorial Lecture at IIPS delivered by Prof. Jinkook Lee, USC - YouTube](#)

12th Prof. Asha A. Bhende Memorial Lecture



International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized the 12th Prof. Asha A. Bhende Memorial Lecture on 21st February 2023. The Memorial Lecture series is held annually in the memory of Prof. Asha A. Bhende, former Director of IIPS. Prof. Bhende was an accomplished academician and a

prolific writer. Her book “Principles of Population Studies”, co-authored with the late Prof. Tara Kanitkar of IIPS, has had 20 editions over the years. Prof. Bhende worked as a consultant for many international and national organizations. She was a Board member of the



Foundation for Research in Health Systems and National Association for the Blind, and a Chairperson of the Ashish Gram Rachana Trust, Indian Institute of Health Management, Pachod, Maharashtra. Her book on her life, titled “Majhya Jagaat Mi” (In my own world, am I) has been published. Prof. Bhende was a unique blend of



artistic talent and academic brilliance and is remembered with respect and affection. **Prof. T.V. Sekher**, Coordinator of the Publications Cell, welcomed the participants and spoke in brief about Prof. Asha A. Bhende and her contributions. He also introduced the guest speaker, Prof. Angel M. Foster. **Prof. K. S. James**, Director and Sr. Professor, IIPS, chaired the session. **Dr. Foster** is a Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Ottawa, Canada. She holds a doctorate from the University of Oxford in Middle Eastern Studies, an MD from Harvard Medical



School, and both master's and bachelor's degrees from Stanford University. Dr. Foster is a global abortion researcher and leads projects in 22 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and North America. She has authored more than 100 articles and co-edited three books. She delivered her lecture on the topic *“Abortion,*

politics, and the pill that promised to change everything: The global journey of mifepristone”.

During the presentation Prof. Foster gave a brief history of mifepristone and misoprostol and an overview of abortion worldwide. She further discussed on the regulations on mifepristone in the US. Prof. Foster explained about the studies and researches she had conducted in different parts of the world like Tunisia, Poland, Thailand, Pakistan etc., using telemedicine logs, community-based distribution of the medication, expanding it to rural areas of the country and the outcomes from all these initiatives. The goal was to have Mifegymiso available directly from pharmacists in at least



one province by 2025. A question-answer session followed her presentation. Dr. Dipti Govil, Coordinator of the Publications Cell, proposed the formal vote of thanks. The lecture was attended by over 250 participants physically. The video recording of the lecture is available at: [The 12th Prof Asha A Bhende Memorial Lecture delivered by Prof Angel Foster, on 21st Feb 2023 @ IIPS - YouTube](#)

15th Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture

International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized the 15th Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture at IIPS on 2nd March 2023. The Memorial Lecture series is held annually in the memory of Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat, former Director of IIPS. Prof. Bhat had a very distinguished academic career. He obtained his Ph.D. in Demography from the University of Pennsylvania under the guidance of Dr.



Samuel Preston, a renowned mathematical demographer. Prior to joining IIPS as its Director in 2005, Dr. Bhat worked as a Professor at the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, as the Director of PRC at Dharwad, and as Associate Professor at the Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum and also at ISEC, Bangalore. His research works reflected a unique combination of statistical acumen and social science

perspectives in demographic research. He was a pioneer in providing fertility and mortality estimates for colonial India and for the early decades of independence. For detailed information on Prof. Bhat's research contribution to Indian demography, see “P.N. Mari Bhat: An Intellectual Tribute” by M. Das Gupta, S.H. Preston, V. Rao and T.V. Sekher, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. XLII (36), 2007.

Prof. K. S. James, Director and Sr. Professor, IIPS, chaired the session. **Prof. T.V. Sekher**, Coordinator of the Publications Cell, welcomed the participants and spoke in brief about Prof. P.N. Mari Bhat and his research contributions.





He also introduced the guest speaker, **Prof. Lalit Dandona**. Professor Lalit Dandona is a Distinguished Research Professor, Public Health Foundation of India and Professor of Health Metrics Sciences, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington, Seattle, USA. Prof. Dandona is

the Director of the India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative, which is a collaboration between PHFI, ICMR, IHME and over 100 institutions across India and several global partners. Besides health and disease measurement and its application to policy, the research of Prof. Dandona's teams in India over the past 25 years includes a wide range of population-based studies and health system assessments. Prof. Dandona serves on the International Advisory Board of The Lancet and on the editorial boards of several other journals. He has published widely in peer-reviewed journals, and has served as a scientific reviewer for over fifty journals and various international grant agencies. Prof. Dandona's profile has been published in The Lancet. He received the inaugural BioMed Central Research Award in Medicine, and is included in the Stanford Mendeley Database of top global scientists. He has served as a technical expert in public health and policy for governments, academic institutions, international organizations and funding agencies. Prof. Dandona received his medical training at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, the Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland, and public health training at the Johns Hopkins University. He delivered his lecture on the topic, **"Estimation of Subnational Demographic and Disease Burden Trends in India: Opportunities, Challenges, and Capacity Building"**. His presentation was followed by a question and answer session. Dr. Dipti Govil, Coordinator, Publications Cell, proposed the formal vote of thanks. The lecture was attended by over 250 participants physically. The video recording of the lecture is available at: [The 15th Prof. P N Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture, delivered by Prof. Lalit Dandona, on 2March 2023@IIPS - YouTube](#)



MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) and the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research (IPSS), Japan, signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on March 8, 2023 at IIPS for promoting a joint teaching and collaborative research. The MoC was signed by Prof. K.S. James, Director & Senior Professor, IIPS and Dr. Reiko Hayashi, Deputy Director-General, IPSS.



SYMPOSIUM ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS- 2022

Centre for Ageing Studies of IIPS organized a symposium on the International Day for Older Persons on 3rd October 2022. The theme for this year was “*Resilience of Older Persons in a*



Changing World”. The speakers at the symposium were, Mr. Mathew Cherian, (Board Chair, CARE India and former CEO, HelpAge India), Dr. Sundeep Salvi, (Director, Pulmocare Research and Education (PURE) Foundation, Pune) and Prof. Asha Banu Soletti, (Dean, Tata Institute of Social

Sciences, Mumbai). Prof. K.S. James, Director & Sr. Professor, IIPS, chaired the symposium and talked about the relevance of the theme. Prof. T.V. Sekher, Head, Centre for Ageing Studies, welcomed everyone to the symposium and introduced the guest speakers. Mr. Mathew Cherian, in his speech, talked about the interventions undertaken by the Government and Supreme court for the elderly. According to him, the most important and critical intervention in old age was good health, followed by children to look after the elderly. As the Helpage International Ambassador on ageing, Mr. Cherian shared his experiences in dealing with ageing issues. Dr. Sundeep Salvi





discussed about ageing and health problems. Dr. Salvi said there were various biological mechanisms responsible for the ageing process. Further he talked about the determinants of healthy ageing such as cognitive training, exercise, diet, spiritual life and counselling. Prof. Asha Banu Soletti focused her talk on mental health and its

implication for the elderly. Along with healthcare, it is also important to understand how families are equipped and prepared to take care of senior citizens. Prof. Banu further talked about the factors influencing mental health of older persons at the individual as well as community level. The presentations were followed by a question-answer session. The symposium ended with a formal vote of thanks by Prof. R. Nagarajan, Associate Head, Centre for Ageing Studies. Nearly 200 people (faculty, students, researchers and NGO representatives from



Mumbai) Participated in the symposium. The recording of the symposium can be accessed at: [Symposium - YouTube](#)

WORKSHOPS

Workshop on “Harmonization of Ageing Data around the World”

The Centre for Ageing Studies and Short-Term Training Programme (STTP) Cell of the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) jointly organized a one-day workshop on “Harmonization of Ageing Data around the World” on 7th November, 2022 at the ICT centre,



IIPS. 48 participants from various universities and research institutes attended the workshop. The resource persons were Prof. Jinkook Lee, Director, Program on Global Ageing, Health, and Policy, University of Southern California, Ms. Sandy

Chien, Director of Data Management, University of Southern California and Ms. Sarah Petrosyan, Programmer, University of Southern California.

The Gateway to Global Aging Data (<https://g2aging.org>) is a platform for population survey data on ageing around the globe. The Gateway has done harmonization of LASI, HRS, MHAS, ELSA, SHARE, CHARLS, KLoSA, JSTAR, TILDA, MARS and CRELES datasets, with which researchers can undertake comparable studies across countries. The workshop was organized to enhance the researchers' capability to utilize the harmonized HRS-family datasets by providing them hands-on training. The workshop discussed Health and Retirement Studies (HRS) across 41 countries and also covered the Harmonized Cognitive Assessment Protocol (HCAP). The afternoon session covered introduction to the gateway to global ageing data, followed by practical classes. Prof. K. S. James, Director, IIPS, inaugurated the workshop. Prof. T. V. Sekher, Head, Centre for Ageing Studies, IIPS, outlined the workshop programme and introduced the resource persons. Prof. Jinkook Lee spoke about the increasing need for comparative research and the importance of cross-country data sets to understand the many dimensions and implications of population ageing. Those who successfully completed the workshop were given certificates. The recording of the workshop can be accessed at: [Workshop on Harmonization of Ageing Data - YouTube](#)



Workshop on “Health Programmes and Impact Evaluation Methods”



Indian Health Economics and Policy Association (IHEPA) and International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) jointly organized a workshop on **“Health Programmes and Impact Evaluation Methods”** from March 20-24, 2023 at IIPS. 29 participants, mostly Ph.D. scholars and young faculty

members from various universities attended the workshop. Prof. T. V. Sekher, Workshop Coordinator, welcomed the participants. Prof. K. S. James, Director, IIPS, inaugurated the workshop. Dr. Subrata Mukherjee, Secretary, IHEPA gave an outline of the workshop. Prof. U. S. Mishra, President of IHEPA, spoke about the activities of the association. The workshop was organized with sessions on different topics which included lectures by subject experts. The resource persons were Prof. U. S. Mishra, Dr. Subrata Mukherjee, Prof. Lakshmi Lingam. Prof. L.K. Dwivedi, Dr. Bharti Nandwani, Prof. Chander Shekhar, Dr. T. R. Dilip, Prof. Amar Jesani, Dr. Rudra Narayan Mishra and Dr. William Joe. The workshop discussed contemporary health issues and state-of-the-art research tools and techniques. Decisions on how various health policies and programmes should be designed and resources spent on them must be determined by how well these policies and programmes produced the desired outcomes. The workshop provided a rigorous overview of the tools and techniques to evaluate the causal effect of health policies and programmes. The tools and techniques included randomised control experiments and quasi-experiments such as difference-in-difference, regression discontinuity, propensity score matching and instrumental variables. The participants got an exposure on how to design and conduct an evaluation study, how to interpret evaluation results, read evaluation research carefully and understand the advantages and limitations of each method.



Workshop on “Introduction to Python Programming”

Department of Survey Research and Data Analytics had successfully conducted a five-day hands-on training workshop on “Introduction to Python programming” from 1-5 March 2023 at the ICT lab, IIPS, Mumbai. This training workshop was the first offline workshop in the series of upcoming workshops of the department. The workshop was designed to give participants an overview of the basics of the python programming and to provide a practical, hands-on approach to learning. The



workshop covered various topics starting from a brief overview of the Python interpreter, vector, list, dictionaries, tuples, string manipulation, file handling, function module, regular expression, numpy and panda's library and data visualization using matplotlib library. A total of 29 participants, which included students pursuing their master's degree, research scholars, and working professionals from different universities and organizations across the country, attended and successfully completed the workshop.



PRC Scientific & Advisory Committee Meeting & Workshop on Large Scale Data Analysis

International Institute for Population Sciences and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, jointly organized the PRC Scientific & Advisory Committee Meeting & Workshop on Large Scale Data Analysis for the PRC staff from March 27th-29th, 2023 at IIPS. The meeting of PRC Scientific and Advisory Committee (PSAC) was held on 27th March 2023. The PSAC meeting was held in hybrid mode and was chaired by Prof. K. S. James, Director & Sr. Professor, IIPS. Ms. Anjali Rawat, DDG (Stat.) and Shri. Kumar Sundaram, Director (Stat.), members of the Project Management Unit and other officials were present. The pan India studies of AWS 2022-23 were discussed in the meeting. The state reports of the study, “Menstrual health and hygiene among adolescent girls in climate vulnerable areas of India”, were presented and discussed in the meeting. Representatives of all Population Research Centres participated in the deliberations. On the second day, the workshop



was conducted on the topic, “NFHS: Methodology & Data Analysis” and the sessions were taken up by Prof. Abhishek Singh, Prof. Chander Shekar and Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi. The next day, the workshop covered the topic, “Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI): Methodology & Data Analysis”. The session was taken up by Prof. T. V. Sekher and the LASI team.



Workshop on Qualitative Research and Data Analysis

A five-day qualitative research and data analysis workshop was organized from 6-10th March 2023. A total of 30 participants from reputed universities and institutions across the country attended this offline workshop at the ICT unit on all the five days. The participants were a good mix of Ph.D. scholars and experienced researchers. The workshop aimed to conceptualize qualitative research, formulate problem



statements and research questions, study qualitative approaches and design a qualitative study, acquaint qualitative data collection techniques and management, and analyze qualitative data using Anthropic, NVivo, and Atlas.ti, and write an article/report based on a qualitative study. The resource persons were Prof. T.V. Sekher, Prof. Usha Ram, Dr. Dipti Govil, and Dr. Manas Ranjan Pradhan.

Faculty Development Program and Workshop on Design and Analysis of National Family Health Survey

The Faculty Development Program and Workshop on Design and Analysis of National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5 was a five-day workshop organized by the Short-Term Training Program

Cell, IIPS, in collaboration with SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai from 6-10 March, 2023.



Dr. Benson Thomas, Associate Professor, School of Public Health, SRMIST, began by introducing the objectives of the workshop. He welcomed Prof. K.S. James, Director & Sr. Professor, IIPS, Lt. Col. (Dr) A. Ravi Kumar, Pro. Vice-Chancellor (Medical), SRMIST, Dr. Hari Singh, Dean, School of Public Health, SRMIST, Prof. T.V Sekher, Coordinator of the Short-Term Training Program,

IIPS, Dr. M. Bagavandas, Prof. and Head, Centre for Statistics, SRMIST, and Dr. A. Duraisamy, Dean, Science and Humanities, SRMIST. Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, Department of Survey Research & Data Analytics, IIPS, led the workshop while two research scholars of IIPS, Mr. Saurabh Singh and Mr. Somnath Jana provided teaching assistance. Around 65 research scholars, PG students and faculty members attended the workshop.



TRAINING PROGRAMS

Training Programme on “Survey Methods and Data Analysis of NFHS-5”

The hands-on Training Programme on “Survey Methods and Data Analysis of NFHS-5” was a four-day workshop organized by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, and Short-Term Training Program Cell, IIPS, in collaboration with the Department of Demography, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, on 16-19 November, 2022. Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, Professor, Department of Survey Research & Data Analytics, IIPS, led the workshop while two research scholars of IIPS, Ms. Anjali Bansal and Mr. Somnath Jana, assisted. Around 50 research scholars and faculty members attended the workshop, including 5-10 post-graduate students. Dr. Anil Chandran S., Head, Department of Demography, University of Kerala,

began by introducing the objective of the workshop. He welcomed Prof. K.S. James, Director & Sr. Professor, IIPS, Shri. P. Manoj Kumar, Chief Director (Statistics Division), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI, Prof. T.V Sekher, Coordinator of Short-Term Training Program, IIPS and Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, and thanked them for conducting the workshop. He also welcomed Dr. Gabriel Simon Thattil, Director of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, University of Kerala and Prof. P.M. Nair, Emeritus Professor of the Department of Demography. The participants were taught how NFHS-5 has been designed and computation of weight in NFHS. The estimation of fertility and mortality indicators were also discussed including multivariable regression analysis. Importance of application of survey weight was also presented in the workshop.



Training Programme on ‘Survey Methods & Data Analysis of Large-Scale Sample Surveys’

The International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai (IIPS), in collaboration with Regional Medical Research Centre (ICMR-RMRC), Bhubaneswar, organized a five-day Hands-on Training Programme on ‘Survey Methods & Data Analysis of Large-Scale Sample Surveys’ from 15th March to 19th March 2023, at ICMR-RMRC, Bhubaneswar. Dr. Sanghmitra Pati, Director ICMR-RMRC, Bhubaneswar, inaugurated the workshop and introduced the resource persons, Prof. Usha Ram and Prof. L. K. Dwivedi, to the participants. 23 participants attended the workshop. Prof. Usha Ram and Prof. L. K. Dwivedi conducted the workshop and Mr. Prakash Kumar and Mr. Somnath Jana assisted in the hands-on exercises.



GUEST LECTURES

The Centre for Ageing Studies of IIPS organized a guest lecture on 30th January 2023, by **Prof. Laishram Ladu Singh**, Vice - Chancellor, Bodoland University, Kokrajhar, Assam & former Officiating Director, IIPS. The lecture was on “Basics of NTA and NTTA”. The lecture mainly focused on understanding generational economy for the ageing population through National Transfer Account (NTA) and counting women and elderly work through National Time Transfer Account (NTTA). The lecture was attended by more than 50 Ph.D. students and faculty members. A few Ph.D. scholars and faculty are currently working on NTA data Sets for their research. Prof. T. V. Sekher, Head, Centre for Ageing Studies, welcomed the speaker while Dr. Preeti Dhillon proposed the vote of thanks.

The Short-Term Training Program Cell of IIPS organized a guest lecture on 23rd January 2023 by **Prof. Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay**, Professor, Indian Statistical Institute (Delhi). The lecture was on the topic - “Empirical Analysis: A Primer”. The lecture mainly answered questions like “Does Access to Modern Contraception lead to worsening sex ratios” and “How do we identify such “causal” relations”? The lecture briefly introduced the use of multivariate regression models to problems of causal inference. It explored the concept of what an “experiment” meant to social scientists and how to interpret regressions as the first step towards experimental design. The lecture also introduced students to the idea behind two popular experimental Designs-Difference in Difference (DID) and Panel Data identification. The lecture was attended by 52 Ph.D. scholars and Masters’ students. Prof. T. V. Sekher, Co-ordinator, STTP, introduced the speaker and coordinated the program.



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Training Programme for Project Staff of NFHS-6

Two weeks of staff training were conducted at the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) for all the Junior Research Officers (JROs) along with NFHS-6 Principal Investigators (PI's

& Co-PI's) and office staff from 6th to 19th February, 2023. Prof. S. K. Singh and Dr. Reshmi Nair introduced the NFHS Core team members and Prof. K. S. James (Director & Sr. Professor) talked about the roles and responsibilities of all the members, both in the field and in the office.

All the NFHS-6 PIs; Prof. S. K. Singh, Prof. Abhisekh Singh, Prof. Dhananjay W. Bansod, Prof. L.K. Dwivedi, Dr. Harihar Sahoo, Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar, Dr. Preeti Dhillon and Dr. Reshmi R.S. gave detailed insights into all the important components of NFHS-6 which comprised coverage of NFHS-6, Rapport building, Interviewing techniques in large scale surveys, Digitization of Mapping & listing as well as sample selection, Household Questionnaire, Woman's Questionnaire, Man's Questionnaire, and Biomarker's Questionnaire. This was followed by CAPI training by IT staff and also field practice in rural and urban areas. The training ended with sharing of fieldwork experiences by all the team members and reviews of survey protocols.



Training of Trainers (ToT) for Mapping & Listing

This was organized by the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), with twenty field agencies from 20th to 24th February at Mumbai. The Prof. K. S. James (Director & Sr. Professor) inaugurated the training along with other Principal Investigators of NFHS-6, Prof. S. K. Singh, Prof. Abhisekh Singh, Prof. Dhananjay W. Bansod, Prof. L.K. Dwivedi, Dr. Harihar Sahoo, Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar, Dr. Preeti Dhillon and Dr. Reshmi R.S. Around 60 participants from the Field Agency (FA) attended the Mapping & Listing Training. On the first two days there was classroom



training on the topics: The importance of mapping & household listing in large-scale surveys, details on NFHS-6, and all the concepts for the mapping & listing procedures along with an outdoor demonstration of using GPS. The 3rd and 4th days covered field practice of mapping and listing including digitization of at least 100 HHs by each team in 6 villages. Subsequently, each team was asked to present their experiences on the fifth day of the training after which it concluded with a discussion on state-specific plans for field implementation.

South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM)

Collaboration between SALAM and UC Berkeley

A formal launch of the collaboration between SALAM and UC Berkeley was held on 13th October, 2022. The webinar on “Climate Resilience in the Global South: Perspectives from South Asia” was organised, and five speakers from partner organisations namely Prof. R.B. Bhagat (Professor, IIPS), Madhukar Upadhyay (CESLAM, Nepal), Mr. Kashif Salik (SDPI, Pakistan), Dr. Manoj Thibbotuwawa (Head, Agricultural Economic Policy, IPS Sri Lanka) and Prof. Tasneem Siddiqui (RMMRU, Dhaka) delivered lectures.

Public Lecture by Dr. Sanchita Baneerjee

Dr Sanchita Baneerjee, Executive Director, UC Berkeley, USA, visited the IIPS, Mumbai, on 20th December 2022 to discuss the collaboration and action plan. Post-meeting, she also delivered a Lecture on the topic, “The Garment Industry in Bangladesh under COVID – 19: Lessons from the Rana Plaza Disaster on How We Understand Worker Safety”.



SALAM International Workshop

SALAM organized an online International Workshop from 13th Dec -17th Dec 2022, titled “Researching Labour Migration in South Asia: Data, Methods and Theory”. 48 people participated in the workshop, besides 8 international participants. The resource persons for the workshop were Prof. R. B. Bhagat, IIPS, Prof. K.C. Das, IIPS, Mr. Debabrata Mukherjee, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India, Ms. Nansiri Iamsuk, UN Women, Bangladesh, Mr. Andrew Gray, IOM, Sri Lanka, Prof. Archana K. Roy, IIPS, Dr. Reshmi R.S., IIPS, Dr. Kashif Salik, SDPI,

Pakistan, Dr. Arjun Kharel, CESLM, Nepal and Mr. Mahmudol Hasan Rocky, RMMRU, Bangladesh. All participants were given e-certificates.

Advisory committee meetings

There have been two meetings of the advisory committee. The second meeting was held on 12th January 2023. The purpose of this advisory meeting was to discuss the progress of SALAM. SALAM has quickly progressed to establish a good working relationship amongst the member institutions and has been taking the work forward as a collective initiative.



VISIT OF UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON STUDENTS TO IIPS

Ten undergraduate students and 3 faculty and research staff from the University of Southampton visited IIPS from March 20-24 as a part of their field trip. During their visit, visitors got a unique opportunity to observe NFHS-6 mapping and household listing in Mumbai. They also got an opportunity to visit the field site of the IIPS LoSMINM study located in Raigarh district of Maharashtra. The NFHS-6 and LASI teams interacted with the visitors on their respective studies. Students also got an opportunity to conduct qualitative interviews with the Ph.D. students.



INTERNAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

1. Celebrated Gender Equality Day on 6th October 2023. Adv. Varsha Deshpande, Secretary, Dalit Mahila Vikas Mandal, Satara was the guest speaker.
2. Organized a series of events including Extempore, Debates, Skits & Street plays by students and staffs for Creating awareness on Gender Neutral Environment on 28th January 2023.

3. Celebrated International Women's Day, 2023 on 3rd March 2023. Dr. Shireen Jejeebhoy, President, IUSSP & Director, Aksha Centre for Equity and Wellbeing, Dr. Kalpna Apte, Secretary General, Family Planning Association of India, and Shri Pallav Patankar, Vice President-Digital Bharat Collaborative in Piramal Swasthya were the guest speakers for the event.
4. Celebrated National Girl Child Day, 2023 on 10th March 2023. Adv. Ujwala Hemant Kadrekar, Independent Socio-legal Consultant, Mumbai, was the guest speaker for the event.
5. Celebrated Human Rights Day, 2023 on 24th March 2023. Dr. Vahida Nainar, Women's Research & Action Group, Mumbai, was the guest speaker for the event.
6. Organized a series of events including Poetry Recitation Competition, Quiz competition, Story Telling Competition by students and staff on 27th March 2023.



ACTIVITIES OF THE PLACEMENT CELL

- Workshop on *Data Analysis using 'R'* by Dr. S. Rajaram from 17th -21st November 2022
- Workshop on “*Data Analysis using Excel*” by Mr. S. Mathuranayagam on 26th November 2022
- Training on " *How to market a brand called you* " by Dr. Ashok Thapar on 27th November 2022
- Workshop "*Advanced Analysis using Excel*" by Mr. S. Muthuranayagam on 3rd December 2022
- Session on “*Soft Skills*” by Mrs. Priya Sawant on 4th December 2022
- Session by Piramal Foundation representative about *Gandhi Fellowship* on 25th January 2023
- Session on *Personality Development* by Mr. Prashant Borde on 8th February 2023
- Session on *Selected Open Access tools for Researchers* by S Sriram on 5th April 2023



IIPS students undergoing internship at Tata STRIVE, Mumbai



Participants of the 5-day workshop by placement cell on Data Analysis using R



Participants of the training session on Soft Skills organized by the placement cell

DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) celebrated Diwali on October 24, 2022, with great zeal and enthusiasm. The event was attended by students, faculty, and staff, who participated in various cultural programs and activities. The celebration began with the lighting of Diya's and the performance of traditional puja rituals. The Diwali celebrations at IIPS brought together the community in a spirit of joy and unity. The event provided an opportunity for students to showcase their talents and creativity and helped to foster a sense of belonging among the IIPS members. The celebrations were a huge success, with the attendees appreciating the efforts of the organizers in making the event a memorable one.

NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized a range of cultural activities at IIPS Park on December 31, 2022, to celebrate the end of the year. The event was inaugurated by the Director & Sr. Prof. K.S. James, along with the Cultural Coordinator, Professor Nandita Saikia, and was well-attended by students, faculty, and staff who participated in various programs with great enthusiasm. The cultural activities included dance performances, singing competitions, skits, and a fashion show. Students from different departments of IIPS showcased their talents and creativity through these activities. The dance performances ranged from classical to contemporary styles and were accompanied by lively music. The singing



competitions saw participants showcasing their vocal range and talent in both solo and group performances. The skits were humorous and thought-provoking, addressing important social issues. The fashion show was the highlight of the event, featuring stunning designs and innovative concepts. The cultural activities provided an excellent platform for the students to showcase their diverse talents and interests, and also fostered a sense of community among the IIPS members. The event was a huge success, with the attendees appreciating the effort and hard work put in by the organizers. It was a memorable way to end the year, bringing together the IIPS community in a fun and celebratory atmosphere.

IIPSAA ACTIVITIES

IIPSAA actively plans several events for students, such as lectures, workshops, and debates, to encourage them to interact with renowned individuals who are accomplished experts in a variety of topics relating to population, health, and its allied areas. The association conducted more than five lectures by renowned speakers from India and abroad during the academic session 2022-23. The IIPSAA lecture series were delivered by speakers like Dr. Shivalingappa Halli, Professor at the University of Manitoba in Canada; Dr. Santosh Jatrana, Professor at James Cook University in Australia, and Dr. Ridhi Kashyap, Professor at Nuffield College, University of Oxford. IIPSAA also conducted a five-day workshop on “**Sampling Methods in Population and Health Research**” from December 12-16, 2022 and marathon for Health Awareness “Run for Health Awareness” in association with USV Private Limited, Mumbai, India.



NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENT

Dr. Kunal Keshri, joined as an Assistant Professor, in the Department of Migration & Urban Studies on October 27, 2022. He had also worked as an Assistant Professor at the G B Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj for more than a decade and also as an Associate Professor. He has attained his Master's Degree in Geography from the Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, and obtained his M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Population Studies from the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai. His research areas include migration and development, urbanization and environment, and public health with special focus on nutrition, maternal and child health and population ageing. He has published three books and more than 20 research papers in reputed international and national journals and edited books. He has been a consultant to the UNFPA and Population Council. He is a collaborator from India in the Project "International Migration around the Globe (IMAGE)" funded by Queensland Centre for Population Research, The University of Queensland, Australia. He has completed a research project entitled Food Insecurity and Dietary Diversity among Low-Income Migrant Workers Affected by COVID-19 in India (funded by University of Aberdeen, UK) and is currently leading a research project entitled Understanding the Pattern and Processes of Temporary and Permanent Labor Migration from Rural Jharkhand: An Exploratory Study (funded by ICSSR, New Delhi). Dr. Keshri is a Co-PI of the project "A Study of Migration in Mumbai from within Maharashtra" funded by IIPS. He is also one of the conveners of the South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM) at IIPS.



SUPERANNUATION OF FACULTY



Prof. Ram Babu Bhagat
Professor
(Superannuated on 31/10/2022)



Prof. C. J. Sonowal
Professor
(Superannuated on 31/03/2023)

SUPERANNUATION OF STAFF



Mr. S.N. Zore
Accountant
(Superannuated on 31/12/2022)



Mr. A.R. Nirmal
Hindi Officer
(Superannuated on 01/01/2023)

APPOINTMENTS

Sl.No	Name of the Employee	Department/Section	Position	Date of Appointment
1	Mr. Vikas K. Wadhve	Accounts	DEO	13-12-2022
2	Ms. Priya S. Mudaliar	Accounts	UDC-cum- Cashier	03-03-2023
3	Mr. Tejas Gadekar	Establishment	UDC	03-04-2023

PROMOTIONS

Sl.No	Name of the Employee	Department/Section	New Position	Date of Promotion
1	Mr. Dnyandev Gopal Bhovad	Accounts	Accountant	01-01-2023

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), formerly known as the Demographic Training and Research Centre (DTRC) till 1970, was established in 1956 under the joint sponsorship of Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, the Government of India, and the United Nations. The Institute is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

The Institute served as a regional centre for Training and Research in Population Studies for the ESCAP region. The Institute was re-designated to its present title in 1985 to facilitate the expansion of its academic activities and was declared as a 'Deemed University' in August 19, 1985 under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. The recognition has facilitated the award of recognized degrees by the Institute itself and paved the way for further expansion of the Institute as an academic institution. The faculty members and the supporting staff belong to diverse interdisciplinary backgrounds with specialization in some core areas of population sciences, trained in India and abroad.

The Institute is the hub of population and health related teaching and research in India, playing a vital role for planning and development of the country. Students from different countries of Asia and the Pacific region, Africa and North America have been trained at the Institute. The alumni of IIPS hold prestigious positions in national and international organizations, universities, and reputed non-governmental organizations.

The Institute offers different Post-graduate and Doctoral programs and post-doctoral fellowships. After completing the program, students are well prepared for: admission to higher degree programmes in the best universities in the world; a good career in teaching and research; a multi-disciplinary professional career in development organizations; and can work as independent consultants.

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From Editorial Desk

Warm Greetings!

We are delighted to bring to you volume 64, issues 3 & 4 of the IIPS Newsletter, which presents glimpses of activities of the Institute from April 2022 to September 2022.

The 63rd Convocation of the Institute was held on 3 June 2022. This year, 255 students were awarded degrees/diplomas. Prof. Balram Bhargava, Secretary, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India and Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) presided over the function. Dr. K. Vijay Raghavan, Former Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India & Emeritus Professor, National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru, delivered the convocation address.

The editorial team takes this opportunity to express their hearty congratulations to their colleagues who got promotions and extends a very warm welcome to the new faculty/staff members who joined the IIPS family.

The editorial team is grateful for the timely support, contribution and suggestions in preparing the IIPS Newsletter and looks forward to your continued support in future. For any feedback/query, please contact the Publications Cell at publication@iipsindia.ac.in.

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Vision: “To position IIPS as a premier teaching and research institute in population sciences responsive to emerging national and global needs through high-impact, cutting edge and multidisciplinary research, teaching and training”

Mission: “The Institute strives to be a centre of excellence on all population and health issues through high quality scientific, research and teaching. We achieve this by (a) creating highly competent professionals, (b) generating and disseminating scientific knowledge and evidence, (c) collaborating and exchanging ideas with other institutions, and (d) undertaking advocacy and awareness programmes”.

63rd CONVOCATION OF IIPS

The sixty-third convocation of the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), was held on Friday, June 3rd, 2022. Prof. K. S. James, Director IIPS, presented the activities and achievements of the Institute for the year 2021-22. This year, 255 students were awarded degrees/diplomas. Excellence in research and academic work of students were also appreciated, and they were awarded gold and silver medals for their achievements.



Prof. Balram Bhargava, Secretary, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare,



Government of India and Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) presided over the function. Prof. Bhargava, while congratulating the students receiving degrees, diplomas and medals, in his presidential address, appealed to them to use the high-quality education, training and research received from the Institute towards service of the people. He complimented the contribution of IIPS in training population

scientists and evidence based population research in the country since 1956. Prof. Bhargava emphasized that various population parameters had improved in the country in recent times as shown by the latest National Family and Health Survey (2019-21). However, emerging non-communicable diseases were becoming a challenge for the country, he added. Thus, high quality research was needed in these areas as well as mapping their differentials by gender, social and regional characteristics, for national planning and policy formation.



Dr. K. Vijay Raghavan, Former Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India & Emeritus Professor, National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru, delivered the convocation address. He congratulated the students and medal winners. He appreciated IIPS and its role for development and monitoring various government programmes in health and social sectors. Dr.

Vijay Raghavan spoke about the problems of biodiversity degradation, climate change, differentials in high quality education and labour force participation, as well as the huge developmental gaps between rich and poor countries. Having access to high quality research, training and education can mitigate these challenges in our country and globally. He suggested that knowledge, research and training available at institutions like IITs, AIIMS, and IIPS should not be limited to their campuses, but must reach colleges and universities located in the remotest areas of the country.



WORLD POPULATION DAY SYMPOSIUM AND INDIA LAUNCH OF UNITED NATIONS WORLD POPULATION PROSPECTS – 2022

On the occasion of World Population Day, the IIPS organized the World Population Day-2022 Symposium and the India launch of the United Nations World Population Prospects-2022. Prof. Vegard Skirbekk, Columbia Aging Center, Columbia University, Prof. U. S. Mishra, Department of Bio-Statistics and Epidemiology, IIPS and Dr. Rajeshwari Chandrasekar, Head, UNICEF, Maharashtra were the eminent speakers for the Symposium.



Prof. K. S. James, Director IIPS, chaired the session and Prof. T. V. Sekher, Coordinator, welcomed the gathering and introduced the program and speakers.

Prof. Vegard Skirbekk, made his presentation on “Social and biological drivers of low fertility”. He said that the social factors are the primary drivers of low and late fertility. Lower mortality, education, higher costs of childbearing, skill biased technological change, the changing role of women and alternative time use have contributed to changes in reproductive behavior. He also pointed



out that most likely future events (pandemics, economic downturns, environmental catastrophes, technological breakthroughs offsetting labour) may depress the fertility further.



As part of the World Population Day celebrations, the United Nations World Population Prospects 2022 was launched in India and the recorded speech of Dr. John Wilmoth, Director, UN Population Division, was played. He talked about the six key messages from the world population prospects-2022.

It was followed by Prof. U S Mishra's comments on the major findings of world population prospects-2022. He talked about the imbalance in population distribution trends and population stabilization. He concluded by saying that findings from world population prospects is quite important in formulating indicators and for planning.



Dr. Rajeshwari Chandrasekhar, in her speech, reminded the audience that despite all the challenges, the world population day offers a moment to celebrate human progress. We have advanced in health with extended life spans, reduced maternal mortality and child mortality. Technological innovations have eased our lives and connected us more than ever.

The symposium was followed by the declaration of winners of the essay writing completion, organized as part of the world population day. Students from various colleges and universities in Mumbai city participated in the Essay writing competition. The cash prizes and certificates were distributed to the winners.

Following are the winners:

Graduate Students:

1. Ms. Shravani Mhaisala, Ramnarain Ruia Autonomous College, Mumbai
2. Ms. Tulsi Panda, Dr. BMN College of Home Sciences, Mumbai



Post-graduate Students:

1. Ms. Akshita Vikani, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai
2. Ms. Varsha Rani, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai

Nearly 300 participants attended the programme. Dr. Dipti Govil proposed the formal vote of thanks.

The program was organized by Prof. T.V. Sekher, Dr. Dipti Govil, Dr. M.V. Vaithilingam and Ms. Irin Anna Solomon of the Publications Cell of IIPS.

DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR MEMORIAL LECTURE

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture was held on 20th April 2022 at IIPS. Prof. Bhalchandra Mungekar, a former member of the Planning Commission and former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mumbai, delivered the lecture on "Relevance of Ambedkar's thoughts in contemporary India." Prof. K. S. James,



Director, International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) chaired the lecture. Dr. R. B. Bhagat, Professor and Head, Department of Migration and Urban Studies, IIPS, was the discussant for the lecture.

Prof. Bhalchandra Mungekar highlighted the contributions of Dr. Ambedkar in shaping the socio-economic policies of India. He quoted the shastras and argued that everything in the society is dominated by the way the men think and the views of women often ignored. The relevance of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's thoughts for contemporary India is beyond our imagination. One of the significant contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar to Indian society being the understanding and analysis of caste, untouchability, gender, and social equality. He also encouraged young scholars to think rationally and sensibly when understanding society. Prof. K. S. James said that Dr. Ambedkar had left his mark across disciplines, including economics, law, political science, and even population studies.



Prof. R. B. Bhagat said that the thoughts of Dr.

Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi are equally crucial and relevant in the current age. A large number of participants, both from the Institute and from outside, attended the program.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL SURVEY IN TIMOR-LESTE

The IIPS is providing technical support for the nationwide “Baseline Survey on Say No to 5S in Schools” undertaken by the World Health Organization Timor-Leste (WHO-TLS) country office for the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports Affairs, Government of Timor-Leste (formerly East Timor). The 5S interventions are initiated as part of the school health programme in Timor-Leste (2022-26). Starvation, Soil-transmitted helminthiasis, Skin diseases, Smoking, and Sugary/Alcoholic Drinks are the focal areas in the 5S intervention. The study aims to provide baseline data for impact and outcome indicators to serve as a point of comparison for a final evaluation and to provide information for program targeting and design. School level survey of coordinators, teachers and students was launched on 6th July 2022.



Dr. Dilip with participants at the Training of enumerators for Baseline Survey, held from 29th June to 3rd July 2022 at UN House Caicoli, Dili, Timor-Leste

Principal Investigators: Dr. T. R. Dilip and Prof. U. S. Mishra.

WORKSHOPS

Workshop on “*Ethics and Integrity in Social Sciences and Health Research*”

The Short-Term Training Programme (STTP) Cell of the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized a 5-day workshop on “Ethics and Integrity in Social Sciences and Health Research” during 04-08 April, 2022, on the virtual platform. 25 participants from various universities/research institutes attended the workshop. The workshop was organized on different topics, which included lectures by subject experts, group discussions, case studies, etc.



The resource persons were Dr. Amar Jesani, Independent Researcher (Bioethics, Public Health), Dr. Sunita Sheel Bhandewar, Director, Health Ethics and Law Institute, Forum for Medical Ethics and Society, Dr. Mala Ramanathan, Professor, Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies, SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram,

Dr. Anant Bhan, Global Health Researcher and Lead, Sangath, Dr. Usha Ram, Professor, IIPS, Prof. Lakshmi Lingam, Dean, School of Media and Cultural Studies, TISS, Mumbai, Dr. Tara Korti, Assistant Professor, TISS, Mumbai and Dr. Dipti Govil, Assistant Professor, IIPS. The workshop discussed about the existing national and international principles and guidelines on ethics that may enable participants to design and



execute social and health research with ethical reasoning. The workshop also covered the ethical issues involved at different stages of research. Prof. K. S. James, Director, IIPS, inaugurated the workshop. Prof. T. V. Sekher outlined the workshop programme. Those who successfully completed the workshop were given certificates.

Prof. T. V Sekher and Dr. Dipti Govil were the Coordinators for the workshop.

Workshop on “*India Ageing Report-2022*”

Integrating Ageing Research in Policy and Programs Project of IIPS organized a workshop on India Aging Report-2022 during 6-7 May 2022 at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore. Dr. Sanjay Kumar, UNFPA India, Prof. P.M. Kulkarni, Former Professor JNU, Dr. G. Giridhar, Independent Consultant, Prof. K.S. James, Director and Sr. Professor, IIPS, Dr. Harihar Sahoo, IIPS and Dr. Dipti Govil, IIPS, participated in the workshop. The draft chapters of India Aging Report were extensively reviewed and the action plan of the project was discussed.



Hands-on Workshop on “*Use of Gridded Population Data*”

The GENDER Project of IIPS along with INED, France organized a two-day hands-on workshop on 'Use of Gridded Population Data' at IIPS during September 6-7, 2022. The training programme was attended by 40 young faculty members and PhD students.

The instructors for the workshop were Dr. Ankit Sikarwar and Dr. Valerie Golaz (both from INED, France). The Coordinators of the GENDER project are



Prof. K.S. James, Prof. Abhishek Singh, and Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar. The GENDER Project is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Workshop on “Nutrition, Health and Hygiene in Mess & Hostel”

IQAC and IIPS Administration jointly organized a workshop on “Nutrition, Health and Hygiene in Mess & Hostel” from 20-26th July 2022 for the mess and hostel staff.

The resource persons were Dr. Umesh M. Shenoy, Mrs. Natasha R. Surani and Dr. Rohini V. Ambekar. The programme had sessions on the Maintenance of hygiene standards in hostels and mess, nutrition requirement for students, special concerns of girl students staying inside/outside IIPS campus etc.



Organizers: Dr. M. Vaithilingam, Mrs. Lavina Tauro and Mr. Amol B. Hase

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

1. National Family Health Survey (NFHS) -5

Release of NFHS-5 National Report

As part of the Swasthya Chintan Shivir organized by MoHFW in Tent City, Kevadia, Gujarat during 5-7 May, 2022, the **NFHS-5 National Report** was released by Dr. Mansukh L. Mandaviya, H’ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare on 5 May, 2022. Subsequently, IIPS conducted the National Dissemination Workshop in Delhi on 5-6 August, 2022.



Release of NFHS-5 National Report by Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya

A two-day national dissemination workshop on the findings of the NFHS-5 was organized jointly by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the International Institute for Population Sciences, on 5th and 6th August 2022 at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi. Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary, MoHFW, GOI inaugurated the grand event along with Smt. Roli Singh, AS & MD, NHM, Smt. Sandhya Krishnamurthy, DG & Shri P. Manoj Kumar, CD from Statistics Division, GOI.



Two-day national dissemination workshop on NFHS-5 findings on 5th and 6th August 2022 at New Delhi

Director & Professor K. S James, Prof. S K Singh, Prof. Hemkothang Lhungdim, Prof. Chander Shekhar, Prof. L.K. Dwivedi, and Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar from IIPS were present. More than 250 participants attended the workshop from national & international organizations which included delegates and representatives from MoHFW, WHO, MoSPI, UNFPA, RGI, JNU, ICMR, IPE Global, WCD, PFI, IUSSP, ICRW, AIIMS, IIT, etc. Some important highlights from the survey findings that needed to be focused on were: with the rise in institutional births across the country, there was also a worrying increase in Cesarean section births; obesity was an emerging concern among all age group; need for improving resources for marginalized populations; covering mental health dilemmas; prejudiced preference for son; creating more awareness about early breastfeeding and suitable dietary habits for infants; and menstrual protection.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, and the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), jointly organized a one-day **Regional Dissemination Workshop on the findings of National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21) on 23rd April 2022** at the Hotel Lords Plaza, Jaipur. Nearly 120 participants attended the Workshop, mainly health officials and invitees from PRCs and representatives from UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, WASH, IIHMR, NGOs, Media, etc. The Inaugural session of the Workshop started with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries, followed by Welcome Address by Prof. Chander Shekhar, Coordinator, NFHS-5.



State report release by Ms A. Jorwal, IAS, Mission Director (Incharge), NHM, Govt. of Rajasthan

Shri P. Manoj Kumar, Chief Director (Statistics), MoHFW, Government of India, delivered the Introductory speech and spoke about the coverage and content of the NFHS-5. Prof. K S James, Director, IIPS, delivered the Keynote Address by emphasizing the importance of

NFHS-5 findings in policy framing and program evaluation at the district, state and national levels. Ms. Anupama Jorwal, IAS, Mission Director NHM (In-charge), Government of Rajasthan, delivered the Inaugural Address and underlined the achievements of Rajasthan in maternal and child health indicators and expressed her gratitude to MoHFW and IIPS for choosing Rajasthan for the regional workshop. She also released the reports of three states in the presence of officials. In the first Technical session, “Importance of NFHS-5 findings for policy making, especially in the context of Sustainable Development Goals”, was presented by Shri P. Manoj Kumar, Chief Director (Stats), MoHFW. Dr. S. Ghosh, Addl. Commissioner, MoHFW, Govt. of India, presented the key highlights of RMNCH+A for three states in the region and their districts. Prof. Chander Shekhar talked about issues emerging in the area of Household Environment, Maternal Health, Fertility and Family Planning. Prof. L.K. Dwivedi presented findings on Child Health & Nutrition in the region. The last presentation of this session was made by Dr. S. Pedgaonkar on Adult health, NCD’s, Women empowerment & Domestic Violence showing the situation in three states.

Two panel discussions were also organized. The first one was chaired by Shri Manoj Kumar, Chief Director



Prof. K.S. James, Director, IIPS, delivering Keynote address

(Stats) and Dr. Sumita Ghosh, where two state level officials from each state were asked to speak about the RMNCH+A programmes in view of the NFHS-5 results. The second panel was chaired by Prof. Dharendra Kumar, IIMR, Jaipur. This panel comprised of Ms. Nidhi Satija, Joint Director (Stats.), MoHFW, Government of India, representative of UNFPA, representative of UNICEF and Media Social Activist, Ms. S. Mathur. The workshop ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, and the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), organized a **one-day Regional Dissemination Workshop on National Family Health Survey (2019-21) on 19th April, 2022** at Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati. Around 140 participants attended the programme from 8 North-Eastern states. Dr. Harsh Mangla, Director NHM, Assam, was the chief guest on the occasion. Dr. Sumita Ghosh, Addl. Commissioner (CH/AH/RBSK), MoHFW, also graced the event. From IIPS, Prof. Hemkothang Lungdim, Prof. Laxmikant Dwivedi and Dr.



One-day Regional Dissemination Workshop on National Family Health Survey (2019-21) on 19th April, 2022

Sarang Pedgaonkar were the presenters and Smt. Sandhya Krishnamurthy, Mr.P. Manoj Kumar and Ms. Nidhi Satija from MoHFW were also present.

For the South zone, the **workshop was organized in KTDC Mascot Hotel, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 27th May, 2022.**

Nearly 110 participants attended the Workshop, mostly health officials from the 5 southern states and 3 UTs.

Dr. Bharti Pravin Pawar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, GOI, graced the occasion. Dr. Rajan N. Khobragade, Principal Secretary and Smt. Veena George, Minister of Health, Government of Kerala, were

invited as special guests. Prof K. S. James, Prof. S. K. Singh, Prof. Chander Shekhar, Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar, Smt. Sandhya Krishnamurthy, Mr. P. Manoj Kumar and Dr. Govind Bansal from IIPS and the Ministry were

there to lead through the event.



Workshop at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, on 27th May, 2022



Northern region dissemination was organized at Chandigarh on 28th June, 2022

The **Northern Regional dissemination was organized at Hotel Mount View, Chandigarh on 28th June, 2022**

for 3 States & 3 UTs. Nearly 110 participants attended the Workshop, mainly health officials from the respective state/UT governments, and dignitaries from CRRID, PRC, SPYM, PGI, NGOs, NHM, etc. Shri Yashpal Garg, Secretary Health & Family Welfare, Chandigarh, was the chief guest. Director & Professor K. S. James, Prof. S. K.

Singh, Prof. Hemkothang Lhungdim, Prof. L.K. Dwivedi, Mr. P. Manoj Kumar and Ms. Nidhi Satija from IIPS & MoHFW attended the program.

On 27th July 2022, the dissemination for the Eastern region was organized at the Hotel Hindustan International, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha.

Nearly 130 participants attended the Workshop, mainly health officials from four state governments (except for Jharkhand), and included other invitees and representatives from ICMR, XIM, UNFPA, UNICEF, AIIMS, NGOs, Media, etc. Shri Nikunj Bihari Dhal,



Dissemination for the Eastern region was organized at Bhubaneshwar, Odisha

Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department and Ms. Shalini Pandit, Mission Director (NHM), Government of Odisha, were special invitees. Director & Sr. Professor K. S. James, Prof. S. K. Singh, Prof. Hemkothang Lhungdim, Prof. L.K. Dwivedi, Smt. Sandhya Krishnamurthy, and Ms. Vaishali from IIPS and MoHFW were present. Some prominent observations from the workshop were: Prevalence of high blood pressure showed a similar pattern by gender but increased with age across the Eastern states. Spousal Violence was observed to be the highest in Bihar from this zone. Jharkhand is yet to achieve a replacement level of Fertility. Preference for son was observed to be the least in West Bengal in this region.

On 23rd & 24th September, 2022, A two-day training workshop on the Survey Methods and Estimation in NFHS was jointly organized by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the International Institute for Population Sciences at New Delhi. The training workshop was designed with the objectives of enabling the participating officers/staff to deliberate on sampling strategies designed, indicator development, and data quality and discussing estimates derived from NFHS and their methodological comparison with various other data sources like NSSO, SRS etc.

NFHS dissemination was also organized at the regional conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) held at the University of Kashmir, on 29th September, 2022. Prof. S. K. Singh, Prof. Hemkothang Lhungdim, Prof. Chander Shekhar, and Prof. L.K. Dwivedi presented on “Accelerating Health and Wellness in J&K: Evidence from NFHS-5”.



Dissemination aimed to help health officials strategize important policy decisions for intervention at the grass root level and gain helpful insights on district-level performance. Key indicators from NFHS-5 are aligned with SDGs, therefore, the results will track the progress made and will help the government to plan in achieving the SDGs by 2030.

NFHS-6 Pretest:

Since NFHS will be providing indicators at the district level, the sample size will be much bigger, making it a mammoth task for data collection. In each selected household, three different types of interview schedules (household, woman and man) will be canvassed, based on predefined eligibility criteria.



Formal inauguration of pretest by Dr. Minakshi Joshi, Principal, CASFOS by lighting of lamp

In addition, clinical, anthropometric and biochemical testing (CAB) will be done for individuals in these households, again based on predefined eligibility criteria. As CAB component involves collection of blood samples and data on biomarkers, it is important to understand the reactions of respondents to the range of tests to be conducted including Malaria, HbA1C and Vitamin D3 tests. It was also decided to examine their responses on getting a signed consent for CAB testing. Data collection in CAPI will ensure better quality with minimum inconsistencies and missing cases, save data entry time and reduce the scope of field editing. Hence, to ensure that high quality data is obtained by using CAPI and other related field procedures are carried out smoothly, there is a need for thorough testing of all instruments prior to the actual survey. Pretesting will also ensure that the survey is carried out with minimum disruptions and within the estimated time frame. For this reason, it was decided to conduct a pretest to test all the instruments and protocols of the survey. Accordingly, IIPS developed, finalized and translated the survey instruments (paper-pencil and CAPI versions), and prepared survey manuals.

The training for pretest was done during June 20-30, 2022 at CASFOS, Deharadun, followed by 6 days of fieldwork. In order to gain good experience and to have better insights into the implementation of survey protocols across different types of localities/areas, 10 different types of PSUs were chosen for field practice - 6 rural and 4 urban PSUs, from Deharadun and Tehri Garwal districts of Uttarakhand State. Based on the pretest experience, IIPS revised the CAPI software and made relevant changes in the NFHS-6 questionnaires and protocols.



Dr. Preeti Dhillon welcoming the dignitaries.

International Institute for Population Sciences [IIPS] as a nodal agency for conducting the National Family Health Survey [NFHS] under the aegis of the Ministry of Health and Family Survey was also the prime host for all the regional dissemination and a two days training programme. These regional disseminations with the help of the fifth round of NFHS estimates cover extremely useful emerging issues & challenges and track the progress over time, of key indicators in various areas like Reproductive and Child Health, Fertility & Family Planning, Adult Health & NCDs, Women's Empowerment and Domestic violence, etc.

2. Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI):

First Meeting of the TAC of Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI), Wave-2

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, has constituted the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to guide the second wave of the Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI). LASI wave 1 was undertaken during 2017-18, covering all States and Union Territories of India. LASI is India's first and

the world's largest longitudinal ageing survey, examining the health, economic and social well-being of India's growing elderly population. IIPS is the nodal institution for implementing LASI in collaboration with the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH) and the University of Southern



California (USC). The first meeting of the newly constituted TAC was held on 26th August 2022 at New Delhi under the chairmanship of Prof. Arvind Pandey and co-chaired by Prof. Sulabha Parasuraman. Shri. Manoj Kumar, Chief Director (Stat.), MoHFW, welcomed the participants and emphasised the need and relevance of LASI. Prof. K. S. James, Director, IIPS, spoke about the present stage of LASI activities. Prof. T. V. Sekher made a detailed presentation of LASI wave 1 survey and methodology and the changes suggested in wave-2 of the survey. TAC deliberated on various aspects of wave-2 survey and also constituted two sub committees to look into the aspects of questionnaires and biomarkers. Those who attended the meeting included Mrs. Sandhya Krishnamurthy (DG, Stats.), MoHFW, Prof. A. B. Dey, Prof. Mathew Varghese, Prof. M.H. Suryanarayana, Prof. S. Siva Raju, Prof. S. Irudaya Rajan, Ms. Roli Khare and IIPS faculty co-ordinators.

Project Co-ordinators:

Prof. K. S. James, Prof. T. V. Sekher, Prof. Chander Shekhar, Prof. R. Nagarajan, Prof. Aparajitha Chattopadhyay, Dr. Dipti Govil and Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar

3. South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM)

1st Executive Committee Meeting

The first executive committee meeting of South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM) was held on **5th April 2022**. The purpose of this meeting was to review the progress of work from October 2021 to March 2022. Systemic plan of action for the concept note, a review of literature for the national and regional thematic papers were discussed. All the partner organizations including donor agencies, attended the meeting.



Advisory Meeting

The first Advisory meeting of the South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM) was held on **13th June 2022**. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the progress of SALAM. How can SALAM better inform and foster evidence-based gender-responsive policy, dialogue, and policy change in the region? The meeting was attended by Prof. Irudaya Rajan, Prof. Binod Khadaria, Prof. Pushpendra Singh, Prof. S.K. Sasikumar, Prof. Sanchita Banerjee, Dr. Sugandha Nagpal, and SALAM partner organisations and donor agencies.



SALAM Partner Organisations -Interns Meet

A Meeting platform for all the Young Interns of SALAM from various partner organizations from four countries (Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh) was organized on **17th June 2022**. It was a knowledge-sharing and interactive platform where interns discussed about the current activities.



SALAM -Partner Organizations Meeting

The SALAM partner organizations meeting was held on **8th August 2022**. In this meeting, there were discussions on the SALAM website, National workshop, Thematic papers, and Migration data Portal. This meeting was attended by the partner organizations from CESLAM, Nepal; RMMRU, Bangladesh; IPS, Sri Lanka; SDPI, Pakistan; IIPS India and UN-Women (donor agency).

i. SALAM Lecture 6th

The lecture was delivered on June 23rd, 2022 on ***“Policies and Practices of Labour Recruitment in Nepal: Examination of Gaps and Their Impact on Safe Migrations”*** by **Dr. Arjun Kharel**. His lecture elaborated on the process of immigration and the policies and practices of employers in Nepal for recruitment of labourers. Other aspects include labour recruitment issues, global inequality, limitations in government policies, unequal power relation between the labour from origin and destination countries. The session was moderated by Dr. Ramani Jayasundere.

ii. SALAM Lecture 7th

The lecture was delivered on July 6th, 2022 on ***“The ‘Telling’ of Migration Aspirations: Covid-19 and Youth Migration from Punjab, India”*** by **Dr. Sugandha Nagpal**. Dr. Sugandha majorly focused on how young

Punjabis responded to the COVID-19 pandemic that restricted migration. She also argued that the resilience of young Punjabis revealed the structural basis of migration aspiration. The session was moderated by Prof. R. B. Bhagat of IIPS.

iii. SALAM Lecture 8th

The Lecture was delivered on 2nd Sept 2022 on “*Were the expenditure levels of internal or international migrants in Bangladesh more resilient to Covid-19?*” by Dr. C. Rashaad Shabab (University of Sussex, UK and a Senior Fellow at the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit in Bangladesh). The session was moderated by Dr. Bilesha Weeraratne.

KNOW YOUR ALUMNI- IIPSAA LECTURE SERIES

International Institute for Population Sciences Alumni Association (IIPSAA) conducted the second lecture under the ‘Know your alumni’ lecture series on 06th September 2022. The lecture entitled “Higher Education Opportunities in Europe” was delivered by Dr. Aravinda Meera Guntupalli (Senior Lecturer, University of Aberdeen, UK). Dr. Aravinda’s research focuses on health inequalities across the life courses, nutrition and food insecurity among migrants, multidimensional poverty among older people and NCD related inequalities in middle-aged and older adults in low and middle-income countries. The speaker elaborated on different teaching as well as learning techniques in European countries and how students should address these effectively. Further, Dr. Guntupalli provided insights on various universities suitable for the students of IIPS, the availability of funds and fellowships to pursue the courses and useful resources to avail these opportunities. More than 35 students joined this interactive and informative lecture.



THE FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

The International Institute for Population Sciences, celebrated its 66th Foundation Day on 16th August 2022. It was a grand evening of decor, dance and drama with enthusiastic participation by students, faculty and staff members. Continuing with the spirit of the 75th Independence Day “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”, the students of IIPS put up a gorgeous event.

The program started with the lighting the lamp by Director Prof. K. S. James, Prof. K. C. Das and Prof. Nandita Saikia. The program then went on to showcase various classical, folk and modern dances, such as Durga Vandana, Kathak, Bharatnatyam, Bihu, Lavni, Semi-classical and Bollywood. The students pursuing their Master's degree put up a drama to showcase the difference between online and offline classes, something all of us experienced during the COVID pandemic. The message they portrayed, was significant. The children of the faculty and staff members performed patriotic songs. The Staff Welfare Committee also felicitated the bright students of the staff to encourage them to perform even better in studies in future.



FOOD FESTIVAL- LAZEEZ

On 30th May 2022, an amazingly mouthwatering food festival, the 3rd Food festival “*Lazeez*”, was arranged by the International Institute for Population Sciences to celebrate diverse flavors from across the country. With fifteen counters spread across the ground, the event kick started with the encouraging words of Prof. K. S. James, Director & Senior Professor and Cultural Coordinator, Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay. The stalls offered an explosion of flavors from the famous hot & Spicy *Litti-Chokha*, the iconic Bengali delicacies of Mutton Kosha, *paturi* and *dimer Chop*, special sweet dishes of Odisha, Kerala's own Malabar porotta and naadan chicken curry, the traditional Cuban Punch, or as we call it, “Mojito”, deliciously cheesy Pasta, and Maharashtrian prawn and fish fry, along with ice-cream and Kulfis. Students, staff and faculty alike, were delighted with the food, reminding us once again about the feeling of family



that IIPS always cherishes. Lazeez was one such platform that brought together all those who love cooking and those who love eating! We thank our IIPS fraternity for making this programme a delectable success.

YOGA DAY

The Yoga Lecture was organized on 18th August 2022 and the speaker for the lecture was E. Ravi Singh Choudhary (Social Entrepreneur and Author). He spoke about “Yoga: The Civilizational Heritage”, focusing on the subject of classical definition of Yoga, Samkhya, and Yoga Darshan Shastra, Ancient manuscripts of Yoga: Katha, Upnishad, Yogacharbhumi, Vigyaan Bairav, Yoga throughout the world and applicability of Yoga in modern life. The lecture was followed by a Yoga session. The program was attended by the faculty, staff, and students.



CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

IQAC with IIPS administration jointly organized the capacity building programme on “*Ethics for administrative professionals in higher educational Institutes*” from 5-7 and 11 & 18th July at IIPS.

The resource persons were Lt. Col. Prashant Borde, CAO, IIPS and Dr. K. Praveen Kumar, Library and Information Officer, IIPS. The programme had sessions on the necessity of ethics for administrative professionals, moral judgement, antecedents and linkages with ethical climate, case studies etc. The administrative staff and faculty members attended the sessions.



Organizers: Dr. M. Vaithilingam, Mrs. Lavina Tauro and Mr. Amol B. Hase

ACTIVITIES OF PLACEMENT CELL

The Placement Cell organized an interactive session for students on 11th May, 2022 with Prof. Christophe Z. Guilmoto, a well-known demographer and researcher. He showed keen interest in interacting with students and helping them upgrade their research. He



emphasized on qualitative research and encouraged students to read more narratives from news articles. He talked about the importance of field work and formulating interdisciplinary theories to unravel stories behind mere numbers and transitions happening in the population. He compared demography and other related disciplines in terms of theories, modelling and prediction.

BOOK PUBLISHED BY FACULTY

“Researching Internal Migration” by Prof. S. Irudaya Rajan and Prof. R.B. Bhagat, published by Routledge India, 2022.

The book delves into the fundamental principles and migration metrics and attempts to comprehend the rapidly changing migratory patterns in relation to time and context. It reviews and synthesizes migration theories, and aims to consolidate and summarize the most commonly debated ideas on migration in the literature, as well as classify the many models and theories into distinct categories for a better understanding. The book introduces census-based migration data, both in India and in comparison to other countries. The book examines the various policies and initiatives in India that deal with migration and migrants. It concentrates on various issues of internal migration related to concepts, data, measurement and policy and programmes from the point of view of integrating migration with development.



NEW APPOINTMENTS



Lt. Col. Prashant Sunil Borde

Lt. Col. Prashant Sunil Borde has joined International Institute for Population Sciences on deputation from the Indian Army as Chief Administrative Officer – cum -Registrar. He has 19 years of professional experience in diverse domains. He has served in several military operational regions such as Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He has also served in numerous administrative capacities in government institutions. He is an alumnus of Sainik School, Satara, and has done B. Sc. from National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, B. Tech. from College of Military Engineering, Pune, PGDHRM from SCDL, Pune, MPM from Pune University, and MA (Political Science) from IGNOU. Currently, he is pursuing a Ph.D. (Working Professionals) from the Indian Institute of Management, Shillong. He was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Chief of Army Staff for an innovation project and a Commendation card from General Officer Commanding in Chief, Southern Command, for superlative administrative performances. He has presented papers at the prestigious Academy of Management Conference and the European Academy of Management Conference. He has published papers in prestigious journals of UGC and ABDC list. His research interests include leadership, healthcare, educational administration, organizational studies and sociology.



Dr. Srinivas Goli

Dr. Srinivas Goli is an Associate Professor in Demography at the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai. Before joining IIPS, he was a New Generation Network Scholar at the Australia India Institute (AII) and UWA Public Policy Institute at the University of Western Australia.

He had also worked as an Assistant Professor in Population Studies at the Centre for Studies in Regional Development (CSRD), School of Social Sciences (SSS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. He was a visiting faculty at the University of Gottingen, Germany, from May to June 2018. He has more than ten years of experience in teaching and M.Phil. & Ph.D. supervision in demography, public health, and development studies. He has guided five M.Phil. and ten Ph.D. theses. He has been involved in several major projects funded by national and international organizations. His current research interests include population dynamics and its implications for development, family demography, gender and nutritional inequalities. He has significant publishing work to his credit. He serves as an academic editor for PLOS One, SAGE Open and the Journal of Sustainability.



Dr. Archana Kujur

Dr. Archana Kujur has joined IIPS as an Associate professor in the Department of Fertility and Social Demography. Her current research focus is rooted in Indigenous population, gender, and child health issues. She has a good academic record. Having studied across the country, she got the opportunity of learning from varied people and places. She received her B.Sc. degree from Calcutta University, an M.Sc. degree in Geography from Banaras Hindu University, an M. Phil. and a Ph.D. degree from International Institute for Population Sciences.

She had taught Geography for ten years at the Central University of Karnataka (CUK) where her research interest was oriented towards social issues in the geographical context. During her time at CUK, she visited Cambridge University as a part of the UKERI initiative. She has also guided many dissertations for Master's degree and a Ph.D thesis. She has published many articles on the issues of Gender, violence faced by women and tribal people, School Education and WASH, Child Health, School Absenteeism, and School dropout. She is well-versed in quantitative methods and is keen to pursue a qualitative approach to research. Her goal is to contribute to anthropological aspects of Gender and Tribal Studies.



Dr. Guru Vasishtha

Dr. Guru Vasishtha has been appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Survey Research & Data Analytics at International Institute for population Sciences (IIPS). Prior to Joining IIPS, he worked at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) as a Senior RWD Analyst, where he specialized in utilizing and analyzing electronic medical records and claims data sources for real-world evidence generation to help in better business decision making. He also extensively worked on different stages of various research projects

including National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4). His expertise ranges from data management, validation, cleaning, graphics, and visualization, mainly using programming in statistical software such as R, SAS, STATA, SPSS, MORTPACK, SPECTRUM, and GEODA. He has a Ph.D. and M.Phil. degrees in Population Studies from IIPS. He also holds a Master's degree (Gold medal) in Statistics from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Agra. He has published research papers in peer-reviewed journals. He has also participated and presented research papers at national and international conferences/seminars and workshops, including summer school on measuring multidimensional poverty organized by Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, the University of Oxford at Mexico City. His research interests include Multidimensional poverty, Data quality of large-scale demographic surveys, Spatial analysis, Maternal and child health, Mortality and life table.

SUPERANNUATION OF STAFF



Mr. Prakash H. Fulpagare
Senior Research Assistant, EMS
(Superannuated on 31/05/2022)



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Supervisor (Technical)
(Superannuated on 31/05/2022)



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(Superannuated on 31/05/2022)



Mr. Suresh P. Thakur
Multi-Tasking Staff
(Superannuated on 31/05/2022)



Mr. T.S. Badve
Data Entry Operator Gr. B
(Superannuated on 31/07/2022)

APPOINTMENTS

Sl.No	Name of the Employee	Department/Section	Position held	Date of Appointment
1	Mr. Vikash Atri	Establishment	UDC	19-05-2022
2	Mr. Saish Todankar	Stores	UDC	01-07-2022
3	Mr. Swapnil Borhade	Library	Lib. Clerk	15-09-2022
4	Mr. Manish Kumar	Library	Sr. Lib. Inf. Assistant	19-09-2022

PROMOTIONS

Sl.No	Name of the Employee	Department/Section	Previous Position	New Position	Date of Promotions
1	Mr. R.B.Lakhan	Estate	Caretaker	Supervisor (Technical)	29-06-2022
2	Ms. Sakula Pawar	Project Cell	UDC	Assistant	29-06-2022
3	Mr. Mangesh Shivalkar	Estate	OHP operator	Caretaker	29-06-2022

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), formerly known as the Demographic Training and Research Centre (DTRC) till 1970, was established in 1956, under the joint sponsorship of Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, the Government of India, and the United Nations. The Institute is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

The Institute served as a regional centre for Training and Research in Population Studies for the ESCAP region. The Institute was re-designated to its present title in 1985 to facilitate the expansion of its academic activities and was declared as a 'Deemed University' in August 19, 1985, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. The recognition has facilitated the award of recognized degrees by the Institute itself and paved the way for further expansion of the Institute as an academic institution. The faculty members and the supporting staff belong to diverse interdisciplinary backgrounds with specialization in some core areas of population sciences, trained in India and abroad.

The Institute is the hub of population and health related teaching and research in India, playing a vital role for planning and development of the country. Students from different countries of Asia and the Pacific region, Africa and North America have been trained at the Institute. The alumni of IIPS hold prestigious positions in national and international organizations, universities, and reputed non-governmental organizations.

The Institute offers different Post-graduate and Doctoral programs and post-doctoral fellowships. After completing the program, students are well prepared for: admission to higher degree programmes in the best universities of the world; a good career in teaching and research; a multi-disciplinary professional career in development organizations; and can work as independent consultants.

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