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Release of GYTS-4 National Fact Sheet by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, on 10th August 2021 at New Delhi

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From the Editorial Desk

Warm Greetings!

We hope you are keeping safe and healthy with your family and friends in these uncertain and challenging times amidst COVID-19!

We are delighted to bring to you volume 62 (issues 3 & 4) of the IIPS Newsletter which presents glimpses of activities of the Institute from April to September 2021. The Institute has adopted new strategies to continue the academic and research momentum in these difficult times. Apart from carrying out its regular activities, the Institute organized workshops and training programmes and achieved new milestones. We hope to see the students on our campus very soon.

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 members who joined the IIPS family.

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

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RELEASE OF NATIONAL FACT SHEET OF GLOBAL YOUTH TOBACCO SURVEY (GYTS-4), BY DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA, HON'BLE UNION HEALTH MINISTER

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS), a component of the Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS), is a global standard for systematically monitoring youth tobacco use (smoking and smokeless) and tracking key tobacco control indicators. GYTS is a cross-sectional, nationally representative, school-based survey of students in grades associated with ages 13-15 years. It assists countries in fulfilling their obligations under the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) to generate comparable data within and across countries.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) designated the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) as the nodal agency to conduct the GYTS-4 under the guidance of Technical Advisory Committee with necessary support from the WHO India office. GYTS-4 was designed to provide national and state/UT level estimates of tobacco use among school going children aged 13-15 years by sex, location of school (rural-urban), and management of school (public-private). The objective of the survey was to provide information on tobacco use (smoking and smokeless), cessation, second-hand smoke, access and availability, exposure to anti-tobacco information, awareness and receptivity to tobacco marketing, knowledge, and attitudes. 97,302 students from 987 schools (Public-544; Private-443) participated in the survey. Of which, 80,772 students aged 13-15 years were considered for reporting.

IIPS successfully completed the field survey for GYTS-4 in 2019 and prepared the National and State/UT fact sheets by providing its key findings. Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare released the National Fact Sheet of GYTS-4 on August 10, 2021.

The Union Minister emphasized the early awareness of the ill effects of tobacco among children. He said, "The more and the sooner, we create awareness among children about the harmful effects of tobacco use, the better will be the outcomes in terms of reduction in prevalence of tobacco use among children and consequently, among adults". "Harmful effects of tobacco use should be incorporated into the school curricula at various levels starting right from the primary school level", he added.

WORLD POPULATION DAY 2021: SYMPOSIUM

On the occasion of World Population Day, The Short-Term Training Programme and Publications Cell (STTP & PC) of the IIPS organized a virtual symposium on July 12, 2021 through the WebEx platform on the theme- **COVID-19: Challenges for healthcare delivery and vaccination drives in India. Dr. Gagandeep Kang,**

Professor, The Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory Division of Gastrointestinal Sciences, Christian Medical College, Vellore and **Dr. Sudha Ramani**, Independent Consultant on Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR) were the eminent speakers at the Symposium.



Prof. Gagandeep Kang

Prof. Gagandeep Kang delivered a lecture on the topic, “**COVID 19 Vaccination Program in India: Issues and Challenges**”. She briefly explained about various vaccines and their effectiveness (one doses and two doses) against SARS-CoV-2 variants. She also talked about India’s vaccination programmes and the different issues and challenges for vaccination for every citizen. Dr. Sudha Ramani spoke about “**The health system response to COVID-19 in India:**

Learnings for the way forward”. She discussed about the Public health system response to COVID-19 in India

(preparation, absorption, adaptation, transformation), and the new learnings from this experience. She also suggested that strong, resilient health systems are not built in a day and they cannot be built up during a crisis so we have to strengthen public health systems with positive strategies and catch-up with intervention accumulation.



Dr. Sudha Ramani

The lecture was followed by an interesting question and answer session. The event was attended by 118 participants. The Director, **Prof. K. S. James**, chaired the session. **Prof. Usha Ram**, Coordinator, STTP and PC conducted the programme. **Prof. Archana K. Roy**, Coordinator, STTP and PC, proposed the formal vote of thanks.

Coordinators: Prof. Usha Ram, Prof. Archana K. Roy, Mr. Babu Santosh Kumar, Dr. P. Murugesan and Mr. Rishabh Gupta.



WORKSHOPS & TRAINING PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED

Online Workshop on “Introduction to R: Demographic and Spatial Analysis”

The Short-Term Training Programme & Publications Cell (STTP & PC) of the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) in collaboration with Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR), Rostock, Germany & Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB), Wiesbaden, Germany organised a 5-day online training programme on “**Introduction to R: Demographic and Spatial Analysis**” during April 5-9, 2021 through WebEx video conferencing platform. 50 applicants (25 participants and 25 who audited the R-workshop) from various disciplines across the country participated in the online training programme. The main objective of the training programme was to provide an introduction to the participants regarding performing statistical analyses using ‘R’ program. Beside theory classes, the participants had hands on training using practical problems relating to the current COVID-19 pandemic. The participants were also imparted skills for conducting spatial analyses in R. Spatial analysis methods are of high relevance as researchers often work with geographically referenced data.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. K. S. James, Director and Senior Professor, who highlighted the significance of the open-source statistical programs like ‘R’, which have become the most important tools for quantitative research.



Dr. Christian Dudel

This training programme provided the participating researchers skills for conducting statistical analysis. Further it also provided them with the requisite exposure to gather & prepare data using the R-software. On the first day of the training, topics like **Introduction to R, its objects & operators, using R Studio, Data wrangling and basic plotting** were discussed with hands on practical exercise. On second day and first half of third day, topics like **Regression**

modelling, for-loops & while functions and demographic methods using the Covid-19 pandemic data were discussed with help of R Studio analytical software. The final two and half days focussed on **learning with practical examples from specific topics on Spatial Demography, spatial analysis and spatial modelling**. These spatial process related topics improved the overall knowledge regarding demographic events as well as enhanced the usefulness, applicability and relevance of statistical models.



Dr. Sebastian Klüsener

Dr. Christian Dudel, MPIDR, Rostock (Germany) and **Dr. Sebastian Klüsener**, BiB, Wiesbaden (Germany) were the resource persons for this workshop. Both attending as well as audit participants were provided with certificates on completion of the training programme.

Coordinators: Prof. Usha Ram, Mr. Babu Santosh Kumar, Dr. P. Murugesan and Mr. Rishabh Gupta.



“Introduction to R: Demographic and Spatial Analysis” Online Workshop

Online Training Programme on Sampling Design for Large Scale Surveys for PRCs

International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) conducted a ten-day workshop on Sampling design for Large Scale Surveys during the period from 18th May - 18th June, 2021. The workshop was attended by 80-120 participants from various Population Research Centers (PRC) across India. The PRCs that participated included the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, Institute for Social & Economic Change, Bengaluru, Kerala University, Punjab University, Patna University, Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics, Pune, etc.

It was an extensive training programme wherein several sampling techniques and designs, calculation of sample size, estimation of standard errors and application of survey weights were thoroughly discussed to demonstrate the theoretical and practical application of the topics. Prof. K. S. James, Director of IIPS, inaugurated the workshop and emphasized the importance of learning the survey design and developing skills to conduct surveys by the PRCs. Shri. D. K. Ojha, Deputy Director General (Statistics), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, highlighted the importance of skill development and capacity building of the research staff of the PRCs. Dr. L.K. Dwivedi, Dr. P. Dhillon and Prof. S.K. Singh were the resource

persons for this workshop. Different applications were discussed along with demonstration of the methods on large-scale data sets such as National Family Health Survey (NFHS), Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI), Sample Registration System (SRS), Sero-Survey, Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS), etc. The participants were given assignments, had discussions on the problem and also got hands-on training.

Coordinator: Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi

Workshop on Introduction of Human Mortality Database (HMD)

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized a one-day virtual workshop on **September 9, 2021** through WebEx Video Conferencing Application on the **Introduction to Human Mortality Databases – HMD**. **Prof. Usha Ram**, the Workshop Coordinator, welcomed the resource persons – **Dr. Dmitri Jdanov**, Head of the Laboratory for Demographic Data, and **Dr. Domantas Jasilionis**, Research Scientist at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany. **Prof. K. S. James**, Director and Senior Professor, IIPS, formally inaugurated the workshop. Prof. James emphasized the workshop's importance, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Eleven faculty members and 35 research scholars from IIPS, and one research scholar from JNU, New Delhi attended the workshop. The workshop covered the following topics: Background and description of data, including data quality issues; Need for including data for developing countries, especially India and China, in the HMD; Data quality and uses of data for formal demographic analysis; and Use of HMD data for COVID analysis.

Coordinator: Prof. Usha Ram.



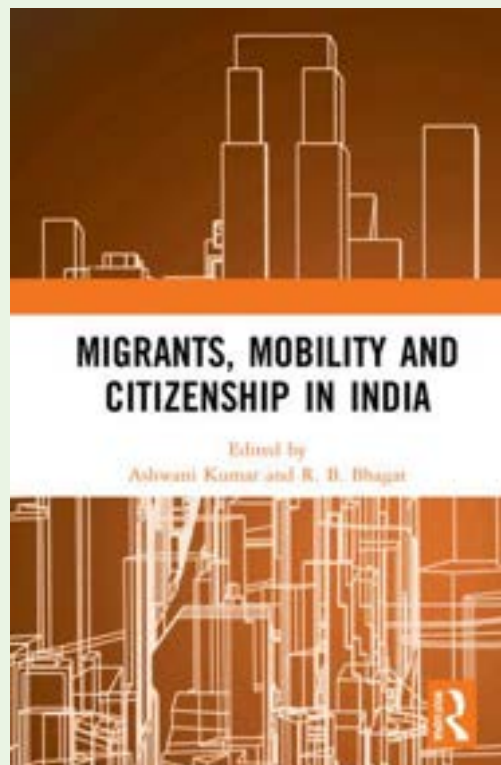
“Introduction of Human Mortality Database”, Online Workshop

BOOK PUBLISHED BY FACULTY

“Migrants, Mobility and Citizenship in India”, Edited by Ashwani Kumar and R. B. Bhagat, Routledge India, 2021.

This book reconceptualizes migration studies in India and brings back the idea of citizenship to the center of the contested relationship between the state and internal migrants in the country. It interrogates the multiple vulnerabilities of disenfranchised internal migrants as evidenced in the mass exodus of migrants during the COVID-19 crisis. Challenging dominant economic and demographic theories of mobility and relying on a wide range of innovative heterodox methodologies, this volume points to the possibility of reimagining migrants as ‘citizens’.

The volume discusses various facets of internal migration such as the roles of gender, ethnicity, caste, electoral participation of the internal migrants, livelihood diversification, struggle for settlement, and politics of displacement, and highlights the case of temporary, seasonal, and circulatory migrants as the most exploited and invisible group among migrants. Presenting secondary and recent field data from across regions, including from the northeast, the book explores the processes under which people migrate and suggests ways for ameliorating the conditions of migrants through sustained civic and political action.



RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPLETED

1. Title of the Project: Causes and Consequences of Out Migration from Middle Ganga Plain (2016-2021)

This IIPS sponsored project has been completed, and its report has been published. The project began in February 2016 to understand various aspects of migration from the largest migration sending region of India i.e., Bihar and Eastern UP. This region is geographically identified as the Middle Ganga Plain. The data was collected from 4053 households selected through a multi-stage systematic random sampling technique from 68 PSUs. Quantitative data was collected from respondents, including heads of households, women, elderly, adolescents, and return migrants using Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI).

The study reported on the levels and patterns of migration from this region, types of migration (short term or seasonal, long-term, and return), the effect of migration on the economy of the households at the origin and perceptions of family members. The migration experiences of the return migrants and the expectations of potential migrants and migration history, push and pull dynamics of internal and international migrants were explored to gain insights into the understanding of the process, experiences and expectations related to migration from the region. The study assessed the consequences of migration on the household economy and the left-behind women, children and elderly, comparing them with their counterparts in non-migrant households. The report is available on the IIPS website.



Coordinators: Prof. Archana K. Roy, Prof. R.B. Bhagat, Prof. K.C. Das, Dr. Sunil Sarode & Dr. Reshmi R.S.

2. Title of the Project: Study on global AGEing and adult health (WHO-SAGE)- wave 2

World Health Organization sponsored Study on global AGEing and adult health (SAGE) is a multi-country project conducted in China, Ghana, India, Mexico, Russian Federation and South Africa. The SAGE India was implemented in six states – Assam, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. WHO-SAGE collected data on adults aged 50 years and older, along with a smaller comparison sample of adults 18-49 years. Wave 1 of SAGE India was undertaken 2007-08 and Wave 2 was conducted in 2015. SAGE Wave 2 India included 9,116 completed interviews from 8152 households.

The primary objectives of the survey are-

- To obtain reliable, valid and comparable data on levels of health in a range of key domains for adult populations who are 50 years and older.
- To examine patterns and dynamics of age-related changes in health and wellbeing, using longitudinal follow-up of survey respondents as they age, and to investigate socioeconomic consequences of these health changes;
- To supplement and cross-validate self-reported measures of health and the anchoring vignette approach to improving comparability of self-reported measures, through measured performance tests for selected health



domains;

- To collect data on health examinations and biomarkers to improve reliability of data on morbidity and risk factors and monitor the effect of interventions.

The WHO-SAGE Wave-2 India report has been released and is now available at- <https://iipsindia.ac.in/content/SAGE-wave-2>. The data is also available on request from the link - <https://iipsindia.ac.in/content/SAGE-data>. The India report includes ten chapters- (i) Introduction, (ii) Methodology, (iii) Household and Individual respondent characteristics, (iv) Income, consumption, transfer and retirement, (v) Risk factors and health behaviors, (vi) Health status, (vii) Morbidity and interventions, (viii) Health examination and biomarkers, (ix) Health care utilization, system responsiveness and financing, and (x) Subjective wellbeing and quality of life.

Coordinators: Prof. P. Arokiasamy, Prof. T.V. Sekher, Prof. H. Lhungdim, Prof. Murali Dhar and Prof. Archana K. Roy

ACTIVITIES UNDER ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

A. SWABHIMAAN Endline Impact Evaluation Survey: Bihar and Odisha

The SWABHIMAAN Programme is an integrated multi-sectoral strategy to improve girls' and women's nutrition before conception, during pregnancy and after birth in selected blocks of Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Odisha. This is a collaborative project of the Nutrition Division of UNICEF India and the National Rural Livelihood Mission of the Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (MoRD & PR). For the baseline, IIPS provided technical support for conducting the survey. For mid- and end-line, IIPS was the nodal agency for carrying out the surveys. The end-line survey of Bihar and Odisha has been completed, and the survey in Chhattisgarh will be over by December 2021.

The field investigators training was conducted by a team of IIPS and members of UNICEF and SRLM (State Rural Livelihood Mission) in Bihar and Odisha. The training for the mapping and listing was conducted simultaneously in both states from 8th to 10th February 2021. The mapping and household listing in the selected blocks began on 11th February 2021. The training of investigators for data collection was conducted in Bihar and Odisha from 24th February to 5th March 2021. The training was given to familiarize investigators with Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) and anthropometric measurements with field-based practice in the last two days.

The data was collected using pretested bilingual questionnaires. There were five interview schedules—household, adolescent girl, pregnant woman, mother and child under two years of age. The data collection in

Odisha was completed on 30th August and in Bihar on 30th September 2021. Investigators were supervised by a team of PIs, Co-PIs, and Junior Programme Managers (JPM) and Programmers.

B. Protection of Children Affected by Seasonal Migration: A Study in Jalna District, Maharashtra

This collaborative research project between IIPS and UNICEF-India is aimed at understanding the protection issues of children affected by seasonal migrants in the State of Maharashtra, and to recommend sustainable solutions for strengthening policies and programs for them. Prof. K. C. Das, Prof. R. B. Bhagat, and Prof. Archana K. Roy are the project coordinators.

The online data collection was held in three phases. (1) Pilot data collection (2) Data collection in villages, and (3) Data collection from Block and District level stakeholders. Upon satisfactory completion of pilot data collection, the second phase of data collection was conducted in 12 villages in April, 2021. During the second phase, information was collected from children, parents and village-level stakeholders. The third phase of data collection was conducted in August, 2021 from Block, District and state-level stakeholders.

A 3-day workshop on ‘Qualitative Data Analysis & Finalization of Chapter Plan’ was conducted on 28 and 29 May, and 11 June 2021. Ms. Gomathy Balasubramanian (TISS) and Dr. Padma Deosthali (IGC) led the sessions on content analysis, grounded theory, narrative analysis, data triangulation, etc. The objectives of the workshop were to make the project team understand data analysis (coding and triangulation), theorization, and presentation of findings.

The third TAC meeting was held online on 6th September 2021. Ms. Sujata Saunik (Additional Chief Secretary, GoM) presided over the meeting. Prof. K. S. James (Director, IIPS), Ms. Rajeshwari Chandrasekar (UNICEF), Ms. Alpa Vora (UNICEF), Prof. R. B. Bhagat, Prof. K. C. Das, and Prof. Archana K. Roy attended the meeting. Preliminary insights from the analysis of data were presented in the meeting.



3rd Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on September 6, 2021

C. Webinar on Longitudinal Health and Nutrition Surveys in India

The Longitudinal Survey of Maternal and Infant Nutrition in Maharashtra (LoSMINM) project of IIPS organised a one-day webinar on 17th August 2021 on “Longitudinal Health and Nutrition Surveys in India: What we have learnt from recent studies?”. The main aim of this workshop was to gain insights on the methodology followed by the previous studies and understand the barriers and facilitators to their approach in conducting cohort studies. The purpose of the seminar was to introduce this longitudinal project to experts and aspiring students from this field. Two hundred and eleven persons attended this webinar.

The webinar started with a welcome note from Dr. Preeti Dhillon, Assistant Professor, IIPS, one of the organisers of this webinar. Further Dr. K.S. James, Director & Sr. Professor, IIPS, presented his opening remarks on behalf of the Institute and presented his thoughts about this new project. The guest of Honour for this webinar was Prof. S. K. Bhargava. He spoke about his experience of carrying out the Delhi Birth Cohort Study. Prof. Bhargava also provided an overview of the challenges faced during this large-scale cohort study implementation and continuation in India.

Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Principal Investigator of the project, introduced this new project to experts. She provided a brief insight into the purpose of this project, the role of the double burden of malnutrition in India and the importance of carrying out this project in the Karjat district of Maharashtra.

Dr. Vani Sethi from the UNICEF, New Delhi, moderated the first session. Dr. K. Kumaran from the University of Southampton, UK., and Holdsworth Memorial Hospital, Mysore, presented the Mysore Birth Record Cohort study.

The next speaker was Prof. C. Yajnik, Director, Diabetes Unit, KEM Hospital, Pune. Prof. Yajnik presented "Diabesity in Indians- A Life course Evolution Story of Pune Studies".

From the University of Southampton, UK, Dr. Sarah Kehoe presented the key highlights of the Mumbai Maternal Nutrition Cohort study carried out by University of Southampton and the MRC, UK in the suburban slum areas of Mumbai. Dr. Nadia Ansari from the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health at the Aga Khan University, Karachi, presented multiple maternal and child health studies carried out by the Aga Khan University.

Prof. Sayeed Unisa moderated the second session of the webinar. This session began with Mr. Raj Kumar Gope, the team lead for the EKJUT project, who presented the EKJUT Caring Trial: Community Action

Research to Improve Nutrition and Growth Among Children Under 2 Years in Rural India (Jharkhand and Odisha). The next speaker was Dr. Sangram K. Patel, Co-Lead, UDAYA Project, Population Council India. He presented the methodology, key findings, and challenges faced during the UDAYA study's implementation and progression among adolescents in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. The next presenter was Dr. Praween Agrawal, Senior MEL Expert and MEL Team Lead- Raj Pusht, IPE global Limited, New Delhi. His presentation was based on the learning experience of CNNS and the importance of innovation and technology within the scope of population-based nutrition projects and programs. Dr. T. R. Dilip, Associate Professor, IIPS, proposed the vote of thanks.



Webinar on Longitudinal Health and Nutrition Surveys in India

OTHER ACTIVITIES

A. GENDER EQUALITY DAY WEBINAR

On the occasion of the Gender Equality Day, the Internal Committee (IC) of IIPS organized a virtual webinar through WebEx Video Conferencing Application on **August 26, 2021**. **Prof. Usha Ram**, Chairperson, IC, introduced the speaker for the webinar, **Dr. Sangeeta Desai**, RCWS, SNDT Women's University. Dr. Desai deliberated on **“Gender Equality: Goals, Gaps and Issues in India”**. The deliberation was followed by a brief insightful presentation by **Prof. Vibhuti Patel**, member IIPS-IC. After the question-answer session, Dr. Manas R. Pradhan proposed a formal vote of thanks. **Prof. K. S. James**, Director, IIPS, chaired the webinar attended by faculty members, students, researchers from academic and non-academic Institutions/Organizations, representatives of International and national development partners and NGOs besides Faculty and students from IIPS.



Dr. Sangeeta Desai



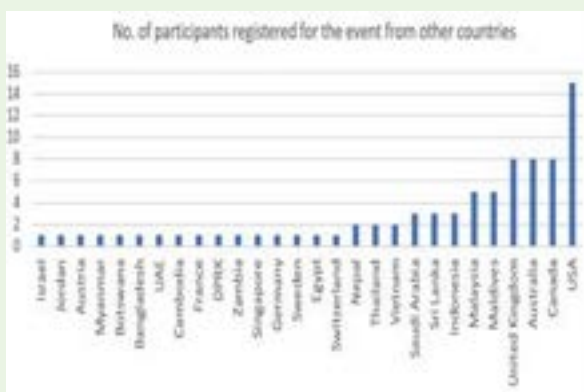
Prof. Vibhuti Patel



Prof. K. S. James (Director, IIPS), Prof. Usha Ram and Dr. Manas Ranjan Pradhan (Internal committee)

IIPS GLOBAL ALUMNI MEET-2021

International Institute for Population Sciences Alumni Association (IIPSAA), in collaboration with IIPS, organized an online Global Alumni Meet (GAM) from **24th to 26th September 2021**. The theme for the event was **‘Reconnect, Reinvigorate and Rejoice’**. Altogether there were 15 sessions comprising three academic sessions, three sessions for students and researchers, three cultural and extra-curricular programs, three interaction sessions, ten parallel cohorts meet, and inaugural and closing sessions. The GAM events were scheduled for continuous 72 hours where live and pre-recorded sessions were played for global coverage. The live sessions were also streamlined on YouTube. Interviews of former and current faculty members of IIPS, short videos showing life at IIPS and recorded programmes were played in the pre-recorded sessions. The event brought nearly 1200 alumni together covering 28 countries and all batches.



Session1: Inaugural Session and Cultural Programme: The IIPS GAM-2021 was inaugurated with ‘Lighting of Lamp’ on 24th September 2021. The keynote address was delivered by the chief guest Prof. K. Srinivasan. Prof. T.K. Roy shared his experiences of working at IIPS. The five senior-most alumni, Prof. K.C. Zachariah, Prof. K.V. Ramachandran, Prof. M.V. George, Prof. U.P. Sinha and Prof. Vatsala Narain were felicitated. It was conducted by Prof. R. Nagarajan. The session was attended by 228 alumni on Webex and more than 110 on YouTube.



Inauguration and Cultural Program



Former and Current Staff-Faculty Meet

Session 2: Staff-Faculty Meet: An interactive session of former and current faculty and staff was organized. It was moderated by Dr. Praveen Kumar, Mr. Prakash Fulpagare and Dr. Pradeep Salve. The session was attended by 150 alumni on Webex.

Session 3: Session on Future of IIPS from the Perspective of NEP-2020: The panelists for this session were Dr. Rajib Acharya, Dr. Ravi K. Verma, Prof. Sumati Kulkarni, Prof. Kamala Gupta, and Prof P.S. Nair. This session was organized by Prof. S.K. Singh and Dr. Harihar Sahoo and chaired by Prof. K.S. James and moderated by Prof. F. Ram. The session was attended by 116 alumni and students.

Session 4: Cohort Meet: As part of reconnecting, a Cohort meet was organized. The alumni from different batches came together, interacted, and shared memories of their campus life. Nine parallel sessions were arranged for the different batches. Prof. K.C. Das, Prof. Chander Shekhar, Prof. Murali Dhar, Prof. Dhananjay Bansod, Dr. Manoj Alagarajan, Dr. Dilip T.R., Dr. Suryakant Yadav, Dr. Reshmi R.S., and Dr. Suresh Jungari moderated these sessions.

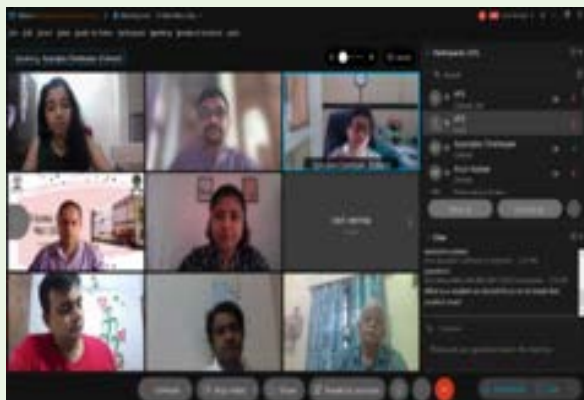
Session 5: Couples' Meet: This session was dedicated to those alumni who became life partners in IIPS. The couples shared their views and memories of IIPS. The videos of the performances by some couples were played during the session. The session was moderated by Dr. Manas R. Pradhan and Dr. Preeti Dhillon. Couples meet was attended by more than 150 alumni.

Session 6: IIPS Hostel Life: Through the Gallery of Time: In this session, hostel life was discussed from the perspective of students, hostel wardens, and hostel managers. A short video on hostel life was shown and a rapid-fire question round was organised. Prof. S.K. Mohanty and Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar organized this session which was attended by 140 alumni.

Parallel Session 7 (A): Placement and Internship: Apart from academic sessions, student/researcher specific sessions were also organized. Dr. Jayachandran Vasudevan, Dr. Niranjan Saggurti, Dr. Sushanta Banerjee, Dr. A.K. Sharma, Dr. Ravi K. Verma, Dr. Shireen Jejeebhoy were the guest speakers for this session. More than 130 participants attended the session. The session was conducted by Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay and Dr. Manas R. Pradhan.

Parallel Session 7 (B): Funding Opportunities for Research: In this session, the speakers discussed about funding opportunities for research in the areas of sustainable development goals, sexual and reproductive health rights, environment, climate change and population health. The panel consisted of Dr. G. Giridhar, Dr. S. Niranjan, Dr. K.M. Satyanarayana, Dr. Anand Sinha and Dr. Praween Agrawal. The session was organized

and moderated by Prof. Usha Ram and was attended by nearly 90 alumni.



Session on Placement and Internship



Funding opportunity for Research

Session 8: Academic Programme II: Improving the Curriculum of Population Studies: Prof. R.B. Bhagat moderated this session. The speakers for the session were Prof. Sanghamitra Acharya, Prof. Parveen Nangia, Prof. K. Navneetham and Prof. S.K. Mohanty. This session was attended by 144 alumni.

Session 9: PhD/PDF Fellowship Opportunities in Foreign Universities: Another session on addressing the needs of students was on PhD/PDF fellowship opportunities in Foreign Universities. The speakers for the session were Prof. Tim Dyson, Prof. Shiva Halli, Prof. Dharmalingam Arunachalam, Prof. Saseendran Pallikadavath and Prof. Thankam Sunil. Three IIPS Alumni who are currently doing their PhD abroad, Ms. Namrata Ray, Ms. Sushrima Gan and Mr. Rishab Tyagi also spoke. More than 184 participants attended the session. Prof. T.V. Sekher coordinated this session.



Academic Program II

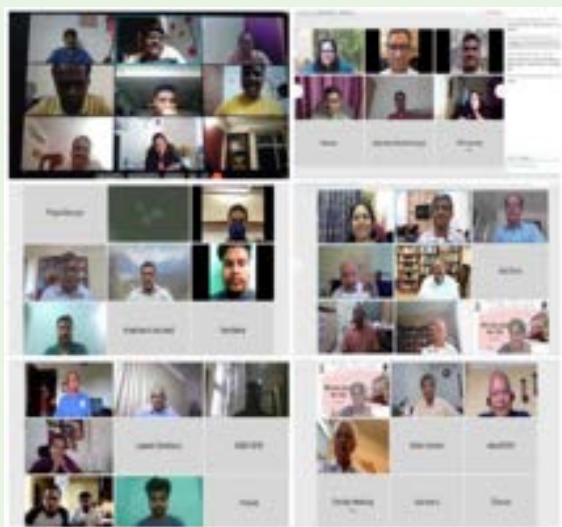


PhD/PDF Opportunities in Foreign Universities

Session 10: Cultural Programme: In cultural programme, the alumni and students of IIPS showcased their talent in different areas. The cultural programmes were coordinated by Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Prof. H. Lungdim, Dr. Sarang Pedgaokar, Dr. Reshmi R.S., Dr. Suresh Jungari and Mr. Ajeet Vishen.

Day 3: Session 11: Conversation with a Demographer: Dr. M.V. George was the guest demographer who shared his views on the motivation behind his shining journey, the cultural adjustment, the importance of IIPS in his life and work. Dr. Shalini Verma moderated the session. The session was attended by 122 alumni.

Session 12: Conversation with the Directors: The former directors, Dr. K. Srinivasan, Dr. L. Ladusingh, Dr. F. Ram, Dr. Sumati Kulkarni and Dr. G. Rama Rao, along with the current Director Prof. K.S. James participated in this session. They shared their best moments and the challenges faced while being the Director of IIPS. Prof. Irudaya Rajan (President, IIPSAA) moderated the session. 134 alumni attended this session.



Cohort Meet



Conversation with the Directors

Session 13: Academic Programme III- Involvement of Alumni in Academic Activities: This session was moderated by Prof. Ramana Kumar and Dr. T.R. Dilip and was chaired by Dr. G. Rangaiyan. The panellists were Dr. Aravinda Meera Guntupalli, Dr. Ashutosh Ojha, Dr. A.A. Jayachandran, Prof. Sunil T.S., Mr. Rishab Tyagi, Prof. Udaya Shanker Mishra and Prof. Udoy Saikia. The session was attended by 156 alumni.

Session 14: Closing Ceremony: The Closing Ceremony of the Global Alumni Meet was held on 26th September 2021. Dr. Dipti Govil coordinated the session. Prof. D. Radha Devi was the chief guest on this occasion. Dr. Ajay Singh, Mr. Ajeet Vishen, Dr. Kunal Kesari, Dr. Dipti Govil, Prof. R. Nagarajan and Prof. Archana K. Roy took the charge and responsibilities for Registration and Address Book, publicity through social media, Invitation cards and making small videos, Memoir of Alumni, Alumni Interactive Map and Documentary on the Genesis and Journey of IIPS. Mr. Prakash Fulpagare, and a team of student volunteers played a vital role in organizing the events. Prof. Dhananjay Bansod and the ICT head, Mr. Anjani Mishra worked on the upgradation of the IIPSAA Website.

NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS



Dr. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi joined as Professor in the Department of Mathematical Demography and Statistics on September 3, 2021. Later on, he shifted to the Department of Survey Research and Data Analytics of the Institute. He has more than 15 years of teaching and research experience in the field of Applied Statistics and Demography and has successfully guided four PhD students. His main areas of research are: Large-scale Survey Research Methods, Evaluation of data quality of large-scale survey, Small area estimation, Applied Econometrics/Statistics; Applied Multivariate Analysis; Impact Evaluation in the field of Demography and Health. He is involved in several projects/studies of national importance like fourth, fifth and sixth rounds of National Family Health Survey, Data Quality of Large-Scale Survey, Small area estimation, Geo-spatial Mapping at Village level of Uttar Pradesh, SWABHIMAN nutrition intervention projects etc. He has published several research papers in high impact journals like Lancet, JAMA Network Open, Social Science & Medicine, PLoS ONE, BioMed Central, The Springer Series on Demographic Methods and Population Analysis, etc. He was the recipient of prestigious post-doctoral fellowship of Erasmus Mundus Europe Asia (EMEA) from University College London, UK during 2012-13. He was also offered a Visiting Assistant Professorship at Population Studies Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata for a period of two years. His paper entitled “Contraceptive Use in India: A Multivariate Decomposition and Related Simulation Analysis” was selected for the Dr. C. Chandrasekharan award of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) in 2005. Along with his PhD students, he received the Prof. K. B. Pathak memorial award of IASP for their paper in a high impact journal. He was invited as a Visiting Scholar in LSE Health and Social Care, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), during 2011-12. Currently, he is the Executive Council member and Joint Secretary of IASP and life/annual member of several professional bodies like ISMS, IUSSP, APA, PAA, etc.

Dr. Sunil Sarode was appointed as an Associate Professor in the Department of Population and Development, International Institute for Population Sciences, on September 3, 2021. He has Master and Ph.D. degrees (Social Work) from Tata Institute for Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai. His area of research interest are Migration, Health and Development. He has teaching and research experience of 11 years. He has completed three research projects as a coordinator at IIPS such as Socioeconomic and health conditions of Nepali



migrants in Mumbai, Access to Household Amenities and Assets in India: A Census Based Study related to migration and urbanization at IIPS. He has published many research papers in peer reviewed academic journals.

Dr. Pradeep S. Salve joined as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Population and Development, International Institute for Population Sciences on September 14, 2021. Prior to joining IIPS, he had worked as an Assistant Director at the Population Research Centre (PRC), Dharwad, Karnataka. He had completed his Masters, M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees from IIPS. He has received the fellowship from Brown International Advanced Research Institute (BIARI), at Brown University, USA and the Best Research Paper Award in the year 2021 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India. He has been engaged in monitoring and evaluation of the National Health Mission, National Health Flagship Programs and Public Health Facilities on behalf of the MoHFW, Government of India. His research interest includes Health Policy and Programme, Community Health, Health System, Issues of Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health, Occupational Health Risk among Marginalized Workers and Health Management Information System in India. He has published several research articles in reputed international Journals.



Mr. Sudarshan Bhadra joined as an Assistant Registrar (Academic) in International Institute for Population Sciences, on April 5, 2021. He completed the Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Institute of Business Management, Jadavpur University and Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Relations & Advertising (PGDPR & Ad) from N.S.O.U. He brings in ten years' experience of working on academic administration/ administration at various state/national organizations. He has worked with the National Institute of Technology – Raipur as an Assistant Registrar and also worked with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and University of Calcutta. He is currently looking after the Academic Section of International Institute for Population Sciences.

SUPERANNUATION OF STAFF



Ms. Anuradha Tendolkar
Hostel Assistant
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Mr. B.V. Pagote
Library Clerk
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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 specialisation 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 organisations, universities, and reputed non-governmental organisations.

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 organisations; and can work as independent consultants.

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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”.

From Editorial Desk

Warm Greetings!

We are delighted to bring to you volume 63, issues 1 & 2 of the IIPS Newsletter, which presents glimpses of activities of the Institute from October 2021 to March 2022. The two new departments at the institute - Department of Family and Generations and Department of Survey Research and Data Analytics were inaugurated by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India. He also opened two new centres - Centre for Demography of Gender and Centre for Ageing Studies at IIPS.

The Institute also underwent NAAC accreditation process for which the NAAC Peer-Review team visited the campus in February 2022. The Institute received 'A' grade from NAAC in its first attempt.

The 62nd Convocation of the Institute was held on 4 December 2021 on a virtual platform.

The editorial team takes this opportunity to express their hearty congratulations to colleagues who got promotions and extends a very warm welcome to the new faculty 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 at any time, please contact the Publications Cell at publication@iipsindia.ac.in.

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MINISTERS' VISIT TO IIPS

Visit of Hon'ble Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Hon'ble Minister of State Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar on 20th February, 2022



Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare & Chemicals and Fertilizers, **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** and Hon'ble Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, **Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar**, visited IIPS on **20th February, 2022**. The entire IIPS community received the Hon'ble Ministers at the entrance. The visit began with a meeting with the members of faculty to discuss the major research, teaching and training activities of the Institute. The Director and Sr. Professor made a presentation on the major activities of the Institute. In addition, the Hon'ble Ministers reviewed the preparation for the National Family Health Survey - 6 which will be launched in the country in 2023. The Hon'ble Ministers offered various suggestions so that the contributions of the Institute is further enhanced for policy formulation and programme implementation in the country. In the afternoon, the Hon'ble Ministers





inaugurated two new Academic Departments, viz., (1) Department of Family and Generations and (2) Department of Survey Research and Data Analytics at IIPS. Two new Research Centres viz., (a) Centre of Demography of Gender and (b) Centre for Ageing Studies were also inaugurated on this occasion. The Ministers also addressed members of the faculty, staff and students and

emphasized the contribution of IIPS in policy making in the country during the past several decades. They further reiterated the need to continue the work with dedication for building a new India. The entire IIPS community thanks the Ministers for their visit and insightful suggestions for improving the activities of the Institute.

NAAC ACCREDITATION

IIPS has undergone NAAC accreditation (first cycle) in the year 2021 for the assessment period 2015-16 to 2019-20. Based on the Self-Study Report (SSR) submitted by the Institute to NAAC and the successful completion of the Data Validation and Verification (DVV) process, the NAAC Peer Team visited the Institute during 02-04 February 2022, for assessment for the accreditation. The NAAC Peer-Team consisted of



Prof. J.P. Singh Joorel (Chairperson), Prof. Madhulika Dube (Member Coordinator), Prof. Raghava



Reddy (Member), Prof. K. Seetharaman (Member), and Prof. Rangaiah (Member).

The Peer Team assessed the Institute under seven major domains: curricular aspects; teaching, learning and evaluation; research, innovations and extension; infrastructure and learning resources; student support and progression; governance, leadership and management; and institutional values and best practices. In addition, the Peer Team interacted with all the



stakeholders of the Institute (Members of the Executive Council, Director, IQAC, faculty, students, staff and alumni) to get their assessment and feedback about the Institute.

The Peer team also identified the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges of IIPS.

Based on the SSR, DVV

process and report of the Peer Team, the NAAC accredited the Institute with "A Grade". The Institute will strive hard to improve its grade for the next cycle by addressing all the gaps identified in the first cycle of accreditation. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of IIPS has facilitated the accreditation process with NAAC. All the faculty, staff and students were actively involved in the activities related to the accreditation process. The Institute thanks all its stake holders for their helpful contribution to the accreditation process.



THE SIXTY- SECOND CONVOCATION



The Sixty-Second Convocation of IIPS was held on 4th December, 2021. Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, delivered the Presidential address. Dr. Vinod Kumar Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, Government of India, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and delivered the convocation address. Prof. K. S. James, Director and Senior



Professor of IIPS, delivered the welcome address and presented the Director's Report on the activities of the Institute for the academic year 2020-21. The 62nd convocation was organized virtually.

IIPS INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR 2022

International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized an international seminar on "Population, health and sustainable development" from 10th to 12th March, 2022 on the virtual platform. The inaugural session was chaired by Prof. K. S. James and the chief guest for the event was **Dr. Andrea Wojnar**, Country Representative of India for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The seminar had 14 technical sessions along with two plenary



Inaugural Session

sessions. The first plenary session was on *Sustainable development goals and India*. The speakers for the session were **Ms. R. Savithri** (ADG, SSD, MOSPI, Govt. of India), **Dr. Ties Boerma** (Professor, University of Manitoba), **Ms. Sanyukta Samaddar**, IAS (Advisor (SDGs)), Niti Aayog, Govt. of India), **Dr. Christopher Gorroway** (Economist, UN Resident Coordinators Office, India) and **Dr. Sanjay Kumar** (National Program Officer (M&E), UNFPA-India). The second Plenary session was on *Gender equality for sustainable future* and the session was chaired by **Prof. Kamala Gupta**, Former Professor, IIPS and **Dr. Sancheeta Gosh**, Lead (MLE), Oxfam India was the discussant. The speakers for the session were **Ms. Sunita Dhar**, (Co-Founder and Chair, South Asia Women's Foundation, India), **Ms. Sonali Khan**, (MD, Sesame Workshop India), **Ms. Govind Kelkar**, (Exe. Director, Gen. Dev. Centre for Research and Innovation) and **Prof. Vibhuti Patel**, (former Professor, TISS). Prof. T. V. Sekher, Prof. Usha Ram, Dr. Harihar Sahoo, Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar and Dr. Suresh Jungari were the coordinators of the seminar.



Plenary Session I



Plenary Session II

MEMORIAL LECTURES

11TH PROF. ASHA A. BHENDE MEMORIAL LECTURE

The IIPS organized the 11th memorial lecture in honor of Prof. Asha A. Bhende on 28th January, 2022. **Prof. Asha A. Bhende**, former Professor at IIPS, was an accomplished academician, renowned demographer, prolific writer, a social worker and also an award-winning artist. Her



contribution to society and academic organizations was immense. **Prof. T.V. Sekher**, Coordinator, Publications Cell welcomed the audience and spoke about the career and achievements of Lt. Prof. Asha A. Bhende. **Prof. K. S. James**, Director and Sr. Professor, IIPS, chaired the session and introduced the speaker **Dr. Poonam Muttreja**, Executive Director of the Population Foundation of India, New Delhi. She has, for over 40 years, been

a strong advocate of women's health, reproductive and sexual rights, and rural livelihoods. Dr. Muttreja talked on "The roadmap to population stabilization: A case for reaching the unreached". Socioeconomic status is one of the reasons for lower fertility rate in India. She stressed upon the limited freedom enjoyed by women while making decisions on fertility and family planning and also touched upon how male engagement is limited in family planning. The presentation was followed by



a question answer session. The lecture concluded with a vote of thanks to all by Dr. Dipti Govil, Coordinator. The event was attended by more than 150 participants from academia, NGOs and the government. The lecture recording is available in the link given below. [The 11th Prof. Asha A. Bhende Memorial Lecture delivered by Dr. Poonam Muttreja, organized by IIPS - YouTube](#)



Prof. Asha A. Bhende memorial lecture, January 28, 2022

20TH PROF. C. CHANDRASEKARAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized the 20th Prof. C. Chandrasekaran Memorial Lecture on 24th February 2022 on the virtual platform. The Memorial Lecture series is held annually in the memory of **Prof. C. Chandrasekaran**, former Director of IIPS. Prof. Chandrasekaran



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 on vital events. **Prof. T.V. Sekher**, Coordinator of Publications Cell, welcomed the participants and spoke in brief about Prof. C. Chandrasekaran and his achievements. **Prof. K. S. James**, Director and Sr. Professor, IIPS, chaired the session and introduced the guest speaker, **Dr. Peter McDonald**, Emeritus Professor

of Demography, Australian National University, Canberra. Dr. McDonald has a Ph.D. degree in Demography from the Australian National University and now serves as Professor of Demography in the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, University of Melbourne. He was the president of IUSSP. He delivered the lecture on the topic “Low fertility: its origins and its implications”. Right after the presentation, an interactive question-answer session



followed. Dr. Dipti Govil, Coordinator of the Publications Cell, proposed the formal vote of thanks. The lecture was attended by over 140 participants from India and abroad. The lecture recording is available and the link is given below:

[The 20th Professor C. Chandrasekaran Memorial Lecture Delivered by Dr. Peter McDonald - YouTube](#)



Prof. C Chandrasekaran Memorial Lecture, February 24, 2022

14TH PROF. P.N. MARI BHAT MEMORIAL LECTURE



International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized the 14th **Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat** Memorial Lecture on 29th March, 2022 on the virtual platform. The Memorial Lecture series is held annually in the memory of **Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat**, former Director at IIPS. Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat was a pioneer in providing fertility and mortality estimates for colonial India and for the early decades of independence. His research works reflected a unique combination of statistical acumen and social science perspectives in demographic research.

On this occasion, **Prof. Ashwini Deshpande**, Professor of Economics and the Founding Director of the Centre for Economic Data and Analysis (CEDA) at Ashoka University, New Delhi, delivered the lecture on *“Nakusha: Son preference, unwanted girls and gender gaps in Education”*. Prof. Deshpande is the author of “Grammar of Caste: economic discrimination in contemporary India”, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2011 and “Affirmative Action in India”, Oxford University Press, New Delhi. The lecture was followed by a question-answer session. Over 140 participants attended the session. The Director, **Prof. K. S. James**, chaired the session, **Prof. T. V. Sekher**, Coordinator, Publications Cell, conducted the programme and **Dr. Dipti Govil**, proposed a formal vote of thanks.



The lecture recording is available and the link is given below.

[Prof Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture \(29th March 2022\) - YouTube](#)



Prof. P N Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture, March 29, 2022

RESEARCH LEADER SESSION AT INTERNATIONAL POPULATION CONFERENCE

The 29th International Population Conference (IPC 2021) was organised by the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) during 5-10th December 2021 through the virtual platform. IIPS was invited to organize a Research Leader Session at this prestigious conference which is held once in four years. The Research Leader session on “*Ageing in India: Emerging Issues and Challenges Based on LASI*” was organised on 7th December 2021. The speakers for the session were **Prof. David Bloom**, Professor of Economics and Demography at the Harvard School of Public Health, **Prof. Jinkook Lee**, Research Professor of Economics and program director of the Center for Economic and Social Research (CESR) at the University of Southern California (USC), **Prof. T. V. Sekher**, Professor at IIPS and **Dr. Sanjay Kumar**, UNFPA, India. The Session was chaired by Prof. K. S. James, Director, IIPS. Prof. Bloom gave an overview about Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI), Prof. Lee discussed on Air pollution and Cognition based on the insights from LASI, Prof. Sekher talked about Social Security Programs for Elderly in India and Dr. Sanjay Kumar made a presentation on Public Health Care Utilization by Elderly in India. The session was followed by a detailed discussion and Researchers from across the world attended this session. The recorded version of this Research Leader session is available at: [Ageing in India: Emerging Issues & Changes Based on Longitudinal Ageing Study in India #LASI #IPC2021 - YouTube](#)



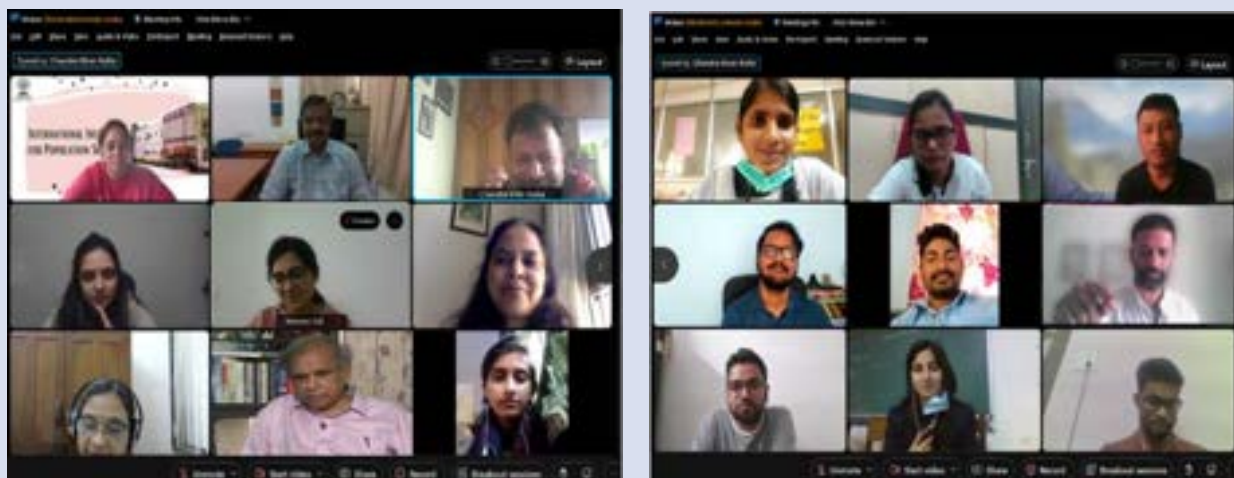
Research Leader session, Dec. 5-10, 2021

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Workshop on Research Design in Migration Studies with Special Reference to Covid-19 Pandemic

The Short-Term Training Programme (STTP) Cell of the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized a 6-day online training programme on “Research Design in Migration Studies with Special Reference to Covid-19 Pandemic” during 07 - 12 February, 2022, on the virtual platform. Prof. Archana K. Roy, Prof. T. V. Sekher and Dr. Dipti Govil were the coordinators for the programme.

More than 75 applicants applied for the workshop out of which 30 participants were short listed. 13 Eminent resource persons in the field of migration took classes for the workshop.



Workshop on Research Design in Migration Studies with Special Reference to Covid-19 Pandemic, Feb. 7-12, 2022

The workshop covered theoretical and technical components of migration studies, with a special focus on designing migration research and data collection methods. On the last day of the training, as a part of the group work, the participants came up with research designs for their topics on migration

WEBINAR ON MTP ACT @ 50: AVAILABILITY AND USE OF DATA AND EVIDENCE FOR DECISION-MAKING

IIPS, in collaboration with the Population Council, New Delhi and FPAI, Mumbai, organized a webinar on *Availability and Use of Data and Evidence for Decision-making*, which is 3rd in the series of spotlight sessions on MTP Act @ 50 initiated by the Family Planning Association of India. The webinar was held on 28th October 2021. Prof. K.S. James, Director and Senior Professor, IIPS and Dr. Rathnamal Desai, President, FPAI, welcomed the speakers and participants. Eminent experts namely, Dr. Susheela Singh, Guttmacher Institute, USA; Dr. Sushanta K. Banerjee, IDF; Dr. Priya Nanda, BMGF; Dr. Sharad Iyengar, ARTH; Mr. Shankar Narayanan, PSI and Mr. Anand Sinha, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, India, deliberated in the webinar. The deliberations of the webinar touched upon different perspectives starting with the relevance of abortion data in view of MTP Amendments, 2021, data driven policy and programmes related to abortion, need of abortion data for vulnerable population subgroups especially the need of age-specific



Webinar on MTP Act @50, Oct. 28, 2021

abortion data, assessing issues of ground reality with large-scale national level data, abortion from the perspective of industry and finally emerging questions for Evidence-based programming. Around 150 participants from across the globe participated in the webinar. Prof. Chander Shekhar and Dr. Harihar Sahoo coordinated the webinar.

WORKSHOP ON ADVANCED SURVEY RESEARCH: THEORY & PRACTICE

A five-day workshop on Advanced Survey Research: Theory and Practice was organized from 28th March to 1st April, 2022 by the *Department of Survey Research & Data Analytics* in IIPS. It was conducted through hybrid mode. The aim of the workshop was to provide a suitable platform to faculties and research scholars for understanding



theoretical and empirical issues involved in survey research methods. Around 25 participants attended in-person while 9 participants attended online. Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi welcomed all the participants and faculties. The participants were from TISS, Mumbai; Wish Foundation, Jaipur; NMIMS, Mumbai; MGM college, Mumbai; JNU, New Delhi; IIT, Mumbai; Manipur University, Manipur; Manipur Technical University, Manipur; Asian Institute of Public Health, Bhubaneshwar; Reliance Foundation, Mumbai; Sattva Foundation, Delhi, and IIPS. Prof. S.K. Singh talked about the importance of survey research in India and how this workshop could benefit the participants. Prof. K.S. James, Director, appreciated the organizers for successfully organizing the workshop.

Coordinator: Prof. S. K. Singh, Prof. Laxmikant Dwivedi, Dr. Preeti Dhillon



Advanced Survey Research Workshop, March 28-April 1 2022

RE-ENERGIZING POPULATION RESEARCH CENTERS: A WORK PLAN FOR 2022-23

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) conducted a symposium for PRC officials, faculties and research staff on 17th and 18th February 2022. The symposium theme was “*Re-energizing Population Research Centres: A Work Plan for 2022-23*” wherein almost all the staff of PRCs participated along with five expert faculty members from IIPS. The symposium had five interactive sessions including the Inaugural session, a session on the Need for a Work Plan, the Effective Involvement of PRCs with different public and private stakeholders – utilizing the data and resources, Thematic session and a discussion session on proposed studies. The expert faculty members discussed the above themes during the one and a half-day symposium.

ACTIVITIES UNDER ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

1. National Family Health Survey 2019-21 (NFHS-5)



Release of NFHS-5 Phase II Fact Sheet

An international webinar titled “National Dissemination of Key Findings & Policy Relevance” was organized on 25 November, 2021. The NFHS-5 India and phase 2 states/UTs fact sheets were jointly released by Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, NITI Aayog and Shri. Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India. Topical presentations were made highlighting key findings from NFHS-5 at the national and state levels. The event was chaired by Prof. K.S. James, Director, IIPS and

the findings were presented by the NFHS-5 PIs. Dr. Fred Arnold, ICF, shared salient observations and key remarks on NFHS-5. **An offline dissemination of NFHS-5 fact sheet**-based findings for India and states/UTs was organized by the MoHFW at Hotel Ashoka on 21 December, 2021, to share the key findings from NFHS-5. The **Karnataka state-level dissemination webinar** to release the Karnataka state report was held on 23 November, 2021 which was the first in the series of state-level dissemination seminars. Shri. Anil Kumar T.K., Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Services, GoK; Shri. D. Randeep, Commissioner, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Services and other district level health officials participated in the seminar. The key findings of NFHS-



Karnataka state-level dissemination webinar

5 for Karnataka were presented by the PIs and the session was chaired by Prof. K.S. James, Director, IIPS.

The **Bihar state report** was released by the Chief Minister on 14 December, 2021 and the Bihar state-level dissemination webinar was held on 15 December, 2021.



Bihar State report & Dissemination of Key Findings, December 14,2021

Presentations highlighting the key findings from NFHS-5 for the state of Bihar and policy relevance were made and the participants actively took part in the open discussion held later. A **regional dissemination workshop** to present the key findings of NFHS- 5 and policy relevance was held for the Western Region (Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat, and DNH & DD) on 3 March, 2022 at



A regional dissemination workshop, March 3, 2022

Arogya Bhavan, Mumbai. The state-level reports for Maharashtra, Goa, and Gujarat were released on this occasion. NFHS-5 PIs organized this workshop in coordination with the Health Department, Government of Maharashtra and MoHFW. Representatives from the health departments of each of the states/UTs covered under the western region also attended and actively participated in the workshop.

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

The conceptualization of the South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM) was jointly initiated by three UN agencies, namely ILO, IOM, and UN Women, under the GOALS (Governance of Labour Migration in South and Southeast Asia). The secretariat for the Migration Centre for South Asia will be located at IIPS. IIPS has joined with five new organizations in collaboration with some of the leading institutions working on migration in different countries of South Asia, namely- Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) in Bangladesh, Centre for the Study of Labour and Mobility (CESLAM) at Social Science Baha in Nepal, Institute of Policy

Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) in Sri Lanka and Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in Pakistan.



Inauguration of a knowledge hub supported by ILO, IOM, and UN WOMEN in collaboration with RMMRU-Bangladesh, CESLAM-Nepal, SDPI-Pakistan, IPS, Sri Lanka, and IIPS, India on 24 November 2022

The SALAM project was inaugurated on 24 November 2021. It was attended by more than 130 participants, including the donor agencies (ILO, IOM, and UN WOMEN) and the partner institutions from the South Asian region. The inauguration address was delivered by Ms. Dagmar Walter, Director, DWT South Asia, and India Country Office, on behalf of ILO, IOM, and UN Women.

With the aim of collaborating to establishing a Regional Learning and Action Platform – a Knowledge Hub on Labour Migration in South Asia for the “Governance of Labour Migration in South and South-East Asia (GOALS)”, a project of the International Labour Organization, MoUs were signed with different institutions - RMMRU (Bangladesh), CESLAM (Nepal), IPS (Sri Lanka). However, a direct MoU was signed between SDPI (Pakistan) & ILO. MoUs have also been signed between IIPS, UN Universities UNU-MERIT Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, Maastricht University, Netherlands, and the University of California, Berkley, USA.

Completed lecture series

<p>Dynamics in Migration & Remittances-Perspectives from the Sri Lankan Macroeconomy (17th December 2021)</p> <p>Speaker</p>  <p>Shikha Viswanath, Ph.D. Research Fellow (Economic Migration and International Policy Research), Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka</p> <p>Moderator</p>  <p>Prof. K.S. Jagan Director & Senior Professor, IIPS, Mumbai, India</p> <p>Number of participants: 98</p>	<p>Migration and Development in Pakistan: Exploring Context, Prospects, and Knowledge gaps (24th January 2022)</p> <p>Speaker</p>  <p>Karim Hameed Siddiqi Associate Research Fellow, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan</p> <p>Moderator</p>  <p>Namrata Jaiswal Programme Specialist, UN Women</p> <p>Number of participants: 38</p>
<p>Irregular Migration, Poverty, and Development in South Asia (22nd February 2022)</p> <p>Speaker</p>  <p>Priya Deshingkar Professor of Migration and Development, University of Sussex, UK</p> <p>Moderator</p>  <p>Andrew Gray Senior Programme Manager, IOM - UN Migration</p> <p>Number of participants: 130</p>	<p>Employment Prospects in Afghanistan: A Rapid Impact Assessment (16th March 2022)</p> <p>Speaker</p>  <p>Ramin Behzad ILO Senior Coordinator for Afghanistan</p> <p>Moderator</p>  <p>Binod Khadria Former Professor, JNU, New Delhi</p> <p>Number of participants: 38</p>

The SALAM Secretariat at the IIPS conducted two meetings of the partner institutions to discuss the topic and concept note of the thematic papers with South-Asian countries, namely Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and India. The first meeting was conducted on 21.12.2021 in the online mode to decide the areas of the thematic papers to be published by partners and IIPS. The second meeting was conducted on 23.02.2022 in hybrid mode, in which all the partner institutions, along with IIPS, presented their tentative topics and concept notes. Currently, SALAM Secretariat is working on the regional thematic paper “Data for Labour Migration Governance in India: Needs, Gaps, and Challenges.”

3. Protection of Children Affected by Seasonal Migration: A Study in Jalna District, Maharashtra

The research project titled, Protection of Children Affected by Seasonal Migration: A Study in Jalna District, India, is funded by UNICEF. The project coordinators are Prof. K.C. Das, Prof. R. B. Bhagat, and Dr. Archana K. Roy. The project aimed to study the education, health and protection issues of children affected by seasonal migration in Maharashtra and to recommend sustainable solutions for strengthening policies and programs. The Project was undertaken between Jan 2020 – May 2022, during which several meetings and activities were conducted as given below. Currently, the project is in the delivery stage. The study collected data from 1) the children and their parents/caregivers using PRA tools, in-depth interviews, and case narratives; 2) KIIs to get the perspectives of stakeholders, civil society representatives, and ‘Mukadams’ from February to August 2021. Following the data transcription and translations, a 3-day workshop on 'Qualitative Data Analysis & Finalization of Chapter Plan' was held on the 28th and 29th of May 2021 with Ms.Gomathy Balasubramanian (Tata Institute of Social Sciences) and Dr.Padma Deosthali (International Growth Centre).

The draft chapters were discussed with the TAC members on September 6th and December 8th, 2021 Furthermore, bilateral interactions with TAC members were held from 15-18 December 2021, to obtain their input on the Chapter concerning the policy recommendations. A meeting between Maaïke Bijker (PRIME committee), Ms. Rajeshwari Chandrasekar (UNICEF) and the IIPS team was held on December 20, 2021 to review and approve the draft report. On 16th February 2022, a meeting with Ms. Sujata Saunik (Additional Chief Secretary, GoM) was held in order to review the draft Project report and Policy brief. Two papers from the study were presented at the 2021 IUSSP International Population Conference on the topic, "Harvesting the Troubles: The Vulnerabilities of Children of Seasonal Migrants Working in Sugarcane Fields, India" and

"Education of Children Affected by Seasonal Migration of Parents: Findings from a Field Study in Jalna District, Maharashtra, India".



Meeting with Sujata Saunik



Meeting with TAC members



Meeting with TAC members 14th Feb 2022



Meeting with the UNICEF PRIME Committee research Committee @Unicef office

4. The Longitudinal Study of Maternal and Infant Nutrition in Maharashtra (LOSMINM)

The first Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting for the project "Longitudinal Study of Maternal and Infant Nutrition in Maharashtra (LoSMINM)" was held on 7th March 2022 in Hybrid mode. The agenda of the first TAC meeting was to discuss the project protocol. Prof. Sayeed Unisa briefed TAC members about the project and the vision of the community Lab. Dr. Preeti Dhillon, the project coordinator, made a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the objectives of the study, the study design, study area, survey tools, key indicators and the timeline. The meeting was chaired by Prof. S.N. Dwivedi, Retired Professor, Department of Biostatistics, AIIMS, New Delhi.



LoSMINM Project team during TAC Meeting on 7th March, 2022

Principal Investigators (PIs): Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, Dr. T. R. Dilip, Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar, Dr. Preeti Dhillon, Dr. Reshmi. R. S., Dr. Suresh Jungari

Co-Principal Investigators (Co-PIs): Mr. Anjani Mishra, District Health Officer, Raigad, Maharashtra.

5. Symposium by Centre for Ageing Studies (CAS)

Centre for Ageing Studies of IIPS organized a symposium on the occasion of International Day for Older Persons on 1st October, 2021. The chief guest for the event was **Prof. David Bloom**, a well-known economist and demographer at the Harvard School of Public Health and Director of the Program on the Global Demography of Aging. The speakers for the occasion were **Prof. S. Irudaya Rajan**, an expert on ageing studies and Chairman, Institute of Migration and development, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala and **Dr. Mala Kapur Shankardass**, Sociologist and Gerontologist with Delhi University and Chair, Asia, International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA). The Symposium was chaired by Prof. K. S. James, Director, IIPS who spoke about the scope of the new centre for Ageing Studies. Prof. T. V. Sekher, Head, Centre for Ageing Studies welcomed the participants and highlighted the contributions of IIPS in Ageing surveys and research. Prof. R. Nagarajan, Associate Head, CAS, introduced the speakers. A large number of participants attended this symposium on the virtual platform. Prof. Dhananjay Bansod proposed the formal vote of thanks. The recorded version of the symposium is available at: [Video release of "Centre for Ageing Studies" an initiation of activities focused on elderly. - YouTube](#)



Symposium by Centre for Ageing Studies (CAS)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

'Unity in Diversity'

75 Years of India's Independence

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. IIPS, arranged a cultural event on the theme, "Unity in Diversity" on 2nd Feb, 2022 keeping in line with 75 years of celebrations of Indian Independence (Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav). The cultural program, themed 'Unity in Diversity', entailed a series of performances: classical and contemporary dances, songs with regional flavors and theatrical expressions on aging issues. The evening started with the lighting of the lamp. The opening performance was a Ganesh Vandana dance by Vandana, an MPS student, followed by regional dance performances.

Bengali Folk dance performed by Poushaly and Jyoti (Pre-PhD) and Sayanti (MBD 2nd Year);

Assamese Folk Dance by Pratyashee (MBD 2nd Year), Kuchipudi dance depicting the beautiful relationship between the young Lord Krishna and his mother Yashoda, presented by Devikrishna, (MA/MSc 2nd Year), Lavni dance by Yashoda and Kajal (MPS) and Hariyanvi Folk dance by Manisha and Ravita (Ph.D.).



Five students (Manisha, Akbar, Chandan, Jyoti and Satyam) had come together and put up an insightful drama on the plight of old parents, who are left at old age homes with a sole hope that someday their children will come to take them back, but the sad reality is that the wait only ends in despair and death. Last but not least, 7 students came together to lend their voices and sing different regional songs from Himachal Pradesh to Kerala and wrapped up the entire performance with 'Mile Sur Mera Tumhara'.

The sheer aesthetic value of the evening was heightened by the closing group song wherein all the performers united on the stage with lamps in their hands and the Indian flag held high in the background. The evening was hosted by Poushaly (Pre-PhD) and Ambikesh (MPS) and coordinated and guided by the cultural coordinator Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay.

ACTIVITIES OF INTERNAL COMMITTEE (IC)



Lecture by Brindaalakshmi. K on 31st March 2022



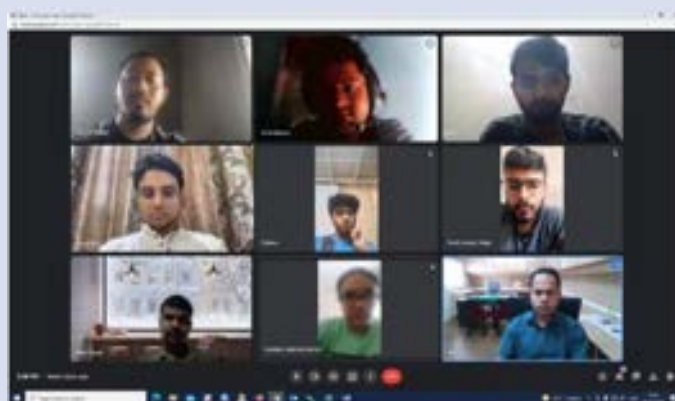
Lecture by Sreegauri Suresh Sawant on 21st March 2022

PLACEMENT CELL ACTIVITIES

IIPS placement cell has taken a great initiative by collaborating with IIT, Bombay's Spoken tutorials for the benefit of students to upgrade their software skills in different software and computer programming languages. Many students from each batch signed up for various spoken tutorial courses being offered by IIT. In the duration of one-year, students would get an opportunity to learn packages like R, Python, QGIS, MySQL etc.



Placement Cell Coordinators



IIT, Bombay's spoken tutorials

This apart, a couple of sessions were conducted to demonstrate the process of availing student discounts while opting for courses from Coursera, Data camp, Tableau etc. This proved useful for availing student discounts while procuring statistical package from various software companies. Online exams were conducted and certificates from IIT Spoken Tutorial Course were distributed. Other activities include training programmes, skill development programmes, placement talks and experience sharing.

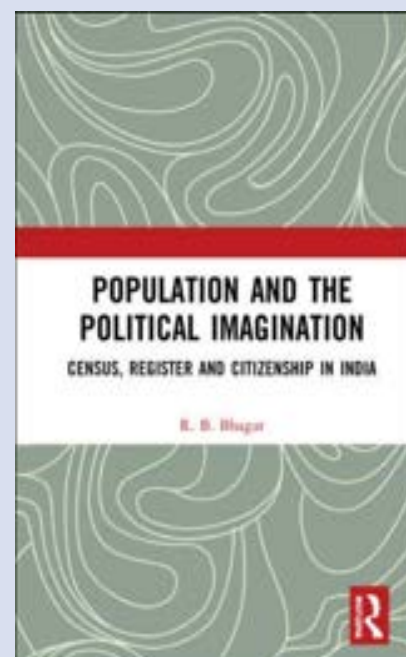
BOOK PUBLISHED BY FACULTY

Population and the political imagination: census, register and citizenship in India by R. B. Bhagat.

The book identifies population as a central issue of polity and examines its links to ideas of state and citizenship. It explores the relationship between the state, citizenship and polity by re-examining processes related to census enumeration, population and citizen registers, and the politics of classificatory governmentality.

Religion, ethnicity, caste and political class play key roles in determining community identities and the relationship between an individual and the state. Contextualizing the arguments and controversies around the Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2019 (CAA 2019) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC), the book examines the processes of inclusion or exclusion of minorities and migrants as citizens in India. It focusses on the classification of irregular and refugee migration since independence in India, especially in the state of Assam.

The book highlights how political imagination, as a theoretical framework, shapes the processes and strategies for enumeration and classification and thereby, the idea of citizenship. Underlining the relationship between instruments of government, political mobilization and the resurgence of communal polarization, it also offers suggestions for alternative constructions of citizenship and an inclusive state. This book will be useful for students and researchers of population studies, population geography, migration studies, sociology, political science, social anthropology, law and journalism. It will also be of interest to policy makers, journalists, as well as NGOs and CSO.



NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS



Dr. Udaya S. Mishra, a Statistician/Demographer joined the International Institute for population Sciences as a Professor in the Dept. of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in November 2021 following a three-decade stint of being on the faculty of Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, Kerala. He is engaged in research and teaching on Population and Development issues and has a number of national and international publications to his credit. In recent times, he has served in various capacities of guiding scientific research in social sciences. During his three decades of

teaching and research experience, he has contributed in the areas of aging, health, nutrition as well as

population policy and programme evaluation. His current research interest includes measurement issues in health and equity focus in evaluation of outcomes. His scholastic distinctions include (i) Takemi Fellow, in the Dept. of Population and International Health, Harvard school of Public Health, Boston, USA during 2003-05 (ii) Associate member of Southampton Statistical Sciences Research Institute, University of Southampton, UK and (iii) Expert group member to review the draft handbook on 'Designing of Household Sample Surveys' at the United Nations Statistics Division, New York. His recent works include the co-edited book titled 'Demographic and Development Divide in India' as well as inspection of the rising trends in C-section deliveries and interpreting educational externalities on household welfare outcomes.

Dr. Nandita Saikia joined as a Professor in the Department of Public Health and Mortality Studies at the IIPS in October 2021 with ten years of expertise in teaching and research. Before joining IIPS, she was an Assistant Professor at the CSRD, Jawaharlal Nehru University. She has published extensively as a lead author on population health issues in internationally reputed journals and has contributed chapters to several edited books. She contributed chapters to several edited books. Prof.



Prof. Saikia is serving as an academic editor in *PLoS Global Health* and as an Associate editor of the *Journal of Population Research* (Australia). She served as a member of the IUSSP-scientific panel in Lifespan Extension with Varying Cause-of-death Trajectories. She completed major research projects funded by ICSSR; BIRAC and Population Council. Prof. Saikia has been awarded prestigious international and national scholarships such as, visiting fellowship at ANU; Queen Elizabeth Advanced Scholar Fellowship at University of Toronto; Post-Doctoral Fellowship at IIASA, Austria; Max Planck-India fellowship from the Max Planck Society, Germany; the Raja Rao Memorial award from Kolkata's ISI; Prof. Mari Bhat Gold Medal from IIPS; and Prof. K. B. Pathak Award from IASP. Under her supervision, 8 MPhil and 13 Ph.D. scholars have completed their dissertations. She writes articles for various national level newspapers and magazines.



Dr. C.J. Sonowal completed his M. Sc. in Anthropology (1989), later cleared UGC NET exam for JRF and Lectureship in 1991 and completed his PhD in 1996 on "Gender Relationships among Tribes" from Dibrugarh University. He worked as Assistant Research Officer in Arunachal Pradesh (1991), Lecturer in Tata Institute of Social Sciences (1992), Associate Professor in the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policies at TISS (2011) and joined as

Professor in the Department of Family and Generations at IIPS in October 2021. As a part of his research activity, he has conducted 12 Research projects on various social issues, including Tribal

Development, Tribal Health, Forest and Tribes, Tribal women and Violence against women, Women domestic workers, and environmental education in schools. He has published Seven research-based books encompassing Gender relations among tribes, Tribal Health, Ethnicity, Religion, Identity and Social Exclusion issues. He has also published more than 30 research-based articles in reputed journals and chapters in books covering tribal development, health, ethnicity and identity, environmental education, tribes and forest issues, and culture and traditions. Dr. Sonowal has guided 25 M. Phil. and 5 Ph.D. scholars. There are 7 Ph.D. and 2 M. Phil. scholars currently working under his guidance.

New Staff Appointments

Sl.No.	Name of the Employee	Department	Position	Date of Appointment
1.	Ms. Sheetal Zore	Establishment Section	Telephone Operator	21-10-2021
2.	Mr. Avdhesh Kumar	Stores	MTS	17-11-2021
3.	Mr. Divakar Yadav	Establishment	UDC	01-12-2021
4.	Mr. Bablu Walmiki	Estate Management	MTS	03-01-2022

Promotion of Staff Members

Sl.No.	Name of the Employee	Department	Position	Date of Promotion
1.	Ms. Jyoti Vishwas Kadam	Establishment	Assistant	25/10/2021
2.	Dr. M. Vaithilingam	Publication	ARO	01/03/2022
3.	Mr. P.H. Fulpagare	EMS	Sr. Research Officer	28/03/2022

Superannuation of Staff

Sl.No.	Name of the Employee	Department	Position Held	Date of Superannuation
1.	Mr. B.S. Kumar	Academic	ARO	28/02/2022

Demise

Sl.No.	Name of the Employee	Department	Position Held	Date of Demise
1.	Mrs. Dhanalakshmi Ankolekar	Accounts Section	Assistant	20/03/2022

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 specialisation 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 organisations, universities, and reputed non-governmental organisations.

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 organisations; and can work as independent consultants.

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on

"The Relevance of Dr. Ambedkar's Thoughts in Contemporary India"

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GUEST SPEAKER:
DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR

Chairman of People Education Society
Former Member of Parliament
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(1891-1956)**

Babasaheb, as he is fondly known, was born on the 14th of April, 1891. He was a philosopher, economist, legal luminary, and a social revolutionary with an uncompromising commitment to protecting the human rights of millions of Indians. He has left an indelible mark on the Indian society, polity, and economy with his countless scholarly writings, pragmatic policies and strategies, and everlasting statesmanship. Of all, he was the main architect of the Constitution of India. When higher education was difficult to attain even for the most affluent class in India, Dr. Ambedkar reached New York, USA, in 1913 and secured an M.A. in Political Science with economics as a major subject and, subsequently, a Ph.D. in economics. He secured yet another Master's and a Doctorate from the London School of Economics in economics and, simultaneously, a law degree from The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, London. Although Ambedkar was an indispensable choice for drafting the Indian Constitution due to his scholarship on constitution-making and his multiple doctorates from world-renowned universities, his voluminous writings, and speeches in diverse fields are hardly known, even among academicians.

Guest Speaker

Dr. Bhalchandra Laxman Munekar (born on 2nd March 1946) is a former member of the Rajya Sabha and an Indian economist, educationist, and social worker. He is an excellent philosopher, writer, and mentor in the area of economics. He was a faculty member at the Ambedkar College's economics department in Mumbai. He specialises in agricultural economics and is an expert on B. R. Ambedkar. In 1965, he served as an Assistant economist at the Reserve Bank of India.

In his remarkable academic career, he has held a number of distinguished posts, including vice-Chancellor of the University of Mumbai and a member of the Planning Commission and the Agricultural Price Commission of India. In addition, he has been appointed Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC). He is currently a member of the Maharashtra government's Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Sahitya Prakashan Samiti.




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Completion Report

International Girl Child Day Webinar 2021 commemorated on 13th October 2021

On the occasion of the International Girl Child day, the Internal Committee (IC) of IIPS organized a virtual webinar through WebEx Video Conferencing Application. **Prof. Usha Ram**, Chairperson, IC of the IIPS welcomed the Guest Speakers **Dr. Khevana Desai**, Mithibai College of Arts, Mumbai and **Ms. Mitali Nikore**, Founder, Nikore Associates.

Prof. Ram invited **Prof. K S James**, Director and Senior Professor, IIPS, to chair the webinar and formally inaugurate the webinar. Prof. James welcomed the speaker and the participants and distinguished invitees. In his inaugural speech, Prof. James emphasized on the need to debate on the gendered digital divide inequality that prevails in the society. He added that no single meeting can address the issue and this is a long term process.

The first speaker **Ms Mitali Nikore** deliberated on the topic **‘Building back better for India’s girls’**. She began with discussing how lucky are those who are able to tune in the internet and be connected. And there is a series of digital deprivation where females are 15 percent less likely to use mobile phones as compared to males and 33 percent less likely to use internet at home. She also highlighted that Covid-19 pandemic led to a higher dependency on internet. For instance, an increase of 500 percent of tele-health consultation is massive. Yet, there is an inequality and exclusion crisis going on. The Global System for Mobile Communications, GSMA data suggests that inequality in mobile usage is much higher in India than Bangladesh and only marginally higher than Pakistan. Indian women do not use internet because of the reasons such as- rural broadband penetration is only 29 percent, and more men migrate to urban areas as compared to women. Hence, exposure to mobile as well as to internet usage among women is much lower compared to their men counterparts. Women are at triple disadvantages in terms of internet usage namely access of data (data doesn’t reach rural areas), data affordability and common social norms. She explained that affordability is an issue as internet usage incurs a substantial percent of their monthly wages. Lastly it is a prevalent social norm that women should not use mobile phones and hence, they are discouraged from using mobile phones and internet usage.

Ms Nikore also discussed how most of the society judge women for using mobile phones. It is also evident that majority of the women possess basic or feature mobile phones. Ms Nikore pointed out one very important finding that the number of child marriages have increased substantially across the country in the post lockdown era due to the pandemic. A major reason for this is the closure of schools for longer time. Due to the schools’ closure and eventual drop out, early marriage problem is hovering over the older girls. The Mann Deshi foundation is working towards making the mobile phones accessible to women. It is providing no cost EMI to purchase smartphones for women.

Ms Nikore concluded with measures to address the deprivation that women are facing. There is a need for training women about the usage of mobile phones and enabling them to use it for their business. There are some tailored solutions at hand- providing free smartphones to the rural women which can be facilitated by CSR partners and making efforts at normalising women owning smartphones. ASHA/AWW should be provided smartphones. Moreover, programs should focus on digital literacy. This is a necessary skill and hence government should intervene and help in a better manner.

The second speaker **Dr Khevana Desai** deliberated on the topic ‘**A screen of one’s own: Gendered digital divide in pandemic**’. She stated with an anecdote of a young Muslim girl who was the sole earning member in her family. She lost her job due to lack of access to mobile phone during the pandemic. She quoted **Judith Butler that the virus does not discriminate, we humans do**. The virus affected all of us differently and especially it unmasked existing structural inequalities. The virus has divided the country in two parts with respect to digital access. One part of India which was for masses and the other which was for classes. The class one had a smooth and easy shift from real world to virtual world. However, there were bigger problems for masses for instance like having electricity for less than 12 hours for more than 45 percent of the population. Around 320 million children are out of school due to pandemic and 40-70 percent children do not have any access to any smart devices. In states like Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, 40 and 70 percent children respectively do not have access to internet. She also added that there is a great structural divide; gender and caste, gender and class, gender and disability, gender and religion and finally gender and geography. There are regional and household inequality in India. During the pandemic either the children or the parents were using the phones, someone of these two was always compromising. Women faced a lot of online harassment during lockdown and also people faced difficulty in registering for vaccination due to lack of phone or internet. There is a question of autonomy and ownership of mobile phones more than the access. There is a need for gender segregated data. She viewed that the platform current being used for education should be used as an agency for activism.

Dr KS James stated anecdotal evidence and covered real issues by the two speakers was praiseworthy. He complimented the detailed data covered during the lectures. He pointed the inter-sectionality mentioned is truly critical and added that there is the need of NGO’s intervention. He also asked if there is a need to develop a system and structures to address the issues. Can charity and NGOs be a permanent solution?

Dr Desai responded that NGOs are not permanent solution but that was the only option available. The education system failed to use radios as a medium. There were various reports on suicides because children had no access to internet. There were accidents because children travelled long distance to get internet connectivity. We denied children of their rights, of getting proper dignified education. Hence, for now charity is the beginning before we can find other solutions to empower.

To a question on need for an external training, **Ms. Nikore** added that digital literacy is about making women able to use phones for productive purpose. Women using and having their own phone is important. Language is an issue. There is software to translate and solve the language problem. However, it is still a barrier. Secondly, there are social norms, that women should not be using phone. Using phone is one's private matter, even parents should not have a choice to question. The questions are raised to the daughters and not to the sons. It's very hard for younger girls to stand up for themselves and answer. Hence, it's very hard for young women to learn internet usage, applications etc. Solutions should be designed for the people from the last mile.

The deliberation was followed by a brief insightful comment by **Dr Poonam Mutreja** who appreciated the brilliant presentations. She added that Women just don't need phones, they need smartphones. Women should have access to the smartphones. The number of women who have access to mobile phones and internet, an investment should be made in them. Young people always share phones with others. With sharing of phones, there will be a sharing of information. This way there will be a greater impart of knowledge.

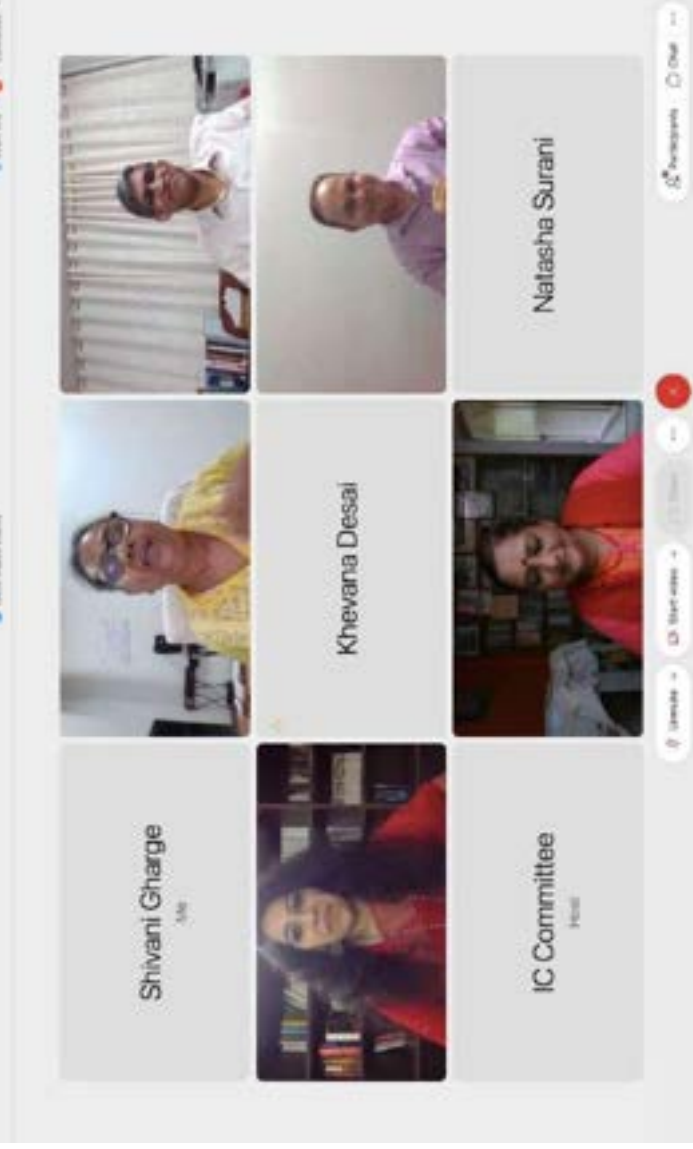
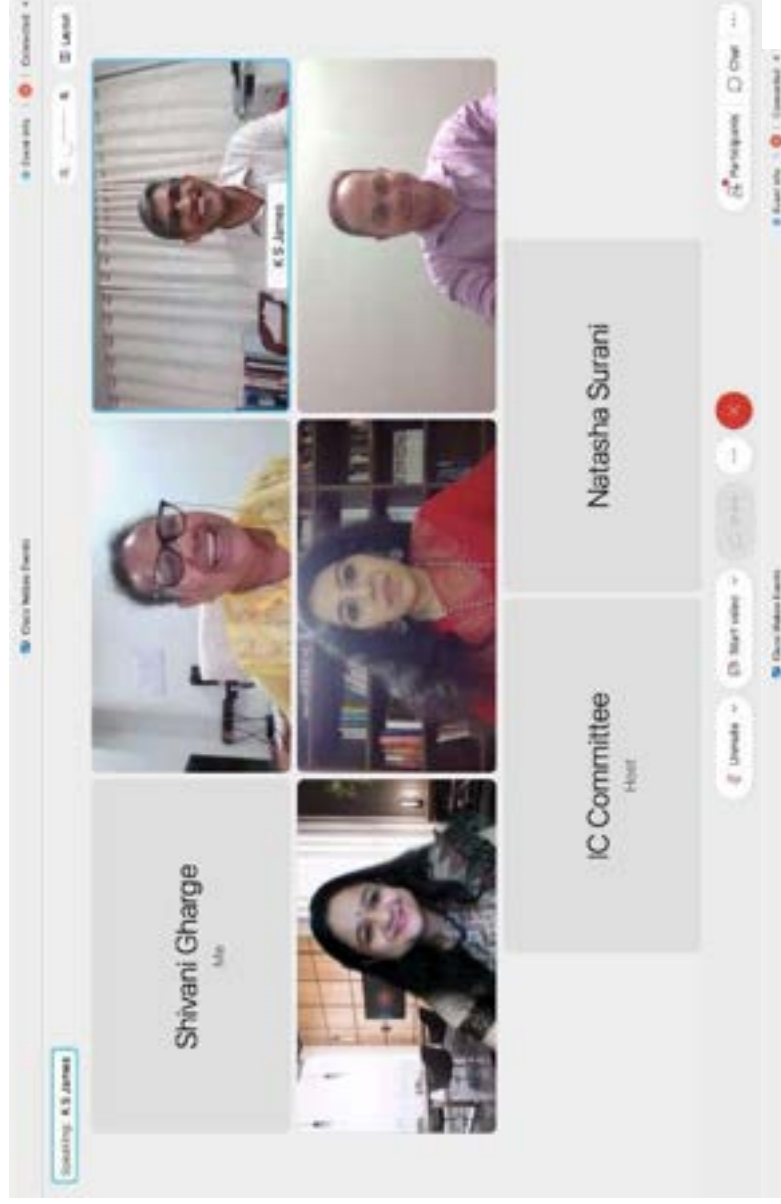
There were questions regarding gender sensitisation and how has the gender discrimination affected the discourse of digital activism and on female participation in the policy making and digital literacy among women. Additionally, there was an elaborate discussion on the steps to be taken for gender sensitisation. **Dr Manoj Alagarajan** added that women who do lower level of work lost their jobs. Men have not lost jobs, men get their things done. Even smartphones become outdated after 2 years, there should be better ways of communication.

After the question-answer session, **Dr. Manas R. Pradhan** proposed a formal vote of thanks and gratitude to the presenters, all participants, IIPS administration, Director Office, the ICT unit, and the ICC members for their timely help and support in organizing the webinar. The webinar received a good response and a total of 74 participants from academic and non-academic Institutions/Organization, representatives of the international and national development partners and the NGOs, faculty and students from IIPS attended the event. The webinar concluded at 6.30 pm.

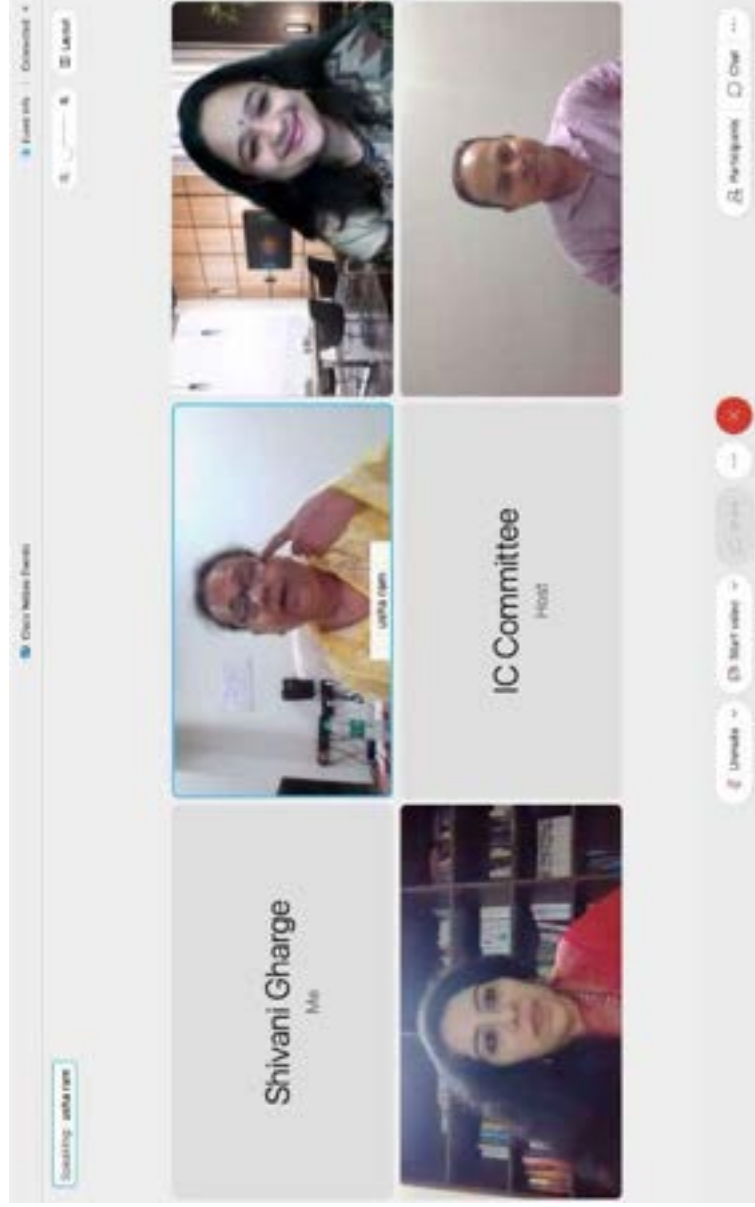
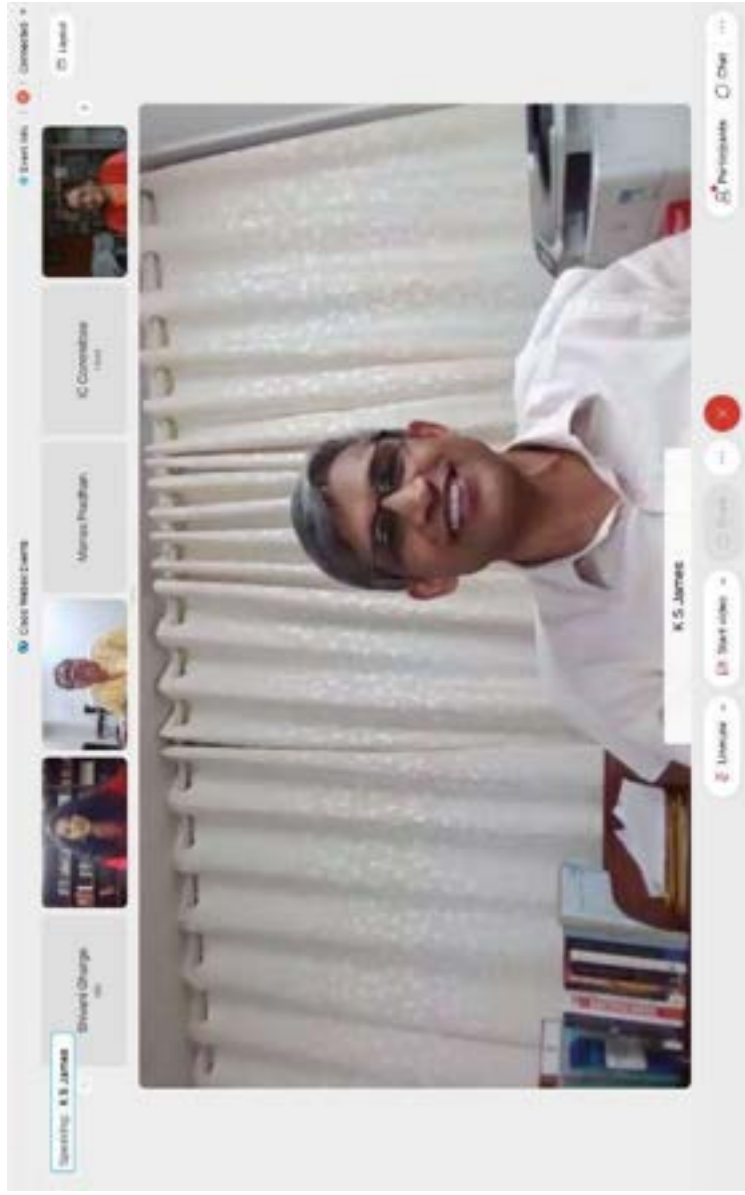
The IC members involved in organizing the webinar:

1. Prof. Usha Ram
2. Dr. Manas Ranjan Pradhan
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