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# Centre of Demography of Gender

## International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai

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## From the Desk of Director & Senior Professor, IIPS

I am pleased to know that the Centre of Demography of Gender (CDG) has come out with its inaugural newsletter. It is gratifying to see that CDG has undertaken numerous initiatives and events to advance gender science, both within the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) and across India. I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulation to all the members of CDG for their dedication and hard work in bringing out this first edition of the newsletter.



(Prof. D. A. Nagdeve)  
Director (Additional Charge)  
IIPS, Mumbai

## From the Desk of CDG Head

The Centre of Demography of Gender (CDG) has taken a new initiative to bring out a bi-annual newsletter to disseminate information about the activities/events conducted by the CDG for promoting gender science among academicians, researchers, policymakers and other stakeholders. I am happy to share the inaugural newsletter with you. This issue includes information on all the activities/events organized by the CDG between November 2022 and April 2024. The next issue of CDG newsletter is scheduled for release in November 2024. I hope the content of the newsletter is useful to the readers. I look forward to any feedback that help us to improve our efforts in promoting gender science in India.



(Prof. Abhishek Singh)  
Head  
Centre of Demography of Gender



# About the CDG

The International Institute for Population Sciences launched the “Centre of Demography of Gender” within the Department of Population and Development on October 01, 2021. The centre aims to carry out high-quality interdisciplinary teaching and empirical research on various aspects related to population, health, and development in India and abroad. A key mandate of the centre is to develop gender-related course curriculum which suits the requirements of various stakeholders. Capacity building through tailor-made short-term courses is also an important agenda of the centre. In addition, the centre will act as a central data repository in India where individuals, institutions and other stakeholders can access all gender related data. The centre will also provide timely policy inputs to the central and state governments and local administrative bodies for the formulation of appropriate policies and programmes from time to time. In addition, the centre intends to bring together Indian and international experts working on gender and related issues at one platform for knowledge sharing and developing best practices related to teaching and research on gender.

Website: <https://www.iipsindia.ac.in/>

# Inauguration of the Centre

The 'Centre of Demography of Gender' was inaugurated by Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Honorable Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India on October 1, 2021. He praised the research efforts of IIPS and its contributions to national development through large-scale surveys such as the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) and the Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI). Recognizing the significance of CDG in the contemporary era, he emphasized the need for more rigorous research from a gender perspective.





# Photographs from CDG Inauguration Day





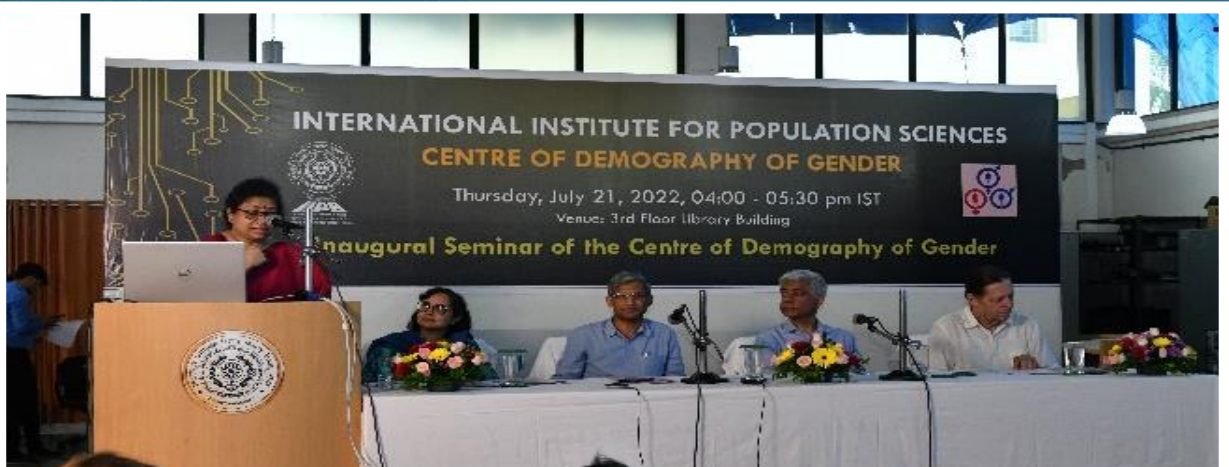
# Inaugural Seminar

The CDG hosted its inaugural seminar on July 21, 2022, at IIPS. The event was chaired by Prof. K.S. James, the Director and Senior Professor, who introduced the centre to the participants. Prof. Abhishek Singh, Head of the CDG, presented the centre's mandate and ongoing initiatives. Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay extended a warm welcome to the audience and introduced the seminar.

The seminar showcased the expertise of Four eminent speakers delivered insightful lectures on four relevant themes:

- **Prof. Christophe Guilmoto**, CEPED Paris: Discussed gender inequalities in India.
- **Prof. Sonalde Desai**, NCAER, New Delhi/University of Maryland, USA: Spoke on gender and economic participation in India.
- **Prof. T.K. Sundari Ravindran**, UNU-IIGH, Malaysia: Talked about men's knowledge, attitudes, practices, and health.
- **Prof. Anita Raj**, UC San Diego, USA: Spoke on gender and violence.

The seminar concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Suresh Jungari. The event was well-attended by current and former faculty members, research scholars, students, and invited guests, demonstrating strong interest and support for the centre's mission.





# Photographs from Inaugural Seminar





# Advisory Board Meeting



The first meeting of the advisory board of the CDG was held on July 21, 2022, at IIPS.



Prof. K.S. James, Director and Senior Professor at IIPS, chaired the meeting. Meeting started with Dr. Reshmi R. welcoming the board members, followed by Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar introducing the member. Dr. Usha Ram presented the mandate and ongoing activities of the CDG.



Prof. K. S. James invited the board members to provide advice and suggestions for strengthening various activities of the CDG, with the aim of creating a roadmap for the centre.





# Research Themes

The members of the centre intend to carry out research under the following five broad themes:

## Gender inequities

This research theme examines gender inequities in terms of son preference, social and economic implications of son preference, girl child marriage, understanding and measuring gender inequality, implications of gender inequality for female demographic disadvantage, etc.

**Lead:** Prof. Abhishek Singh  
**Member:** Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar

## Gender and access to resources

This research theme examines men's and women's access to digital, financial, and other such resources that are necessary for dignified and equitable living.

**Lead:** Prof. Usha Ram  
**Member:** Dr. Reshmi R. S.

## Gender and economic participation

This research theme examines women's engagement in economic activities, constraints and difficulties faced by women in engaging in economic activities, women's unpaid labor, women's economic autonomy, women's entrepreneurship, and other related issues.

**Lead:** Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar  
**Members:** Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay, Dr. Pradeep Salve

## Gender and violence

This research theme examines the gender-based violence against women and its health implications on women, factors affecting gender-based violence, violence during pregnancy and postpartum, its association with contraceptive use and health-seeking behaviour. This theme also examines violence against men.

**Lead:** Dr. Suresh Jungari  
**Members:** Dr. Reshmi R.S., Dr. Pradeep Salve

## Men's knowledge, attitude, practice and health

Research shows, average men pay less attention to his health and men's knowledge of health matters is often poor. Men are more prone to risky health behaviours as compared to women. Men, due to several reasons, not only suffer from many chronic diseases, but they have unique health issues (related to reproductive health, occupational health, accident and injuries) that need in-depth research. Men's mental health condition and its possible correlates are also important area to examine, men being more prone to suicides. Further, men's knowledge, attitude and practice in the context of women and children's health like menstruation, contraception, pregnancy and delivery, infertility, childcare, nutrition, community engagement in health promotion are necessary to explore for developing holistic gender-based policy and programme.

**Lead:** Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay  
**Members:** Dr. Reshmi R.S., Dr. Suresh Jungari, Dr. Pradeep Salve



## Talk by Dr. Lauren Houghton

### LAUREN HOUGHTON

DEPARTMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY  
MAILMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY



On August 11, 2023, Dr. Lauren Houghton, an epidemiologist from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, delivered a talk on '**Gendered Interpretation of the Causes of Cancer**' at IIPS, Mumbai. The session was chaired by Prof. S.K. Singh, Director (in-charge) of the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai. He welcomed the speaker on behalf of the institute and appreciated CDG for organizing the talk, noting its value for young scholars exploring various dimensions of gender and health in their future research. Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay, Associate Head of the CDG, also welcomed and introduced the speaker.

Dr. Lauren Houghton has extensive experience in Epidemiology and Public Health. She discussed the life course approach to understanding the intersection of environmental and hormonal factors in cancer carcinogenesis, focusing primarily on exposures during puberty. She eloquently explained how media representation of disease care is gendered and how culture

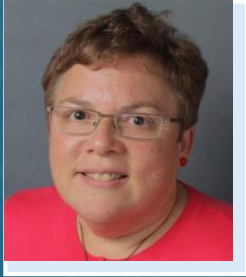
affects women's reproductive lives from puberty to child-rearing to menopause. She also shared insights from her studies on Bangladeshi migrants in the UK and Mongolia to better understand the genetic and environmental risk factors for females moving from low to high-risk geographic areas.

The session was very informative and engaging, as researchers and faculty members asked several questions regarding environmental risk factors and the limitations of the research. The talk was concluded by Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay, who thanked the speaker for such an informative session. Prof. U. S. Mishra, Prof. Abhishek Singh, Dr. Suresh Jungari, and many other faculty members also acknowledged the speaker for sharing her research findings.





## Talk by Prof. Pam R. Factor Litvak



**Pam R. Factor-Litvak**  
Professor of Epidemiology  
Columbia University Medical Centre

On December 14, Dr. Pam R. Factor Litvak, Professor of Epidemiology at the Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, delivered a talk on '**Evaluating Strategies to Mitigate the Harmful Effects of Air Pollution in Urban Impoverished Communities in India: Gender Aspects**' at IIPS, Mumbai. The session was chaired by Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay, Associate Head of CDG, who welcomed and introduced the speaker. Prof. Pam has extensive experience in Epidemiology and Public Health, and has been working in India since 2019. Her ongoing project focuses on cognitive function and its link with the gut microbiome in slums of India, as well as the health impacts of open trash burning in the country. Prof. Pam expressed her gratitude to CDG and IIPS for the opportunity to share her work with young researchers and faculty members.

She began her presentation by discussing India's air quality index, the sources of air

pollution, and its impact on children's health. A child exposed to unsafe levels of pollution can face lifelong health impacts. Even fetuses are affected by air pollution, which can lead to premature birth, infant mortality, childhood cancer, acute respiratory infections, and an increased risk of heart disease. She emphasized the need to explore the gender dimensions of air pollution in urban impoverished areas because exposure levels differ between males and females. Women must have the right to breathe clean air. She noted that air pollution mitigation is a long process, so we need to consider different mechanisms to reduce the health effects of pollution.

She beautifully demonstrated the link between gut microbes and how they vary based on the food we consume. She mentioned that gut health is deeply linked to mental health functioning and that mitigating pollution is possible through the modification of gut microbes; thus, eating the right food may be a solution until air quality improves. Her ongoing research explores more about the linkages between gut microbiomes and the cognitive performance of children. Students asked questions about methods for measuring and mitigating air pollution, data mapping, and research collaboration with Prof. Pam.

Dr. Suresh Jungari concluded the talk with a vote of thanks to the speaker for such an interactive session and encouraged young researchers to explore new horizons in gender and environment-related research.







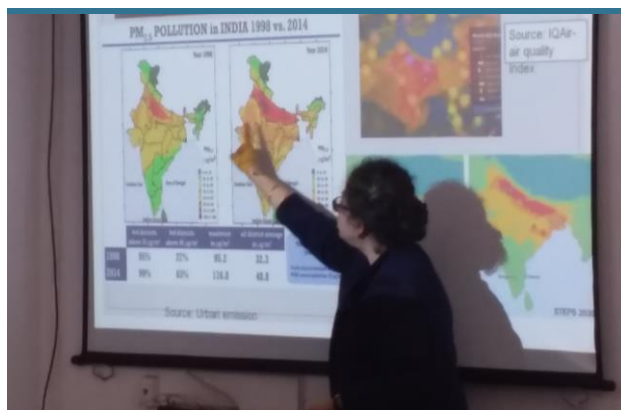
# Lecture at Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata



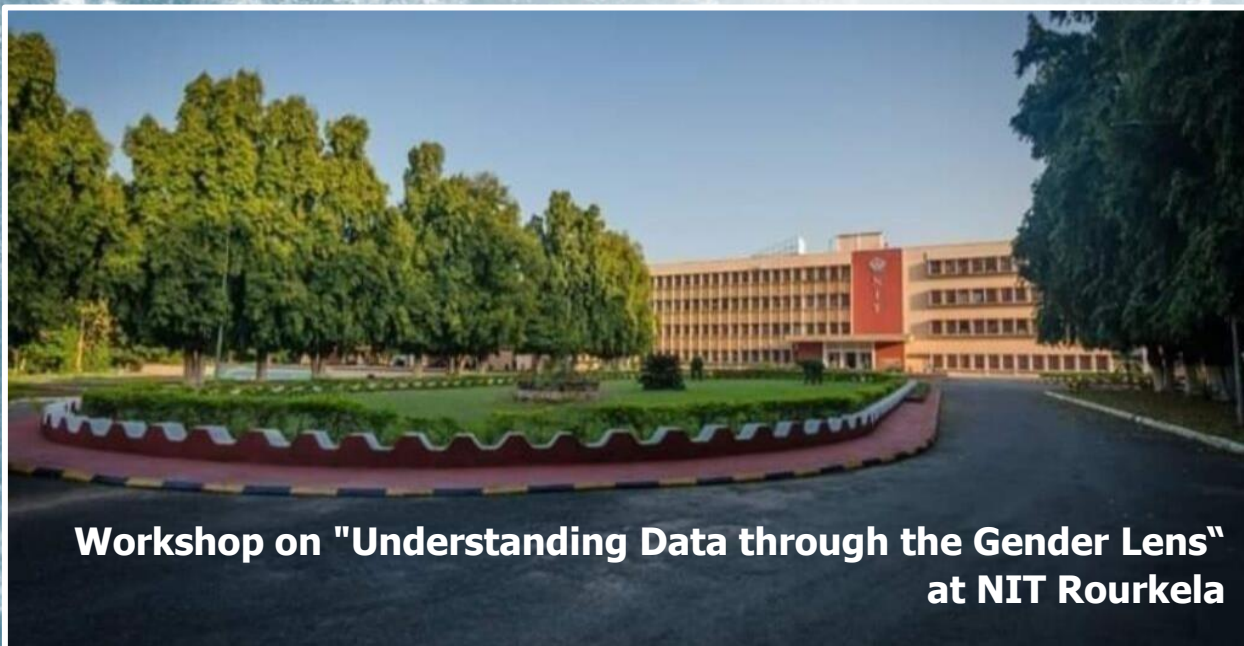
**Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay**

Department of Population and Development  
Centre of Demography of Gender  
International Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai

Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay delivered a lecture on the theme '**Air, Water, and Health in India: Emerging Gender Issues**' at the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, on January 5, 2024. She emphasized the need for quality air and water. The talk focused on the effects of air and water on cognition, nutrition, and selected demographic outcomes. She discussed the available data sources in India on health and environment and explained how to combine these datasets to understand the linkages between environment, gender, and health. She highlighted the need for more innovative research on air, water, and health. The lecture was attended by faculty members and research scholars from the Economics Research Unit, ISI, Kolkata.







## Workshop on "Understanding Data through the Gender Lens" at NIT Rourkela



**Prof. Abhishek Singh**  
Professor & Head  
Department of Public Health & Mortality Studies  
International Institute for Population Sciences



**Dr. Suresh Jungari**  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Public Health & Mortality Studies  
International Institute for Population Sciences



**Dr. Reshmi R. S.**  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Migration & Urban Studies  
International Institute for Population Sciences



**Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar**  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Public Health & Mortality Studies  
International Institute for Population Sciences

The Centre of Demography of Gender, successfully conducted a one-day pre-conference training workshop on the theme **‘Understanding Data through the Gender Lens’** on November 7, 2023, at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Rourkela, Odisha. The workshop was organized in collaboration with the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) and Centre of Excellence on Public Health and Nutrition, Department of Humanities, NIT Rourkela.

### The workshop was designed into four sessions.

- The first session was conceptual, dealing with concepts related to gender, gender inequalities versus gender gaps, need and approaches to measure gender inequality, SDG goal 5, etc.
- In the second session, participants were introduced to various sources of gender data, such as Census, NFHS, IHDS, etc.
- The third session was devoted to exploring NFHS data through the gender lens.
- In the fourth session of the day participants had hands-on-practice on generating gender inequality indicators using STATA.





# CENTRE OF DEMOGRAPHY OF GENDER

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## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

ON

## UNDERSTANDING DATA THROUGH GENDER LENS

09: 00 AM – 05: 30 PM | 7 NOVEMBER 2023 | VENUE - NIT ROURKELA, ODISHA

The response to the call for the workshop was phenomenal and exceeded our expectations, with an overwhelming number of participants expressing keen interest in attending the workshop. Initially, the plan was to include only 40 participants in the workshop. But, considering the interest shown by the potential participants, the number of participants was increased to 48. Of the 48 participants, 23 were females and 25 were males. The participants included MA/MSc. (31 participants) and PhD (15 participants) students and two faculty members. The selected participants represented various academic and research disciplines. The participants represented 15 state- and central- universities and institutes of national importance spread across India.

1. NIT Rourkela, Odisha
2. Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Odisha
3. Sambalpur University, Sambalpur, Odisha
4. Gangadhar Mehar University, Sambalpur, Odisha
5. Kalahandi University, Kalahandi, Odisha
6. SOA University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
7. Central University of Odisha, Koraput, Odisha
8. Sikkim Manipal University, Gangtok, Sikkim
9. Central University of Karnataka, Gulbarga, Karnataka
10. Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, Odisha
11. Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
12. University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
13. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
14. NIT Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu
15. Path, New Delhi





Of the 48 participants, 38 participants submitted their qualitative feedback. Overall, the participants were happy with the deliberations of the workshop. A vast majority of the participants stated that the workshop enhanced their understanding of gender-based inequalities and importance of its measurement. All the participants were grateful to the CDG for organizing such a wonderful workshop and giving them an opportunity to participate in the workshop. A few selected feedbacks are given here.

This workshop was very helpful and increased our knowledge. I am very happy that I could join this workshop. Thanks to the CDG for organizing the workshop and building our knowledge.

The sessions were highly informative. I am expecting this type of workshop in future. I have learned some new techniques from the sessions. I am very thankful for the opportunity.

It was a very good experience to understand about gender inequality, gender gap, SDG 5, and measuring some of these using NFHS-5. Thank you! It's the best workshop I have ever attended.

I learned a lot of things from this workshop like understanding gender data, knowledge about gender-based inequalities and utilities of its measurement.

While majority of participants were satisfied with the workshop, a few suggested to extend the duration of the workshop from 1 day to 2-3 days. A couple of participants stated:

It was a very good workshop on the basis of education and information. But one day of the workshop is not enough. At least 2-3 days of it may help students who are interested to get more knowledge. Overall, it was a very good workshop.

It would have been good if more time was allotted for the hands-on training.

Some participants requested to organize such workshops in their universities. A couple of participants stated:

Same kind of workshop can be conducted at Fakir Mohan University Odisha as we are having dedicated departments for Population Studies, Social Work and Anthropology. Thank You.

Please organize a workshop on data analysis on NFHS, NSSO & LASI dataset. Please conduct a workshop in Central University of Karnataka on analysis using large scale data.



## Resource Team of IASP, IIPS and NIT



## Participants' Feedback

Overall, the feedback indicates a significant positive impact on participants' knowledge enhancement of gender issues aligning with the workshop's objective. Additionally, a vast majority of the participants reported that the workshop met or exceeded their expectations in terms of overall deliberations and the quality of the workshop.

The president, general secretary and the treasurer of the IASP were grateful to the CDG for taking such an important initiative.

Considering the importance, utility and success of the workshop, the president and general secretary of the IASP requested the CDG to organize such pre-conference workshops in the upcoming regional conferences of the IASP.





## Workshop Organized by the CDG in Collaboration with North Bengal University, Darjeeling

CDG in collaboration with the Department of Economics, Department of Women's Studies, and Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension at the North Bengal University (NBU), organized a one-day workshop entitled **"Gender Studies: Theory & Empirics"** at NBU, Darjeeling on January 4, 2024. Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay and Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar were invited as expert members for the workshop from the CDG.

Prof. Chattopadhyay took the session on **'Gender inequalities in India: Concept and Empirical Evidences'**. Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar conducted the session on **'Using Data to Understand Gender Indices and Inequalities'**. The one-day workshop was attended by 44 students and 6 faculty members from various departments. It was widely appreciated by both faculty and students. They expressed interest in future collaborations with the CDG.

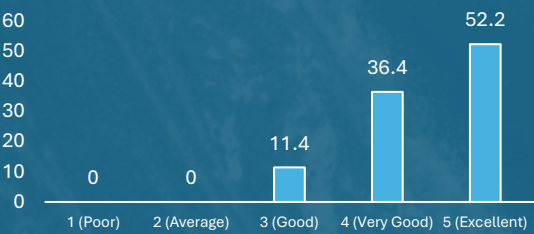




# Participant's Feedback

The 44 participants including research scholars, post graduate students completed the feedback form provided by the organizer. A graphical representation of the attendees' feedback is given below. Additionally, attendees suggested that more time should be allocated for hands on training in the future workshops.

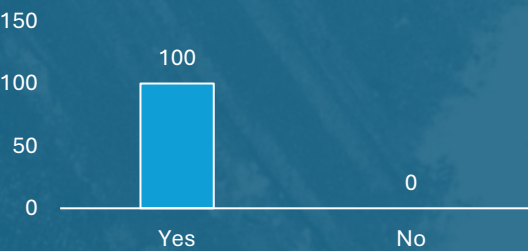
Relevance of the Topic Covered



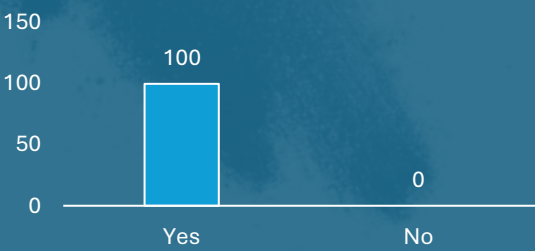
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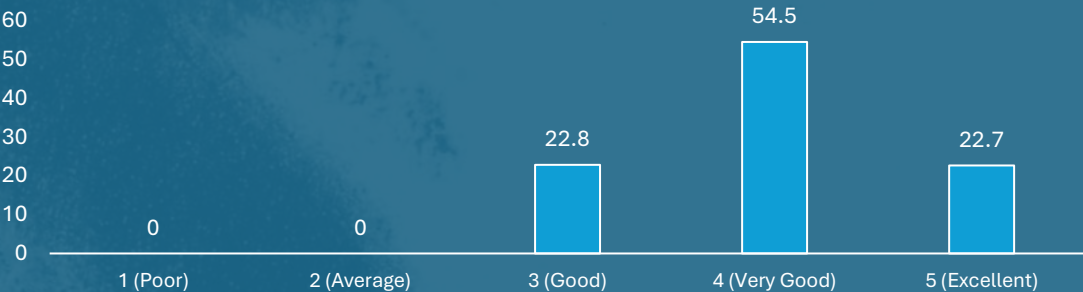
Workshop Meet Expectation



Recommend this Workshop to Others



Overall Satisfaction from the Workshop







## Publications by CDG Faculty Members

The CDG faculty members are actively engaged in generating scientific evidence and creating gender-disaggregated data on various aspects of gender and related issues. These research findings are disseminated in the form of research papers in reputed journals. The details of these research papers are provided below.

1. 'Spatial heterogeneity in son preference across India's 640 districts: An application of small area estimation' in the Demographic Research.
2. 'Prevalence and risk factors of physical violence against husbands: Evidence from India' in the Journal of Biosocial Science, Cambridge University Press.
3. 'Age, gender and socioeconomic patterns of awareness and usage of e-cigarettes across selected WHO region countries: evidence from the Global Adult Tobacco Survey' in the BMJ Open.
4. 'Disappearing male sterilization in India: do we care?' in the BMC Contraception and Reproductive Medicine.





# Gender Data for Download

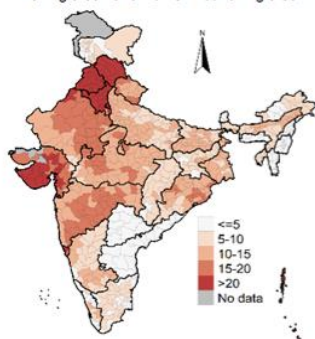
As part of the evidence generation efforts around gender and related issues, the CDG faculty members have produced district-level estimates of son preference for the 640 districts of India. This data has been made freely available for public through the CDG website.

1. Spatial heterogeneity in son preference across India's 640 districts: An application of small area estimation

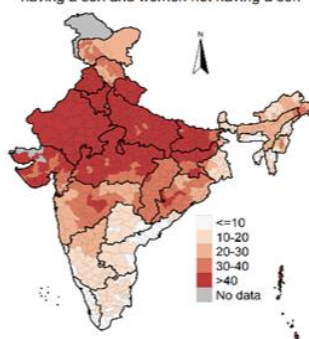


## Son preference by parity, India, 2015-16

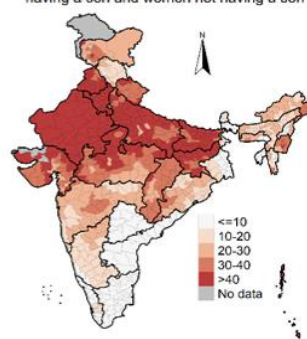
Difference in the percentage of women of parity 1 not desiring an additional child among women having a son and women not having a son



Difference in the percentage of women of parity 2 not desiring an additional child among women having a son and women not having a son



Difference in the percentage of women of parity 3 not desiring an additional child among women having a son and women not having a son



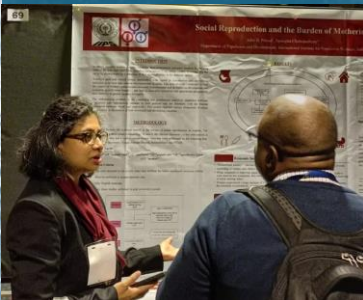


# Research Presentations by CDG Faculty Members

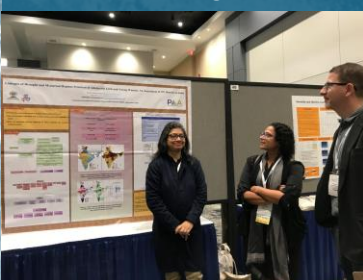
CDG faculty members have presented their research findings at various international conferences. Below are the details of the research presentations.

1. Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay presented a paper on “**Gender dimensions of work participation among older adults: exploring 4 metro cities in India**” at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA) held from April 12–15, 2023, in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.
2. Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay presented a paper on “**Social reproduction and the burden of mothering**” at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA) held from April 12–15, 2023, in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.
3. Dr. Suresh Jungari presented a paper on “**Demographic determinants of transition in sexual life among adolescents in India: do gender gaps exist**” at the British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) conference held from September 11-13, 2023, in University of Keele, UK.
4. Dr. Pradeep Salve presented a paper on “**Disappearing male sterilization in India: Do we care?**” at the British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) conference held from September 11-13, 2023, in University of Keele, UK.
5. Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay presented a paper on “**Linkages of drought and menstrual hygienic practices among adolescent girls and young women: assessment of 707 districts in India**” at annual meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA) held from April 17-20, 2024, April, Columbus, USA.

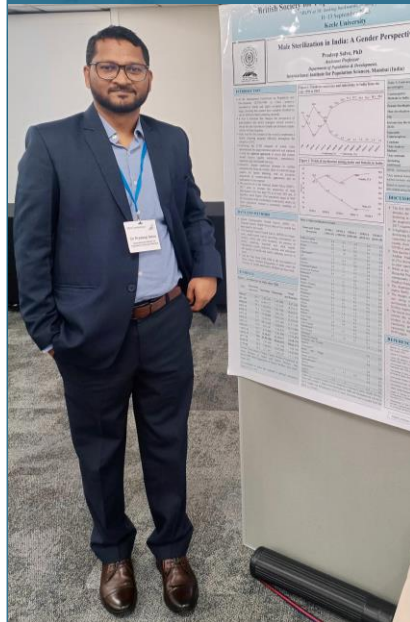
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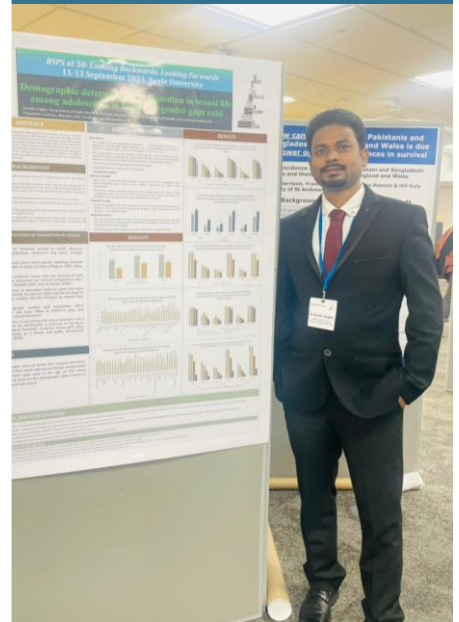
## PAA -2024



## BSPS - 2023



## BSPS - 2023





# Financial Support Recipients

CDG has provided financial support to 15 research scholars and 3 faculty members, enabling them to attend prestigious international conferences. This support ensures that their important gender-related research findings reach a broader, global audience.

## Ph.D. Students



## Faculty Members





# List of Financial Support Recipients

S.N .	Student/Faculty Member	Title of the Paper	Conference	Time and Venue
1	Ms. Aditi B. Prasad	Social reproduction and the burden of mothering	Population Association of Singapore (PSA)	11-12 May 2023 Singapore
2	Ms. Puja Das	Did WASH improve menstrual hygiene practices in India: an evidence from NFHS-4 & NFHS-5	Population Association of Singapore (PSA)	11-12 May 2023 Singapore
3	Ms. Akancha Singh	Malnutrition among older adults in India: Dose gender play a role?	Population Association of Singapore (PSA)	11-12 May 2023 Singapore
4	Mr. Chandan Kumar Hansda	Hygienic menstrual practices among tribal adolescents and their determinants in India	Population Association of Singapore (PSA)	11-12 May 2023 Singapore
5	Ms. Ravita Yadav	Association between school dropouts, early marriages, childbearing and mental health in early adulthood of woman	XX ISA World Congress of Sociology	25 June -1 July 2023 Melbourne, Australia
6	Mr. Sourav Biswas	Identifying the risk factors in explaining child nutrition in two Bengals (West Bengal of India and Bangladesh): A gender perspective	International Health Economics Association (IHEA)	07-12 July 2023 Cape Town, South Africa
7	Mr. Satyam Raj Singh	Women's capability index – empirical study of sen's capability approach based on NFHS	Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA)	7-13 September 2023 Sofia, Bulgaria
8	Ms. Manisha Kaushik	Is empowerment varies in cross-region and local brides of Haryana: A study in Jind district	XX ISA World Congress of Sociology	25 June -1 July 2023 Melbourne, Australia
9	Ms. Varsha P. Nagargoje	Intergenerational financial transfer and family structure in India: Evidence from LASI, 2017-18	Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Annual Meeting, USA	8-12 November 2023 USA
10	Mr. Arup Jana	Exploring gender differences in childhood undernutrition resulting from in-utero exposure to ambient and indoor air pollutants in India	British Society for Population Studies (BSPS)	11-13 September 2023 University of Keele, UK
11	Ms. Gulnaj Basri	Gendered heterogeneities in well-being: A state-level analysis of India	International Wittgenstein Centre	6-7 December 2023 Austria
12	Mr. Subhojit Shaw	Estimation of ecosystem resilience and its linkages with infant and under five mortalities in India: Gender differences assessment across 707 districts, 2000-2020	International Wittgenstein Centre	6-7 December 2023 Austria
13	Ms. Neha Kumari	Linkages between single motherhood and child health in India - Evidence from NFHS-5	Population Association of America, (PAA)	17-20 April 2024 Columbus, USA
14	Ms. Komal Gajbhiye	The multitude effect of intersectional axes of caste-gender-disability on individuals' aid facility, work, and social protection	Population Association of America, (PAA)	17-20 April 2024, Columbus, USA
15	Ms. Jhumki Kundu	Education and non-communicable diseases in India: An exploration of gendered heterogeneous relationship	Population Association of America, (PAA)	17-20 April 2024, Columbus, USA

## Faculty Members

1	Dr. Aparajita Chattopadhyay	1. Gender dimensions of work participation among older adults: Exploring 4 metro cities in India 2. Social reproduction and the burden of mothering	Population Association of America (PAA)	12-15 April 2023, New Orleans, LA, USA
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4	Dr. Aparajita Chattopadhyay	Linkages of drought and menstrual hygienic practices among adolescent girls and young women: assessment of 707 districts in India	Population Association of America (PAA)	17-20 April 2024 Columbus, USA



## Conference Experiences of Recipients

I would like to thank the CDG for providing financial assistance to attend the Population Association of Singapore (PAS) 2023 conference. I received the grant to present my paper titled 'Social reproduction and the burden of mothering: A systematic review' at the Annual Meeting of PAS 2023 in Singapore. The paper I presented was part of my pre-Ph.D. coursework. My entire Ph.D. work centers around gender, specifically how family dynamics and gender relations influence the reproductive labor of young mothers as they transition to parenthood. This paper explores what social reproduction is and how it affects mothers. I developed a framework of the consequences for women after transitioning into motherhood, focusing on economic consequences—such as the motherhood penalty, labor market entry, and restricted opportunities for women—and health consequences, including physical and mental health impacts.



“As this was my first attempt at a systematic review, I got extremely important comments on how to shape the review. I was suggested to modify my keywords a bit and to include more papers”

**Aditi B. Prasad**

**Population Association of Singapore, 2023**



"An interesting perspective that I gained from attending the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of Singapore (PAS) 2023 was the application of a life-course approach in understanding gender-based inequalities in health and nutrition outcomes."

**Akancha Singh**

**Population Association of Singapore, 2023**

Since conferences are the most important forums for scientific communication, the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of Singapore (PAS) 2023 was a melting pot of experts from various fields in demography and quantitative sciences, such as economics and statistics. I would like to acknowledge the CDG for providing the financial assistance to attend this event. I had an opportunity to listen and interact with several eminent social scientists.

Additionally, I was able to present my work, obtain critical feedback from experts, and network with fellow researchers and potential collaborators.



## Conference Experiences of Recipients

I had an opportunity to present my paper at the Population Association of Singapore conference on May 11-12, 2023, where I gave an oral presentation on 'Hygienic menstrual practices among tribal adolescents and their determinants in India'. I am very thankful to the CDG for providing the financial assistance to attend PAS 2023. The paper was well-received, and both the panelists and participants appreciated my work as a male researcher focusing on menstrual hygiene. This encouragement also strengthened my belief that menstrual health is not solely a women's issue but a societal one. I was advised to explore the programs and policies at the state level and to examine the policies and programs implemented in states with better performance. The suggestions are highly relevant for my research. Since it is part of my Ph.D. work, I have incorporated their comments into my Ph.D. framework as much as possible.



"The suggestions I received at the conference have helped to shape my understanding of the subject matter and given me the confidence to pursue my work in a relatively complex area as a man."

**Chandan K. Hansda**

**Population Association of Singapore, 2023**



"The conference exposed me to insights beyond my specific research interests, including a deeper understanding of intersectionality, various feminist methodologies, the ecofeminism approach, as well as concepts related to women's empowerment and productivity.

**Puja Das**

**Population Association of Singapore, 2023**

As a PhD candidate actively participating in the Population Association of Singapore conference in 2023, I gained insightful knowledge that significantly advanced both my academic and professional development. Firstly, the occasion provided a platform for discussing cutting-edge research and concepts in my field of study. Interacting with other academics, researchers, and professionals exposed me to a variety of viewpoints and approaches in understanding the issues in the field today. Additionally, the conference facilitated networking opportunities that allowed me to establish connections with both peers and seasoned academics. These exchanges not only fostered collaboration but also provided potential avenues for future research collaborations and initiatives, which would not have been possible without the financial support provided by the CDG. Furthermore, the conference has sparked my interest in exploring premenopausal and other reproductive issues.



## Conference Experiences of Recipients

My attendance at the ISA World Congress of Sociology 2023 as a Ph.D. student was a highly beneficial experience. The congress served as a dynamic platform for the exchange of sociological research, bringing together influential sociologists and scholars worldwide. With the financial support provided by the CDG, I presented my research work titled “Association between school dropouts, early marriages, childbearing, and mental health in early adulthood of women: evidence from a cohort study in Bihar, India”. Engaging with scholars in diverse fields broadened my research perspectives and incorporated advanced methodologies. Witnessing fellow researchers' methods sparked innovative ideas for my study. Insightful feedback from global experts unveiled universal patterns and cultural nuances in topics like school dropout, early marriage, motherhood, and women's mental health. Interacting with professionals from different regions deepened my understanding of sociological issues, contributing to a more nuanced and globally informed comprehension of my research.



“I had the chance to interact with researcher from different corners of world, diverse scholars, and innovative methodologies during the conference, all of which helped to deepen my understanding of gender-related issues.

**Ravita Yadav**

**ISA World Congress of Sociology 2023**



“Attending the conference had a profound influence on my perspective regarding gender research. I was particularly inspired by the emphasis on the role of gender in health economics and the need for gender-sensitive approaches in research and interventions

**Sourav Biswas**

**International Health Economics Association  
Conference, South Africa, 2023**

I would like to express my gratitude for the financial assistance provided by the CDG, which enabled me to attend the International Health Economics Association Conference (IHEA) in Cape Town, South Africa from July 5th to 13th. The financial support provided by the CDG was instrumental in making my participation in this conference possible. Participating in the IHEA Conference was an invaluable experience for me as a Ph.D. research scholar. The conference offered a platform for me to meet globally recognized researchers, engage in stimulating discussions, and gain exposure to cutting-edge research in the field of health economics and gender studies. I had the opportunity to present my research paper, "Identifying the risk factors in explaining child nutrition in two Bengals (West Bengal of India and Bangladesh): A gender perspective," and received valuable feedback from experts in the field. This exposure not only enhanced my research but also expanded my knowledge of diverse approaches to addressing child undernutrition. I also gained insights into various policy perspectives and innovative solutions that have a significant impact on public health.



## Conference Experiences of Recipients

I am very grateful to CDG for providing the financial assistance to attend the Human Development and Capabilities Association (HDCA) 2023 conference. I presented a paper titled "Women capability index: an empirical study of capability approach using NFHS" at the HDCA Conference in Sofia, Bulgaria, from September 11th to 13th, 2023. This conference provided a valuable opportunity to engage with renowned experts in my research field.

As a Ph.D. scholar, the event proved beneficial during and after, offering a platform for discussing ideas and receiving input from field pioneers. Interactions with fellow scholars strengthened my confidence, inspiring me to elevate my research efforts. Peers at the conference provided insights on improving my previous work. Beyond contributing to my research and PhD, the conference expanded my understanding of gender research through panel discussions dedicated to using the capability approach for studying gender and maternal issues.



"The conference gave me an opportunity to listen to Martha Nussbaum, one of the most renowned researchers in the field of gender and development studies. It remains to be one of the most special moments of my life.

**Satyam Raj Singh**

**Human Development and Capabilities Association (HDCA) , Bulgaria**



"I had the privilege of establishing connections with researchers from different countries and fields of study. All of this became possible due to the financial support provided by the CDG. This conference not only enhanced my professional growth but also served as a source of motivation for my family and society, particularly girls.

**Manisha Kaushik**

**ISA World Congress of Sociology 2023**

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the CDG at IIPS Mumbai for providing me travel grant. This grant helped me to attend the World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne, Australia, marking my first international conference experience. It proved to be an invaluable opportunity for learning and networking.

The conference brought together researchers from around the world, providing a platform for them to share their work and insights. I had the chance to interact with professionals working on gender-related issues across various academic disciplines, extending well beyond the field of demography.

Over the seven days of the conference, I attended a wide range of presentations, including oral, poster, and roundtable sessions, which expanded my understanding of gender-related issues. Initially, I had a limited perspective, mostly focused on women, but through engaging with renowned professors and experts in the field of gender studies, I came to realize the broader scope of the subject. This experience inspired me to explore new areas for future research.



## Conference Experiences of Recipients

As a final year Ph.D. scholar, my participation in the prestigious conference, made possible by the CDG, was an invaluable and culminating experience in my academic journey. This opportunity, graciously granted during the final stages of my doctoral studies, proved to be immensely enriching, offering multifaceted insights into the area of gender research. The conference proved invaluable in expanding my knowledge of gender studies through interactions with experts and engaging in extensive and insightful discussions. This conference was instrumental in improving my Ph.D. work by enhancing the knowledge gained from the event.

Finally, it provided a scope for collaboration with researchers from different countries, which is beneficial for my academic career. The conference profoundly shaped my perspective on gender research. It encouraged me to adopt a more holistic and inclusive approach to studying gender related issues. Importantly, the conference emphasized the significance of intersectionality within gender studies, highlighting the need to consider how various social, cultural, and economic factors intersect and influence gender related experiences. Additionally, I gained several ideas for future research endeavors centered around gender themes.



"The diverse range of presentations, discussions, and interactions with experts challenged my prior assumptions and broadened my understanding of the multifaceted nature of gender dynamics.

**Arup Jana**

**British Society for Population Studies (BSPS), 2023, UK**



"I found sessions on LGBTQ older adults' research and the discrimination they face enlightening. These discussions gave me valuable insights into relatively new areas for me.

**Varsha Nagargoje**

**Annual Scientific Meeting**

**Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2023**

I am deeply honored to have had the opportunity to present my doctoral research findings at the esteemed Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Scientific Meeting 2023 in Tampa, FL, USA. The conference took place from November 8th to 12th, 2023. I am truly grateful for the financial assistance from the CDG that made it possible for me to attend the GSA meeting. The research paper I presented at this conference is titled "Intergenerational Financial Transfer and Family Structure in India: Evidence from LASI, 2017-18." During the conference, I actively participated in meaningful discussions within interest group meetings.

Moreover, I enhanced my knowledge by attending presentations and exploring posters that delved into various facets of aging research. Topics such as gender differences in multimorbidity and psychological outcomes, including dementia and cognitive functions, significantly broadened my understanding. Particularly enlightening were sessions on research topics related to LGBTQ older adults and the discrimination they face across various sectors. These discussions provided me with valuable insights into areas that were relatively new to me.



## Conference Experiences of Recipients

First of all, I would like to sincerely thank the CDG for the financial support to attend the International Wittgenstein Centre Conference 2023. The conference focused on Population Heterogeneity with a significant emphasis on gender-related aspects, serving as a hub for discussions on various gender-related theories and research approaches. What struck me most was the extensive global dissemination of gender research, introducing me to new theories and methodologies. It was an eye-opener, delving into gender research in areas like intersectionality and embodiment concerning gender inequalities in health, climate-induced violence, and intimate partner violence (IPV). The discussions resonated with my Ph.D. work, offering external perspectives that can enrich my research. The conference introduced novel facets like dual-function life expectancy by education and gender, adding another layer to the evolving landscape of gender research. This expanded perspective enhances the nuanced understanding of how education and gender intersect to shape life expectancy, contributing to ongoing conversations in the field.

In essence, the conference provided a gateway to a wealth of knowledge, significantly enhancing my understanding of gender research.



"The presentations and discussions provided valuable insights into current challenges, opening doors to innovative approaches and unexplored dimensions. This substantially contributed to advancing my knowledge in gender studies

**Gulnaj Basri**

**International Wittgenstein Centre Conference 2023,  
Vienna**



"The conference offered a valuable opportunity to explore gender differences arising from socio-demographic variations within population heterogeneity.

**Subhojit Shaw**

**International Wittgenstein Centre Conference 2023,  
Vienna**

Attending the esteemed Wittgenstein Centre Conference 2023 was an invaluable experience for me as a final-year Ph.D. scholar. I am very grateful to CDG for the financial support that enabled me to attend this prestigious conference. Engaging with experts and pioneers in my field of interest—environment and population—from diverse universities provided a unique opportunity for knowledge exchange. This platform facilitated meaningful discussions on my research paper, enabling me to receive valuable feedback that will greatly enhance the quality of my work. Moreover, the conference allowed me to connect with professors and scholars who share similar research interests, paving the way for potential collaborations on future projects.

The gender aspect in my research proved to be crucial, particularly in examining the difference of environmental impacts on male and female child mortality in India. The conference provided me with a valuable opportunity to delve deeper into population heterogeneity and explore the gender differences resulting from socio-demographic variations.



## Conference Experiences of Recipients

I am grateful to the CDG, IIPS, which enabled me to attend the annual Population Association of America (PAA) conference held in Columbus, Ohio, from 17-20th April 2024. The financial support received from CDG was very important for participating in PAA.

Participating in the conference provided me with invaluable insights into contemporary demographic issues, particularly in gender research and ageing. Engaging with leading scholars and practitioners expanded my understanding of current trends and methodologies. Networking with peers and experts fostered meaningful discussions, encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration and knowledge exchange.

The conference significantly influenced my perspective on gender research. Through sessions, workshops, and discussions, I gained a deeper appreciation for the complexity and diversity of gender issues in academic and societal contexts. As a result, I left with a heightened awareness of the importance of integrating gender perspectives.



"The exposure to diverse cultural perspectives and innovative approaches broadened my understanding of gender dynamics and encouraged critical reflection on my research practices

**Neha Kumari**

**Population Association of America (PAA) 2024  
United States of America**



"Attending the PAA conference expanded my perspective on gender research, highlighting its intersectionality with factors like caste and disability.

**Komal Gajbhiye**

**Population Association of America (PAA) 2024  
United States of America**

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the CDG, IIPS, for generously funding my poster presentation at the Population Association of America (PAA) conference held from April 17th to 20th, 2024, in Columbus, Ohio, USA.

My paper, focusing on Caste, Gender, and Disability, was selected for the Poster session, where I received valuable comments and suggestions. Engaging with attendees during the conference facilitated connections with individuals interested in the field, enriching my experience. I engage in discussions about my research and personal interests with demographers and scholars. Exploring other poster sessions, oral sessions, and workshops expanded my knowledge base.

Visiting stalls offering information on various data, methodologies, and funding opportunities was enlightening.

Overall, the conference provided an enriching platform for academic growth and networking. Interacting with fellow scholars underscored the importance of interdisciplinary approaches and inclusivity in comprehending complex gender dynamics. This experience has motivated me to approach my research with greater awareness and reflexivity.



## Conference Experiences of Recipients

Attending the PAA conference was enriching, offering exposure to diverse research approaches and methodologies. Interacting with scholars from various disciplines broadened my understanding of gender dynamics in population health.

Presenting my research paper has provided valuable feedback, refined my research methodology and identified future avenues. Engaging in discussions and networking events facilitated professional development and collaboration opportunities.

The conference underscored the importance of adopting an intersectional approach to gender research, acknowledging its complex nature. It also highlighted the significance of empowerment and agency in understanding gender dynamics.

The PAA conference was transformative, deepening my commitment to advancing gender research in population studies. I am grateful for the financial support provided by the CDG, IIPS.



PAA conference has deepened my appreciation for the intersectionality of gender research and its implications for population health outcomes.

**Jhumki Kundu**  
**Population Association of America (PAA) 2024**  
**United States of America**



## Snapshot from Different International Conferences Attended by IIPS Students and Faculty Members





# Research Grants for Gender and Related Projects

To promote gender research at the Institute CDG has approved grants for two extensive research projects on gender related issues. The following are the details of the study and its principal investigators (PIs).

1. Menstrual Health Management (MHM) of adolescents in Mumbai slums: Identifying gender norms and gaps.
2. Mapping the risk factors and consequences of violence against women in India for the last two decades using large-scale data.

The Menstrual health management (MHM) survey is designed for the women and adolescent girls living in urban slums particularly vulnerable in relation to their experiences of menstruation, limited access to WASH, health services, knowledge and cultural practices. Till date, there is no community survey with representative sampling for Mumbai or any other metro city in India. Therefore, this study aims to address the constraints related to MHM, males' knowledge and attitudes towards menstruation along with women's experiences, health seeking behaviour and dealing with the social taboos attached with it as well as awareness, accessibility and utilization of MHM programmes.



**Prof. Aparajita  
Chattopadhyay**



**Dr. Shireen J  
Jejeebhoy**

This study is designed to map the risk factors and consequences of violence against women in India over the past two decades using extensive data. Despite global efforts, violence against women persists as a significant public health issue. The objectives of the study include analyzing the prevalence and changing patterns of violence from NFHS-3 to NFHS-5, identifying persistent and evolving risk factors, exploring shifts in types of violence, and examining consequences such as birth outcomes, contraceptive usage, and nutrition. The study intends to provide insights crucial for developing effective intervention strategies and formulating policies in combating violence against women in India.



**Dr. Suresh  
Jungari**



**Dr. Pradeep S  
Salve**



# Profiles of CDG Affiliated Faculty Members and Staff



**Prof. Abhishek Singh**  
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**Dr. Guru Vasishtha**  
(Member)



**Dr. Archana**  
(Senior Research Scientist)



**Dr. Laeek Ahemad Siddiqui**  
(Research Scientist)



# Profile of Affiliated Faculty Members

Dr. Abhishek Singh, is a Professor and Head Department of Public Health and Mortality Studies at IIPS, Mumbai India. Dr. Singh also heads the CDG at IIPS. He has published more than 120 research papers in peer-reviewed national/international journals. His areas of interest are mortality analysis (including maternal mortality), maternal and child health, gender issues, designing, implementing, and analyzing large-scale surveys, etc. Dr. Singh was visiting faculty as a Gates Scholar at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He was also a recipient of the prestigious Leverhulme Fellowship during the academic year 2011-2012, to collaborate on research with faculty and students of the School of Health Sciences and Social Care University of Portsmouth UK. Dr. Singh is leading the GENDER project, which is a collaboration between IIPS and the Center on Gender Equity and Health University of California, San Diego. He is also a co-principal Investigator of NFHS-6. His recent work includes estimation of India Patriarchy Index (IPI) for the districts of India, association of gender norms with demographic outcomes, use of small-area estimation techniques for estimation of gender inequality indicators for the districts of India, post-abortion contraceptive use, interviewer effects in measuring gender inequality indicators in National Family Health Survey (NFHS), implications of field work design and implementation of NFHS on measuring contraceptive use, etc. He has joined the centre on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.



**Prof. Abhishek  
Singh  
(Head)**

Dr. Aparajita Chattopadhyay is currently associated with IIPS as Professor in the area of Population and Development Studies where she has invested significant time in academic research and post graduate teaching for more than two decades. An area expert in geography and demography, Prof. Chattopadhyay has also served at the Banaras Hindu University as a faculty with the Department of Geography for a brief period. Her teaching and research career include a portfolio of wide-ranging research projects and peer-reviewed academic publications. She has been a recipient of awards and grants for academic achievements and researches from reputed Universities and organizations including the Presidency College, University of Calcutta, International Institute for Population Sciences, Indian Association for the Study of Population to highlight a few. She is the recipient of the prestigious Yusuf Hamied Faculty Fellowship of 2021, Columbia University, USA. She handled different research projects funded by the Government of India, UNICEF etc, like the Longitudinal Aging Study in India (LASI), Comprehensive Nutrition Survey in Maharashtra and Gujarat, SWABHIMAAN baseline survey, Population- Environment and Settlement Project (Pop-Envis). Springer Nature has recently published three of her books. Her area of academic and research interests includes environment and development, gender issues, public health, aging and nutrition. She has joined the centre on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.



**Prof. Aparajita  
Chattopadhyay  
(Associate Head)**



## Profile of Affiliated Faculty Members



**Dr. Manas Ranjan  
Pradhan  
(Member)**

Dr. Manas Ranjan Pradhan is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Fertility and Social Demography, IIPS, Mumbai, India. He has obtained a Ph.D. & M. Phil. in Population Studies from IIPS, Mumbai, and a Master's in Sociology from Ravenshaw University, Cuttack. He has been engaged in teaching and research since 2008. He is an Associate Editor of the Reproductive Health (BMC- Springer Nature Journal) and an Editorial board member of the Business Perspectives and Research (A Sage Journal). He has contributed/involved in several national and international collaborative projects as principal or co-principal investigator, including the National Family Health Survey-4, the Compendium of Tribal Health and Nutrition, the Unintended Pregnancy and Induced Abortion in India (UPAI), and Global Adult Tobacco Survey-3. His research interests include gender issues, fertility and family planning, sexual and reproductive health (SRH), and rights. His doctoral work was on understanding the role of gender in the SRH behavior of youth, using a mixed method approach and measurement of gender equitable scales. Some of his publications highlight the gender socialization process, young people's gender roles and attitudes towards SRH, men's knowledge, attitudes, and practices towards SRH rights of women and intimate partner violence. He has joined the centre on 29th January 2024.



**Dr. Kaushalendra  
Kumar  
(Member)**

Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar is a demographer and applied microeconomist with more than 7 years' experience in researching issues on identifying the determinants of population health, reproductive and maternal health, human capital formation and survey design. Dr. Kumar holds a Ph.D. in Population Studies from IIPS and currently serves as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health and Mortality Studies at IIPS, Mumbai, India. He was a visiting scholar at the Eck Institute for Global Health at the University of Notre Dame, USA. His published research themes include mortality analysis, child health, health financing, gender and violence, population and development, economics of ageing, and interviewer effects on survey response. He has joined the centre on 1st October 2021



## Profile of Affiliated Faculty Members

Dr. Reshmi R. S. is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Migration and Urban Studies, at IIPS, Mumbai. Her education includes M.Sc. in Demography from University of Kerala, M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Population studies from IIPS, Mumbai. Before joining IIPS, she worked as an Assistant Professor in the Institute of Health Management Research, Bangalore. She has around 16 years of experience including 13 years of teaching. Her area of interest is internal and international migration, gender and migration, reproductive and child health and also large-scale survey research. Dr. Reshmi has completed various research projects funded by the Government of India and other UN agencies. Currently, she is involved in the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6) funded by the Government of India. She has published various research papers in national as well as international peer reviewed journals on issues related to migration, gender and public health. She has done extensive work on the area women labour migration and its implications on migrants and their households. Three of her most recently published research papers (with co-authors) include “Evaluation of impact of engaging federations of women groups to improve women’s nutrition interventions- before, during and after pregnancy in social and economically backward geographies: Evidence from three eastern Indian States”, “Context for layering women’s nutrition interventions on a large scale poverty alleviation program: Evidence from three eastern Indian states” and “Women empowerment through involvement in community based health and nutrition interventions: Evidence from a qualitative study in India”, which was published in the journal Plos One. She has joined the centre on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021



**Dr. Reshmi R. S.**  
**(Member)**

Dr. Suresh Jungari is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health & Mortality Studies at International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai. He has a Masters and Ph.D. in (Population Studies) from IIPS, Mumbai. His areas of research interest are public health, gender and reproductive health, violence against women, health inequalities and mortality. His latest research focuses on examining risk factors and consequences of intimate partner violence in India using large-scale data sources. His research in the last few years has been instrumental in examining the role of gender dimensions in demographic aspects. He has published several peer reviewed articles in reputed journals. He has joined the centre on 1st October 2021.



**Dr. Suresh Jungari**  
**(Member)**



## Profile of Affiliated Faculty Members



**Dr. Pradeep S  
Salve  
(Member)**

Dr. Pradeep S. Salve is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Population and Development at the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai. Prior to working in IIPS, he worked as an Assistant Professor at the Population Research Centre (PRC), Dharwad, Karnataka. He has received a fellowship grant from Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI), at Brown University, USA. He has been engaged in monitoring and evaluation of the National Health Missions, National Health Flagship Programs and Public Health Facilities on behalf of the MoHFW, Government of India. His research interest includes Health Policy and Programmes, Community Health, Violence against Women, Maternal and Child Health, Occupational Health, Caste, and Gender. He has been teaching the Gender Health and Development, Healthcare System and Policies and Occupation Health courses at IIPS. He is also one of the Principal Investigator of the “Global Adult Tobacco Survey – 3” and “Mapping the risk factors and consequences of violence against women in India for the last two decades using large-scale data” funded by the MoHFW and BMGF respectively. He has published several research articles in peer-reviewed and reputed international journals including male participation in using family planning methods in India, exposing male masculinity, the intersectionality of caste, gender and occupation etc. He has joined the centre on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021.



**Dr. Guru Vasishtha  
(Member)**

Dr. Guru Vasishtha holds the position of Assistant Professor in the Department of Survey Research & Data Analytics at IIPS, Mumbai. He earned his Ph.D. and M.Phil. in Population Studies from IIPS, Mumbai, showcasing a strong academic foundation. He is a Gold Medalist in Master of Statistics from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Agra. Bringing over three years of experience in both academics and industry, Dr. Vasishtha possesses comprehensive expertise across various domains. His proficiency extends to data management, validation, analysis, and visualization, primarily employing statistical programming in software like R, SAS, STATA, SPSS, MORTPACK, SPECTRUM, and GEODA. Noteworthy among his engagements are contributions to national and international collaborative projects, including the "Maternal and Neonatal Health (MNH) Exemplar Study, India-MNH Project". His research interests span diverse topics such as Multidimensional Poverty, Gender and Health, Data Quality of Large-scale Demographic Surveys, Spatial Analysis, Maternal and Child Health, as well as Mortality and Life Tables. He has joined the centre on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.



## Profile of Affiliated Staff

Dr Archana has done her Ph.D. from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. She has worked in the Department of curriculum studies in National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) Delhi as a research fellow. She has received the ICSSR-Post Doctoral Award for the Period (2019-21). Prior to joining CDG/IIPS, Archana taught Sociology/Anthropology at the National Law School of India University (NLSIU, Bengaluru). She also taught sociology at the Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. Her area of research is Sociology of Caste/ Sociology of Gender/ Sociology of violence/Sociology of Social Movements/ Sociology of Education/ Sociology of Discrimination and Exclusion.



**Dr. Archana**  
(Senior  
Research Scientist)

Dr. Laeek Ahemad Siddiqui, is a young demographer and researcher. He works in the areas of intergenerational education mobility, maternal and child health, nutrition, and gender issues. He has done his master, M.Phil and Ph.D. from the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS). As part of his Ph.D. research, he explored how lack of education among the children of socially and marginally deprived communities not only makes them impoverished but also affects their subsequent generations, who are trapped in intergenerational cycle of poverty and low education. Dr. Siddiqui's exceptional abilities extend beyond theoretical research, as he possesses strong competencies in conducting rigorous scientific studies and handling large-scale data.



**Dr. Laeek Ahemad Siddiqui**  
(Research Scientist)

## Retired Faculty Member



**Prof. Usha Ram**  
Member

Dr. Usha Ram was a Professor in the Department of Public Health and Mortality Studies at IIPS in Mumbai, India. Her research focused on mortality estimation, maternal and child health, mental health, adolescent and youth health, reproductive and sexual health, and population projections. She joined the centre on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021, at its inception. Prof. Ram is now retired from the Institute. CDG is grateful to her for her significant contributions to the centre.



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# From the Editorial Desk

On behalf of the CDG, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed and provided their invaluable support in establishing the centre and ensuring its continuous functioning. First and foremost, we would like to thank and acknowledge the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India for their immense support. We would like to thank, the Director of the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) for providing wisdom and pathway to the centre in organizing the events successfully. The support from the Director's office has been particularly instrumental in achieving these milestones in our inaugural year. Furthermore, we would like to thank, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) for providing financial support to the CDG which is essential for smooth functioning of the centre.

We would like to sincerely acknowledge all the associated faculty members and staff for their unwavering dedication in successfully achieving the centre's goals. We eagerly anticipate your continued support in the centre's upcoming initiatives.

**Editorial Team**

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