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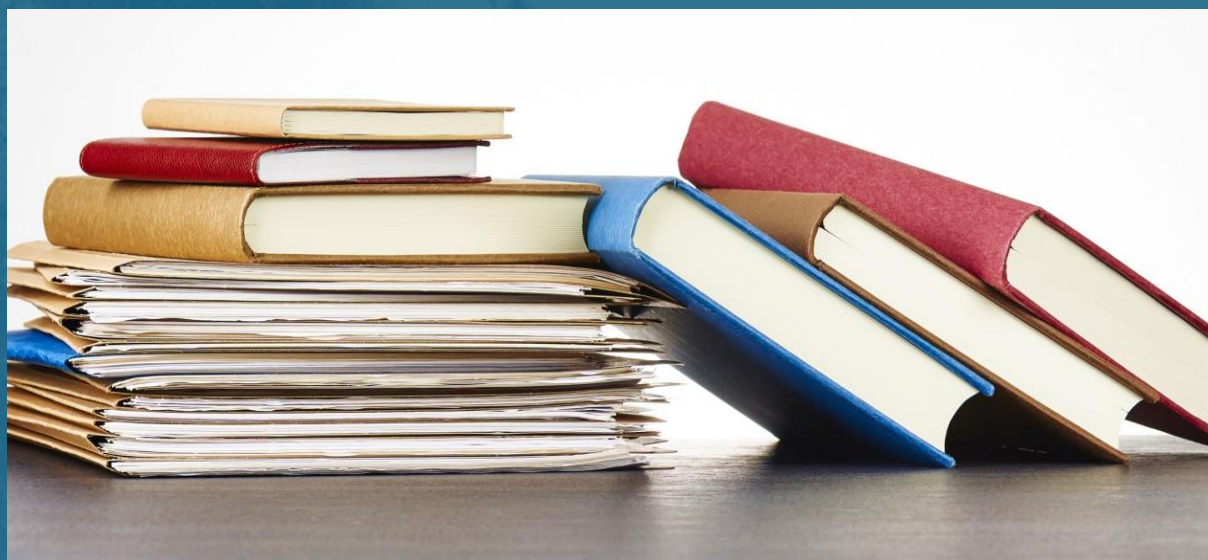
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## From the Desk of Director & Senior Professor, IIPS

I am delighted to learn that the Centre of Demography of Gender (CDG) is releasing the second edition of its newsletter. It is truly encouraging to see that CDG is actively spearheading a range of initiatives and events aimed at advancing gender science, both within the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) and across India. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the CDG members and staff for their unwavering dedication and commendable efforts in bringing out this valuable edition.



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

## From the Desk of Head, Centre of Demography of Gender

I am pleased to present the second edition of the annual newsletter of the Centre of Demography of Gender (CDG). This publication serves as a platform to share updates on our activities and events aimed at advancing gender science and fostering dialogue among academics, researchers, policymakers, and other stakeholders.

This issue highlights key initiatives undertaken by CDG between May 2024 and April 2025. I hope the content proves informative and insightful for our readers. Your feedback is invaluable to us as we continue to strengthen our efforts to promote gender science in India.



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



# About the CDG

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) established CDG within the Department of Population and Development on October 1, 2021. The CDG is committed to advancing high-quality, interdisciplinary teaching and empirical research on key issues related to population, health, and development, both in India and globally.

One of the CDG's core mandates is the development of gender-focused curricula tailored to the needs of diverse stakeholders. CDG also emphasizes capacity building through customized short-term training programs. Additionally, CDG aspires to serve as a comprehensive data repository for gender-related information in India, offering access to individuals, institutions, and other stakeholders.

Beyond research and data services, CDG actively engages in providing timely policy recommendations to central and state governments, as well as local administrative bodies, to inform the development of effective gender-responsive policies and programs. CDG also seeks to foster collaboration by bringing together national and international experts in the field of gender studies, creating a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange and the promotion of best practices in gender-related teaching and research.

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# World Population Day

## Symposium 2024

CDG celebrated the World Population Day 2024 on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024, commemorating thirty years since the ICPD Programme of Action, Cairo 1994 - a landmark event in the history of population programs. The event was jointly organized by the Short-Term Training Programme (STTP) Cell and the Publication Cell in collaboration with CDG. The program began with an insightful introduction by Prof. D. A. Nagdeve, Director and Senior Professor (additional charge) of IIPS, and Prof. U. S. Mishra, Coordinator of the Publication Cell and the STTP Cell. Prof. Nagdeve formally welcomed the speakers through a felicitation ceremony. The theme for the World Population Day 2024, “Women’s Sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights,” emphasized the critical importance of empowering women and ensuring their health and rights remain central to global population discourse.

### Expert Talks Highlight Diverse Perspectives

On behalf of the Centre for Demography of Gender (CDG), Dr. Reshmi R. S. provided a brief introduction to the Centre, highlighting its ongoing projects and its focus on gender-related activities and functions. Dr. Shireen Jejeebhoy and Dr. Deepak Raut were the guest speakers. Prof. U. S. Mishra introduced the speakers, setting the stage for an insightful session.

The first speaker Dr. Shireen Jejeebhoy, Director of the Aksha Centre for Equity and Wellbeing and President of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), with a distinguished career focused on sexual and reproductive health, adolescent development, and gender-based violence, delivered an insightful talk on the topic titled *“How much voice do girls and young women exercise in sexual and reproductive health”*.

The second eminent speaker, Dr. Deepak Raut, serves as the Director, Professor, and Dean at the National Institute of Public Health Training and Research, Mumbai. A distinguished expert in the field of healthcare management, clinical research, program evaluation, and medical education, Dr. Raut delivered an engaging talk on *“Demographic Dividend in the Era of Epidemiological Transition in India”*. The event was attended by students and faculty members of IIPS and concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Srinivas Goli, Coordinator of the STTP cell and the Publication Cell.





# Workshop to Review the Draft Gender Related Curriculum

CDG organized a workshop at the Institute on October 11, 2024, to review draft curriculum related to gender.

The workshop featured distinguished experts, including Dr. Sonal Desai from the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), who participated in person, and Dr. Neetha N. from the Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi, who joined virtually.

Dr. Abhishek Singh, Head of CDG, inaugurated the session with a welcome note and outlined the objectives of the workshop. A preliminary draft of the curriculum was shared with the experts beforehand to facilitate the reviews and foster meaningful discussions during the event.





# Workshop to Review the Draft Gender Related Curriculum

## Expert Contributions

Dr. Sonal Desai, who also serves as one of the members of the advisory board of CDG, appreciated the curriculum outline and provided constructive feedback based on her extensive experience. She also recommended adding additional readings to some sections of the curriculum.

Dr. Neetha N. also appreciated the innovative and highly useful curriculum on the emerging topic of gender, particularly in today's context. She provided positive feedback, especially on the section on gender and migration, where she is a leading academic expert in India.

## Broader Academic Collaboration

Beyond this workshop, the curriculum has received valuable feedback from Dr. Shireen J. Jejeebhoy, Visiting Faculty at IIPS. Her constructive feedback has further enriched the curriculum, ensuring that it meets high academic and practical standards.

The workshop marks a significant step in CDG's mission to create a robust and comprehensive curriculum on gender studies. Contributions from national and international experts highlight the collaborative spirit driving this initiative. Prof. Singh expressed his gratitude and acknowledged all members, emphasizing the importance of their insights in shaping an inclusive and impactful curriculum. This collaborative effort reaffirms the Centre's commitment to advancing gender studies through rigorous academic standards and a multidisciplinary approach.







# Research Presentations

## by CDG Faculty Members

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

1. Prof. Abhishek Singh presented a paper on **“Women’s employment, financial inclusion, gender norms and intimate partner violence across the 640 districts of India: An ecological analysis”** at 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Population Geographies held from June 30 – July 3, 2024, in Queen's University, Belfast (Northern Ireland), UK.
2. Dr. Manas Ranjan Pradhan presented a paper on **“Gender power dynamics and experience of emotional spousal violence among women in India”** at the British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) conference held from September 9-11, 2024, in University of Bath, UK.
3. Dr. Reshmi presented a paper on **“Implications of male migration on the decision-making and autonomy of the migrants’ wives: A study from North India”** at the 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Population Association Conference held from November 27-30, 2024 in Kathmandu City, Nepal.
4. Dr. Suresh Jungari presented a paper on **“Gender differentials in transition in sexual life in India: A role of demographic determinants”** at the 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Population Association Conference held from November 27-30, 2024 in Kathmandu City, Nepal.
5. Dr. Pradeep Salve presented a paper on **“Who won the house in India? Gender inequalities in ownership of housing”** at the 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Population Association Conference held from November 27-30, 2024 in Kathmandu City, Nepal.
6. Dr. Guru Vashishta presented a paper on **“Non-response biases in demographic health survey”** at the 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Population Association Conference held from November 27-30, 2024 in Kathmandu City, Nepal.





# Financial Support Recipients

## Ph.D. Students



Viraj Mahesh Vibhute



Puja Goswami



Gursimran Singh Rana



Manali Swargiary



Ali Abbas Rizvi



Abhishek Kumar



Sasanka Boro

## Faculty Members



Prof. Abhishek  
Singh



Dr. Manas  
Ranjan Pradhan



Dr. Suresh  
Jungari



Dr. Pradeep S.  
Salve



Dr. Reshmi R. S.



Dr. Guru  
Vasishtha



# List of Financial Support Recipients

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

S. N.	Student/ Faculty Member	Title of the Paper	Conference	Time and venue
1	Mr. Viraj Mahesh Vibhute	Sex ratio at birth in India: Emergence of an inverted U-shaped curve and its key drivers	Population Association of America	17-20 April 2024, Columbus, USA
2	Ms. Puja Goswami	Intergenerational mobility and socio-economic disparity in women's education in India: Insights from LASI first wave data	Population Association of America	17-20 April 2024, Columbus, USA
3	Ms. Manali Swargiary	Exploring domestic violence in India: A comprehensive analysis of marital violence and women's perspectives	European Population Conference	12-15 June 2024, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK
4	Mr. Gursimran Singh	Gender disparities in unpaid care work time in Indian households: An exploration of Indian Time Use Survey, 2019	University of Maryland, U.S.A.	13-14 June 2024, USA
5	Mr. Ali Abbas Rizvi	A nexus of family structure and women's decision-making in South Asian countries: Using simultaneous equation approach	British Society for Population Studies (BSPS)	9-11 September 2024, University of Bath, UK
6	Mr. Abhishek Kumar	Generational shifts in diabetes risk: A gendered survival analysis of retrospective birth cohorts using nationally representative data in India	Population Association of America	10-13 April 2025, Washington D.C. USA
7	Mr. Sasanka Boro	Gender differences across life course socio-economic position and cognition in late life among older adults in India	Population Association of America	10-13 April 2025, Washington D.C. USA
<b>Faculty Members</b>				
1	Prof. Abhishek Singh	Women's employment, financial inclusion, gender norms, and intimate partner violence across the 640 districts of India: An ecological analysis	International Conference on Population Geographies	30 June – 3 July, Queen's University, Belfast (Northern Ireland), UK
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## Conference Experiences of Recipients

I express my gratitude to the Centre of Demography of Gender (CDG), IIPS, for providing the financial support that enabled my attendance at the annual Population Association of America (PAA) conference held in Columbus, Ohio, from April 17th to 20th, 2024. The assistance from CDG was instrumental in facilitating my participation in the PAA conference.

During the conference, I had the opportunity to present a paper and engage with researchers whose presentations were closely aligned with my Ph.D. work. These interactions not only enhanced my understanding but also opened up possibilities for future collaborations. The discussions surrounding low fertility and its socio-political implications, particularly in East Asian and Western countries, were of particular interest. These issues intersect with existing gender dynamics, impacting areas such as marriage and caregiving. As India transitions to replacement-level fertility and continues to experience declining fertility rates, insights from low fertility regions around the world offer valuable cues for future research directions.



I received significant comments from the chair and others, and the paper holds central importance in my Ph.D. research. It is truly invaluable to me.

**Viraj Mahesh Vibhute**

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



The various information desks at the conference served as a rich resource for accessing new data and discovering research opportunities.

**Puja Goswami**

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

Attending my first international conference as a Ph.D. scholar was enlightening. I gained insights into the growing importance of adopting new methodologies like machine learning and natural language processing from data science, crucial tools in contemporary research. Additionally, I realized the benefits of collaborating with foreign universities for broadening perspectives and facilitating comparative studies. I am thankful to the Center of Demography of Gender for providing a travel grant that enabled me to attend the PAA 2024 Annual Meeting. There, I presented my research paper titled "Intergenerational Mobility and Socioeconomic Disparity in Women's Education in India: Insights from LASI First Wave Data." The feedback on my presentation was encouraging, especially regarding the unique three-generation triad of Indian women that my research focused on. I received methodological suggestions, including exploring alternative approaches to the mobility matrix.



## Conference Experiences of Recipients

I am very grateful to the Centre of Demography of Gender for the financial assistance that enabled my attendance at the European Population Conference held in Edinburgh, Scotland, from June 12–15, 2024.

Attending the conference enhanced my understanding of advanced demographic research and gender-focused methodologies. Engaging with leading researchers introduced new perspectives on gender dynamics and informed my own research approach, especially in understanding and analyzing gendered violence. Presenting my paper in the session on “The Impact of Violence on Health, Wellbeing, and Morbidity” highlighted the importance of inclusive, intersectional methods. This experience inspired me to explore how gendered violence intersects with age, migration, and socioeconomic status, as well as its generational impacts, providing new dimensions to integrate into my research on gender and demographic policy.



I had the opportunity to engage with leading researchers and gain valuable insights into new approaches for examining gender dynamics within populations.

**Manali Swargiary**

**European Population Conference (EPC) 2024  
Edinburgh, Scotland**



Meeting with the expert and having a productive discussion was a truly memorable experience for me.

**Gursimran Singh Rana**

**Time Use Survey Conference 2024  
University of Maryland, USA**

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Centre of Demography of Gender (CDG) at IIPS for their financial support, which enabled me to attend the Time Use Conference 2024 held at the University of Maryland, USA, from June 13-14, 2024. This assistance was pivotal in facilitating my participation and learning at this important event.

Attending the international conference as a Ph.D. scholar was invaluable. I gained insights into the significance of adopting innovative methods in time-use data research and had the chance to engage with prominent scholars in my field. This networking provided meaningful opportunities for future collaborations, enhancing my understanding of unexplored areas, especially regarding time-use data analysis in the Indian context. The experience broadened my research perspective and introduced me to new analytical approaches and methodologies.

Additionally, I received constructive feedback on my article, including valuable methodological suggestions that will greatly benefit my research.

Once again, I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Centre of Demography of Gender (CDG) for their support in making this memorable experience possible.



## Conference Experiences of Recipients

I am grateful to the Centre of Demography of Gender for providing the financial support to attend the 51<sup>st</sup> British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) conference, held at the University of Bath from September 9-11, 2024. Participating in the BSPS Annual Conference offered a valuable opportunity to present my research on women's decision-making processes concerning family structure in South Asia. Engaging with diverse research from other scholars broadened my understanding of comparative family studies across cultural contexts, particularly in gender-focused research on household dynamics. The conference experience not only honed my research skills but also helped align my study with global discourse in family demography. It reiterated the critical role of family structures in shaping women's autonomy and decision-making, enriching my understanding of gender equity from a multifaceted cultural perspective. Findings presented demonstrated that traditional family norms, especially within joint households, often restrict women's participation in decision-making in South Asian countries. Sharing these insights at the conference underscored the need for culturally sensitive approaches to address gender inequalities. This experience encouraged further exploration of regional variations and inspired a deeper focus on socio-cultural influences on women's autonomy in future gender research.



Input from leading scholars revealed additional layers of family structure's impact on gender dynamics, further validating the methodological direction.

**Ali Abbas Rizvi**

**British Society for Population Studies, 2024**  
**University of Bath, UK**



Attending the technical session on demographic methods significantly enhanced my analytical skills.

**Abhishek Kumar**

**Population Association of America, 2025**  
**Washington D.C. USA**

I am deeply grateful for the travel grant support extended to me by the Centre of Demography of Gender (CDG), which enabled my participation in the Population Association of America (PAA) 2025 Annual Meeting held in Washington, D.C.

Attending the PAA 2025 conference provided invaluable exposure to global trends and the latest research on ageing, health inequalities, and non-communicable diseases. It also allowed me to present my research on Generational Shifts in Diabetes Risk and receive direct feedback from international experts. The sessions on demographic methods, health economics, and life course perspectives enriched my analytical approach and inspired new directions for exploring the socioeconomic determinants in my thesis work. My engagement with gender-focused sessions broadened my understanding of how chronic diseases like diabetes intersect with gender roles, social norms, and caregiving patterns—particularly among older adults in India. This experience made me more conscious of the importance of integrating gender-sensitive indicators and intersectional analyses into my work. I now recognize gender not merely as a covariate, but as a structural factor shaping health access, reporting, and outcomes.



## Conference Experiences of Recipients

I am deeply grateful to the Centre of Demography of Gender (CDG) for providing financial assistance that enabled me to attend the prestigious Population Association of America (PAA) 2025 Conference held in Washington, D.C., USA. I had the opportunity to present my research on Gender Differences in Cognition Across the Life Course in India. Engaging with international scholars through sessions and discussions helped me reflect on the policy relevance of academic research and how demographic insights can inform more equitable interventions. The feedback I received during my poster presentation was instrumental in refining my conceptual framework and validating the broader significance of my findings.

This conference marked a turning point in how I perceive gender research. Previously, my understanding was largely centered around structural inequalities in socio-economic outcomes. However, the conference expanded my perspective, encouraging me to view gender as a dynamic, intersectional process shaped by age, culture, policy, and lived experiences across the life course. I realized that gender is not a static binary but a fluid, multi-layered construct deeply intertwined with institutional systems like education, healthcare, labor markets, and family structures. Furthermore, the conference underscored the need for gender-sensitive methodologies, from survey design to data interpretation. These insights have motivated me to critically reassess my research approach, ensuring it addresses not only sex-based differences but also the broader social and cultural structures sustaining gender disparities.



The discussion with the expert significantly broadened my understanding of gender, helping me to see it not just as a binary category, but as a complex and evolving social construct influenced by multiple factors.

**Sasanka Boro**

Population Association of America, 2025  
Washington D.C. USA

# Projects Under CDG

## Project Name

### **Menstrual Health Management (MHM) of Adolescents in Mumbai Slums: Identifying Gender Norms and Gaps**

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**

The project titled “Menstrual Health Management (MHM) of Adolescents in Mumbai Slums: Identifying Gender Norms and Gaps” is a pioneering effort to improve understanding and practices related to menstrual health among underserved communities in Mumbai. With the goal of addressing critical gender norms and health gaps, the project team developed comprehensive survey tools and initiated fieldwork in May 2024. To date, interviews have been conducted with 1,346 adolescent girls and 602 adolescent boys, capturing a diverse range of perspectives. Additionally, key informant interviews and in-depth discussions with the parents of adolescent girls provided valuable qualitative insights into the social and cultural factors influencing menstrual health practices. Both the quantitative and qualitative data collection were successfully completed in October 2024. The project factsheet has been released. The team is currently working on preparing the final report. Stay tuned for the upcoming release and more insights from this important research.

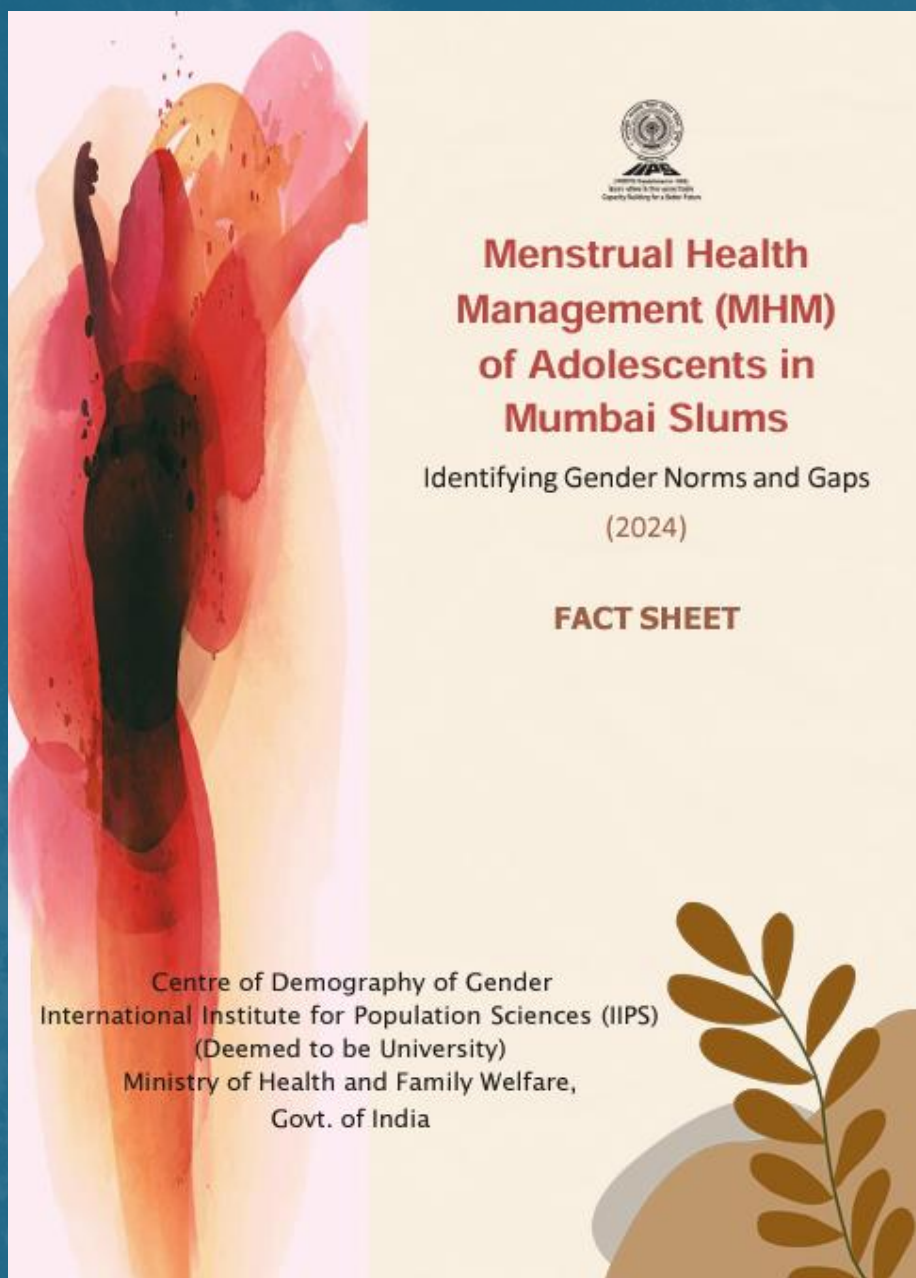




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The preliminary results of the Menstrual Health Management project has been released and can be accessed on the Centre's website. Please use the link provided below to view the factsheet of the project.

<https://www.iipsindia.ac.in/content/menstrual-health-management-mhm-adolescents-mumbai-slums-identifying-gender-norms-and-gaps>



**Prof. Aparajita  
Chattopadhyay**



**Dr. Shireen J.  
Jejeebhoy**

# Projects Under CDG

## Project Name

### Mapping the Risk Factors and Consequences of Violence against Women in India for the Last Two Decades Using Large-Scale Data

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 against women 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**

In 2024, the project team contributed to global conversations on intimate partner violence (IPV) through two impactful presentations at renowned international forums. Both presentations advanced dialogue and action in the field of IPV prevention. Below are the details of the conferences where Dr. Suresh Jungari presented the preliminary findings of the project.

## Conference Presentations

**Conference Title:** 15<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion

**Date:** September 2-4, 2024

**Location:** New Delhi, India

**Research Paper Title:** Fatal injuries of intimate partner violence among women in India: A neglected area of injury prevention

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Suresh Jungari

**Conference Title:** SVRI Forum 2024

**Date:** October 21-25, 2024

**Location:** Cape Town, South Africa

**Research Paper Title:** Dynamics of changing determinants of intimate partner violence in India: Evidence from National Family Health Survey- 2005-06 to 2019-21

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Suresh Jungari





# Profiles of CDG Affiliated Faculty Members and Staff



**Prof. Abhishek Singh**  
(Head)



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



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



**Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar**  
(Member)



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



**Dr. Suresh Jungari**  
(Member)



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



**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  
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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.

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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**  
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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**  
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