

FIFTY-FOURTH CONVOCATION



Shri Sudip Bandyopadhyay delivering the Presidential address.

The fifty-fourth convocation of IIPS was held on 9th June 2012.

Shri Sudip Bandyopadhyay, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and Prof. Bimal Kumar Roy, Director of Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, graced the occasion.

The President of India, Shrimati Pratibha Devisingh Patil, extended her greetings and felicitations through a message to all passing out students of IIPS.



Prof. Bimal Kumar Roy, Chief Guest and Prof. F. Ram, Director, at the convocation.

From Editor's Desk....

Greetings !!

In this issue, we present the important activities of IIPS during January to June 2012. We are also happy to present the proceedings of the 54th convocation of IIPS, held in June 2012. We extend our greetings to the students who have received their degrees/diplomas in this convocation. We congratulate the rank holders and award winners.

Those who wish to receive our publications, such as Research Briefs and Working Papers, kindly write to us at publicationcell@iips.net

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Vision "To position IIPS as a premier teaching and research institution in population sciences responsive to emerging national and global Needs based on values of inclusion, sensitivity and rights protection."

Mission "The Institute will strive to be a centre of excellence on population, health and development issues through high quality education, teaching and research. This will be achieved by (a) creating competent professionals, (b) generating and disseminating scientific knowledge and evidence, (c) collaboration and exchange of knowledge, and (d) advocacy and awareness."

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH CONVOCATION



Dr. F. Ram, Director and Sr. Professor, presenting the Director's Report



(Above) Academic procession entering the hall

(Below) View of the audience

The fifty-fourth convocation of IIPS was conducted on 9th June, 2012. The convocation started with the arrival of academic procession entering the venue. Prof. F. Ram, Director and Senior Professor, presented the Director's Report for the academic year 2011-2012. He described the activities of IIPS during this period.

Shri Sudip Bandyopadhyay, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Government of India delivered the Presidential address. He congratulated the young demographers for successfully completing their degrees and diplomas and those who had won medals for their meritorious performance. He complimented that IIPS has done an excellent service in providing training to over 3000 professionals in the field of population and health from India and several countries. He specifically mentioned that IIPS is well known for its expertise in conducting large-scale demographic surveys such as National Family Health Survey (NFHS) and District Level Household and Facility Survey (DLHS).

Prof. Bimal Kumar Roy, Director of Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata, was the Chief Guest and delivered the Convocation Address. He mentioned that ISI and IIPS have many things in common. IIPS has completed 50 years of glorious existence in 2006 and likewise in the same year, ISI celebrated its 75 years. He said that just as IIPS has gone from strength to strength in the academic field and enriched itself by organising seminars and conferences at national and international levels. Similarly ISI has a Unit called Population Studies Unit (PSU), that deals with various aspects of population related matters.



MEDALS / AWARDS WINNING STUDENTS

Every year gold medals are awarded to the first rank holders in their respective programmes. The second best student of M. Phil., MPS, MA/M.Sc., DHPE and PGDCH are awarded silver medals.

A student from MPS programme, whose overall performance is adjudged to be the best, is awarded the Dr. C. Chandrasekaran Gold Medal. A student each from DHPE and PGDCH programmes, whose overall performance adjudged to be the best, are awarded the IIPS Gold Medals. A student, whose overall performance is adjudged to be the best in the MPS (Distance Learning) programme, is awarded the Dr. K. Srinivasan Gold Medal. A student whose M.Phil thesis, adjudged to be the best, is awarded the Dr. P. N. Mari Bhat Award. A student whose overall performance is adjudged to be the best in the MA/ M.Sc. programme is awarded the Prof. Asha A. Bhende Gold Medal. This medal has been instituted in memory of late Prof. Asha A. Bhende by the Institute of Health Management, Pachod (IHMP). A student from MPS programme, whose seminar paper is rated as the best is awarded the Dr. J. R. Rele Award. This award is based on the seminar paper's content and the student's presentation and defence skills while presenting the paper at the 'IIPS Students-Faculty Seminar'.

The following meritorious students received the medals/awards from Prof. Bimal Kumar Roy, Director of Indian Statistical Institute, in the fifty-fourth convocation of IIPS

I. IIPS Gold Medal

- 1) Ms. Golla Saraswathamma (DHPE)
- 2) Ms. Sarala S. Kadam (PGDCH)
- 3) Ms. Moatula Ao (M.Phil-One Year)
- 4) Ms. Navneet Saini (DPS - Distance Learning)

II. Dr. Asha A. Bhende Gold Medal

Ms. Ritika Mukherjee (M.A./M.Sc)

III. Dr. C. Chandrasekaran Gold Medal

Ms. Tanima Basu (MPS)

IV. Dr. K. Srinivasan Gold Medal

Dr. Arindam Ray (MPS - Distance Learning)

V. Dr. J. R. Rele Award

Ms. Tanima Basu (MPS)

VI. Dr. P. N. Mari Bhat Award

Mr. Raj Kumar Verma (M. Phil)



Ms. Moatula Ao receiving the IIPS Gold Medal.
(M. Phil Programme)



Ms. Ritika Mukherjee receiving the Dr. Asha A.
Bhende Gold Medal (MA/M.Sc.)

MEDALS / AWARDS



Mr. Raj Kumar Verma receiving Dr. P. N. Mari Bhat Award for Best M. Phil Thesis.



Ms. Aishwarya receiving the IIPS Silver Medal (M.Phil - One Year Programme).



Ms. Tanima Basu (MPS) receiving Dr. C. Chandrasekaran Gold Medal. She also received the Dr. J. R. Rele Award for best Seminar Paper.



Ms. Shrestha Saha receiving the IIPS Silver Medal (MPS).

VII. IIPS Silver Medals

- 1) Ms. P. Geetha (DPS - Distance Learning)
- 2) Ms. Vijaya V. Jamdhade (DHPE)
- 3) Mr. Ankit Anand (M.A./M.Sc.)
- 4) Ms. Shrestha Saha (MPS)
- 5) Ms. Anupam Shukla (MPS-Distance Learning)
- 6) Ms. Aishwarya (M.Phil - One Year)



Mr. Ankit Anand receiving the IIPS Silver Medal (M.A./M.Sc. Programme).

DR. ASHA A. BHENDE MEMORIAL LECTURE



The First Professor Asha A. Bhende Memorial Lecture was held at IIPS on 27th February, 2012. Dr. Shireen J. Jejeebhoy from Population Council, New Delhi delivered the lecture on “Promoting Young People's Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in India: Have we kept the promises we made?”. The memorial lecture was instituted by Ashish Gram Rachana Trust, Pachod in memory of its former chairperson, Prof. Bhende, who was also a Professor at IIPS for many years.

Dr. Jejeebhoy, using the available evidence from various surveys and studies, elaborated on the present scenario of reproductive health in India, particularly the adolescent health. Her lecture focused on two aspects – We have made many commitments, but have these commitments been translated into reality? Are our young people making a successful transition to adulthood in a globalized and fast moving century?

Dr. Jejeebhoy has undertaken important research studies / projects exploring various dimensions of reproductive health issues of adolescents and youth in India. Before joining Population Council, she worked with WHO in Geneva. Dr. Jejeebhoy holds Ph.D in Demography from University of Pennsylvania, USA. Her work focused on social science research on reproductive health issues.



DR. C. CHANDRASEKARAN MEMORIAL LECTURE



Since 2001, IIPS has instituted an annual lecture series in memory of late Dr. C. Chandrasekaran, former Director of the Institute and a renowned demographer. Every year eminent scholars in the field of population and development are invited to deliver the Dr. C. Chandrasekaran Memorial Lecture.

Tenth Dr. C. Chandrasekaran Memorial Lecture was held on 21st March, 2012. Prof. Gita Sen from Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bangalore, delivered the lecture on “Population Policies in 21st Century India: Realising the Promise of Human Rights”. Dr. Gita Sen combines a distinguished academic career with policy advocacy and NGO activism. She received her Ph.D in Economics from Stanford University, USA in 1977. Dr. Sen has been a Visiting Professor at Harvard University and author of several books on gender-related issues.

Prof. Gita Sen in her lecture elaborated on various policy measures and how far women's rights were taken into consideration while formulating and implementing population policies and programmes in post-independent India.

This lecture series was co-ordinated by Dr. T. V. Sekher and Dr. Manoj Alagarajan.



DR. P. N. MARI BHAT MEMORIAL LECTURE



Since 2008, IIPS has initiated an annual lecture series in memory of late Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat, a distinguished demographer and former Director of IIPS. The Fourth Professor P. N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture was held on 29th March, 2012.

Professor Leela Visaria from Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), Ahmedabad, delivered the lecture on “Maternal Mortality in India: Is Gender the Key Determinant?”. Prof. Leela Visaria holds a Ph.D in Sociology from Princeton University, USA. She has published extensively on various demographic issues which include the book - “Twenty-first Century India: population, economy, human development and the environment” - jointly with Tim Dyson and Robert Cassen (Oxford University Press, 2004).



Prof. Visaria highlighted the contributions of Prof. Mari Bhat to India's demographic research. She also outlined the various concerns regarding persisting high maternal mortality in India and its determinants and implications. Based on her extensive field work in different parts of India, Dr. Visaria analysed the factors responsible for high maternal mortality.

This lecture series was co-ordinated by Dr. T. V. Sekher and Dr. Manoj Alagarajan.



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National Seminar on Demographic Transition and Inclusive Development

National Seminar on 'Demographic Transition and Inclusive Development' was organized by IIPS in collaboration with Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata during 15 -17 March, 2012. The seminar focused on various aspects of demographic transition and economic development keeping in view the inclusive development as a paradigm shift in India's planning process. Altogether 175 papers were presented in two plenary sessions, two poster sessions and 24 technical sessions. Majority of the participants were young researchers. Delegates from USA, Philippines and Bangladesh also participated in this seminar.

The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. Jayant K. Ghosh, Professor Emeritus, ISI, Kolkata and the inaugural address was delivered by Prof. T. K. Roy, former Director, IIPS. Both of them stressed upon the factors contributing to the demographic transition in India and its far reaching implications. Demographic transition is closely related to socio- economic development. They also reiterated the challenging role of demographers to understand and analyze the socio- economic changes sweeping across the country.



Prof. F. Ram addressing the conference during the inaugural session

The National Seminar concluded with the valedictory address delivered by Shri Dilip Ghosh, Mission Director, NHRM, Department of Health, Govt. of West Bengal. The valedictory session was presided over by Shri Sanjay Mitra, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal.

Co-ordinators: Prof. F. Ram, Prof. R. B. Bhagat, Prof. Rajiva Prasad, Dr. Manoj Alagarajan, Dr. Aparajita Chattopadhyay.

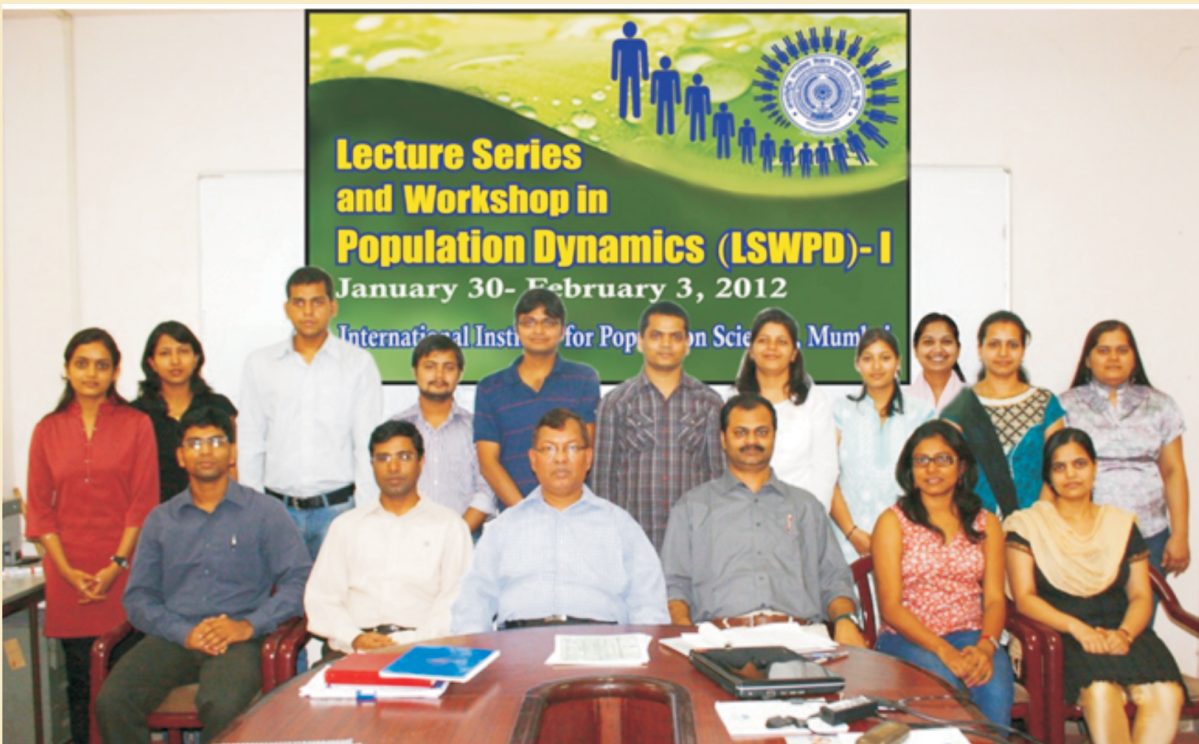
Lecture Series and Workshop on Population Dynamics

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized the first Lecture Series and Workshop on Population Dynamics (LSWPD-I) for Ph.D. students during Jan 30- Feb 3, 2012. The Lecture Series and Workshop is an earnest effort of the Institute towards reviving the area of research in Mathematical Demography. Prof. F. Ram, Director and Senior Professor, inaugurated the first LSWPD and encouraged students to work in the area of Mathematical Demography. Prof. L. Ladusingh, Head, Department of Mathematical Demography & Statistics, also motivated the participants to take up research studies in the area of Mathematical Demography. Fourteen Ph.D. scholars participated in the first LSWPD.

The major topics covered under the first LSWPD were:

- Basic Concepts of Population Models and their importance
- Discrete Population Models and Applications
- Continuous Population Models and Applications
- Basics of Bayesian Approach and Applications

Dr. Arni S.R. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Professor at Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata and Dr. Chander Shekhar, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematical Demography and Statistics, IIPS, jointly coordinated the workshop.



Resource persons with workshop participants.

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