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FIFTY-SIXTH CONVOCATION

Dr. Atul Sarma delivering convocation address

The Fifty-sixth Convocation of IIPS was held on 26th May, 2014. Dr. Rattan Chand, Chief Director (Stats) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, and Member, General Council, IIPS delivered the presidential address.

Dr. Atul Sarma, Chairman, OKD Institute of Social Change & Development, Guwahati delivered the convocation address.

Prof. F. Ram, Director and Senior Professor of IIPS, gave the welcome address and presented the Director's Report for the academic year 2013-2014.

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Greetings to all,

With this issue our Newsletter is now 55 years old and a new team has taken over. We thank Prof. T. V. Sekher, Dr. Manoj Alagarajan and Team for their valuable contribution. In this issue we present the activities of IIPS during January to June 2014, which includes the 56th Convocation of IIPS held on 26th May, 2014. We are happy to present the proceedings of the convocation in this issue. We congratulate all the students who have received their degree/diplomas in this convocation.

In our efforts to continue to update you with academic and other activities at IIPS, we look forward to your support, suggestion and contribution. You can contact us at publicationcell@iips.net

Prof. H. Lhungdim
Dr. Harihar Sahoo
(Editors)

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."

Proceeding of the Fifty-Sixth Convocation

Audience of 56th Convocation

Prof. F. Ram, Director IIPS, addressing his Welcome Speech

One hundred and seventy-three students have received their degrees/diplomas at this convocation - Diploma in Health Promotion Education (DHPE) – 18 students; Post Graduate Community Health (PGDCH) -8; Diploma Master of Population Studies (MPS) – 42 students; Master of Philosophy in Population Studies (M.Phil.) - 32 students; Master of Arts/Science in Population Studies (MA/ M.Sc.) - 39 students; Doctor of Philosophy in Population Studies (Ph.D.) - 12 students; Master of Population Studies (Distance Learning) – 19 students; and Diploma in Population Studies (Distance Learning) – 3 students. Dr. Rattan Chan, Chief Director (Stats) Minister of for Health and Family Welfare, Government of India presented the degrees/diplomas to the passing-out students. Dr. Atul Sarma, the Chief Guest, bestowed the meritorious students with medals/awards.

Prof. F. Ram Presenting Director's Report

Dr. Rattan Chand Delivering Presidential Address

In his Presidential Address, Dr Rattan Chand highlighted the critical dimensions of health status in India, particularly the challenge for reducing maternal mortality and infant mortality. He elaborated the various initiatives of the government under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM).

Dr Atul Sarma in his Convocation address traced opportunities and challenges in higher education in the globalized world. However, critical for India to address the challenges so to reap the demographic dividends the opportunity for which comes but only once in a nation's life. Further, he emphasized in view of growing number of private institutions of unknown and uncertain quality, there is an urgent need for putting in place an appropriate regulatory mechanism to ensure quality education and skilled generation.

Dr. Atul Sarma Delivering Convocation Address

Dr. Rattan Chand and Dr. Atul Sarma

AWARDS / 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 Medal.

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 overall performance is adjudged to be the best in the DPS (Distance Learning) programme is awarded the IIPS Gold Medal.

A student whose overall performance is adjudged to be the best in the M. Phil programme is awarded IIPS gold medal. The student adjudged as the second best will receive IIPS silver medal.

A student whose M. Phil/Ph.D thesis, adjudged to be the best, is awarded the Dr. P.N. Mari Bhat Award. This award has been instituted in memory of the late Prof. P.N. Mari Bhat by his parents.

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 the late Prof. Asha A. Bhende by the Institute of Health Management, Pachod (IHMP).

A student from MPS programme, whose seminar paper, 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 skill, while presenting the paper at the 'IIPS Student – Faculty Seminar'.

Silver medals (IIPS) are awarded to students whose overall performance is ranked as the second best, in the respective programmes – MA / M.Sc., MPS, DHPE, DPS and MPS (Distance Learning) and M.Phil. programme.

This year the medals/awards were given to the students by the chief guest of the convocation, Dr. Atul Sarma. The list of meritorious students who received medals and awards is given below.

- **"IIPS Gold Medal" : DHPE Programme for securing first rank**
  Ms. SUNITARANI PANDA
- **"IIPS Gold Medal" :PGDCH Programme for securing first rank**
  Mrs. PRATIBHA B. KATE
- **"Dr. Asha A. Bhende Gold Medal" : M.A./M.Sc Programme for securing First rank**
  Ms. KAJORI BANERJEE
- **"Dr. C. Chandrasekaran Gold Medal" : MPS Programme for securing First rank**
  Ms. ANKITA SRIVASTAVA
- **"IIPS Gold Medal" M.Phil Programme for securing First rank**
  Mr. MUKESH RANJAN
- **"IIPS Silver Medals"**

DHPE	**: Mr. PRASHANT R. PATIL**
PGDCH	**: Ms. VIBHAVARI G. WALKE**
M.A./M.Sc.	**: Ms. CHHAVIPAUL**
	Ms. SWASTIKA CHAKRAVORTY
MPS	**: Ms. ANJALI SINGH**
M.Phil	**: Mr. AYAN RUDRA**

- **"Dr. J.R. Rele Award" Best Seminar paper in MPS Programme: Ms. ANJALI SINGH**
- **"Dr. P.N. Mari Bhat Award" Best M. Phil Dissertation : Mr. GUDAKESH**
- **"Dr. P.N. Mari Bhat Award" Best Ph.D Thesis : Ms. NANDITA SAIKIA and Ms. MANASI RAHUL BAWDEKAR**

Ms. SUNITARANI PANDA Receiving IIPS Gold Medal DPHE Programme

Mrs. PRATIBHA B. KATE Receiving IIPS Gold Medal PGDDCH Programme

Mr. PRASANT R. PATIL Receiving IIPS Silver Medal DPHE Programme

Ms. KAJORI BANERJEE Receiving Dr. Asha A. Bhende Gold Medal, M.A/M.Sc., Programme

Ms. ANKITA SRIVASTAVA Receiving Dr. C. Chandrasekaran Gold Medal, M P S Programme

Ms. VIBHAVARI g. WALKE Receiving IIPS Silver Medal, PGDCH Programme

Mr. MUKESH RANJAN Receiving IIPS Gold Medal M.Phil Programme

Ms. CHHAVIPAUL Receiving IIPS Silver Medal M.A/M.Sc Programme

Ms. SWASTIKA CHKRAVORTY Receiving IIPS Silver Medal. M.A/M.Sc Programme

Mr. GUDAKESH Receiving Dr. P.N. Mari Bhat Award M.Phil Programme

Ms. MANASI RAHUL BAWDEKAR Receiving Dr. P. N. Mari Bhat Award, Ph. D Programme

Mr. AYAN RUDRA Receiving IIPS Silver Medal M.Phil Programme

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES DURING JANUARY-JUNE 2014

Unintended Pregnancy and Abortion in India (UPAI) – TAC meeting

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on the National Assessment of Unintended Pregnancy and Abortion in India (UPAI) project in India was conducted on 25 March 2014 at the Indian Habitat Centre, Delhi. The main objective of the TAC meeting was to seek inputs of experts in the field on the research design and survey tools of the study.

Project Coordinators: Dr F Ram, Dr Chander Shekhar, Dr Manoj Alagarajan, Dr Manas R Pradhan and Dr Harihar Sahoo

IIPS NATIONAL SEMINARS

National Seminar on "Demographic Transition and Development: Issues and Challenges in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar" were organized by IIPS in collaboration with Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS), Lucknow during 11-13 March, 2014. Focus of the seminar was to recognize the interconnectedness between Development and Demographic Transition. Around 100 papers were presented in two plenary sessions, 14 oral and two poster sessions. First plenary session was on Population and Health programmes and the second dealt with demographic transition in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The participants include established scholars to young students from various disciplinary backgrounds. The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. R. K. Sharma, Director, SGPGIMS.

Seminar Coordinators: Prof. F.Ram, Prof. B. Paswan, Prof. H. Lhungdim, Dr. Dipti Govil and Dr. Harihar Sahoo.
Seminar Secretary: Dr. Palani Murugesan

Inaugural session in progress, IIPS National Seminar 2014, SGPGIMS, Lucknow

DR. P.N. MARI BHAT MEMORIAL LECTURE

The sixth Professor P.N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture was held on 6th January, 2014. **Professor Alka Malwade Basu**, Senior Fellow, United Nations Foundation, Washington DC, delivered the lecture on "How Do we think about Women's empowerment and reproductive health?", Prof. F. Ram, Director, IIPS chaired the session. Prof. Basu is a well known demographer and has worked extensively on gender issues and reproductive health aspects focusing on India. In her presentation, she try to define and elaborate the women's empowerment aspects citing numerous examples from Asian countries. Prof. T.V. Sekher, who coordinated the program welcomed the audience and also recollected the research contributions of Prof. Mari Bhat to Indian demography.

DR. C. CHANDRASEKARAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

The twelfth Dr. C. Chandrasekaran Memorial Lecture was held on 1st April, 2014. **Dr. Monica Das Gupta**, from University of Maryland, USA, delivered the lecture on "Population, Poverty and Climate Change". Dr. Das Gupta in her talk elaborated the inter-linkages between the population growth and climatic change. She emphasised the need for more research studies on these aspects. Prof. F. Ram, Director of IIPS, presided over the function.

The Memorial Lectures were organized by Prof. T.V. Sekher, Dr. Manoj Alagarajan and Dr. Palani Murugesan of Publication Cell.

ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATION

As a part of the Environment Day celebration, Pop-Envis conducted competitions for students of Class V to IX L.V.A Sarvodaya Vidayalaya & Swami Ramkrishna Paramahans High School, Govandi, Mumbai on 19th and 21st June 2014. The principal objective of this competition was to create knowledge and capacity building for the young students on issues related to environment and population.

There were 88 students who participated in the competition. Four competitions were conducted – Essay Writing (Environment in our Locality), Painting (Environment Today), Slogan Writing (Environment) and Craft from waste materials. Chart papers for painting, A4 sheets for Slogan, Essay writing, Pens, Pencils, Erasers and refreshment for students sponsored by the Pop-Envis Project. The competition was held for 2 hours, and all the materials, writings collected from the students for choosing the bests. Below are the photographs taken during competition.

The best from the above mentioned four competitions were awarded prizes and certificates.

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IIPS-Kusuma Foundation Research Fellowship 3rd Training Workshop (Module-3)

The third training workshop of IIPS-Kusuma Foundation related to research methodology entitled "***Statistical Data Analysis software and Techniques***" was successfully completed during 27-31 May, 2014. Prof. S. K. Singh and Prof. Chandra Shekhar were the course instructors of this Module. The main objective of this module was to introduce basic statistical techniques and methods, which are frequently used in the field of population studies, educational and development field. The broad content of the training workshop were; Measures of Central Tendency and Dispersion, Statistical Inference, Test of Significance, Multiple Classification Analysis, Correlation and Regression, Multivariate Analysis, Factor Analysis and Survival Analysis. As part of the training module fellows also learned statistical softwares, such as SPSS and STATA.

Prof. S.K. Singh, Prof Chandra Shekhar, Prof. H. Lhungdim and Dr. Harihar Sahoo discussing with the fellows

Appointments

Dr. Chander Shekhar, appointed & joined as Professor in the Department of Fertility Studies with retrospective effect from 17.12.2013

Dr. Abhishek Singh, appointed & joined as Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health & Mortality Studies with retrospective effect from 18.12.2013

Dr. Murali Dhar, appointed & joined as Associate Professor in the Department of Population Policies and Programmes with retrospective effect from 15.01.2014

Dr. Archana Roy, appointed & joined as Associate Professor in the Department of Migration & Urban Studies with retrospective effect from 26.02.2014

Promotions

Faculties under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS)

Dr.D.A. Nagdeve, Associate Professor promoted as Professor with retrospective effect from 31.01.2012

Dr.H. Lhungdim, Associate Professor promoted as Professor with retrospective effect from 31.01.2012

Dr. P.K. Murthy, Associate Professor promoted as Professor with retrospective effect from 30.03.2012

Dr. K.C.Das, Associate Professor promoted as Professor with retrospective effect from 03.04.2012.

Dr.T.V. Sekher, Associate professor promoted as Professor with retrospective effect from 29.05.2012

Dr. S.K. Mohanty, Associate Professor promoted as Professor with effect f from 24.01.2014

Non-Faculty

Mr.Dhaku Zore Cook Grade II promoted as Cook Grade-I with effect from 20.06.2014

Retirements

Mrs. Janaki Nachnani, Office Superintendant, retired on superannuation on 31.01.2014

Mrs. Vasanthi Ramakrishnan, Accounts Officer, retired on superannuation on 31.03.2014.

Shri S.D. Patole, Gardener, retired on superannuation on 31.03.2014.

Shri S.B. Nalavade, Deta Entry Operator, retired on superannuation on 31.05.2014

Shri T.V. Mohanan, Cook Gr.I, retired on superannuation on 31.05.2014

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Group Photo with Chief Guest on Convocation Day

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