

Academic visit to IIPS from Department of Statistical Sciences, Kannur University

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The MSc Statistics students of the Department of Statistical Sciences, Kannur University, Kerala, made an institutional visit to the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) on 14 October 2026. The group, comprising 26 students and faculty members, was led by Dr Muhammed Anwar, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Statistical Sciences.

Prof Sanjay Mohanty, Honourable Director and Senior Professor, IIPS, in his welcome address highlighted IIPS's important contribution to research and evidence generation in the country, and the many academic opportunities it offers to those interested in the discipline. Prof T R Dilip, who coordinated the visit, said that IIPS is always open to similar academic visits as part of its institutional outreach to promote its activities and to attract bright young scholars from across the country.



Faculty from the Department of Biostatistics and Demography, IIPS, namely Prof Udaya S Mishra, Prof Murali Dhar and Dr Suryakant Yadav, spoke on the importance of applied statistics in biomedical and public health research, and on the focal areas of ongoing research and teaching in their department. This session was arranged at the special request of the visitors. This was followed by a session on national surveys conducted by IIPS, in which Dr Reshmi R S gave an overview of the scope of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) and its use in national and subnational policy planning and in research by academic counterparts.



At the end of the interactive session, Dr Muhammed Anwar thanked IIPS for the opportunity to visit and expressed interest in renewing inter-institutional collaboration with IIPS for capacity building in research using available demographic datasets. The visitors were then taken for a tour of see the library and computational lab facilities at the IIPS.