

IIPS Welcomes Officials from the MoHFW, Government of India

The **International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS)**, Mumbai, extends a warm welcome to the distinguished officials of the **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW)**, **Government of India**, on their visit to the Institute during **31 August–1 September 2026**.

The MoHFW delegation was headed by **Ms. Palli Kundu, ADG (Statistics)**, and comprised **Ms. Reena Singh (CD), Mr. Vinay Pandey (CD), Mr. Amrit Lal Jangid, Director, and Mr. Achu Sreekumar, Deputy Director (DD)**. The delegation was welcomed by **Prof. Sanjay K. Mohanty, Director and Senior Professor, IIPS**, who made a presentation highlighting the Institute's academic, research, training and technical activities and its major contributions to population and health research in India.

As part of the visit, a series of **interactive meetings and discussions** were organised with the faculty members, administrative and technical staff, Group A officers and students of the Institute. The discussions provided an opportunity for the delegation to interact directly with different stakeholders and to understand the academic and institutional environment at IIPS. A number of important issues concerning the Institute's academic programmes, research activities, administration, human resources and institutional development were discussed during the meetings.

The delegation also held detailed interactions with the **coordinators and teams of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) and the Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI)**. These discussions focused on the progress and achievements of these major national programmes, their contribution to generating reliable evidence on population, health and ageing, and opportunities for further strengthening their scope and impact.

The close and enduring association between **IIPS and the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare** has been central to the Institute's growth and its contribution to national priorities in population, health and development. Over the years, IIPS has emerged as a major centre for teaching, training, research and evidence generation in population sciences and public health. The Institute's association with major national programmes, particularly **NFHS and LASI**, has enabled the generation of high-quality evidence for policy formulation, programme planning and monitoring.

The visit of the MoHFW officials provided an important platform to discuss the **emerging opportunities and challenges before IIPS** and to explore ways of further strengthening the Institute's role as a national centre of excellence. Discussions covered the need to enhance academic excellence, strengthen research capacity, promote interdisciplinary and collaborative research, expand national and international partnerships, improve institutional infrastructure, and further strengthen the translation of research findings into policy and programmes.

Prof. **Sanjay K. Mohanty**, Director and Senior Professor, expressed his sincere appreciation to the delegation for taking the time to visit IIPS and for their valuable interactions with the faculty, staff and students. He thanked the officials of MoHFW for their continued guidance,

support and engagement with the Institute and expressed confidence that the visit would further strengthen the longstanding institutional partnership between IIPS and the Ministry.

The visit reaffirmed the shared commitment of **IIPS and MoHFW** towards strengthening evidence-based policy and programme development in India. IIPS looks forward to further deepening this partnership through **research, evidence generation, capacity building, technical collaboration and policy engagement**, and to making an even stronger contribution to the country's population, health and development priorities.

The Institute warmly welcomes the visiting officials and expresses its sincere appreciation for their valuable time, guidance and continued support to IIPS.



