

Inaugural Address at the 6th Annual Conference on Migration and Development at IIT Indore

Dr. Sanjay K. Mohanty, Director & Sr Professor, IIPS, delivered the inaugural address at the 6th Annual Conference on Migration and Development, held at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore on 11–12 September.

In his inaugural address, Prof. Mohanty highlighted “**Emerging Research Issues in Migration**”, drawing attention to several critical and evolving dimensions of migration research. He identified **demographic imbalances, economic and fiscal implications, migration and health, and migration and climate change** as some of the key emerging areas that require greater scholarly attention.

Prof. Mohanty emphasised that while the **overall contribution and impact of migration may appear relatively modest at the national level, its implications can be substantial at smaller geographic levels**, particularly at the village, sub-district and district levels. He underscored the importance of examining migration through a more **disaggregated spatial lens** to better understand its demographic, economic, social, health and environmental consequences.

He further stressed the need for interdisciplinary research and robust evidence to understand the changing nature of migration and its implications for development planning and policy. The address highlighted the importance of linking migration research with broader issues of **population change, regional disparities, labour markets, public health, social protection and environmental vulnerability**.

On the occasion, **Prof. Sanjay K. Mohanty was felicitated by Prof. Suhas Joshi, Director, IIT Indore**, in recognition of his contribution to population studies and public health research.

