IIPS Organised Invited Lecture on Family Planning, Children's Human Capital and Women's Well-Being: Experimental Evidence from Urban Malawi by Dr. Mahesh Karra

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, organised an invited lecture on **"Family Planning, Children's Human Capital, and Women's Well-Being: Experimental Evidence from Urban Malawi"** on 2nd November 2026, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Seminar Hall, IIPS. The lecture was delivered by **Dr. Mahesh Karra**, Associate Professor, Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Sanjay K. Mohanty, followed by the introduction of the speaker by Dr. Srinivas Goli and the felicitation of the guest.

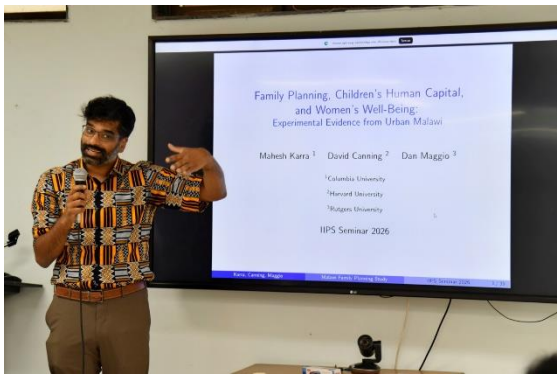
In his lecture, Dr. Mahesh Karra presented experimental evidence from urban Malawi, highlighting how improved access to family planning services influences contraceptive use, birth spacing and women's reproductive choices. He further discussed the broader implications of family planning interventions for women's employment and well-being, as well as children's health, growth and cognitive development.

The lecture was followed by a highly engaging question-and-answer session chaired by Prof. T. V. Sekher. The session witnessed active participation from faculty members, researchers and students, leading to insightful discussions and meaningful academic exchanges on contemporary issues in family planning, reproductive health and population studies. The programme provided a valuable opportunity for participants to interact with the speaker and gain insights from his research and experience.




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