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From the Editor's Desk...

Greetings !!

In this issue, we present the major activities of IIPS during July to December 2013.

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Dr. Susheela Singh is the vice president for research at the Guttmacher Institute, New York. She earned her doctorate in Sociology from the University of California at Berkeley in 1977, worked until 1984 at the World Fertility Survey (WFS), and has been at the Guttmacher Institute since 1985. Her expertise is in social and demographic research on sexual and reproductive health. Her current areas of research include studies of access to sexual and reproductive health care and the costs and benefits of providing

these services, unintended pregnancy, abortion, and adolescent sexual health. She has published extensively regarding a wide range of sexual and reproductive health issues affecting developed and developing countries, and participates in activities of many professional organizations across the world.

Prof. F. Ram, Director, IIPS, Chaired the Session. The memorial lecture series was coordinated by Prof. T.V. Sekher, Dr. Manoj Alagarajan and Dr. P. Murugesan.



REPORT RELEASE AND DISSEMINATION OF CNSM



The Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri. Prithviraj Chavan released the report of Comprehensive Nutrition Survey of Maharashtra (CNSM), conducted by IIPS with financial assistance from UNICEF, on 15 November 2013. This function was attended by industrialists Mr. Ratan Tata and Mr. Anand Mahindra, along with state ministers, Ms. Varsha Gaikward and Ms. Fauzia Khan, state chief secretary Dr J.K. Banthia and others. This is the first ever state specific nutrition survey with a focus on infants, children and their mothers.

The scientific dissemination of findings of Comprehensive Nutrition Survey of Maharashtra was held at Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune on 13 December 2013. Dissemination function was attended by policy makers and programmers, pediatricians, nutrition experts, academicians, researchers and scholars working in the field of nutrition. Coordinators of this project: Prof. F. Ram, Prof. Sayeed Unisa,



Dr. Aparajita Chattopadhyay and Mr. Prakash H. Fulpagare.

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LONGITUDINAL AGEING STUDY IN INDIA (LASI) - TAC MEETING



The technical advisory council (TAC) meeting of Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI) was held on 16th July 2013 at New Delhi. The Meeting discussed the survey instruments, sampling design and field implementation of LASI main wave. The TAC meeting was chaired by Shri. Keshav Desiraju, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India. The chairman Indian TAC Prof. P.M. Kulkarni, chairman of International TAC Prof. James Smith, Dr. Richard Suzman of National Institute of Ageing, USA,



Ms. Sujaya Krishnan, Joint Secretary, NCD, MoHFW, Prof. F. Ram, Director, IIPS, Prof. David Weir (HRS, Michigan University), Prof. James Banks (ELSA, UK), Prof. A. Börsch-Supan (SHARE), Prof. P.Hu (UCLA), Prof David Wise (Harvard), Dr. Rattan Chand (CD, MoHFW), Prof. David Bloom (HSPH) and Prof. Jinkook Lee (Rand Corporation) and others attended. The report of LASI Pilot Study was released on this occasion.

LASI is a collaboration of I.I.P.S., Harvard School of Public Health and Rand Corporation, supported by MoHFW and MoSJE of Govt. of India, National Institute of Ageing (NIA/NIH) and UNFPA, India.

Project Coordinators: Prof. P. Arokiasamy, Prof. D.A. Nagdeve, Prof. T.V. Sekher, Prof. S.K. Mohanty, Dr. Aparajita Chattopadhyay, Dr. Dipti Govil and Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar.

IIPS- KUSUMA FOUNDATION RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP



International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) in partnership with The Kusuma Trust (UK) and The Kusuma Foundation (India) launched a three year research fellowship programme to promote research on education in India. The main objective of the programme is to train and impart research skills to young professionals and faculty working in NGOs and colleges who have the potential, but not the opportunity, to conduct research on education issues

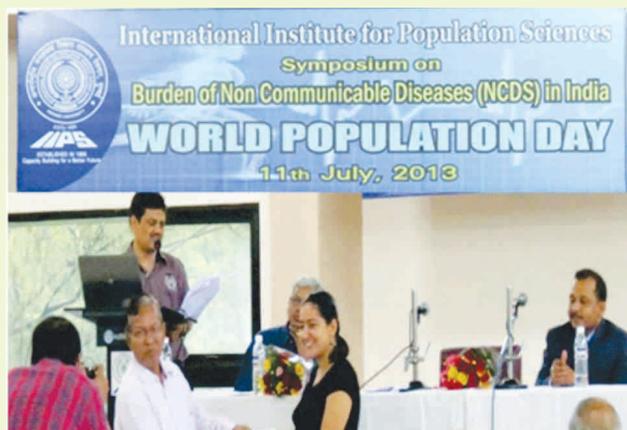
of national importance. The fellowship should also enable the fellows to disseminate their findings at national and international forums. The research fellowship will provide selected candidates with high-level research skills, including knowledge of statistics, qualitative research and data analysis.

The first batch of the project has been initiated in August, 2013, with five fellows. The two training workshops (Modules 1 and 2) of the project have been successfully completed during August, 2013 – February, 2014. The first training workshop on Research Methodology entitled “Introduction to Research” was successfully completed during 25-29 November, 2013. Prof. P. Arokiasamy and Prof. K.C. Das were the course instructors of this Module. The course instructors have imparted the knowledge to the fellows about the concept of research, how to identify the research problem, the ways to frame research questions and objectives, different types of measurements and research design, ethics in research and how to develop the research proposal.



The second training workshop entitled “Qualitative and Quantitative Research” was successfully completed. Prof. Sayeed Unisa and Prof. H. Lhungdim were the course instructors of this Module. The second training workshop (Module -2) dealt with different methods of qualitative and quantitative research design, developing research tools to collect data, sampling procedures and software packages.

WORLD POPULATION DAY



Observance of “World Population Day” on 11th July every year is one of the important activities of the Institute. This year it was observed at the Institute by organizing a half day symposium on "Burden of Non-Communicable Diseases in India". Prof F. Ram, Director & Senior Professor, highlighted the growing burden of NCDs in India. Dr Biranchi Narayan Jena, Project Manager, Market Access and Public Affairs, Novo Nordisk talked on " Changing Diabetes: A Public Health Challenge". Prof P. Arokiasamy spoke on evidences from LASI Pilot Study on NCDs.

Following the lecture, prizes were distributed to the winning candidates of inter-collegiate Essay Competition. Prof. P. Arokiasamy, Prof. S.K. Mohanty and Mr. Prakash Fulpagare organised the event. A diabetics check up was organised by Novo Nordisk for faculty, staff and students and a total of 130 persons were screened for diabetes.

Hindi Week

The Hindi Week was observed at the Institute during 16-20 September 2013. On this occasion, various programmes and competitions like Shuddha Lekhan Pratiyogita, Anuwad Pratiyogita, Aashubhashan Pratiyogita, Antakshari Pratiyogita and Kavi Sammelan were organised for the staff and students of the Institute. Hindi week was organized by Mr. A.R. Nirmal under the guidance of Prof. Balram Paswan.

Foundation Day

The Institute celebrated the Foundation Day on 16th August at the Institute premises. The celebration started with the welcome speech by Prof. B. Paswan, Cultural Co-coordinator and was inaugurated by Prof. F. Ram, Director of IIPS. This was followed by cultural events. The students, staff and their children participated in different cultural events. The joint coordination of Prof. B. Paswan, Cultural coordinator, Mr. S.N. Zore and Mr. R. B. Lakhan, Assistant Cultural coordinators and Ms. Arpita Paul, student Cultural Secretary, made the celebrations successful.