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World Population Day, 2016



The Institute observed the annual **World Population Day** on Monday, the 11th July, 2016 with a symposium on the theme "**Investing in Teenage Girls**". Dr. F. Ram, Director and Senior Professor chaired the function. The speakers at the symposium were Prof. Sanghmitra Acharya (Executive Director, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi), Prof. Sayeed Unisa (IIPS) and Prof. T.V. Shekhar (IIPS).

From Editor's Desk....

In this issue, we present the activities of IIPS during July to December 2016. Those who wish to receive our publications, such as Research Briefs and Working Papers, kindly write to us at publicationcell@iips.net.

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Vision

"To Position IIPs as a premier teaching and research institution in population sciences responsive to emerging national and global needs based on values of Inclusion, sensitivity and rights protection"

Mission

"The institute will strive to be a centre of excellence on population, health and development issues through high quality education, teaching and research. This will be achieved by (a) creating competent professionals, (b) generating and disseminating knowledge and evidence, (c) collaboration and exchange, and (d) advocacy and awareness

World Population Day

On the occasion of World Population Day 2016, IIPS organized a half day symposium on the theme of "Investing in Teenage Girls" on July 11, 2016. The programme was inaugurated by Professor F. Ram, Director IIPS by lighting the lamp and welcoming the new students of this academic year. He also gave the welcome speech. Prof. Sanghmitra Acharya, Executive Director of Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi, gave a talk on "Health and Human Rights of Marginalised Young Girls: Moving Beyond MDGs to SDGs". Prof. Sayeed Unisa also spoke on "Investment of Family Resources in the Care of Teenage Girls". Finally, Prof. T.V. Sekhar spoke on "Empowering Girls Through Conditional Cash Transfers: Indian Experience".





Prof. Sanghmitra Acharya delivering the lecture



Prof. T.V. Shekhar delivering the lecture

Prof. Sayeed Unisa delivering the lecture



Audience of the Day



Foundation Day

The Institute celebrated the Foundation Day on 17th 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 Mr. Ankit Sikarwar, student Cultural Secretary, made the celebrations successful.

Asha A. Bhende Memorial Lecture





Prof. F. Ram felicitating Prof. Ravinder Kaur

Audience of the day

The Sixth Professor Asha A. Bhende Memorial lecture was held at IIPS on 16th December 2016. Professor Ravinder Kaur, Head, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi delivered the lecture on 'Fertility, Class, Female Education and Sex Ratio in India'.



Prof. Ravinder Kaur delivering the lecture

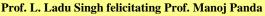


Question-answer session

She stated that Indian sex ratio at birth (SRB) has shown slight improvement since 2008 even as the child sex ratio has dipped from 927 in 2001 to 918 in 2011. The trajectory of the SRB has been linked to wellunderstood factors such as son-preference, fertility decline and the availability of sex- selection technologies. The role of female education and female labour force participation in shaping son preference has been speculated upon in the literature. However, some aspects of these relationships are far more complex than earlier assumed. An interesting and hitherto unexplored explanation of the fall and rise of the sex ratio at birth between the late 1990s and 2012 might have to do with shifts in the class structure. She argued that significant growth in the size of the "the emerging middle class" led to the drastic fall in sex ratios post the 1990s. Further, it is argued that a reduction in the size of the emerging middle class and a corresponding increase in the stable middle class substantially account for improvement in the SRB. Tying up explanations provided by fertility decline, availability of sex selection technologies and the role of female education, this presentation focuses on the role of family building strategies of emerging and stable middle classes – the former having a deteriorating effect on female status and SRB and the latter having an improving effect. It is predicted that as more people achieve stable middle class status, the SRB should continue to improve. Intertwined with this is the positive role that the reduced education gap between males and females plays in improving the sex ratio at birth.

Dr. C. Chandrasekhran Memorial Lecture







Prof. Manoj Panda delivering the lecture

The fifteenth Dr. C. Chandrasekaran Memorial Lecture was held on 20th December 2016. Professor Manoj Panda, Director, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi delivered the lecture on 'Growth for All: Policy Issues and Options'. He stated that sustained growth over a long period has changed substantially the standard of living of the people and quality of life of all sections of the population. Indian growth story has been uneven, though increasing on a long term basis.





Audience on the day

Question-answer session

It is service driven and share of manufacturing and industry has not changed much. Inequality in consumption distribution has increased in recent decades in urban areas; Urban top 10% have higher than average urban Monthly per capita consumption expenditure growth. Higher growth in recent decades has reduced poverty. But, poverty is increasingly getting concentrated in Central and Eastern India. Welfare of all sections judged by consumption increased since 2004-05 at the all-India level and in most, but not all, states of people. Yet, disquiet feeling persists given higher aspirations. Perhaps it is time to judge poverty by a criterion that is relative to per capita GDP rather than absolute income criteria. Prof. Panda remarked that labour intensive manufacturing must be focused for 7-8% sustained growth. As China's wage cost rises, it will not have competitive advantage in exports of labour intensive consumer items.

Unintended Pregnancy and Abortion in India (UPAI)-Activities

The third Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting of the Unintended Pregnancy and Abortion in India (UPAI) study was held on 15th November 2016 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The meeting was organized by the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS). This meeting chaired by Prof. P.M. Kulkarni, TAC Chairman and all the coordinators including Director, IIPS and members from different organization including the representatives from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW).

Training of the e-office at IIPS, organized by (ICT) Unit

Training of the e-Governance (e-Office) was held during 24-26 August 2016 in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Unit Lab-1. IIPS faculty, Group-A officers and staffs attended the training programme. The purpose of the training was to train the users of various modules of e-Office to use the same most effectively.



Director IIPS at the Launch of e-office at IIPS

Lead Technical Support Agency for Baseline Survey for SWABHIMAAN Women's Nutrition Demonstration Programme in Phase 1 State (Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Odisha)

(September 2016 – December 2017)

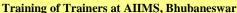
The Swabhimaan demonstration programme is being initiated as a collaborative pilot project across five blocks of three Indian states (Bihar, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha). The project combines community and systems-based interventions. Its components include: (1) women's self-help groups federated as Village Organisations to implement village nutrition plans through cash grants; (2) adolescent girls' groups; (3) farms producer groups using agro-ecological techniques; (4) strengthening health, nutrition, water and sanitation public systems to deliver women nutrition entitlements and services; (5) special camps for women with MUAC <23 cms and newly-wed couples. It is assumed that the project will lead to improved nutritional status among adolescent girls, pregnant women and mothers having children under two. The project is a collaborative project of Nutrition Division of UNICEF India and the National Rural Livelihood Mission of Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (MoRD &PR). As agreed by UNICEF with MoRD&PR, state-based academic institutes such as AIIMS have to be engaged for data collection so as to build the state's capacity in conducting baseline surveys rather than hiring private agencies. Accordingly, UNICEF has entrusted respective AIIMS (Community and Family Medicine Departments) in the three states (Patna, Bhubaneswar, Raipur) for evaluation via baseline and end line survey. UNICEF State offices in the respective states mentioned above are coordinating these surveys. These three states AIIMS are relatively new and have not conducted any large-scale nutrition or food security surveys. Hence, UNICEF and TAG members felt that there is a need for an agency which is an expert in the data collection to support these institutions.

In view of the fact, UNICEF has invited IIPS to play the lead role as "Technical Support Agency". The lead agency will help in the data quality assurance of the baseline survey for SWABHIMAAN Women's Nutrition Demonstration Programme in Phase 1 state - Bihar, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha. The proposed collaboration between IIPS and AIIMS aims to strengthen the capacity of a respective state institution in the training of investigators, data quality assurance, data analysis, and report writing. The specific activities envisaged by IIPS are training, field monitoring, data management and analysis of pooled data and report

The team of IIPS has conducted Training of Trainers in Odisha and Chhatisgarh and also facilitated the respective AIIMS in conducting investigators training in these two states. IIPS developed the CSpro program for baseline data compilation and the data entry training was given by IIPS at AIIMS Bhubneswar. On the other hand, IIPS has analyzed Bihar census data and preparation of various levels report is in progress.



writing.





Monitoring the field work

Principal Investigator: Prof. Sayeed Unisa,

Co-Principal Investigators: Dr. Aparajita Chattopadhyay, Mr. Prakash H. Fulpagare,

Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar, Dr Preeti Dhilon.

Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI), Wave 1

The following activities were undertaken during the month of July- December, 2016.

Mapping and Listing training of trainers (ToT) for phase I states: The mapping and listing Training of Trainers (ToT) for the Wave 1, phase 1 states, was organized during 6-10 September 2016 in Mumbai.

A total of 20 participants from 12 states and 4 union territories attended the training programme. IIPS LASI project coordinators were the main resource persons for the workshop. A one-day field practice was organized followed by debriefing session on field experience. Prof. F. Ram, Director of the institute delivered the valedictory address.



Participants of TOT of Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI), Wave 1 for ToT

Training of Trainers (TOT) for main survey workshop: The Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop for main survey was organized during 3-27 October 2016 in Hotel Fariyas Resort at Lonavala. The Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop was a four-week comprehensive training for the field agencies and IIPS field staff. A total of 41 participants from 12 states attended the main survey training workshop. In addition, IIPS research team, IT team, Health team and Project officer (Field) comprising 30 participants also attended the training workshop. IIPS LASI project coordinators along with the resource persons from international collaborating institutions viz UCLA (Dr. Peifeng Hu) and USC (Mr. Bas Weerman), were the main resource persons. Experts from different institutions were also invited as resource persons to deliver special lectures on topics that included health insurance, health and ageing, and respiratory health among the elderly in India. The ToT was inaugurated by Prof. F. Ram, Director of IIPS. The ToT workshop was concluded with an official valedictory session. Shri Ziley Singh, Deputy Secretary (MoHFW) and Dr. Gowri N. Sen Gupta, Assistant Director General, NPHCE and Public Health, (MoHFW), and Dr. Sanjay Kumar (UNFPA) addressed the participants. They gave helpful feedback on LASI and its field implementation. Shri Ziley Singh ji and Dr. Gowri discussed the data quality, the importance of LASI data, and other aspects of LASI project. Dr. Sanjay Kumar talked about the importance of LASI.





Training of Trainers (TOT) Workshop, Phaze-1 States

National Health Family Survey (NFHS)-4 Activities

July 2016 to September 2016

- 1. **Monitoring and supervision of M&L training by FA in different second phase states:** IIPS faculty coordinators as part of monitoring and supervision attended M&L training organized by FAs in different second phase states.
- 2. **Mapping and Household listing field work:** Mapping and Household listing was completed in all the second phase states. The excel sheets containing M& L data had been received by IIPS followed by reviewing and finalization of excel sheets for all the second phase states.
- 3. **Monitoring and supervision of State Level Training by FA:** IIPS had closely monitored all the state level trainings organized by Field Agencies in the second phase. State level trainings had been completed in all second phase states.
- 4. **Field Check Tables:** During the survey, IIPS generated field check tables for all second phase states. Observations regarding data quality through reviewing of field check tables have been regularly communicated to field agencies. Whenever required, FAs have been advised to organize the reorientation of field staff on specific technical issues and protocols.
- 5. **Field Survey:** In the month of September field Survey completed in all second phase States and Union Territories except Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Mizoram, Nagaland, Kerala & Lakshadweep, Jammu & Kashmir and Delhi.
- 6. **Secondary Editing:** The secondary editing of data received from second phase states except Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Mizoram, Nagaland, Kerala & Lakshadweep, and Jammu & Kashmir was in progress.

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- 7. **Reorientation in the states of Jharkhand and Arunachal Pradesh:** In the month of September, reorientation training was organized by DRS in the sates of Jharkhand and Arunachal Pradesh, which was primarily due to increase in survey teams taken from other states in order to minimize the delay in the field work.
- 8. **Review meeting with field agencies:** As part of survey monitoring strategy, three review meetings were held with the field agencies. The third meeting was held on 20th Sept 2016 with Development and Research Service Pvt. Ltd (DRS) and Research & Development Initiative Pvt. Ltd (RDI) to review the progress of field work in Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand and Nagaland, Mizoram respectively.
- 9. **Technical Advisory Committee meeting:** The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting was held on 6th & 29th September, 2016 with all development partners and MoHFW representatives to discuss template for National Fact Sheet and Tabulation Plan for National Report. Initially, it was planned for only one day on 6th September 2016 but subsequently in view of greater participation of stakeholders, the meeting was extended for another day. IIPS received the minutes of the meetings containing list of suggestions by TAC, which currently being finalized.
- 10. **Secondary Editing:** To ensure the internal consistencies of responses to questions in the NFHS-4 questionnaires for second phase states, IIPS has been checking and sending feedbacks to the field agencies. IIPS checks the secondary editing done by FA and send feedbacks to FAs. Secondary editing completed in eight states/UTs namely Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu, Punjab & Chandigarh and Rajasthan. IIPS is doing the secondary editing for the remaining states/UTs where the field work has been completed.
- 11. **Data Validation:** To ensure completion of field work the data received from FA is compared and validated at IIPS central office, including checking of the response rates of households and individuals of all PSUs. Data validation has been completed in eight states/UTs namely Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu, Punjab & Chandigarh and Rajasthan.
- 12. **State level Factsheets**: IIPS is preparing the state level factsheets for eight second phase states/UTs namely Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu, Punjab & Chandigarh and Rajasthan.
- 13. **CAB equipments & CAPIs returned by field agencies**: On completion of field work, all CAB equipments and CAPIs are returned by FAs of the second phase states. These equipments are duly rechecked and entered in stock register at IIPS.
- 14. **Finalization of template of the National fact sheet and state tabulation plan:** After the TAC meeting, all the suggestions by representatives of MoHFW, DPs and ICF are incorporated in state tabulation plan. Draft template of national fact sheet has been prepared which is to be approved in the next TAC meeting.

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- 15. **Preparation of Model State reports:** Preparation for state report is also in progress and as practiced earlier it was decided to first prepare a model state report. The state chosen is Haryana.
 - During this period, NFHS-4 coordinators are also assigned states/UTs for which they will prepare the model report, including the content/sections and graphs to be shown in the reports.
 - 1. Field Survey: In the month of October field work completed in Kerala & Lakshadweep, Nagaland and Mizoram. In the month of November field work completed in Jammu & Kashmir. In the month of December field work completed in Jharkhand, Arunachal Pradesh and Delhi.
 - 2. State level Factsheets: IIPS has prepared and published the state and district level factsheets for eight second phase states/UTs namely Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu, Punjab & Chandigarh and Rajasthan. IIPS has started preparing fact sheets for Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Mizoram, Nagaland, Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Arunachal Pradesh and Delhi.
 - **3. Preparation of Model State reports:** The model state report for Haryana with the report of Bihar is sent for Ministry's approval. NFHS-4 coordinators are also assigned states/UTs for which they are preparing the model report.

Vigilance Awareness Week

The Vigilance Awareness Week was observed by the institute during 31st October to 5th November 2016.





Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week

Children's Park and Open Gym at IIPS

The children's park and open gym of IIPS was Inaugurated by the Prof. F. Ram, Director on 27th December 2016 at 11AM.



Inauguration of Park by Director, Prof. F. Ram



Installed Machines in the Park



Faculty & Staff in the Park

New Year Event

IIPS Students organized New Year Celebration Event on 31st December 2016, Faculty, student and staff members participated in the cultural programme. There were various programmes presented by participants.

Hindi Week

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The Hindi week was observed by the Institute during 26-30 September 2016. On this occasion, various programmes and competitions, such as Shuddhalekhan Pratiyogita, Anuwad Pratiyogita, ashubhashanPratiyogita, Antakshari Pratiyogita and KaviSammelan were organised for the staff and students of the Institute. Hindi week was organised by Mr. A.R. Nirmal, under the guidance of Prof. BalramPaswan.



Hindi Workshop

A half day Hindi workshop was organized by the Institute on 27th December, 2016 for the Institute staff. The topic of the workshop wasSection 3(3) of Official Language Act, 1963. The speaker for the workshop was Mr. A.R. Nirmal, Hindi officer, IIPS.

Visitors at IIPS

- Twenty-nine students from Holly Spirit Institute, Andheri-Mumbai visited the Institute on 26th August 2016.
- As a part of training 10 Armed Forced medical officers of Department of Community medicine,
 Armed Forces Medical College, Pune visited the Institute on 22nd September 2016.
- Five students from Department of Medical College & B.Y.L. Nair Ch Hospital visited the Institute on 4th November 2016 as a part of their course activity.
- Twenty-six students from M.G. Kashi Vidyapeeth, NTPC campus, Utar Pradesh visited the Institute in the month od November 2016.

Dr Udoy Saikia, Associate Professor and Director, Applied Population Studies, Flinders University, Australia delivered a lecture on "Population and Sustainable Development: the North South Debate" on 16th December 2016 at the Institute.

The following officials from Indonesia visited the Institute on December 6, 2016 to get firsthand experience about functioning of NFHS-4 at IIPS.

- 1. H. Nofrijal, SP, MA (Principle Secretary of NPFPB)
- 2. Drs. Sjafrul, MBA (Director of Technology, Information and Documentation of NPFPB)
- 3. Dra. Virginia Anggraeni, MA (Head of Center for Research and Population Development of NPFPB)
- 4. Dr. Indra Surbakti, MA (Researcher of Statistic Indonesia)
- 5. Sintawaty.S, S.Sos, MPH (Deputy Director of utilization and evaluation of Center for Research and Population Development of NPFPB)
- 6. Priyanti, SE, MPH (Assistant Deputy Director for Planning and Marketing of Center for Training and International Collaboration of NPFPB)
- 7. Tri Endarsih (Evaluation and Implementation of Center for Training and International Collaboration of NPFPB).



Director Prof. F. Ram felicitating Mr. H. Nofrijal S.P., Principal Secretary of NPFPB, Indonesia



Officers form Indonesia along with NFHS-4 Coordinators and other faculty members

EMS Examination

Examination of MPS/DPS distance learners of Department of Extra Mural Studies Extra Mural Studies and Distance Education was held during December 5-16, 2016. Total 50 students appeared in the examination of various papers and 22 students presented the term paper proposal as a part of course requirement.

Promotions

Mr. R.B. Lakhan promoted as Care Taker with effect from 8.12.2016

Mr. Suryakan Kale promoted Ges. Operator with effect from 8.12.2016

Retirements

Prof. Ponnapalli Krishna Murthy retired from the service on 30.09.2016

Mr. Santosh Wairkar retired from the service on 30.11.2016

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