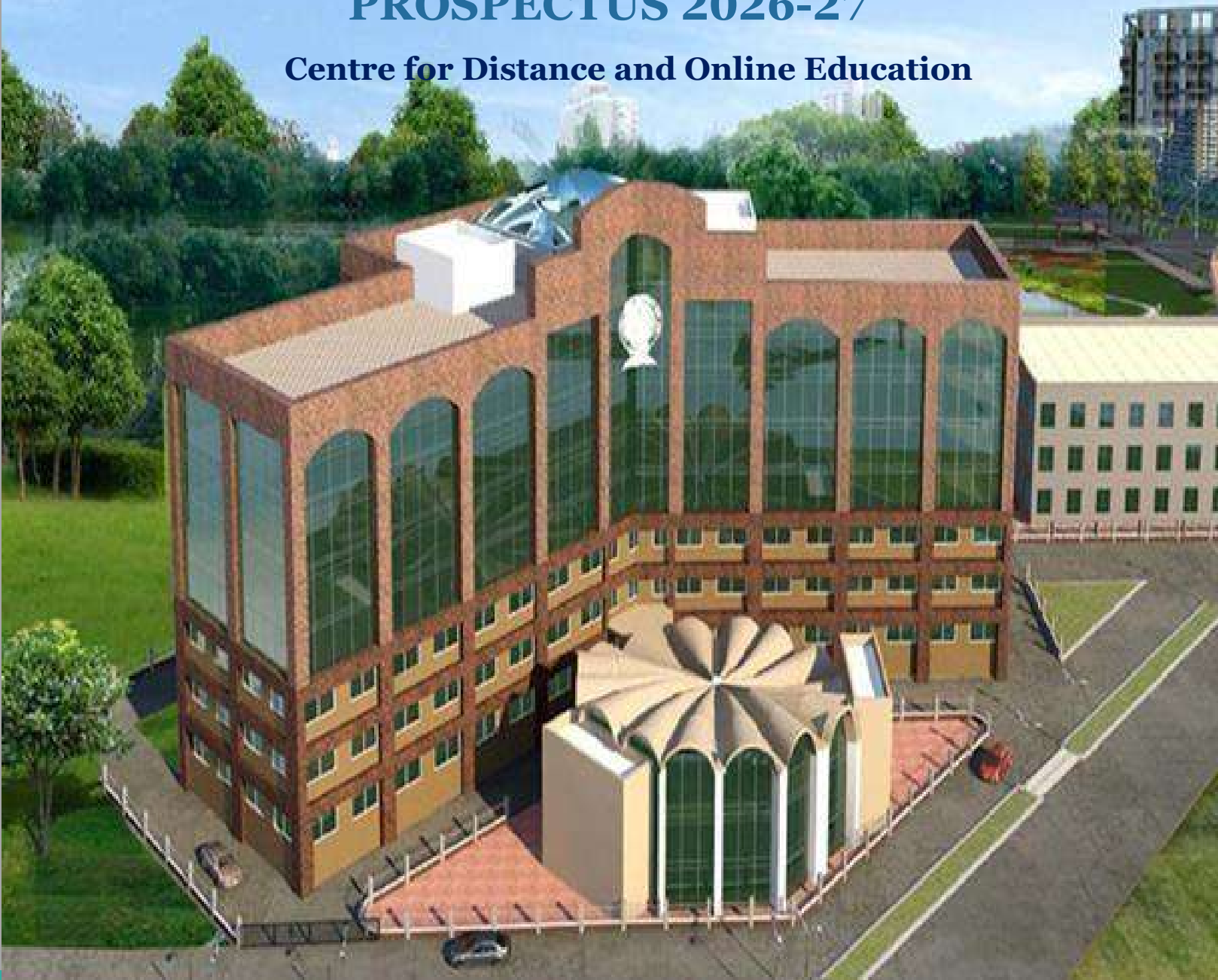


PROSPECTUS 2026-27

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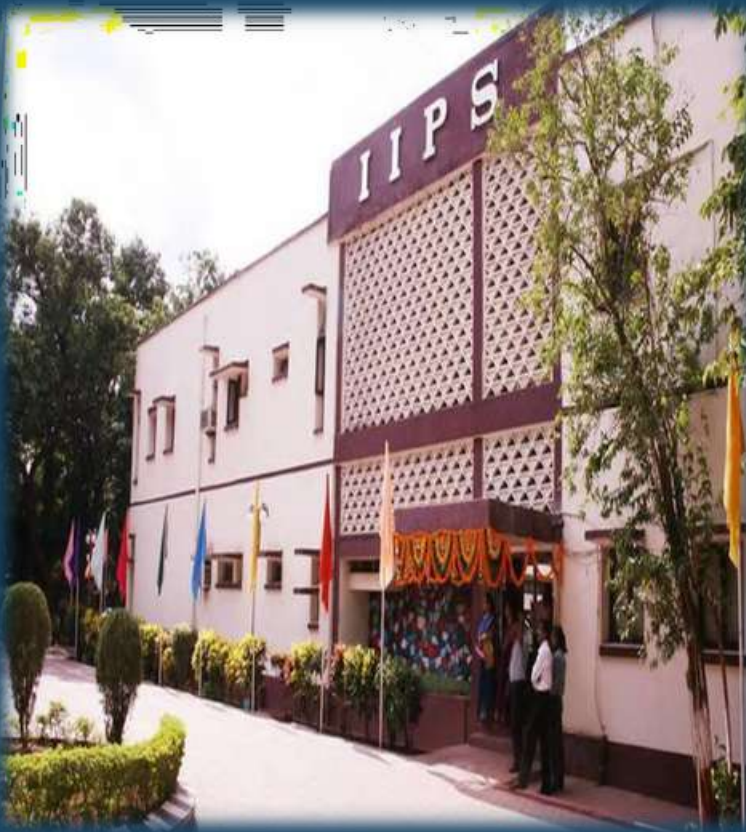
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ABOUT IIPS

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, formerly known as the Demographic Training and Research Centre (DTRC) till 1970, was established in July 1956 under the joint sponsorship of the Government of India, Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, and the United Nations. The Institute is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.



The Institute served as a regional center for Training and Research in Population Studies for the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) region. The Institute was re-designated to its present title in 1985 to facilitate the expansion of its academic activities and was declared a 'Deemed University' on 14 August 1985, under the Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. This recognition has facilitated the award of degrees by the Institute itself and paved the way for further expansion of the Institute as an academic institution. The faculty members and the supporting staff belong to a diverse interdisciplinary backgrounds with specialization in some core areas of population sciences, trained in India and abroad.

The Institute is the hub of population and health-related teaching and research in India and plays a vital role in the planning and development of the country. During the past years, students from different countries of Asia and the Pacific region, Africa, and North America have been trained at the Institute. The alumni of the Institute occupy prestigious positions at reputed national and international organizations, universities, research institutes and non-government organization.

The Institute offers Post-Graduate, Doctoral, and Post-Doctoral courses and one PG Programme through Distance Mode. After completing the course, students of all programmes are well prepared for (i) admission to higher degree programmes in the best universities across the world; (ii) a good career in teaching & research; (iii) a multi-disciplinary professional career; or (iv) independent consultant and specialist in health and development sectors.

THE INSTITUTE



Vision & Mission Statements

Vision

To position the 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 all populations and relevant issues through high-quality education, teaching, and research. This will be achieved by (a) creating competent professionals, (b) generating and disseminating scientific knowledge and evidence, (c) collaboration and exchange of knowledge, and (d) advocacy and awareness.

Centre for Distance and Online Education



Director's Message Prof. Sanjay Kumar Mohanty

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), a deemed university under the administrative control of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, is a leading academic institution for teaching and research in population studies. Currently, IIPS offers three Master's Courses and a Doctoral Program in Population Studies. To strengthen the capacities of working professionals, the Center for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) is happy to announce the launch of a two-year program in Population Studies.

The two-year programme is designed to provide both a strong theoretical foundation and practical skills to address challenges related to population, health, and development. It offers learners an opportunity to benefit from the expertise and guidance of some of the country's leading faculty members in population studies. We warmly invite aspiring learners and professionals to become a part of the IIPS community and enroll in the program.



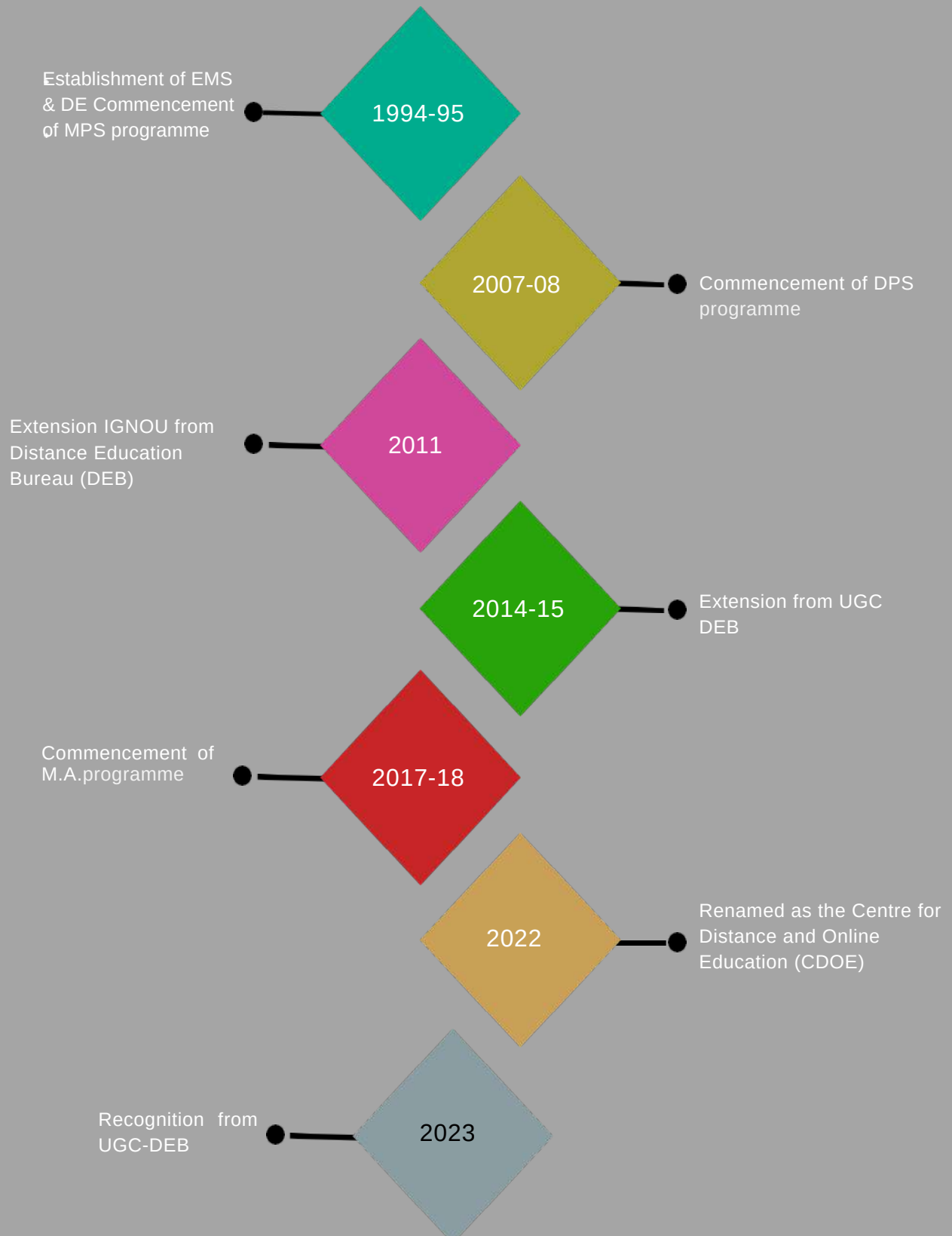
Message from Head Prof. Dhananjay W. Bansod

"The Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) at IIPS is dedicated to making quality higher education more accessible, inclusive, and flexible. Aligned with the goals of NEP 2020, CDOE offers innovative programs that support lifelong learning and skill development for working professionals, students, and individuals in remote areas. By harnessing digital platforms, we aim to bridge educational gaps and build a more equitable and knowledgeable society. We welcome learners to join us in shaping a future-ready world."

CDOE

The IIPS started its distance education (DE) programme in the year 1994 to promote the discipline of 'Population Studies' and its allied areas. The Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), formerly known as the Department of Extra Mural Studies & Distance Education (EMS & DE) at IIPS, offers an elevated learning experience. It excludes the formal way of learning by combining classroom sessions (Personal contact programme) at the Institute with an independent student's work at home and by leveraging the use of computers and technology to provide an interactive communication between teachers and students. For the last three decades, the CDOE has been playing a major role in creating a population scientists' hub in the sub-continent for enhancing the knowledge and professional skills of the participants in the field of population, health, and development issues. The CDOE is committed to imparting knowledge to face society's most pressing challenges, and to pursue solutions to those challenges through an innovative and interdisciplinary research, education, and engagement

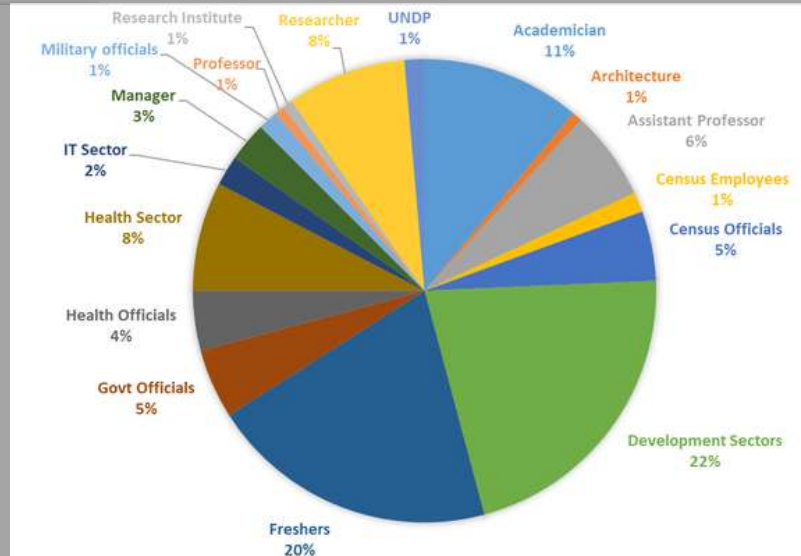
Milestones of CDOE



Our Learners



The total enrollment of distance learners is 144, includes 22% from the development sector, followed by freshers (20%), academicians (11%), health sector professionals (8%), researchers (8%), assistant professors (6%), government officials (5%), and census officials (5%). Other categories include health officials (4%), research managers (3%), individuals from the IT sector (2%), military officials (1%), research institutes (1%), professors (1%), representatives from UNDP (1%), architects (1%), and census employees (1%).



PASSOUT STUDNET FROM 1995-2026



The CDOE has been functioning for the past three decades, from 1995 to 2026. A total of 716 students have been awarded degrees or diplomas from the Centre, including 496 from the Master in Population Studies program, 185 from the Master of Arts in Population Studies, and 35 from the Diploma in Population Studies.



M.A. in Population Studies Two-year Programme

The M.A. in Population Studies and from the CDOE, IIPS provides students with a cutting-edge, multidisciplinary education that will prepare them to be leaders in the fields of population, health, and development. The curriculum follows the National Education Policy-2020 (NEP) and focuses on the foundation of population and its related issues and provides the audience with an expertise in research and data analysis.



Programme Offered

Master of Arts in Population Studies

Recognized by
UGC-DEB

The dedicated faculty of the Centre as well as the regular faculty of the Institute have put in their best efforts to successfully run the programme. The designing of the course curriculum, framing of the syllabus, developing study materials, and conducting the contact classes have been accomplished by our faculty, including the Director & Senior Professor of the Institute. The regular faculty members are also involved in the examination and evaluation processes.

An Overview of the Programme Structure

To graduate with a Master's degree, students have to secure requisite credits for courses that are broadly divided into three categories:

Sr. No.	Course Code	Course Name	Course Type	Credits	L	T	P
YEAR I							
1	MSP-1C	Sociology, Psychology and Anthropology	C	2	2	0	0
2	MSP-2C	Economics and Geography	C	2	2	0	0
3	MSP-3C	Basic Statistical Methods for Population Studies	C	4	3	1	0
4	MSP-4C	Introduction to Demography and History of Population	C	4	3	1	0
5	MSP-5C	Fertility and Nuptiality	C	4	3	1	0
6	MSP-6C	Evaluation, Adjustment of Demographic Data and Population Projection	C	4	3	1	0
7	MSP-7C	Introduction to Demographic and Statistical Software	C	4	3	1	0
8	MSP-8C	Migration and Urbanization	C	4	3	1	0
9	MSP-12C	Research Methodology	C	4	3	1	0
10	MPS-16C	Morbidity, Mortality and Public Health	C	4	3	1	0
11	IKS-1	Swayam-1	IKS	4	-	-	-
12	IKS-2	Swayam-2	IKS	2	-	-	-
Year I credits				42			
YEAR II							
13	MSP-9C	Historical Demography	C	3	2	1	0
14	MSP-10C	Gender and Reproductive Health	C	4	3	1	0
15	MSP-11C	Population and Development	C	4	3	1	0
16	MSP-13C	Concepts and Measures of Global Health	C	3	2	1	0
17	MSP-14C	Population Policies, Programme and Evaluation of HFW Programme	C	4	3	1	0
18	MSP-15C	Advanced Statistical Packages and Applications in Large-scale Data	C	3	2	1	0
19	MSP-17C	Population Ageing and Health Transition	C	4	3	1	0
20	MSP-18E	Urbanization, Space and Planning or Biostatistics and Epidemiology	E	3	2	1	0
	MSP-TP	Term paper	TP	10			
	MSP-VV	Viva-voce	VV	4			
Year 2 credits				42			
TOTAL CREDITS (including 4 credits of viva-voce)				84			

C-Core course, E-Elective course, IKS-Indian Knowledge System Course, VV-Viva-voce, TP-Term paper, L-Lecture, T- Tutorial and P-Practical.

Programme Fee



Item	Indian Students (in Indian Rupees)
Processing Fee#	1000
Tuition Fee (Course Fee)*	30000
Contact programme Fee	600
Examination Fee (Per Paper)	200
Degree certificate Fee	200
Convocation charges	500
Re-examination Fee	500
Viva-voce examination Fee	200
Re-evaluation Fee (Per Paper)	500
Provisional certificate Fee	100
Transcript Fee	500
Duplicate certificate Fee	800
Duplicate ID card Fee	100
Library remote access Fee (Non-refundable)	Nil
Library use deposit (Refundable)	Nil
Term paper submission Fee	Nil
Bonafide certificate Fee	Nil
Record verification Fee	Nil

Note:

Indian applicants belonging to the General category Rs. 1000, Rs. 500 for OBC (NCL) & EWS category, and Rs. 250 for SC/ST/PWD category.

* Includes tuition fee & cost of study materials (soft copy).

Online Fee Payment Link: <https://www.iipsindia.ac.in/content/fcc-payment>

All payments should be made Online.



Application Form:_____

The Application Form can be downloaded from IIPS website: <http://www.iipsindia.ac.in> (clicking on Admissions 2026-27) or <https://www.iipsindia.ac.in/content/extra-mural-studies> (clicking on Centre for Distance and Online Education)

Application Fees Processing:_____

The non-refundable Admission Processing Charges of Rs. 1000/- for General, Rs.500/-for OBC(NCL)&EWS,Rs.250/-for SC/ST&PWD applicants should be paid only though online. (clicking on Fees Payment 2026-27) <https://www.iipsindia.ac.in/content/fee-payment>

Eligibility Criteria:_____

Bachelor's degree from a recognized university in India or abroad in any subject with a minimum of 50% marks (45% for reserved candidates). Applicants who are having master's degree and work experience will be given due weightage.

Intake:_____

There are 150 seats available for admission to this programme. However, the Institute reserves the right to decide the number of students to be enrolled in each academic session depending upon number of applications received.

Selection Criteria:_____

Selection of candidates for the programme will be done by a selection committee duly constituted by the Director of the Institute.

Reservation:_____

Reservation for SC/ST/OBC/PWD candidates will be considered as per the Government of India norms and the guidelines of the University Grants Commission.

Duration of Course:_____

This programme can be completed over a minimum period of two years to a maximum period of four years.

Medium of Instruction:_____

English

Admission Process

Application Deadline
19 August 2026

The IIPS practices a transparent/ inclusive approach in the admission process that provides an equal opportunity to become future students of the CDOE.

Applicants are required to send either hard copy or soft copy (for soft copy, email to distanceeducation@iipsindia.ac.in with subject CDOE_2026 July-August Application_ your name) of the application along with the supporting documents to "The Head of the Centre, Centre for Distance and Online Education, International Institute for Population Sciences, Govandi Station Road, Deonar, Mumbai 400 088 (India)" by.....Applications can also be submitted in hand to the Centre during office hours (Monday-Friday excluding public holidays).

Learning without Constraints



"The Master of Arts in Population Studies at the International Institute for Population Sciences provides the best interdisciplinary programme in social sciences. The course materials are amazing and beneficial to understand the population dynamics and its linkages with the encompassing disciplines from very basic to advanced levels. The practical sessions along with the contact programme are the platform for interactive discussions and clarification of doubts. The faculty members and staff members are always kind and open to assisting the learners wherever and whenever required. Indeed, I enjoyed the learnings of population theories and data management during the programme".

—Dr. Md Juel Rana, M.A. (Current Affiliation-
Postdoctoral Researcher, Korea University, Seoul,
South Korea)



"The distance learning program is very well- packaged and quite intensive. The support given by the programme director and course coordinator is greatly appreciated. Even during the pandemic, the programme has been continued without any break because of its flexibility. It's well designed and compact with the different approaches such as contact programme, assignment, written examination and term paper. The academic proficiency and teaching skills of professors are quite impressive. It provides an opportunity for full time employee to upgrade their knowledge and skills on population studies and leads to advancement of their career life."

— Ms. Yu Myat Mun, M.A. (Current
Affiliation- Programme Analyst
UNFPA Myanmar)

Self-Learning Material (SLM):

- Self-instructional materials shall be provided in **soft/online copy only** to the enrolled students. The self- instructional programme study materials will also be accessible to all the enrolled students through 'Moodle' platform. The credentials will be given to the students to avail of the 'Moodle' facility.
- A total of 20 papers (detailed given on page no.7) including core, and optional papers are in the programme curriculum.
- The dedicated faculty of the Centre and regular faculty of the Institute have contributed to the development of the study materials. The study materials have been compiled and edited by the dedicated faculty of the Centre. To maintain the quality of the programme, the edited study materials have been sent for review to the outside subject experts.



Personal contact Programme:

- A contact programme of two-weeks duration will be organized at the Institute in June every year for doubt clearing and interaction with the faculty members. Through feedback forms, the learners will be asked to evaluate the teaching performance. A face-to-face interaction with faculty members and counseling by the core faculty is available during office hours during week days (Monday to Friday).



Examination

A written examination is conducted twice a year (June and December) at the Institute.

- Written examination
- Preparation of a Term/Research paper
- Viva-voce examination



Evaluation

Components of the Evaluation Process

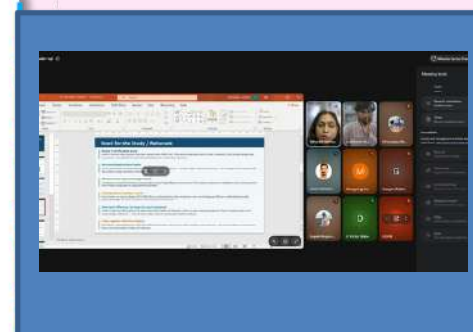
i. Written Examination (70% weightage)

In order to qualify, a student is required to write examination for 70 credits. Additionally, the learners also have to submit a final term paper for 10 credits and appear in Viva-voce for 4 credits. (Course Credits:70+10+4=84)

*** Student must pass 50 percent of the core papers in the 1st year to be promoted to 2nd year.**

ii. Assignment (30% weightage)

The learners need to submit their assignments through 'Moodle' platform to avail the 30% weightage in the final grade. All assignment questions will be uploaded in the 'Moodle' platform.



Grading System

Final Grade	Grade Point	Grade Description
O Only	10	Outstanding
A Plus	9	Excellent
A Only	8	Very Good
B Plus	7	Good
B Only	6	Above Average
C Only	5	Average
P Only	4	Pass
F Only	0	Fail
NA/ABS	0	Not attempted/Absent

A minimum of 'P' grade is required for passing in each of the programme subjects.

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Personal Contact Programme for MA Distance Learners
(July 2026)



Academic Resources



"Literacy in itself is no education. Literacy is not the end of education or even the beginning. By education I mean an all-round drawing out of the best in the child and man body, mind and spirit."

-Mahatma Gandhi



LIBRARY

Providing an access to demographic information is the most fundamental way of increasing and maintaining the quality of research and education in population sciences. The Library of IIPS is one of the best in the world in the field of Population Sciences. It has around 87, 000 books, 18, 000 bound volumes of periodicals, 17, 000 reprints, 650 audio- visual materials, and subscribes to over 350 (Print + Online) journals.

The library has subscribed to more than 25 online databases i. e. JSTOR, SCIENCE DIRECT (social science collection), SCOPUS, INDIASTAT, etc. The library has digitized and preserved census of India volumes from 1872 - 1941 and possesses Census reports (1872 - 2011), vital statistical reports, NSSO reports, and Registrar General of India' s reports. The library is creating an institutional repository i. e. digitizing the institute' s publications to provide remote access to its users. Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), Identification of Core Collection of Population Studies, and digitization of State Level Census Volumes of India are the significant activities undertaken by the library now.

DATA CENTRE

The institute has a robust Data Center comprising a network attached storage server (NASSTOR) to enable storing and disseminating demographic datasets. It has all essential datasets like the census, various rounds of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) and District Level Household and Facility Survey (DLHS), Demographic Health Surveys (DHS), Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS), Youth in India, National Sample Survey (NSS), Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI), Study of Global Ageing and Adult Health (SAGE), Annual Health Survey (AHS), etc. which can directly be accessed by the faculty, staff, and students. Online databases of IIPS surveys are also disseminated to the registered users through a web portal.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY UNIT

The Information Communication and Technology Unit (ICT) of the Institute administers and manages the campus Computer Networks. The institute has acquired 1 - GBPS internet link from NIC under the National Knowledge Network project. The IIPS Local Area Network consists of wired (Fiber Optic) and wireless (Wi- Fi) networks and connects all computers and mobile devices in the Institute. The ICT Unit is equipped with the latest Core i7, higher generation computers, and all necessary statistical software with a mutluser license to analyze demographic datasets. Some of the essential software available are IBM SPSS Version 26, STATA Version 16, SAS 9. 4, Stat transfer, Arc GIS Pro 2. x, ML Win, and Atlas. Ti, NVIVO 10, Spectrum, Mortpak, Endnote X 7, Grammarly, MS Office 2016. The ICT unit also provides 24 x 7 internet facility to students, staff, and faculty in the campus.

LECTURE HALLS

The campus comprises six aesthetically designed classrooms equipped with all the required modern facilities. The teaching process at the Institute is made more effective by using the technology tools. These tools assist students to better understand and provide means for visualizing the concepts. The classrooms are equipped with computers, projectors, modern sound systems, overhead projectors, and audio- visual tools. In addition, an architecturally designed seminar hall with the latest technology, such as a multimedia projector facility also available on the campus.

HOSTELS

The Institute has two hostels for accommodating students admitted to various courses. The rooms in the Hostel are furnished and have adequate living and working space. Each room has a bathroom and toilet attached to it. Mess facilities are available in the hostel and a canteen is also functioning in the campus. Our distance learners avail the accommodation in the hostel during the contact programme after paying a minimum charge.



AWARDS / MEDALS

Medal Recipients

IIPS offers the Prof. K. Srinivasan Gold Medal to a student from M.A. in Population Studies through Distance Education, whose overall performance is adjudged to be the best.

IIPS Silver Medals are awarded to the student whose overall performance is ranked as the second best.



It is a great honour and privilege for me to be connected with IIPS. During my academic journey, I learned a lot under the guidance of very knowledgeable teachers and my supervisor. I truly value the institute's efforts in giving high-quality support and academic help. Being part of the research group gave me a fresh way to understand population studies, demographic matters, and global public health issues.

The contact program classes by the CDOE Centre really helped students talk with professors and peers from both India and other countries. Also, the useful books and reading materials shared by the institute helped students from different academic fields. The assignments, dissertation work, and other academic tasks improved my knowledge and thinking skills.

I deeply thank the hardworking faculty and the always-supportive non-teaching staff for their constant help and motivation.

I feel proud to be part of this respected institute and will always carry its values and lessons with me.

Mr. Sunil Kumar



Being a part of the IIPS, has been an absolute thrill. Completing my MA in Population Studies at this prestigious institution significantly expanded my understanding across diverse fields, complementing my role as a public health specialist. The program provided me with comprehensive insights and practical skills vital for tackling contemporary population challenges.

Furthermore, the environment at IIPS is unparalleled. The supportive faculty and collaborative peers cultivated a dynamic learning atmosphere, fostering critical thinking and innovation. It's undeniably a hub where academic Thanks and regards, Sourav Kumar Das excellence flourishes, and I'm deeply thankful for the chance to have been a part of it.

Thanks and regards,

Ms. Stutee A. Waghmare

List of Students



Dr. Shilpa Jain (2024)
Mr. Sourav Kumar Das (2023)
Ms. Smita Pattanayak & Ms. Srinidhi S. (2022)
Dr. William Joe (2021)
Mr. Chandraverma Yajarla (2020)
Mr. Ramanathan Balakrishnan (2019)
Mr. Pradeep Kumar Choudhry (2018)
Ms. Mukta Tyagi (2017)
Dr. Arvind Anandrao Dhond (2016)



Mr. Sunil Kumar (2024)
Ms. Stutee Avinash Waghmare (2023)
Ms. Varsha Rani (2022)
Dr. Nimra Shireen (2021)
Dr. Mitrajit Chatterjee (2020)
Dr. Sanchita Dhananjay Sarang (2019)
Ms. Meghna Eswar (2018)
Mr. Prashant Narayan Bhandarkar (2017)
Dr. Devesh Kumar (2016)



Experience @ IIPS

Our campus provides an ideal environment for young minds to explore new ideas, encourage creativity and independent thinking. The activities and resources here are centered around a health and wellness lifestyle. At IIPS, the students will be part of the diversity along with international exposure and will have a new experience of learning. Campus life at IIPS is about more than receiving a degree. Here, students will be part of the diversity of India along with international exposure and have a new experience of learning. The IIPS has a 24×7 internet facility in the campus. Various cultural and several events are organized at the Institute.

Glimpses of Various Event in the Institute



International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai 65th & 66th Convocation 28 May, 2025



OUR TEAM



Prof. Sanjay Kumar Mohanty
Director & Senior Professor

Academic



Prof. Dhananjay W. Bansod
Head of CDOE



Dr. Reshmi R. S.
Assistant Professor



Dr. Pradeep S. Salve
Assistant Professor

Administration



Mr. Sudarshan Bhadra
Asst. Registrar (Academic)



Dr. Rushikesh P. Khadse
Senior Research Officer



Mrs. Lavina Tauro
Selection Grade Stenographer



Mr. Amol B. Hase
Assistant



Ms. Sarita Gunaji Pawar
Administrative Clerk



Tanaji Pawar
MTS



ALUMNI SPEAK'S



The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) has been one of the best institutes in the world for population studies. I have been fortunate enough to undergo one of the most sought course MPS from IIPS (2008) through distance learning.

The faculties in the IIPS are amazing, having new ideas to make the learning simple and interesting. My understanding about the demography has improved a lot after doing the MPS course. Initially, I was bit scared because of the number of papers I had to study but after taking classes and reading the handouts/ study materials, especially the real-life examples and the scenarios taught, made me more confident. The overall learning environment of IIPS is full of positivity and creativity.

I, sincerely, thank the Centre for Distance and Online Education, IIPS for making the population studies so interesting and interactive.

Dr. DK Ojha

Deputy Director General
Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas,
Government of India,
Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi 110 001



I am proud to say that I had been as a student of the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, which is an internationally reputed institution imparting training to enrich knowledge and skill in the field of demography and allied subjects to various government and non-government professionals across the globe. The course material provided by CDOE, IIPS are very extensively researched and up to date. The teaching faculty here are very supportive in nature. The courses offered by CDOE are helpful for everyone including professionals working in the field of development administration, policy makers, etc. Thank you very much.

Ms. Sarita Yadav,
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