

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT ON THE INTERNSHIP FOR POSTGRADUATE (PG) PROGRAMMES Academic Year 2025–26

Internship is a compulsory and integral component of the postgraduate curriculum and is designed to provide students with experiential learning, practical exposure and skill enhancement. The Internship Programme is also aligned with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasizes experiential learning, multidisciplinary exposure, skill development, employability and stronger linkages between academic institutions and the professional world.

During the academic year 2025–26, II Semester students of three postgraduate programmes—M.Sc. in Biostatistics & Demography, M.Sc. in Survey Research & Data Analytics, and M.A./M.Sc. in Population Studies—undertook internships in reputed academic institutions, government departments, research organizations, public and private sector organizations, NGOs and professional institutions.

Programme-wise Statistics of internship exposure among IIPS Students

Programme	No. of Students	Major Areas of Exposure
M.Sc. in Biostatistics & Demography	20	Biostatistics, health research, population studies, official statistics, data analysis
M.Sc. in Survey Research & Data Analytics	25	Survey research, data analytics, official statistics, social research, field studies
M.A./M.Sc. in Population Studies	18	Public health, health systems, development sector, social research, public policy
Total	63	

The internship placements covered a wide institutional spectrum, including the ICMR–National Institute of Cancer Prevention & Research, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Indian Statistical Institute, Institute of Economic Growth, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Goa Institute of Management, IISER Bhopal, IIT Bombay, Institute of Development Studies, Government Departments, NIMHANS, State Health Systems Resource Centre–Kerala, Asian Development Research Institute, and other organizations.

Compact List of Internship

Programme	Student	Organization
M.Sc. in Biostatistics & Demography	Aishee Mondal	ICMR–National Institute of Cancer Prevention & Research
	Anubhav Gangwar	Tata Institute of Social Sciences
	Hritesh Das	Population Studies Unit, ISI, Kolkata
	Jasir U	ICMR–National Institute of Cancer Prevention & Research
	Mayank Sharma	ICMR–National Institute of Cancer Prevention & Research
	Nikhil Kumar	Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi
	Satyam Ojha	Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi
	Sneha Das	Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation
	Swaraj	Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi
	Aneesha Satapathy	NISER, Bhubaneswar
	Anindita Chakraborty	Population Studies Unit, ISI, Kolkata
	Ashutosh Kumar Pandey	Statsloom
	Ayushi Singh	Indian Council of Medical Research
	Liton Bhattacharjee	Renovate India
	Nehal Alam	KLE Academy of Higher Education & Research
	Soham Ghosh	Renovate India
	Tribhuwan Aditya Niwas	KLE Academy of Higher Education & Research
	Eman Dutta	Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi
	Priyanka	KLE Academy of Higher Education & Research
	Yogesh A. Rajgolkar	Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Hubballi
M.Sc. in Survey Research & Data Analytics	Harshata Roy	Goa Institute of Management
	Kevithonuo Livi	Govt. of Nagaland, Directorate of Economics & Statistics

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	Lika Tsuhah	Govt. of Nagaland, Directorate of Economics & Statistics
	Piya Barman	Tata Institute of Social Sciences / Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata
	Vaibhav Tiwari	Equal Opportunity Cell, Vishwakarma University, Pune
	Aveek Samanta	AG Consultancy, West Bengal
	Debabrata Sahoo	Amdox Technologies
	Nitin Kumar	IIT Bombay
	Pratim Sen	Tata Institute of Social Sciences
	Sakshi Jain	Goa Institute of Management
	Sudhanshu Yadav	IISER Bhopal
	Suman Bag	Deepak Foundation, Gujarat
	Akash Kumar Pandey	Economics & Statistics Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh & Goa Institute of Management
	Anjali Verma	IISER Bhopal
	Bhosale Rushikesh Sharad	YuMetta Foundation, Pune
	Chirag Sadhwani	DCB Bank Limited, Mumbai
	Deekshant Mohanlal Bhailot	Family Planning Association of India, Mumbai
	Harshit Dubey	Equal Opportunity Cell, Vishwakarma University, Pune / Deloitte
	Kamble Aniket Pramod	Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, New Delhi
	Pooja Yadav	IISER Bhopal

Programme	Student	Organization
	Prachi Satish Nikam	Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, New Delhi
	Rahul Kumar	Tata Institute of Social Sciences
	Sahoo Sunil Gopabandhu Nirupama	Pahle India Foundation
	Sattyam Chakraborty	Livelihood, Kolkata
	Sonkusare Shruti Sitaram	YuMetta Foundation, Pune
M.A./M.Sc. in Population Studies	Anjali Bodra	Lead Behavioural Insight Unit Jharkhand, IHD, New Delhi
	Joy Hansda	Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata
	Mithilesh Dilip Dhok	Grassroots Foundation, Mumbai
	Nimish	National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi
	Riyon Islam	Goa Institute of Management
	Sanbit Chatterjee	Pravasi Setu Foundation
	Sandeep Kumar Verma	Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi
	Satwik Shrey	Grassroots Foundation, Mumbai
	Shantanu Singh	ISTE Parks & Business Incubators Association, Navi Mumbai
	Sheetal Srivarshan N.D.	Young Indian in Politics, Ahmedabad
	Sourav Kumar	Centre for Development Studies, Kerala
	Sristee Debnath	NIMHANS, Bengaluru
	Suyog Mishra	BITS School of Management, Thane
	Vikas Kumar Mishra	Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi
	Esha	State Health Systems Resource Centre–Kerala
	Praveen Kumar Singh	Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi

Programme	Student	Organization
	Vivek Mishra	Equal Opportunity Cell, Vishwakarma University, Pune
	Rohit Raj	Asian Development Research Institute, Patna

Key Outcome

The Internship Programme provided 63 students with opportunities to apply academic knowledge in real-world settings and develop competencies in statistical analysis, survey research, data management, population and health research, official statistics, field research, policy analysis, communication and professional teamwork. The wide range of host organizations reflects the multidisciplinary and application-oriented character of the programmes.

Overall, the Internship Programme 2025–26 successfully strengthened the connection between classroom learning and professional practice, contributing significantly to students' skill enhancement, experiential learning and career readiness in accordance with the objectives of NEP 2020.

Conclusion

The Internship Programme for the II Semester of the academic year 2025–26 was successfully implemented as a compulsory and integral part of the postgraduate curriculum. The participation of 63 students across the three programmes provided valuable opportunities for experiential learning and skill enhancement.

The programme is in accordance with the spirit of NEP 2020, particularly its emphasis on experiential learning, skill development, employability and industry/institutional engagement. The internship experience is expected to enhance students' professional competence and prepare them to contribute effectively to research, policy, government, industry and development sectors.

Overall, the Internship Programme has served as an effective bridge between academic learning and practical professional experience and will continue to be an important component of the postgraduate curriculum.