



Symposium on the occasion of International Day for Older Persons 2024

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From Editorial Desk

Warm Greetings!

We are delighted to bring you volume 66, issues 3 & 4 of the IIPS Newsletter, which presents glimpses of the activities of the Institute from April 2024 to September 2024.

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Inaugural Session of the Symposium

deliberated on various issues. **Prof. T.V. Sekher**, Head of the Centre for Ageing Studies, welcomed the gathering and introduced the four speakers. **Prof. Hemkothang Lhungdim**, Director, chaired the symposium and highlighted the contributions of ageing surveys like LASI and SAGE and the vast research undertaken by IIPS during

the last two decades. About 35 PhD scholars of IIPS are working on various aspects of population ageing using primary and secondary data.

The first speaker for the symposium, **Ms Meenakshi Menon** (founder of GenSxty Tribe), shared her experiences in establishing this organisation and her own experiences in dealing with ageing issues. **Dr. Prem Narasimhan** (Geriatrician, Jaslok Hospital and Research Centre, Mumbai) presented current initiatives

in providing geriatric care in hospitals, mainly focusing on mental health issues among elderly citizens.

Dr. Anagha Tendulkar, a sociologist and the principal of Sophia College for Women, Mumbai, highlighted the various challenges older people face in India and discussed how young citizens can improve their dignity.



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Lastly, **Ms Gargi Sandu** (Co-founder of Goodfellows) spoke about the initiatives undertaken by their startup to support older people, primarily through companionship and spending quality

time with young volunteers. The speakers emphasised the changing societal scenarios and the need for innovative policy and voluntary interventions to address the growing needs of India’s elderly population. The symposium was attended by about 200 participants, including faculty and students of IIPS. **Prof. R. Nagarajan**, Associate Head, Centre for Ageing Studies, proposed the vote of thanks.

WORLD POPULATION DAY SYMPOSIUM

“Women’s Sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights.”

The World Population Day 2024 marks the 30th anniversary of the **International Conference on Population Development (ICPD)** Program of Action. Central to the ICPD program of



Facilitation of the Invited Guest

action is the recognition that women’s sexual and reproductive health and rights are cornerstones of sustainable development. On this occasion, an event was organised by IIPS wherein Dr Shireen Jejeebhoy, Director of the Aksha Centre for Equity and Wellbeing and the President of the

International Union for Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), and Prof. (Dr) Deepak Raut, Director-Professor, and Dean at the National Institute of Public Health Training and Research, Mumbai, Maharashtra, graced the occasion as the Invited Guests of the event.



Facilitation of the Invited Guest

This year, the theme for World Population Day was “Women’s Sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights.” The event featured diverse lectures by the two renowned guests. The Publication Cell and Short-term

training program organised the event and generously sponsored by The Centre of Demography of Gender.

The event was introduced by Prof. U.S. Mishra, while Prof. D A Nagdeve, the Director and Senior Professor at IIPS, shared the inaugural remarks. We also recognised and expressed our

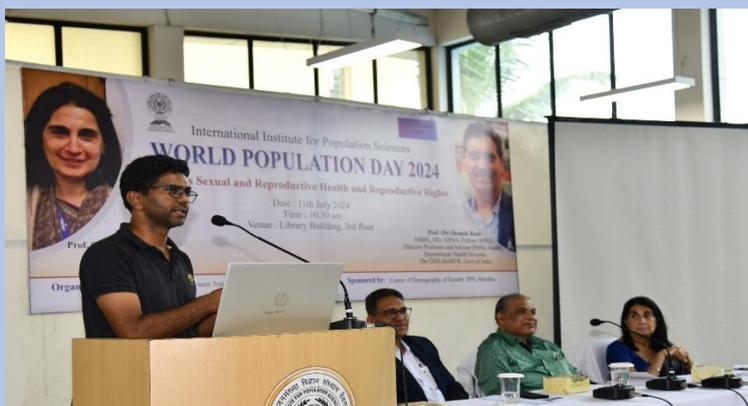


Introduction of the Event by Prof. U.S. Mishra, Coordinator of Publication and STTP Cell

sincere appreciation to our event sponsors, The Centre of Demography of Gender, CDG. On behalf of CDG, Dr Reshmi R S, Associate Professor, IIPS, introduced the Centre, briefly discussed the ongoing projects, and emphasised how the works of CDG align with Population

Day's theme. This was followed by an introduction of the Guest Speakers by Prof. U.S. Mishra and an insightful address by Dr Shireen Jejeebhoy, where she discussed women's and girls' agency in sexual and reproductive health matters. The topic of her lecture was "How much voice do girls and young women exercise in sexual and reproductive health?".

After that, Prof. (Dr) Deepak Raut delivered his lecture on demographic dividends in India



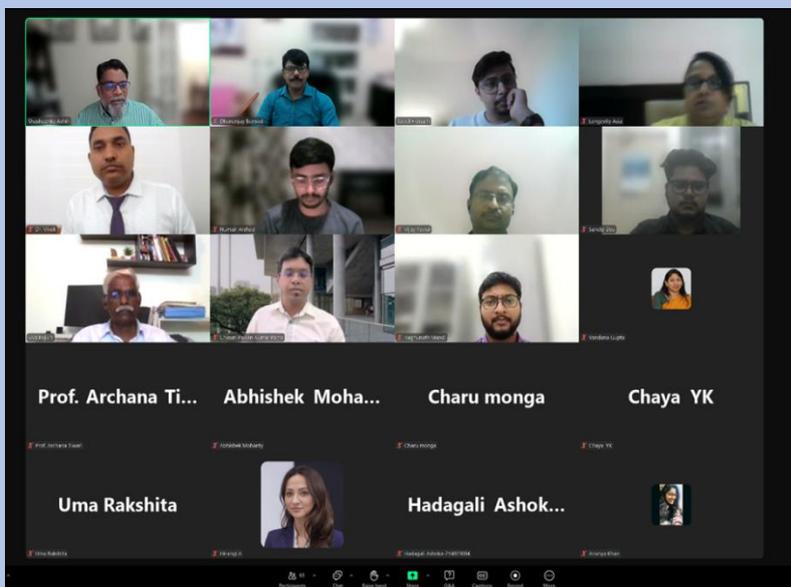
Vote of thanks delivered by Dr Srinivas Goli, Coordinator of STTP and Publication Cell

during the era of the epidemiological transition, which was a pivotal topic given India's current age structure. The subject of his lecture was "Demographic Dividend in the Era of Epidemiological Transition in India".

The event was concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr Srinivas Goli, Coordinator of STTP and Publication Cell.

Living Longer, Living Better: A Symposium on Longevity and Health (Virtual Symposium)

The Centre for Ageing Studies at the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, in collaboration with Rhenix LifeSciences, Hyderabad, successfully hosted a two-day virtual symposium titled “Living Longer, Living Better: A Symposium on Longevity and Health” on 20-21 September 2024. The event was co-organized by Prof. Dhananjay W. Bansod from IIPS, Mumbai, and Senior Scientist Dr. Shashaanka Ashili from Rhenix LifeSciences, Hyderabad.



Participants of the Virtual Symposium

The symposium gathered over 350 participants from 150 institutions worldwide, including leading experts, researchers, and policymakers. The discussions centred around critical issues facing ageing populations, focusing on themes such as graceful and sustainable ageing, elderly empowerment, and the impact

of policies on ageing. Technological advancements, such as wearables and smart homes, were also explored as ways to promote healthy and fulfilling lives for older adults.

The symposium featured four major themes:

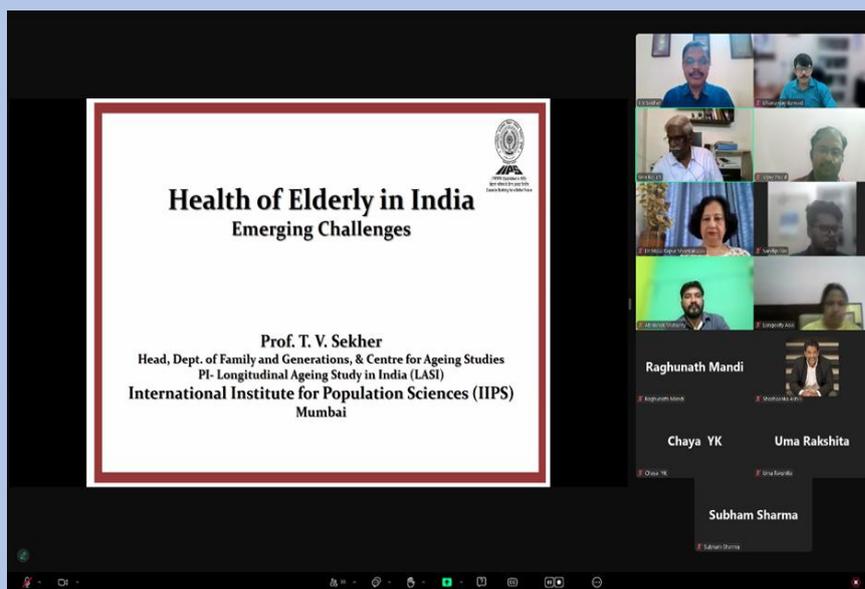
Theme 1: Ageing, Health, and Well-being

Theme 2: Socioeconomic Status & Cultural Diversity in Ageing

Theme 3: Technological Innovations for Ageing;

Theme 4: Healthcare Policies for the Elderly

The event included four plenary and six technical sessions, with 18 guest speakers and 41 paper presenters (including faculty members and research scholars). Eminent speakers from various organisations like Dr Sathyanarayana from UNFPA, DPRK; Dr Nikhil R. Gandasi from IISc



Lecture by Prof. T. V. Sekher in the Technical Session

Bangalore; Dr K. R. Gangadharan from Heritage Foundation India, Hyderabad; Dr Pawan Patro from the National University of Singapore; Dr Francois Pelly from Bimini Biotech, Croatia; Dr Anastasios Avranas from Interfima, Greece; Dr Charu Monga from

IIT Delhi; Prof. Mala Kapur Shankardass Retd. A professor from the University of Delhi; Prof. T.V. Sekher from IIPS; Prof. S. Siva Raju, former Director TISS, Hyderabad; Dr Mahesh Bhatt MMBSHS Trust, Dehradun; etc. delivered their expertise in different domains of ageing and longevity covering both social and medical dimensions.

A special highlight was the “Dr Harsh Chaturvedi Memorial (HCM) Student Award,” which was presented to seven outstanding student presenters, recognising their contributions to the field of ageing research. The symposium was a remarkable platform for exchanging knowledge and advancing discussions on ensuring a healthy, empowered, and sustainable future for the ageing populations.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Half-day Training Session on “Accessing Census Micro Data for the Workstation Users”

The Information Communication and Technology (ICT) Unit organised a half-day training session on 'Accessing Census Micro Data for Workstation Users' jointly conducted by IIPS and the Directorate of Census Operations (DCO), Maharashtra, on July 3rd, 2024. The session, held at the ICT Unit Lab, was attended by 42 researchers, including faculty and PhD students of IIPS.



Inaugural Session of the Half-day Training Program

DCO officials Shri Sagar Bagul, ADCO(T), Shri Pravin N. Bhagat, ADCO(T), and Shri Tushar Patil, SI Gr-II, delivered lectures on crucial topics, including the structure and variables of census micro-data files. Participants were educated on maintaining confidentiality and complying with legal regulations when utilising census micro-data.

The session also detailed the process for obtaining necessary approvals to access and use this data.

ACTIVITIES UNDER ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

Dissemination of Exemplars in Maternal and Newborn Health India Study

Maharashtra



Inaugural Session of the Dissemination of Exemplars Study

On September 27, 2024, IIPS hosted the dissemination of the Maharashtra State Report on Maternal and Newborn Health at The Fern Residency, Mumbai. In collaboration with NHSRC, IHAT, and the University of Manitoba, we gathered key health officials and experts to discuss significant maternal and

neonatal health advancements across Maharashtra. The report was released by esteemed leaders, including Dr Nitin Ambadekar, Additional Director of Health Services, Government of Maharashtra; Dr K. Madan Gopal, Advisor, PHA, NHSRC, Government of India; Dr Babita Kamlapurkar, Joint Director, Family Welfare, Government of Maharashtra and Dr Hemkothang Lhungdim, Director (Additional Charge) & Senior Professor at IIPS, along with other Maharashtra Government officials.



Exemplars Study Report Released by Esteemed Leaders

The inaugural session featured insightful presentations by Dr Manoj Alagarajan, Associate Professor at IIPS; Dr Ravi Prakash, Director of M&E and Research; Dr Usha Ram, Research & Technical Specialist (IGPH-UoM); and Dr Shajy, Managing Trustee of IHAT, showcasing crucial improvements in maternal and newborn care services in the

state. The plenary session, chaired by Dr K. Madan Gopal and co-chaired by Dr Suneeta Krishnan, Deputy Director of Strategy, Planning & Management, Measurement & Evaluation at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, fostered a rich dialogue on state priorities, challenges,



Felicitation of the Guest of Dissemination Event

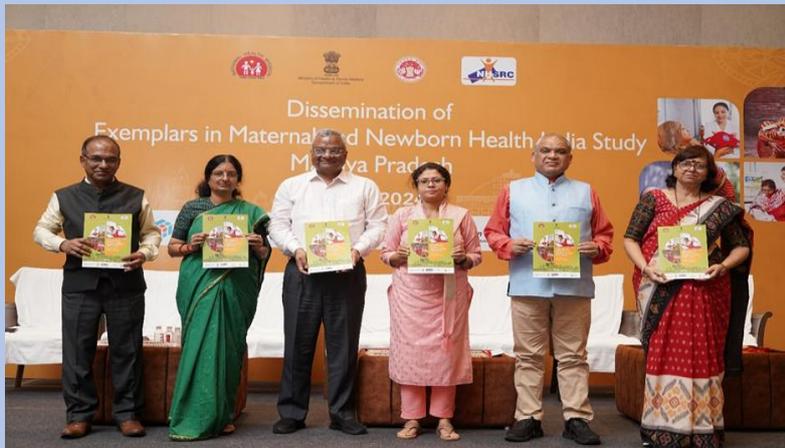
and the roadmap for implementation. Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, Professor and HOD of the Department of Survey Research & Data Analytics and Principal Investigator of the MNH project, had the honour of felicitating the chair and co-chair with a token of appreciation.

A big thanks to all district health authorities who participated! Together, we're committed to enhancing health outcomes for mothers and newborns in Maharashtra.

Exemplars in Maternal and Newborn Health Study, Madhya Pradesh Dissemination Workshop, July 5, 2024

On July 5, 2024, the Exemplars in Maternal and Newborn Health (MNH) Study team at the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organised a significant dissemination event for the Madhya Pradesh State Report at The Marriott Hotel in Bhopal. This event was

held in collaboration with the India Health Action Trust (IHAT), the National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), and the University of Manitoba (UoM). The Project Investigators



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(PIs) from IIPS included Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, Dr. Manoj Alagarajan, and Dr. Guru Vasishtha. Additionally, Dr. B. M. Ramesh from the University of Manitoba and Dr. Shajy Isac from IHAT, who were PIs from outside IIPS, played key roles in ensuring the smooth conduct of the

dissemination event in Madhya Pradesh. The event brought together key stakeholders from state and district health departments to review the study's findings and discuss their implications for improving maternal and newborn health in Madhya Pradesh.

The event commenced with the release of the Madhya Pradesh State Report. Ms Priyanka Das, IAS, Mission Director of the National Health Mission (NHM) in Madhya Pradesh, along with Dr Dewaram A. Nagdeve, Director (Additional Charge) at IIPS, and other dignitaries, officially launched the report. Dr. Dewaram A. Nagdeve presented the state's perspective on the MNH



Presentation on the MNH Exemplars Study Indicators

Exemplar Study, followed by Dr. K. Madan Gopal, who highlighted the global perspective on maternal and newborn health. In her keynote address, Ms Priyanka Das emphasised the need for Madhya Pradesh to sustain its efforts to improve healthcare while learning from states like

Tamil Nadu, which has successfully reduced maternal mortality to below the national average.

Following this, a technical session featured presentations from project experts, including Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi (IIPS, Mumbai), Dr Ravi Prakash (University of Manitoba & IHAT), Dr Usha Ram (University of Manitoba), and Dr Shajy K. Isac (IHAT). Their presentations

underscored significant improvements in maternal and newborn care services, contributing to reductions in maternal and neonatal mortality within the state. Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi highlighted the decrease in health equity gaps of MNH indicators in Madhya Pradesh and reductions in the causes of neonatal mortality over the 25 years in the state.

A panel discussion was also held, emphasising the importance of data-driven governance and improving healthcare delivery, particularly in rural areas. This session was chaired by Dr. K. Madan Gopal and included panellists comprising medical, academic, and social sciences experts. While acknowledging Madhya Pradesh's progress in maternal and newborn health, panellists stressed the need for sustained efforts to enhance health outcomes further.

This dissemination event marked a crucial step in advancing maternal and newborn health in Madhya Pradesh, showcasing the commitment of stakeholders to leverage data for informed decision-making and effective healthcare interventions. The state must prioritise both macro and micro-level interventions. Primary care facilities should be equipped and trained to deliver services at the macro level. Meanwhile, higher-level facilities, including CEmONC centres, should be prepared to offer macro and micro-level services, emphasising tracking and managing complications. The state can substantially progress in MNH outcomes by improving macro-level health systems and micro-level community engagement.

Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI) – Wave 2

The following key activities related to implementing the Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI) Wave 2 were completed from April to September 2024.

1. Modification of Survey Instruments and Manuals According to Wave 2 Questionnaires

As part of the preparation for LASI Wave 2, a comprehensive review and modification of the survey instruments and manuals were carried out. This process involved aligning the instruments with the updated Wave 2 questionnaires, ensuring that the content accurately reflects the study's objectives for the second wave.

2. Finalization of CAPI Program: The CAPI program has been revised and updated based on the Wave 2 survey instruments (household and Individual questionnaires).

3. Performance Management Committee (PMC) Meeting

The Performance Management Committee (PMC) meeting was successfully held on August 8th, 2024, at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi. The PMC is vital in overseeing the study's progress

and ensuring the successful implementation of all tasks. During this meeting, various aspects of the Wave 2 implementation were reviewed, including:

- **Progress of Preparatory Activities:** Updates were provided on the modifications to the survey instruments and the status of the field agency selection process.
- **Timelines and Milestones:** Discussions on the timelines for data collection, quality assurance procedures, and overall project management were held.
- **Field Agency Selection Process:** The committee also reviewed the RFP for selecting field agencies to ensure alignment with the study's goals.

4. Finalization of RFP and Signing of MoU

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for Field Agencies were finalised to implement Wave 2. The MoU was signed between MoHFW and IIPS.

Consequences of Male Migration on Left-Behind Women in Eastern UP, Bihar and Kerala: Determinants and Differentials

Training-cum-Orientation Program- Qualitative Data

The project conducted a comprehensive a training-cum-orientation program for the newly selected staff for writing transcripts and translations of Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) on 11th September 2024 from 4 PM to 6 PM via Google Meet. The session aimed to ensure accuracy and consistency in the transcription and translation process to maintain the integrity



Participants of the Training-cum-Orientation Program

of qualitative data collected from the field. The participants were provided with an audio file of FGD data beforehand, allowing them to review and share their critical observations during the session. This hands-on approach enabled a more interactive and practical learning experience. The session emphasised the importance of maintaining clarity, cultural context and precision in capturing the voice and nuances of the discussions, ensuring that the transcripts and translations are authentic and reliable for further analysis.

National Family Health Survey (NFHS) – 6

National Family Health Survey-6 field activities in the Phase I states/groups of states/UTs (except Manipur) were completed during this period. After completing the central survey ToT and state-level leading survey training, data collection commenced in most Phase II states/groups of states/UTs. Primary survey fieldwork was completed in many Phase II states/groups of states/UTs by September 2024. The IIPS NFHS-6 team and officials from the Ministry visited the states to monitor the primary survey fieldwork. They contributed significantly by making necessary interventions and providing clarifications to ensure good data quality. PRC officials were involved in field monitoring/back checks in selected states (Karnataka (N) & Goa and Madhya Pradesh (East)). For this purpose, the officials from PRC, Dharwad and PRC, Pune, were given online training for the primary survey, conducted at IIPS from 10 -14 June 2024.

For Phase I states/UTs, the data processing activities and generation of key indicators for fact sheets for Phase I states/groups of states/UTs commenced. Also, beta testing of the INCHTTS software for DBS logging, cataloguing, and testing was conducted by the NFHS-6 IT Team and CAB Team on 20th June 2024 for officials of ICMR_NITVAR, Pune. Following this, the CAB training of the INCHTTS Software for laboratory staff to conduct DBS logging, cataloguing and testing was held at ICMR_NITVAR, Pune, from 19-20 September 2024.

The work related to the NFHS dashboard was also taken up during this period, and meetings were held at IIPS with the CDAC team to review the progress in developing the APIs and finalise the design. A meeting was held on 3 July 2024 at MoHFW, New Delhi, between the MoHFW officials, IIPS IT team and officials of CDAC to review the progress of work related to API and dashboard.

A meeting of IIPS with Ministry officials was held on 19-20 September 2024 at IIPS, Mumbai,



Inauguration of the new NFHS website by Shri Kal Singh (DG, MoHFW (Stats.) in the presence of senior officials of MoHFW, NFHS-6 PIs, and NFHS-6 Office Team.

to review the progress of NFHS-6 activities and discuss quality issues and budget. On 19 September 2024, the new NFHS website was inaugurated by

Shri Kal Singh (DG, MoHFW (Stats.) in the presence of Smt. Reena Singh (CD, MoHFW (Stats.), Shri Amrit Lal Jangid (Director, MoHFW (Stats.), Shri. Deepak Kumar (Jt. Director, MoHFW (Stats.), NFHS-6 PIs and office team. All available publications and datasets of the various rounds of the NFHS survey can be accessed through this website. The new website has been upgraded with user-friendly features for accessing and downloading files.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE FOR DISTANCE AND ONLINE LEARNING

Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) Meeting

The CDOE conducted the Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) meeting on 19 November 2024. Two external Experts, Prof. Dhaneswar Harichandan, Professor (Rtd) at



Mumbai University and Prof. Vaibhav Jadhav, Pune University, joined this meeting.

[From L-R]: Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay, Mr Sudarshan Bhadra, Prof. T. Sekher, Prof. Dhaneswar Harichandan, Prof. Nandita Saikia, Prof. Vaibhav Jadhav, Prof. H. Lungdim, Prof. R. Nagarajan, Dr M. V. Vaithilingam, Dr Sandeep Salve, and Dr Suresh Jungari.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PLACEMENT CELL

A pre-placement talk on “Placement and Internship opportunities in the Development Sector: Expectations and Challenges” was organised by the placement cell of the IIPS on 27th



Guests from India Health Action Trust (IHAT) Discussed the Current Placement Opportunities

September 2024. Dr Shajy K Isac (Managing Trustee) and Dr Ravi Prakash (Director of Monitoring and Evaluation Research) from the India Health Action Trust (IHAT) discussed the current placement opportunities in the development sector and the market requirements.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Orientation Programme on Prevention of Sexual Harassment against Women at the Workplace

The Internal Committee of IIPS Mumbai conducted an orientation program for the second-year MA/MSc and MBD students on July 11, 2024, at 3:00 PM, in the MPS classroom (Second floor, Library building). The program aimed to reorient students with the POSH Act 2013 and Vishakha guidelines and sensitise students about measures for preventing sexual harassment in the workplace.



Participants of the Orientation Program on POSH Act

During the session, each member of the Internal Committee and the Counsellor of IIPS Mumbai delivered presentations on specific topics related to sexual harassment prevention and engaged in discussion with the students. Two educational videos were shown to enhance

understanding, followed by a quiz reinforcing the key concepts. Twenty-five students participated in the programme. The session provided a comprehensive and interactive learning experience for all attendees.

The Internal Committee of the IIPS conducted its second Orientation Programme on 'Prevention of Sexual Harassment against Women and Students at the Workplace (POSH) Act, 2013' on 12th August 2024. The session was designed for faculty members, staff, and students, focusing on newly admitted students. Prof. Kailash Chandra Das delivered the welcoming remarks and chaired the session. The chairperson of the IC, Prof. Archana K Roy, introduced all the committee members and provided an overview of the role and function of IIPS-IC in preventing sexual harassment in the workplace and contact details. The institute visiting counsellor, Ms Priti Raikar Thakkar, spoke on 'Fostering Integrity & Safe Environment on Campus,' highlighting the importance of mental health, assessing mental health conditions and seeking assistance to maintain a safe and supportive environment. She also explained how and

when to contact her in case of emergencies. The guest speaker, Adv. Rushila Rebello delivered an insightful talk on 'Creating Safe Spaces for All'. She explained the key aspects of the POSH Act, detailing its rules and regulations, as well as the roles, functions, and responsibilities of



Inaugural Session of the Orientation Program on POSH Act

the IC. To enhance the understanding of participants, she provided numerous real-life examples. She also discussed the types of complaints commonly received by the IC. Additionally, she discusses the kind of complaints widely received by the IC,

offering valuable insights into how such cases are handled. The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr Suresh Jungari, an IC member who expressed gratitude to the guest speaker, participants, and IIPS administration for their invaluable assistance and support in organising the orientation program. The orientation received an overwhelming response, with 150 attendees actively participating, including faculty, staff, and students from IIPS.

As a part of the Internal Committee's (IC) ongoing efforts to raise awareness about the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) at the workplace, a poster depicting the IIPS

guidelines was developed. The poster was officially released on August 12, 2024, during the IC orientation programme by faculty members and representatives from various institute sections, including administration, academics, accounts, the library, and ICT. It is now displayed on multiple notice boards across the institute.

The poster depicts the IIPS Guidelines on Prevention of Sexual Harassment at the Workplace

The poster was prepared under the supervision of the IC Chairperson, and the IC team made a significant contribution. Student members Tushar, Pooja, and Komal prepared the poster content, while Paramita, a PhD Scholar, played a key role in executing the design. Ms Nivedita Mishra, the Hindi Officer, provided the Hindi translation while Rajan and Lincy proofread the final version to ensure clarity.

Orientation Program on Anti-Ragging for 1st Year Hostel Resident Students

The Anti-Ragging Squad and the Hostel Officials organised an Orientation Programme for the 1st year Hostel Students on August 12, 2024. Prof. Laxmikant Dwivedi, Hostel Warden & Chairman of Anti-Ragging Squad, introduced the students to the institution's rich heritage and



Hostel Warden & Chairman of Anti-Ragging Squad, introduced the Students to the Rich Heritage of the Institution

exhorted them to strive for excellence and maintain a ragging-free campus. The students were also sensitised about the various forms of ragging and the mandatory regulations of UGC to control the menace of ragging. Information about the

available medical facilities and the Institute Counsellor was also provided to the students.

Dr Kaushalendra Kumar, a Member of the Anti-Ragging Squad, also interacted with the students and informed them about the adverse effects of ragging and its legal consequences. The hostel manager asked the students to complete an online anti-ragging undertaking at the UGC National Portal.

Ms Harshita, Mr Vikas Gupta, Mr Tanmya, Ms Shweta Patel and Vanshika are MBD and MA/MSc students. Course expressed their views on Ragging and its physiological effects on students. Further, Mr Vipul, Ms Lilly Rose, Mr Ramnaresh, Mr Shubham Tiwari, and Mr



Participants of the Orientation Program on Anti-Ragging

Priyanshu Sharma from the MSD course spoke on how students should cope with the issue of rage.

During the event, a poster competition on 'Menace of Ragging' was announced to generate awareness of the evil of ragging among the students. Certificates of Appreciation will be issued

to all the participants, and the best posters will be displayed on the Institute Website and Notice boards.

Orientation Program on Anti-Ragging for 2nd Year Hostel Resident Students

On August 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., an orientation program was held for second-year Hostel Resident students. M.A./M.Sc. and Bio-Stat students, Prof. Laxmikant Dwivedi, Hostel Warden, Dr. Manoj Alagarajan, Member of the Anti-Ragging Squad, and Ms. Anita Dogra, Hostel Manager, attended the event. At the outset, Prof. Laxmikant Dwivedi, the Hostel



Students Clearing their Doubts and Concerns

Warden, addressed the students and informed them about the Institute's culture and code of conduct. Warden encouraged students to participate in and learn about the

career development process and develop their skills. Other hostel-related concerns were also addressed.



Dr Manoj Alagarajan, a member of the Anti-Ragging Squad, informed the students about the adverse effects of ragging and its legal consequences. Students were instructed on UGC

Regulations on Ragging.

Students were informed about the Negative Effects of Ragging and the Legal Consequences of engaging in it

International Yoga Day

On June 21, the institute celebrated International Yoga Day with great enthusiasm and participation from students, faculty, and staff. The event aimed to promote the benefits of yoga and encourage a healthy lifestyle among the institute's community.

Event Highlights

Inauguration Ceremony:



Inaugural Ceremony of the International Yoga Day Program

Yoga Session:

Following the inauguration, a yoga session was conducted by Prof. Kailash Chandra Das (Senior faculty and head of the Department of Migration and Urban Studies), a practitioner.

The celebration began with an inauguration ceremony at 04:00 PM in the third-floor library building hall. Prof. Dewaram A. Nagdeve, Director (Additional Charge), Senior faculty and Head of the Department, Department of Fertility & Social Demography.

And wellness coach, who addressed the gathering, emphasising the importance of incorporating yoga into daily life.

Demonstrating various asanas (postures) and pranayama (breathing techniques).

Participants, including students, faculty, and staff, actively engaged in the session, experiencing yoga's physical and mental benefits.



Participants were doing Yoga at the Program

At the end of the program, Tea

served as a token of participation, and the organising committee delivered a vote of thanks to



Participants of the International Yoga Day Event

the respective management for their efforts in making the event successful. The International Yoga Day celebration at the IIPS was a resounding success. The event highlighted the importance of yoga and encouraged a healthier work-life among participants.

MPS Batch of 1998 Alumni Meet: A Heart-Warming Reunion after 26 Years

After 26 years of break, the MPS batch 1997 came together for an alum meeting at their alma mater, the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, to celebrate their togetherness. It was a special occasion to celebrate their friendship and shared memories. Of the total class strength of 22 students, 18 could connect, and 11 alumni attended the meet, with a few bringing their families along.



MPS Batch celebrating institute Foundation Day in 1997

The first day was spent at the IIPS hostel, where everyone was soaked up with nostalgia for IIPS life and the lively vibes of the late '90s. They explored every nook and corner of the institute and rejoiced in their favourite moments and experiences. The interaction with faculty, staff, hostel and mess staff,

and current students of the institute reinforced the strong sense of community that IIPS is known for. On the second day, the group took a nostalgic trip to Lonavala, enjoying the cherished tradition of MPS excursions that have been highlights of IIPS student's life for years.



L-R: Mr Dipankar Bhattacharya, Dr Deepali Chahnade, Mr Ranjan Panda, Mr. Nazammudin khan, Mr Saket Gupta, Dr Archana K Roy, Dr Shrabanti Sen, Dr Sannapaneni Krishnaiah, Ms Manimala and Dr Promod Kumar Gupta

Overall, the reunion was a fantastic success, reaffirming the connections they had formed during their institute days. They look forward to seeing everyone at the next get-together.

APPENDIX 1

A. PUBLISHED RESEARCH PAPERS OF IIPS FACULTY

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