

**THE SIXTIETH CONVOCATION**



Prof. L. Ladusingh, Offg. Director presenting Director's Report

The Sixtieth Convocation of IIPS was held on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. Dr. B.D. Athani, Principal Advisor, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India presided over the convocation.

Prof. S. Parasuraman, Senior Fudan Fellow, Fudan University, China, and Former Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, was the Chief Guest and delivered the convocation address.

Prof. L. Ladusingh, Officiating Director and Senior Professor of IIPS, delivered the welcome address and presented the Director's Report for academic year 2017-18.

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**Editors Desk**

This issue covers the activities of IIPS during January to June 2018, which includes the 60<sup>th</sup> Convocation of IIPS held on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. We are happy to present the proceedings of the convocation in this issue. We congratulate all the students who have received their degree/diplomas in this convocation.

In our efforts to continue to update you with academic and other activities at IIPS, we look forward to your support, suggestion and contribution. You can contact us at [publicationcell@iips.net](mailto:publicationcell@iips.net)

**Prof. H. Lhungdim  
Dr. Harihar Sahoo  
(Editors)**

## Proceedings of the Sixtieth Convocation



Academic Procession of the 60th Convocation



Dr. B.D. Athani, delivering the Presidential address

Two hundred and thirty-eight students received their degrees/diplomas at this convocation. The degrees awarded includes Diploma in Health Promotion Education (DHPE) – 21 students; Master of Population Studies (MPS) – 41 students; Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) - 58 students; Master of Arts/Science in Population Studies (MA/ M.Sc.) - 38 students; Master of Science (M. Sc.) in Bio-Statistics and Demography – 11 students; Doctor of Philosophy in Population Studies (Ph.D.) - 24 students; Master of Population Studies (Distance Learning) – 38 students and Diploma in Population Studies (Distance Learning) – 1 student. The chief guest, **Prof. S. Parasuraman**, presented the degrees/diplomas to the passing-out students and bestowed the meritorious students with medals/awards.



Audience of 60th Convocation



Dr. S. Parasuraman delivering the Convocation Address

**Dr. B.D. Athani, Principal Advisor, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India**, presided over the Convocation. Dr. Athani, in his address, appealed to the graduating students to use the high-quality education and training received from the Institute of its maximum potential in the service of the people. He said that India has made significant progress in population stabilization and improving the health status of its population. He highlighted the role of National Health Mission, which successfully addressed the issue of health infrastructure and financing, shortage of doctors and health personnel, and encouraged community participation in the promotion of primary health care. He was confident that National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS) which was introduced this year and aims to cover over ten crore poor and vulnerable families, providing coverage up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year, will go a long way in ensuring the essential medical care to the poor and needy.

**Prof. S. Parasuraman**, Senior Fudan Fellow, Fudan University, China and Former Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai delivered the convocation address. He spoke on the subject of 'future of demography'. He said that human activities and accompanying resource uses have grown so dramatically that the environmental conditions that fostered our development and growth are beginning to deteriorate. He informed that although the facts and figures on current climate condition presents a challenging picture, yet there is still plenty of room for optimism. If we manage to undergo the critical transitions necessary. He said that addressing social inequality and environmental degradation will require a global paradigm shift towards living within Planetary Boundaries, and we must create a new economic system that enhances and supports the natural capital upon which it relies. He added that Demography and Population Science have gone through tremendous change in the past 30 years – from being highly mathematical to a science able to explain changes, and hence, in the coming years, disciplines such as Anthropological Demography, Business Demography, Sustainable development and other areas must be given focus.

## AWARDS / MEDALS

A student from MPS programme, whose overall performance is adjudged to be the best, is awarded the Dr. C. Chandrasekaran Gold Medal.

A student each from DHPE and PGDCH programmes, whose overall performance adjudged to be the best, are awarded the IIPS Gold Medal.

A student, whose overall performance is adjudged to be the best in the MPS (Distance Learning) programme, is awarded the Dr. K. Srinivasan Gold Medal.

A student, whose overall performance is adjudged to be the best in the DPS (Distance Learning) programme is awarded the IIPS Gold Medal.

A student whose overall performance is adjudged to be the best in the M. Phil programme is awarded IIPS gold medal.

A student whose M. Phil/Ph.D thesis, adjudged to be the best, is awarded the Dr. P.N. Mari Bhat Award.

A student whose overall performance is adjudged to be the best in the MA / M.Sc. programme is awarded the Prof. Asha A. Bhende Gold Medal.

A student whose overall performance is adjudged to be the best in the M.Sc. programme in Bio-Statistics and Demography (MBD) is awarded the Prof. S. Mukherji Gold Medal

A student from MPS programme, whose seminar paper, rated as the best, is awarded the Dr. J.R. Rele award. This award is based on the Seminar paper's content and the student's presentation and defence skill, while presenting the paper at the 'IIPS Student – Faculty Seminar'.

Silver medals (IIPS) are awarded to students whose overall performance is ranked as the second best, in the respective programmes – MA/ M.Sc., MBD, MPS, DHPE, PGDCH, DPS and MPS (Distance Learning) and M.Phil. programme

- **IIPS Gold Medal** for securing first rank in DHPE Programme **Mr. Sandeep. M. Gawali**
- **IIPS Gold Medal** for securing first rank in PGDCHC Programme **Ms. Sentikala Jamir**
- **Dr. Asha A. Bhende Gold Medal** for securing first rank in M.A./M.Sc. Programme **Ms. Trupti Meher**
- **Dr. Sukumar Mukherji Gold Medal** for securing first rank in M.Sc. Biostatistics and Demography **Ms. Sheikh Rufi**
- **Dr. C. Chandrasekaran Gold Medal** for securing first rank in MPS Programme **Ms. Palak Sharma**
- **Dr. K. Srinivasan Gold Medal** for securing first rank in MPS (DL) Programme **Mr. Pradeep Kumar Choudhury**
- **IIPS Gold Medal** for securing first rank in M.Phil. Programme **Ms. Parul Puri**
- **IIPS Silver Medals**
  - DHPE Programme : **Mrs. Parvin Abdul Latif Shaikh**
  - PGDCHC Programme : **Mrs. Latatai B. Shenavi**
  - M.A. / M.Sc. Programme : **Ms. Sri Priya Reddy**
  - M.Sc. Biostatistics and Demography : **Ms. Shrishti Naskar**
  - MPS Programme : **Mr. Pawan Kumar Yadav**
  - MPS (Distance learning) Programme : **Ms. Meghana Eswar**
  - M.Phil. Programme : **Mr. Shubhankar Sharma**
- **Dr. J.R. Rele Award for Best Seminar paper in MPS Programme: Ms. Himani Sharma**
- **Dr. P.N. Mari Bhat Award” Best M. Phil Dissertation: Mr. Shubhankar Sharma**



Mr. Sandeep M. Gawali receiving IIPS Gold Medal, DHPE Programme



Trupti Meher receiving Dr. Asha A. Bhende Gold Medal, M.A/M.Sc. Programme



Ms. Shaikh Rufi receiving Prof. S. Mukherji Gold Medal, M.Sc. Biostatistics Programme



Ms. Palak Sharma receiving Dr. C. Chandrasekaran Gold Medal, MPS Programme



Mr. Pradeep Kumar Choudhury receiving IIPS Gold Medal, MPS (Distance Learning) Programme



Ms. Parul Puri receiving IIPS Gold Medal, M.Phil Programme



Mrs. Parvin Abdul Latif Shaikh receiving IIPS Silver Medal, DHPE Programme



Mrs. Latatai B. Shenavi receiving IIPS Silver Medal, PGDCH Programme



Ms. Sri Priya Reddy receiving IIPS Silver Medal, M.A/M.Sc. Programme



Ms. Shristi Naskar receiving IIPS Silver Medal, M.Sc Biostatistics Programme



Mr. Pawan Kumar Yadav receiving IIPS Silver Medal, MPS Programme



Mr. Subhankar Sharma receiving IIPS Silver Medal, M.Phil Programme



Ms. Meghana Eswar receiving IIPS Silver Medal, MPS (Distance Learning) Programme



Ms. Himani Sharma receiving Dr. J.R. Rele Award for M.P S Best Seminar Paper



Mr. Subhankar Sharma receiving Dr. P. N. Mari Bhat Award for best M. Phil Dissertation

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES DURING JANUARY- JUNE 2018

### Prof. P.N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture

The Tenth Professor P.N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture was held on 1 February, 2018. Dr. M.E. Khan, President, Centre for Operations Research and Training (CORT), delivered the lecture on “Human Resource Development for Social Science Research: Current Trend and Future Challenges” on the occasion. Prof. L. Ladusingh, Offg. Director, IIPS, chaired the session. In his lecture Dr. Khan highlighted that the organization could be dynamics and growth oriented only through capabilities of their human resources. Diversity of an organization comes from diversity of skills and competency of its human resource. He emphasized that appropriate human resource development (HRD) makes workforce more competent, develops new skills, knowledge and positive attitude towards work. HRD could create an environment of trust and respect. HRD does not happens easily, it demands commitment from top and perceiving it as critical for organizational growth and prosperity / credibility, making it as continuous process and part of organizational planning and growth strategy, allocation of adequate fund, annual appraisal of HRD performance, willing to diversify depending on market demand, being flexible in assigning role and responsibility based on strength and capability of the individual. He stated that while HRD has been institutionalized in industry it is yet to take place in universities and research institution, institution budget must have a line item for HRD with adequate funding.



### Prof. Asha A. Bhende Memorial Lecture

The Seventh Professor Asha A. Bhende Memorial lecture was held at IIPS on 23rd March 2018. Professor Saraswati Raju, Former Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi delivered the lecture on ‘Talking Empowerment, Talking Gender; Revisiting the Familiar’. She stated that in India the concept of empowerment has been treated as ‘a set of largely apolitical, technocratic, and narrow interventions that create nothing like the radical transformation envisaged by early women’s movement leaders’. She argued that although a way too familiar a term, ‘empowerment’ has become one of the most



Prof. L. Ladusingh Feliciting Prof. Saraswati Raju

misused term by now. She touched upon a few contested issues, especially as related to gender and development i.e., tracing a brief history of the term traversing diverse and ideologically opposed terrains; some of the more contemporary (mis)usage; and looking at the components of the idiom, whether or not the concept needs to be spatially contextualised to take into account diverse socio-cultural attributes. The internalisation of certain behaviour is so complete that to behave otherwise is considered outside the realm of possibility. These forms of behaviour could be said to reflect 'choice', but are really based on the denial of choice. Current approaches to women's empowerment, are unlikely to succeed in achieving what 'empowerment' is all about. This is because they are unable to overcome the perceptual biases. According to her, empowerment entails broader structural changes in power relations between sexes in social, economic and political realms. So that empowered individuals find the extrinsic environment enabling them to realize their dreams. Given the social context of India, this has to happen without eroding mutually interdependent nature of gender relation sans exploitation. Men and older women have thus to be, more effectively, an integral part of empowering processes.

The Memorial Lectures were organized by Prof. H. Lungdim, Dr. Harihar Sahoo and Mr. Prakash Fulpagare of the Publication Cell.

## **IIPS International Seminar**

The International Institute for Population Sciences, (IIPS) organized an International Seminar on “**Population, Health, and Development: Global and National Policy Perspectives**” during 15-17 February, 2018 at New Delhi YMCA, New Delhi. Around 150 papers were presented, in the 14 technical and three poster sessions. The seminar focused on various issues related to Demography, Health, Migration, Gender, Environment and Development. The seminar also disseminated the findings of the research projects with policy implications undertaken at IIPS, Mumbai. The seminar offered a platform to researchers, academicians, programme managers, and other experts to come together and share their findings, debate and discuss on the population and related issues, and contribute to programme and policy concerns at the global, regional and local levels.



**Seminar Organizing Committee:** Patron: Prof. L. Ladusingh; Co-ordinators: Prof. R.B. Bhagat, Prof. B. Paswan, Prof. H. Lungdim, Dr. Archana Roy, Dr. Dipti Govil, Dr. Harihar Sahoo, Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar; **Seminar Secretary:** Dr. P. Murugesan.

## **New Projects (2018-19)**

The Academic Council has approved two new projects to be undertaken in the next academic session, as below:

- Projection of District level Annual Population by Quienquennial Age-Group and Sex from 2011 to 20131 in India (Murali Dhar and B. Paswan).
- Geo-Spatial Mapping of Village and Ward Level in Uttar Pradesh (L.K. Dwivedi, A.K. Mishra and Sayeed Unisa)

## **Annual Sports Meet**

IIPS Annual Sports Meet was organized during Jan-Feb, 2018. The faculty, staff, and students actively participated in the different sport events. Winners were given prizes which were distributed by the Director and Sports coordinator. The sports meet was coordinated by Prof. H. Lhungdim.

## **Activities of IIPS Staff Welfare Committee**

The IIPS Staff Welfare Committee organized the following welfare activities as mentioned below:

1. An informal get together of all the staff was arranged by Staff Welfare Committee (SWC) on 1st January 2018 to convey New Year greetings to all the employees of the Institute. The purpose of such get together was to help create a friendly work culture among the staff and faculty members.
2. Yoga Day was organized for staff and students of IIPS on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018

## **Activities of Gender Amity Committee**

IIPS has constituted "Gender Amity Committee", which looks into the complaints of sexual harassment in the Institute. It was earlier known as "Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) to Prevent Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace". The name has been modified to reflect the gender neutrality in the matter of sexual harassment. On the occasion of International Women's Day, 8 March, 2018, the Committee organized recitation and elocution competitions. Around 20 students and staff participated enthusiastically. Prizes were awarded to winners and certificates distributed to the participants.



Recitation and Elocution competition

Committee Members: Prof. Sayeed Unisa (Chairperson), Aparajita Chattopadhyay, Dipti Govil, Sarang Pedgaonkar, D N. Vidhate, Asmita Parab, Ms. Nutan Kumari and Ajay Gupta.

## Study Tour

### 1. Study Tour of MA/MSc. students to TISS Tuljapur Campus

A study tour to the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur campus was organized during 19-22 February, 2018 for the fourth semester students of M.A/M.Sc. It included a field visit to the nearby village, Barul, which was accompanied by TISS social workers, which followed by a visit to the primary school in the village and ended with an interaction with the school students and teachers. The students also visited the Anganwadi centres and local milk centre. Students observed the developments as well as infrastructural issues at the Anganwadi and school. The village functions in an almost self-sufficient stage with new small scale innovations by the villagers to fix the problems instantly. On day two, there was a discussion with the TISS Deputy Registrar, Professor Shabanan. The discussion lasted for 2 hours comprising of a brief talk and an interaction session on the Community Engaged Universities and Social Sciences.



Group photo of Study Tour, TISS Tuljapur



Interactive Session at TISS Tuljapur

### 2. Study Tour of MSc. Biostatistics and Demography (MBD) students to SEARCH, Gadchiroli

The fourth semester students of M.Sc. Biostatistics and Demography (10 students) were taken to Society for Education, Action and Research in Community Health (SEARCH), Gadchiroli, Maharashtra during 18-22 February 2018 to understand SEARCH's approach and methods of solving community's health problems by researching with people. Students were learned about the SEARCH's innovative approach record keeping. They were informed about the various activities of SEARCH including the de-addiction camps for alcoholics, project of Home Based New Born Care (HBNC) and so on. Students were visited the the village in which the HBNC program is intervened where they learnt about the maintenance of the population register. Students were learnt a lot of things such as the application of the concepts learned in classroom in real life. Various other workshops were also conducted at SEARCH to make them aware about the persistent problem in the society and how the tackle them. The interaction with Dr. Abhay Bang and Dr. Rani Bang helped them in gaining information about the challenges they have faced during the various projects. The tour was accompanied by Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar.



Group photo of Study Tour, SEARCH



Field Visit



## National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4 & 5 Activities

### 1. National Family Health Survey (NFHS) 4 Activities

- **State reports:** During this period, IIPS prepared and published state reports for all the remaining states. In all, 29 state reports have been published. Hard copies of the reports are being distributed to all stakeholders, academic institutions, researchers, etc. and web version of these reports were made available on IIPS website.
- **National report:** The national report was reviewed and finalized during this period. The final version has been approved for printing. Hard copies of the report will be soon available for distribution. Soft copy of the national report has been uploaded on the IIPS website.
- **NFHS-4 dataset:** Downloadable version of the unit level datasets in various formats were made available to users through IIPS website.
- **Topical fact sheets:** Based on NFHS-4 findings, three topical fact sheets were prepared and shared with MoHFW. The fact sheets were finalized based on the comments received and final approval from Ministry. The three topical fact sheets are: *Key indicators for Adolescents Age 15-19; Methods and Strategies to Estimate Non-Sampling Errors: Jharkhand & Kerala; and Health and Living Condition in Eight Indian Cities*. Fact sheet showing findings for 25 key maternal and child health indicators by wealth index has also been prepared for each of the states of India.

### 2. National Family Health Survey (NFHS) 5 Activities

NFHS-5 survey will be implemented by IIPS during 2018-19. The preparatory activities of NFHS-5 have been initiated in 2017 and some of the important activities undertaken during this period are as follows:

#### **Technical and Financial Proposals**

IIPS has developed the technical as well as the financial proposals of NFHS-5 outlining details pertaining to project planning, implementation, and management. All these documents have been finalising and approved by the MoHFW.

#### **ToRs/Bids**

All the ToRs/Bids have been developed by IIPS including selection of Field Agency (FA), selection of CAPI bidders as well as bids for CAB suppliers. These documents have been approved by the MoHFW. All the final ToRs/ tenders to call for Bids were placed on IIPS website and advertisements in this regard was announced in the leading national newspapers for selecting of FAs, suppliers of CAB equipment and consumable as well as mini-laptops. The evaluation of bids received for FAs, CAB and CAPI, has been completed.

#### **MoAs**

IIPS has also developed two MoAs - one between IIPS and Field Agency and the other between IIPS and MoHFW giving detailed terms and conditions as per the project protocol and specific roles and responsibilities of Field Agency as well role of IIPS and it has been approved by the ministry.

#### **Evaluation of technical bids**

IIPS placed the tender for bids for selection FAs, suppliers of CAB equipment and consumables and mini-laptops. Accordingly, technical evaluation of FA has been completed and list of qualified FAs in different group of states uploaded on IIPS and NFHS website. Evaluation of bids received for CAPI and CAB equipment is also completed.

## Other activities

Similarly, basic sampling frame have been developed to strengthen the activities related to sample design in NFHS-5. Accordingly, modifications in manuals and questionnaires are in the progress. Various staff (for office and field) have been recruited. The process of selection of field agencies is ongoing.

## SWABHIMAAN PROJECT ACTIVITIES

1. A two-day workshop was organized by IIPS and UNICEF at IIPS Mumbai on 16-17 March, 2018. Theme of the workshop was “Midline Rapid Assessment of SWABHIMAAN Women’s Nutrition Demonstration Programme in Phase 1 States”. The aim of the workshop was to conduct discussion on modifying Chhattisgarh district midline survey questionnaire. Dr. Vani Sethi, Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF, New Delhi, Mr. Anoop Kumar Jha, UNICEF and Mr. Raj Kumar Gope, expert from Ekjut (Jharkhand), Prof. Sayeed Unisa, (PI) Dr. Reshmi R.S., Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar, Co-PIs from IIPS along with all Swabhimaan project staff participated in the workshop.



Participants of Workshop on 16-17 March, 2018

2. A workshop on “Basic introduction on ‘ATLAS-ti software for qualitative data analysis training, was organized by IIPS & UNICEF on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at IIPS. Swabhimaan project staff along with Ph. D Research Scholars attended the workshop.
3. Another workshop on “Basic introduction of ‘R’ software for quantitative data analysis training, was organized by IIPS & UNICEF on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018 at IIPS. Swabhimaan project staff along with Ph.D Research Scholars attended the workshop.
4. Another two-day workshop on ‘**Ideation and Prototyping Qualitative Research Methods**’ was organized by IIPS and UNICEF at IIPS, Mumbai during 14-15 June, 2018 with the quest of finding out the most appropriate tool/s for collecting qualitative data and improving the SWABHIMAAN Project. The workshop was presided by Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Principal Investigator, followed by welcome address and a brief lecture on the inception of Swabhimaan Project and the significance of conducting midline survey.



Participants of Workshop on 14-15 June 2018, Swabhimaan Project

The workshop was facilitated by two invited resource persons. Dr. Mridula Seth, Director, Life Skills Education Programme, Society for Promotion of Youth and Masses (SPYM) gave lecture on ‘Stories of Change Stories for Change’ Most Significant Change Technique for Evaluation of Social Change Programmes and Ms. Anu Sachdev, Co-Founder, The Change Designers, facilitated the workshop. Three Co-PIs from IIPS, namely - Dr. Reshmi R.S., Dr. Laxmikant Dwivedi, and Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar along with all Swabhimaan project staff participated in the workshop.

## CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR THE STAFF OF PRCs

The Population Research Centers (PRC) carries out research on various aspects of population stabilization, conduct demographic and socio-demographic surveys and study communication aspects of Population and Family Welfare Programmes. However, in the recent past, it was found that in many of PRCs, faculty positions are vacant and junior staff required skill development to strengthen the centres.

International Institute for Population Sciences has taken initiative of organizing capacity building training for the staff of PRC with its own funding. It was undertaken with the endorsement of Department of Health and Family Welfare, Statistics Wing, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare by the recommendations of the review committee of PRCs, chaired by Prof. P.M Kulkarni where Prof. Sayeed Unisa is one of the members. A five-day workshop was conducted on 'Development of Research Questions and Proposal writing' from 5-9 February 2018 at the institute premises for the staff of PRC. The workshop was coordinated by Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Professor and Dr. Dhananjay Bansod.



Participants of Workshop for Staffs of PRC

## ANNOUNCEMENT



Announcement: WORKSHOP ON

**"Introduction to R and Spatial Analysis with R Model Approaches, Maps, and Big Geodata"**

**August 20-25, 2018**

**International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, India**  
in collaboration with  
**Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany**  
&  
**Federal Institute for Population Research, Wiesbaden, Germany**

Course coordinators: Prof. Usha Ram and Dr. Sebastian Klüsener

Location: International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, India

➤ Interested persons may kindly contact the Course Coordinators.

## Superannuation and Retirement

Mr. C.S. Sonawane retired on superannuation on 31.05.2018.

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**Group photo of Faculty and Students Receiving Diploma/Degree at the Convocation with the Chief Guest**

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