



Release of GYTS-4 National Fact Sheet by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, on 10th August 2021 at New Delhi

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From the Editorial Desk

Warm Greetings!

We hope you are keeping safe and healthy with your family and friends in these uncertain and challenging times amidst COVID-19!

We are delighted to bring to you volume 62 (issues 3 & 4) of the IIPS Newsletter which presents glimpses of activities of the Institute from April to September 2021. The Institute has adopted new strategies to continue the academic and research momentum in these difficult times. Apart from carrying out its regular activities, the Institute organized workshops and training programmes and achieved new milestones. We hope to see the students on our campus very soon.

The editorial team takes this opportunity to express their hearty congratulations to their colleagues who got promotions and extends a very warm welcome to the new faculty members who joined the IIPS family.

The editorial team is grateful for the timely support, contribution and suggestions in preparing the Newsletter and looks forward to your continued support in future. For any feedback/query at any time, please contact the Publications Cell at publication@iipsindia.ac.in.

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RELEASE OF NATIONAL FACT SHEET OF GLOBAL YOUTH TOBACCO SURVEY (GYTS-4), BY DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA, HON'BLE UNION HEALTH MINISTER

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS), a component of the Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS), is a global standard for systematically monitoring youth tobacco use (smoking and smokeless) and tracking key tobacco control indicators. GYTS is a cross-sectional, nationally representative, school-based survey of students in grades associated with ages 13-15 years. It assists countries in fulfilling their obligations under the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) to generate comparable data within and across countries.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) designated the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) as the nodal agency to conduct the GYTS-4 under the guidance of Technical Advisory Committee with necessary support from the WHO India office. GYTS-4 was designed to provide national and state/UT level estimates of tobacco use among school going children aged 13-15 years by sex, location of school (rural-urban), and management of school (public-private). The objective of the survey was to provide information on tobacco use (smoking and smokeless), cessation, second-hand smoke, access and availability, exposure to anti-tobacco information, awareness and receptivity to tobacco marketing, knowledge, and attitudes. 97,302 students from 987 schools (Public-544; Private-443) participated in the survey. Of which, 80,772 students aged 13-15 years were considered for reporting.

IIPS successfully completed the field survey for GYTS-4 in 2019 and prepared the National and State/UT fact sheets by providing its key findings. Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare released the National Fact Sheet of GYTS-4 on August 10, 2021.

The Union Minister emphasized the early awareness of the ill effects of tobacco among children. He said, "The more and the sooner, we create awareness among children about the harmful effects of tobacco use, the better will be the outcomes in terms of reduction in prevalence of tobacco use among children and consequently, among adults". "Harmful effects of tobacco use should be incorporated into the school curricula at various levels starting right from the primary school level", he added.

WORLD POPULATION DAY 2021: SYMPOSIUM

On the occasion of World Population Day, The Short-Term Training Programme and Publications Cell (STTP & PC) of the IIPS organized a virtual symposium on July 12, 2021 through the WebEx platform on the theme- **COVID-19: Challenges for healthcare delivery and vaccination drives in India. Dr. Gagandeep Kang,**

Professor, The Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory Division of Gastrointestinal Sciences, Christian Medical College, Vellore and **Dr. Sudha Ramani**, Independent Consultant on Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR) were the eminent speakers at the Symposium.



Prof. Gagandeep Kang

Prof. Gagandeep Kang delivered a lecture on the topic, “**COVID 19 Vaccination Program in India: Issues and Challenges**”. She briefly explained about various vaccines and their effectiveness (one doses and two doses) against SARS-CoV-2 variants. She also talked about India’s vaccination programmes and the different issues and challenges for vaccination for every citizen. Dr. Sudha Ramani spoke about “**The health system response to COVID-19 in India:**

Learnings for the way forward”. She discussed about the Public health system response to COVID-19 in India

(preparation, absorption, adaptation, transformation), and the new learnings from this experience. She also suggested that strong, resilient health systems are not built in a day and they cannot be built up during a crisis so we have to strengthen public health systems with positive strategies and catch-up with intervention accumulation.



Dr. Sudha Ramani

The lecture was followed by an interesting question and answer session. The event was attended by 118 participants. The Director, **Prof. K. S. James**, chaired the session. **Prof. Usha Ram**, Coordinator, STTP and PC conducted the programme. **Prof. Archana K. Roy**, Coordinator, STTP and PC, proposed the formal vote of thanks.

Coordinators: Prof. Usha Ram, Prof. Archana K. Roy, Mr. Babu Santosh Kumar, Dr. P. Murugesan and Mr. Rishabh Gupta.



WORKSHOPS & TRAINING PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED

Online Workshop on “Introduction to R: Demographic and Spatial Analysis”

The Short-Term Training Programme & Publications Cell (STTP & PC) of the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) in collaboration with Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR), Rostock, Germany & Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB), Wiesbaden, Germany organised a 5-day online training programme on “**Introduction to R: Demographic and Spatial Analysis**” during April 5-9, 2021 through WebEx video conferencing platform. 50 applicants (25 participants and 25 who audited the R-workshop) from various disciplines across the country participated in the online training programme. The main objective of the training programme was to provide an introduction to the participants regarding performing statistical analyses using ‘R’ program. Beside theory classes, the participants had hands on training using practical problems relating to the current COVID-19 pandemic. The participants were also imparted skills for conducting spatial analyses in R. Spatial analysis methods are of high relevance as researchers often work with geographically referenced data.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. K. S. James, Director and Senior Professor, who highlighted the significance of the open-source statistical programs like ‘R’, which have become the most important tools for quantitative research.



Dr. Christian Dudel

This training programme provided the participating researchers skills for conducting statistical analysis. Further it also provided them with the requisite exposure to gather & prepare data using the R-software. On the first day of the training, topics like **Introduction to R, its objects & operators, using R Studio, Data wrangling and basic plotting** were discussed with hands on practical exercise. On second day and first half of third day, topics like **Regression**

modelling, for-loops & while functions and demographic methods using the Covid-19 pandemic data were discussed with help of R Studio analytical software. The final two and half days focussed on **learning with practical examples from specific topics on Spatial Demography, spatial analysis and spatial modelling**. These spatial process related topics improved the overall knowledge regarding demographic events as well as enhanced the usefulness, applicability and relevance of statistical models.



Dr. Sebastian Klüsener

Dr. Christian Dudel, MPIDR, Rostock (Germany) and **Dr. Sebastian Klüsener**, BiB, Wiesbaden (Germany) were the resource persons for this workshop. Both attending as well as audit participants were provided with certificates on completion of the training programme.

Coordinators: Prof. Usha Ram, Mr. Babu Santosh Kumar, Dr. P. Murugesan and Mr. Rishabh Gupta.



“Introduction to R: Demographic and Spatial Analysis” Online Workshop

Online Training Programme on Sampling Design for Large Scale Surveys for PRCs

International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) conducted a ten-day workshop on Sampling design for Large Scale Surveys during the period from 18th May - 18th June, 2021. The workshop was attended by 80-120 participants from various Population Research Centers (PRC) across India. The PRCs that participated included the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, Institute for Social & Economic Change, Bengaluru, Kerala University, Punjab University, Patna University, Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics, Pune, etc.

It was an extensive training programme wherein several sampling techniques and designs, calculation of sample size, estimation of standard errors and application of survey weights were thoroughly discussed to demonstrate the theoretical and practical application of the topics. Prof. K. S. James, Director of IIPS, inaugurated the workshop and emphasized the importance of learning the survey design and developing skills to conduct surveys by the PRCs. Shri. D. K. Ojha, Deputy Director General (Statistics), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, highlighted the importance of skill development and capacity building of the research staff of the PRCs. Dr. L.K. Dwivedi, Dr. P. Dhillon and Prof. S.K. Singh were the resource

persons for this workshop. Different applications were discussed along with demonstration of the methods on large-scale data sets such as National Family Health Survey (NFHS), Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI), Sample Registration System (SRS), Sero-Survey, Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS), etc. The participants were given assignments, had discussions on the problem and also got hands-on training.

Coordinator: Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi

Workshop on Introduction of Human Mortality Database (HMD)

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized a one-day virtual workshop on **September 9, 2021** through WebEx Video Conferencing Application on the **Introduction to Human Mortality Databases – HMD**. **Prof. Usha Ram**, the Workshop Coordinator, welcomed the resource persons – **Dr. Dmitri Jdanov**, Head of the Laboratory for Demographic Data, and **Dr. Domantas Jasilionis**, Research Scientist at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany. **Prof. K. S. James**, Director and Senior Professor, IIPS, formally inaugurated the workshop. Prof. James emphasized the workshop's importance, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Eleven faculty members and 35 research scholars from IIPS, and one research scholar from JNU, New Delhi attended the workshop. The workshop covered the following topics: Background and description of data, including data quality issues; Need for including data for developing countries, especially India and China, in the HMD; Data quality and uses of data for formal demographic analysis; and Use of HMD data for COVID analysis.

Coordinator: Prof. Usha Ram.



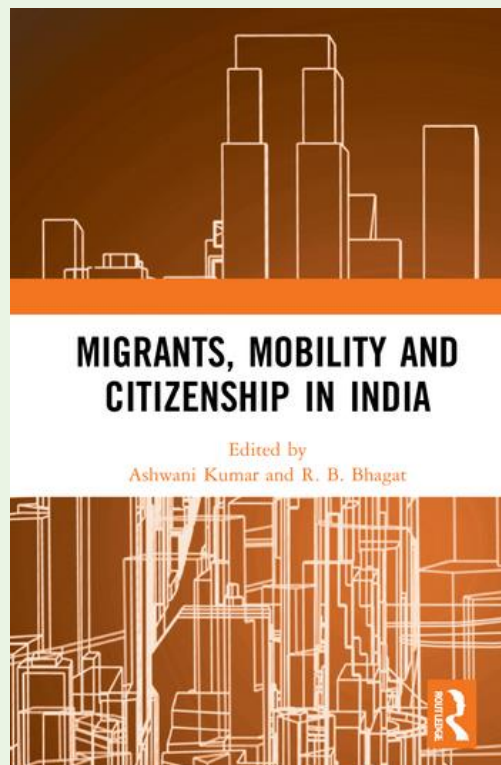
“Introduction of Human Mortality Database”, Online Workshop

BOOK PUBLISHED BY FACULTY

“Migrants, Mobility and Citizenship in India”, Edited by Ashwani Kumar and R. B. Bhagat, Routledge India, 2021.

This book reconceptualizes migration studies in India and brings back the idea of citizenship to the center of the contested relationship between the state and internal migrants in the country. It interrogates the multiple vulnerabilities of disenfranchised internal migrants as evidenced in the mass exodus of migrants during the COVID-19 crisis. Challenging dominant economic and demographic theories of mobility and relying on a wide range of innovative heterodox methodologies, this volume points to the possibility of reimagining migrants as ‘citizens’.

The volume discusses various facets of internal migration such as the roles of gender, ethnicity, caste, electoral participation of the internal migrants, livelihood diversification, struggle for settlement, and politics of displacement, and highlights the case of temporary, seasonal, and circulatory migrants as the most exploited and invisible group among migrants. Presenting secondary and recent field data from across regions, including from the northeast, the book explores the processes under which people migrate and suggests ways for ameliorating the conditions of migrants through sustained civic and political action.

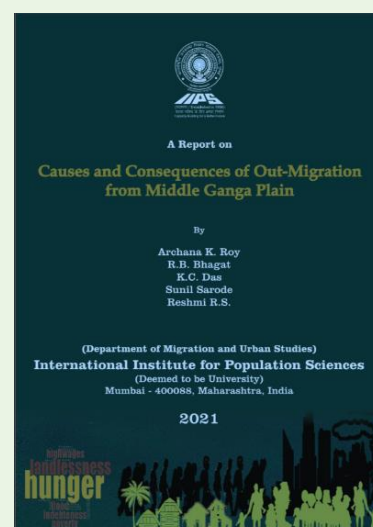


RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPLETED

1. Title of the Project: Causes and Consequences of Out Migration from Middle Ganga Plain (2016-2021)

This IIPS sponsored project has been completed, and its report has been published. The project began in February 2016 to understand various aspects of migration from the largest migration sending region of India i.e., Bihar and Eastern UP. This region is geographically identified as the Middle Ganga Plain. The data was collected from 4053 households selected through a multi-stage systematic random sampling technique from 68 PSUs. Quantitative data was collected from respondents, including heads of households, women, elderly, adolescents, and return migrants using Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI).

The study reported on the levels and patterns of migration from this region, types of migration (short term or seasonal, long-term, and return), the effect of migration on the economy of the households at the origin and perceptions of family members. The migration experiences of the return migrants and the expectations of potential migrants and migration history, push and pull dynamics of internal and international migrants were explored to gain insights into the understanding of the process, experiences and expectations related to migration from the region. The study assessed the consequences of migration on the household economy and the left-behind women, children and elderly, comparing them with their counterparts in non-migrant households. The report is available on the IIPS website.



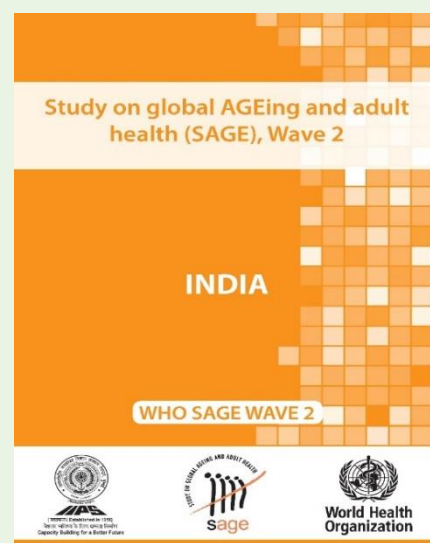
Coordinators: Prof. Archana K. Roy, Prof. R.B. Bhagat, Prof. K.C. Das, Dr. Sunil Sarode & Dr. Reshmi R.S.

2. Title of the Project: Study on global AGEing and adult health (WHO-SAGE)- wave 2

World Health Organization sponsored Study on global AGEing and adult health (SAGE) is a multi-country project conducted in China, Ghana, India, Mexico, Russian Federation and South Africa. The SAGE India was implemented in six states – Assam, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. WHO-SAGE collected data on adults aged 50 years and older, along with a smaller comparison sample of adults 18-49 years. Wave 1 of SAGE India was undertaken 2007-08 and Wave 2 was conducted in 2015. SAGE Wave 2 India included 9,116 completed interviews from 8152 households.

The primary objectives of the survey are-

- To obtain reliable, valid and comparable data on levels of health in a range of key domains for adult populations who are 50 years and older.
- To examine patterns and dynamics of age-related changes in health and wellbeing, using longitudinal follow-up of survey respondents as they age, and to investigate socioeconomic consequences of these health changes;
- To supplement and cross-validate self-reported measures of health and the anchoring vignette approach to improving comparability of self-reported measures, through measured performance tests for selected health



domains;

- To collect data on health examinations and biomarkers to improve reliability of data on morbidity and risk factors and monitor the effect of interventions.

The WHO-SAGE Wave-2 India report has been released and is now available at- <https://iipsindia.ac.in/content/SAGE-wave-2>. The data is also available on request from the link - <https://iipsindia.ac.in/content/SAGE-data>. The India report includes ten chapters- (i) Introduction, (ii) Methodology, (iii) Household and Individual respondent characteristics, (iv) Income, consumption, transfer and retirement, (v) Risk factors and health behaviors, (vi) Health status, (vii) Morbidity and interventions, (viii) Health examination and biomarkers, (ix) Health care utilization, system responsiveness and financing, and (x) Subjective wellbeing and quality of life.

Coordinators: Prof. P. Arokiasamy, Prof. T.V. Sekher, Prof. H. Lhungdim, Prof. Murali Dhar and Prof. Archana K. Roy

ACTIVITIES UNDER ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

A. SWABHIMAAN Endline Impact Evaluation Survey: Bihar and Odisha

The SWABHIMAAN Programme is an integrated multi-sectoral strategy to improve girls' and women's nutrition before conception, during pregnancy and after birth in selected blocks of Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Odisha. This is a collaborative project of the Nutrition Division of UNICEF India and the National Rural Livelihood Mission of the Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (MoRD & PR). For the baseline, IIPS provided technical support for conducting the survey. For mid- and end-line, IIPS was the nodal agency for carrying out the surveys. The end-line survey of Bihar and Odisha has been completed, and the survey in Chhattisgarh will be over by December 2021.

The field investigators training was conducted by a team of IIPS and members of UNICEF and SRLM (State Rural Livelihood Mission) in Bihar and Odisha. The training for the mapping and listing was conducted simultaneously in both states from 8th to 10th February 2021. The mapping and household listing in the selected blocks began on 11th February 2021. The training of investigators for data collection was conducted in Bihar and Odisha from 24th February to 5th March 2021. The training was given to familiarize investigators with Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) and anthropometric measurements with field-based practice in the last two days.

The data was collected using pretested bilingual questionnaires. There were five interview schedules—household, adolescent girl, pregnant woman, mother and child under two years of age. The data collection in

Odisha was completed on 30th August and in Bihar on 30th September 2021. Investigators were supervised by a team of PIs, Co-PIs, and Junior Programme Managers (JPM) and Programmers.

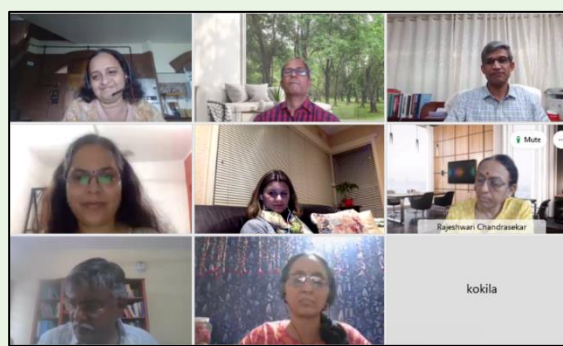
B. Protection of Children Affected by Seasonal Migration: A Study in Jalna District, Maharashtra

This collaborative research project between IIPS and UNICEF-India is aimed at understanding the protection issues of children affected by seasonal migrants in the State of Maharashtra, and to recommend sustainable solutions for strengthening policies and programs for them. Prof. K. C. Das, Prof. R. B. Bhagat, and Prof. Archana K. Roy are the project coordinators.

The online data collection was held in three phases. (1) Pilot data collection (2) Data collection in villages, and (3) Data collection from Block and District level stakeholders. Upon satisfactory completion of pilot data collection, the second phase of data collection was conducted in 12 villages in April, 2021. During the second phase, information was collected from children, parents and village-level stakeholders. The third phase of data collection was conducted in August, 2021 from Block, District and state-level stakeholders.

A 3-day workshop on ‘Qualitative Data Analysis & Finalization of Chapter Plan’ was conducted on 28 and 29 May, and 11 June 2021. Ms. Gomathy Balasubramanian (TISS) and Dr. Padma Deosthali (IGC) led the sessions on content analysis, grounded theory, narrative analysis, data triangulation, etc. The objectives of the workshop were to make the project team understand data analysis (coding and triangulation), theorization, and presentation of findings.

The third TAC meeting was held online on 6th September 2021. Ms. Sujata Saunik (Additional Chief Secretary, GoM) presided over the meeting. Prof. K. S. James (Director, IIPS), Ms. Rajeshwari Chandrasekar (UNICEF), Ms. Alpa Vora (UNICEF), Prof. R. B. Bhagat, Prof. K. C. Das, and Prof. Archana K. Roy attended the meeting. Preliminary insights from the analysis of data were presented in the meeting.



3rd Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on September 6, 2021

C. Webinar on Longitudinal Health and Nutrition Surveys in India

The Longitudinal Survey of Maternal and Infant Nutrition in Maharashtra (LoSMINM) project of IIPS organised a one-day webinar on 17th August 2021 on “Longitudinal Health and Nutrition Surveys in India: What we have learnt from recent studies?”. The main aim of this workshop was to gain insights on the methodology followed by the previous studies and understand the barriers and facilitators to their approach in conducting cohort studies. The purpose of the seminar was to introduce this longitudinal project to experts and aspiring students from this field. Two hundred and eleven persons attended this webinar.

The webinar started with a welcome note from Dr. Preeti Dhillon, Assistant Professor, IIPS, one of the organisers of this webinar. Further Dr. K.S. James, Director & Sr. Professor, IIPS, presented his opening remarks on behalf of the Institute and presented his thoughts about this new project. The guest of Honour for this webinar was Prof. S. K. Bhargava. He spoke about his experience of carrying out the Delhi Birth Cohort Study. Prof. Bhargava also provided an overview of the challenges faced during this large-scale cohort study implementation and continuation in India.

Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Principal Investigator of the project, introduced this new project to experts. She provided a brief insight into the purpose of this project, the role of the double burden of malnutrition in India and the importance of carrying out this project in the Karjat district of Maharashtra.

Dr. Vani Sethi from the UNICEF, New Delhi, moderated the first session. Dr. K. Kumaran from the University of Southampton, UK., and Holdsworth Memorial Hospital, Mysore, presented the Mysore Birth Record Cohort study.

The next speaker was Prof. C. Yajnik, Director, Diabetes Unit, KEM Hospital, Pune. Prof. Yajnik presented "Diabesity in Indians- A Life course Evolution Story of Pune Studies".

From the University of Southampton, UK, Dr. Sarah Kehoe presented the key highlights of the Mumbai Maternal Nutrition Cohort study carried out by University of Southampton and the MRC, UK in the suburban slum areas of Mumbai. Dr. Nadia Ansari from the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health at the Aga Khan University, Karachi, presented multiple maternal and child health studies carried out by the Aga Khan University.

Prof. Sayeed Unisa moderated the second session of the webinar. This session began with Mr. Raj Kumar Gope, the team lead for the EKJUT project, who presented the EKJUT Caring Trial: Community Action

Research to Improve Nutrition and Growth Among Children Under 2 Years in Rural India (Jharkhand and Odisha). The next speaker was Dr. Sangram K. Patel, Co-Lead, UDAYA Project, Population Council India. He presented the methodology, key findings, and challenges faced during the UDAYA study's implementation and progression among adolescents in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. The next presenter was Dr. Praween Agrawal, Senior MEL Expert and MEL Team Lead- Raj Pusht, IPE global Limited, New Delhi. His presentation was based on the learning experience of CNNS and the importance of innovation and technology within the scope of population-based nutrition projects and programs. Dr. T. R. Dilip, Associate Professor, IIPS, proposed the vote of thanks.



Webinar on Longitudinal Health and Nutrition Surveys in India

OTHER ACTIVITIES

A. GENDER EQUALITY DAY WEBINAR

On the occasion of the Gender Equality Day, the Internal Committee (IC) of IIPS organized a virtual webinar through WebEx Video Conferencing Application on **August 26, 2021**. **Prof. Usha Ram**, Chairperson, IC, introduced the speaker for the webinar, **Dr. Sangeeta Desai**, RCWS, SNDT Women's University. Dr. Desai deliberated on **“Gender Equality: Goals, Gaps and Issues in India”**. The deliberation was followed by a brief insightful presentation by **Prof. Vibhuti Patel**, member IIPS-IC. After the question-answer session, Dr. Manas R. Pradhan proposed a formal vote of thanks. **Prof. K. S. James**, Director, IIPS, chaired the webinar attended by faculty members, students, researchers from academic and non-academic Institutions/Organizations, representatives of International and national development partners and NGOs besides Faculty and students from IIPS.



Dr. Sangeeta Desai



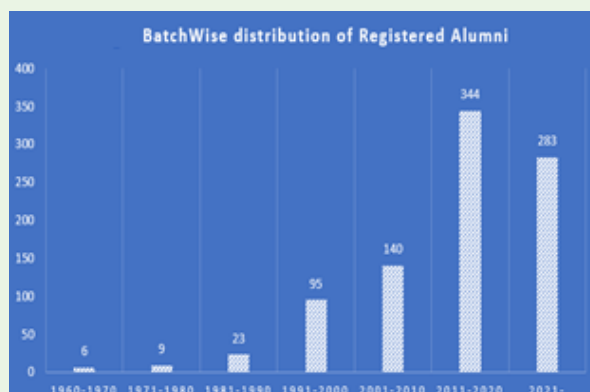
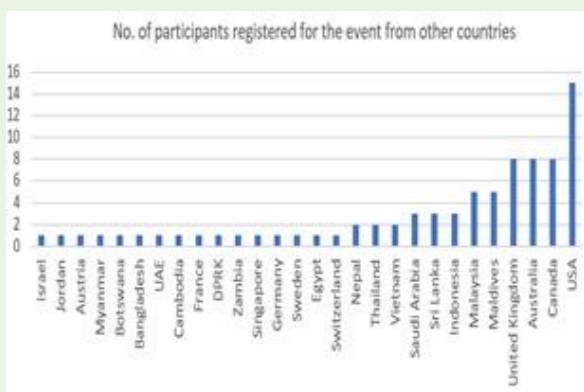
Prof. Vibhuti Patel



Prof. K. S. James (Director, IIPS), Prof. Usha Ram and Dr. Manas Ranjan Pradhan (Internal committee)

IIPS GLOBAL ALUMNI MEET-2021

International Institute for Population Sciences Alumni Association (IIPSAA), in collaboration with IIPS, organized an online Global Alumni Meet (GAM) from **24th to 26th September 2021**. The theme for the event was **‘Reconnect, Reinvigorate and Rejoice’**. Altogether there were 15 sessions comprising three academic sessions, three sessions for students and researchers, three cultural and extra-curricular programs, three interaction sessions, ten parallel cohorts meet, and inaugural and closing sessions. The GAM events were scheduled for continuous 72 hours where live and pre-recorded sessions were played for global coverage. The live sessions were also streamlined on YouTube. Interviews of former and current faculty members of IIPS, short videos showing life at IIPS and recorded programmes were played in the pre-recorded sessions. The event brought nearly 1200 alumni together covering 28 countries and all batches.



Session1: Inaugural Session and Cultural Programme: The IIPS GAM-2021 was inaugurated with ‘Lighting of Lamp’ on 24th September 2021. The keynote address was delivered by the chief guest Prof. K. Srinivasan. Prof. T.K. Roy shared his experiences of working at IIPS. The five senior-most alumni, Prof. K.C. Zachariah, Prof. K.V. Ramachandran, Prof. M.V. George, Prof. U.P. Sinha and Prof. Vatsala Narain were felicitated. It was conducted by Prof. R. Nagarajan. The session was attended by 228 alumni on Webex and more than 110 on YouTube.



Inauguration and Cultural Program



Former and Current Staff-Faculty Meet

Session 2: Staff-Faculty Meet: An interactive session of former and current faculty and staff was organized. It was moderated by Dr. Praveen Kumar, Mr. Prakash Fulpagare and Dr. Pradeep Salve. The session was attended by 150 alumni on Webex.

Session 3: Session on Future of IIPS from the Perspective of NEP-2020: The panelists for this session were Dr. Rajib Acharya, Dr. Ravi K. Verma, Prof. Sumati Kulkarni, Prof. Kamala Gupta, and Prof P.S. Nair. This session was organized by Prof. S.K. Singh and Dr. Harihar Sahoo and chaired by Prof. K.S. James and moderated by Prof. F. Ram. The session was attended by 116 alumni and students.

Session 4: Cohort Meet: As part of reconnecting, a Cohort meet was organized. The alumni from different batches came together, interacted, and shared memories of their campus life. Nine parallel sessions were arranged for the different batches. Prof. K.C. Das, Prof. Chander Shekhar, Prof. Murali Dhar, Prof. Dhananjay Bansod, Dr. Manoj Alagarajan, Dr. Dilip T.R., Dr. Suryakant Yadav, Dr. Reshmi R.S., and Dr. Suresh Jungari moderated these sessions.

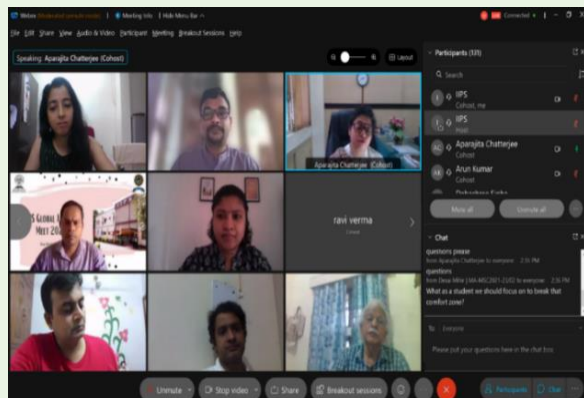
Session 5: Couples' Meet: This session was dedicated to those alumni who became life partners in IIPS. The couples shared their views and memories of IIPS. The videos of the performances by some couples were played during the session. The session was moderated by Dr. Manas R. Pradhan and Dr. Preeti Dhillon. Couples meet was attended by more than 150 alumni.

Session 6: IIPS Hostel Life: Through the Gallery of Time: In this session, hostel life was discussed from the perspective of students, hostel wardens, and hostel managers. A short video on hostel life was shown and a rapid-fire question round was organised. Prof. S.K. Mohanty and Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar organized this session which was attended by 140 alumni.

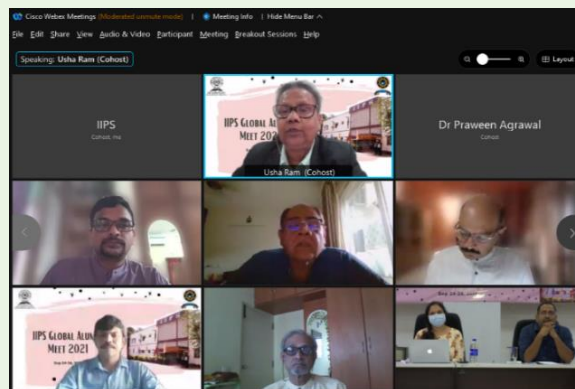
Parallel Session 7 (A): Placement and Internship: Apart from academic sessions, student/researcher specific sessions were also organized. Dr. Jayachandran Vasudevan, Dr. Niranjan Saggurti, Dr. Sushanta Banerjee, Dr. A.K. Sharma, Dr. Ravi K. Verma, Dr. Shireen Jejeebhoy were the guest speakers for this session. More than 130 participants attended the session. The session was conducted by Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay and Dr. Manas R. Pradhan.

Parallel Session 7 (B): Funding Opportunities for Research: In this session, the speakers discussed about funding opportunities for research in the areas of sustainable development goals, sexual and reproductive health rights, environment, climate change and population health. The panel consisted of Dr. G. Giridhar, Dr. S. Niranjan, Dr. K.M. Satyanarayana, Dr. Anand Sinha and Dr. Praween Agrawal. The session was organized

and moderated by Prof. Usha Ram and was attended by nearly 90 alumni.



Session on Placement and Internship



Funding opportunity for Research

Session 8: Academic Programme II: Improving the Curriculum of Population Studies: Prof. R.B. Bhagat moderated this session. The speakers for the session were Prof. Sanghamitra Acharya, Prof. Parveen Nangia, Prof. K. Navneetham and Prof. S.K. Mohanty. This session was attended by 144 alumni.

Session 9: PhD/PDF Fellowship Opportunities in Foreign Universities: Another session on addressing the needs of students was on PhD/PDF fellowship opportunities in Foreign Universities. The speakers for the session were Prof. Tim Dyson, Prof. Shiva Halli, Prof. Dharmalingam Arunachalam, Prof. Saseendran Pallikadavath and Prof. Thankam Sunil. Three IIPS Alumni who are currently doing their PhD abroad, Ms. Namrata Ray, Ms. Sushrma Gan and Mr. Rishab Tyagi also spoke. More than 184 participants attended the session. Prof. T.V. Sekher coordinated this session.



Academic Program II

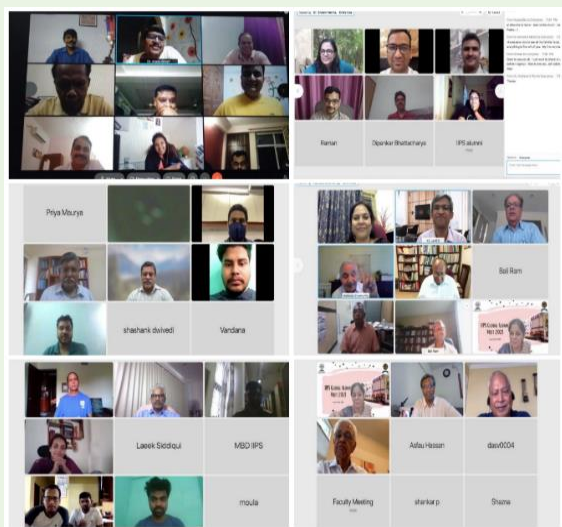


PhD/PDF Opportunities in Foreign Universities

Session 10: Cultural Programme: In cultural programme, the alumni and students of IIPS showcased their talent in different areas. The cultural programmes were coordinated by Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Prof. H. Lungdim, Dr. Sarang Pedgaokar, Dr. Reshmi R.S., Dr. Suresh Jungari and Mr. Ajeet Vishen.

Day 3: Session 11: Conversation with a Demographer: Dr. M.V. George was the guest demographer who shared his views on the motivation behind his shining journey, the cultural adjustment, the importance of IIPS in his life and work. Dr. Shalini Verma moderated the session. The session was attended by 122 alumni.

Session 12: Conversation with the Directors: The former directors, Dr. K. Srinivasan, Dr. L. Ladusingh, Dr. F. Ram, Dr. Sumati Kulkarni and Dr. G. Rama Rao, along with the current Director Prof. K.S. James participated in this session. They shared their best moments and the challenges faced while being the Director of IIPS. Prof. Irudaya Rajan (President, IIPSAA) moderated the session. 134 alumni attended this session.



Cohort Meet



Conversation with the Directors

Session 13: Academic Programme III- Involvement of Alumni in Academic Activities: This session was moderated by Prof. Ramana Kumar and Dr. T.R. Dilip and was chaired by Dr. G. Rangaiyan. The panellists were Dr. Aravinda Meera Guntupalli, Dr. Ashutosh Ojha, Dr. A.A. Jayachandran, Prof. Sunil T.S., Mr. Rishab Tyagi, Prof. Udaya Shanker Mishra and Prof. Uday Saikia. The session was attended by 156 alumni.

Session 14: Closing Ceremony: The Closing Ceremony of the Global Alumni Meet was held on 26th September 2021. Dr. Dipti Govil coordinated the session. Prof. D. Radha Devi was the chief guest on this occasion. Dr. Ajay Singh, Mr. Ajeet Vishen, Dr. Kunal Kesari, Dr. Dipti Govil, Prof. R. Nagarajan and Prof. Archana K. Roy took the charge and responsibilities for Registration and Address Book, publicity through social media, Invitation cards and making small videos, Memoir of Alumni, Alumni Interactive Map and Documentary on the Genesis and Journey of IIPS. Mr. Prakash Fulpagare, and a team of student volunteers played a vital role in organizing the events. Prof. Dhananjay Bansod and the ICT head, Mr. Anjani Mishra worked on the upgradation of the IIPSAA Website.

NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS



Dr. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi joined as Professor in the Department of Mathematical Demography and Statistics on September 3, 2021. Later on, he shifted to the Department of Survey Research and Data Analytics of the Institute. He has more than 15 years of teaching and research experience in the field of Applied Statistics and Demography and has successfully guided four PhD students. His main areas of research are: Large-scale Survey Research Methods, Evaluation of data quality of large-scale survey, Small area estimation, Applied Econometrics/Statistics; Applied Multivariate Analysis; Impact Evaluation in the field of Demography and Health. He is involved in several projects/studies of national importance like fourth, fifth and sixth rounds of National Family Health Survey, Data Quality of Large-Scale Survey, Small area estimation, Geo-spatial Mapping at Village level of Uttar Pradesh, SWABHIMAN nutrition intervention projects etc. He has published several research papers in high impact journals like Lancet, JAMA Network Open, Social Science & Medicine, PLoS ONE, BioMed Central, The Springer Series on Demographic Methods and Population Analysis, etc. He was the recipient of prestigious post-doctoral fellowship of Erasmus Mundus Europe Asia (EMEA) from University College London, UK during 2012-13. He was also offered a Visiting Assistant Professorship at Population Studies Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata for a period of two years. His paper entitled “Contraceptive Use in India: A Multivariate Decomposition and Related Simulation Analysis” was selected for the Dr. C. Chandrasekharan award of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) in 2005. Along with his PhD students, he received the Prof. K. B. Pathak memorial award of IASP for their paper in a high impact journal. He was invited as a Visiting Scholar in LSE Health and Social Care, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), during 2011-12. Currently, he is the Executive Council member and Joint Secretary of IASP and life/annual member of several professional bodies like ISMS, IUSSP, APA, PAA, etc.

Dr. Sunil Sarode was appointed as an Associate Professor in the Department of Population and Development, International Institute for Population Sciences, on September 3, 2021. He has Master and Ph.D. degrees (Social Work) from Tata Institute for Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai. His area of research interest are Migration, Health and Development. He has teaching and research experience of 11 years. He has completed three research projects as a coordinator at IIPS such as Socioeconomic and health conditions of Nepali



migrants in Mumbai, Access to Household Amenities and Assets in India: A Census Based Study related to migration and urbanization at IIPS. He has published many research papers in peer reviewed academic journals.

Dr. Pradeep S. Salve joined as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Population and Development, International Institute for Population Sciences on September 14, 2021. Prior to joining IIPS, he had worked as an Assistant Director at the Population Research Centre (PRC), Dharwad, Karnataka. He had completed his Masters, M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees from IIPS. He has received the fellowship from Brown International Advanced Research Institute (BIARI), at Brown University, USA and the Best Research Paper Award in the year 2021 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India. He has been engaged in monitoring and evaluation of the National Health Mission, National Health Flagship Programs and Public Health Facilities on behalf of the MoHFW, Government of India. His research interest includes Health Policy and Programme, Community Health, Health System, Issues of Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health, Occupational Health Risk among Marginalized Workers and Health Management Information System in India. He has published several research articles in reputed international Journals.



Mr. Sudarshan Bhadra joined as an Assistant Registrar (Academic) in International Institute for Population Sciences, on April 5, 2021. He completed the Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Institute of Business Management, Jadavpur University and Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Relations & Advertising (PGDPR & Ad) from N.S.O.U. He brings in ten years' experience of working on academic administration/ administration at various state/national organizations. He has worked with the National Institute of Technology – Raipur as an Assistant Registrar and also worked with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and University of Calcutta. He is currently looking after the Academic Section of International Institute for Population Sciences.

SUPERANNUATION OF STAFF



Ms. Anuradha Tendolkar
Hostel Assistant
(Superannuated on 30.09.2021)



Mr. B.V. Pagote
Library Clerk
(Superannuated on 30.09.2021)

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), formerly known as the Demographic Training and Research Centre (DTRC) till 1970, was established in 1956 under the joint sponsorship of Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, the Government of India, 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 centre for Training and Research in Population Studies for the ESCAP region. The Institute was re-designated to its present title in 1985 to facilitate the expansion of its academic activities and was declared as a 'Deemed University' in August 19, 1985 under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. The recognition has facilitated the award of recognized 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 diverse interdisciplinary backgrounds with specialisation 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, playing a vital role for planning and development of the country. Students from different countries of Asia and the Pacific region, Africa and North America have been trained at the Institute. The alumni of IIPS hold prestigious positions in national and international organisations, universities, and reputed non-governmental organisations.

The Institute offers different Post-graduate and Doctoral programs and post-doctoral fellowships. After completing the program, students are well prepared for: admission to higher degree programmes in the best universities of the world; a good career in teaching and research; a multi-disciplinary professional career in development organisations; and can work as independent consultants.

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