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From Editorial Desk

Warm Greetings!

We are delighted to bring to you volume 64, issues 3 & 4 of the IIPS Newsletter, which presents glimpses of activities of the Institute from April 2022 to September 2022.

The 63rd Convocation of the Institute was held on 3 June 2022. This year, 255 students were awarded degrees/diplomas. Prof. Balram Bhargava, Secretary, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India and Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) presided over the function. Dr. K. Vijay Raghavan, Former Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India & Emeritus Professor, National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru, delivered the convocation address.

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/staff members who joined the IIPS family.

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

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Vision: “To position IIPS as a premier teaching and research institute in population sciences responsive to emerging national and global needs through high-impact, cutting edge and multidisciplinary research, teaching and training”

Mission: “The Institute strives to be a centre of excellence on all population and health issues through high quality scientific, research and teaching. We achieve this by (a) creating highly competent professionals, (b) generating and disseminating scientific knowledge and evidence, (c) collaborating and exchanging ideas with other institutions, and (d) undertaking advocacy and awareness programmes”.

63rd CONVOCATION OF IIPS

The sixty-third convocation of the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), was held on Friday, June 3rd, 2022. Prof. K. S. James, Director IIPS, presented the activities and achievements of the Institute for the year 2021-22. This year, 255 students were awarded degrees/diplomas. Excellence in research and academic work of students were also appreciated, and they were awarded gold and silver medals for their achievements.



Prof. Balram Bhargava, Secretary, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare,



Government of India and Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) presided over the function. Prof. Bhargava, while congratulating the students receiving degrees, diplomas and medals, in his presidential address, appealed to them to use the high-quality education, training and research received from the Institute towards service of the people. He complimented the contribution of IIPS in training population

scientists and evidence based population research in the country since 1956. Prof. Bhargava emphasized that various population parameters had improved in the country in recent times as shown by the latest National Family and Health Survey (2019-21). However, emerging non-communicable diseases were becoming a challenge for the country, he added. Thus, high quality research was needed in these areas as well as mapping their differentials by gender, social and regional characteristics, for national planning and policy formation.



Dr. K. Vijay Raghavan, Former Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India & Emeritus Professor, National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru, delivered the convocation address. He congratulated the students and medal winners. He appreciated IIPS and its role for development and monitoring various government programmes in health and social sectors. Dr.

Vijay Raghavan spoke about the problems of biodiversity degradation, climate change, differentials in high quality education and labour force participation, as well as the huge developmental gaps between rich and poor countries. Having access to high quality research, training and education can mitigate these challenges in our country and globally. He suggested that knowledge, research and training available at institutions like IITs, AIIMS, and IIPS should not be limited to their campuses, but must reach colleges and universities located in the remotest areas of the country.



WORLD POPULATION DAY SYMPOSIUM AND INDIA LAUNCH OF UNITED NATIONS WORLD POPULATION PROSPECTS – 2022

On the occasion of World Population Day, the IIPS organized the World Population Day-2022 Symposium and the India launch of the United Nations World Population Prospects-2022. Prof. Vegard Skirbekk, Columbia Aging Center, Columbia University, Prof. U. S. Mishra, Department of Bio-Statistics and Epidemiology, IIPS and Dr. Rajeshwari Chandrasekar, Head, UNICEF, Maharashtra were the eminent speakers for the Symposium. Prof. K. S. James, Director IIPS, chaired the session and Prof. T. V. Sekher, Coordinator, welcomed the gathering and introduced the program and speakers.



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Prof. Vegard Skirbekk, made his presentation on “Social and biological drivers of low fertility”. He said that the social factors are the primary drivers of low and late fertility. Lower mortality, education, higher costs of childbearing, skill biased technological change, the changing role of women and alternative time use have contributed to changes in reproductive behavior. He also pointed



out that most likely future events (pandemics, economic downturns, environmental catastrophes, technological breakthroughs offsetting labour) may depress the fertility further.



As part of the World Population Day celebrations, the United Nations World Population Prospects 2022 was launched in India and the recorded speech of Dr. John Wilmoth, Director, UN Population Division, was played. He talked about the six key messages from the world population prospects-2022.

It was followed by Prof. U S Mishra's comments on the major findings of world population prospects-2022. He talked about the imbalance in population distribution trends and population stabilization. He concluded by saying that findings from world population prospects is quite important in formulating indicators and for planning.



Dr. Rajeshwari Chandrasekhar, in her speech, reminded the audience that despite all the challenges, the world population day offers a moment to celebrate human progress. We have advanced in health with extended life spans, reduced maternal mortality and child mortality. Technological innovations have eased our lives and connected us more than ever.

The symposium was followed by the declaration of winners of the essay writing completion, organized as part of the world population day. Students from various colleges and universities in Mumbai city participated in the Essay writing competition. The cash prizes and certificates were distributed to the winners.

Following are the winners:

Graduate Students:

1. Ms. Shravani Mhaisala, Ramnarain Ruia Autonomous College, Mumbai
2. Ms. Tulsi Panda, Dr. BMN College of Home Sciences, Mumbai



Post-graduate Students:

1. Ms. Akshita Vikani, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai
2. Ms. Varsha Rani, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai

Nearly 300 participants attended the programme. Dr. Dipti Govil proposed the formal vote of thanks.

The program was organized by Prof. T.V. Sekher, Dr. Dipti Govil, Dr. M.V. Vaithilingam and Ms. Irin Anna Solomon of the Publications Cell of IIPS.

DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR MEMORIAL LECTURE

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture was held on 20th April 2022 at IIPS. Prof. Bhalchandra Mungekar, a former member of the Planning Commission and former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mumbai, delivered the lecture on "Relevance of Ambedkar's thoughts in contemporary India." Prof. K. S. James,



Director, International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) chaired the lecture. Dr. R. B. Bhagat, Professor and Head, Department of Migration and Urban Studies, IIPS, was the discussant for the lecture.

Prof. Bhalchandra Mungekar highlighted the contributions of Dr. Ambedkar in shaping the socio-economic policies of India. He quoted the shastras and argued that everything in the society is dominated by the way the men think and the views of women often ignored. The relevance of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's thoughts for contemporary India is beyond our imagination. One of the significant contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar to

Indian society being the understanding and analysis of caste, untouchability, gender, and social equality. He also encouraged young scholars to think rationally and sensibly when understanding society. Prof. K. S. James said that Dr. Ambedkar had left his mark across disciplines, including economics, law, political science, and even population studies.

Prof. R. B. Bhagat said that the thoughts of Dr.



Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi are equally crucial and relevant in the current age. A large number of participants, both from the Institute and from outside, attended the program.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL SURVEY IN TIMOR-LESTE

The IIPS is providing technical support for the nationwide “Baseline Survey on Say No to 5S in Schools” undertaken by the World Health Organization Timor-Leste (WHO-TLS) country office for the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports Affairs, Government of Timor-Leste (formerly East Timor). The 5S interventions are initiated as part of the school health programme in Timor-Leste (2022-26). Starvation, Soil-transmitted helminthiasis, Skin diseases, Smoking, and Sugary/Alcoholic Drinks are the focal areas in the 5S intervention. The study aims to provide baseline data for impact and outcome indicators to serve as a point of comparison for a final evaluation and to provide information for program targeting and design. School level survey of coordinators, teachers and students was launched on 6th July 2022.



Dr. Dilip with participants at the Training of enumerators for Baseline Survey, held from 29th June to 3rd July 2022 at UN House Caicoli, Dili, Timor-Leste

Principal Investigators: Dr. T. R. Dilip and Prof. U. S. Mishra.

WORKSHOPS

Workshop on “*Ethics and Integrity in Social Sciences and Health Research*”

The Short-Term Training Programme (STTP) Cell of the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized a 5-day workshop on “Ethics and Integrity in Social Sciences and Health Research” during 04-08 April, 2022, on the virtual platform. 25 participants from various universities/research institutes attended the workshop. The workshop was organized on different topics, which included lectures by subject experts, group discussions, case studies, etc.



The resource persons were Dr. Amar Jesani, Independent Researcher (Bioethics, Public Health), Dr. Sunita Sheel Bhandewar, Director, Health Ethics and Law Institute, Forum for Medical Ethics and Society, Dr. Mala Ramanathan, Professor, Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies, SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram,

Dr. Anant Bhan, Global Health Researcher and Lead, Sangath, Dr. Usha Ram, Professor, IIPS, Prof. Lakshmi Lingam, Dean, School of Media and Cultural Studies, TISS, Mumbai, Dr. Tara Korti, Assistant Professor, TISS, Mumbai and Dr. Dipti Govil, Assistant Professor, IIPS. The workshop discussed about the existing national and international principles and guidelines on ethics that may enable participants to design and



execute social and health research with ethical reasoning. The workshop also covered the ethical issues involved at different stages of research. Prof. K. S. James, Director, IIPS, inaugurated the workshop. Prof. T. V. Sekher outlined the workshop programme. Those who successfully completed the workshop were given certificates.

Prof. T. V Sekher and Dr. Dipti Govil were the Coordinators for the workshop.

Workshop on “*India Ageing Report-2022*”

Integrating Ageing Research in Policy and Programs Project of IIPS organized a workshop on India Aging Report-2022 during 6-7 May 2022 at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore. Dr. Sanjay Kumar, UNFPA India, Prof. P.M. Kulkarni, Former Professor JNU, Dr. G. Giridhar, Independent Consultant, Prof. K.S. James, Director and Sr. Professor, IIPS, Dr. Harihar Sahoo, IIPS and Dr. Dipti Govil, IIPS, participated in the workshop. The draft chapters of India Aging Report were extensively reviewed and the action plan of the project was discussed.



Hands-on Workshop on “*Use of Gridded Population Data*”

The GENDER Project of IIPS along with INED, France organized a two-day hands-on workshop on 'Use of Gridded Population Data' at IIPS during September 6-7, 2022. The training programme was attended by 40 young faculty members and PhD students.

The instructors for the workshop were Dr. Ankit Sikarwar and Dr. Valerie Golaz (both from INED, France). The Coordinators of the GENDER project are



Prof. K.S. James, Prof. Abhishek Singh, and Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar. The GENDER Project is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Workshop on “Nutrition, Health and Hygiene in Mess & Hostel”

IQAC and IIPS Administration jointly organized a workshop on “Nutrition, Health and Hygiene in Mess & Hostel” from 20-26th July 2022 for the mess and hostel staff.

The resource persons were Dr. Umesh M. Shenoy, Mrs. Natasha R. Surani and Dr. Rohini V. Ambekar. The programme had sessions on the Maintenance of hygiene standards in hostels and mess, nutrition requirement for students, special concerns of girl students staying inside/outside IIPS campus etc.



Organizers: Dr. M. Vaithilingam, Mrs. Lavina Tauro and Mr. Amol B. Hase

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

1. National Family Health Survey (NFHS) -5

Release of NFHS-5 National Report

As part of the Swasthya Chintan Shivir organized by MoHFW in Tent City, Kevadia, Gujarat during 5-7 May, 2022, the **NFHS-5 National Report** was released by Dr. Mansukh L. Mandaviya, H’ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare on 5 May, 2022. Subsequently, IIPS conducted the National Dissemination Workshop in Delhi on 5-6 August, 2022.



Release of NFHS-5 National Report by Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya

A two-day national dissemination workshop on the findings of the NFHS-5 was organized jointly by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the International Institute for Population Sciences, on 5th and 6th August 2022 at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi. Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary, MoHFW, GOI inaugurated the grand event along with Smt. Roli Singh, AS & MD, NHM, Smt. Sandhya Krishnamurthy, DG & Shri P. Manoj Kumar, CD from Statistics Division, GOI.

Director & Professor K. S James, Prof. S K Singh, Prof. Hemkothang Lhungdim, Prof. Chander Shekhar, Prof. L.K. Dwivedi, and Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar from IIPS were present. More than 250 participants attended the workshop from national & international organizations which



Two-day national dissemination workshop on NFHS-5 findings on 5th and 6th August 2022 at New Delhi

included delegates and representatives from MoHFW, WHO, MoSPI, UNFPA, RGI, JNU, ICMR, IPE Global, WCD, PFI, IUSSP, ICRW, AIIMS, IIT, etc. Some important highlights from the survey findings that needed to be focused on were: with the rise in institutional births across the country, there was also a worrying increase in Cesarean section births; obesity was an emerging concern among all age group; need for improving resources for marginalized populations; covering mental health dilemmas; prejudiced preference for son; creating more awareness about early breastfeeding and suitable dietary habits for infants; and menstrual protection.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, and the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), jointly organized a one-day **Regional Dissemination Workshop on the findings of National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21) on 23rd April 2022** at the Hotel Lords Plaza, Jaipur. Nearly 120 participants attended the Workshop, mainly health officials and invitees from PRCs and representatives from UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, WASH, IHMR, NGOs, Media, etc. The Inaugural session of the Workshop started with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries, followed by Welcome Address by Prof. Chander Shekhar, Coordinator, NFHS-5. Shri P. Manoj Kumar, Chief Director (Statistics), MoHFW, Government of India, delivered the Introductory speech and spoke about the coverage and content of the NFHS-5. Prof. K S James, Director, IIPS, delivered the Keynote Address by emphasizing the importance of



State report release by Ms A. Jorwal, IAS, Mission Director (Incharge), NHM, Govt. of Rajasthan

NFHS-5 findings in policy framing and program evaluation at the district, state and national levels. Ms. Anupama Jorwal, IAS, Mission Director NHM (In-charge), Government of Rajasthan, delivered the Inaugural Address and underlined the achievements of Rajasthan in maternal and child health indicators and expressed her gratitude to MoHFW and IIPS for choosing Rajasthan for the regional workshop. She also released the reports of three states in the presence of officials. In the first Technical session, “Importance of NFHS-5 findings for policy making, especially in the context of Sustainable Development Goals”, was presented by Shri P. Manoj Kumar, Chief Director (Stats), MoHFW. Dr. S. Ghosh, Addl. Commissioner, MoHFW, Govt. of India, presented the key highlights of RMNCH+A for three states in the region and their districts. Prof. Chander Shekhar talked about issues emerging in the area of Household Environment, Maternal Health, Fertility and Family Planning. Prof. L.K. Dwivedi presented findings on Child Health & Nutrition in the region. The last presentation of this session was made by Dr. S. Pedgaonkar on Adult health, NCD’s, Women empowerment & Domestic Violence showing the situation in three states.

Two panel discussions were also organized. The first one was chaired by Shri Manoj Kumar, Chief Director (Stats) and Dr. Sumita Ghosh, where two state level officials from each state were asked to speak about the RMNCH+A programmes in view of the NFHS-5 results. The second panel was chaired by Prof. Dharendra Kumar, IIMR, Jaipur. This panel comprised of Ms. Nidhi Satija, Joint Director (Stats.), MoHFW, Government of India, representative of UNFPA, representative of UNICEF and Media Social Activist, Ms. S. Mathur. The workshop ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar.



Prof. K.S. James, Director, IIPS, delivering Keynote address

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, and the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), organized a **one-day Regional Dissemination Workshop on National Family Health Survey (2019-21) on 19th April, 2022** at Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati. Around 140 participants attended the programme from 8 North-Eastern states. Dr. Harsh Mangla, Director NHM, Assam, was the chief guest on the occasion. Dr. Sumita Ghosh, Addl. Commissioner (CH/AH/RBSK), MoHFW, also graced the event. From IIPS, Prof. Hemkothang Lungdim, Prof. Laxmikant Dwivedi and Dr.



One-day Regional Dissemination Workshop on National Family Health Survey (2019-21) on 19th April, 2022

Sarang Pedgaonkar were the presenters and Smt. Sandhya Krishnamurthy, Mr.P. Manoj Kumar and Ms. Nidhi Satija from MoHFW were also present.

For the South zone, the **workshop was organized in KTDC Mascot Hotel, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 27th May, 2022.**

Nearly 110 participants attended the Workshop, mostly health officials from the 5 southern states and 3 UTs.

Dr. Bharti Pravin Pawar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, GOI, graced the occasion. Dr. Rajan N. Khobragade, Principal Secretary and Smt. Veena George, Minister of Health, Government of Kerala, were

invited as special guests. Prof K. S. James, Prof. S. K. Singh, Prof. Chander Shekhar, Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar, Smt. Sandhya Krishnamurthy, Mr. P. Manoj Kumar and Dr. Govind Bansal from IIPS and the Ministry were

there to lead through the event.



Workshop at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, on 27th May, 2022



Northern region dissemination was organized at Chandigarh on 28th June, 2022

The **Northern Regional dissemination was organized at Hotel Mount View, Chandigarh on 28th June, 2022**

for 3 States & 3 UTs. Nearly 110 participants attended the Workshop, mainly health officials from the respective state/UT governments, and dignitaries from CRRID, PRC, SPYM, PGI, NGOs, NHM, etc. Shri Yashpal Garg, Secretary Health & Family Welfare, Chandigarh, was the chief guest. Director & Professor K. S. James, Prof. S. K.

Singh, Prof. Hemkothang Lhungdim, Prof. L.K. Dwivedi, Mr. P. Manoj Kumar and Ms. Nidhi Satija from IIPS & MoHFW attended the program.

On 27th July 2022, the dissemination for the Eastern region was organized at the Hotel Hindustan International, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Nearly 130 participants attended the Workshop, mainly health officials from four state governments (except for Jharkhand), and included other invitees and representatives from ICMR, XIM, UNFPA, UNICEF, AIIMS, NGOs, Media, etc. Shri Nikunj Bihari Dhal,



Dissemination for the Eastern region was organized at Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department and Ms. Shalini Pandit, Mission Director (NHM), Government of Odisha, were special invitees. Director & Sr. Professor K. S. James, Prof. S. K. Singh, Prof. Hemkothang Lhungdim, Prof. L.K. Dwivedi, Smt. Sandhya Krishnamurthy, and Ms. Vaishali from IIPS and MoHFW were present. Some prominent observations from the workshop were: Prevalence of high blood pressure showed a similar pattern by gender but increased with age across the Eastern states. Spousal Violence was observed to be the highest in Bihar from this zone. Jharkhand is yet to achieve a replacement level of Fertility. Preference for son was observed to be the least in West Bengal in this region.

On 23rd & 24th September, 2022, A two-day training workshop on the Survey Methods and Estimation in NFHS was jointly organized by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the International Institute for Population Sciences at New Delhi. The training workshop was designed with the objectives of enabling the participating officers/staff to deliberate on sampling strategies designed, indicator development, and data quality and discussing estimates derived from NFHS and their methodological comparison with various other data sources like NSSO, SRS etc.

NFHS dissemination was also organized at the regional conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) held at the University of Kashmir, on 29th September, 2022. Prof. S. K. Singh, Prof. Hemkothang Lhungdim, Prof. Chander Shekhar, and Prof. L.K. Dwivedi presented on “Accelerating Health and Wellness in J&K: Evidence from NFHS-5”.



Dissemination aimed to help health officials strategize important policy decisions for intervention at the grass root level and gain helpful insights on district-level performance. Key indicators from NFHS-5 are aligned with SDGs, therefore, the results will track the progress made and will help the government to plan in achieving the SDGs by 2030.

NFHS-6 Pretest:

Since NFHS will be providing indicators at the district level, the sample size will be much bigger, making it a mammoth task for data collection. In each selected household, three different types of interview schedules (household, woman and man) will be canvassed, based on predefined eligibility criteria.



Formal inauguration of pretest by Dr. Minakshi Joshi, Principal, CASFOS by lighting of lamp

In addition, clinical, anthropometric and biochemical testing (CAB) will be done for individuals in these households, again based on predefined eligibility criteria. As CAB component involves collection of blood samples and data on biomarkers, it is important to understand the reactions of respondents to the range of tests to be conducted including Malaria, HbA1C and Vitamin D3 tests. It was also decided to examine their responses on getting a signed consent for CAB testing. Data collection in CAPI will ensure better quality with minimum inconsistencies and missing cases, save data entry time and reduce the scope of field editing. Hence, to ensure that high quality data is obtained by using CAPI and other related field procedures are carried out smoothly, there is a need for thorough testing of all instruments prior to the actual survey. Pretesting will also ensure that the survey is carried out with minimum disruptions and within the estimated time frame. For this reason, it was decided to conduct a pretest to test all the instruments and protocols of the survey. Accordingly, IIPS developed, finalized and translated the survey instruments (paper-pencil and CAPI versions), and prepared survey manuals.

The training for pretest was done during June 20-30, 2022 at CASFOS, Deharadun, followed by 6 days of fieldwork. In order to gain good experience and to have better insights into the implementation of survey protocols across different types of localities/areas, 10 different types of PSUs were chosen for field practice - 6 rural and 4 urban PSUs, from Deharadun and Tehri Garwal districts of Uttarakhand State. Based on the pretest experience, IIPS revised the CAPI software and made relevant changes in the NFHS-6 questionnaires and protocols.



Dr. Preeti Dhillon welcoming the dignitaries.

International Institute for Population Sciences [IIPS] as a nodal agency for conducting the National Family Health Survey [NFHS] under the aegis of the Ministry of Health and Family Survey was also the prime host for all the regional dissemination and a two days training programme. These regional disseminations with the help of the fifth round of NFHS estimates cover extremely useful emerging issues & challenges and track the progress over time, of key indicators in various areas like Reproductive and Child Health, Fertility & Family Planning, Adult Health & NCDs, Women's Empowerment and Domestic violence, etc.

2. Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI):

First Meeting of the TAC of Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI), Wave-2

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, has constituted the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to guide the second wave of the Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI). LASI wave 1 was undertaken during 2017-18, covering all States and Union Territories of India. LASI is India's first and

the world's largest longitudinal ageing survey, examining the health, economic and social well-being of India's growing elderly population. IIPS is the nodal institution for implementing LASI in collaboration with the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH) and the University of Southern



California (USC). The first meeting of the newly constituted TAC was held on 26th August 2022 at New Delhi under the chairmanship of Prof. Arvind Pandey and co-chaired by Prof. Sulabha Parasuraman. Shri. Manoj Kumar, Chief Director (Stat.), MoHFW, welcomed the participants and emphasised the need and relevance of LASI. Prof. K. S. James, Director, IIPS, spoke about the present stage of LASI activities. Prof. T. V. Sekher made a detailed presentation of LASI wave 1 survey and methodology and the changes suggested in wave-2 of the survey. TAC deliberated on various aspects of wave-2 survey and also constituted two sub committees to look into the aspects of questionnaires and biomarkers. Those who attended the meeting included Mrs. Sandhya Krishnamurthy (DG, Stats.), MoHFW, Prof. A. B. Dey, Prof. Mathew Varghese, Prof. M.H. Suryanarayana, Prof. S. Siva Raju, Prof. S. Irudaya Rajan, Ms. Roli Khare and IIPS faculty co-ordinators.

Project Co-ordinators:

Prof. K. S. James, Prof. T. V. Sekher, Prof. Chander Shekhar, Prof. R. Nagarajan, Prof. Aparajitha Chattopadhyay, Dr. Dipti Govil and Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar

3. South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM)

1st Executive Committee Meeting

The first executive committee meeting of South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM) was held on **5th April 2022**. The purpose of this meeting was to review the progress of work from October 2021 to March 2022. Systemic plan of action for the concept note, a review of literature for the national and regional thematic papers were discussed. All the partner organizations including donor agencies, attended the meeting.



Advisory Meeting

The first Advisory meeting of the South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM) was held on **13th June 2022**. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the progress of SALAM. How can SALAM better inform and foster evidence-based gender-responsive policy, dialogue, and policy change in the region? The meeting was attended by Prof. Irudaya Rajan, Prof. Binod Khadaria, Prof. Pushpendra Singh, Prof. S.K. Sasikumar, Prof. Sanchita Banerjee, Dr. Sugandha Nagpal, and SALAM partner organisations and donor agencies.



SALAM Partner Organisations -Interns Meet

A Meeting platform for all the Young Interns of SALAM from various partner organizations from four countries (Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh) was organized on **17th June 2022**. It was a knowledge-sharing and interactive platform where interns discussed about the current activities.



SALAM -Partner Organizations Meeting

The SALAM partner organizations meeting was held on **8th August 2022**. In this meeting, there were discussions on the SALAM website, National workshop, Thematic papers, and Migration data Portal. This meeting was attended by the partner organizations from CESLAM, Nepal; RMMRU, Bangladesh; IPS, Sri Lanka; SDPI, Pakistan; IIPS India and UN-Women (donor agency).

i. SALAM Lecture 6th

The lecture was delivered on June 23rd, 2022 on ***“Policies and Practices of Labour Recruitment in Nepal: Examination of Gaps and Their Impact on Safe Migrations”*** by **Dr. Arjun Kharel**. His lecture elaborated on the process of immigration and the policies and practices of employers in Nepal for recruitment of labourers. Other aspects include labour recruitment issues, global inequality, limitations in government policies, unequal power relation between the labour from origin and destination countries. The session was moderated by Dr. Ramani Jayasundere.

ii. SALAM Lecture 7th

The lecture was delivered on July 6th, 2022 on ***“The ‘Telling’ of Migration Aspirations: Covid-19 and Youth Migration from Punjab, India”*** by **Dr. Sugandha Nagpal**. Dr. Sugandha majorly focused on how young

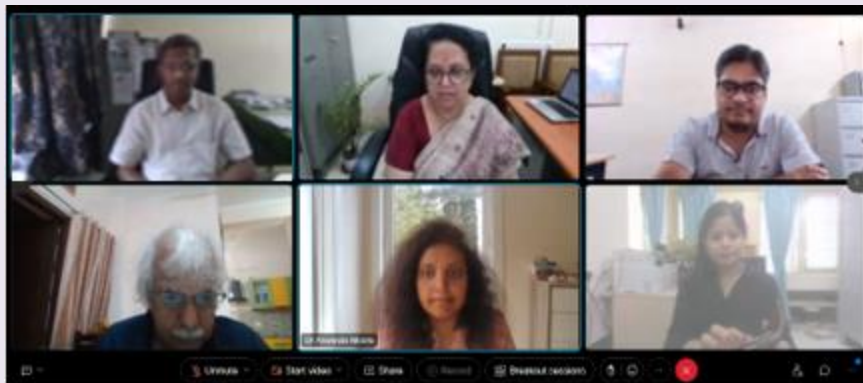
Punjabis responded to the COVID-19 pandemic that restricted migration. She also argued that the resilience of young Punjabis revealed the structural basis of migration aspiration. The session was moderated by Prof. R. B. Bhagat of IIPS.

iii. SALAM Lecture 8th

The Lecture was delivered on 2nd Sept 2022 on “*Were the expenditure levels of internal or international migrants in Bangladesh more resilient to Covid-19?*” by Dr. C. Rashaad Shabab (University of Sussex, UK and a Senior Fellow at the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit in Bangladesh). The session was moderated by Dr. Bilesha Weeraratne.

KNOW YOUR ALUMNI- IIPSAA LECTURE SERIES

International Institute for Population Sciences Alumni Association (IIPSAA) conducted the second lecture under the ‘Know your alumni’ lecture series on 06th September 2022. The lecture entitled “Higher Education Opportunities in Europe” was delivered by Dr. Aravinda Meera Guntupalli (Senior Lecturer, University of Aberdeen, UK). Dr. Aravinda’s research focuses on health inequalities across the life courses, nutrition and food insecurity among migrants, multidimensional poverty among older people and NCD related inequalities in middle-aged and older adults in low and middle-income countries. The speaker elaborated on different teaching as well as learning techniques in European countries and how students should address these effectively. Further, Dr. Guntupalli provided insights on various universities suitable for the students of IIPS, the availability of funds and fellowships to pursue the courses and useful resources to avail these opportunities. More than 35 students joined this interactive and informative lecture.



THE FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

The International Institute for Population Sciences, celebrated its 66th Foundation Day on 16th August 2022. It was a grand evening of decor, dance and drama with enthusiastic participation by students, faculty and staff members. Continuing with the spirit of the 75th Independence Day “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”, the students of IIPS put up a gorgeous event.

The program started with the lighting the lamp by Director Prof. K. S. James, Prof. K. C. Das and Prof. Nandita Saikia. The program then went on to showcase various classical, folk and modern dances, such as Durga Vandana, Kathak, Bharatnatyam, Bihu, Lavni, Semi-classical and Bollywood. The students pursuing their Master's degree put up a drama to showcase the difference between online and offline classes, something all of us experienced during the COVID pandemic. The message they portrayed, was significant. The children of the faculty and staff members performed patriotic songs. The Staff Welfare Committee also felicitated the bright students of the staff to encourage them to perform even better in studies in future.



FOOD FESTIVAL- LAZEEZ

On 30th May 2022, an amazingly mouthwatering food festival, the 3rd Food festival “*Lazeez*”, was arranged by the International Institute for Population Sciences to celebrate diverse flavors from across the country. With fifteen counters spread across the ground, the event kick started with the encouraging words of Prof. K. S. James, Director & Senior Professor and Cultural Coordinator, Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay. The stalls offered an explosion of flavors from the famous hot & Spicy *Litti-Chokha*, the iconic Bengali delicacies of Mutton Kosha, *paturi* and *dimer Chop*, special sweet dishes of Odisha, Kerala's own Malabar porotta and naadan chicken curry, the traditional Cuban Punch, or as we call it, “Mojito”, deliciously cheesy Pasta, and Maharashtrian prawn and fish fry, along with ice-cream and Kulfis. Students, staff and faculty alike, were delighted with the food, reminding us once again about the feeling of family



that IIPS always cherishes. Lazeez was one such platform that brought together all those who love cooking and those who love eating! We thank our IIPS fraternity for making this programme a delectable success.

YOGA DAY

The Yoga Lecture was organized on 18th August 2022 and the speaker for the lecture was E. Ravi Singh Choudhary (Social Entrepreneur and Author). He spoke about “Yoga: The Civilizational Heritage”, focusing on the subject of classical definition of Yoga, Samkhya, and Yoga Darshan Shastra, Ancient manuscripts of Yoga: Katha, Upnishad, Yogacharbhumi, Vigyaan Bairav, Yoga throughout the world and applicability of Yoga in modern life. The lecture was followed by a Yoga session. The program was attended by the faculty, staff, and students.



CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

IQAC with IIPS administration jointly organized the capacity building programme on “*Ethics for administrative professionals in higher educational Institutes*” from 5-7 and 11 & 18th July at IIPS.

The resource persons were Lt. Col. Prashant Borde, CAO, IIPS and Dr. K. Praveen Kumar, Library and Information Officer, IIPS. The programme had sessions on the necessity of ethics for administrative professionals, moral judgement, antecedents and linkages with ethical climate, case studies etc. The administrative staff and faculty members attended the sessions.



Organizers: Dr. M. Vaithilingam, Mrs. Lavina Tauro and Mr. Amol B. Hase

ACTIVITIES OF PLACEMENT CELL

The Placement Cell organized an interactive session for students on 11th May, 2022 with Prof. Christophe Z. Guilmoto, a well-known demographer and researcher. He showed keen interest in interacting with students and helping them upgrade their research. He



emphasized on qualitative research and encouraged students to read more narratives from news articles. He talked about the importance of field work and formulating interdisciplinary theories to unravel stories behind mere numbers and transitions happening in the population. He compared demography and other related disciplines in terms of theories, modelling and prediction.

BOOK PUBLISHED BY FACULTY

“Researching Internal Migration” by Prof. S. Irudaya Rajan and Prof. R.B. Bhagat, published by Routledge India, 2022.

The book delves into the fundamental principles and migration metrics and attempts to comprehend the rapidly changing migratory patterns in relation to time and context. It reviews and synthesizes migration theories, and aims to consolidate and summarize the most commonly debated ideas on migration in the literature, as well as classify the many models and theories into distinct categories for a better understanding. The book introduces census-based migration data, both in India and in comparison to other countries. The book examines the various policies and initiatives in India that deal with migration and migrants. It concentrates on various issues of internal migration related to concepts, data, measurement and policy and programmes from the point of view of integrating migration with development.



NEW APPOINTMENTS



Lt. Col. Prashant Sunil Borde

Lt. Col. Prashant Sunil Borde has joined International Institute for Population Sciences on deputation from the Indian Army as Chief Administrative Officer – cum -Registrar. He has 19 years of professional experience in diverse domains. He has served in several military operational regions such as Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He has also served in numerous administrative capacities in government institutions. He is an alumnus of Sainik School, Satara, and has done B. Sc. from National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, B. Tech. from College of Military Engineering, Pune, PGDHRM from SCDL, Pune, MPM from Pune University, and MA (Political Science) from IGNOU. Currently, he is pursuing a Ph.D. (Working Professionals) from the Indian Institute of Management, Shillong. He was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Chief of Army Staff for an innovation project and a Commendation card from General Officer Commanding in Chief, Southern Command, for superlative administrative performances. He has presented papers at the prestigious Academy of Management Conference and the European Academy of Management Conference. He has published papers in prestigious journals of UGC and ABDC list. His research interests include leadership, healthcare, educational administration, organizational studies and sociology.



Dr. Srinivas Goli

Dr. Srinivas Goli is an Associate Professor in Demography at the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai. Before joining IIPS, he was a New Generation Network Scholar at the Australia India Institute (AII) and UWA Public Policy Institute at the University of Western Australia.

He had also worked as an Assistant Professor in Population Studies at the Centre for Studies in Regional Development (CSRD), School of Social Sciences (SSS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. He was a visiting faculty at the University of Gottingen, Germany, from May to June 2018. He has more than ten years of experience in teaching and M.Phil. & Ph.D. supervision in demography, public health, and development studies. He has guided five M.Phil. and ten Ph.D. theses. He has been involved in several major projects funded by national and international organizations. His current research interests include population dynamics and its implications for development, family demography, gender and nutritional inequalities. He has significant publishing work to his credit. He serves as an academic editor for PLOS One, SAGE Open and the Journal of Sustainability.



Dr. Archana Kujur

Dr. Archana Kujur has joined IIPS as an Associate professor in the Department of Fertility and Social Demography. Her current research focus is rooted in Indigenous population, gender, and child health issues. She has a good academic record. Having studied across the country, she got the opportunity of learning from varied people and places. She received her B.Sc. degree from Calcutta University, an M.Sc. degree in Geography from Banaras Hindu University, an M. Phil. and a Ph.D. degree from International Institute for Population Sciences.

She had taught Geography for ten years at the Central University of Karnataka (CUK) where her research interest was oriented towards social issues in the geographical context. During her time at CUK, she visited Cambridge University as a part of the UKERI initiative. She has also guided many dissertations for Master's degree and a Ph.D thesis. She has published many articles on the issues of Gender, violence faced by women and tribal people, School Education and WASH, Child Health, School Absenteeism, and School dropout. She is well-versed in quantitative methods and is keen to pursue a qualitative approach to research. Her goal is to contribute to anthropological aspects of Gender and Tribal Studies.



Dr. Guru Vasishtha

Dr. Guru Vasishtha has been appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Survey Research & Data Analytics at International Institute for population Sciences (IIPS). Prior to Joining IIPS, he worked at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) as a Senior RWD Analyst, where he specialized in utilizing and analyzing electronic medical records and claims data sources for real-world evidence generation to help in better business decision making. He also extensively worked on different stages of various research projects

including National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4). His expertise ranges from data management, validation, cleaning, graphics, and visualization, mainly using programming in statistical software such as R, SAS, STATA, SPSS, MORTPACK, SPECTRUM, and GEODA. He has a Ph.D. and M.Phil. degrees in Population Studies from IIPS. He also holds a Master's degree (Gold medal) in Statistics from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Agra. He has published research papers in peer-reviewed journals. He has also participated and presented research papers at national and international conferences/seminars and workshops, including summer school on measuring multidimensional poverty organized by Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, the University of Oxford at Mexico City. His research interests include Multidimensional poverty, Data quality of large-scale demographic surveys, Spatial analysis, Maternal and child health, Mortality and life table.

SUPERANNUATION OF STAFF



Mr. Prakash H. Fulpagare
Senior Research Assistant, EMS
(Superannuated on 31/05/2022)



Mr. Ashok Baban Sarjine
Supervisor (Technical)
(Superannuated on 31/05/2022)



Mr. Suryakant S. Kale
Gestetner Operator
(Superannuated on 31/05/2022)



Mr. Suresh P. Thakur
Multi-Tasking Staff
(Superannuated on 31/05/2022)



Mr. T.S. Badve
Data Entry Operator Gr. B
(Superannuated on 31/07/2022)

APPOINTMENTS

Sl.No	Name of the Employee	Department/Section	Position held	Date of Appointment
1	Mr. Vikash Atri	Establishment	UDC	19-05-2022
2	Mr. Saish Todankar	Stores	UDC	01-07-2022
3	Mr. Swapnil Borhade	Library	Lib. Clerk	15-09-2022
4	Mr. Manish Kumar	Library	Sr. Lib. Inf. Assistant	19-09-2022

PROMOTIONS

Sl.No	Name of the Employee	Department/Section	Previous Position	New Position	Date of Promotions
1	Mr. R.B.Lakhan	Estate	Caretaker	Supervisor (Technical)	29-06-2022
2	Ms. Sakula Pawar	Project Cell	UDC	Assistant	29-06-2022
3	Mr. Mangesh Shivalkar	Estate	OHP operator	Caretaker	29-06-2022

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 specialization in some core areas of population sciences, trained in India and abroad.

The Institute is the hub of population and health related teaching and research in India, 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 organizations, universities, and reputed non-governmental organizations.

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 organizations; and can work as independent consultants.

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