



Ministers Visit to IIPS Campus

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## **From Editorial Desk**

### **Warm Greetings!**

We are delighted to bring to you volume 63, issues 1 & 2 of the IIPS Newsletter, which presents glimpses of activities of the Institute from October 2021 to March 2022. The two new departments at the institute - Department of Family and Generations and Department of Survey Research and Data Analytics were inaugurated by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India. He also opened two new centres - Centre for Demography of Gender and Centre for Ageing Studies at IIPS.

The Institute also underwent NAAC accreditation process for which the NAAC Peer-Review team visited the campus in February 2022. The Institute received 'A' grade from NAAC in its first attempt.

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Convocation of the Institute was held on 4 December 2021 on a virtual platform.

The editorial team takes this opportunity to express their hearty congratulations to 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 IIPS 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](mailto:publication@iipsindia.ac.in).

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## MINISTERS' VISIT TO IIPS

Visit of Hon'ble Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Hon'ble Minister of State Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2022



Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare & Chemicals and Fertilizers, **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** and Hon'ble Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, **Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar**, visited IIPS on **20<sup>th</sup> February, 2022**. The entire IIPS community received the Hon'ble Ministers at the entrance. The visit began with a meeting with the members of faculty to discuss the major research, teaching and training activities of the Institute. The Director and Sr. Professor made a presentation on the major activities of the Institute. In addition, the Hon'ble Ministers reviewed the preparation for the National Family Health Survey - 6 which will be launched in the country in 2023. The Hon'ble Ministers offered various suggestions so that the contributions of the Institute is further enhanced for policy formulation and programme implementation in the country. In the afternoon, the Hon'ble Ministers







inaugurated two new Academic Departments, viz., (1) Department of Family and Generations and (2) Department of Survey Research and Data Analytics at IIPS. Two new Research Centres viz., (a) Centre of Demography of Gender and (b) Centre for Ageing Studies were also inaugurated on this occasion. The Ministers also addressed members of the faculty, staff and students and

emphasized the contribution of IIPS in policy making in the country during the past several decades. They further reiterated the need to continue the work with dedication for building a new India. The entire IIPS community thanks the Ministers for their visit and insightful suggestions for improving the activities of the Institute.

## NAAC ACCREDITATION

IIPS has undergone NAAC accreditation (first cycle) in the year 2021 for the assessment period 2015-16 to 2019-20. Based on the Self-Study Report (SSR) submitted by the Institute to NAAC and the successful completion of the Data Validation and Verification (DVV) process, the NAAC Peer Team visited the Institute during 02-04 February 2022, for assessment for the accreditation. The NAAC Peer-Team consisted of Prof. J.P. Singh Joorel (Chairperson), Prof. Madhulika Dube (Member Coordinator), Prof. Raghava



Reddy (Member), Prof. K. Seetharaman (Member), and Prof. Rangaiah (Member).

The Peer Team assessed the Institute under seven major domains: curricular aspects; teaching, learning and evaluation; research, innovations and extension; infrastructure and learning resources; student support and progression; governance, leadership and management; and institutional values and best practices. In addition, the Peer Team interacted with all the



stakeholders of the Institute (Members of the Executive Council, Director, IQAC, faculty, students, staff and alumni) to get their assessment and feedback about the Institute.

The Peer team also identified the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges of IIPS.

Based on the SSR, DVV

process and report of the Peer Team, the NAAC accredited the Institute with "A Grade". The Institute will strive hard to improve its grade for the next cycle by addressing all the gaps identified in the first cycle of accreditation. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of IIPS has facilitated the accreditation process with NAAC. All the faculty, staff and students were actively involved in the activities related to the accreditation process. The Institute thanks all its stake holders for their helpful contribution to the accreditation process.



## THE SIXTY- SECOND CONVOCATION



The Sixty-Second Convocation of IIPS was held on 4th December, 2021. Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, delivered the Presidential address. Dr. Vinod Kumar Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, Government of India, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and delivered the convocation address. Prof. K. S. James, Director and Senior





Professor of IIPS, delivered the welcome address and presented the Director's Report on the activities of the Institute for the academic year 2020-21. The 62<sup>nd</sup> convocation was organized virtually.

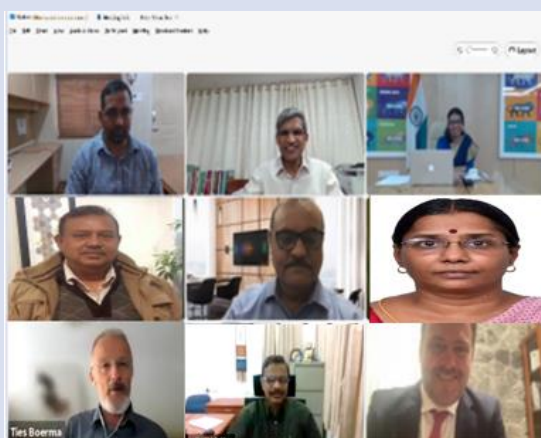
## IIPS INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR 2022

International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized an international seminar on “Population, health and sustainable development” from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 on the virtual platform. The inaugural session was chaired by Prof. K. S. James and the chief guest for the event was **Dr. Andrea Wojnar**, Country Representative of India for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The seminar had 14 technical sessions along with two plenary



Inaugural Session

sessions. The first plenary session was on *Sustainable development goals and India*. The speakers for the session were **Ms. R. Savithri** (ADG, SSD, MOSPI, Govt. of India), **Dr. Ties Boerma** (Professor, University of Manitoba), **Ms. Sanyukta Samaddar**, IAS (Advisor (SDGs)), Niti Aayog, Govt. of India), **Dr. Christopher Gorroway** (Economist, UN Resident Coordinators Office, India) and **Dr. Sanjay Kumar** (National Program Officer (M&E), UNFPA-India). The second Plenary session was on *Gender equality for sustainable future* and the session was chaired by **Prof. Kamala Gupta**, Former Professor, IIPS and **Dr. Sancheeta Gosh**, Lead (MLE), Oxfam India was the discussant. The speakers for the session were **Ms. Sunita Dhar**, (Co-Founder and Chair, South Asia Women's Foundation, India), **Ms. Sonali Khan**, (MD, Sesame Workshop India), **Ms. Govind Kelkar**, (Exe. Director, Gen. Dev. Centre for Research and Innovation) and **Prof. Vibhuti Patel**, (former Professor, TISS). Prof. T. V. Sekher, Prof. Usha Ram, Dr. Harihar Sahoo, Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar and Dr. Suresh Jungari were the coordinators of the seminar.



Plenary Session I



Plenary Session II

## MEMORIAL LECTURES

### 11<sup>TH</sup> PROF. ASHA A. BHENDE MEMORIAL LECTURE

The IIPS organized the 11<sup>th</sup> memorial lecture in honor of Prof. Asha A. Bhende on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2022. **Prof. Asha A. Bhende**, former Professor at IIPS, was an accomplished academician, renowned demographer, prolific writer, a social worker and also an award-winning artist. Her



contribution to society and academic organizations was immense. **Prof. T.V. Sekher**, Coordinator, Publications Cell welcomed the audience and spoke about the career and achievements of Lt. Prof. Asha A. Bhende. **Prof. K. S. James**, Director and Sr. Professor, IIPS, chaired the session and introduced the speaker **Dr. Poonam Muttreja**, Executive Director of the Population Foundation of India, New Delhi. She has, for over 40 years, been

a strong advocate of women's health, reproductive and sexual rights, and rural livelihoods. Dr. Muttreja talked on "The roadmap to population stabilization: A case for reaching the unreached". Socioeconomic status is one of the reasons for lower fertility rate in India. She stressed upon the limited freedom enjoyed by women while making decisions on fertility and family planning and also touched upon how male engagement is limited in family planning. The presentation was followed by



a question answer session. The lecture concluded with a vote of thanks to all by Dr. Dipti Govil, Coordinator. The event was attended by more than 150 participants from academia, NGOs and the government. The lecture recording is available in the link given below. [The 11th Prof. Asha A. Bhende Memorial Lecture delivered by Dr. Poonam Muttreja, organized by IIPS - YouTube](#)



Prof. Asha A. Bhende memorial lecture, January 28, 2022

## 20<sup>TH</sup> PROF. C. CHANDRASEKARAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized the 20<sup>th</sup> Prof. C. Chandrasekaran Memorial Lecture on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 on the virtual platform. The Memorial Lecture series is held annually in the memory of **Prof. C. Chandrasekaran**, former Director of IIPS. Prof. Chandrasekaran



developed the well-known Chandra-Deming formula to provide better estimates of vital events which is the backbone of the Sample Registration System, India, that collects data on vital events. **Prof. T.V. Sekher**, Coordinator of Publications Cell, welcomed the participants and spoke in brief about Prof. C. Chandrasekaran and his achievements. **Prof. K. S. James**, Director and Sr. Professor, IIPS, chaired the session and introduced the guest speaker, **Dr. Peter McDonald**, Emeritus Professor

of Demography, Australian National University, Canberra. Dr. McDonald has a Ph.D. degree in Demography from the Australian National University and now serves as Professor of Demography in the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, University of Melbourne. He was the president of IUSSP. He delivered the lecture on the topic “Low fertility: its origins and its implications”. Right after the presentation, an interactive question-answer session



followed. Dr. Dipti Govil, Coordinator of the Publications Cell, proposed the formal vote of thanks. The lecture was attended by over 140 participants from India and abroad. The lecture recording is available and the link is given below:

[The 20th Professor C. Chandrasekaran Memorial Lecture Delivered by Dr. Peter McDonald - YouTube](#)



Prof. C Chandrasekaran Memorial Lecture, February 24, 2022



## 14<sup>TH</sup> PROF. P.N. MARI BHAT MEMORIAL LECTURE



International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized the 14<sup>th</sup> **Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat** Memorial Lecture on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 on the virtual platform. The Memorial Lecture series is held annually in the memory of **Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat**, former Director at IIPS. Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat was a pioneer in providing fertility and mortality estimates for colonial India and for the early decades of independence. His research works reflected a unique combination of statistical acumen and social science perspectives in demographic research.

On this occasion, **Prof. Ashwini Deshpande**, Professor of Economics and the Founding Director of the Centre for Economic Data and Analysis (CEDA) at Ashoka University, New Delhi, delivered the lecture on *“Nakusha: Son preference, unwanted girls and gender gaps in Education”*. Prof. Deshpande is the author of “Grammar of Caste: economic discrimination in contemporary India”, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2011 and “Affirmative Action in India”, Oxford University Press, New Delhi. The lecture was followed by a question-answer session. Over 140 participants attended the session. The Director, **Prof. K. S. James**, chaired the session, **Prof. T. V. Sekher**, Coordinator, Publications Cell, conducted the programme and **Dr. Dipti Govil**, proposed a formal vote of thanks.



The lecture recording is available and the link is given below.

[Prof Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture \(29th March 2022\) - YouTube](#)



Prof. P N Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture, March 29, 2022

## RESEARCH LEADER SESSION AT INTERNATIONAL POPULATION CONFERENCE

The 29<sup>th</sup> International Population Conference (IPC 2021) was organised by the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) during 5-10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 through the virtual platform. IIPS was invited to organize a Research Leader Session at this prestigious conference which is held once in four years. The Research Leader session on “*Ageing in India: Emerging Issues and Challenges Based on LASI*” was organised on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The speakers for the session were **Prof. David Bloom**, Professor of Economics and Demography at the Harvard School of Public Health, **Prof. Jinkook Lee**, Research Professor of Economics and program director of the Center for Economic and Social Research (CESR) at the University of Southern California (USC), **Prof. T. V. Sekher**, Professor at IIPS and **Dr. Sanjay Kumar**, UNFPA, India. The Session was chaired by Prof. K. S. James, Director, IIPS. Prof. Bloom gave an overview about Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI), Prof. Lee discussed on Air pollution and Cognition based on the insights from LASI, Prof. Sekher talked about Social Security Programs for Elderly in India and Dr. Sanjay Kumar made a presentation on Public Health Care Utilization by Elderly in India. The session was followed by a detailed discussion and Researchers from across the world attended this session. The recorded version of this Research Leader session is available at: [Ageing in India: Emerging Issues & Changes Based on Longitudinal Ageing Study in India #LASI #IPC2021 - YouTube](#)



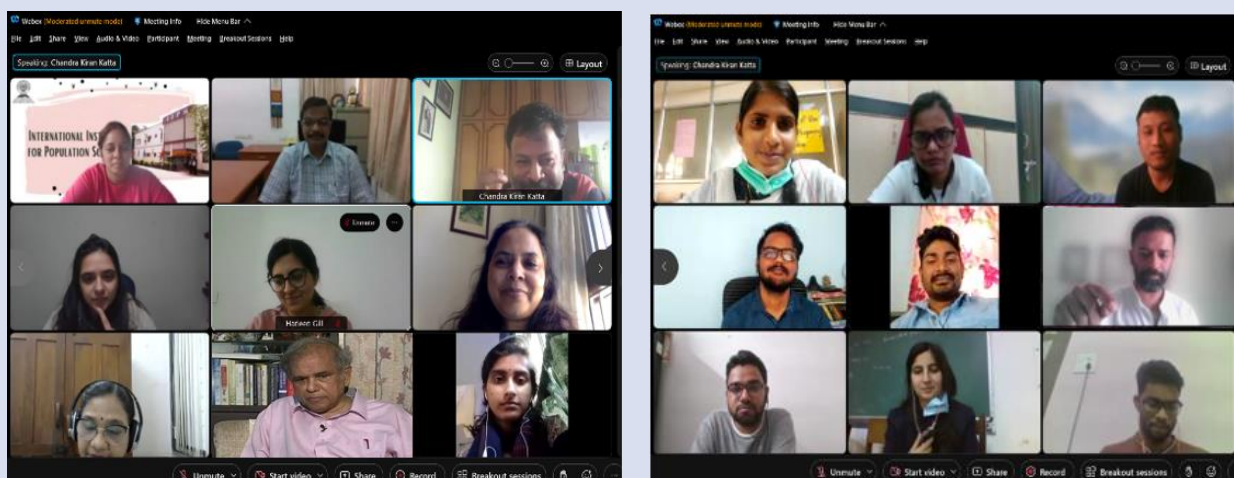
Research Leader session, Dec. 5-10, 2021

## WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES

### Workshop on Research Design in Migration Studies with Special Reference to Covid-19 Pandemic

The Short-Term Training Programme (STTP) Cell of the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized a 6-day online training programme on “Research Design in Migration Studies with Special Reference to Covid-19 Pandemic” during 07 - 12 February, 2022, on the virtual platform. Prof. Archana K. Roy, Prof. T. V. Sekher and Dr. Dipti Govil were the coordinators for the programme.

More than 75 applicants applied for the workshop out of which 30 participants were short listed. 13 Eminent resource persons in the field of migration took classes for the workshop.



**Workshop on Research Design in Migration Studies with Special Reference to Covid-19 Pandemic, Feb. 7-12, 2022**

The workshop covered theoretical and technical components of migration studies, with a special focus on designing migration research and data collection methods. On the last day of the training, as a part of the group work, the participants came up with research designs for their topics on migration

## **WEBINAR ON MTP ACT @ 50: AVAILABILITY AND USE OF DATA AND EVIDENCE FOR DECISION-MAKING**

IIPS, in collaboration with the Population Council, New Delhi and FPAI, Mumbai, organized a webinar on *Availability and Use of Data and Evidence for Decision-making*, which is 3<sup>rd</sup> in the series of spotlight sessions on MTP Act @ 50 initiated by the Family Planning Association of India. The webinar was held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Prof. K.S. James, Director and Senior Professor, IIPS and Dr. Rathnamal Desai, President, FPAI, welcomed the speakers and participants. Eminent experts namely, Dr. Susheela Singh, Guttmacher Institute, USA; Dr. Sushanta K. Banerjee, IDF; Dr. Priya Nanda, BMGF; Dr. Sharad Iyengar, ARTH; Mr. Shankar Narayanan, PSI and Mr. Anand Sinha, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, India, deliberated in the webinar. The deliberations of the webinar touched upon different perspectives starting with the relevance of abortion data in view of MTP Amendments, 2021, data driven policy and programmes related to abortion, need of abortion data for vulnerable population subgroups especially the need of age-specific



**Webinar on MTP Act @50, Oct. 28, 2021**



abortion data, assessing issues of ground reality with large-scale national level data, abortion from the perspective of industry and finally emerging questions for Evidence-based programming. Around 150 participants from across the globe participated in the webinar. Prof. Chander Shekhar and Dr. Harihar Sahoo coordinated the webinar.

## WORKSHOP ON ADVANCED SURVEY RESEARCH: THEORY & PRACTICE

A five-day workshop on Advanced Survey Research: Theory and Practice was organized from 28<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022 by the *Department of Survey Research & Data Analytics* in IIPS. It was conducted through hybrid mode. The aim of the workshop was to provide a suitable platform to faculties and research scholars for understanding



theoretical and empirical issues involved in survey research methods. Around 25 participants attended in-person while 9 participants attended online. Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi welcomed all the participants and faculties. The participants were from TISS, Mumbai; Wish Foundation, Jaipur; NMIMS, Mumbai; MGM college, Mumbai; JNU, New Delhi; IIT, Mumbai; Manipur University, Manipur; Manipur Technical University, Manipur; Asian Institute of Public Health, Bhubaneshwar; Reliance Foundation, Mumbai; Sattva Foundation, Delhi, and IIPS. Prof. S.K. Singh talked about the importance of survey research in India and how this workshop could benefit the participants. Prof. K.S. James, Director, appreciated the organizers for successfully organizing the workshop.

**Coordinator:** Prof. S. K. Singh, Prof. Laxmikant Dwivedi, Dr. Preeti Dhillon



Advanced Survey Research Workshop, March 28-April 1 2022

## RE-ENERGIZING POPULATION RESEARCH CENTERS: A WORK PLAN FOR 2022-23

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) conducted a symposium for PRC officials, faculties and research staff on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The symposium theme was “*Re-energizing Population Research Centres: A Work Plan for 2022-23*” wherein almost all the staff of PRCs participated along with five expert faculty members from IIPS. The symposium had five interactive sessions including the Inaugural session, a session on the Need for a Work Plan, the Effective Involvement of PRCs with different public and private stakeholders – utilizing the data and resources, Thematic session and a discussion session on proposed studies. The expert faculty members discussed the above themes during the one and a half-day symposium.

### ACTIVITIES UNDER ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

#### 1. National Family Health Survey 2019-21 (NFHS-5)



Release of NFHS-5 Phase II Fact Sheet

An international webinar titled “National Dissemination of Key Findings & Policy Relevance” was organized on 25 November, 2021. The NFHS-5 India and phase 2 states/UTs fact sheets were jointly released by Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, NITI Aayog and Shri. Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India. Topical presentations were made highlighting key findings from NFHS-5 at the national and state levels. The event was chaired by Prof. K.S. James, Director, IIPS and

the findings were presented by the NFHS-5 PIs. Dr. Fred Arnold, ICF, shared salient observations and key remarks on NFHS-5. An offline dissemination of NFHS-5 fact sheet-based findings for India and states/UTs was organized by the MoHFW at Hotel Ashoka on 21 December, 2021, to share the key findings from NFHS-5. The Karnataka state-level dissemination webinar to release the Karnataka state report was held on 23 November, 2021 which was the first in the series of state-level dissemination seminars. Shri. Anil Kumar T.K., Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Services, GoK; Shri. D. Randeep, Commissioner, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Services and other district level health officials participated in the seminar. The key findings of NFHS-



Karnataka state-level dissemination webinar



5 for Karnataka were presented by the PIs and the session was chaired by Prof. K.S. James, Director, IIPS.

The **Bihar state report** was released by the Chief Minister on 14 December, 2021 and the Bihar state-level dissemination webinar was held on 15 December, 2021.



**Bihar State report & Dissemination of Key Findings, December 14,2021**

Presentations highlighting the key findings from NFHS-5 for the state of Bihar and policy relevance were made and the participants actively took part in the open discussion held later. A **regional dissemination workshop** to present the key findings of NFHS- 5 and policy relevance was held for the Western Region (Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat, and DNH & DD) on 3 March, 2022 at



**A regional dissemination workshop, March 3, 2022**

Arogya Bhavan, Mumbai. The state-level reports for Maharashtra, Goa, and Gujarat were released on this occasion. NFHS-5 PIs organized this workshop in coordination with the Health Department, Government of Maharashtra and MoHFW. Representatives from the health departments of each of the states/UTs covered under the western region also attended and actively participated in the workshop.

## **2. South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM)**

The conceptualization of the South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM) was jointly initiated by three UN agencies, namely ILO, IOM, and UN Women, under the GOALS (Governance of Labour Migration in South and Southeast Asia). The secretariat for the Migration Centre for South Asia will be located at IIPS. IIPS has joined with five new organizations in collaboration with some of the leading institutions working on migration in different countries of South Asia, namely- Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) in Bangladesh, Centre for the Study of Labour and Mobility (CESLAM) at Social Science Baha in Nepal, Institute of Policy



Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) in Sri Lanka and Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in Pakistan.








**Inauguration of a knowledge hub supported by ILO, IOM, and UN WOMEN in collaboration with RMMRU-Bangladesh, CESLAM-Nepal, SDPI-Pakistan, IPS, Sri Lanka, and IIPS, India on 24 November 2022**

The SALAM project was inaugurated on 24 November 2021. It was attended by more than 130 participants, including the donor agencies (ILO, IOM, and UN WOMEN) and the partner institutions from the South Asian region. The inauguration address was delivered by Ms. Dagmar Walter, Director, DWT South Asia, and India Country Office, on behalf of ILO, IOM, and UN Women.

With the aim of collaborating to establishing a Regional Learning and Action Platform – a Knowledge Hub on Labour Migration in South Asia for the “Governance of Labour Migration in South and South-East Asia (GOALS)”, a project of the International Labour Organization, MoUs were signed with different institutions - RMMRU (Bangladesh), CESLAM (Nepal), IPS (Sri Lanka). However, a direct MoU was signed between SDPI (Pakistan) & ILO. MoUs have also been signed between IIPS, UN Universities UNU-MERIT Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, Maastricht University, Netherlands, and the University of California, Berkley, USA.

### Completed lecture series

<p><b>Dynamics in Migration &amp; Remittances-Perspectives from the Sri Lankan Macroeconomy</b> (17<sup>th</sup> December 2021)</p> <p><b>Speaker</b></p>  <p><b>Bilesha Weeraratne, Ph.D.</b> Research Fellow/Head Migration and Urbanization Policy Research, Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka.</p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p>  <p><b>Prof. K.S. James</b> Director &amp; Senior Professor IIPS- Mumbai India</p> <p>Number of participants: 90</p>	<p><b>Migration and Development in Pakistan: Exploring Context, Prospects, and Knowledge gaps</b> (24<sup>th</sup> January 2022)</p> <p><b>Speaker</b></p>  <p><b>Kashif Majeed Salik</b> Associate Research Fellow Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan</p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p>  <p><b>Nansiri Iamsuk</b> Programme Specialist UN Women</p> <p>Number of participants: 38</p>
<p><b>Irregular Migration, Poverty, and Development in South Asia</b> (22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022)</p> <p><b>Speaker</b></p>  <p><b>Priya Deshingkar</b> Professor of Migration and Development University of Sussex, UK</p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p>  <p><b>Andrew Gray</b> Senior Programme Manager IOM - UN Migration</p> <p>Number of participants: 130</p>	<p><b>Employment Prospects in Afghanistan: A Rapid Impact Assessment</b> (16<sup>th</sup> March 2022)</p> <p><b>Speaker</b></p>  <p><b>Ramin Behzad</b> ILO Senior Coordinator for Afghanistan</p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p>  <p><b>Binod Khadria</b> Former Professor, JNU, New Delhi</p> <p>Number of participants: 35</p>

The SALAM Secretariat at the IIPS conducted two meetings of the partner institutions to discuss the topic and concept note of the thematic papers with South-Asian countries, namely Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and India. The first meeting was conducted on 21.12.2021 in the online mode to decide the areas of the thematic papers to be published by partners and IIPS. The second meeting was conducted on 23.02.2022 in hybrid mode, in which all the partner institutions, along with IIPS, presented their tentative topics and concept notes. Currently, SALAM Secretariat is working on the regional thematic paper “Data for Labour Migration Governance in India: Needs, Gaps, and Challenges.”

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

The research project titled, Protection of Children Affected by Seasonal Migration: A Study in Jalna District, India, is funded by UNICEF. The project coordinators are Prof. K.C. Das, Prof. R. B. Bhagat, and Dr. Archana K. Roy. The project aimed to study the education, health and protection issues of children affected by seasonal migration in Maharashtra and to recommend sustainable solutions for strengthening policies and programs. The Project was undertaken between Jan 2020 – May 2022, during which several meetings and activities were conducted as given below. Currently, the project is in the delivery stage. The study collected data from 1) the children and their parents/caregivers using PRA tools, in-depth interviews, and case narratives; 2) KIIs to get the perspectives of stakeholders, civil society representatives, and ‘Mukadams’ from February to August 2021. Following the data transcription and translations, a 3-day workshop on 'Qualitative Data Analysis & Finalization of Chapter Plan' was held on the 28th and 29th of May 2021 with Ms.Gomathy Balasubramanian (Tata Institute of Social Sciences) and Dr.Padma Deosthali (International Growth Centre).

The draft chapters were discussed with the TAC members on September 6th and December 8th, 2021 Furthermore, bilateral interactions with TAC members were held from 15-18 December 2021, to obtain their input on the Chapter concerning the policy recommendations. A meeting between Maaïke Bijker (PRIME committee), Ms. Rajeshwari Chandrasekar (UNICEF) and the IIPS team was held on December 20, 2021 to review and approve the draft report. On 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022, a meeting with Ms. Sujata Saunik (Additional Chief Secretary, GoM) was held in order to review the draft Project report and Policy brief. Two papers from the study were presented at the 2021 IUSSP International Population Conference on the topic, "Harvesting the Troubles: The Vulnerabilities of Children of Seasonal Migrants Working in Sugarcane Fields, India" and

"Education of Children Affected by Seasonal Migration of Parents: Findings from a Field Study in Jalna District, Maharashtra, India".



Meeting with Sujata Saunik



Meeting with TAC members



Meeting with TAC members 14th Feb 2022



Meeting with the UNICEF PRIME Committee research Committee @Unicef office

#### 4. The Longitudinal Study of Maternal and Infant Nutrition in Maharashtra (LOSMINM)

The first Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting for the project "Longitudinal Study of Maternal and Infant Nutrition in Maharashtra (LoSMINM)" was held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in Hybrid mode. The agenda of the first TAC meeting was to discuss the project protocol. Prof. Sayeed Unisa briefed TAC members about the project and the vision of the community Lab. Dr. Preeti Dhillon, the project coordinator, made a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the objectives of the study, the study design, study area, survey tools, key indicators and the timeline. The meeting was chaired by Prof. S.N. Dwivedi, Retired Professor, Department of Biostatistics, AIIMS, New Delhi.



LoSMINM Project team during TAC Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022



**Principal Investigators (PIs):** Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, Dr. T. R. Dilip, Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar, Dr. Preeti Dhillon, Dr. Reshmi. R. S., Dr. Suresh Jungari

**Co-Principal Investigators (Co-PIs):** Mr. Anjani Mishra, District Health Officer, Raigad, Maharashtra.

### 5. Symposium by Centre for Ageing Studies (CAS)

Centre for Ageing Studies of IIPS organized a symposium on the occasion of International Day for Older Persons on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021. The chief guest for the event was **Prof. David Bloom**, a well-known economist and demographer at the Harvard School of Public Health and Director of the Program on the Global Demography of Aging. The speakers for the occasion were **Prof. S. Irudaya Rajan**, an expert on ageing studies and Chairman, Institute of Migration and development, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala and **Dr. Mala Kapur Shankardass**, Sociologist and Gerontologist with Delhi University and Chair, Asia, International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA). The Symposium was chaired by Prof. K. S. James, Director, IIPS who spoke about the scope of the new centre for Ageing Studies. Prof. T. V. Sekher, Head, Centre for Ageing Studies welcomed the participants and highlighted the contributions of IIPS in Ageing surveys and research. Prof. R. Nagarajan, Associate Head, CAS, introduced the speakers. A large number of participants attended this symposium on the virtual platform. Prof. Dhananjay Bansod proposed the formal vote of thanks. The recorded version of the symposium is available at: [Video release of "Centre for Ageing Studies" an initiation of activities focused on elderly. - YouTube](#)



Symposium by Centre for Ageing Studies (CAS)

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### ‘Unity in Diversity’

#### 75 Years of India’s Independence

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. IIPS, arranged a cultural event on the theme, “Unity in Diversity” on 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 2022 keeping in line with 75 years of celebrations of Indian Independence (Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav). The cultural program, themed 'Unity in Diversity', entailed a series of performances: classical and contemporary dances, songs with regional flavors and theatrical expressions on aging issues. The evening started with the lighting of the lamp. The opening performance was a Ganesh Vandana dance by Vandana, an MPS student, followed by regional dance performances.

Bengali Folk dance performed by Poushaly and Jyoti (Pre-PhD) and Sayanti (MBD 2<sup>nd</sup> Year);

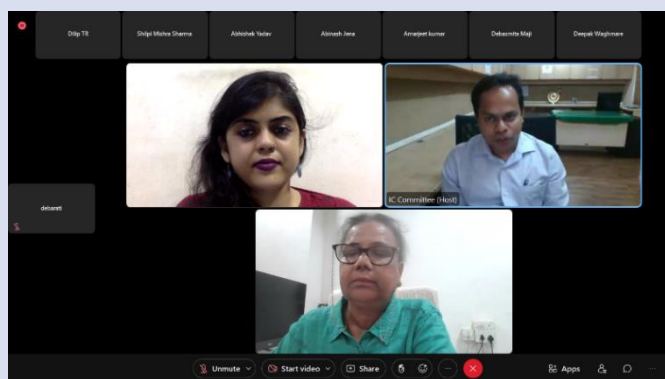


Assamese Folk Dance by Pratyashee (MBD 2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Kuchipudi dance depicting the beautiful relationship between the young Lord Krishna and his mother Yashoda, presented by Devikrishna, (MA/MSc 2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Lavni dance by Yashoda and Kajal (MPS) and Hariyanvi Folk dance by Manisha and Ravita (Ph.D.).

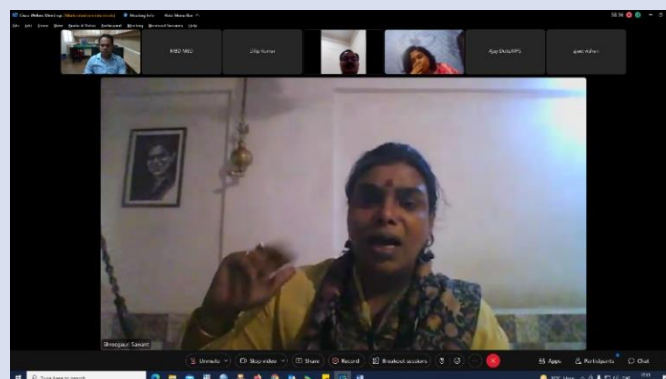
Five students (Manisha, Akbar, Chandan, Jyoti and Satyam) had come together and put up an insightful drama on the plight of old parents, who are left at old age homes with a sole hope that someday their children will come to take them back, but the sad reality is that the wait only ends in despair and death. Last but not least, 7 students came together to lend their voices and sing different regional songs from Himachal Pradesh to Kerala and wrapped up the entire performance with ‘Mile Sur Mera Tumhara’.

The sheer aesthetic value of the evening was heightened by the closing group song wherein all the performers united on the stage with lamps in their hands and the Indian flag held high in the background. The evening was hosted by Poushaly (Pre-PhD) and Ambikesh (MPS) and coordinated and guided by the cultural coordinator Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay.

## ACTIVITIES OF INTERNAL COMMITTEE (IC)



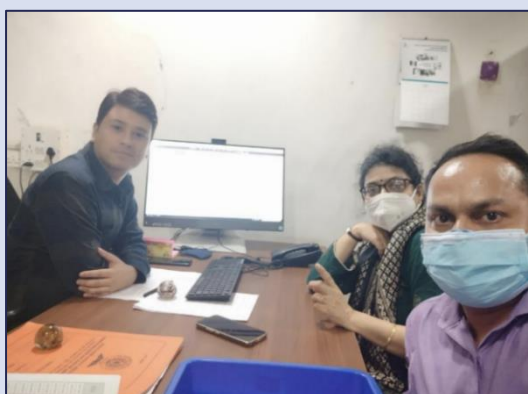
Lecture by Brindaalakshmi. K on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022



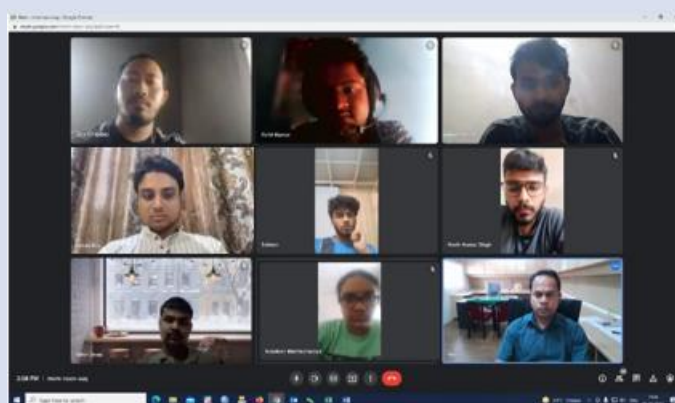
Lecture by Sreegauri Suresh Sawant on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

## PLACEMENT CELL ACTIVITIES

IIPS placement cell has taken a great initiative by collaborating with IIT, Bombay's Spoken tutorials for the benefit of students to upgrade their software skills in different software and computer programming languages. Many students from each batch signed up for various spoken tutorial courses being offered by IIT. In the duration of one-year, students would get an opportunity to learn packages like R, Python, QGIS, MySQL etc.



Placement Cell Coordinators



IIT, Bombay's spoken tutorials

This apart, a couple of sessions were conducted to demonstrate the process of availing student discounts while opting for courses from Coursera, Data camp, Tableau etc. This proved useful for availing student discounts while procuring statistical package from various software companies. Online exams were conducted and certificates from IIT Spoken Tutorial Course were distributed. Other activities include training programmes, skill development programmes, placement talks and experience sharing.



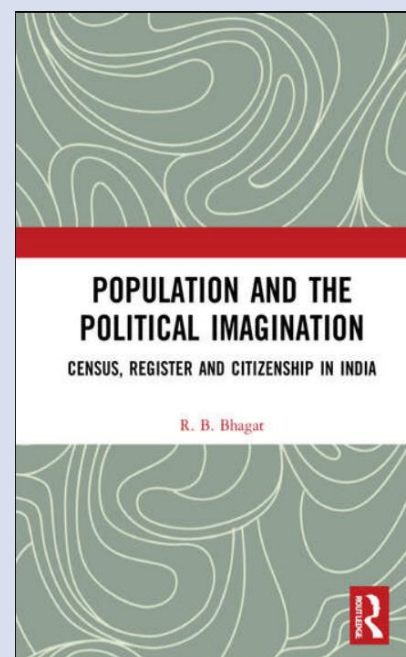
## BOOK PUBLISHED BY FACULTY

### **Population and the political imagination: census, register and citizenship in India by R. B. Bhagat.**

The book identifies population as a central issue of polity and examines its links to ideas of state and citizenship. It explores the relationship between the state, citizenship and polity by re-examining processes related to census enumeration, population and citizen registers, and the politics of classificatory governmentality.

Religion, ethnicity, caste and political class play key roles in determining community identities and the relationship between an individual and the state. Contextualizing the arguments and controversies around the Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2019 (CAA 2019) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC), the book examines the processes of inclusion or exclusion of minorities and migrants as citizens in India. It focusses on the classification of irregular and refugee migration since independence in India, especially in the state of Assam.

The book highlights how political imagination, as a theoretical framework, shapes the processes and strategies for enumeration and classification and thereby, the idea of citizenship. Underlining the relationship between instruments of government, political mobilization and the resurgence of communal polarization, it also offers suggestions for alternative constructions of citizenship and an inclusive state. This book will be useful for students and researchers of population studies, population geography, migration studies, sociology, political science, social anthropology, law and journalism. It will also be of interest to policy makers, journalists, as well as NGOs and CSO.



## NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS



**Dr. Udaya S. Mishra**, a Statistician/Demographer joined the International Institute for population Sciences as a Professor in the Dept. of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in November 2021 following a three-decade stint of being on the faculty of Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, Kerala. He is engaged in research and teaching on Population and Development issues and has a number of national and international publications to his credit. In recent times, he has served in various capacities of guiding scientific research in social sciences. During his three decades of

teaching and research experience, he has contributed in the areas of aging, health, nutrition as well as

population policy and programme evaluation. His current research interest includes measurement issues in health and equity focus in evaluation of outcomes. His scholastic distinctions include (i) Takemi Fellow, in the Dept. of Population and International Health, Harvard school of Public Health, Boston, USA during 2003-05 (ii) Associate member of Southampton Statistical Sciences Research Institute, University of Southampton, UK and (iii) Expert group member to review the draft handbook on 'Designing of Household Sample Surveys' at the United Nations Statistics Division, New York. His recent works include the co-edited book titled 'Demographic and Development Divide in India' as well as inspection of the rising trends in C-section deliveries and interpreting educational externalities on household welfare outcomes.

**Dr. Nandita Saikia** joined as a Professor in the Department of Public Health and Mortality Studies at the IIPS in October 2021 with ten years of expertise in teaching and research. Before joining IIPS, she was an Assistant Professor at the CSRD, Jawaharlal Nehru University. She has published extensively as a lead author on population health issues in internationally reputed journals and has contributed chapters to several edited books. She contributed chapters to several edited books. Prof.



Prof. Saikia is serving as an academic editor in *PLoS Global Health* and as an Associate editor of the *Journal of Population Research* (Australia). She served as a member of the IUSSP-scientific panel in Lifespan Extension with Varying Cause-of-death Trajectories. She completed major research projects funded by ICSSR; BIRAC and Population Council. Prof. Saikia has been awarded prestigious international and national scholarships such as, visiting fellowship at ANU; Queen Elizabeth Advanced Scholar Fellowship at University of Toronto; Post-Doctoral Fellowship at IIASA, Austria; Max Planck-India fellowship from the Max Planck Society, Germany; the Raja Rao Memorial award from Kolkata's ISI; Prof. Mari Bhat Gold Medal from IIPS; and Prof. K. B. Pathak Award from IASP. Under her supervision, 8 MPhil and 13 Ph.D. scholars have completed their dissertations. She writes articles for various national level newspapers and magazines.



**Dr. C.J. Sonowal** completed his M. Sc. in Anthropology (1989), later cleared UGC NET exam for JRF and Lectureship in 1991 and completed his PhD in 1996 on "Gender Relationships among Tribes" from Dibrugarh University. He worked as Assistant Research Officer in Arunachal Pradesh (1991), Lecturer in Tata Institute of Social Sciences (1992), Associate Professor in the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policies at TISS (2011) and joined as

Professor in the Department of Family and Generations at IIPS in October 2021. As a part of his research activity, he has conducted 12 Research projects on various social issues, including Tribal

Development, Tribal Health, Forest and Tribes, Tribal women and Violence against women, Women domestic workers, and environmental education in schools. He has published Seven research-based books encompassing Gender relations among tribes, Tribal Health, Ethnicity, Religion, Identity and Social Exclusion issues. He has also published more than 30 research-based articles in reputed journals and chapters in books covering tribal development, health, ethnicity and identity, environmental education, tribes and forest issues, and culture and traditions. Dr. Sonowal has guided 25 M. Phil. and 5 Ph.D. scholars. There are 7 Ph.D. and 2 M. Phil. scholars currently working under his guidance.

### **New Staff Appointments**

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Name of the Employee</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date of Appointment</b>
1.	Ms. Sheetal Zore	Establishment Section	Telephone Operator	21-10-2021
2.	Mr. Avdhesh Kumar	Stores	MTS	17-11-2021
3.	Mr. Divakar Yadav	Establishment	UDC	01-12-2021
4.	Mr. Bablu Walmiki	Estate Management	MTS	03-01-2022

### **Promotion of Staff Members**

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Name of the Employee</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date of Promotion</b>
1.	Ms. Jyoti Vishwas Kadam	Establishment	Assistant	25/10/2021
2.	Dr. M. Vaithilingam	Publication	ARO	01/03/2022
3.	Mr. P.H. Fulpagare	EMS	Sr. Research Officer	28/03/2022

### **Superannuation of Staff**

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Name of the Employee</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Position Held</b>	<b>Date of Superannuation</b>
1.	Mr. B.S. Kumar	Academic	ARO	28/02/2022

### **Demise**

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Name of the Employee</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Position Held</b>	<b>Date of Demise</b>
1.	Mrs. Dhanalakshmi Ankolekar	Accounts Section	Assistant	20/03/2022



## **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 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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