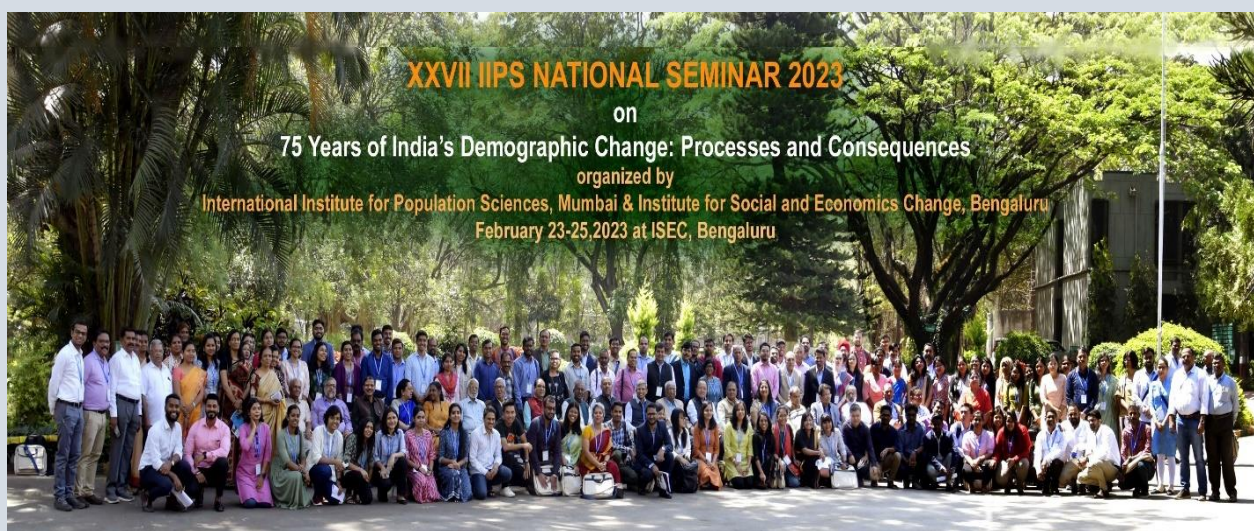


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From Editorial Desk

Warm Greetings!

We are delighted to bring to you the volume 65, issues 1 & 2 of the IIPS Newsletter, which presents glimpses of activities of the Institute from October 2022 to March 2023.

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The editorial team takes this opportunity to express our hearty congratulations to our 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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IIPS NATIONAL SEMINAR 2023

75 Years of India's Demographic Changes: Process and Consequences

To commemorate 75 years of India's independence, International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) and Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) jointly organized the XXVII IIPS National Seminar 2023 on the theme, "75 years of India's Demographic Changes: Process and Consequences" at ISEC, Bengaluru from 23-25 Feb 2023. The seminar began with a welcome address by Prof. D. Rajasekhar, Director, ISEC, Bangalore. Prof. K.S. James, Director and Senior Professor of IIPS, presented the genesis and relevance of the seminar.

The seminar was inaugurated by Shri. T.K. Anil Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Karnataka. The session was chaired by Padma Shri Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, former chairman of the UGC and Chairperson of the Board of Governors, ISEC. The seminar also felicitated Prof. K. Srinivasan, who became the first Indian to receive the prestigious 2023 IUSSP Laureate Award. The inaugural session ended with a formal vote of thanks by Prof. H. Lhungdim, IIPS. The seminar brought together a diverse group of experts from all over India and seven foreign countries to discuss the demographic changes that have occurred in India and their implications.

The seminar comprised 4 plenary sessions, 15 technical sessions and 2 poster sessions. The plenary sessions deliberated on four themes: a) 75 Years of India's Demographic Change: Processes and Consequences, b) Nutritional Issues in Karnataka: Policies and Programmes, c) Maternal and Neonatal mortality transition framework in India and its States, and d) Population Research Centre's Vision: Past to Future. In addition, a total of 84 papers were presented orally in 15 technical sessions touching upon various themes such as Demographic and Health Transition, Mortality Transition, Fertility and Family Planning, Child Health & Education, Morbidity and Quality of Life, Maternal Health, Internal Migration, South Asia Migration, Findings from Swabhimaan Intervention Study, Nutrition & Health, Livelihood and Healthcare, Elderly Wellbeing and Health. Fifty-five papers were presented in two poster sessions and the three best posters of each session were awarded prizes.

The seminar was successfully concluded on 25th February with a formal vote of thanks by Ms B. P. Vani on behalf of the organizing committee. The seminar was organized under the patronage of Prof. K.S. James, Director & Sr. Professor, IIPS and Prof. D. Rajasekhara Director, ISEC. Coordinators of the seminar from IIPS were Prof. H. Lhungdim, Prof. Archana K. Roy, Prof. Dhananjay Bansod, Dr. Dilip T.R. and Dr. Pradeep Salve, and from ISEC were Prof. T. S. Syamala, Dr. Lekha Subaiya and Ms. B. P. Vani. Seminar Secretarial team were Mr. Manish Kumar, Ms. Priya Mudaliar, Ms. Sheetal Zore and Mr. Devendra Kumar Yadav from IIPS.



Felicitations of Prof. K. Srinivasan



A glimpse of a technical session



A glimpse of a poster session



Coordinators, Secretariat Team and Volunteers of the IIPS National Seminar

IUSSP LAUREATE AWARD FOR PROF. K. SRINIVASAN

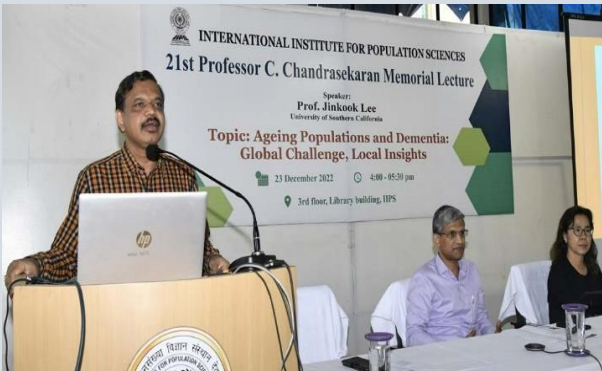
Professor Krishnamurthy Srinivasan, former Director of the International Institute for Population Sciences and National Fellow, Indian Council for Social Science Research, was selected as the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) Laureate for the year 2023. A leading academician in the field of demography, Prof. Srinivasan was the first Indian to have received this award. The IUSSP Laureate award is conferred every year on those individuals who have made notable strides in the advancement of demography and population sciences. IUSSP is a global network of scientists and researchers working to promote the scientific study of population. This award recognizes his outstanding contributions in the field of demography as a researcher, teacher and for evaluation of family planning programs. As the Director of the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) for more than 14 years, Professor Srinivasan played a crucial role in shaping the teaching and research on demography in Asia. Under his leadership, India initiated the Demographic Health Survey (DHS) - known as the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) - in 1990, considered the largest demographic and health survey in the world. He was a member of the National Statistical Commission. He was also a visiting professor at the Australian National University and University of North Carolina, USA. Prof. Srinivasan was the Executive Director of the Population Foundation of India, New Delhi (1995-2002). A career spread over six decades in many institutions in India and abroad, starting from Gandhigram Rural Institute of Health and Family Welfare in Tamil Nadu, and going on to the Population Center at Bangalore, IIPS in Mumbai, PFI, New Delhi and UNESCAP in Bangkok, Prof. Srinivasan played many roles with his distinct mark as a teacher, researcher, institution builder and advisor to many Governments and organizations. The Laureate award ceremony was held on 9th March 2023. Dr. Shireen Jejeebhoy, President, IUSSP, chaired the event. Those who spoke on the occasion about Dr. Srinivasan's career and achievements included Prof. T.V. Sekher, Prof. Amy Tsui, Prof. Tim Dyson, Prof. Alaka Basu, Prof. Frans Willekens, Prof. Sureeporn Punpuing, Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Prof. K. S. James, Prof. P. M. Kulkarni, Dr. K.M. Sathyanarayana, Prof. Sayeed Unisa and Dr. Padmavathi Srinivasan. Video recording of the award ceremony can be accessed: [2023 IUSSP Laureate Ceremony in honour of Krishnamurthy Srinivasan - YouTube](#)



MEMORIAL LECTURES

21st Prof. C. Chandrasekharan Memorial Lecture

International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized the 21st Prof. C. Chandrasekharan Memorial Lecture on 23rd December 2022 in hybrid mode. The Memorial Lecture series is held annually in the memory of **Prof. C. Chandrasekharan**, former Director of IIPS. Prof. Chandrasekharan was a pioneer in Indian demography. He 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 about vital events. He was the President of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) from 1969 to 1973. Prof. Chandrasekharan was

instrumental in initiating and conducting the well-known Mysore Population Study in the early fifties, which was jointly undertaken by the Government of India and the United Nations. **Prof.**

T.V. Sekher, Coordinator of the Publications Cell, welcomed the participants and spoke in brief about Prof. C. Chandrasekharan and his contributions. He also introduced the guest speaker, Prof. Jinkook Lee. **Prof. K. S. James**, Director and Sr. Professor, IIPS, chaired the session and highlighted the importance of



ageing in India and the need to study dementia among the elderly. **Dr. Jinkook Lee** is a Research



Professor of Economics and the Program Director of Global Aging, Health, and Policy at the Center for Economic & Social Research, University of Southern California. She has led the development of an international data harmonization project, the Gateway to Global Aging Data (g2aging.org), which is a platform for population survey data on

aging from many countries around the world. She has co-led the development and implementation of the Longitudinal Aging Study in India (LASI) and is the principal investigator of the Harmonized Diagnostic Assessment of Dementia for the Longitudinal Aging Study in India (LASI-DAD), an interdisciplinary project on dementia and cognitive aging. She delivered the lecture on the topic, “**Ageing Populations and Dementia: Global Challenge, Local Insights**”. During the presentation Prof. Lee discussed about the dramatic growth of the World’s older population. Further, she explained dementia and stressed upon the fact that age was the strongest known risk factor for dementia. It has been noted that more women expect to live with dementia than men. Prof. Lee explained the findings of the Harmonized Diagnostic Assessment of Dementia for the Longitudinal Study of Aging in India, (LASI-DAD), a HCAP study in India. Her presentation was followed by a question and answer session. Dr. Dipti Govil, Coordinator of the Publications Cell, proposed the formal vote of thanks. The lecture was attended by over 250 participants physically, while 30 joined online. The video recording of the lecture is available at: [The 21st, Professor C. Chandrasekaran Memorial Lecture at IIPS delivered by Prof. Jinkook Lee, USC - YouTube](#)



12th Prof. Asha A. Bhende Memorial Lecture



International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized the 12th Prof. Asha A. Bhende Memorial Lecture on 21st February 2023. The Memorial Lecture series is held annually in the memory of Prof. Asha A. Bhende, former Director of IIPS. Prof. Bhende was an accomplished academician and a

prolific writer. Her book “Principles of Population Studies”, co-authored with the late Prof. Tara Kanitkar of IIPS, has had 20 editions over the years. Prof. Bhende worked as a consultant for many international and national organizations. She was a Board member of the



Foundation for Research in Health Systems and National Association for the Blind, and a Chairperson of the Ashish Gram Rachana Trust, Indian Institute of Health Management, Pachod, Maharashtra. Her book on her life, titled “Majhya Jagaat Mi” (In my own world, am I) has been published. Prof. Bhende was a unique blend of

artistic talent and academic brilliance and is remembered with respect and affection. **Prof. T.V. Sekher**, Coordinator of the Publications Cell, welcomed the participants and spoke in brief about Prof. Asha A. Bhende and her contributions. He also introduced the guest speaker, Prof. Angel M. Foster. **Prof. K. S. James**, Director and Sr. Professor, IIPS, chaired the session. **Dr. Foster** is a Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Ottawa, Canada. She holds a doctorate from the University of Oxford in Middle Eastern Studies, an MD from Harvard Medical



School, and both master's and bachelor's degrees from Stanford University. Dr. Foster is a global abortion researcher and leads projects in 22 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and North America. She has authored more than 100 articles and co-edited three books. She delivered her lecture on the topic *“Abortion,*

politics, and the pill that promised to change everything: The global journey of mifepristone”.

During the presentation Prof. Foster gave a brief history of mifepristone and misoprostol and an overview of abortion worldwide. She further discussed on the regulations on mifepristone in the US. Prof. Foster explained about the studies and researches she had conducted in different parts of the world like Tunisia, Poland, Thailand, Pakistan etc., using telemedicine logs, community-based distribution of the medication, expanding it to rural areas of the country and the outcomes from all these initiatives. The goal was to have Mifegymiso available directly from pharmacists in at least



one province by 2025. A question-answer session followed her presentation. Dr. Dipti Govil, Coordinator of the Publications Cell, proposed the formal vote of thanks. The lecture was attended by over 250 participants physically. The video recording of the lecture is available at: [The 12th Prof Asha A Bhende Memorial Lecture delivered by Prof Angel Foster, on 21st Feb 2023 @ IIPS - YouTube](#)

15th Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture

International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized the 15th Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture at IIPS on 2nd March 2023. The Memorial Lecture series is held annually in the memory of Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat, former Director of IIPS. Prof. Bhat had a very distinguished academic career. He obtained his Ph.D. in Demography from the University of Pennsylvania under the guidance of Dr.



Samuel Preston, a renowned mathematical demographer. Prior to joining IIPS as its Director in 2005, Dr. Bhat worked as a Professor at the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, as the Director of PRC at Dharwad, and as Associate Professor at the Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum and also at ISEC, Bangalore. His research works reflected a unique combination of statistical acumen and social science

perspectives in demographic research. He was a pioneer in providing fertility and mortality estimates for colonial India and for the early decades of independence. For detailed information on Prof. Bhat's research contribution to Indian demography, see "P.N. Mari Bhat: An Intellectual Tribute" by M. Das Gupta, S.H. Preston, V. Rao and T.V. Sekher, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. XLII (36), 2007.

Prof. K. S. James, Director and Sr. Professor, IIPS, chaired the session. **Prof. T.V. Sekher**, Coordinator of the Publications Cell, welcomed the participants and spoke in brief about Prof. P.N. Mari Bhat and his research contributions.





He also introduced the guest speaker, **Prof. Lalit Dandona**. Professor Lalit Dandona is a Distinguished Research Professor, Public Health Foundation of India and Professor of Health Metrics Sciences, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington, Seattle, USA. Prof. Dandona is

the Director of the India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative, which is a collaboration between PHFI, ICMR, IHME and over 100 institutions across India and several global partners. Besides health and disease measurement and its application to policy, the research of Prof. Dandona's teams in India over the past 25 years includes a wide range of population-based studies and health system assessments. Prof. Dandona serves on the International Advisory Board of The Lancet and on the editorial boards of several other journals. He has published widely in peer-reviewed journals, and has served as a scientific reviewer for over fifty journals and various international grant agencies. Prof. Dandona's profile has been published in The Lancet. He received the inaugural BioMed Central Research Award in Medicine, and is included in the Stanford Mendeley Database of top global scientists. He has served as a technical expert in public health and policy for governments, academic institutions, international organizations and funding agencies. Prof. Dandona received his medical training at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, the Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland, and public health training at the Johns Hopkins University. He delivered his lecture on the topic, **"Estimation of Subnational Demographic and Disease Burden Trends in India: Opportunities, Challenges, and Capacity Building"**. His presentation was followed by a question and answer session. Dr. Dipti Govil, Coordinator, Publications Cell, proposed the formal vote of thanks. The lecture was attended by over 250 participants physically. The video recording of the lecture is available at: [The 15th Prof. P N Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture, delivered by Prof. Lalit Dandona, on 2March 2023@IIPS - YouTube](#)



MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) and the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research (IPSS), Japan, signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on March 8, 2023 at IIPS for promoting a joint teaching and collaborative research. The MoC was signed by Prof. K.S. James, Director & Senior Professor, IIPS and Dr. Reiko Hayashi, Deputy Director-General, IPSS.



SYMPOSIUM ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS- 2022

Centre for Ageing Studies of IIPS organized a symposium on the International Day for Older Persons on 3rd October 2022. The theme for this year was “*Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World*”.



The speakers at the symposium were, Mr. Mathew Cherian, (Board Chair, CARE India and former CEO, HelpAge India), Dr. Sundeep Salvi, (Director, Pulmocare Research and Education (PURE) Foundation, Pune) and Prof. Asha Banu Soletti, (Dean, Tata Institute of Social

Sciences, Mumbai). Prof. K.S. James, Director & Sr. Professor, IIPS, chaired the symposium and talked about the relevance of the theme. Prof. T.V. Sekher, Head, Centre for Ageing Studies, welcomed everyone to the symposium and introduced the guest speakers. Mr. Mathew Cherian, in his speech, talked about the interventions undertaken by the Government and Supreme court for the elderly. According to him, the most important and critical intervention in old age was good health, followed by children to look after the elderly. As the Helpage International Ambassador on ageing, Mr. Cherian shared his experiences in dealing with ageing issues. Dr. Sundeep Salvi





discussed about ageing and health problems. Dr. Salvi said there were various biological mechanisms responsible for the ageing process. Further he talked about the determinants of healthy ageing such as cognitive training, exercise, diet, spiritual life and counselling. Prof. Asha Banu Soletti focused her talk on mental health and its implication for the elderly. Along with healthcare, it is also important to understand how families are equipped and prepared to take care of senior citizens. Prof. Banu further talked about the factors influencing mental health of older persons at the individual as well as community level. The presentations were followed by a question-answer session. The symposium ended with a formal vote of thanks by Prof. R. Nagarajan, Associate Head, Centre for Ageing Studies. Nearly 200 people (faculty, students, researchers and NGO representatives from Mumbai) Participated in the symposium. The recording of the symposium can be accessed at: [Symposium - YouTube](#)



WORKSHOPS

Workshop on “Harmonization of Ageing Data around the World”

The Centre for Ageing Studies and Short-Term Training Programme (STTP) Cell of the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) jointly organized a one-day workshop on “Harmonization of Ageing Data around the World” on 7th November, 2022 at the ICT centre,



IIPS. 48 participants from various universities and research institutes attended the workshop. The resource persons were Prof. Jinkook Lee, Director, Program on Global Ageing, Health, and Policy, University of Southern California, Ms. Sandy

Chien, Director of Data Management, University of Southern California and Ms. Sarah Petrosyan, Programmer, University of Southern California.

The Gateway to Global Aging Data (<https://g2aging.org>) is a platform for population survey data on ageing around the globe. The Gateway has done harmonization of LASI, HRS, MHAS, ELSA, SHARE, CHARLS, KLoSA, JSTAR, TILDA, MARS and CRELES datasets, with which researchers can undertake comparable studies across countries. The workshop was organized to enhance the researchers' capability to utilize the harmonized HRS-family datasets by providing them hands-on training. The workshop discussed Health and Retirement Studies (HRS) across 41 countries and also covered the Harmonized Cognitive Assessment Protocol (HCAP). The afternoon session covered introduction to the gateway to global ageing data, followed by practical classes. Prof. K. S. James, Director, IIPS, inaugurated the workshop. Prof. T. V. Sekher, Head, Centre for Ageing Studies, IIPS, outlined the workshop programme and introduced the resource persons. Prof. Jinkook Lee spoke about the increasing need for comparative research and the importance of cross-country data sets to understand the many dimensions and implications of population ageing. Those who successfully completed the workshop were given certificates. The recording of the workshop can be accessed at: [Workshop on Harmonization of Ageing Data - YouTube](#)



Workshop on “Health Programmes and Impact Evaluation Methods”



Indian Health Economics and Policy Association (IHEPA) and International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) jointly organized a workshop on **“Health Programmes and Impact Evaluation Methods”** from March 20-24, 2023 at IIPS. 29 participants, mostly Ph.D. scholars and young faculty

members from various universities attended the workshop. Prof. T. V. Sekher, Workshop Coordinator, welcomed the participants. Prof. K. S. James, Director, IIPS, inaugurated the workshop. Dr. Subrata Mukherjee, Secretary, IHEPA gave an outline of the workshop. Prof. U. S. Mishra, President of IHEPA, spoke about the activities of the association. The workshop was organized with sessions on different topics which included lectures by subject experts. The resource persons were Prof. U. S. Mishra, Dr. Subrata Mukherjee, Prof. Lakshmi Lingam, Prof. L.K. Dwivedi, Dr. Bharti Nandwani, Prof. Chander Shekhar, Dr. T. R. Dilip, Prof. Amar Jesani, Dr. Rudra Narayan Mishra and Dr. William Joe. The workshop discussed contemporary health issues and state-of-the-art research tools and techniques. Decisions on how various health policies and programmes should be designed and resources spent on them must be determined by how well these policies and programmes produced the desired outcomes. The workshop provided a rigorous overview of the tools and techniques to evaluate the causal effect of health policies and programmes. The tools and techniques included randomised control experiments and quasi-experiments such as difference-in-difference, regression discontinuity, propensity score matching and instrumental variables. The participants got an exposure on how to design and conduct an evaluation study, how to interpret evaluation results, read evaluation research carefully and understand the advantages and limitations of each method.



Workshop on “Introduction to Python Programming”

Department of Survey Research and Data Analytics had successfully conducted a five-day hands-on training workshop on “Introduction to Python programming” from 1-5 March 2023 at the ICT lab, IIPS, Mumbai. This training workshop was the first offline workshop in the series of upcoming workshops of the department. The workshop was designed to give participants an overview of the basics of the python programming and to provide a practical, hands-on approach to learning. The



workshop covered various topics starting from a brief overview of the Python interpreter, vector, list, dictionaries, tuples, string manipulation, file handling, function module, regular expression, numpy and panda's library and data visualization using matplotlib library. A total of 29 participants, which included students pursuing their master's degree, research scholars, and working professionals from different universities and organizations across the country, attended and successfully completed the workshop.



PRC Scientific & Advisory Committee Meeting & Workshop on Large Scale Data Analysis

International Institute for Population Sciences and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, jointly organized the PRC Scientific & Advisory Committee Meeting & Workshop on Large Scale Data Analysis for the PRC staff from March 27th-29th, 2023 at IIPS. The meeting of PRC Scientific and Advisory Committee (PSAC) was held on 27th March 2023. The PSAC meeting was held in hybrid mode and was chaired by Prof. K. S. James, Director & Sr. Professor, IIPS. Ms. Anjali Rawat, DDG (Stat.) and Shri. Kumar Sundaram, Director (Stat.), members of the Project Management Unit and other officials were present. The pan India studies of AWS 2022-23 were discussed in the meeting. The state reports of the study, “Menstrual health and hygiene among adolescent girls in climate vulnerable areas of India”, were presented and discussed in the meeting. Representatives of all Population Research Centres participated in the deliberations. On the second day, the workshop



was conducted on the topic, “NFHS: Methodology & Data Analysis” and the sessions were taken up by Prof. Abhishek Singh, Prof. Chander Shekar and Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi. The next day, the workshop covered the topic, “Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI): Methodology & Data Analysis”. The session was taken up by Prof. T. V. Sekher and the LASI team.



Workshop on Qualitative Research and Data Analysis

A five-day qualitative research and data analysis workshop was organized from 6-10th March 2023. A total of 30 participants from reputed universities and institutions across the country attended this offline workshop at the ICT unit on all the five days. The participants were a good mix of Ph.D. scholars and experienced researchers. The workshop aimed to conceptualize qualitative research, formulate problem statements and research questions, study qualitative approaches and design a qualitative study, acquaint qualitative data collection techniques and management, and analyze qualitative data using Anthropic, NVivo, and Atlas.ti, and write an article/report based on a qualitative study. The resource persons were Prof. T.V. Sekher, Prof. Usha Ram, Dr. Dipti Govil, and Dr. Manas Ranjan Pradhan.



Faculty Development Program and Workshop on Design and Analysis of National Family Health Survey

The Faculty Development Program and Workshop on Design and Analysis of National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5 was a five-day workshop organized by the Short-Term Training Program

Cell, IIPS, in collaboration with SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai from 6-10 March, 2023.



Dr. Benson Thomas, Associate Professor, School of Public Health, SRMIST, began by introducing the objectives of the workshop. He welcomed Prof. K.S. James, Director & Sr. Professor, IIPS, Lt. Col. (Dr) A. Ravi Kumar, Pro. Vice-Chancellor (Medical), SRMIST, Dr. Hari Singh, Dean, School of Public Health, SRMIST, Prof. T.V Sekher, Coordinator of the Short-Term Training Program,

IIPS, Dr. M. Bagavandas, Prof. and Head, Centre for Statistics, SRMIST, and Dr. A. Duraisamy, Dean, Science and Humanities, SRMIST. Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, Department of Survey Research & Data Analytics, IIPS, led the workshop while two research scholars of IIPS, Mr. Saurabh Singh and Mr. Somnath Jana provided teaching assistance. Around 65 research scholars, PG students and faculty members attended the workshop.



TRAINING PROGRAMS

Training Programme on “Survey Methods and Data Analysis of NFHS-5”

The hands-on Training Programme on “Survey Methods and Data Analysis of NFHS-5” was a four-day workshop organized by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, and Short-Term Training Program Cell, IIPS, in collaboration with the Department of Demography, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, on 16-19 November, 2022. Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, Professor, Department of Survey Research & Data Analytics, IIPS, led the workshop while two research scholars of IIPS, Ms. Anjali Bansal and Mr. Somnath Jana, assisted. Around 50 research scholars and faculty members attended the workshop, including 5-10 post-graduate students. Dr. Anil Chandran S., Head, Department of Demography, University of Kerala,

began by introducing the objective of the workshop. He welcomed Prof. K.S. James, Director & Sr. Professor, IIPS, Shri. P. Manoj Kumar, Chief Director (Statistics Division), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI, Prof. T.V Sekher, Coordinator of Short-Term Training Program, IIPS and Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, and thanked them for conducting the workshop. He also welcomed Dr. Gabriel Simon Thattil, Director of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, University of Kerala and Prof. P.M. Nair, Emeritus Professor of the Department of Demography. The participants were taught how NFHS-5 has been designed and computation of weight in NFHS. The estimation of fertility and mortality indicators were also discussed including multivariable regression analysis. Importance of application of survey weight was also presented in the workshop.



Training Programme on ‘Survey Methods & Data Analysis of Large-Scale Sample Surveys’

The International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai (IIPS), in collaboration with Regional Medical Research Centre (ICMR-RMRC), Bhubaneswar, organized a five-day Hands-on Training Programme on ‘Survey Methods & Data Analysis of Large-Scale Sample Surveys’ from 15th March to 19th March 2023, at ICMR-RMRC, Bhubaneswar. Dr. Sanghmitra Pati, Director ICMR-RMRC, Bhubaneswar, inaugurated the workshop and introduced the resource persons, Prof. Usha Ram and Prof. L. K. Dwivedi, to the participants. 23 participants attended the workshop. Prof. Usha Ram and Prof. L. K. Dwivedi conducted the workshop and Mr. Prakash Kumar and Mr. Somnath Jana assisted in the hands-on exercises.



GUEST LECTURES

The Centre for Ageing Studies of IIPS organized a guest lecture on 30th January 2023, by **Prof. Laishram Ladu Singh**, Vice - Chancellor, Bodoland University, Kokrajhar, Assam & former Officiating Director, IIPS. The lecture was on “Basics of NTA and NTTA”. The lecture mainly focused on understanding generational economy for the ageing population through National Transfer Account (NTA) and counting women and elderly work through National Time Transfer Account (NTTA). The lecture was attended by more than 50 Ph.D. students and faculty members. A few Ph.D. scholars and faculty are currently working on NTA data Sets for their research. Prof. T. V. Sekher, Head, Centre for Ageing Studies, welcomed the speaker while Dr. Preeti Dhillon proposed the vote of thanks.

The Short-Term Training Program Cell of IIPS organized a guest lecture on 23rd January 2023 by **Prof. Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay**, Professor, Indian Statistical Institute (Delhi). The lecture was on the topic - “Empirical Analysis: A Primer”. The lecture mainly answered questions like “Does Access to Modern Contraception lead to worsening sex ratios” and “How do we identify such “causal” relations”? The lecture briefly introduced the use of multivariate regression models to problems of causal inference. It explored the concept of what an “experiment” meant to social scientists and how to interpret regressions as the first step towards experimental design. The lecture also introduced students to the idea behind two popular experimental Designs-Difference in Difference (DID) and Panel Data identification. The lecture was attended by 52 Ph.D. scholars and Masters’ students. Prof. T. V. Sekher, Co-ordinator, STTP, introduced the speaker and coordinated the program.



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Training Programme for Project Staff of NFHS-6

Two weeks of staff training were conducted at the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) for all the Junior Research Officers (JROs) along with NFHS-6 Principal Investigators (PI's

& Co-PI's) and office staff from 6th to 19th February, 2023. Prof. S. K. Singh and Dr. Reshmi Nair introduced the NFHS Core team members and Prof. K. S. James (Director & Sr. Professor) talked about the roles and responsibilities of all the members, both in the field and in the office.

All the NFHS-6 PIs; Prof. S. K. Singh, Prof. Abhisekh Singh, Prof. Dhananjay W. Bansod, Prof. L.K. Dwivedi, Dr. Harihar Sahoo, Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar, Dr. Preeti Dhillon and Dr. Reshmi R.S. gave detailed insights into all the important components of NFHS-6 which comprised coverage of NFHS-6, Rapport building, Interviewing techniques in large scale surveys, Digitization of Mapping & listing as well as sample selection, Household Questionnaire, Woman's Questionnaire, Man's Questionnaire, and Biomarker's Questionnaire. This was followed by CAPI training by IT staff and also field practice in rural and urban areas. The training ended with sharing of fieldwork experiences by all the team members and reviews of survey protocols.



Training of Trainers (ToT) for Mapping & Listing

This was organized by the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), with twenty field agencies from 20th to 24th February at Mumbai. The Prof. K. S. James (Director & Sr. Professor) inaugurated the training along with other Principal Investigators of NFHS-6, Prof. S. K. Singh, Prof. Abhisekh Singh, Prof. Dhananjay W. Bansod, Prof. L.K. Dwivedi, Dr. Harihar Sahoo, Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar, Dr. Preeti Dhillon and Dr. Reshmi R.S. Around 60 participants from the Field Agency (FA) attended the Mapping & Listing Training. On the first two days there was classroom



training on the topics: The importance of mapping & household listing in large-scale surveys, details on NFHS-6, and all the concepts for the mapping & listing procedures along with an outdoor demonstration of using GPS. The 3rd and 4th days covered field practice of mapping and listing including digitization of at least 100 HHs by each team in 6 villages. Subsequently, each team was asked to present their experiences on the fifth day of the training after which it concluded with a discussion on state-specific plans for field implementation.

South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM)

Collaboration between SALAM and UC Berkeley

A formal launch of the collaboration between SALAM and UC Berkeley was held on 13th October, 2022. The webinar on “Climate Resilience in the Global South: Perspectives from South Asia” was organised, and five speakers from partner organisations namely Prof. R.B. Bhagat (Professor, IIPS), Madhukar Upadhyaya (CESLAM, Nepal), Mr. Kashif Salik (SDPI, Pakistan), Dr. Manoj Thibbotuwawa (Head, Agricultural Economic Policy, IPS Sri Lanka) and Prof. Tasneem Siddiqui (RMMRU, Dhaka) delivered lectures.

Public Lecture by Dr. Sanchita Baneerjee

Dr Sanchita Baneerjee, Executive Director, UC Berkeley, USA, visited the IIPS, Mumbai, on 20th December 2022 to discuss the collaboration and action plan. Post-meeting, she also delivered a Lecture on the topic, “The Garment Industry in Bangladesh under COVID – 19: Lessons from the Rana Plaza Disaster on How We Understand Worker Safety”.



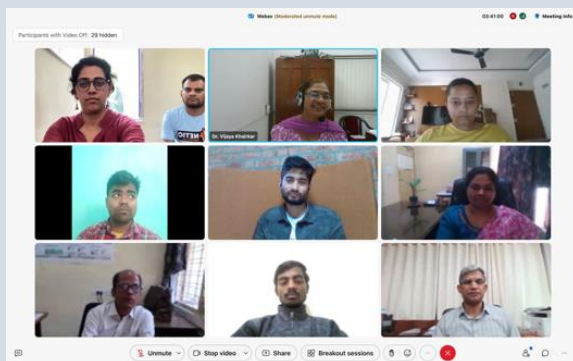
SALAM International Workshop

SALAM organized an online International Workshop from 13th Dec -17th Dec 2022, titled “Researching Labour Migration in South Asia: Data, Methods and Theory”. 48 people participated in the workshop, besides 8 international participants. The resource persons for the workshop were Prof. R. B. Bhagat, IIPS, Prof. K.C. Das, IIPS, Mr. Debabrata Mukherjee, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India, Ms. Nansiri Iamsuk, UN Women, Bangladesh, Mr. Andrew Gray, IOM, Sri Lanka, Prof. Archana K. Roy, IIPS, Dr. Reshmi R.S., IIPS, Dr. Kashif Salik, SDPI,

Pakistan, Dr. Arjun Kharel, CESLM, Nepal and Mr. Mahmudol Hasan Rocky, RMMRU, Bangladesh. All participants were given e-certificates.

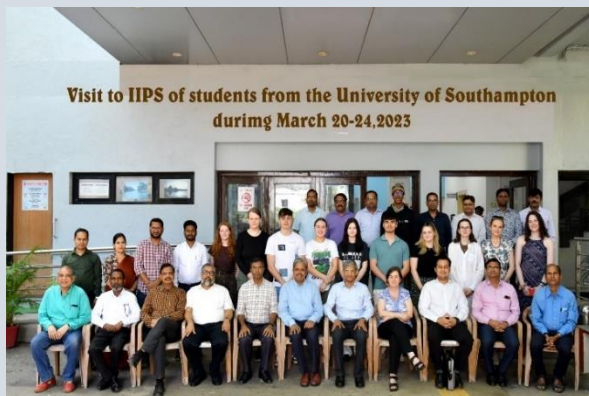
Advisory committee meetings

There have been two meetings of the advisory committee. The second meeting was held on 12th January 2023. The purpose of this advisory meeting was to discuss the progress of SALAM. SALAM has quickly progressed to establish a good working relationship amongst the member institutions and has been taking the work forward as a collective initiative.



VISIT OF UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON STUDENTS TO IIPS

Ten undergraduate students and 3 faculty and research staff from the University of Southampton visited IIPS from March 20-24 as a part of their field trip. During their visit, visitors got a unique opportunity to observe NFHS-6 mapping and household listing in Mumbai. They also got an opportunity to visit the field site of the IIPS LoSMINM study located in Raigarh district of Maharashtra. The NFHS-6 and LASI teams interacted with the visitors on their respective studies. Students also got an opportunity to conduct qualitative interviews with the Ph.D. students.



INTERNAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

1. Celebrated Gender Equality Day on 6th October 2023. Adv. Varsha Deshpande, Secretary, Dalit Mahila Vikas Mandal, Satara was the guest speaker.
2. Organized a series of events including Extempore, Debates, Skits & Street plays by students and staffs for Creating awareness on Gender Neutral Environment on 28th January 2023.

3. Celebrated International Women's Day, 2023 on 3rd March 2023. Dr. Shireen Jejeebhoy, President, IUSSP & Director, Aksha Centre for Equity and Wellbeing, Dr. Kalpna Apte, Secretary General, Family Planning Association of India, and Shri Pallav Patankar, Vice President-Digital Bharat Collaborative in Piramal Swasthya were the guest speakers for the event.
4. Celebrated National Girl Child Day, 2023 on 10th March 2023. Adv. Ujwala Hemant Kadrekar, Independent Socio-legal Consultant, Mumbai, was the guest speaker for the event.
5. Celebrated Human Rights Day, 2023 on 24th March 2023. Dr. Vahida Nainar, Women's Research & Action Group, Mumbai, was the guest speaker for the event.
6. Organized a series of events including Poetry Recitation Competition, Quiz competition, Story Telling Competition by students and staff on 27th March 2023.



ACTIVITIES OF THE PLACEMENT CELL

- Workshop on *Data Analysis using 'R'* by Dr. S. Rajaram from 17th -21st November 2022
- Workshop on “*Data Analysis using Excel*” by Mr. S. Mathuranayagam on 26th November 2022
- Training on “*How to market a brand called you*” by Dr. Ashok Thapar on 27th November 2022
- Workshop “*Advanced Analysis using Excel*” by Mr. S. Muthuranayagam on 3rd December 2022
- Session on “*Soft Skills*” by Mrs. Priya Sawant on 4th December 2022
- Session by Piramal Foundation representative about *Gandhi Fellowship* on 25th January 2023
- Session on *Personality Development* by Mr. Prashant Borde on 8th February 2023
- Session on *Selected Open Access tools for Researchers* by S Sriram on 5th April 2023



IIPS students undergoing internship at Tata STRIVE, Mumbai



Participants of the 5-day workshop by placement cell on Data Analysis using R



Participants of the training session on Soft Skills organized by the placement cell

DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) celebrated Diwali on October 24, 2022, with great zeal and enthusiasm. The event was attended by students, faculty, and staff, who participated in various cultural programs and activities. The celebration began with the lighting of Diya's and the performance of traditional puja rituals. The Diwali celebrations at IIPS brought together the community in a spirit of joy and unity. The event provided an opportunity for students to showcase their talents and creativity and helped to foster a sense of belonging among the IIPS members. The celebrations were a huge success, with the attendees appreciating the efforts of the organizers in making the event a memorable one.

NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized a range of cultural activities at IIPS Park on December 31, 2022, to celebrate the end of the year. The event was inaugurated by the Director & Sr. Prof. K.S. James, along with the Cultural Coordinator, Professor Nandita Saikia, and was well-attended by students, faculty, and staff who participated in various programs with great enthusiasm. The cultural activities included dance performances, singing competitions, skits, and a fashion show. Students from different departments of IIPS showcased their talents and creativity through these activities. The dance performances ranged from classical to contemporary styles and were accompanied by lively music. The singing



competitions saw participants showcasing their vocal range and talent in both solo and group performances. The skits were humorous and thought-provoking, addressing important social issues. The fashion show was the highlight of the event, featuring stunning designs and innovative concepts. The cultural activities provided an excellent platform for the students to showcase their diverse talents and interests, and also fostered a sense of community among the IIPS members. The event was a huge success, with the attendees appreciating the effort and hard work put in by the organizers. It was a memorable way to end the year, bringing together the IIPS community in a fun and celebratory atmosphere.

IIPSAA ACTIVITIES

IIPSAA actively plans several events for students, such as lectures, workshops, and debates, to encourage them to interact with renowned individuals who are accomplished experts in a variety of topics relating to population, health, and its allied areas. The association conducted more than five lectures by renowned speakers from India and abroad during the academic session 2022-23. The IIPSAA lecture series were delivered by speakers like Dr. Shivalingappa Halli, Professor at the University of Manitoba in Canada; Dr. Santosh Jatrana, Professor at James Cook University in Australia, and Dr. Ridhi Kashyap, Professor at Nuffield College, University of Oxford. IIPSAA also conducted a five-day workshop on “**Sampling Methods in Population and Health Research**” from December 12-16, 2022 and marathon for Health Awareness “Run for Health Awareness” in association with USV Private Limited, Mumbai, India.



NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENT

Dr. Kunal Keshri, joined as an Assistant Professor, in the Department of Migration & Urban Studies on October 27, 2022. He had also worked as an Assistant Professor at the G B Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj for more than a decade and also as an Associate Professor. He has attained his Master's Degree in Geography from the Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, and obtained his M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Population Studies from the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai. His research areas include migration and development, urbanization and environment, and public health with special focus on nutrition, maternal and child health and population ageing. He has published three books and more than 20 research papers in reputed international and national journals and edited books. He has been a consultant to the UNFPA and Population Council. He is a collaborator from India in the Project "International Migration around the Globe (IMAGE)" funded by Queensland Centre for Population Research, The University of Queensland, Australia. He has completed a research project entitled Food Insecurity and Dietary Diversity among Low-Income Migrant Workers Affected by COVID-19 in India (funded by University of Aberdeen, UK) and is currently leading a research project entitled Understanding the Pattern and Processes of Temporary and Permanent Labor Migration from Rural Jharkhand: An Exploratory Study (funded by ICSSR, New Delhi). Dr. Keshri is a Co-PI of the project "A Study of Migration in Mumbai from within Maharashtra" funded by IIPS. He is also one of the conveners of the South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM) at IIPS.



SUPERANNUATION OF FACULTY



Prof. Ram Babu Bhagat
Professor
(Superannuated on 31/10/2022)



Prof. C. J. Sonowal
Professor
(Superannuated on 31/03/2023)

SUPERANNUATION OF STAFF



Mr. S.N. Zore
Accountant
(Superannuated on 31/12/2022)



Mr. A.R. Nirmal
Hindi Officer
(Superannuated on 01/01/2023)

APPOINTMENTS

Sl.No	Name of the Employee	Department/Section	Position	Date of Appointment
1	Mr. Vikas K. Wadhav	Accounts	DEO	13-12-2022
2	Ms. Priya S. Mudaliar	Accounts	UDC-cum- Cashier	03-03-2023
3	Mr. Tejas Gadekar	Establishment	UDC	03-04-2023

PROMOTIONS

Sl.No	Name of the Employee	Department/Section	New Position	Date of Promotion
1	Mr. Dnyandev Gopal Bhovad	Accounts	Accountant	01-01-2023

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 in 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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