



Inaugural Session of the IIPS National Seminar 2024

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From Editorial Desk

Warm Greetings!

We are delighted to bring to you the volume 66, issues 1 & 2 of the IIPS Newsletter, which presents glimpses of activities of the Institute from October 2023 to March 2024.

The International Institute for Population Sciences has organized XXVIII IIPS National Seminar 2024 on Tracking the progress of Sustainable Development Goals with a focus on Uttar Pradesh in collaboration with the Department of Statistics, Institute of Science, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), to deliberate on India's progress in realizing the SDGs with a special emphasis on Uttar Pradesh.

The institute also inaugurated a new Census Data Workstation aimed to facilitate easier access to census microdata for academics and researchers.

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 the future. For any feedback/query, please contact the Publications Cell at publication@iipsindia.ac.in.

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IIPS NATIONAL SEMINAR 2024

"Tracking Progress of Sustainable Development Goals with a Focus on Uttar Pradesh."



Inaugural Session of the IIPS National Seminar 2024

The International Institute for Population Sciences organised the XXVIII IIPS National Seminar 2024 on “Tracking the progress of Sustainable Development Goals with a focus on Uttar Pradesh” in collaboration with the Department of Statistics, Institute of Science and Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, on February 12-13, 2024. Envisioned in 2015, the sustainable development goals (SDGs) list 17 interconnected goals in a wide range of social, economic, and

environmental spectrum. The SDGs’ indicators have been integrated into India's national and state planning frameworks. However, the progress in achieving the SDGs is uneven, mainly across the states and socio-economic groups. Demographic changes in the Northern States of India may act as catalysts in realising the SDGs. The primary objective of this national seminar is to deliberate on India's progress in discovering the SDGs with a particular emphasis on Uttar Pradesh.

Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state, accounting for nearly 16 per cent of the country's population, has undergone a fast demographic transition. The state is characterised by significant variations in fertility and mortality levels across districts and population subgroups. The state is also experiencing rapid economic growth and a reduction in multidimensional poverty. These demographic



Inaugural address at the IIPS National Seminar 2024

and economic transformations may accelerate Uttar Pradesh's achievement of its SDGs. Its contribution to India's population may reflect the state's commitment to population, development, and inclusive growth. To



Participants of the IIPS National Seminar 2024

ensure that no one is left behind, the state must remain committed to addressing its complex challenges on the path to sustainable development. This national seminar offered a valuable platform for interaction between academia, researchers, development sector professionals, and policymakers. It served as an ideal forum for these diverse stakeholders to engage in meaningful dialogues and deliberations regarding the future trajectory of Uttar Pradesh's

development. The collaborative effort identified the state's unique challenges and suggested ways to harness its inclusive and sustainable development potential.

MEMORIAL LECTURES

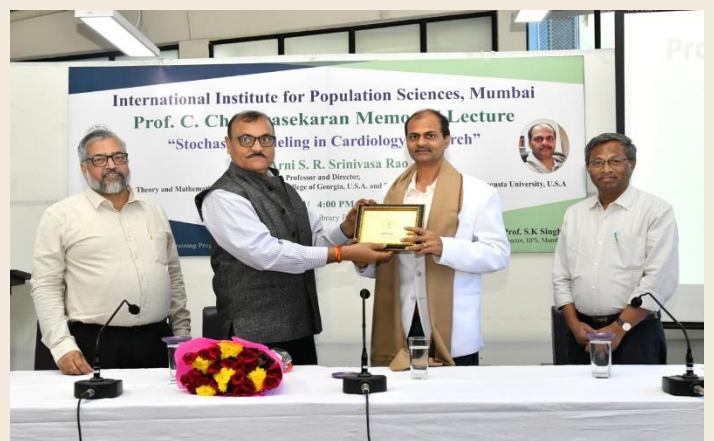
22nd Prof. C. Chandrasekaran Memorial Lecture



Chief Guest addressing the 22nd Prof. C. Chandrasekaran Memorial Lecture

International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organised the 22nd Prof. C. Chandrasekaran Memorial Lecture on 23rd February 2024. The Memorial Lecture series is held annually in memory of Prof. C. Chandrasekaran, former Director of IIPS, a pioneer in Indian demography. Prof. Chandrasekaran developed the well-known Chandra-Deming formula to provide better estimates of vital events, which serves as the backbone of the Sample Registration System in India,

which collects data on critical events. His contribution to society and academic organisations was prodigious. Prof. Arni S.R. Srinivasa Rao, Professor and Director, Laboratory for Theory and Mathematical Modelling, Medical College of Georgia, U.S.A., and Department of Mathematics, Augusta University, U.S.A., delivered the lecture. Prof. Arni S.R. Srinivasa Rao is a well-known researcher in the field of Mathematical Demography and Demographic Modelling, and he delivered the lecture on the topic, "Stochastic Modelling in Cardiology Research", wherein he explained a stochastic modelling framework for understanding cardiology-related data. Prof. U.S. Mishra, Coordinator of the Publication Cell, addressed the session, while Prof. R. Nagarajan, Department of Population and Development, spoke briefly about Prof. C. Chandrasekaran and his contributions. The session was chaired by Prof. S.K. Singh, Director (Addl. In-charge), IIPS, and was attended by approximately 250 participants. Dr. Srinivas Goli, Coordinator of the Publication Cell, gave the formal vote of thanks.



Felicitation of the Chief Guest at Inaugural Session of the 22nd Prof. C. Chandrasekaran Memorial Lecture

13th Prof. Asha A. Bhende Memorial Lecture



Chief Guest addressing the 13th Prof. Asha A. Bhende Memorial Lecture

International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organised the 13th Prof. Asha A. Bhende Memorial Lecture on 31st January 2024. Dr. Aparna Hegde (Urogynecologist, Researcher, Social Entrepreneur, Founder, and Managing Trustee of ARMMAN), well-known in the field of reproductive health, delivered the lecture. The Prof. Asha A. Bhende Memorial Lecture has been instituted at IIPS in memory of Prof. Bhende, a former institute professor and a well-known

demographer, health researcher, and gender expert. Every year, eminent scholars in population, health, and gender are invited to deliver the Prof. Bhende Memorial Lecture.

Dr. Aparna Hegde discussed the topic, “Leveraging Technology for Scalable Solutions to Improve Maternal and Child Health in India.” She explained how technology could be utilised effectively to empower, inform, and help women and children to bridge the gap in health infrastructure in the country. She also explained how to implement the most extensive mobile-based maternal messaging program (Kilkari) and the largest mobile-based training program for frontline health workers (Mobile Academy). Prof. U.S. Mishra, Coordinator of the Publication Cell, addressed the session. At the same time, Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay, Department of Population and Development, spoke briefly about Prof. Asha A. Bhende and her contributions. The session was chaired by Prof. S.K. Singh, Director (Addl. In-charge), IIPS, and was attended by approximately 250 participants. Dr. Srinivas Goli, Coordinator of the Publication Cell, gave the formal vote of thanks.



Felicitations of the Chief Guest at the Inaugural Session of the 13th Prof. Asha A. Bhende Memorial Lecture

16th Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture

International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organised the 16th Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture at IIPS on 23rd February 2024. The Memorial Lecture series is held annually in memory of Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat, former Director of IIPS. Prof. Bhat had a very distinguished academic career. His research

reflected a unique combination of statistical acumen and social science perspectives in demographic research. He pioneered providing fertility and mortality estimates for colonial India and the early decades of independence.



Chief Guest addressing the 16th Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture

Dr Shalini Singh, Director, ICMR-National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research (NICPR), and an expert with extensive research knowledge in the field of epidemiology of cancer and public health research in cancer, delivered the lecture on the topic, “New Insights in Understanding Cancer.” The talk shed light on emerging perspectives in understanding cancer, emphasising the importance of

continued research.

Prof. U.S. Mishra, Coordinator of the Publication Cell, addressed the session. At the same time, Prof. S. K. Singh, Department of Population and Development, spoke briefly about Prof. P.N. Mari Bhat and her contributions. The session was chaired by Prof. S.K. Singh, Director (Addl. In-charge), IIPS, and was attended by approximately 250 participants. Dr. Srinivas Goli, Coordinator of the Publication Cell, delivered the vote of thanks.



SYMPOSIUM ON THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR OLDER PERSONS 2023



Head of the Centre for Ageing Studies welcomed the gathering and introducing the three speakers

Centre for Ageing Studies, IIPS, organised a symposium on 3rd October 2023 to observe the International Day for Older Persons. This year's theme is - Fulfilling the Promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for Older Persons: Across Generations. Three eminent speakers with vast expertise and experience in elderly care, training, and policy interventions deliberated on

various issues of concern. Prof. T.V. Sekher, Head of the Centre for Ageing Studies, welcomed the gathering and introduced the three speakers. Prof. S.K. Singh, Director, chaired the symposium and highlighted the contributions of ageing surveys like LASI and SAGE and the extensive research undertaken by IIPS on this subject during the last decade. About 35 PhD scholars of IIPS are working on various aspects of population ageing using primary and secondary data.

Prof. Nasreen Rustomfram (former chairperson, Centre for Lifelong Learning, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai) shared her experiences conducting the diploma program in social gerontology and on issues related to mental health among older people in India. Ms Sugandhi Baliga (founder of Happy 2 Age and former CEO Vayah Vikas, Bangalore) presented her past works and present initiatives for providing care for elderly citizens. Ms Saraswathi Padmanabhan from Tata Trusts highlighted the various initiatives of the Trust for the welfare and protection of senior citizens of our country. The speakers emphasised the changing scenarios and the need for innovative policy interventions to address the needs of the growing elderly population of India. The symposium was attended by about 200 participants, including faculty and IIPS students. Prof. R. Nagarajan, Associate Head, Centre for Ageing Studies, proposed the vote of thanks.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES

One-week training Programme on Population and Demographic Methods for the 45th batch of the Indian Statistical Service (ISS) Probationers

The Short-term Training Program Cell of the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, conducted a One-week training programme on ‘Population and Demographic Methods’ for the Indian Statistical Services Probationary Officers (45th Batch) at the institute from 22-27 January 2024. There were 27 participants in the programme. Participants benefitted from informative lectures delivered by subject experts and had the opportunity to gain hands-on experience using various demographic software tools. The exposure to demographic acumen is handy for the ISS probationers during their careers.



Subject experts and participants of the one-week training programme for the 45th batch of the ISS probationers

The lecture topics included an introduction to Demography, its definition, scope, and evolution. Participants were also familiarised with fundamental concepts, measures, and the sources of demographic data and offered hands-on training in graphic presentation of demographic information. The program covered the topics of population age-sex structures with a clear focus on the quality of data and its

consequential evaluation and adjustments. In addition, it dealt with concepts, theories, and measures of fertility, along with basic mortality measures and the construction of life tables. Participants were also given

insights on migration and urbanisation, direct and indirect estimation of demographic parameters and standardising rates and ratios, enabling robust temporal and cross-sectional comparison. The training was organised by Prof. Udaya Shankar Mishra and Dr. Srinivas Goli, coordinators for the Short-Term Training Programme Cell.

WORKSHOPS

Training workshop of Internal Committee- 1st - 2nd November, 2023



Chief Guest commencing the IC training workshop

The Internal Committee of the IIPS conducted a two-day training workshop on the roles, responsibilities, and functions of the IC from 1st to 2nd November 2023. This training workshop was exclusively for IC members, including the Chairperson, faculty, staff, and students. Prof. Archana Roy, Chairperson of the Internal Committee, invited Advocate Monica Sakhrani, a dedicated member of the Committee for the Protection of Democratic Rights, who also serves as a consultant and trainer for the IC, to speak at the event.

On the first day, Advocate Monika Sakhrani commenced her session by elucidating the thought-provoking rules and regulations about sexual harassment in the workplace. She delved into the historical context that led to the formulation of laws addressing sexual harassment in India. Initially, she shed light on the concept of sexual harassment, delineating the specific facts that fall under this category. She then outlined methods for identifying and taking appropriate action against



Chairperson of Internal Committee, IC Members, Faculty, Staff and Students

such instances. Additionally, she clarified the distinction between sexual harassment and gender harassment, providing insights into how to differentiate between the two. Notably, she emphasised that, according to prevailing Vishaka guidelines, only women have the right to file complaints of sexual harassment against men. Advocate Monika Sakhrani explored the concept of the Internal Committee and its functions, elucidating the process of establishing such a committee in an institute or workplace. She outlined the limitations associated with internal committees and clarified the screening procedures for cases, emphasising the proper reporting and investigative measures involved. The discussion session after the lecture was engaging and exciting. All the participants asked their doubts regarding the work of the IC and their roles as members of the IC. Advocate Sakhrani cleared all the doubts of the participants, which gave them a clearer picture of their roles and responsibilities and how to start and carry out any investigation if any complaint is received.

Prof. Sayeed Unisa, a former faculty member and the chairperson of the internal committee of the institute, was also invited to share her experience during her tenure there. She shared her experiences, like what kind of cases might come and how to initiate any process. She also enlightened us on the importance of documenting things.

The two-day training workshop ended with participants sharing their learning experiences during the workshop and how they found it helpful. Dr Suresh Jungari concluded the seminar by extending a formal vote of thanks to the speaker, IIPS administration, and the ICT unit for their invaluable assistance and support in organising the Orientation Programme. The workshop was an excellent learning experience for the members of the IC. It was beneficial for the members of the IC to know their roles and responsibilities as a part of the Internal Committee. Finally, the event concluded at 5:30 PM, 2nd November 2023.



Felicitating the former chairperson of the Internal Committee

Invited Talks

Invited Talk - “Measuring the early life origins of chronic disease”



Chief Guest delivering the lecture on “Measuring the early life origins of chronic disease”

Dr. Solveig Argeseanu Cunningham, Associate Professor at Emory University, USA, delivered an invited lecture on “Measuring the early life origins of chronic diseases” on 10th October 2023. The lecture was organised by the Publications Cell and Short-term Training Programme Cell. Dr Solveig Argeseanu Cunningham is a demographer and epidemiologist specialising in obesity and diabetes with contextual factors of chronic diseases.

Her research focuses on the implications of early life exposures for long-term health. She has received various recognitions, including the Association of Schools & Programs of Public Health (ASPPH)/Pfizer Young Investigators Award for Distinguished Research in Public Health 2015. She actively participates in policy discussions and formulations in the USA, Middle East, India, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Europe. She holds an associate professor’s position at Hubert Department of Global Health, Emory University, USA.

She discussed how early life exposure matters for long-term health in this lecture. The rise in multi-morbidity in LMICs stands for the demographic consequences of the ageing of the population. She also described the CHAMPS project, which measures precise causes of under-five mortality on top of a population base of HDSSs, including in South Asia and on Nutrition transition in India.

The program commenced with the Welcome Address by Prof. U.S. Mishra, Coordinator of the Publication Cell. Dr. Suryakant Yadav was the co-convener, and Prof. H. Lhungdim chaired the session. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Srinivas Goli.

Guest Lecture by Dr. Lauren Houghton



Inauguration of the Guest Lecture Session

Dr. Lauren Houghton, an epidemiologist from Columbia University, delivered a talk on "Gendered Interpretation of the Causes of Cancer" at IIPS, Mumbai, on August 11, 2023. Prof. S.K. Singh, Director of the Institute, chaired the session and thanked the Centre of Demography of Gender for organising the talk. Dr. Houghton discussed the life course approach to understanding cancer causation, focusing on environmental and hormonal factors during puberty. She highlighted gendered media representations of

disease care and shared insights from her studies on migrants from Bangladesh and Mongolia. The session, welcomed by Prof. Chattopadhyay, was engaging, with researchers discussing environmental risk factors and research limitations. Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay concluded the talk by thanking Dr. Houghton for her insights. Prof. U.S. Mishra, Prof. Abhishek Singh, Dr. Suresh Jungari, and other faculty members appreciated the speaker's research findings.

Guest Lecture by Prof. Pam R. Factor Litvak

Professor Pam R. Factor Litvak from Columbia University delivered a talk on "Evaluating Strategies to Mitigate the Harmful Effects of Air Pollution in Urban Impoverished Communities in India: Gender Aspects" on December 14th, 2023, at IIPS. Professor Aparajita Chattopadhyay chaired the session from the Centre of Demography of Gender (CDG), IIPS. Professor Pam discussed the impact of air pollution on children's health, emphasising the need to consider gender dimensions in impoverished urban areas. She highlighted the link between gut microbiome and mental health, suggesting dietary modifications as a means to mitigate pollution effects. Students asked questions on the method of measuring and mitigating approaches to air pollution, mapping of the data, and research collaboration with Professor Pam. Dr. Suresh Jungari concluded the talk with a vote of thanks, encouraging researchers to explore gender and environment-related research.

Invited Talk- “Climate Change related Impacts on Health and Development” - Dr. Shilpa Rao Skirbekk



Inaugural session of the Invited Talk

Dr. Shilpa Rao Skirbekk delivered a lecture on “Climate Change related impacts on Health and Development” on 21st December 2023. The Publications Cell and Short-term Training Programme Cell organised the lecture, IIPS.

Dr. Shilpa Rao is a Senior Researcher at the Department of Air Quality and Noise, Division of Climate and Environment,

Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Oslo, Norway. Her research examines the interrelationships between climate change, air quality, public health, and economics. She uses multi-disciplinary methods, including epidemiology, numerical modelling, and economics.

Her work focuses on predictive modelling, scenario analysis of disease burdens, and economic valuation of risks and responses. She has over 15 years of experience in systems modelling, impact estimation, and policy analysis related to climate change, air pollution, and health. She has published extensively in various international journals and has been a key participant and leader in several international collaborations.



Participants of the Invited Talk

The program commenced with the Welcome Address by Prof.

U.S. Mishra, Coordinator of the Publication Cell. Prof. S. K. Singh, Director (Addl. Charge), addressed the session on behalf of the institute. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Srinivas Goli. An interactive speaker session with the IIPS students followed the lecture.

Invited Talk- “Surviving Aging: Navigating Long Lives and Population Aging in the 21st Century”-Prof. Vegard Skirbekk



Chief Guest of the Invited Talk addressing the Inaugural Session

Prof. Vegard Skirbekk delivered a lecture on December 21, 2023. The lecture was “Surviving Aging: Navigating Long Lives and Population Aging in the 21st Century”. Vegard Skirbekk is a population economist and social scientist specialising in demographic analysis and cohort studies and is a Professor at the Columbia Aging Center, Columbia

University, US, and a Senior Researcher at the Centre for Fertility and Health, Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Oslo, Norway.

Skirbekk's primary research focuses on health, productivity, and associated determinants from a multidisciplinary perspective, emphasising the role of changing labour market demands, technological and cultural changes, and variation in new cohorts' attitudes, beliefs, and competencies. He has published widely on comparative health and cultural studies for countries worldwide. Skirbekk has worked extensively on causality, global comparative assessments, and projections.

The program commenced with the Welcome Address by Prof. U.S. Mishra, Coordinator of the Publication Cell. Prof. S. K. Singh addressed the session as the Director of the institute. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Srinivas Goli. An interactive speaker session with the IIPS students followed the lecture.

ACTIVITIES UNDER ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

National Family Health Survey-6 (NFHS-6)

National Family Health Survey-6 activities are going on in full swing. Data collection in all the NFHS-6 Phase I states/UTs has been completed. In the NFHS-6 Phase II states/UTs, the field activities were initiated. After the mapping and household listing (M&L) ToT was conducted by IIPS, the state-level M&L training was conducted by the Field Agencies (FAs) in their respective states/UTs. Subsequently, the mapping and household listing in all selected primary sampling units (PSUs) in Phase II states/UTs was launched and completed. The main survey Training of Trainers (ToT) for FAs of Phase II states/UTs was held at Varanasi from 29th November to 17th December 2023.



Lighting of Lamp event of the ToT Program of NFHS-6

Following the main survey ToT, the Phase II state-level main survey training for field investigators was organised by the FAs in their respective states/UTs. Currently, the main survey data collection is ongoing in all the Phase II states/UTs. In all, 17 FAs and 88 staff are engaged in NFHS-6.

Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI)



Inaugural Session of the Faculty Development Program on using LASI data

A four-day Workshop/ Faculty Development Program on Longitudinal Aging Study in India (LASI): Scope, Methodology, and Data Analysis was conducted from March 12-15, 2024, at SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai. This was organised by the School of Public Health (SPH) in collaboration with the Centre for Ageing Studies, International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai. The program aimed to strengthen the capacity of faculty, researchers, and policymakers to utilise LASI data through hands-on training.

Professor Lt. Col. A. Ravi Kumar, the Pro-Vice Chancellor of SRM Medical & Health Sciences, inaugurated the program and delivered the inaugural address. Subsequently, Professor A. Vinay Kumar, Pro-Vice Chancellor (FSH, Management, Law), SRMIST, gave a special address. Prof. T. V. Sekher, Principal Investigator of LASI, International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), delivered the Keynote address. Following this, Prof. Hari Singh (Dean, SPH, SRMIST), Prof. Bagavandas (Head, CFS, SRMIST), Prof. A. Duraisamy (Dean, FSH, SRMIST), and Dr. Benson Thomas M. interacted with the participants.



Participants of the Faculty Development Program on using LASI data

Forty-six participants attended the program, including faculty, researchers, and policymakers from various institutes located in Chennai, such as the School of Public Health (SRMIST), Medical College (SRMIST), Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Madras School of Economics (MSE), and Annamalai University. The technical sessions were conducted by Prof. T. V. Sekher, Dr Dipti Govil, Mr Manoj Patange and Mr Jitender Prasad (all from IIPS). On completion of the

workshop, the participants were awarded certificates of participation.

South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM)

Lecture Series

1. SALAM Lecture Series-14 titled “Policy Opportunities and Constraints for Addressing Urban Precarity of New Migrants” was delivered on 23rd November 2023 by Prof. Tasneem Siddique (Chairperson of the Department of Political Science, University of Dhaka, and the Founding Chair

of RMMRU Bangladesh) and the lecture was moderated by Prof. Shrikanth Singh (Director, International Institute for Population Sciences, Professor and HoD, Department of Survey Research and Analytics, IIPS, Mumbai, India).

2. SALAM Lecture Series-15, titled “Navigating Health Challenges: The Well-being of Nepali Migrant Workers”, was delivered on 4th January 2024 by Prof. Padam Simkhada, and the lecture was moderated by Mr. Deepak Thapa (Director of Social Science Baha, Nepal).
3. SALAM Lecture Series-16, titled “Camouflaging the Temporization and Vulnerability of Migrant Workers in Global South: Labour Market Distortions by Statute in Times of Crisis.” was delivered on 1st February 2024 by Prof. Binod Khadria (President, Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism (GRFDT) Co-convenor, Metropolis Asia-Pacific (MAP), Former Professor of Economics, Education and International Migration, JNU, New Delhi, India, and the lecture was moderated by Dr Kashif Majeed Salik (Associate Research Fellow, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) Pakistan).
4. SALAM Lecture Series -17, titled “Migration Flows and Border Controls to Enhance the Benefits of Inward and Outward Migration: Lessons from Sri Lanka and Maldives”, was delivered on 21st March 2024 by Mr. Shantha Kulasekar (Head of Office / Senior Program Manager IOM Sri Lanka and Maldives).

ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE FOR DISTANCE AND ONLINE LEARNING

Contact Programme for M.A distance learners from 4-15 December 2023 at IIPS, Mumbai

Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) conducted a Contact Programme for M.A. in Population Studies distance learners online from 4-15 December 2023. Dr. Nandita Saikia, Professor and Head of CDOE, welcomed the participants. Prof. D.A. Nagdeve, Acting Director, chaired the session and delivered the inaugural speech. Dr. Illias K. Sheikh, Assistant Professor, CDOE, moderated the session. The faculty members of the institute delivered lectures for the distance learners. A total of 41 students attended this ten-day contact program.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PLACEMENT CELL

The placement cell is actively enhancing the placement opportunities for students graduating from IIPS. Students undergoing each course at IIPS nominate two of their representatives to the placement cell. Under

the direction of the two placement cell coordinators (Drs. T R Dilip and Manas Ranjan Pradhan), the placement officer and twenty student representatives organise and carry out the placement cell's activities. In 2023–2024, the placement cell held eight training sessions and pre-placement events. This year, Pfizer Health Care India Ltd., The HANS Foundation, Antara Foundation, CMIE (Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy Pvt Ltd), MAGIC BUS Foundation, and PRAKRUTHI have extended campus placement offers to IIPS students. Additionally, the placement cell supported over thirty students in locating appropriate summer internship positions in public and private sector organisations.



Placement Cell Coordinators, Placement Officer and Student Representatives at the Pre-placement Talks

The Placement Cell facilitated a series of informative Pre-Placement Talks towards the end of the academic year. A Pre-Placement Talk was given by Mr Sarvesh Singh - Head of Strategy & Operations for CDO, Novartis Board Member, PHUSE, on 5th December 2023. Pre-Placement Talk by Antara Foundation was held on 7th December 2023 and by Dhvani Rural

Systems on 18th December 2023. Mr. Chayan Roy Choudhury was the resource person for the Pre-Placement Talk by Wish Foundation on 1st February 2024.

IIPS Placement Cell organised a Campus Placement Drive with Pfizer Healthcare India Pvt. Ltd. on 7th March 2024.



Participants of the Campus Placement Drive

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Awareness campaign accompanied by several activities and competitions (8th December 2023):



Sexual Harassment Awareness Campaign

The special campaign, organised at IIPS to raise awareness about preventing sexual harassment at the workplace and fostering a safe environment on the campus, was a commendable initiative. The inclusion of various competitions, such as drawing, poster making, and mime on relevant themes, added an interactive dimension to the campaign. With themes ranging from the "Importance of Girl

Child" to "Addressing and preventing sexual harassment and assault in the workplace, particularly for women" and "Transgender and Gender Perspective," the competitions provided participants with opportunities to express their creativity while addressing critical social issues.

The enthusiastic participation of students and staff contributed to the event's success, reflecting a collective commitment to promoting a culture of respect, equality, and safety within the institute. Such initiatives raise awareness and foster dialogue and understanding, paving the way for a more inclusive and supportive community.



Participants performing one of the several activities of the Awareness Campaign

2. Celebration of Women's Day (15th March 2024):



Felicitation of the Chief Guest of Women's Day Symposium

The one-day symposium held by the Internal Committee of IIPS on March 15th, 2024, to commemorate International Women's Day was a significant event attended by faculty, staff, and students of the institute. Dr. Suresh Jungari, a member of the Internal Committee, extended a warm welcome to guest speakers Dr. Nishita Rajee and Miss Sharon D'Souza-Preto.

The session commenced with opening remarks by Prof. S. K. Singh, the director of IIPS, who set the tone for the event. Dr Nishita Rajee shed light on the crucial role of women in the economy and their contribution to productivity. She delved into women's participation in welfare programs and the importance of ensuring equality of opportunity for all. Following Dr. Rajee's insightful discussion, Miss Sharon D'Souza-Preto took the stage to explore life skills, leadership, and coping mechanisms among women. She emphasised the significance of emotional intelligence in navigating various aspects of life and leadership roles.

The symposium culminated with the 'NARI SAMMAN' event, a gesture of appreciation aimed at recognising and honouring the contributions of women who often go unnoticed. This segment served as a heartfelt tribute to the countless women whose efforts play a pivotal role in shaping society. Overall, the symposium served as a platform for meaningful discussions and reflections on



Felicitation of the Chief Guest of Women's Day Symposium

the challenges and achievements of women, highlighting the importance of gender equality and empowerment in building a more inclusive and progressive society.

3. Integrity Pledge Event, 1st Nov 2023

Vigilance at IIPS ensures transparency, efficiency, and integrity. The department advises management, implements guidelines, and investigates complaints, striving for ethical standards and regulatory compliance. It categorises its role into proactive, preventive, predictive, detective, punitive, and corrective measures. Activities include monitoring integrity, scrutinising complaints, and overseeing procurement. The Chief Vigilance Officer heads these efforts, focusing on prevention, investigation, and surveillance.



Commencing the Integrity Pledge Event



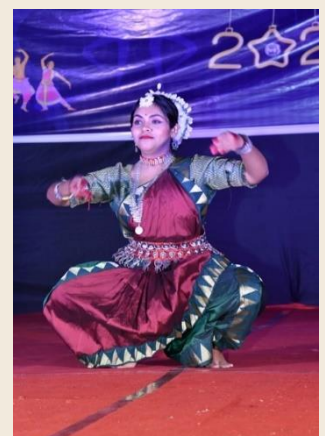
Participants taking Integrity Pledge

4. Foundation Day and New Year Celebration on 31st December 2023



Group Dance of IIPS Students at Foundation Day Event

The International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, joyously celebrated its 67th Foundation Day on the 31st of December 2023. The evening was a splendid blend of decoration, dance, and drama, marked by the enthusiastic participation of students, faculties, and staff members. The students of IIPS orchestrated a magnificent event.



The ceremonial lighting of the lamp took place in the esteemed presence of Prof. S. K. Singh, Director, additional charge, Prof Nandita Saikia, Cultural Coordinator, and CAO Lt. Colonel Prashant Sunil Barode, eliciting a radiant start to the program. The event unfolded with a diverse array of performances, encompassing devotional

songs, Ganesh Vandana, Bollywood group dances, Bollywood group songs, Sambalpuri dance, solo and duet songs, Bihari cultural dance, Dance in Bharatnatyam style, culminating in a captivating fashion show. The students of IIPS, once again, demonstrated their creativity with a thought-provoking drama, this time shedding light on the evolving educational landscape and its challenges.

5. IIPS Students visited VADU Health and Demographic Surveillance System, Pune

The coordinators of Master in Population Studies (MPS), IIPS organised a one-day Academic study tour to VADU Health and Demographic Surveillance System (VADU HDSS), Pune (<https://www.kemhrcvadu.org/>) on 20th January 2024. This was a one-day academic visit with 41 MPS students and two MPS coordinators,



Field Visit by MPS Students of IIPS

Prof. S.K. Mohanty and Dr. Pradeep Salve. The purpose of the study tour was to provide exposure to the Health and Demographic Surveillance System in India, as the Vadu Rural Health Program has been a renowned centre for more than four decades under the initiatives of the KEM Hospital and its Research Centre. Vadu Centre covered 22 villages and a population of around 186000 for the surveillance of mother and child health, ageing, communicable and non-

communicable diseases, clinical trials, etc.



Members of the Field Visit Team

Anand Kawade (Head of the Dept. Paediatrician), Dr. Dheeraj Agarwal (Senior Scientist and Pubic Health Professional), and Dr. Rutuja Patil (Senior Scientist and Pubic Health Professional) welcomed us into the Vadu Centre. Dr Rutuja Patil briefed our students through a presentation on the work the Vadu Health and Demographic Surveillance System Centre has been doing throughout for more than two decades. She interacted with students, addressing their concerns and observations. Dr Anand Kawade presented the findings

from the Vadu Centre that were included in national and state policies. Vadu staff guided our students during the field visit, and students interacted with the field staff involved in data collection. The co-coordinators discussed the feasibility of initiating students' internships with VADU in future. Prof. S.K. Mohanty and Dr. Pradeep Salve were the coordinators.

6. Field visit to Sub Centre and Primary Health Centre

MPS and MA/MSc program students visited the Primary Health Centre, Neral and Chinchavli Sub-Centre, in



Members of the Field Visit Team at PHC, Neral & Chinchavli Sub-Centre

Karjat Block of Raigad district on 7th October 2023. This visit was part of the healthcare system and policies course in which students were given practical exposure to the PHC and Sub-centre. Student interactions with healthcare providers have given practical exposure to understanding healthcare system challenges. 41 Masters' and 2 PhD students visited the health facilities. Dr. Suresh Jungari

and Dr. Pradeep Salve, faculty members of IIPS, coordinated the visit.

7. Student Field Visit



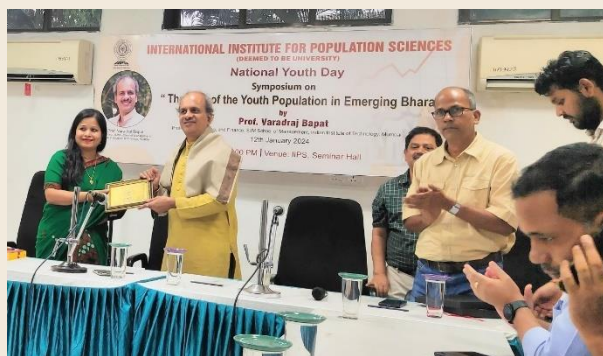
Students of MBD and MA/MSc Batch 2023-24 taking part in the International Coastal Cleanup Day at Juhu Beach

A visit of students of the elective course, Population, Environment and Sustainable Development, of MBD and MA/MSc batch 2023-24, was organised to participate in The International Coastal Cleanup Day on 16th September 2023 at Juhu Beach, Mumbai. The Coastal Cleanup Day was organised by Earth Day Network-India and Environment Life Foundation and aimed at raising awareness among students about the types and sources of solid waste, highlighting the

importance of environmental conservation and the preservation of marine ecosystems. Under the guidance of course-in-charge, Prof. Archana K. Roy and Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay, the students actively participated in the cleanup drive. This hands-on experience gave them invaluable insights into the challenges of solid waste pollution along coastal areas and instilled a sense of responsibility towards sustainable environmental practices. This holistic approach to education underscores the commitment of IIPS to nurturing environmentally conscious individuals equipped to tackle pressing global challenges.

8. National Youth Day – 12th January 2024

The cultural coordinator and International Institute for Population Sciences student representatives organised a "National Youth Day" session on 12 January 2024. The session was organised in the Seminar Hall, IIPS.



Felicitating the Chief Guest of National Youth Day Program

S.K. Mohanty, Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar, and Dr. Kunal Keshri.

Professor Bapat commenced his address by discussing the post-1887 period of India and the influence of the British education system.

In conclusion, the seminar served as a profound tribute to Swamiji's teachings, inspiring the audience to reflect on his philosophies and apply them in their lives for the betterment of the nation. MA/MSc student Mr H.B. Sidhnath concluded the session with a vote of thanks.

The goal of this session was to honour the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, one of India's most influential spiritual leaders and philosophers.

The session was hosted by Mr. Rumaan, an MA/MSc student. The main speaker, Dr Varadraj B. Bapat, is a faculty member in accounting and finance at IIT BOMBAY. Prof Nandita Saikia chaired the session in the presence of Prof. K.C. Das, Prof Chander Shekhar, Prof.



Respected Guest, Organizers & Students at end the of National Youth Day Program

9. Post Graduate Residents of Community Medicine, Armed Forces Medical College, Pune, Visiting IIPS



Participants of the Industrial Training

On 3rd Jan 2024, twelve Post Graduate Residents of the Department of Community Medicine, Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune, visited the institute as part of their industrial training at prestigious public health institutes. Surg Capt. Saurabh Bobdey, Professor, Department of Community Medicine, AFMC, Pune, accompanied the 12 postgraduate residents and led the visit. Prof. Chander Shekhar, Professor of the Department

of Fertility and Social Demography and Lt. Col. Prashant S. Borde, Chief Administrative Officer-cum-

Registrar, welcomed them. Lt. Col. Prashant Borde explained the administrative and academic structure of IIPS and its significant functions. After that, Prof. Chander Shekhar explained the Institute's primary educational and research activities. Prof. Shekhar sensitised the residents about the contemporary population, health issues, and challenges, as well as the Institute's contribution to producing high-quality research studies on these issues and closely associated subjects. The interactive discussion with residents also involved several questions on sampling, research methodology, and practical implications of the population research, especially on the National Family Health Survey, South Asian Labour Mobility and Migration, and Gender project in the Indian context. He also illustrated the institute's role in generating high-quality data for national health planning and policy framing and monitoring of the national population, health programmes, and Sustainable Development Goals. Prof. Chander Shekhar briefly introduced strategies for implementing large-scale surveys nationwide and securing the data. In conclusion, Lt. Col. Prashant Borde also spoke about the possible opportunities for Armed Forces Personnel in public health and population sciences. He also informed them about the master's degree programme through distance learning at the institute. It has tremendous potential to provide advanced knowledge in data research, population sciences, and public health.

10. Meri Maati Mera Desh Campaign



Participants of the Tree Plantation Drive Campaign "Meri Maati Mera Desh"

The "Meri Maati Mera Desh" Tree Plantation Drive campaign, initiated by the Government of India, was conducted at IIPS on October 13, 2023. Students actively participated in the event, including an Amrat Kalash Yatra organised in the presence of Director Prof. S.K. Singh, Prof. Nandita Saikia, other faculty members, and staff. The trees were planted in the children's park of IIPS and were named after freedom fighters and social reformers.

11. "Swachhata Hi Seva" Abhiyan on 1st October 2023



IIPS Students participating at the "Swachhata Hi Seva" Abhiyan

The "Swachhata Hi Seva" Abhiyan was organised at IIPS On October 1st, 2023. Over 150 members of the IIPS community, including students, staff, and faculty, participated in the campaign. Through their voluntary efforts, they demonstrated their commitment to a cleaner and healthier environment. This nationwide campaign aims to

mobilise communities and accelerate efforts towards achieving complete sanitation, explicitly focusing on rural areas. The IIPS community actively contributed to this goal through volunteer efforts and demonstrated their commitment to a cleaner and healthier environment.

12. Umang Festival 2023



Participants of the Umang Festival 2023

competition.

The Umang Festival, the annual fest of IIPS, took place on the 26th and 27th of December 2023 at the IIPS Campus. Various events, including a quiz, extempore speaking, and essay writing competitions, were held during the festival. Students enthusiastically participated in all these events. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners of each contest. Prof. R. Nagarajan and Prof. L.K. Dwivedi evaluated the essay writing competition, while Dr. Sunil Sarode evaluated the extempore speaking

13. Annual Sports Week 2023-24



Inauguration of Annual Sports Week 2023-24

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) hosted its Annual Sports Week, dubbed 'Thrill-a-thon' 2024, from January 20 to January 28. Inaugurated by the Director, the week brought together teaching and non-teaching staff and students from all courses for various indoor and outdoor games. It served as a platform for fostering camaraderie,



sportsmanship, and unity among the IIPS community. The line-up included a range of competitions catering to diverse interests, promoting teamwork and healthy competition. Participants left with cherished memories and strengthened bonds as the week concluded, embodying the event's spirit.

14. World Hindi Day on 10 January 2024



Inauguration of the World Hindi Day Program

On the occasion of World Hindi Day, in the presence and support of Prof. S.K. Singh, Director (Additional Charge), and Prof. Abhishek Singh, In-charge, Hindi Cell, “Samsmaran” – A memorisation competition was



Participants of the “Samsmaran” – A Memorization Competition

organised by Mrs. Nivedita Mishra, Hindi Officer, on 10 January 2024. Along with the staff members, students also participated enthusiastically in the competition. Dr. Kunal Keshri, Assistant Professor, donned the role of judge. All the winners were awarded exciting prizes after the program concluded.

15. Blood Donation Camp, 30th December 2023



Inauguration of Blood Donation Camp

The Blood Donation Camp, organised by the Staff Welfare Committee in collaboration with Pallavi Blood Bank, was held on 30-12-2023 in the Seminar Hall of the Institute. The main aim of the camp was to encourage people to donate blood voluntarily and raise awareness about the importance of contributing to the blood supply for medical treatments and emergencies.

Prof. S. K. Singh, Director (Additional Charge), inaugurated the camp at 10.45 am and ended it at 5.00 pm. The venue was well-equipped with medical staff, a blood donation rest chair, and donor refreshments. Many staff, students, and other people from our organisation participated in the camp, showing their dedication to supporting others' well-being. The participants showed great



Director, Chairperson, Staff Welfare Committee, Staff & Students at the Blood Donation Camp

enthusiasm and a strong sense of community spirit. Their collective effort resulted in a significant number of blood donations, which will support patients in need of blood transfusions.

Prof. S. K. Mohanty, Chairperson of the Staff Welfare Committee, expressed gratitude to all the 69 blood donors who generously donated blood and contributed to the event's success. Their selfless act

will positively impact the lives of those requiring blood in emergencies.

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 in 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' on 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 recognised degrees by the Institute and paved the way for further expansion as an academic institution. The faculty members and the supporting staff have diverse interdisciplinary backgrounds with a specialisation in some core areas of population sciences, and they are trained in India and abroad.

The Institute is the hub of population and health-related teaching and research in India, playing a vital role in the planning and development of the country. Students from different countries in Asia, the Pacific region, Africa, and North America have been trained at the Institute. The alums of IIPS hold prestigious positions in national and international organisations, universities, and reputed non-governmental organisations.

The Institute offers different post-graduate, doctoral, and post-doctoral courses with scholarships/ fellowships from the government of India. After completing the course, students are well prepared for admission to higher degree programmes in the world's best universities, a promising career in teaching and research, a multi-disciplinary professional career in development organisations, and as independent consultants.

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