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As a premier demographic institute, IIPS observes World Population Day on July 11th each year, organizing talks on specific dimensions of demography and inviting eminent scholars in population studies. International Women's Day on March 8th is celebrated with events to spread awareness.

On June 21st, Yoga Day is celebrated with various yoga events organized jointly by the Staff Welfare Committee. Additionally, IIPS observes World Environment Day and supports the Swachh Bharat Mission. Hindi Week is celebrated from September 16th to 20th with programs like Shuddhalekhan Pratiyogita, Anuwad Pratiyogita, Ashubhashan Pratiyogita, Antakshari Pratiyogita, and Kavi Sammelan, with enthusiastic participation from students and staff.

Finally, IIPS celebrates New Year's Eve on December 31st with a cultural night primarily conducted by the students along with the IIPS Staff Welfare Committee.

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## 7.2 - Best Practices

7.2.1 - Describe one best practice successfully implemented by the Institution as per NAAC format provided in the Manual

**Objectives:** To develop skills in young scholars for preparing, presenting, defending, and publishing their research before the scientific community.

**Context:** Students at IIPS must prepare and present a research paper or dissertation on a chosen topic and defend it before a larger audience.

**Practice:** Students expand their knowledge and thinking by writing and defending research papers/dissertations and publishing their work. They visit other institutions, attend guest lectures, seminar series, and commemorative events, organize academic events, present at international/national conferences, and undergo internships.

**Evidence of Success:** In 2023-24, IIPS students published research

papers in peer-reviewed journals, attended international and national conferences, and secured positions in research organizations, universities, NGOs, and donor organizations, demonstrating the effectiveness of their training at IIPS.

**Challenges and Resources Required:** IIPS faces challenges such as insufficient faculty strength relative to the student body and inadequate physical infrastructure. Addressing these needs is crucial.

**Notes:** IIPS provides an excellent research environment, enabling students to publish in peer-reviewed journals and excel in their careers. These practices can be replicated in other institutions.

### 7.3 - Institutional Distinctiveness

7.3.1 - Highlight the performance of the institution in an area distinct to its priority and thrust (within a maximum of 200 words)

Sample survey research at IIPS is grounded in empirical data collected from the target population using appropriate sampling techniques. Over the past three decades, IIPS has developed unique expertise in conducting large-scale, nationally representative sample surveys, including both cross-sectional and longitudinal types.

In the last 30 years, the institute has conducted 16 nationally representative large-scale sample surveys and over a hundred medium and small-scale surveys at regional, state, and district levels. Few universities or research institutions in India possess such specialized skills in conducting large-scale surveys using scientific methods.

The sample size of these surveys ranges from a few thousand households to over half a million. IIPS is responsible for developing and testing survey tools, training personnel, and monitoring and supervising fieldwork. The collected data generates key benchmark indicators on various aspects of population, health, and development at district, state, and national levels. These indicators assist planners, policymakers, and program managers in effectively implementing and evaluating government programs, tracking progress towards Sustainable Development Goals, and improving the living conditions of the population.

7.3.2 - Plan of action for the next academic year