

Installation of a Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Initiative in Collaboration with Bank of Baroda

Date: 28 July 2026

Time: 5:00 PM

Venue: Seminar Hall, International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai

Location of Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine: Ground Floor, Library Building, IIPS

Organized by: Internal Committee (IC), IIPS, Collaborating with Bank of Baroda, Nerul Branch

The Internal Committee (IC), International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, organized a programme on 28 July 2026 in collaboration with Bank of Baroda, Nerul Branch, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. The programme marked **the Installation of a Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine** on the IIPS campus. The initiative seeks to promote menstrual hygiene, women's health and dignity, while improving access to essential menstrual hygiene products within the institutional environment. A large number of participants enthusiastically joined this initiative after class and office hours.

The programme commenced with the formal inauguration of the Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine installed on the Ground Floor of the Library Building. The machine was formally inaugurated by Prof. Sanjay K. Mohanty, Director and Senior Professor, IIPS, in the presence of Mrs. Priyanka Krishna, Branch Manager, Bank of Baroda, Nerul Branch; Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay, Presiding Officer, Internal Committee; members of the Internal Committee; faculty members; staff; and students of the Institute.



Inauguration of the Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine.

Following the inauguration, the programme continued in the Seminar Hall. Mrs. Nivedita Mishra, Member, Internal Committee, formally welcomed the dignitaries, faculty members, staff, students, and a representative of Bank of Baroda. In her opening remarks, she highlighted the importance of the initiative in promoting menstrual hygiene and contributing to a supportive institutional environment. The Director subsequently welcomed Mrs. Priyanka Krishna, Branch Manager, Bank of Baroda, Nerul Branch, by presenting a plant sapling as a token of appreciation on behalf of the Institute. In his address, Prof. Sanjay K. Mohanty, Director and Senior Professor, IIPS, emphasized the importance of accessible menstrual hygiene facilities on campus. He appreciated the efforts of the Internal Committee, under the leadership of Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay, in taking forward this initiative. He also expressed sincere gratitude to Bank of Baroda for extending its support through its CSR initiative and facilitating the installation of the Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine.



Prof. Sanjay K Mohanty (Director and Senior Professor, IIPS) welcomed the Bank of Baroda representative and presented a plant sapling.

Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay shared her thoughts on prioritizing this initiative soon after assuming the role of Presiding Officer. She acknowledged the wholehearted support extended by the students, staff members, the Director, and the Bank of Baroda in successfully implementing this initiative. The members of the reconstituted Internal Committee were introduced to the participants. It was emphasized that the IC is a statutory committee with a strong legal mandate to ensure a safe, inclusive, and equitable environment for all members of the Institute. Further, the



Introduction of the Members of the Reconstituted Internal Committee.

Institute established a Gender Development Cell a week earlier to address all forms of harassment and to promote a gender-sensitive environment for all members of the Institute. The Director appreciated the initiatives undertaken by this committee within a short span of time, and these efforts were also well received by the students and staff members.

Mrs. Priyanka Krishna, Branch Manager, BoB, provided information related to the BoB's products, services and customer-centric initiatives. Students raised questions regarding the various schemes and services offered by the BoB. She expressed her sincere appreciation and gratitude to IC members especially Ms. Nivedita Mishra for her valuable commitment to this initiative. During the interaction, the Director and the members of the Internal Committee also requested the representatives of the Bank of Baroda to explore opportunities for facilitating internships, financial literacy programmes, career guidance, and other possible recruitment avenues for the students of the Institute.



Mrs. Priyanka Krishna addressing the students during the interactive session.

During the interaction, the Director and students also discussed possibilities for future collaboration between **IIPS and Bank of Baroda**. Potential areas of collaboration discussed included student internship opportunities, financial literacy programmes, career guidance sessions, and recruitment opportunities. The Bank representative positively acknowledged these possibilities for further consideration. The discussion has opened avenues for exploring broader institutional engagement between IIPS and Bank of Baroda beyond the present CSR initiative.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Anubhav Verma, Student Member, Internal Committee. He expressed sincere gratitude to the Director, representative of Bank of Baroda, the Presiding Officer and members of the Internal Committee, faculty members, staff, students, and all participants for their valuable presence and support in making the programme successful.

The successful completion of the programme was made possible through the collective efforts of the Internal Committee, the Institute administration, Bank of Baroda, and the participating

members of the IIPS community. This initiative is a significant step towards ensuring safe women's health, dignity, and good hygiene practices at the institute.


