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It is a great moment for IIPSAA to have come up with a novel initiative of alumni newsletter. This is a step forward to integrate the old and the new cohorts of IIPS. We hope that the initiative will open up opportunities to bridge the gap between the matured and the blooming scientists, to develop networking among researchers and policy makers.

IIPS is well known in the world arena in creating professional population scientists. Many of our already graduated students have achieved milestones and have found place in high profile jobs, in policy making stature and contributing in social service. We hope many more will do so in the future. However, life is not composed of milestones or designations, but moments. We spend our best part of life in schools, colleges and universities. IIPS is a part and parcel of our life- it has helped us or still is helping us to cherish many moments of our life and for many of us- it has reshaped our life course. IIPS has not only taught us demography, but it has also touched upon human values. Comradeship is an idea, not an invention; a pledge, not a promise and for a lifetime, not merely just seasonal that blossoms and dies within short span. So the journey of comrades has begun. We hope to do something beyond borders.

The first issue of IIPSAA newsletter is an amalgam of activities, objectives of the association, an appeal for generously providing financial support and in addition a retrospect as well as a casual chat of a famous IIPS alumnus. We are very much indebted to Prof. Parasuraman for spending his invaluable time for our little endeavor.

Hope you will enjoy the first issue. Your feedbacks, comments, suggestions and support are welcome.

Please write to us: news.iipsaa@gmail.com

Aparajita Chattopadhyay

Editor

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IIPSAA Patron's Message



Prof. F. Ram

I am very happy to learn that IIPS Alumni Association is moving forward slowly but steadily. After a long time since international conference organised by IIPS on the eve of golden Jubilee in 2006, we have been able to formalize the formation of Association. It has been now registered, has own active bank account and has committed office bearers. I hope IIPSAA will grow with fast pace and it will initiate innovative programme/activities to promote population Science/demography. I am sure with starting of the IIPSAA Newsletter, formal contact on regular basis will be established among those who have been associated with IIPS. I wish all the best for IIPSAA.

Prof. F. Ram

President's Message



Prof. P. Arokiasamy

IIPSAA Fraternity – Take Pride – Demographers Matter!

I and the management committee of IIPSAA are honoured to be associated with the laying of necessary foundation in the last more than one year. The activities include formal registration as a society under the society act as well as registration with the charity commissioner under the charity act with objectives-by-laws, completing paper work for creating books of account including bank account, office establishment, income tax related documentations, office accessories etc.

IIPS alumni may be aware that there had been some activities in the past including a large alumni meeting held in December, 2006 on the eve of IIPS golden jubilee celebration. However, there was no formalized structure and regular functioning of IIPSAA. At this juncture, on the advice of Director of IIPS, we assumed this onerous responsibility to build the basic structure and give direction for regular IIPSAA activities.

With the establishment of IIPSAA as a registered body, the management committee with active participation of IIPSAA student committee is planning to initiate activities for a vibrant functioning and strengthening the professional interest of IIPSAA. As a first step, a half yearly IIPSAA newsletter will update and inform members about IIPSAA activities and matters that are interest to members. A lot of time has been spent by the editor and student committee to bring out this maiden issue. I would like to thank the Director of IIPS, management and student committee, editor of IIPSAA newsletter - for their collective support of IIPSAA. I hope I would have the support of all alumni and take this opportunity to request all IIPS alumni to kindly register themselves and pay one time membership fee of rupees 5000/- which will be great boon for strengthening IIPSAA and fulfilling its objectives. Special contributions and donations to IIPSAA are most welcome. We are in the process of getting income tax exemption for all contributions and donations made to the association. IIPSAA members may please be assured that the management committee will function with utmost integrity in managing the financial resources of IIPSAA and only support professional interest of IIPSAA particularly the young demographers.

The purpose of Alumni Association is to emotionally connect with the alumni and strengthen professional interests of IIPS. Supporting IIPSAA is a way that you can give something back to an institution, your *alma mater*.

WE look forward to meeting you soon at an upcoming alumni event.

P. Arokiasamy

The Birth of IIPSAA

Under the joint sponsorship of Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, the Government of India and the United Nations, IIPS has established itself as a premier Institute for training and research in Population Studies for developing countries in the Asia and Pacific region since 1956. The Institute strives to be a centre of excellence on all population and development related issues through high quality education, teaching and research. IIPS is proud to have been contributing in (a) creating competent professionals, (b) generating and disseminating scientific knowledge and evidence, (c) collaboration and exchange of knowledge, and (d) advocacy and awareness.

In an effort to connect with the alumni and reinforce the emotional bonding and professional interests in the field of demography, IIPS has formed an Alumni Association. The association is registered since 1st December, 2011 under Society Registration Act 1860. It was indeed a joyous moment for all the IIPS alumni.

The preamble of IIPSAA (International Institute for Population Sciences Alumni Association) states that “The Society believes in the universally acknowledged and self evident truth that all men are born equal. Hence no distinction will be made between one person and another person on account of their religion, race, caste, creed, colour or sex”.

Following are some of the major objectives of IIPSAA:

- ★ To promote interaction among the IIPSAA members and between IIPSAA and the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai;
- ★ To encourage research, training and other related activities of the discipline of Population Sciences in general and the Institute in particular;
- ★ To liaise, communicate and cooperate with other universities, academic institutions, research organizations, donor agencies, Non-Govt. and Govt. organizations etc. in India and abroad for the purpose of achieving any of the objects for which the IIPSAA is established;
- ★ To help in establishing educational institutions like departments, schools, colleges, universities, training institutes, etc.
- ★ To impart knowledge and skills on subjects related to social, population and health sciences;
- ★ To organize lectures, seminars, conventions, conferences, workshops, retreats, training programmes and such gatherings for the purpose of achieving any of the objects for which the IIPSAA is established;
- ★ To prepare, edit, publish, issue, acquire and circulate books, papers, newsletters, pamphlets, posters, scientific journals, e-journals, periodicals, circulars and other literature having a bearing on achieving any of the objects for which the IIPSAA is established;



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IIPSAA Meet at APA Conference, Bangkok-2012

A meeting of IIPS Alumni Association was held in Bangkok on 28.8.2012 along the sideline meeting of Asian Population Conference organised by Asian Population Association (APA). About 15 alumni members from different countries like India, China, UK, Australia and Sri Lanka participated in the meeting and shared their experiences. The members were updated about the current activities of IIPSAA and the proposed future activities. Participants discussed in detail about the future course of action of IIPSAA and gave their valuable suggestions and comments. One of the important decisions taken at the meeting was to expand the alumni membership drive and mobilise funds to start professional activities.

- ★ To apply to Government, public bodies to obtain and accept grants, money, equipment, land, buildings, donations, gifts, subscriptions and other assistance with a view to promote and further the objects of the IIPSAA.

Management Committee of the Society

- Prof. P Arokiasamy : President
- Dr. Chander Shekhar: Vice President
- Dr. D P Singh: Vice President
- Dr. Kailash Chandra Das: General Secretary
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- Dr. Hemkothang Lhungdim: Member
- Dr. T V Sekher: Member
- Dr. P K Ponnappalli: Member
- Dr. Aparajita Chattopadhyay: Member and Editor of newsletter
- Prof. F.Ram: Patron
- Mr Prakash Fulpagare provides efficient assistance to carry out IIPSAA activities.

Activities done/in progress since December 2011

As we are at the initial stage of formation, the activities done in the past one and half years are fundamental; starting from legal formation of IIPS alumni association under Sociert Registration Act, preparation of IIPSAA logo and finalization of logo slogan, opening of new bank account, preparation and printing of letter head of IIPSAA, preparation of official seal and PAN card, formation of office space and infrastructure, obtaining FCRA for association, mobilising students to be a part of IIPSAA and conceptualizing IIPSAA newsletter. All management committee members meet on last Friday of every month to discuss the progress of the work assigned to individual/committee members. Also Students' committee are formed to mobilise students' membership, developing the newsletter and encouraging them to express their voice through newsletter.

List of Registered IIPSAA Members

(As on February 25, 2013)

Sr. No.	Name
01.	Mr. B.K.Gulati
02.	Dr. Arni Srinivasarao
03.	Prof. Arun Kumar Sharma
04.	Dr. K.M. Ponnappalli
05.	Prof. F. Ram
06.	Prof. Usha Ram
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27.	Prof. R. B. Bhagat
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40.	Mr. Prakash H. Fulpagare
41.	Mr. Rakesh Kumar Singh
42.	Mr. Raj Narayan
43.	Ms. Sujata Verma

Membership Appeal

The membership of IIPSAA is open to all students/trainees/faculties/ visiting faculties aged 18 years and above, who accepts and agrees to the rules and regulations and byelaws of the society on payment of membership subscription fee. Any person desirous of becoming a member of the Society shall make an application to the Society. The registration form is available at <http://www.iipsindia.org/> web page. The admission of new members shall be subject to the approval of the Management Committee. On payment of Rs 5000 one can become lifetime member. The student member fee is Rs. 2000/- for three years only. A student member can apply for life member on payment of remaining Rs. 3000 within three year time period. Those who do not register themselves as IIPSAA member in the course of time, will not receive any communication from IIPS alumni e-mail portal. Also non paid members cannot contest and vote in office bearers election. Following are the details of the savings account of IIPSAA:

Name of the Account: IIPS Alumni Association

Account Number: 32817513430

Bank: State Bank of India

Branch: Deonar (003109)

IFSC Code: SBIN0003109

MICR Code: 400002023

SWIFT Code: SBININBB514

Presently we have 43 registered members which contributed to approximately Rs 2 lakhs. With this meager fund, it is difficult for us to initiate any program/plan for betterment of those who need it most. The Institute that has possibly helped you to develop your career, to enhance your knowledge and to facilitate in making your life better can perhaps demand this favour for a noble cause. We are looking forward to your generous contribution to the IIPSAA fund.



I am now in Seattle, far from my house in Trivandrum. This photograph was taken in front of the old hostel (now demolished), probably in 1959. The original of the photograph is with me in Trivandrum. The persons are Dr. C. Mathew who now lives in Trivandrum, myself, the first student from Afganistan, Goorka (Bahadur, he is the first watchman of the Centre) who caught the snake, Kim the first student from South Korea who lives in the USA now and Basawarajappa, the first student from Karnataka. I am not sure about the person standing between the Goorka and Kim. Very probably he is the peon of the hostel. He later became the peon in library. He worked for the Centre for a very long time.

K.C.Zachariah
4th March,2013

Dear friends,

*We are happy to inform you all that a meeting of IIPS Alumni Association was held in Bangkok on 28th August 2012 in the Asian Population Conference organised by Asian Population Association (APA). We request all of you to pay the life membership fee and formally become the member of IIPSAA. In addition to membership fee, donation and special contributions to the association is most welcome. Your support and cooperation is extremely necessary. Life membership fee: rupees 5000 (Indians), US \$ 100 (those staying abroad). The cheque should be in favour of **IIPS Alumni Association** and mail it to **the General Secretary, IIPS Alumni Association, IIPS Campus, Govandi Station Road, Deonar, Mumbai-400088, India**. Those who want to transfer the money online, they can directly transfer it to the account mentioned in previous page. The receipt will be sent by email (in PDF). If hard copy of the receipt is required, the same will be mailed by post.*

Thanking you for your continued support, cooperation and encouragement.

Dr. K. C. Das
General Secretary



Students' Corner

Every year with the admission of new students our IIPS family members keep increasing. Unlike any other family, this family of ours has members from all over India and even from foreign countries. Here, irrespective of any inhibitions of language, religion, food habits and lifestyle, we are ONE big family, staying together, and celebrating Holi, Diwali, Eid, Christmas, Onam, New Year, Sports Week, Ganesh Chaturthi together. The homogeneity in this heterogeneous group is what we treasure. Learning new languages, knowing new cultures, tasting new food and making new friends is all about the fun of being in IIPS.

Ritika Mukherjee



Diwali Celebration at IIPS, 2012



Onam celebration at IIPS, 2012



Foreign student reading in front of New Hostel, IIPS, 2012

I would like to take an opportunity through this news letter to congratulate the IIPSAA founders to give us a platform where all students can share their opinion and contribute more and more to the demographic fraternity. I would like to see my friends of IIPS performing well in activities beyond academics too. Other alumni associations like Management and Medical institutes perform well in all spheres, as they show interest in a variety of events.

IIPSAA is giving us wonderful scope to express our interest and helping us to achieve commendable heights.

Vipul V. Pandey



A Fight against Dengue

According to data compiled by the state's health department, areas falling within Greater Mumbai registered 504 cases of dengue — the highest in the state — till September 2012. With this alarming rise in the dengue cases, an initiative was taken by IIPS students to clean the campus and the surroundings as a precautionary measure to prevent the breeding of the mosquitoes and thus looking after each other's health.



Students Cleaning the surrounding: a drive against Dengue



IIPS Students protesting against Rape Case of New Delhi, 2012-13

Conference and Workshop/Announcements

1. Family Planning Conference 2013 Positive Sexual Health

Call for abstracts opens: *8 April 2013*

Registration opens: *1 June 2013*

Family Planning Conference 2013: **31 October - 2 November 2013**

Venue: The Conference will be held at *Te Papa, Museum of New Zealand, in Wellington, New Zealand*. View their website for more information www.tepapa.govt.nz.

2. ICECI 2013 International Conference on Education, Culture and Identity

Submission of Abstracts: *April 1, 2013*

Notification of Abstract Acceptance: *April 19, 2013*

Registration Ends: *May 17, 2013*

Conference Date: **July 6-8, 2013**

The conference will examine contemporary issues related to education, culture, and identity. Such interrelated issues have become increasingly important in the age of diversity, multiculturalism and globalization. Since such conceptions can hardly be defined and explained by a single academic discipline, this interdisciplinary international conference aims at analyzing them from different perspectives such as educational, psychological, social, cultural, political, historical, literary, visual, artistic and media-related perspectives.

Venue : *University of Saraje / Bosnia and Herzegovina*

3. 3rd International Conference on Family Planning

12-15 November 2013, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Hosted by the Federal Ministry of Health of Ethiopia and the Bill and Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Since the first conference in 2009, family planning has gained global momentum as a prominent public health issue. The conference will provide a platform to highlight successes that have been achieved in family planning around the world and address remaining hurdles.

Last date: *Abstracts will be accepted through May 1, 2013*

4. 12th International Asian Urbanization Conference , December 28-30, 2013

Urban Dynamics, Environment and health: Challenges for the Twenty First century

This 12th International Asian Urbanization Conference is being hosted by the Department of Geography, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India in association with the Asian Urban Research Association (AURA).

Important date: Abstract Submission: *April 30-2012* Abstract Notification: *May 31, 2013*

Full paper Submission: *June 30, '2013*

5. 4th 4C5M Studio Conference: City Development, Preservation and Hospitality

Conference at Tongli Town, Suzhou, Jiangsu china June 13-15, 2013

Conference explores the challenges issues under the theme of urban space and social life. The main goal of this conference is to inspire collaboration among academia, professionals, artist, business sector, to investigate the concern on the balance among economic development, social and culture life in sustainable city.

Abstract Submission: *April 10-2012* Abstract Notification: *May 1, 2013*

Full paper Submission: *13 to 15, June, '2013*

6. International Conference on Impact of Climate Change on Food, Energy and Environment (ICCFEE-2013)

4th July 2013 to 6th July 2013, India,

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 31st March 2013

Organized By: Sathyabama University

Contact Person: Dr.T.Sasipraba

Climate change is a significant and long lasting change in the statistical distribution of patterns over periods ranging from decades to millions of years. It may be a change in average weather conditions, or in the distribution of weather around the average conditions. Climate change is caused by factors that include oceanic processes such as variations received by earth and human-induced alterations of the natural world. The conference may provide an avenue through an innovative, annual face-to-face interaction on the climate change issues among the members of the knowledge community including academicians educators, administrators, policy, makers, consultants, researchers and research scholars.

7. 2nd Annual Global Healthcare Conference (GHC 2013)

8th to 9th July 2013, Singapore

A healthy way of life should be every individual's goal. However, healthcare privileges differ across societies, and requires the combined efforts of government, the private sector, the public and health workers themselves to ensure both the accessibility and affordability of healthcare services.

Organized by: Global Science & Technology Forum (GSTF)

Contact person: Conference Secretariat

8. International Academic Conference - IISES Prague Conference

September 1-4, 2013 in Prague, Czech Republic, in Hotel Kings Court

Contact person: *Robert Holman*

Organized by: *International Institute of Social and Economic Sciences*

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: *1st August 2013*

9. Workshop: Interviewing Challenging and Vulnerable People

25th to 26th March 2013, Oxford, England, United Kingdom

Contact person: *Dr Rob Fisher*

Organized by: *Inter-Disciplinary.Net*

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: *1st March 2013*

10. International Conference On Youth (ICYOUTH) 2013

28th to 31st October 2013, Sri Kembangan, Selangor, Malaysia

Contact person: *Nurani Kamarudin*

Organized by: *Institute for Social Science, Universiti Putra Malaysia*

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: *3rd May 2013*

11. European School of Demography

The European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD) invites applications for school year 2013-2014. The EDSD is an eleven-month program that is offered every year, with the goal to provide students in the first year of their doctoral studies with an appropriate high-level education in demography. The core courses (from mid-October 2013 to end of July 2014) will be held at the Institute of Statistics and Demography, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland (<http://www.sgh.waw.pl/instituty/isd-en/>).



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IUSSP Scientific Panel on Historical Demography, 17th to 19th January 2013
At International Institute for population Sciences, Mumbai-88



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IIPS Library and Computer centre



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Library, IIPS, Mumbai-88

Interview with *Prof. S. Parsuraman*

My Journey to IIPS

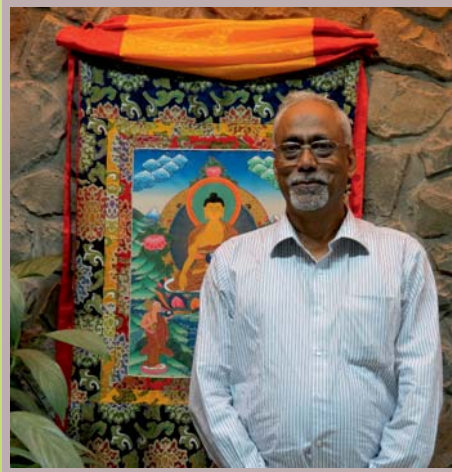
I came to the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) in 1977-78 in Mumbai, as a student of Certificate in Population Studies (CPS). It was a small institute then. I had an Anthropology background, and had three educational options: Ph.D. in Delhi IIT, training

programme in Hygiene and Public Health in AIIHPH, Kolkata, and CPS in IIPS. I went to Kolkata to join the programme there because I was told that the diploma programme was job oriented. But when the Head of the Department of Health and Sanitation at the All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health in Kolkata saw my certificates, and found out that IIPS was one of the options, she asked me to go to Bombay and enroll at IIPS. After I joined IIPS, on one of the early days, someone asked me what I studied. When I said Anthropology, I was told that it was one of the most hopeless subjects to study, and in the history of IIPS, no one from Anthropology background had ever got very far. He advised me to leave IIPS and join IIT Delhi where I had admission for a Ph.D. programme. Since I had exhausted all the money I had after my return from Calcutta, I just stayed back at IIPS. But I remained confused for quite some time.

During those days, IIPS admitted 11 Indian students. There were several international students who came from the Asia Pacific region, and there used to be a few sponsored candidates who came from the Government. I think, in my batch there were several people from the government.

Life in IIPS then

We were a small group and stayed at the hostel that made way for the current multi-storeyed hostel. The old hostel had an open courtyard and rooms around it. The rooms were large for single occupancy and each had an attached bath. We used to get Rs. 300 per month at that time. Chandran was our cook, and we ran the



Prof. S. Parsuraman

mess. Every Saturday evening, we went Byculla market in the jeep and buy vegetables and fruits for the week. The IIPS dining room was always open and we made tea there around midnight. A friend from Uttar Pradesh, Rajesh Kumar, used to make very good tea. We also played table tennis there. The group had much talent and midnight tea time was always fun; some were

very good in qawwali; others good at song and dance. We went to Basant Theatre for movies, and sometimes on special occasions when the theatre screened new film every day of the week, we watched them all.

So it is like, you study for some time, you come to dining hall, you sit there with friends listening to stories, and then go back to study or sleep; it just went on. I must say I really enjoyed my time as a Certificate student in IIPS. All 11 Indian students and also the international students were boys; except one, my wife who was then a sponsored candidate and was already working at IIPS. That time, IIPS had CPS and Diploma in Population Studies (DPS) and there were five or six DPS students, but I do not remember much of an interaction with them.

Our teachers

We had very good teachers. Prof. Rele — a well known statistician and demographer, and also an IIPS Alumnus and acting Director — taught “Methods in Demography”. As part of the course, he introduced us to the UN Demographic Yearbook and carrying it from Library to the hostel and back was considered a good exercise!

We also had Professors like Asha Bhende, Malini Karkal, Vatsala Narayan, U.P. Sinha, T.K. Roy, Sumathi Kulkarni, and Srivastav teaching us. Prof. Pathak taught Technical Fertility. My CPS dissertation guide, and subsequently my doctoral dissertation guide, Prof. S. Mukherji taught advanced statistics to the Diploma students.

We used to have a mechanical devise to do calculation, and when all of us worked the statistical laboratory used to sound like manufacturing shop floor.



Life in PhD

After my CPS, I completed course work at IIT-B for my Ph.D. But when IIPS started offering doctoral fellowships I returned to IIPS. Coursework at IIT was useful because of the liberty to take courses across departments. So I took two courses on programming from the Department of Electrical Engineering. Once I came back to IIPS, three of us were deputed to learn programming in Hi-Basic as the Institute had bought a new micro-computer then. Since my B.Sc. was in Physics and Mathematics, it was easy to learn programming at IIT and IIPS. I had the option of sleeping in the Library reading room or at the Computer Centre. IIPS offered a strong feeling of belongingness and space to move around. I found that phase of life very interesting.

I think IIPS was the most fascinating place. Most of us had rural backgrounds, and the teachers were helpful and least complicated. IIPS taught us the value of hard work, irrespective of our disciplinary backgrounds. We had to learn the technical as well as the substantive aspects of Demography, and the advantage was equally shared amongst those came with Mathematics and Statistics, and other Social Science disciplines. Prof. Rele used to tell us “when you look at numbers it must speak to you”. They taught us to read, understand and work with numbers. We were taught to calculate life tables, projections and we did all this manually.

One of the most important outcomes of my student life was that the stereotype that Anthropology students did not do well at IIPS was broken. I stood second in CPS was one of the three students who got a first class classes in our batch. From then on, every Anthropology student has stood either first or second and none of them are in the country. Thus the myth was broken. At the end of the day, what is important was how the teachers taught us, the interest they took in every student, and the way we could go to the teacher and interact.

My work life

After I submitted my Ph.D. thesis, I came to TISS looking for a research assistant's job. At that time, Prof. Gore was the Director of TISS. He said 'We don't have a research assistant's post, but we can give you a lecturer's post'. So I joined as an ad-hoc lecturer in TISS. Later, I was offered permanent positions at IIPS and TISS. Prof. Gore was a member of IIPS interview committee as a nominee of Executive Council (the Director of TISS has always been a member of the Executive Council of IIPS; in fact, IIPS started from TISS campus). I went to him and asked where I should join. Prof. Gore said, “Do you want to be a demographer amongst 20 others or you want to be the only demographer in the Institute?” That is how I stayed back at TISS.

Besides that, I thought IIPS could be limiting. Its approach was more technical. IIPS equipped students with excellent capacity in demographic techniques, but the sociology to explain the change was relatively weak. It is important to have the technical knowledge of population, which is useful for me even today. But what is also important is, how do explain the numbers you are studying? You may become a good analyst of populations, but you may not be able to give good explanations and strategies to move forward. What was important to me then was how do I explain the data I work with? Once you explain it, you can find way forward.

My Views on Population Studies

Population is a complex issue and you need to find solution from varying perspectives. At that time, population in IIPS was located in the American tradition of population growth as a problem, the Malthusian approach, and you had to work with it. But it was important to look at population as human resource and population as wealth, as assets. I think IIPS took time to change to this approach and they got the population and development department later on.

Now it may be interesting to see IIPS's perspective on development. If you take TISS, it has a perspective: it knows that poverty cannot be justified and it needs to be dealt with as people do not want to be poor. Poverty

is created and sustained, and we have to address that. It takes much more work with development perspectives, structural problems and economic processes. One can have different perspectives, but you need to have values and commitment, otherwise analysis or technology alone would not take much meaning.

I think IIPS is changing but I don't know much about what happens there though I am member of the governing body. IIPS can be an amazingly important place. It has enormous potential because there you get bright people with great ability to analyse and think critically. At TISS, we have many graduates from IIPS as faculty members. The contribution of IIPS to TISS is immense. With enhanced input from the social sciences, IIPS can produce good scholars. What IIPS graduates become — scholars or analysts or managers — that will be very interesting to see.

The Alumni Association

I think the Alumni Association will do very well. We need to basically link up Alumni, and keep informing them about the students, their research work and new competencies. It would be useful to send list of graduating students to the Alumni so that they can inform opportunities available in their context. A similar data base for the Alumni can be circulated through Newsletters.

Growth and contribution of IIPS as an institute

IIPS mostly admitted children from relatively not well off homes. This is an interesting observation one can find. The teachers in IIPS also had a simple life even though they had been to foreign countries. This actually taught us hard work, and the ability and willingness to take up work. That is the most important value imparted by IIPS. Because we did not come from big families with support systems, we were on our own, had to work hard and do well to be someone and accomplish something. This is something I always remember. My juniors from IIPS who work in TISS are not here because of me, but on their own merit.

We have to foster students with core values of humanity and hard work with the willingness to be helpful to everyone. This is what I have learnt from IIPS. It is a great institution that absorbs students with varying capacities when they come in, brings them to an equal level, and allows them to prosper from there. It must continue its tradition of being a science of people. For young people, I would just say that keep up the tradition of the great institution. To readers I would say that it was a great privilege to study there, and I am grateful for my education there.



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Master of Arts/Science in Population Studies (M.A./M.Sc.) (50 Seats with Govt. of India Fellowship)	Bachelor's degree from a recognized university with at least 55% of marks or equivalent grade. Preference shall be given to candidates holding a bachelor's degree in Math/Stat/Eco or any social science subject. The upper age limit is 30 years as on 30.6.2013.	On the basis of a common entrance test, personal interview, and academic merits.	Two years	Rs. 5,000/- p.m.	1st July, 2013
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Diploma in Population Studies (Distance Learning) (60 Seats)	A graduate degree or equivalent from recognized Indian/Foreign universities.	On merit basis	One year to a maximum of threeyears	N.A.	31st July 2013
Master of Population Studies (Distance Learning) (100 Seats)	Master's degree in any social science subject/Health/Math/ Stat or allied subjects from recognized Indian/Foreign universities.	On merit basis	Two to four years	N.A.	31st July 2013

* Government of India Fellowships @ ` 16,000/- per month for 1st and 2nd years and ` 18,000/- per month for 3rd year respectively available for the Indian students who have qualified NET for Lectureship only in population or its inter disciplinary subjects conducted by the UGC. Such Ph.D. fellowship also carries a contingency grant of ` 10,000/- per year for the first two years and ` 20,500/- for the third year. However the candidates, without NET qualification shall be given fellowship @ ` 12,000/- per month for the 1st and 2nd years, and ` 14,000/- per month for the 3rd year, with a contingency grant of ` 10,000/- per year. Number of seats will be as per the availability of fellowships at the time of admission. In addition, UGC-JRF and other fellowship holders will also be considered for admission as per availability of seats.

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