

World Population Day, 2018



Prof. S.K Mohanty welcoming the guests and other participants on the occasion of World Population Day, 2018

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From Editors' Desk

Season's Greeting to all readers!!!

In this issue, we present the activities of IIPS during July to December 2018. The issue also carries the advertisement for the various academic programmes of the institute for the next academic year. Those who wish to receive our publications, such as Research Briefs and Working Papers, may kindly write to us at publicationcell@iips.net.

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Vision: “To position IIPS as a premier teaching and research institute in population sciences responsive to emerging national and global needs through high-impact, cutting edge and multidisciplinary research, teaching and training”

Mission: “The Institute strives to be a centre of excellence on all population and health issues through high quality scientific, research and teaching. We achieve this by (a) creating highly competent professionals, (b) generating and disseminating scientific knowledge and evidence, (c) collaborating and exchanging ideas with other institutions, and (d) undertaking advocacy and awareness programmes”.

World Population Day

The Institute observed the World Population Day on 11th July, 2018 by organizing a symposium on the theme “Family Planning is a Human Right”. On behalf of the organizers, Prof. S.K Mohanty welcomed the guests and gave a brief introduction of the theme of the Symposium and the invited speakers of the day. Professor P. Arokiasamy, Acting Director of the day, chaired the function. Dr. U.S. Mishra (Professor, CDS), Dr. Shamala Dupte (FPAI) and Dr. S.K. Singh (Professor, IIPS) were the invited speakers. Prof. Mishra delivered a talk on the “World Population Day: A Reminder or Resolve?” He raised the concern on women’s gains with the declining fertility rates and role of population dynamics and demographers in the policy formation. Dr. Dupte conversed on ‘Family Planning as a human right and the evolution of Family Planning Programmes’. Prof Singh delivered his talk on “Repositioning of Family Planning Programme in India: Issues and Strategies Emerging from NFHS-4”. At the end, Dr. Preeti Dhillon thanked the speakers and audience. Prof. S.K. Mohanty and Dr. Preeti Dhillon were the coordinator of the symposium.



Dr. U.S. Mishra delivering the lecture



Dr. Shamala Dupte delivering the lecture



Dr. S.K. Singh delivering the lecture



Audience on World Population Day

Prof. P.N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture



Prof. K. S. James felicitating Dr. Christophe Z. Guilmoto



Audience on the day

The Eleventh Professor P.N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture was held on 18 December, 2018, and Dr. Christophe Z. Guilmoto, Senior Fellow in Demography at the French *Institut de Recherche pour le Développement* (IRD), Paris, delivered the lecture on “Sex imbalances at birth: today and tomorrow” on the occasion. Prof. K.S. James, Director and Senior Professor, IIPS, chaired the session. In his lecture Dr. Guilmoto highlighted that the issues of sex imbalances in current situation and spatial dependence of sex imbalances at birth. He stated that sex ratios at birth (SRB) rose from 105 male births per 100 female births (normal level) towards 110-130 (5 to 25% excess male births) since the 1980s. Affected countries are clustered in *East and South Asia, South Caucasus* and *Southeast Europe*. The increase is caused mostly by *sex selective abortions*: prenatal sex diagnosis (ultrasound) followed by abortion of female foetuses. Meanwhile, females are also missing due to *excess female mortality* both in childhood and adulthood. He pointed out that all sex ratio imbalances display very strong spatial patterns (usually stronger than those of other demographic features). This spatial dependence can be construed as the product of other unobserved locally grounded features such as gender systems and a pure spatial effect of hot spots and diffusion. The stability of these spatial patterns has important implications over a long period and spatial diffusion a likely predictor of future changes. He stated that the SRB initially tends to *oscillate around 105*. After which, it may *rise*, but it never drops below 105. When it rises, it does so *continuously*. It then tends to *stabilize around a plateau level*. *Never goes beyond 120* in countries or 130 in regions. It *never rebounds* after reaching a first plateau. It usually *drops after stabilization* and may return to normalcy. National SRB levels in large countries are often the *composite product of distinct regional trajectories*. Structural determinants of SRB like fertility decline, technology or son preference are well-established. Future declines are likely to be caused by decline in son preference, yet, the role of policy interventions remain poorly understood, the impact of fertility rebounds remain to be investigated, events triggering the rise (and the turnaround) may

remain somewhat contingent and unpredictable. SRB profiles (inverted U-shaped) tend to be similar across countries and may help predict downturns. We need to understand the tempo (calendar) and quantum (intensity) of the sex ratio transition. Heterogeneity within countries leads to different regional or social SRB trajectories, complicating forecasting. Strong spatial dependence should help to predict future spread within countries.

The memorial lecture was organized by Prof. H. Lhungdim and Dr. Harihar Sahoo, Publication Cell, IIPS.

APPOINTMENT & PROMOTION

Dr. K.S. James joined the Institute as **Director and Senior Professor**, w.e.f. 20 November, 2018.

Ms. Anita Dogra promoted as **Hostel Manager**, w.e.f. 14 March, 2018.

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS-4)

Launched in 1999 as a joint collaboration of WHO and CDC, the Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS) is a global standard for systematically monitoring youth tobacco use (smoking and smokeless) and tracking key tobacco control indicators. It is a school-based survey, designed to enhance the capacity of the countries to monitor tobacco use among youth students (aged 13-15 years). It is one of the largest public health surveillance systems, with surveys conducted in more than 188 countries/sites. It is an important tool to assist countries in supporting WHO MPOWER, a package of six evidence-based demand reduction measures contained in the WHO's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC). In India, three rounds of GYTS was previously conducted in 2003, 2006 and 2009.

GYTS-4 in India is a national level school based tobacco survey which focuses on adolescents aged 13–15 years. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India has assigned IIPS as a nodal agency to conduct GYTS-4. The survey will be conducted during 2019. The World Health Organisation (WHO) is providing technical support for this survey. IIPS has initiated the preparatory process in November, 2017 and formally started the actual activities from April, 2018.

GYTS-4 Specific Objectives:

- To determine the level of tobacco, use by State/UTs, residence and sex (urban/rural).
- To estimate the age of initiation of cigarette and *bidi* smoking and smokeless tobacco.
- To estimate the exposure to second hand smoking (SHS).
- To estimate the exposure to tobacco advertising.

- To assess the extent to which major prevention programmes are reaching school-based populations and establish the subjective opinions of these populations regarding such intervention.

Sampling Design:

Total sample size for GYTS-4 in India is proposed to be 100,000 students from about 1000 schools across the states and UTs. The classes/standards to be covered are 8th, 9th and 10th standards belonging to age 13-15 age group. The total sample size of 100,000 will be selected based on probability proportional to size (PPS) on logarithmic scale ensuring the consideration of size as well as geographical spread of the population. GYTS-4 follows multi-stage geographically clustered sampling design.

GYTS-4 Progress of Activities:

The Proposal of GYTS-4 was approved by MoHFW in March, 2018. Selection and recruitment of staff for the project has been completed by May 2018. On 24th July 2018, the first Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting was held. In this meeting procedure for selection of field agencies for the survey was discussed. There was also preliminary discussion on questionnaire and sampling procedure.

Soon after TAC-1, GYTS-4 questionnaires were revised in accordance with the suggestions and comments received from WHO and the MoHFW. The GYTS-4 has two types of Questionnaires: (A) School Policy Questionnaire (about 10 short questions for heads of schools) and (B) Student's Questionnaire (about 70 questions). Approval of the Questionnaires from Institutional Review Board (IRB) of IIPS was obtained on 31st August 2018. On 11th September 2018, second TAC Meeting was held, during which detailed discussion on sampling procedure and finalizing of questionnaires took place. After TAC-2, drafting of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for selection of Field Agencies (FAs) was carried out and the ministry's approval has been received. The final GYTS-4 questionnaires have been translated into Hindi and Marathi.

The District Information System for Education (DISE) data has been used for sampling frame and preparation of school list. Sampling and selection of schools for various states have been performed according to WHO recommended sampling methodology.

The first draft of Field Manual has also been completed and preparation for pre-test of the questionnaires begun from mid-November 2018. Permission from nearby schools was obtained and pre-test was conducted in the first week of December in few selected schools in Mumbai. Currently, the Request for Proposal (RFP) for selection of Field Agencies (FAs) has been finalized, and the same has been floated on IIPS Website, newspapers, and other government sites.

Causes and Consequences of Out-Migration from Middle Ganga Plain

Middle Ganga Plain situated in between foothills of Himalaya from north and peninsula edge from south. It covers a large physical area (approx. 144,409 sq km) with an immense human, cultural and economic significance for the country. It comprises of two different administrative divisions (UP- 27 districts and Bihar- 37 districts) but identical cultural and economic pattern provides unity and coherence to this region and a geographical personality. Within the region there are six physio-cultural regions, which differ in terms of socio-economic and cultural practices. Migration from this region has been deeply rooted since past two centuries. In post LPG reform period, both internal and international migration and role of remittances in household livelihood have become predominant feature. The innovation in IT and communication has further added new dimensions in the migration studies.



ToI at AN Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna



FGD with left behind women in a village of Bihar

The Dept. of Migration and Urban Studies, with an objective to develop a comprehensive understanding about migration phenomenon and lives of the people living in migrant sending villages from Middle Ganga Plain, has been working on a institute-sponsored project entitled, "Causes and Consequences of Out-Migration from Middle Ganga Plain" since 2016. First phase of field work has been completed with collection of data from more than 2250 households spread across 36 villages and 17 districts in Bihar in July 2018. The training was organized in AN Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna. Data was collected in CAPI for which software has been developed in house. Training of Investigators and fieldwork of Second Phase in eastern UP is scheduled from February 2019. The coordinators of project are: Dr. Archana K Roy, Prof R.B Bhagat, Prof K.C Das, Mr. Sunil Sarode and Dr. R.S. Reshmi.

SWABHIMAAN PROJECT WORKSHOPS

Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting

A one-day TAG Meeting for Midline Survey of Swabhimaan Project was held on 11th August 2018. The meeting was presided by Prof. Laishram Ladusingh, Officiating Director, followed by welcome address and a brief lecture on the inception of the project and the significance of conducting midline survey by Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Principal Investigator, Swabhimaan Project. The aim of the meeting was to discuss the sampling technique, quantitative and qualitative tools. The meeting was facilitated by external experts from UNICEF, New Delhi, namely, Dr. Praween Agarwal, Dr. Arti Bhanot, Mr. Anoop Kumar Jha and Dr. Anurag Mishra, Ms. Preetu B. Mishra (UNICEF, Chhattisgarh), Mr. Sourav Bhattacharjee and Dr. Akshaya Limal from Odisha, Dr. Sarita Anand from Lady Irwin College, New Delhi. Dr. D.A. Nagadeve and Mr. Prakash H. Fulpagare from IIPS along with Co-PIs namely Dr. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, Dr. Reshmi R.S., Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar, all Swabhimaan project staff participated in the TAG meeting.



Swabhimaan PI, Co-PI with Officiating Director (IIPS), Unicef, external expert including faculty of IIPS with Research staff

Workshop on ‘Factsheet Preparation of Midline Rapid Assessment and Designing of Longitudinal Study on Maternal Nutrition in Bihar’

Workshop on ‘Factsheet Preparation of Midline Rapid Assessment and Designing of Longitudinal Study on Maternal Nutrition in Bihar’ was held on 28th December 2018 to discuss the indicators for the fact sheet of midline rapid assessment survey of Swabhimaan Project and to prepare a summary protocol for Longitudinal Study on Maternal Nutrition. The workshop was presided by Prof. Laishram Ladusingh, Acting Director and Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Principal Investigator, Swabhimaan Project. Dr. Arti Bhanot, external expert from UNICEF New Delhi along with IIPS faculties (Prof. R.B. Bhagat, Prof. S. K. Mohanty,

Dr. Preeti Dhillon) and Dr. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi (Co-PI), Dr. Reshmi R.S. (Co-PI), Dr.Sarang Pedgaonkar(Co-PI), along with all Swabhimaan project staff participated in the workshop.



Swabhimaan PI, Co-PIs with UNICEF experts and Research staff

Internal meeting with experts

An internal meeting with experts was organized on 6th December 2018 at IIPS to discuss on sampling of the longitudinal survey in Bihar. Prof. T.K. Roy, former Director of IIPS, was invited as an expert for this meeting. Dr. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, Co-PI of Swabhimaan Project lead this meeting.

Review meeting of Swabhimaan project

A Two-day review meeting to **finalise indicators for the midline survey factsheet of Swabhimaan and discuss longitudinal study proposal** was organized at IIPS, Mumbai during 9-10 January 2019. The workshop was presided by Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Principal Investigator, SWABHIMAAN Project, followed by welcome address and a brief first-hand experience of Bihar midline survey. The workshop was facilitated by two invited resource persons, external expert Prof. T.K.Roy and UNICEF expert Dr.Vani Sethi, Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF, New Delhi and Co-PIs from IIPS, namely - Dr. Laxmikant Dwivedi, Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar, and Dr Preeti Dhillon along with all Swabhimaan project staff participated in the workshop.

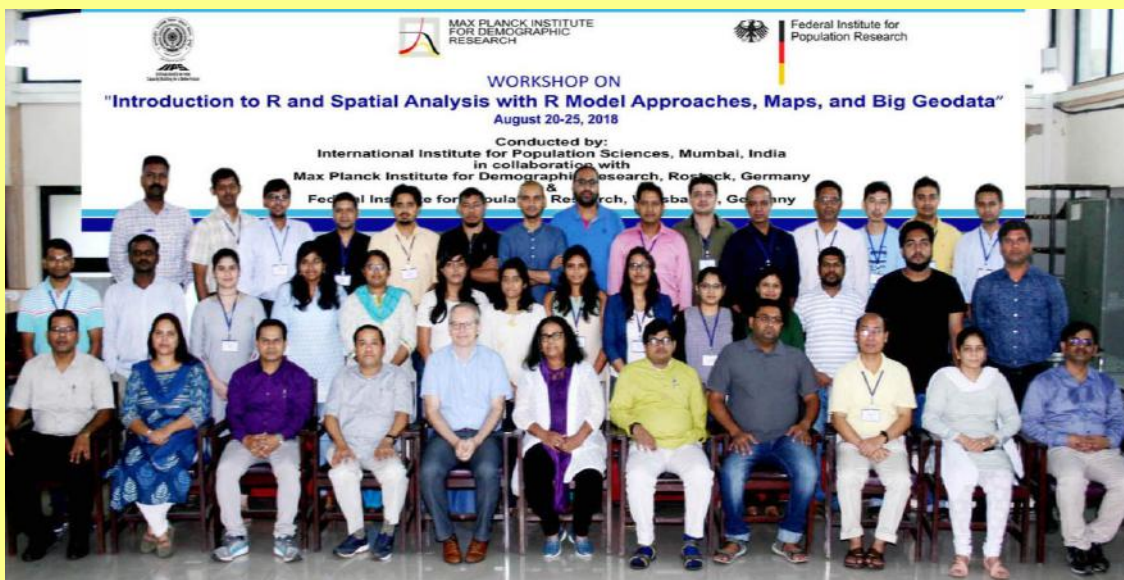


Meeting of Swabhimaan PI and Co-PIs with UNICEF and other external experts

A workshop on Introduction to R and Spatial Analysis with R Model Approaches, Maps, and Big Geodata

The International Institute for Population Sciences conducted a six-day workshop on "**Introduction to R and Spatial Analysis with R Model Approaches, Maps, and Big Geodata**" during August 20-25, 2018 in collaboration with the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany, and the Federal Institute for Population Research, Wiesbaden, Germany. Thirty-six persons were selected to attend the workshop from among 218 applications from the research scholars and professionals working in the universities, research institutions, government and non-government organizations.

The workshop was coordinated by Prof. Usha Ram, Dr. Sebastian Klüsener and Mr. Anjani Kumar Mishra. Prof. Sebastian Klüsener was the resource person for the workshop. The course typically comprised of classroom lectures during the pre-lunch sessions and hands on exercise during post-lunch sessions. Three volunteer facilitated the resource person during the post-lunch practice sessions. During the workshop, an **e-group** was created to foster interactions between participants and resource persons and to help each other on a sustainable basis even after the completion of the workshop participants. The group is very active and participants find it extremely useful. On the last day of workshop, all the participants and volunteers were given a certificate of participation for their successful completion of the workshop. The workshop training materials consisting of R-syntax and commands, referred datasets and power point presentations, etc. were made available for use and self-learning to all the faculty, research staff and students of IIPS.



Organizers and participants of the R and Spatial Analysis Workshop

Workshop on ‘Triple Burden of Malnutrition in India: are we heading towards a human capital crisis?’

On October 8, 2018, the University of Sydney (USYD) and International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) jointly organized a workshop on triple burden of malnutrition in India - coexistence of undernutrition, overweight/obesity and micronutrient deficiency in the same population, community, household, or individuals. The workshop aimed to bring together experts from various disciplines - economics, nutrition, health; as well representatives from NGOs and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to assess what has been done and brainstorm what can be done to address the concerns with multiple burdens of malnutrition in the country. A key conclusion of the day-long discussion was that multiple burdens of malnutrition is indeed an emerging problem in our country, a particular area of concern being the rising overweights among rural residents. Interestingly, exploratory analysis reveals that dual burden of nutrition in India is dominant in middle-to-upper income households. Interdisciplinary and intersectoral efforts are crucial in tackling the problem. Complexity of the issue also calls for increasing synergy between academia and policymakers to better understand the various causal forces and accordingly design effective interventions. The workshop was funded by the India Development Fund of the Office of Global Engagement, USYD.



Training session during the Workshop



Organizers and participants of the workshop

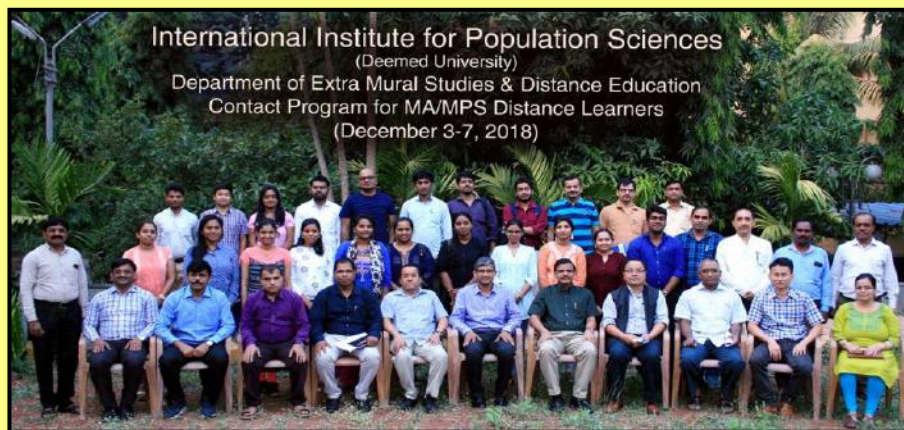
Workshop on Meta Analysis

Aiming to provide an intense training on Meta-Analysis to postgraduates (MA, MSc and PhD scholars), a one-day workshop on ‘Meta-Analysis’ was held on 17 October, 2018 in the campus. The main objective was to teach one of the quantitative, formal, epidemiological study designs used to systematically assess the

results of previous research to derive conclusions about that body of research. Dr. Geetha R. Menon, Scientist E, ICMR-National Institute of Medical Statistics ICMR Campus, New Delhi delivered a lecture on “Introduction and Application of Meta-Analysis”. Around 100 research scholars attended the workshop in two different sessions. The workshop was organised by PhD Co-ordinator, Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Department of Mathematical Demography & Statistics.

Department of Extra Mural Studies and Distance Education-Contact Programme

The Department of Extra Mural Studies and Distance Education organized a one-week Contact Programme for the MPS/MA Distance Learners at the Institute during December 3-7, 2018. Twenty-two Distance Learners (4 MPS and 18 M.A. course) attended the contact programme. The Contact Programme is usually conducted once in a year, i.e., in the month of June every year. However, considering the request of the distance learners, the Department decided to organize the Contact Program in December. This was the first Contact Programme conducted in December at the Institute.



Participants (Distance Learners) of Contact Programme along with Offg. Director, Faculty members and staff of the Department

Following the Contact Programme, examinations were also held for the distance learners of various batches of MPS and 1st batch of M.A course during December 10-20, 2018. About 15 distance learners of MPS course appeared in the viva-voce examination held in December 2018. The 2018 batch of distance learners have registered now and 75 candidates have joined the M.A. in Population Studies Programme. The Department is also in the process of revising and updating the study materials.

Activities and Programme by Gender Amity Committee (GAC)

Gender Amity Committee at IIPS looks into the general complaints of harassment in the institute. It consists of eight institute members and one external member. With Dr. Aprajita Chaottopadhyay, Dr. Dipti Govil and Dr. Anuja Gulati (External Member) having completed three years as members of the committee, Dr. Preeti Dhillon, Dr. Reshmi R.S. and Dr. Vibhuti Patel (External Member) have been inducted as the new Committee members.

GAC has organized the following activities and programmes during July-December 2018:

a. **Orientation Programme for new Students :**

GAC organized an orientation programme on “Prevention of Sexual Harassment at the campus” for newly enrolled students on July 20, 2018. More than 100 students of different courses attended the same. Prof. L. Ladusingh, Offg. Director inaugurated the programme and Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Chairperson of the committee chaired the session. Prof. Vibhuti Patel shared the views and imparts the knowledge of sexual harassments at the workplace/ institution. Ms. Natasha Surani, counsellor at IIPS also briefed new students about the importance of counselling in educational institution. Dr. Preeti, Mr. D.N. Vidhate, Mrs. Asmita Parab along with student members have organised the programme.



Participants of the orientation programme



Committee Members

b. **Lecture on “Importance of counseling and its services” for IIPS staff**

To create better awareness among the staff regarding the services/counseling, an introductory lecture was conducted by the counselor at IIPS on October 24, 2018. Mrs. Natasha Surani gave a lecture on the importance of counseling. Many IIPS Faculty and Staff attended the programme and actively participated in the discussion on the harassments at institution. Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar along with other GAC members organized and managed the programme.



Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar welcoming Offg. Director Prof. L. Ladusingh, Chairperson Prof. Sayeed Unisa and Speaker Ms. Natasha Surani at the inauguration of programme

Committee Members of GAC consist of Prof. Sayeed Unisa (Chairperson), Dr. Sarang Peadgaonkar, Dr. Preeti Dhillon, Dr. Reshmi R.S., Mr. D.N. Vidhate, Mrs. Asmita Parab, Mr. Ajay Gupta, Ms. Nutan Kumari and Prof. Vibhuti Patel (External Member).

Achievements

Mr. Prakash H. Fulpagare, Research Assistant at the Institute received the International Life Time Achievement Award in Social Work/Population Studies at SAGE University, Indore on 29th September 2018 at the 1st International Conference on Recent Advances in Science, Engineering and Management organized by SAGE University, Indore in association with Research Foundation of India (RFI) and World Federation Science and Technology (WFST) California, USA.



Mr. Prakash Fulpagare receiving the award

Prof. Usha Ram visited Max Planck Institute of Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany between Dec 1 and 17, 2018. During her MPIDR visit, Prof. Usha Ram completed a paper entitled “Changes in socio-demographic and gender disparities in adult mortality in India: evidence from the demographic and health surveys” co-authored with Vladimir M. Shkolnikov and Domantas Jasilionis. Beside this, Prof Ram also undertook joint analysis on “Childlessness in India: Spatial analysis” with Dr. K Sebastian and on “Components of urban population growth” with Dr. L. Mathias.

Cultural Programmes

The cultural committee is responsible to organize events that provide a platform to students to nurture and show their talent in various fields. IIPS has always provided opportunities to prove their mettle in different fields. Number of students, staff and faculty participation at IIPS has increased in the past couple of years. The Cultural Committee organized UMANG, Foundation Day, Diwali, Food Festival and New Years' Eve.. The Cultural Committee of IIPS is looking forward to start different clubs too in the near future to organize events on a large platform. 'UMANG' was the first 'cultural week' celebrated during 8-11th August drawing huge participation from students all over the institute. Events such as quiz, elocution, treasure hunt and mono-acting attracted an enormous crowd from the institute.

The Annual Foundation day is one of the most awaited events of IIPS. This year, Foundation Day was celebrated with the theme "Retro" held on 14th August, 2018. Performances were commendable based on the current year's Retro theme. The backdrop and decoration were very much appreciated by all because of the hard work of the creative and the in-house team of IIPS.



Student participating in Mono-Act held during the Umang



Students performing dance at the Foundation Day Programme



Diwali celebrations at IIPS

Diwali, the festival of lights, was celebrated with great joy by students and staff. There were around 1500 Diyas lit all around the campus which created a mesmerizing view of the institute. “**Lazeez**”, the very new initiative by the cultural committee was celebrated on 21st December, 2018. The whole college seemed enthusiastic as they served exotic homemade delicacies. Students participated in large numbers and many students also took interest in specific dress codes.



Participants with their delicacies at the Food Fest “LAZEEZ”

IIPS also organized a special talk by Rashtriya Garima Abhiyaan (RGA), wherein a dignity march to end sexual violence against women and children was held in the institute. Present at the event are survivors of sexual violence themselves addressing the crowd thereby bringing an end to the culture of silence and victim blaming/ shaming! Lastly, IIPS celebrated the New Years’ Eve with great delight with a cultural event filled with phenomenal performances, fashion show, etc., followed by a special dinner. Non-teaching and teaching staff took great interest in the event. These are the events where students take a brief time off their busy schedule and strive hard to acclaim proficiency in the field of performing arts.

IIPS Alumni Association Activities

The Marathon event



The IIPS Alumni Association (IIPSAA) in collaboration with International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) organized the first ever marathon event namely; “Run for Population Awareness” on 7th October, 2018, The event aimed to create the awareness of various issues of population including need for daily physical activity for good health and wellbeing of people of Mumbai. The event was open for all who are associated with the IIPS and students residing in nearby areas. Around 250 participants including student, faculty, staff and, alumni participated in the event.



Participants with Prof. L. Ladusingh, Offg. Director IIPS, who inaugurated the event.

Bombay Running Crew was the technical partner for conducting aforesaid run, and Myposhn was the hydration partner of the run. All the participants were provided T-shirt by IIPSAA with the help of our Sponsors. IIPSAA distribute T-shirt to 220 registered participants. Since it was the inaugural Marathon race, therefore run was for short distances of 2 km and 5 km within Deonar area, near the IIPS campus. There was a warm up before and cool down sessions held after the race under the supervision of Bombay Running Crew members. Water supply was made available during the race. Distance markers were placed along the route. Doctors and paramedical Staff have been stationed at the Venue and along the route at certain points. Besides, volunteers were also present at the venue and along the route to guide the participants, and also to assist in other activities at the Start & Endpoint. Traffic police and local police were present to ensure that there is no disturbance by the regular traffic. Policemen were stationed at every corner of route area and guided the entire participants during the race. They have been very helpful and the organizers thank them for their kind support.

Workshop on Scientific Writing

IIPSAA Alumni Association also organised a workshop on 'Scientific Writing' for the research scholars. Forty-five IIPSAA members including 8 non-members participated in the workshop held during 20-24 December, 2018. Ten eminent speakers graced and imparted skills on the various aspects of scientific writing. It was a very successful workshop and the participants benefited from the workshop. Dr. Dipti Govil and Dr. Kaushelendra Kumar coordinated the workshop.



Workshop inaugurated by Prof. KS James, Director & Senior Professor, and welcome speech by the IIPSAA President Prof, Irudaya Rajan



Workshop participants with IIPS Director & Sr. Prof. Dr. KS James and the IIPSAA Management Committee members

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About the Institute

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) Mumbai, formerly known as the Demographic Training and Research Centre (DTRC) till 1970, was established in July 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 serves as a regional centre for Training and Research in Population Studies for the ESCAP region. The Institute was re-designated to its present title in 1985 to facilitate the expansion of its academic activities and was declared as a 'Deemed University' in August 19, 1985 under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. The recognition has facilitated the award of recognized degrees by the Institute itself and paved the way for further expansion of the Institute as an academic institution. The faculty members and the supporting staff belong to diverse interdisciplinary background with specialisation in some core areas of population sciences, trained in India and abroad.

The Institute is the hub of population and health related teaching and research in India, playing a vital role for planning and development of the country. During the past years, students from different countries of Asia and the Pacific region, Africa and North America have been trained at the Institute. The alumni are occupying prestigious positions at national and international organisations, universities and colleges and non-governmental reputed organisations.

The Institute offers seven different Post-Graduate, Doctoral, and Post-Doctoral courses with scholarships/fellowships from the GoI. Admission for the academic session 2018-19 has been announced. After completing the course, students of all programmes are well prepared for: admission to higher degree programmes in the best universities of the world; a good career in teaching & research; a multi-disciplinary professional career; and as independent consultants.

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