

World Population Day, 2019



Prof Usha Ram Welcoming the Guests and Other Participants on the Occasion of World Population Day, 2019

World Population Day 2019 observes at IIPS on the 10th of July in place of the 11th July. The theme of the day was “Twenty-five years of ICPD: Accelerating the Promises”.

Editors' Desk

Warm Greetings!

This issue covers the activities of IIPS held during July to December 2019. The issue also carries the advertisement for the various academic programmes of the institute.

The editorial team looks forward to the continued support, contribution and suggestions on the IIPS News Letter. For any feedback/ query please contact the publication cell 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

SYMPOSIUM ON WORLD POPULATION DAY 2019

IIPS observed World population Day 2019 on the 10th of July in place of the 11th July. The theme of this year WPD was 25 years of ICPD: Accelerating the Promises. To commemorate the World Population Day, the Publication cell of the IIPS conducted a half day symposium from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. The programme was chaired by the Director IIPS, Prof K S James and conducted by the Publication cell coordinator Prof U Ram. The chief guest of the programme was Dr Sheerin Jejeebhoy. The programme started with the welcome address by Dr Usha Ram, who also gave a brief sketch of the programme and introduced the speakers to the audience. Prof James gave a brief introduction about the theme of the world population day. There were four guest speakers and two PhD students of IIPS who highlighted the following aspects in detail:



The chief guest, Dr Sheerin highlighted the main concern of Nairobi Summit ICPD 25 that where we came from and where we want to go about regarding the accomplishment of ICPD goals. She described the importance of ICPD, which brought the fragmented domains of health, i.e. pregnancy, MCH, family planning, HIV, Infertility access and quality of health care were brought under one umbrella. First time in ICPD 1994, the importance of gender and rights, violence, adolescent health and sexuality, informed the choice of contraception were acknowledged.

The second speaker Dr Venkatesh S, Assistant Representative, UNFPA, provided broad coverage to the theme central theme on ICPD: Journey so far and way ahead. The third speaker, Dr Kalpana Apte, Secretary General (CEO), FPA spoke on Population Stabilization and SRHR: Linkages, Entitlement and Reality. She elaborated that we should understand that reproductive rights and sexual rights area linked together but are not synonyms. She emphasized that today's face of poverty is a 'young girl' who is deprived either in terms of resources or in opportunities or power and security. According to her delay in marriage and education to all are the main mantras to stabilize population growth. She pointed out that though we have a long way to go on the reproductive right, but still it is achievable.

The fourth speaker, Dr Anita Kar, Founder, Birth Defects & Childhood Disability Research Centre, covered the less explored topic entitled, "Public Health Challenges of Birth Defects and Childhood Disabilities in India". She drew the attention of the audience on congenital anomalies as a public health issue. She explained the different type of congenital disabilities and its implications on maternal and child health. She pinned that pre-conception counselling and pregnancy education may play a very important role in reducing the birth defects.

The fourth speaker, Ms Anuja Gulati, Consultant, UNFPA, gave her talk on Gender and Right Issues in Family planning. She explicitly brought out the issues of gender equity and gender empowerment and family planning. There emphasized that there is a need to train not only the medical people about reproductive rights of women, but there is also a need to train the paramedical staff about respect to women's body, confidentiality, informed choice. She also suggested that if we have to achieve the ICPD agenda, we need to emphasize on availability of the entire basket of choices; involvement of men; quality of service; build the capacity of medial and paramedical staff.

The PhD student speaker Mr Prakash highlighted the issue of road traffic accidents, and the Ms Mayanka spoke that there is a ruralization, feminization and living arrangement of elderly issues. All the presentations were well discussed by the audience and further explained by the speakers. The programme was attended by more than 150 persons including students of IIPS (MPS, MA/MSc MBD, MPhil and PhD), faculties, six retired faculties and guests. The programme ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr Archana K Roy.



The 12th Prof. P.N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture

The IIPS organised the 12th P N Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture on Jan 8, 2020. IIPS has been organising this lecture series in honour of late Prof Mari Bhat since year 2008. Prof Bhat was world-renowned demographer and served the institute as the Director from 2005 to 2007. Prof Mari Bhat had a very distinguished academic career. He obtained his PhD in Demography from University of Pennsylvania under the guidance of Dr. Samuel Preston, a renowned mathematical demographer. Prior to joining IIPS as a Director in 2005, he worked at various institutions at the capacity of Professor at the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, Director at PRC at Dharwad, and as Associate Professor at Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum and also at ISEC, Bangalore. His research works reflected a unique combination of statistical acumen and social science perspectives in demographic research. He was pioneer in providing fertility and mortality estimates for colonial India and for the early decades of independence.



At IIPS, Prof. Bhat focused on expanding research as well as teaching by including newly emerging issues, strengthening infrastructure and thereby enhancing the international profile of the Institute. Prof Bhat played a key role in the implementation of the 3rd round of the National Family Health Survey at the IIPS. Prof Bhat was a gifted mathematical demographer who played a significant role in transforming our understanding of important social problems by applying his technical skills to some of the most pressing issues. In his research Prof Bhat always emphasized upon the primacy of facts and on the importance of opinion to be based on facts. Prof Bhat's professional qualities and dedication to demographic research ensures that his research findings stand the test of time and would remain active research topics for the future generations of demographers as well as Social Scientists.



he speaker for the 12th Memorial Lecture was Prof. Prabhu L Pingali, who is a Professor in the Charles H Dyson School of Applied Economics & Management at the Cornell University, USA, with a joint appointment in the Division of Nutritional Sciences. He is also the founding Director of the TATA-Cornell Institute for Agriculture & Nutrition. Prior to joining Cornell, Dr. Pingali was the Deputy Director of the Agricultural Development Division at Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation from 2008 till May 2013. Prof Pingali has over three decades of experience working with some of the leading international agricultural development organizations as research economist, development practitioner and senior manager. An expert in Applied / Development Economics and Policy, in recent years he has focused on issues concerning food systems, agricultural Development, rural development, food and nutritional security, global development, etc. with special focus upon developing countries. Prof Prabhu L Pingali spoke on an important theme on "Can India Achieve SDG 2 – Eliminate Hunger and Malnutrition by 2030?". He, in his talk, extensively discussed about the status of India in context of SDG Goal-2, goal to bring an end to the hunger, including malnutrition through promoting agricultural sustainability. Unlike MGD, definition of malnutrition in SDG is broader and comprehensive. It measures hunger beyond calorie intake through the indicators of stunting, 12th PNMB memorial lecture: Jan 8, 2020.

In India, though level of hunger and poverty has reduced in recent past, but still substantial number of people remain hungry and poor. Overall prevalence of stunting in poor states is higher than the Sub-Saharan African countries. On the other hand there is a rise in prevalence of obesity and communicable diseases in advanced states. Moreover, small and poor farmers in semi-arid and flood prone areas in particular are going to be worst affected by the climate change. In his deliberation he emphasized that the small landholder are central to achieve SDG-2. He demonstrated about the changing diets pattern particularly in urban areas as an opportunity for diversification of production systems. He also discussed about water scarcity in some of the most productive areas of India. He said emerging climate change is a risk to agricultural productivity, at the same time, agriculture is also a contributor to climate Change. He explicitly covered the food security impacts of climate change and finally he discussed about the importance of biodiversity in achieving SDGs. So, one solution

doesn't fit into the whole country. Citing the example from China, he said India has to focus on the small farmers and sustainable agriculture (in terms of efficient input use and crop diversification). India needs to look beyond the three big crops rice, wheat and cotton farming and focus on production of millet. Subsidy to agriculture is not a solution, rather, farmers should intensify and diversify their agriculture and change their behaviours for sustainable agriculture.

The presentation was followed by a question answer session with the audience. The programme started with lighting of the lamp which is symbolic that knowledge does not diminish after sharing rather it gets multiplied and clarity increases. Prof Usha Ram, coordinator, STTP & PC read the citation on Prof P N Mari Bhat. Prof James introduced the guest speaker and honored him by presenting plant sapling, IIPS memento and a shawl. Prof Archana conducted the programme and proposed the formal vote of thanks. The event was attended by the former IIPS faculty members, IIPS faculties, research staff, students and other invitees from various academic and research institutions.



The STTP took advantage of Prof Pingali's presence at IIPS and had special interactive sessions with the IIPS students and faculties before the memorial lecture. During these sessions, he discussed and exchanged ideas on potential research areas and collaboration. In the afternoon, his interaction was arranged with IIPS scholars.

Organizers: Prof Usha Ram, Prof Archana K Roy, Mr Babu Santosh Kumar, Dr P Murugesan and Mr Nasim Ahamed Mondal.

Short Term Training Program: Short term training program for the officers of the Government of Himachal Pradesh on Population & Demography Statistics

Upon the request of the Government of Himachal Pradesh the International Institute for Population Sciences (I.I.P.S), Mumbai to organize a one-week short term training programme for its officials working in the Department of Economics and Statistics and the Directorate of Health Services on "Population &

Demography Statistics” from 23rd to 28th of September, 2019 (Six days). A total of fifteen (15) officials from various districts of the Himachal Pradesh attended the training programme. The program was customized such that the participants had more time to apply concepts and measures on primary data, preferably for the state and districts of Himachal Pradesh using data from 2011 census and other sources including CRS, large scale sample surveys. In general, theory classes were conducted in the first half of the day and the second half was spent for hands on exercise where participants could apply demographic techniques and measures manually on excel sheet as well as with the help of various available demographic software. The programme was organized by Prof. Usha Ram and Prof. Archana K Roy, Coordinator, Short Term Training Program at the Institute. Mr. Babu Santosh Kumar, Dr. P Murugesan, Mr. Nasim Ahmed Mondal, The STTP and Publication Cell team members facilitated the hands on exercise sessions to assist trainees who were less comfortable working on computers.



Group Photo with All the Participants, Director and Coordinators of Short Term Training Program

Organizers: Prof Usha Ram, Prof Archana K Roy, Mr Babu Santosh Kumar, Dr P Murugesan and Mr Nasim Ahamed Mondal.

SWABHIMAAN PROJECT

Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting

A one-day TAG meeting for Midline Survey of Swabhimaan Project was held on 30th August 2019 at UNICEF office, New Delhi. The meeting was presided by Dr. Vani Sethi, Nutrition Specialist UNICEF, New Delhi followed by welcome address and a brief lecture on the inception of the project and the

significance of conducting midline survey by her. Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Principal Investigator (PI), Swabhimaan Project also attended the meeting. The aim of the meeting was to finalize the fact sheet and discuss about the presentation for dissemination. Dr. Santosh Bhargava gave some valuable comments in the meeting. The meeting was facilitated by Dr. Arti Bhanot, Unicef consultant, Dr. Abdul Jaleel, Dr. Mansi and Ms. Anwasha from Lady Irwin College, New Delhi, Dr. Preeti Dhillon from IIPS along with Co-PI Dr. Reshmi R.S., and Other team members of the Swabhimaan project namely, Dr. Konsam Dinachandra, Mr. Abhishek Saraswat and Ms. Enu Anand also participated in the TAG meeting. In the meeting, fact sheet was approved and a draft for presentation was prepared for dissemination of midline findings in Bihar.

Meetings for Dissemination of Swabhimaan Midline Findings

Bihar Dissemination: Dr. Reshmi R.S. (Co-PI) and Mr. Abhishek Saraswat (project staff) attended a one-day meeting held on 12th November 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the dissemination of findings of the Swabhimaan midline survey in Bihar. The meeting was presided by Dr. Vani Sethi, Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF, New Delhi. Officials from UNICEF, Patna, Bihar also participated in the meeting and gave their valuable comments and suggestions. On 13th November 2019, dissemination program was held, where Dr. Reshmi R.S. presented the findings of Swabhimaan midline survey.

Chhattisgarh dissemination: A one-day internal meeting was held on 9th December 2019 in Raipur, Chhattisgarh to discuss the findings for the upcoming dissemination. the meeting was presided by Dr. Vani Sethi, Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF, New Delhi. Members of Unicef Raipur and Mr. Abhishek Saraswat (Swabhimaan staff) were also in attendance. The findings of the Swabhimaan midline survey were disseminated on December 10, 2019 in a presentation given by Mr. Abhishek Saraswat.

Odisha dissemination: Dr. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi (Co-PI) and Mr. Abhishek Saraswat attended a brief meeting with Dr. Vani Sethi, UNICEF, New Delhi and experts from UNICEF, Bhubaneswar to discuss the dissemination programme in Odisha. Post-meeting, the findings of the midline survey were disseminated on 17th December 2019 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.



TAG meeting in Delhi on 30th August, 2019



Bihar Dissemination Meeting on 13th November, 2019

Youth in India: An NFHS Based Study

IIPS completed the project on “*Youth in India: An NFHS based study*” funded by UNFPA between July, 2019 to December, 2019. The project was coordinated by Dr. Preeti Dhillon, Dr. Laxmikant Dwivedi and Prof. K.S. James, and supported by research staff- Md. Juel Rana and Kajori Banerjee. After an introductory planning in July, 2019 with UNFPA expert Dr. Sanjay Kumar, the tentative project framework was finalized. In six-month period, research team organized two workshops and one review meeting to finalize the project report.

The first workshop was held during 30th September to 1st October, 2019. The aim of the workshop was to present the outline of the report and findings from the analysis based on NFHS data. The meeting was facilitated by expert from UNFPA- Shobhna Boyle, experts namely Prof. Sulabha Parsuraman, Dr. Sheerin Jegebhoy, Prof. Anil Kumar from TISS, Dr. K.G. Santhya (Population Council), Dr. Pranita Achyut (ICRW) and Ms. Anuja Gulati (UNFPA consultant). PIs and project staff of IIPS participated in the meeting.

The second workshop was held during 20th to 22nd December, 2019 in IIPS. The objective of the second workshop was preparing a final draft of the report by experts. The meeting was led by expert Prof. Sulabha Parsuraman and report writing experts were-Dr Priyanka Dixit, Dr Rakesh Chandra, Dr. Barsharani Maharana, Dr. Nabanita Majumder, Dr. Somila Surabhi, Mr. Rakesh Mishra, Mr. Vivek Mohan, Ms. Rupam Bharti. PIs and research staff organized and facilitated the workshop. The report prepared in this workshop was further reviewed in the follow-up meeting held during 26th and 27th December, 2019 in IIPS.



Workshop on Sexual and Reproductive Aspects of Youth in India: An NFHS Based Study



Youth in India: An NFHS Based Study- Report Writing Workshop

IIPS Staff Welfare Committee

The IIPS staff welfare committee contains Prof S Unisa, Dr Pralip (now on leave), Dr Archana K Roy, Ms Jisha Nair, S N Zore, Jyoti Kadam and R B Lakhan. The committee undertook the activities fallen during July to December 2019.

- (i) Started Yoga Classes from October 2019 onwards twice a week for the faculty and staff of IIPS. Prof. K.C. Das, IIPS took initiative in taking the Yoga sessions. The Yoga session was attended by the faculty and staff.
- (ii) Alike every year, this year SWC rewarded two prizes to the children of the staff who had secured above 65% in their respective classes (from standard one to twelfth) on founder's day i.e. on August 14, 2019.
- (iii) A lecture by Dr. Ashish Dogra, Chief Operating Officer (COO) on CPR was arranged on 05/12/2019 for the employees of IIPS. Hands on training was also given to few of the staff members which was very beneficial to all.



Prize Distribution to the Children



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- Prof Sayeed Unisa (Chairperson), Dr. Manas R Pradhan, Dr. Preeti Dhillon, Dr. Reshmi R.S., Mr. D.N. Vidhate, Mrs. Yogita Hiraji Rangari, Ms. Nutan Kumari and one external member Dr. Vibhuti Patel.

Orientation Programme for new students

GAC organized an orientation programme on “Prevention of Sexual Harassment at the campus” for newly enrolled students on July 16, 2019. The objectives of orientation were to sensitize the students against sexual harassment at the workplace and campus and make them aware of the policy on these issues and the support system available at the Institute. More than 100 students from different courses attended the same. Prof. KS James, Director & Sr. Professor, IIPS inaugurated the programme and Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Chairperson of the committee chaired the session. Dr. Preeti Dhillon welcomed and introduced eminent guest speakers- Ms. Medhavinee Namjoshi, a consultant to UNICEF, RJMCHN Mission and Mrs. Natasha R. Surani, a counselor at IIPS. Ms. Namjoshi explained how sexual harassment is a form of gender discrimination, originated and continued in a patriarchal mindset. People misuse of privileged position and power. She explained the various legal provisions in India including 2013- Acts about sexual harassment of women at the workplace (prevention, prohibition and redressal). Mrs. Natasha R. Surani gave a lecture on counseling. She talked about the importance, types of counseling and why we need counseling. Students actively participated and asked queries and their doubts related to counseling. The Chairperson of GAC and Committee Members offered and ensured the students with complete guidance and support in case of any unwanted incident happening to them. Mr. D. N. Vidhate gave the vote of thanks.



Committee Members with Guest speaker Ms. Medhavinee Namjoshi



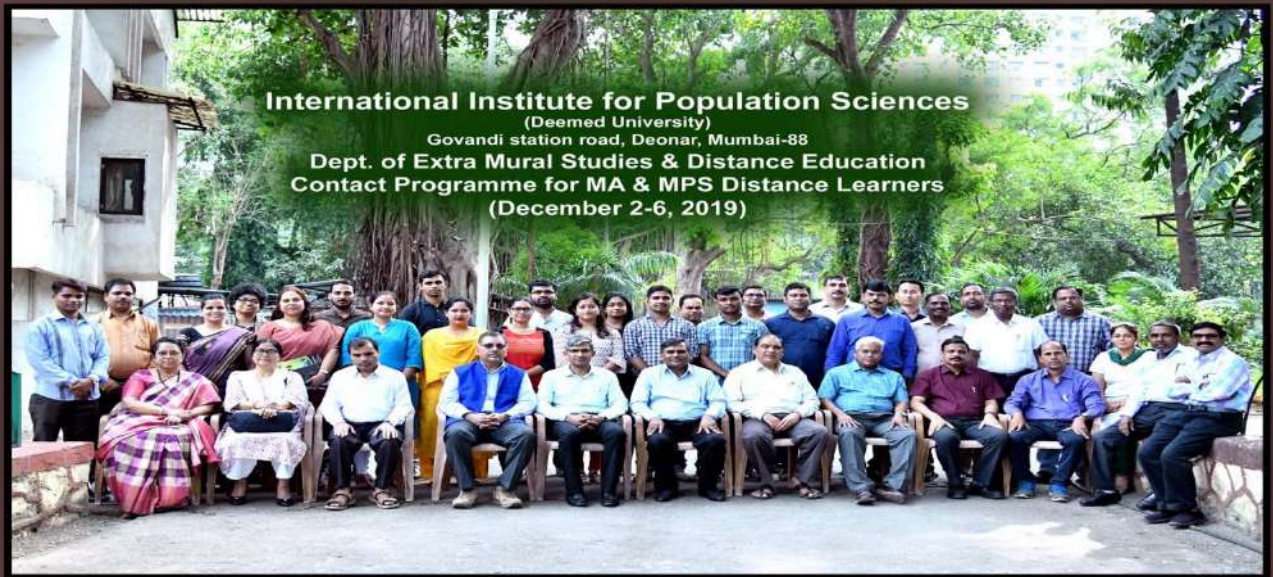
Participants of Orientation Programme

The Department of Extra Mural Studies and Distance Education

The Department of Extra Mural Studies and Distance Education have enrolled 73 distance learners for the academic session 2019-2023 into M.A. Population Studies Distance Learning Course. The present the strength of the distance learners in the Department is given as below:

Distance Courses	Batch No.	Male	Female	SC	ST	OBC	PWD	GEN	Fore-igner	Total
MPS (188)	19 th	2	4	1	1	2	-	2	-	6
	20 th	11	7	1	-	4	-	13	-	18
	21 st	51	29	8	-	18	1	53	-	80
	22 nd	61	23	7	2	16	-	59	-	84
MA (208)	1 st	31	29	11	1	9	1	37	1	60
	2 nd	35	40	14	4	9	-	48	-	75
	3 rd	42	31	6	1	24	-	42	-	73
Total		233	163	48	9	82	2	254	1	396

The Department of Extra Mural Studies and Distance Education organized a one-week Contact Programme for the MA Distance Learners at the Institute during December 2-6, 2019 and nine Distance Learners of M.A. course attended the contact programme. Following the Contact Programme, examinations were also held for the distance learners of various batches of MPS and M.A courses during December 9-19, 2019. Thirty-three distance learners of MPS/MA courses have appeared in the examinations. There are 17 potential distance learners of MPS Distance Course who are eligible for the award of degree in the forthcoming convocation 2020 of the Institute.



Participants (Distance Learners) of Contact Programme Along with Dr. K.S. James, Director & Sr. Professor, Dr. D.K Ojha, Deputy Director General (Stats) Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Prof. Sangmitra Acharya, JNU (Members of Academic Council), Faculty Members and Staff of the Department

IIPS Students Annual Trip 2019

IIPS Student Council organised a one-day picnic to Lonavla, Maharashtra on 20th September 2019. It was started at 5 am from IIPS and reached Lonavla at around 9 am in the morning. Students also visited the famous Lohagad Fort, Karle Bhaje Caves. Nearly 200 students participated and enjoyed the whole trip which included bathing at waterfall, trekking to reach the fort and the breath-taking view from there. The downhill walk marked the end of the tour after which buses left back for the institute. The trip included breakfast and lunch.



Kaizen: The Academia Society of IIPS

Kaizen: The Academia Society of IIPS is an initiative of Student Council 2019-20. It aims to enrich the intellectual environment of the institute by organizing regular talks, seminars, workshops, discussions and other kind of academic activities.

On 4th of August, IIPS Student Council organized a counselling session for UGC NET/JRF (Population Studies) aspirants. Students and scholars who have recently cleared the JRF in Population Studies guided the students. More than 100 participants joined the session.



24th Aug 2019: Career Opportunities in the Field of Demography: A talk by Prof. T V Sekher

On 24th August 2019, Kaizen: The Academia Society of IIPS organised a one-hour talk on career options for students of Population Studies, delivered by Dr. T. V. Sekher, Professor, Department of Population Policies and Programmes, IIPS. In the informative session, he talked about various opportunities available to the students, including academia, programme monitoring and evaluation, data analysis and research for various national and international organisations, as well as the skill employers look for in demographers and researchers while hiring. The session was well received by the students.



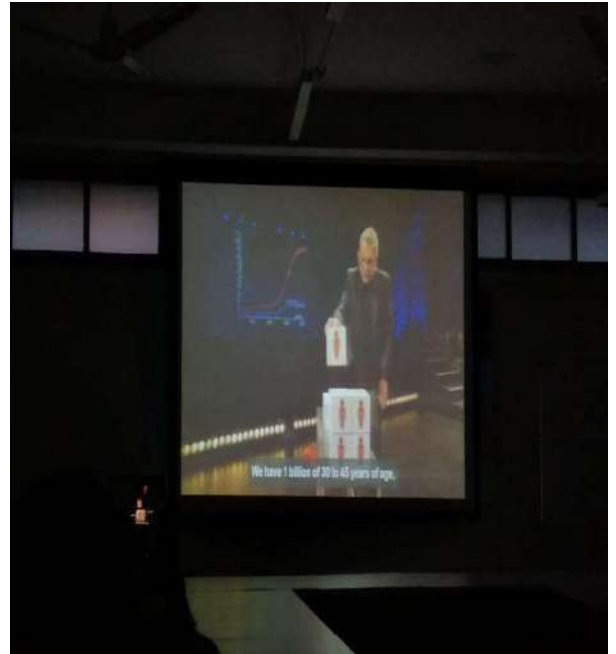
07th Sept 2019: Population and Development & Demonstration of Gapminder Tools: A talk by Prof. R. Nagarajan

On 07th August 2019, Kaizen: The Academia Society of IIPS organised a one-hour talk on Population and Development delivered by Prof. Rangasamy Nagarajan. Multiple folds of the advantages and disadvantages of population increase related to the development were discussed. The seminar attendees were gripped by things discussed by him. Another successful and productive Saturday for the IIPS family.



14th Sept 2019: Facts of population: Documentary screening (BBC, Hans Rosling)

The hour-long documentary, Facts on population by Hans Rosling organised by Kaizen: The Academia Society of IIPS on 14th September 2019, had a huge influence on how we thought about population. In the documentary he convincingly demonstrates the folly of allowing human population to grow unchecked over a long enough timeframe. He clearly puts forward the Malthusian concept: An exponentially expanding population in a world with defined limits creates a problem. Rosling presents his favourite twin topics- one of population growth and the truth about what's happening in developing countries-a truth the developed world doesn't know much about. It was worth the time of the students and hugely informative.



28th Sept 2019: Emerging Research Domains in the Field of Demography: A talk by Prof. K.S. James

On 28th September 2019, the kaizen group brought to the students a very special talk by the director of IIPS, Prof. K.S. James on Emerging research domains in the field of population, health and development. He not only gave the student's thought process a brilliant dimension but also widened their knowledge on the current topics of research related to the field. The talk benefited the students to have a clear mindset about the important aspects in the field of population studies. Budding research aspirants are looking forward to dig into those areas of health and development in the future.



23rd Nov 2019: Mock UGC NET (Population Studies and Geography)

On 23rd November 2019, Kaizen: The Academia Society of IIPS organized a Mock test for UGC NET/JRF aspirants in the subjects of Population Studies and Geography. More than 70 candidates participated in the online test.



07th Dec 2019: Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey: Key findings, A presentation by Ms. Alka Chauhan (Research Scholar)

On 7th December 2019, as part of its weekly activities, Kaizen, the academia society of IIPS, organised a seminar and presentation by Ms. Alka Chauhan, M.Phil scholar, on the Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey of 2016-18. The session was insightful and a great learning experience for the audience, who got a chance to learn about this new kind of survey undertaken by the Ministry of Health, its components and findings, how it is different from the NFHS, the lacuna in such surveys dealing with malnutrition and child health, and an understanding of how such a survey could be integrated with other sources for planning and research purposes.



New Appointments

Sl. No	Name of the Employee	Department/Section	Position Held	Date of Appointments
1	Mr. Rambachan Prayagdutt Vishwakarma	Accounts	Accountant	15.07.2019
2	Ms. Priya Sreenivasan Mudhaliyar	Project Cell	Upper Division Clerk	15.07.2019
3	Mr. Shubham Rajesh Kawadkar	Estate Management	Machine Operator	15.07.2019

Promotion

Sl. No	Name of the Employee	Department/Section	Position Held	Date of Promotions
1	Dr. Abhishek Singh	Public Health & Mortality Studies	Professor	Promotion under CAS
2	Dr. Murali Dhar	Population Policies & Programmes	Professor	Promotion under CAS
3	Dr. Archana Roy	Migration & Urban Studies	Professor	Promotion under CAS
4	Dr. Aparajita Chattopadhyay	Development Studies	Associate Professor	Promotion under CAS
5	Mr. Ankush K. Ghotkar	Establishment Section	Office Superitendent	14.10.2019

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1	Dr. Pralip Kumar Narzary	01-01-2020	31-12-2021

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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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