

THE FIFTY-NINTH CONVOCATION



Prof. L. Ladusingh, Off. Director, IIPS presenting Director's Report

The Fifty-ninth Convocation of IIPS was held on 13th May, 2017. **Dr. R.K. Vats** (I.A.S.), Additional Secretary (Food and Drugs), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, delivered the Presidential address.

Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Director-General, Indian Council of Medical Research graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, and delivered the convocation address.

Prof. L. Ladusingh, Officiating Director and Senior Professor of IIPS, gave the welcome address and presented the Director's Report for the academic year 2016-2017.

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Editors Desk

This issue covers the activities of IIPS during January to June 2017, which includes the 59th Convocation of IIPS held on 13th May, 2017. We are happy to present the proceedings of the convocation in this issue. We congratulate all the students who have received their degree/diplomas in this convocation.

In our efforts to continue to update you with academic and other activities at IIPS, we look forward to your support, suggestion and contribution. You can contact us at publicationcell@iips.net

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Vision "To position IIPS as a premier teaching and research institution in population sciences responsive to emerging national and global Needs based on values of inclusion, sensitivity and rights protection."

Mission "The Institute will strive to be a centre of excellence on population, health and development issues through high quality education, teaching and research. This will be achieved by (a) creating competent professionals, (b) generating and disseminating scientific knowledge and evidence, (c) collaboration and exchange of knowledge, and (d) advocacy and awareness."

Proceedings of the Fifty-Ninth Convocation



Academic Procession of 59th Convocation



Audience of 59th Convocation

Two hundred and two students received their degrees/diplomas at this convocation - Diploma in Health Promotion Education (DHPE) – 24 students; Master of Population Studies (MPS) – 39 students; Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) - 50 students; Master of Arts/Science in Population Studies (MA/ M.Sc.) - 37 students; Master of Science (M. Sc.) in Bio-Statistics and Demography – 8 students; Doctor of Philosophy in Population Studies (Ph.D.) - 18 students; Master of Population Studies (Distance Learning) – 24 students and Diploma in Population Studies (Distance Learning) – 2 student. Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, the Chief Guest, presented the degrees/diplomas to the passing-out students and bestowed the meritorious students with medals/awards.



Dr. R.K. Vats delivering the Presidential address



Dr. Soumya Swaminathan delivering Convocation

Dr. R.K. Vats, I.A.S., Additional Secretary (Food and Drugs), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India presided over the function. Dr. Vats, in his address, appealed the graduating students to use the high-quality education and training received from the Institute to its maximum potential in the service of the people.

He said that India has made significant progress in population stabilization and improving the health status of its population and have to strive hard to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He said that although health status of the population has improved in many respects, there is a growing burden of non-communicable diseases. India is also facing challenges of reducing malnutrition and neonatal mortality and wide regional disparities in the level of health outcomes and health care delivery system. He highlighted the importance of 'Swachh Bharat Mission' as a great visionary effort for a healthy behavioral change in the context of social determinants of health which are preventive in nature.

The Chief Guest Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Secretary to the Government of India DHR & Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi delivered the convocation address. Dr. Sominathan congratulated the students for selecting population studies and bios-statistics as their subject because these disciplines are necessary for policies and programmes of the country. She has also said students are well represented in the Institute as they come from all parts of the country including North-east. She said that "This Institute is very historical one, and it is established in early years of independence. Institute has served India in the field of population studies and national statistics. The large part of national statistics comes from National Family Health Surveys." She also said that the latest round of Global Burden of Diseases shows the changing profile of disease in our country. It has changed from communicable disease to non-communicable diseases. Sixty percent deaths are due to non-communicable diseases, and it is steadily increasing in the last 20 years for both men and women and these diseases are preventable. Death before the age of 70 due to non-communicable diseases are considered as premature mortality. Data collection systems and type of survey have to be modified in the light of new profile of illness, and there is need to shift the focus from infant, maternal and communicable diseases to diabetes, hypertension, dietary risk factor, lifestyle, alcohol, tobacco, cardiac, coronary kidney disease, and stroke. Relative performance of Global health and nutrition indicators are not very encouraging for India and it is at the lower part of all selected countries. It shows that majority of the population do not have access to preventative promotive health care as well as secondary and tertiary care. Dr. Swaminathan talked on the subjects of integrating and standardizing data collection procedures, the greater role of Information Technology in health research, and the importance of population scientists in the emerging epidemiological transition in India. She told that National Health Policy 2017 aims to address the changing health needs and there is a strong emphasis on AYUSH. She stressed on the poor status of vital registration system especially for the cause of death. She told there is an emerging need for open data and electronic data repository which may facilitate better analysis of available secondary data for national policy and planning. Dr. Swaminathan stressed the importance of quality data for policy and planning and the scope for integrating and standardizing the national surveys. She highlighted the importance of data analytics and the crucial role population scientists could fulfill. She talked about the prospect and importance of collaborative works among nationally importance health organizations of MoHFW. She told that transformation in health research is ongoing, and IIPS as a premier institute has a major role to play. Dr. Swaminathan congratulated the graduating students and wished them to continue higher quality research in population and health.

AWARDS / MEDALS

A student from MPS programme, whose overall performance is adjudged to be the best, is awarded the Dr. C. Chandrasekaran Gold Medal.

A student each from DHPE and PGDCH programmes, whose overall performance adjudged to be the best, are awarded the IIPS Gold Medal.

A student, whose overall performance is adjudged to be the best in the MPS (Distance Learning) programme, is awarded the Dr. K. Srinivasan Gold Medal.

A student, whose overall performance is adjudged to be the best in the DPS (Distance Learning) programme is awarded the IIPS Gold Medal.

A student whose overall performance is adjudged to be the best in the M. Phil programme is awarded IIPS gold medal. The student adjudged as the second best will receive IIPS silver medal.

A student whose M. Phil/Ph.D thesis, adjudged to be the best, is awarded the Dr. P.N. Mari Bhat Award. This award has been instituted in memory of the late Prof. P.N. Mari Bhat by his parents.

A student whose overall performance is adjudged to be the best in the MA / M.Sc. programme is awarded the Prof. Asha A. Bhende Gold Medal. This medal has been instituted in memory of the late Prof. Asha A. Bhende by the Institute of Health Management, Pachod (IHMP).

A student whose overall performance is adjudged to be the best in the M.Sc. programme in Bio-Statistics and Demography is awarded the Prof. S. Mukherji Gold Medal

A student from MPS programme, whose seminar paper, rated as the best, is awarded the Dr. J.R. Rele award. This award is based on the Seminar paper's content and the student's presentation and defence skill, while presenting the paper at the 'IIPS Student – Faculty Seminar'.

Silver medals (IIPS) are awarded to students whose overall performance is ranked as the second best, in the respective programmes – MA/ M.Sc., MPS, DHPE, DPS and MPS (Distance Learning) and M.Phil. programme

This year the medals/awards were given to the students by the chief guest of the convocation.

- **IIPS Gold Medal** for securing first rank in DHPE Programme **Mr. Prodip Kumar Das**
- **IIPS Gold Medal** for securing first rank in PGDCHC Programme **Mrs. Anamika Chanchal**
- **Dr. Asha A. Bhende Gold Medal** for securing first rank in M.A./M.Sc. Programme **Ms. Archa Mishra**
- **Dr. Sukumar Mukherji Gold Medal** for securing first rank in M.Sc. Biostatistics and Demography **Ms. Rituparna Ghosh**
- **Dr. C. Chandrasekaran Gold Medal** for securing first rank in MPS Programme **Ms. Parul Puri**
- **Dr. K. Srinivasan Gold Medal** for securing first rank in MPS (Distance learning) Programme **Ms. Mukta Tyagi**
- **IIPS Gold Medal** for securing first rank in M.Phil. Programme **Mr. Soumya Pal**
- **IIPS Silver Medals**

DHPE Programme	: Ms. Subharnamala Swain
PGDCHC Programme	: Ms. N. Moatsungla Imsong
M.A. / M.Sc. Programme	: Mr. Nawaz Rasool
M.Sc. Biostatistics and Demography	: Mr. Shubhankar Sharma
MPS Programme	: Ms. Sagarika Rout
MPS (Distance learning) Programme	: Mr. Prashant N. Bhandarkar
M.Phil. Programme	: Ms. A. H. Shruthi Anil Kumar
- **Dr. J.R. Rele Award for Best Seminar paper in MPS Programme:** **Mr. Ravi Prakash Jha**
- **Dr. P.N. Mari Bhat Award” Best M. Phil Dissertation:** **Mr. Sumit Kumar Das**
- **Dr. P.N. Mari Bhat Gold Medal Award” Best Ph.D. Thesis (2013-2016):** **Ms. Akansha Singh**



Mr. Prodip Kumar Das receiving IIPS Gold Medal, DHPE Programme



Mrs. Anamika Chanchal receiving IIPS Gold Medal, PGDCHCC Programme



Ms. Archa Mishra receiving Dr. Asha A. Bhende Gold Medal, M.A/M.Sc., Programme



Ms. Rituparna Ghosh receiving Prof. S. Mukherji Gold Medal, M.Sc., Biostatistics Programme



Ms. Parul Puri receiving Dr. C. Chandrasekaran Gold Medal, M.P.S Programme



Ms. Mukta Tyagi receiving IIPS Gold Medal MPS (Distance Learning) Programme



Mr. Soumya Pal receiving IIPS Gold Medal M.Phil Programme



Ms. Subharmala Swain receiving IIPS Silver Medal, DHPE Programme



Mr. Subhankar Sharma receiving IIPS Silver Medal, M.Sc Biostatistics Programme



Ms. Sagarika Rout receiving IIPS Silver Medal, M.P.S. Programme



Mr. Prashant Bhandarkar receiving IIPS Silver Medal MPS (Distance Learning) Programme



Ms. A. H. Shruthi Kumar Receiving IIPS Silver Medal M.Phil Programme



Mr. Ravi Prakash Jha receiving Dr. J.R. Rele Award for M. P. S Best Seminar Paper



Mr. Sumit Kumar Das receiving Dr. P. N. Mari Bhat Award, M. Phil Dissertation

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES DURING JANUARY- JUNE 2017

Dr. P.N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture

The ninth Professor P.N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture was held on 24 February, 2017. Prof. K. Srinath Reddy, President, Public Health Foundation of India, delivered the lecture on “India's Journey To SDG 3: Charting The Course And Measuring Progress” on the occasion. Prof. F. Ram, Director, IIPS, chaired the session. In his lecture Prof. Reddy highlighted that since adopting the MDGs in 2000, there have been several national and sub-national transitions in terms of rapid urbanization, changing demographics, changing dietary patterns, increasingly sedentary lifestyles, environmental degradation and growing cloud of pollution, cultural changes and economic growth. But non-communicable diseases are now the leading cause of death and disability, globally. Therefore, there is a need for more sustainable, equitable and inclusive approach to development and health through sustainable development goals. SDGs aim to address social, economic, and environmental dimensions of development which is universal in nature and that integrates multi-sectoral action to address cross-cutting issues where health is placed centrally in the broader framework of sustainable development. But there are several challenges ahead with respect to national capacity to collect data, international comparability of data, access to and utilization of technologies for data collection and analysis and state level capacity for implementation of targets and promote dynamism in programme development. Therefore, there is need for a mix of political will and professional skill. Besides, we also need better surveillance of other health relevant SDG indicators.

The Memorial Lectures were organized by Prof. H. Lungdim, Dr. Harihar Sahoo and Mr. Prakash Fulpagare of the Publication Cell



IIPS National Seminar

National Seminar on “**Population and Health in the Context of Sustainable Development Goals**” was held in Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies (NCDS), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, organized by International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) and NCDS, during January 11-13, 2017. The seminar focused the demographic and health scenario in the country and identified driver in achieving better demographic and health outcomes to ensure progress towards achieving sustainable development goals. Around 150 papers were presented, including two plenary sessions, 18 oral and 2 poster sessions. The participants were researchers, academicians, programme managers from inter-disciplinary backgrounds such as population, health, environment, gender and development, etc.



Seminar Organizing Committee: Patron: Prof. F. Ram. Co-ordinators: Prof. Usha Ram, Prof. S.K. Mohanty, Dr. Manas R. Pradhan, Dr. Harihar Sahoo, Dr. Preeti Dhilon, Dr. Reshmi R.S.

New Projects (2017-18)

The Academic Council has approved three new projects to be undertaken in the next academic session by faculty members, as below:

- Effect of Samathuvapuram on health and well-being: a comparative study of Model and non-model villages in Tamil Nadu (D.A. Nagdeve, Chander Shekhar, S.K. Mohanty, and P. Murugesan)
- Trends in out-of-pocket expenditure (OOPE) and catastrophic health spending (CHS) in India (S.K. Mohanty).
- Population growth and access to healthcare services in North East India: with special reference to the recognized tribes, 1951 to 2011 (H. Lungdim, Harihar Sahoo and L. Ladusingh).

Annual Sports Meet

IIPS Annual Sports Meet was convened during Jan-Feb, 2017. The faculty, staff, and students actively participated in the different sport events. The prizes were distributed to all winners by the Director. The sports meet was coordinated by Prof. H. Lungdim.

Activities of IIPS Staff Welfare Committee

The IIPS Staff Welfare Committee was reconstituted on 18/10/2016 under the leadership of Professor Sayeed Unisa and following are the other office bearers, 2) Dr. Archana K. Roy - Vice-Chairperson, 3) Dr. Pralip Kumar Narzary- Secretary, 4) Ms. Jisha P. Nair and 5) Mr. S. N. Zore- Joint Secretary, 6) Ms. Jyoti V. Kdam- Treasurer, 7) Mr. R.B. Lakhan and 8) Mr. Anil V. Sawant- Event Organizer, and 9) Mr. O.K. Prasad -member. The committee undertook various welfare activities as mentioned below.



1. An informal get together of staff was organized on 2nd January 2017 to convey New Year wishes to all the employees of IIPS. The purpose of such a get-together was also to share/express our views without any agenda and to help to create a friendly work culture among the staff and faculty members.
2. A Health Camp was arranged on January 25, 2017 for the faculty, staff and their family members. A team of para medical staff from HEALTHSPRING were invited to provide general health tests and counseling on basic healthcare. The checkups, test and counselling were provided free of cost.
3. The committee also conveys birthday wishes to each staff members by presenting a bouquet and greeting card throughout the year.

Activities of Gender Amity Committee

IIPS has constituted "Gender Amity Committee", which looks into the complain of sexual harassment in the Institute. It was earlier known as "Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) to Prevent Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace". The name has been modified to reflect the gender neutrality in the matter of sexual harassment. The activities conducted under this committee are as follows:

1. On 22 February 2017, a sensitization workshop on "Prevention of Sexual Harassment at workplace" for employees of IIPS mumbai was conducted. Ms. Pooja Dutta, Managing Partner at Astute Law delivered the lecture.
2. On the occasion of Women's Day - March 8, 2017, Committee organized screening of documentary film made was students.
3. In January 2017, ICC conducted 'Documentary Film Competition on Gender Issues'. All faculty, staff, and students from all courses were invited to make a short film. The entries were evaluated and rewarded. The committee also conducted screening of these entries.



Committee Members: Prof. Sayeed Unisa (Chairperson), Dr. Aparajita Chattopadhyay, Dr. Dipti Govil, Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar, Mr. D. N. Vidhate, Ms. Asmita Parab, Ms. Atreyee Sinha, Mr. Ajay Gupta

Special Lecture by Prof. Timothy Dyson

Professor Timothy Dyson, London School of Economics and Political Science delivered a talk 'On writing a Population History of India - from the first modern people to c. 2016' on March 6, 2017. He mentioned that a work of 'population history' is broader than a work of 'historical demography'. However, in relation to historical demography, the vast amount of data for India for the period since the 1870s has been largely neglected (with a few notable exceptions). One reason for this is that the registration data in particular – though vast in scope – are difficult to access. In addition, historians are often hesitant about dealing with numerical data. Demographers often show little interest in dealing with historical issues. Moreover, the demographic techniques needed to address much of the historical data are now no longer taught very much.

His talk was based on from Prehistory to Early History; Ancient, Medieval, and Early Modern Times (c. 200 BCE to c. 1707); Mughal Decline, Warfare and Disorder, British Rule (c. 1707 to c. 1871); Famines, Plague, and Influenza (c. 1871 to c. 1921); Before and After 1947 (c. 1921 to c. 1971); From Anxiety to Unconcern on Population (c. 1971 to c. 2016) and finally Conclusion and Discussion. In the conclusion he mentioned that the Chinese are the best record keepers in the world whereas for us Hindus, this life is only transitory. So what is history and historical knowledge but a kind of unnecessary baggage? Hindus seldom wrote accounts of their lives, while Muhammadan historians occupied themselves more with the glories and the wars and the sins of their rulers.'

National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5 Activities

The MoFHW has again designated IIPS as nodal agency to carry out NFHS 5. The following activities have been initiated during January-June 2017:

1. Submission of comprehensive proposal for NFHS-5.
2. Drafting MoA between IIPS and MoHFW.
3. Drafting of Request for Proposal (RFP) and MoA for Field Agencies (FAs).
4. Several rounds of meetings with MoHFW officials and Development partners, formation of Project Managing Committee (PMC).

SWABHIMAAN PROJECT ACTIVITIES

IIPS has designated as “Lead Technical Support Agency” by UNICEF, New Delhi to provide technical support for Baseline Survey for Swabhimaan Women’s Nutrition Demonstration Programme in Phase 1 States (Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Odisha).

The followings activities have been executed under the project during January-June 2017.

i. ODISHA

Mapping listing tools – IIPS provided tools for conducting mapping and listing along with manuals for preparing maps in the project areas.

Monitoring of Mapping and Listing and Data Collection: Mapping and listing operation was carried out by AIIMS, Raipur under the content supervision and guidance of PI/Co-PI and project officials from IIPS. Data collection in both Koraput and Angul districts were carried out between October, 20 16 to 31st January, 2017. IIPS was involved in carrying out quality-control checks for 10% of the interviewed population as well as providing other technical support as and when needed.

Data Entry-After development of CSPro program for data entry by IIPS project staffs, training of data entry operators was carried followed by a careful monitoring of the data entry process and data cleaning from January to mid of March 2017.

ii. CHHATTISGARH

Monitoring and Supervision of Fieldwork – IIPS took major role in monitoring the data collection work during January to April, 2017 in Bastar and Bakawand districts of Chhattisgarh state. The field work check tables were generated and 10% of the interviewed respondents of three targets groups quality checks were carried out by IIPS PI/Co-PI and project officials as a part of field monitoring.

Re-orientation of Trainers – The PI/Co-PI and project officials provided re-orientation to the investigators in three meetings at different stages of the survey to resolve issues that had cropped up in the data collection process.

Data Entry and Cleaning – With the development of CSPro program by IIPS ROs, training of data entry operators was carried out in Raipur during April 3-4, 2017. Data cleaning process was also carried out simultaneously by IIPS research staff in Chhattisgarh.

iii. BIHAR

Census Report – Three census reports for the blocks of Jalalgarh and Kasba of Purnea district, Bihar were prepared and disseminated in the months of February-March, 2017.

Preparation of Fact Sheets – The fact sheets for Bihar were drawn up after numerous consultations with UNICEF, AIIMS and other partner agencies. Fact sheets for the remaining states are in the pipeline, as are the detailed reports and thematic papers.

- iv. Tabulation plan meeting for summary report was conducted at IIPS in present of UNICEF representative Dr. Aarti Pillai on April 24, 2017.



SWABHIMAAN Project -Tabulation Plan Meeting

Superannuation and Retirement

Dr. F. Ram, Director & Sr. Professor retired on superannuation on **28.02.2017**.

Mr. O.K. Prasad, Hostel Manager retired on superannuation on **31.03.2017**.

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Group photo of Faculty and Students Receiving Diploma/Degree at the Convocation with the Chief Guest

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