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From Editor's Desk....

Greetings !!

In this issue, we present the major activities of IIPS during July to December 2012. Besides this, the issue also carries the advertisement for the various academic programmes of the Institute for the next academic year (2013-2014).

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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.”

DR. C. CHANDRASEKARAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

In 2001, IIPS instituted an annual lecture series in honour of late Dr. C. Chandrasekaran, former Director of the Institute and a renowned demographer. Every year eminent scholars in the field of population and development are invited to deliver the Memorial Lecture.



The eleventh Dr. C. Chandrasekaran Memorial Lecture was held at IIPS on 8th November, 2012. Dr. Arvind Panagariya delivered the lecture on "The Child Malnutrition Indicator for India: With a Grain of Salt". Dr. Arvind Panagariya is Professor of Economics and Jagdish Bhagwati Professor of Indian Political Economy at Columbia University, USA and an ex-Chief Economist at the Asian Development Bank. He has also worked for the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, World Trade Organization, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and University of Maryland in various capacities.

He holds a Ph.D. degree in Economics from Princeton University. In 2012, the Government of India honoured Prof. Panagariya with Padma Bhushan.

Dr. Panagariya argued in his presentation that the widely held belief in India about high level of malnutrition among children fails to stand up to close empirical scrutiny and in fact is a myth. According to him, this is mainly because of faulty methodology adopted by researchers. He also felt that the common impression that India has not made much progress in child nutrition, despite economic progress, is also not true.



Prof. F. Ram, Director, IIPS chaired the session. The memorial lecture series was coordinated by Dr. T. V. Sekher and Dr. Manoj Alagarajan.

COMPREHENSIVE NUTRITION SURVEY IN MAHARASHTRA

RELEASE OF FACT SHEET



Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri. Prithviraj Chavan along with ministers, releasing the Fact Sheet of Comprehensive Nutrition Survey of Maharashtra

The Comprehensive Nutrition Survey in Maharashtra, 2012 is the first ever state-specific nutrition survey with a focus on infants and children (under two years of age) and their mothers. A representative sample was selected from each of the six administrative divisions of Maharashtra namely, Amravati, Aurangabad, Konkan, Nagpur, Nashik and Pune. The fact sheet of the CNSM Project was released by the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Prithviraj Chavan on 5th November, 2012 at the Sahyadri Guest house, Mumbai. Dr. F. Ram, Director & Sr. Professor, IIPS, and Dr. Victor Aguayo, Chief of Child Development & Nutrition Section, UNICEF made the presentation on sampling design and preliminary findings of the study. This survey was undertaken by IIPS and was sponsored by UNICEF.

Eminent leaders, administrators and academics attended the release function. This include Shri Ninong Erring, Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs, Smt. Varsha Gaikwad, Minister for Women & Child Development, Shri Suresh Shetty, Minister for Public Health & Family Welfare, Shri Jayant Patil, Minister for Rural Development, Dr. J. K. Banthia, Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra, Mr. Ujjwal Uke, Principal Secretary, Women & Child Development, Ms. Vandana Krishna, Director General, RJMCHN Mission, Mr. T. C. Benjamin, Addl. Chief Secretary (Health), Mr. Louis-Georges Arsenault, UNICEF India Representative, Mr. Vikas Kharge, Mission Director - National Rural Health Mission, Ms. Priya Dutt, Member of Parliament, Mr. Mangal Prabhat Lodha, Member of Parliament, Mr. Rahul Bose, Actor & Social activist and Mr. Sitaram Kunte, Commissioner of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM).

Coordinators of this project : Prof. F. Ram, Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Dr. Aparajita Chattopadhyay and Mr. Prakash H. Fulpagare.



Prof. F. Ram, Director, IIPS speaking at the function to release the Fact Sheet of CNSM

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SHORT TERM TRAINING PROGRAMMES

“Demography, Gender and Reproductive Health” for Nordic Students



A Short Term Training Programme on “Demography, Gender and Reproductive Health” was organized during 08th July to 04th August, 2012. Prof. F. Ram, Director & Senior Professor, IIPS, inaugurated the training programme on 09th July, 2012. Dr. Kristina Myrvold, Director, Nordic Centre in India (NCI) and Ms. Christabel Royan, Programme Manager, NCI attended the inaugural function. There were 29 participants from different Nordic countries (Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Iceland). The basic objective of the training programme was to create awareness in the area of Demography, Gender and Reproductive Health and to enable the trainees to understand the real life situation in India. The training programme consisted of class room sessions, assignments, presentations and field visits. Apart from IIPS faculty, subject experts were invited from SNTD Women's University, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) and Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR). The participants visited two NGOs namely FPAI and CSSC, Bandra as well as two slums located in Dharavi and Mankhurd, to understand the life situations of people who are staying in those areas. The participants also visited IHMP (Pachod) and Aurangabad for 3 days and explored the community health setup in rural India.

The short term training programmes were coordinated by Dr. K. C. Das and Dr. Krishna Murthy Ponnappalli.



“ POPULATION & DEVELOPMENT ” Course for participants from the Kingdom of Bhutan

A Short Term Training Programme on Population and Development for participants from Bhutan commenced on 1st October, 2012 and ended on 12th October, 2012. Prof. F. Ram, Director, IIPS inaugurated the training programme. This training programme was sponsored by Gross National Happiness Commission (GNHC) of Bhutan. There were 11 participants in the programme including research officers, chief planning officer, chief research officer, census officer, chief immigration officer and statisticians. The basic objective of the training programme was to create awareness and to enable the trainees to develop applications in real life situations. The training programme consisted of class room sessions, practical sessions and computer lab exercises. Age-sex structure of population, concepts, definition and measures of fertility, mortality, morbidity and migration, Population Projections and Statistical packages such as SPECTRUM and MORTPAK were the main topics covered in this training programme.



Study Visit of Scholars from Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)

A delegation of academic visitors from the Population Institute of Kim IL Sung University, Pyongyang, Korea visited the institute during 1st to 6th Nov 2012. They had interactions with Director and faculty members on various aspects of developing teaching and research programmes in demography.



WORLD POPULATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

Observance of “World Population Day” on 11th July every year is one of the important activities of the Institute. This year it was observed at the Institute by organizing a half-day symposium on the theme of “*Abortion: Pro-choice or Pro-life*” on 11th July 2012.



Prof. F. Ram, Director of IIPS, emphasized the relevance of the World Population Day and spoke on important population issues. The Ph.D. scholars who participated in the debate on the theme include Mr. Rajan Kumar Gupt, Ms. Garima Dutta, Ms. Shraboni Patra, Mr. Mayank Prakash, Ms. Kshipra Jain and Mr. Castor Rasmussen. Faculty, staff and students attended the programme.

As part of the celebration of World Populations Day, the faculty members visited various colleges in Mumbai and delivered lectures on population issues during 2nd to 11th July, 2012.

In addition, an essay writing competition was organized at the Institute on July 9th 2012 for students from colleges in Mumbai and also for students of the institute. The topic of the essay for the college students was “*Population of India: Asset or Burden ?*” and the Ph.D. students were asked to write an essay on “*Urban Housing in India*”.

On 11th July 2012, the winners of essay writing competition were awarded cash prizes and certificates.

The World Population Day activity was coordinated by Dr. Chander Shekhar, Dr. Abhishek Singh and Mr. Prakash H. Fulpagare.

Visit of Chinese Delegation to IIPS

A Chinese delegation comprising of 25 senior officials visited IIPS on 25th September 2012. This visit was to study and understand India's population development strategy and partnership with NGOs in the field of family planning and reproductive health services. The delegation was led by Dr. Zhang Chunsheng, Director General, National Population and Family Planning Commission of China. The visiting team had extensive discussions with Prof. F. Ram, Director and the faculty members of the Institute.



ADMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Applications are invited for admission to the following courses of the Institute during the academic year 2013-2014:

Degree (Full-Time)	Eligibility Criteria	Selection Criteria	Duration	Fellowship	Deadline for Submission of Application
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 will 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 30.0.2013	On the basis of a common entrance test, personal interview, and academic merits.	Two years	5,000/- p.m.	1st July, 2013
Master of Science in Bio-Statistics and Epidemiology (50 Seats with Govt. of India Fellowship)	Bachelor's degree from a recognized university with at least 55% of marks or equivalent grade in Math/Stat/ Health Sciences, Life Sciences, B.Pharma, Medicine, etc. The upper age limit is 30 years as on <u>30.6.2013</u> .	On the basis of common entrance test, personal interview and academic merits.	Two years	5,000/- p.m.	1st July, 2013
Master of Population Studies (50 Seats with Govt. of India Fellowship)	Master's degree from a recognized university with at least 55% of marks or equivalent grade in Math/ Stat/Eco or any Social Science subject. The upper age limit is 30 years as on <u>30.6.2013</u> .	On the basis of a common entrance test, personal interview, and academic merits.	One year	5,000/- p.m.	1st July, 2013
Master of Public Health (50 Seats with Govt. of India Fellowship)	Master's degree from a recognized university with at least 55% of marks or equivalent grade in Economics, Health Economics, Population Studies/Demography, Life Sciences and equivalent, Health Sciences- Public Health / Community Health, Sociology, Psychology, Bio-Statistics, Bio-Technology, Epidemiology, Social Work, Public Administration, Public Management, Pharmacy, Nursing, Mass Communication and five year Medical Degree. The upper age limit is 30 years as on <u>30.6.2013</u> .	On the basis of common entrance test, personal interview and academic merits.	One year	5,000/- p.m.	1st July, 2013

ADMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS (contd.)

Degree (Full-Time)	Eligibility Criteria	Selection Criteria	Duration	Fellowship	Deadline for Submission of Application
Master of Philosophy in Population Studies (50 Seats with Govt. of India Fellowship)	Master in Population Studies/ M.A/M.Sc. in Demography from a recognized university with at least 55 per cent of marks or equivalent. The upper age limit is 30 years as on <u>30.6.2013</u> .	On the basis of common entrance test, personal interview and academic merits.	One year	6,000/- p.m.	1st July, 2013
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Population Studies (21 Seats with Govt. of India Fellowship)	M.Phil or Master's degree in Population Studies of a recognised university with at least 55%of marks. The upper limit is 30 years for general candidates and 35 years for SC/ST/OBC and women candidates as on <u>30.6.2013</u>	On the basis of common entrancetest on Research Methodology, personal interview and academic merits.	Three years to a maximum of seven years	*	31st July, 2013
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 three years	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
Post Doctoral Fellowship (5 Seats with Govt. of India Fellowship)	Ph.D. degree in Population Studies of a recognised university. The upper age limit is 40 years as on <u>30.6.2013</u> .	On the basis of submission of comprehensive research proposal and interview.	One year	50,000/- p.m.	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.

Eligible foreign students may apply, provided they secure funds from appropriate agencies. Foreign candidates may apply for the Government of India Post Doctoral Fellowship for consideration.

All the above fellowships shall be offered to only eligible Indian students. Reservation for SC, ST, OBC & PH candidates will be considered as per the Government of India norms. For further details, see our website <http://www.iipsindia.org>.

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