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About IASP

Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) is a professional body of population scientists, demographers, economists, statisticians, health professionals, development researchers and practitioners, social scientists and several other related experts. IASP promotes and enables demographic, health and development research, deliberates on emerging challenges in the field of population and health issues, advocates with central and state governments on policies and programmes, collaborates with national and international professional and academic bodies, provides an enabling environment for discussions on pertinent issues and publishes the scientific peer-reviewed journal **Demography India**.

To promote, disseminate and stimulate research on population issues at local levels, the IASP organizes regional conferences in different parts of the country. In this series, the IASP is organizing its Northeastern Regional conference comprising eight northeastern states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. The conference is being organized jointly with the SRM University, Sikkim.

About SRM University

SRM University Sikkim, established in 2013 under the Shri Ramasamy Memorial University, Sikkim Act, is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC). The university offers a diverse range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs across various disciplines, including technology, business administration, computer applications, commerce, science, and arts. Notable courses include Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech), Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA), and Master of Business Administration (MBA). The institution is committed to providing quality education supported by modern facilities and infrastructure.

Beyond academics, SRM University Sikkim emphasizes the holistic development of its students. The university regularly conducts skill development classes focusing on presentation, public speaking, team building, and leadership. Equal importance is placed on sports and cultural activities, with numerous clubs and events that encourage students to showcase their talents. The well-maintained laboratories enhance the practical learning experience, allowing students to perform experiments effectively. The University regularly conducts and promotes research in various development issues and provides inputs to state and central government on various health and development issues in Sikkim in particular and Northeast states in general.

Theme of the Conference

The proposed conference on *Demography, Health and Development: Insights from Northeast India* aims to address critical and interrelated topics pivotal to the region's socio-economic and developmental trajectory. Themes such as fertility, nuptiality, and family planning explore how cultural practices and socio-economic shifts have influenced marriage patterns, fertility preferences, and contraceptive use while highlighting persistent challenges like child marriage. The sessions on mortality, public health, and healthcare expenditure will unpack the drivers of maternal and child mortality, rising out-of-pocket expenses, and health inequalities, with an emphasis on traditional and Indigenous practices. Sessions on reproductive and sexual health emphasize equity, adolescent needs, and changes in healthcare access. Additionally, migration and development discussions will shed light on patterns of out-migration, illegal migration, displacement due to ethnic conflict, and their profound

socio-economic impacts. Gender and adolescent development themes will focus on addressing inequalities, and gender-based violence, and promoting education and empowerment, even within matrilineal societies. Discussions on health and nutrition will centre around undernutrition and anaemia among women and children, and data quality sessions will highlight innovations in data management to inform better program design.

The broad sub-themes of the conference are as follows

S.No.	Broad themes	Possible sub-sub-themes
1.	Nuptiality, Fertility, Infertility and Family Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Fertility preferences, intention, timing and childbearing, parity and parenthood, correlates of infertility; Covid pandemic and fertility B. Marriage, marriage dissolution, Covid pandemic and marriage C. Demand and unmet need for contraception, contraceptive dynamics, Barriers to contraceptive use, Covid-19 and contraceptive use, post-partum contraceptive use D. Issues and Challenges of Child Marriage
2.	Mortality, Longevity, Morbidity, Public Health and health care expenditure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Maternal and child mortality and morbidity B. Causes of death C. Health and life longevity D. Insurance coverage, Out of pocket health expenses E. Adult mortality F. Health/epidemiological transition G. Stillbirths H. Traditional Healthcare Practices I. Indigenous child-rearing practices
3.	Reproductive and Sexual Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Sexual and Reproductive Health of Adolescents and Youth B. Men and sexual and reproductive health C. Reproductive wastage, Abortion D. Covid pandemic and reproductive and sexual health E. Empowerment and equity in reproductive and sexual health
4.	Migration and Development in Northeast India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Out-migration from Northeast India B. Migration Pattern C. Migration and socio-economic inequality D. Migrant Rights, Discrimination and Migration Policy E. Health and migration F. Migration, Women and Children G. Issues of Illegal Migration to Northeast India H. Refugee Inflow and Issues of Citizenship I. Ethnic Conflicts and Internal Displacement of Population
5.	Adolescent, Gender, and Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Gender inequalities: drivers and impact B. Gender-based violence. C. Child/Early Marriage: Policies, Causes and Impact. D. Female empowerment E. Access to equitable and quality education F. Gender Equality in Matrilineal Society
6.	Health and Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Undernutrition among children, pregnant women B. Anaemia during pregnancy: Determinants and outcome
7.	Data Management and Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Data quality and management B. Creating and using data for program design

Guidelines for Abstract Submission

A short abstract with a maximum of 500 words is to be submitted. The text of the abstract should be copied and pasted into the box provided for the purpose. Each author can submit a maximum of two abstracts using one registration. The papers should be mainly confined to issues related to Northeastern states.

Please click on the link below to submit your abstract:

<https://iasp.short.gy/JuSwZP>

The abstract should have the following sub-heads;

- Broad theme of the paper (in sentence case)
- Title of the Paper (Bold-in Sentence Case, should have a maximum of 10-12 words, preferably)
- Author(s) name in italics along with affiliation
- Background and Objectives (20%)
- Data and Methods (25%)
- Findings (40%)
- Policy Implications (15%)

The abstract should be typed in the form given above; font: 'Times New Roman', font size: 12.

Registration

A registration fee will be applicable to the conference participants.

Category	On or Before 30 April 2025	After 30 April 2025 and Spot Registration
Non-members of IASP	Rs. 3,000/-	Rs. 4,000/-
Members of IASP	Rs. 2,000/-	Rs. 3,000/-
Local participants (no travel/accommodation)	Rs. 1,000/-	Rs. 2,000/-

Payment Details

Payment can be made online using the following IASP Bank account details:

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A copy of the payment receipt/screenshot should be sent to iasp.conference@gmail.com with your complete name and phone number.

Important dates

Last date for submission of abstracts	04 April 2025
Notification to the selected papers	11 April 2025
Registration begins	20 April 2025
Last Date for Registration and fee payment	30 April, 2025
Conference dates	29-30 May, 2025

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