

Program Schedule

**Northeastern Regional Conference**

of the

**Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP)**

on

**Demography, Health and Development: Insights from  
Northeast India**

Organised Jointly with

**Shri Ramasamy Memorial University (SRMUS), Sikkim**

**29-30 May 2025**



# DAY 1: Date: 29-05-2025

**Registration:** 08:00 AM Onwards

## INAUGURAL PROGRAMME

Time: 09:20 AM to 11:00 AM

Venue: **Room No 403, Science Block**

Inviting Dignitaries to Dais 09:20 AM - 09:30 AM	SRM University
Welcome Address and Felicitation of Dignitaries 09:30 AM - 09:40 AM	IASP representative
Facilitation of Dignitaries 09:40 AM - 09:45 AM	Honorable Vice-Chancellor, SRM University Sikkim
Opening Remarks 09:45 AM - 09:55 AM	Dr. Ajay K Singh Joint Secretary & Regional Coordinator, IASP
IASP Presidential Address 09:55 AM - 10:10 AM	Prof. Suresh Sharma President, IASP
Keynote Address 10:10 AM – 10:30 AM	Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Sikkim (To be confirmed)
Presidential Address 10:30 AM - 10:40 AM	Honorable Vice-Chancellor, SRM University Sikkim
Concluding Remarks 10:40 AM – 10:50 AM	Dr. Anil Chandran General Secretary, IASP
Vote of Thanks 10:50 AM – 11:00 AM	Dr. Jeetendra Yadav Treasurer, IASP

## Group Photo Session

**TEA BREAK 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM**

## PLENARY SESSION 1

Date: 29-05-2025

Time: 11:15 AM to 1:00 PM

Venue: **Room No 403, Science Block**

Inviting resource person to the Dias	Title:
<b>Chair:</b> TBC	
<b>Discussant:</b> Prof. Ravi Verma, ICRW	TBC
<b>Discussant:</b> Dr. Deki Wangmu Phempu, Project Director, Sikkim State AIDS Control Society Gangtok <b>(Confirmed)</b>	Health Care of Population with Special Needs – Experiences of SSACS
<b>Discussant:</b> Dr. Natalja Fatkulina, Former Vice-minister, Director Medical Faculty of Vilnius University, Institute of Health Sciences Lithuania - <b>(To be confirmed)</b>	Health System Challenges While Bordering War States
<b>Discussant:</b> Dr. M. Mahufuzul Haque, South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance North South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Currently Bangladesh Ambassador to Portugal - <b>(To be confirmed)</b>	Population Health Challenges in fragile health systems
<b>Discussant:</b> Dr Yibeltal Assefa Alemu, Associate Professor, School of Public Health, The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia	Population health challenges Specific to Migrant – Experiences from Australia

**LUNCH BREAK 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM**

**TECHNICAL SESSIONS**

**Date: 29-05-2025**

**TECHNICAL SESSION 1: Maternal and Reproductive Health in Northeast India**

**PARALLEL SESSION 1: Maternal and Reproductive Health in Northeast India**

**Time: 2:00 PM- 3:00 PM**

**Venue: Room No 403, Science Block**

Chairperson	Prof. Suresh Sharma
Discussant	Dr. Nirajan Debnath
Session Coordinator	Dr. Reshma Santhosh
Rapporteur	Ms. Riya Dewan Rai
Title of the Paper	Name of the Presenter
1. Maternal morbidity in northeast India: a repeated cross-sectional analysis (2015–2021)	<b>Ananya Kundu</b>
2. Barriers to Institutional delivery in Himalayan region and other states of India	<b>Dharam Singh, co-presenter Prof. N.S. Bist</b>
3. A Comparative Assessment of Continuum of Maternal Health Care in North-East India	<b>Shivansh Tripathi</b>
4. Spatial Pattern and Associated Factors of Adequate Quality of Antenatal care utilization in northeast region	<b>Shubham Pathak</b>
5. Role of STIs in Primary Infertility Among Couples in Northeastern India	<b>Shubhi Yadav</b>
6. Association between maternal undernutrition and adverse pregnancy outcomes in North-East India	<b>Sumit Ram</b>

**TECHNICAL SESSION 1:**

**PARALLEL SESSION 2: Morbidity and Public Health**

**Time: 2:00 PM- 3:00 PM**

**Venue: Room No 505, Science Block**

Chairperson	Dr. Jeetendra Yadav
Discussant	Dr. Praveen Razal
Session Coordinator	Ms. Sreejana Saha
Rapporteur	Jacynth Akriti Lohagun
Title of the Paper	Name of the Presenter
1. Determinants of Childhood Immunization in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Multi-Level Analysis Using the Socio-Ecological Model	<b>Jitumoni Rajkonwar</b>
2. Investigating the Influence of Screen Time on Sleep Hygiene Practices in Sikkim: Northeast India	<b>Dr. Ojaswani Dubey</b>
3. Leveraging Technology for Substance Abuse Monitoring and Public Health Integration in Sikkim	<b>Dr. Om Prakash Sharma &amp; Mr. Sancha Bir Gurung</b>
4. The Impact of Financial and Health Literacy on Retirement Planning: A Study in Gangtok, Sikkim	<b>Monisha Hajong,</b>
5. Knowledge, awareness and practice on risk factors and preventive measure associated with cervical cancer among Female Sex Workers in South Sikkim: Descriptive cross-sectional study.	<b>Lhamu Tamang</b>

TEA BREAK 3:00 PM- 3:30 PM

**TECHNICAL SESSION 2: Child Health and Nutrition**

**PARALLEL SESSION 1: Child Health and Nutrition**

**Time: 3:30 PM- 4:30 PM**

**Venue: Room No 403, Science Block**

Chairperson	Dr. Ajay Kumar
Discussant	Dr. Moumita Dey
Session Coordinator	Dr. Kinkar Mandal
Rapporteur	Ms. Nilina Sharma
Title of the Paper	Name of the Presenter
1. Determinants of Underweight Among Lactating Women	Abin Dev P K
2. Anthropometric Failure Among Under-Five Children in Northeastern States	Diksha Rani
3. Malnutrition Among Children: A Sociological Study	Dr. Raghavendra Gudagunti
4. Dietary Diversity Among Children in the Chakhesang Naga tribe	Vekutulu Chiero
5. Breastfeeding Practices in India: A Comparative Analysis	Dr. Iffat Naseem
6. Malnutrition in Northeastern India: An analysis using NFHS data	N. Kavitha

**TECHNICAL SESSION 2:**

**PARALLEL SESSION 2: Causes of Mortality and Morbidity in Northeast India**

**Time: 3:30 PM- 4:40 PM**

**Venue: Room No 505, Science Block**

Chairperson	Dr. Anil Chandran
Discussant	Dr. Tilotama Pradhan
Session Coordinator	Dr. Prashanti Tamang
Rapporteur	Ms. Dorjee Yangzing Bhutia
Title of the Paper	Name of the Presenter
1. Family relationship among the Inject Drug Users in Northeast, India	Daphisha Manner
2. Community Based Disease Surveillance for Management of Diabetics: Case of club Olive Market Place Wellness Posts	Prof. Toms K Thomas
3. An ethnobotanical investigation of medicinal plants used for the treatment of dermatological disorders by the indigenous community of Sikkim Himalayas	Reena Chhetri, Laytho Tshering Bhutia, Biswajit Bose
4. Usage of Social Media and Awareness on Cervical Cancer among Women in Sikkim: A Cross Sectional Study	Anwesha Ananya Sharma, Toms K Thomas, Ch Sathish Kumar, Reshma Santhosh, Kinkar Mandal, Budi Apu, Ongita Kumari, Romey Rai, Shonu Shilal, Ashish Rai, Pamu C Rai
5. Ethnomedicinal plants for treating symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia across centuries: preservation of cultural heritage of ethnic communities of Sikkim Himalayas	Reena Chhetri and Biswajit Bose
6. Patterns, Predictors, and Cessation Intentions among Types of Tobacco Users in Northeast India: Findings from GATS-2	Dr. Reshma Santhosh

**TECHNICAL SESSION 3: Fertility, Sexual Behavior, and Population Dynamics**
**Time: 4:30 PM- 5:40 PM**
**Venue: Room No 403, Science Block**

Chairperson	Dr. Nirajan Debnath
Discussant	Dr. Ojaswani Dubey
Session Coordinator	Dr. Anup Gurung
Rapporteur	Ms. Diya Tikhatri
Title of the Paper	Name of the Presenter
1. Primary and Secondary Infertility in Northeast India: A Descriptive Study	<b>Abhay K Tiwari</b>
2. Reproductive Morbidity Among Women in North Eastern States of India	<b>Dr. Savita Thakur Joshi and Prof. N. S. Bist</b>
3. Determinants of Risky Sexual Behaviours among Unmarried Emerging Adult Men in North–East India	<b>Surajit Karak</b>
4. Demographic and fertility challenges in NE India	<b>Vikash Kumar</b>
5. Teen Pregnancy & The Silent Surge of Maternal Diabetes, Hypertension & Heart Disease in Northeast India	<b>Dr. Kiran Sharma</b>
6. Exploring age at Menarche and its correlates in Northeast India: Evidence from NFHS-5	<b>Satarupa Ghosh</b>
7. <i>TBD</i>	<b>Rajkumari</b>

**7 PM to 8:30 PM Cultural Program**
**8:30 PM Onwards- Dinner**

## DAY 2: Date: 30-05-2025

### TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Date: 30-05-2025

#### TECHNICAL SESSION 4: **Migration, Livelihood, and Socioeconomic Transitions**

Time: 9:00 AM- 10:00 AM

Venue: **Room No 403, Science Block**

Chairperson	Prof. Toms K Thomas
Discussant	Dr. Kinkar Mandal
Session Coordinator	Dr. Ojaswani Dubey
Rapporteur	Ms. Joyce Sakchum Lepcha
Title of the Paper	Name of the Presenter
1. Pattern Of Migration and Intention to Re-Migrate	Anamika Tamang
2. Internal migration in North-East India: emerging trend and some new facts	Dr D P Singh
3. Rural-Urban Migration in Assam: Socio-Economic Drivers and Influence	Daisy Basistha
4. Livelihood Diversification in Assam: Impact of NRLM	Bhargab Das
5. Choosing appropriate methodology for studying left behind women	Sutapa Sarkar
6. Benefit Incidence Analysis of Public Spending in North Eastern India	Ravina Ranjan

#### TECHNICAL SESSION 5: **Health Systems, Ageing, and Chronic Conditions**

Time: 10:00 AM- 11:10 AM

Venue: **Room No 403, Science Block**

Chairperson	Dr. Anil Chandran
Discussant	Dr. Reshma Santhosh
Session Coordinator	Dr. Moumita Dey
Rapporteur	Ms. Anuska Sharma
Title of the Paper	Name of the Presenter
1. Exploring the factors influencing repeated C-section deliveries in India	Dr. Rushikesh Premdas Khadse
2. Health Expenditure Among Inpatients in the North Eastern States of India	Dr. Juliet F Lalzarzoliani
3. Unveiling the Burden and Determinants of Hypertension among Middle and Older Adults	Himanshu Jaiswal
4. Does Growing of Aging Population Threaten the Demographic Dividend and Economic Growth in NE India?	Debakshi Bora
5. Who Lives Longer? Socioeconomic and Regional Disparities in Longevity	Laeek Ahemad Siddiqui
6. Interrelation between intensity of Human-elephant conflict and Psychosocial Stress in Assam	Heya Brahma
7. Status of HIV and its risk factors in NE India	Vikash Kumar

TEA BREAK 11:10 AM- 11:30 AM

**Valedictory Session**

Date: 30-05-2025

Time: 11:30 PM – 12:30 PM

Venue: **Room No 403, Science Block**

Valedictory Session Chair:	1. Prof. Suresh Sharma 2. Dr. Anil Chandran 3. Vice Chancellor-SRM University Sikkim
Concluding Session/ Group Photo	4. Dr. Jeetendra Yadav 5. Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh
Vote of Thanks	SRM University Sikkim

**12:30 PM Onwards -Lunch Break**

**07.00 pm onwards Dinner**