



Northern Regional Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP)

on
Demographic Dividend and Inclusive Growth in North India
organised jointly with

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Institute of Technology Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh
March 20-21, 2025



Programme

DAY 1 (20/03/2025)

Registration: 08:30 A.M. Onwards

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Time: 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Venue: Mini-Auditorium, NIT Hamirpur

Inviting Dignitaries to Dais and Floral Welcome	Students of NIT Hamirpur H.P.
Lighting of Lamp	By Dignitaries on the Dias
Welcome Address	Dr. Rinshu Dwivedi, Internal Organizing Secretary-IASP, DoHSS, NITH
About the Conference	Dr. Rajesh Chauhan, Northern Regional Coordinator, IASP
Presidential Address	Prof. Suresh Sharma, President, IASP
Guest Remarks	Prof. Sat Parkash Banshal, Vice Chancellor Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla
Keynote Address	Dr. Manoj Sharma, Co-patron and Internal Organizing Chairman-IASP, Head-DoHSS, NITH
Special Remark	Dr. Archana Santosh Nanoty, Registrar, NITH
Chief Guest Remarks	Prof. Hiralal Murlidhar Suryawanshi, Patron and Director, NITH
Vote of Thanks	Dr. Jeetendra Yadav, Treasurer, IASP

HIGH-TEA: 11:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

PLENARY SESSION

Theme: Health and Development

Time: **11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

Venue: **Mini-Auditorium NIT Hamirpur HP**

SPEAKERS

- Prof. N.S. Bist, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, H.P.
- Dr. Anmol Gupta, Indira Gandhi Medical College & Hospital, Shimla, H.P.
- Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Tanda, Kangra, H.P.
- Prof. Anoop Kumar, National Institute of Technology, Hamirpur, H.P.
- Prof. Aparna Negi, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, H.P.
- Prof. Mamta Mokta, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, H.P.

Chairperson	Prof. Suresh Sharma, President IASP
Co-Chairperson	Dr. Manoj Sharma, Head, DoHSS, NITH
Moderator	Dr Rinshu Dwivedi, Internal Organizing Secretary-IASP, DoHSS, NITH
Rapporteur	Dr. Nikhil Bhardwaj, DoHSS, NITH

LUNCH BREAK: 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

TECHNICAL SESSION 1

Theme: Health and Wellbeing

Time: **2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.**

Venue: **Conference Hall, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences**

Presenter's Name	Title of the Paper
Sheetal Verma	Can death statistics in India be relied upon for policy planning?
Taseen Javid	Mental Health and Well-Being in Anantnag Jammu and Kashmir during the COVID-19 Pandemic: An Exploration of Predictive Factors
Kanika Sharma	The Influence of Emotional Intelligence and Mental Well-Being on Pro-Environmental Behaviour: A Cross-Sectional Analysis
Akanksha Verma	Assessing Quality of Life (QOL) among People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA) in Delhi, India
Ananya Kundu	Health Disparities Unveiled: Decomposing the Gap in Multi-morbidity between Poor and Non-poor Women in North India using NFHS-5
Aparna Singh	Addressing Adolescent Undernutrition in Northern India: Obstacles, Interventions, and Policy Suggestions

Chairperson : Dr. Anil Chandran. S, General Secretary, IASP
Co-Chairperson : Dr. Sunder Kala Negi, DoHSS, NITH
Discussant : Dr. Archana Muthye, Joint Secretary, IASP
Session Coordinator : Dr. Khushboo Verma, DoHSS, NITH
Rapporteur : Ms. Manisha, Research Scholar, DoHSS, NITH

TEA BREAK: 3:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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TECHNICAL SESSION 2

Theme: Gender Equality and Youth

Time: **4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.**

Venue: **Conference Hall, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences**

Presenter's Name	Title of the Paper
Ritu	Gender Disparity in India's Labour Market: The Role of Socio-Demographic Factors
Anshika Singh	Wealth-Based Inequality in Underweight Among Scheduled Tribe Women in Northern India
Kshipra Jain	Culture and Gender Negotiations: A Study of Jain, Bishnoi and Gaduliya Lohar Women
Shivi Agarwal	Harnessing Women's Workforce Participation for Inclusive Growth In North India
Bharti	The Psychological Impact of Gun Glorifying Songs on Adolescents
Nishant Mishra	The Sinister Trend: Stagnant Youth Employment Scenario in Uttar Pradesh

Chairperson : Dr. A.G. Khan, Vice President, IASP
Co-Chairperson : Dr. Vivek Tiwari, DoMS, NITH
Discussant : Dr. Zareena. J. M., DoHSS, NITH
Session Coordinator : Dr. Spriha Sharma, DoHSS, NITH
Rapporteur : Mr. Neelabh, Research Scholar, DoHSS, NITH



CULTURAL PROGRAMME FOLLOWED BY DINNER
TIME: 6:00 P.M. onwards



DAY 2 (21/03/2025)

TECHNICAL SESSION 3 Theme: Mortality and Morbidity

Time: **9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.**

Venue: **Conference Hall, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences**

Presenter's Name	Title of the Paper
Kunal Keshri	Decomposing the Rural-urban Gap in Obesity Prevalence among Indian Men: Evidences from the National Family Health Surveys
Divya Munot	Under-five Mortality Analysis in Rural Himachal Pradesh: A Machine Learning Approach using NFHS-5 (2019-2021)
Ravina Ranjan	Healthcare Utilization and Morbidity Patterns in Himachal Pradesh: An Analysis of NSS 75th Round Data
Arabindo Tanti	Prevalence and Factors Associated with Uncontrolled Diabetes in Northern India
Prity Kumari	Regional Disparities in Child Malnutrition and Breastfeeding Practices: A Spatial and Statistical Analysis.
Manish Sinsinwar	Tribal Resilience and Cultural Interactions: A Study of the Leh-Ladakh and Bhil Community in Rajasthan
Krishana Devi	Exploring Equity in Educational Attainment Among Tribal Communities of Himachal Pradesh

Chairperson : Dr. Pawan Kumar Sharma, DoMSC, NITH
Co-Chairperson : Dr. Emily Das, EC Member, IASP
Discussant : Dr. Manoj Kumar Yadav, DoHSS, NITH
Session Coordinator : Dr. Nikhil Bhardwaj, DoHSS, NITH
Rapporteur : Ms. Tanya Guleria, Research Scholar, DoHSS, NITH

TEA BREAK: 10:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

TECHNICAL SESSION 4 Theme: Reproductive Health

Time: **11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.**

Venue: **Conference Hall, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences**

Presenter's Name	Title of the Paper
Iffat Naseem	Effectiveness of the Reproductive Health Extension Programme and Schemes in Northern India: A Data Envelopment Examination
Prateek Sharma	Addressing the Unmet Needs in Maternal and Child Health through Positive Education Externality in Himachal Pradesh
Sumit Ram	Epidemiology of Gestational Anaemia in Northern India: Insights from the National Family Health Survey-5
Ajay Kumar	Choice of Healthcare Providers among Rural Patients in the North-Western Himalayas: Unveiling the Determinants for Himachal Pradesh
Shivansh Tripathi	Examining the Reach and Influences of Antenatal Iron-Folic Acid Supplementation in Northern India (2015-2021)
Jenica Barnwal	Understanding Dietary Heterogeneity and its Association with Anaemia among Women in North India

Chairperson : Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary, IASP
Co-Chairperson : Dr. Preeti Puri, DoHSS, NITH
Discussant : Dr. Gudakesh, EC Member, IASP
Session Coordinator : Dr. Spriha Sharma, DoHSS, NITH
Rapporteur : Ms. Taseen Javid, Research Scholar, DoHSS, NITH

VALEDICTORY SESSION

Time: **12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.**

Venue: **Conference Hall, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences**

Chairperson	Prof. Suresh Sharma, President, IASP
Reflections of the Conference	Dr. Archana Muthye, Joint Secretary, IASP
Valedictory Address	Dr. A.G. Khan, Vice President, IASP
Participant Feedback	Participants
Appreciation to the host Institute	Dr. Anil Chandran, General Secretary, IASP
Vote of thanks from the Local Organizer	Dr. Zareena. J. M., Internal Organizing Secretary-IASP, DoHSS, NITH

LUNCH BREAK: 1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.