



Northern Regional Conference

of the

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

Demographic Dividend and Inclusive Growth in North India

Organised jointly with

**Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
NIT Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh**

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About IASP

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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 scientific peer-reviewed UGC-CARE 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 Northern Regional Conference, which is comprised of the states of **Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh**. The Conference is being organized jointly with the National Institute of Technology, Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh.

About NIT, Hamirpur

National Institute of Technology Hamirpur is one of the thirty-one NITs of the country, which came into existence on 7th August 1986 as Regional Engineering College, a joint and cooperative enterprise of the Govt. of India and Govt. of Himachal Pradesh. At the time of inception, the Institute had only two departments i.e., Civil and Electrical Engineering having an intake of 30 students in each. On 26th June 2002, REC Hamirpur was awarded the status of Deemed University and upgraded to National Institute of Technology. NIT Hamirpur is an institute of National importance set up by an act of Parliament namely the National Institute of Technology Act 2007 which received the assent of the President of India on 5th June, 2007. The provisions of the Act came into force with effect from 15th August 2007 as per notification S.O. 1384 (E) dated 9th August 2007 of the Department of Higher Education, MHRD, New Delhi. As per provisions of the said Act, the Institute runs on a non-profit basis. The goals of the Institute as embodied in the logo are truly remarkable in their scope and vision. The Institute offers Bachelor, Master and Doctoral programmes in Engineering, Sciences, Architecture, Management and Humanities. The Institute spares no effort to foster the spirit of national integration among students, close interaction with industry and a strong emphasis on research. The institute has the flexibility to evolve and change in response to the requirements of the Industry and happenings in a technical world. Various programmes serve the purpose of building a comprehensive foundation of knowledge and enhancing confidence, creativity and innovation in its students.

About the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at the institute adopts an interdisciplinary approach, offering expertise in various fields, including Economics, Psychology, Sociology and Communication Skills. This broad range of knowledge is tailored to meet the educational requirements of students enrolled in B.Tech/B.Arch, and Ph.D. programs. The faculty members bring a unique combination of academic and professional experience, enabling them to impart knowledge through classroom sessions and independent student activities effectively. The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences offers an interdisciplinary orientation which can be highly useful for the society and catering the needs of industry. The team approach is very warm in the department.

Theme of the Conference

North India, with its burgeoning population and youthful demographic profile, presents an unparalleled opportunity to harness the demographic dividend. This phenomenon, characterized by a decline in dependency ratios due to a rising working-age population, has the potential to drive economic growth and

societal development. However, realizing this dividend requires deliberate and inclusive strategies to ensure equitable opportunities for all sections of society. The region's diverse socio-economic and cultural landscape offers both challenges and prospects for inclusive growth. While the northern states have witnessed advancements in education, healthcare, and infrastructure, disparities persist across rural and urban areas, genders, and socio-economic groups. Ensuring that the benefits of economic progress reach marginalized and underrepresented communities is imperative to sustainable development. Education and skill development are pivotal to leveraging the demographic dividend. Investments in quality education, vocational training, and entrepreneurship will empower the youth to participate effectively in the evolving global economy. Similarly, robust healthcare systems are essential to ensure a healthy and productive workforce. Inclusive growth also necessitates addressing structural barriers, such as gender inequality and social exclusion, which limit the participation of women and disadvantaged groups. By fostering policies that promote equal access to resources, employment, and decision-making, North India can transform its demographic potential into a driver of equitable growth. The theme of this conference underscores the critical interplay between demographic changes and inclusive development in North India. It invites policymakers, researchers, and stakeholders to deliberate on strategies to harness the demographic dividend while addressing the region's unique socio-economic challenges. Together, we can envision a future where growth is not only accelerated but also inclusive, equitable, and sustainable.

The Conference brings together Students, policymakers, academicians, researchers, and social activists to share insights, exchange ideas, and collaborate on shaping India's sustainable future. The Conference aims to address critical topics related to population, economic growth, social development, environmental sustainability, and inclusivity in Northern India.

The broad themes are as follows:

S.No.	Broad themes	Sub-themes
1.	Marriage, Fertility and reproductive health in Northern India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fertility preferences, intention, timing and childbearing, parity and parenthood b. Marital union and dissolution, c. Health and longevity and ageing d. Empowerment and equity in reproductive and sexual health
2.	Public Health in Northern India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maternal and child mortality and morbidity, causes of death b. Health financing and health expenditure c. Health/epidemiological transition d. Health Information Systems and use of Information Technology and digital tools e. Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases f. Mental health and well being g. Programs and Policies related to public health h. Preventive health and wellness i. Tribal health
3.	Socio-economic Development in Northern India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Gender inequalities: drivers and impact b. Sex ratio c. Son preference and its impact on sex ratio
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Gender based violence. e. Child/Early Marriage: Policies, Causes and impact. f. Women empowerment g. Status of education h. Healthcare Access i. Sustainable Development Goals: Data and related challenges j. Overview of regional (state) economies in northern region (GDP, growth and future prospects)

4.	Migration, Urbanization and Environment in Northern India	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Migration data and challenges Urbanization challenges: unplanned growth of urban towns and infrastructure Sanitation and public amenities Environment and short-term challenges Pollution and solid waste management in urban areas social forestry and afforestation including Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority (CAMPA) Water quality and depleting water levels and its impact on agriculture Vulnerability of Healthcare Infrastructure Climate change and Mental Health and Psychological Well- being
5	Demographic dividend to the Northern India	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Window of demographic dividend Labour force participation and employment status Correlates of demographic dividend Efforts to increase female participation Dependency ratio
6.	Nutritional status in Northern India	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Undernutrition among children, adolescents and pregnant women Anemia during pregnancy: Determinants and outcome Nutritional wellbeing: evidence from recent consumer expenditure survey (CES- NSS) Nutritional security: issues and challenges
7.	Other issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tribal demography Business demography Specific demographic and health issues related to Himachal Pradesh

Guidelines for Abstract Submission

Those who would like to submit papers for presentation at the Conference may click on the **link given below** and submit their abstracts. 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 North Indian states.

Please **click on the link** below to submit your abstract:

<https://forms.gle/bNbEUL4NXMb2qJor5>

The abstract should have following sub-heads;

- Theme of the paper (in Sentence Case)
- Title of the Paper (Bold-in Sentence Case, should have a maximum 10-12 words, preferably)
- Author(s) name in Italic 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 Fee

A registration fee will be applicable to the conference participants.

Registration fee for	On or before 28 February 2025	After 28 February 2025 and spot registration
Non-members of IASP	Rs. 3000/-	Rs 4000
Member of IASP	Rs. 2000/-	Rs 3000
Local participants who don't need travel support and accommodation	Rs. 1000/-	Rs 2000

Important dates are as below.

1. Last date for submission of abstracts	10 February 2025
2. Notification to the selected papers	20 February 2025
3. Registration begins	21 February 2025
4. Last Date for Early Registration and fee payment	28 February, 2025
5. Conference	20-21 March 2025

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