

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members of IASP

Season's Greetings from the BOT and Executive Committee of the IASP.

This bi-annual newsletter of the association gives an update of the activities undertaken during the second half (July to December) of the year 2022 as well as a brief on the upcoming (future) activities of the IASP.

REGIONAL IASP CONFERENCE OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

The IASP organized a two-day Northern Region conference in collaboration with the Population Research Centre (PRC), University of Kashmir, Srinagar, during **September 29-30, 2022** under the theme **"Population, Development and Health in Northern India: Status and Challenges Ahead**". The Conference addressed population and health issues in six states of Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand and three Union Territories of Chandigarh, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh. More than 150 researchers, academicians, scholars, and social scientists from various academic, research institutions and organizations, program managers/representatives and policy makers of the federal and state health, education and other ministries, Jammu and Kashmir state health departments and bureau of economics and statistics and development and international development partners, NGO partners attended the conference.

Inaugural Session

Dr. Bashir A Bhat welcomed the guests and participants followed by a brief on program by Coordinator Dr Rajesh K Chauhan. Prof Suresh Sharma President, IASP highlighted the importance of regional conference in promoting and strengthening population issues at local levels. Guest of Honor, Dr. Nisar A. Mir, Registrar University of Kashmir emphasized on the importance of studying population study and the development of agricultural science, health sector and for any project. Prof. Farooq A. Masoodi Dean Academic Affairs highlighted the importance understanding of North India which consists of one-fourth population of the country total population. Prof Usha Ram General Secretary, IASP in her concluding remarks discussed on the socio-demographic diversity within the region and advocated for deeper understanding of demographic implication of these diversities go beyond region, nationally and globally. Dr. Jeetendra Yadav Treasurer, IASP proposed vote of thank.

First Plenary Session

The first plenary session, chaired by Mr. Manoj Kumar, Chief Director, MoHFW, was held on Accelerating Health and Wellness in J&K: Evidence from NFHS-. The sessions had four presentations on Maternal Health Situation: Issues and Challenges, Fertility and Family Planning, Adult & Child Health, and Nutrition, and NCDs, women's empowerment, & domestic violence.

Second Plenary Session

The second Special plenary session, chaired by Prof. F. Ram, Former Director IIPS and Sr. Advisor Population Council, was held on "Population and Health Issues in Kashmir". The session deliberated on Impact of Knowledge and Self-care Among Hypertensive Patients in Kashmir, Decomposing Educational Inequality by Acute Malnutrition among Under-Five Children in Jammu and Kashmir, Population Ageing and Disability among Tribal Elderly in Jammu and Kashmir, India, and Distribution and Effect of Comorbidities on Hypertensive Cases in Jammu and Kashmir.

Third Plenary Session

The third plenary session debated on "Good quality data in India: Myth or Reality?" with Dr. Rajib Acharya as moderator. Four presenters of the session were Dr. Vishnu Rao, Director, ICMR-NIMS, Prof Faujdar Ram, Former-Director, IIPS, Dr. Rehana Kausar, Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir, and Dr. Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Population Research Centre, Kashmir University, Srinagar.

Fourth Plenary Session

The fourth plenary session, chaired by Prof. Farooq A Masoodi, Dean Academic Affairs & Professor, Department of Food Technology, University of Kashmir Srinagar, was on "Social Protection for Nutrition" and had three presentations on Social Protection Policies for Nutrition: A Life Course Approach, Leveraging Social Protection Policies for Anaemia Reduction in North India, and ICDS Coverage in North India: Opportunities for Strengthening Social Protection for Nutrition.

Technical Sessions

A total 30 oral presentations were made in Six technical sessions, each of 90 minutes' duration, were conducted during the conference under the following Sub-Themes:

Sl. No Sub-themes

1 Mortality, Longevity, Morbidity and Public Health

2	Reproductive and Sexual Health
3	Emerging health issues in light of NCDs
4	Health and Nutrition
5	Nuptiality, Fertility, and Family Planning
6	Migration

Valedictory Session

The Conference concluded with the valedictory session. Dr Usha Ram, General Secretary welcomed and Dr Suresh Sharma, IASP President, gave the closing remarks. The General Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Key Note Speakers, abstract reviewers, paper presenters, chairpersons and co-chairpersons, session coordinators, session rapporteurs and the representatives from media for a wide coverage of the Conference. The local organizers Dr. Bashir Bhat and Dr. Khursheed Saiyyad were felicitated for their efforts and contribution in organizing the Conference. Prof Ram conveyed her gratitude to all the funding agencies University of Kashmir, IIPS, UNICEF, and Population Council, for financial support in organizing the Conference. She acknowledged the support of the university staff in smooth conduct of the conference.

43RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF IASP DECEMBER 1-3, 2022-UDAIPUR



Conference Sessions

The 43_{rd} Annual Conference of IASP was held during 1-3 December 2022 at the Mohanlal Sukhadia University (MLSU), Udaipur, Rajasthan. The abstract submission and review process was done through online submission on IASP website. The theme of the Conference was **'India @75: Population, Nutrition, Health and Development – Experiences and Challenges'**. The conference covered twelve subthemes:

- 1 Declining Fertility and Population Debates
- 2 Nuptiality and Family Demography
- 3 Population and Environment
- 4. Sexual and Reproductive Health
- 5 Morbidity, Mortality and Longevity
- 6 Population Ageing and Demographic Dividend
- 7 Public Health, Nutrition and Health Policies
- 8. Migration and Urbanisation
- 9 Demographic and Epidemiological Transitions
- 10. Statistical Approaches and Models
- 11 Backwash of COVID-19
- 12 Data quality: Quality of Census, SRS and Large-Scale Data in India
- 13 Miscellaneous

A total of 390 abstracts were received. After review, 133 papers oral presentations and 87 poster presentations were accepted.

The sessions at the Conference:

The three-day Conference had an Inaugural Session, five plenary sessions on NFHS, Maternal and neonatal health exemplars from India, Perspectives on Tribal Healthcare in India, Nutrition Policy in India and on Gender transformative programming with adolescents: Insights and Learnings, a special session on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and valedictory session during the conference days. The conference also organised 20 technical sessions on specific themes, and three poster sessions. For the first time, an essay competition was organized during the Conference to encourage participation from the graduate and post graduate students from various social science discipline. During the conference, presentations for the Chandrasekharan award and the valedictory session on the last day of the Conference was also organised. Senior demographers were felicitated on day one of the Conference.

Below is the summary of the conference program.

Session	Number
Plenary sessions	5
Technical sessions	20
Poster sessions	3
 Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav Session, George Simmons Memorial Lecture, Chandrasekharan Award Presentation, Felicitation of Senior Demographers, General Body Meeting 	

The organizing committee of the 43_{rd} Annual Conference of the IASP consisted of the following:

- Prof Usha Ram, Chairperson
- Dr. Archana Muthye, Member
- Dr. Ajay K Singh, Member
- Dr. Kunal Keshri, Member Secretary

Conference Delegates

The Conference was attended by academicians, researchers, students, administrators, development practitioners, NGO representatives, et al.

Inaugural Session

The inauguration of the conference was held at 10:00 AM on 1st December 2022. Mr C R Devasi, Registrar, MLSU was the Chief Guest. Ms Andrea Wojnar, Country Representative, UNFPA and Country Director, Bhutan delivered keynote address. Professor Suresh Sharma, President highlighted the contribution of IASP in shaping policies in India. Prof PM Yadav, Hon. Director, PRC, welcomed the distinguished gathering. Prof Usha Ram, General Secretary, IASP announced the recipients of Prof KB Pathak Award and Dr K Srinivasan Awards for best papers. Dr Jeetendra Yadav, Treasurer, IASP proposed vote of thanks.

Plenary Session 1 on National Family Health Survey

Ms Andrea Wojnar, UNFPA Chief chaired the session and the Co-chair was Dr KS James, Director IIPS. The session had four presentations on – Fertility preferences & Stopping Behaviour, State of birth weight and child nutrition, High blood glucose and obesity among women and Empowerment and its reflections on women's health

Plenary Session – II - Findings of MNH Exemplar Study

Maj Gen (Prof) Atul Kotwal, Executive Director, NHSRC chaired the session. Five papers were presented. These were - Analytical Framework, Data Source, Methods and Mortality Transition Model, National Results: The maternal and newborn mortality transition in India, State Cluster Results: The maternal and newborn mortality transition in higher and lower mortality states in India, State Results: Trends, levels, and drivers of maternal and neonatal mortality rate reduction in six states of India, and Conclusions: How did India reduce maternal and newborn mortality since 2000?

Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav Session

A special session to celeberate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was held. Dr. Niranjan Saggurti presented a paper on 'Migration and Family Planning in India'. Dr Sanjay Kumar of UNFPA who made his presentation on trends in Sex Ratio at Birth.

George Simmons Memorial Oration

Dr. K S James, Director and Sr. Professor, IIPS Mumbai delivered the George Simmons Memorial Lecture on **'The Demography of Families in India: An Exploration'**. He highlighted the need to focus more on family Demography by shifting the analysis from household to family as unit of analysis



Cultural programme

An one hour cultural program was held by the folk artists of the state.



Felicitation of Senior Demographers

Five Senior Demographers are felicitated during the conference. Prof. Suresh Sharma, President IASP felicitated the demographers.

Prof. C.M. Pandey	
Prof. A.K. Sharma	
Dr. Malika Mistry	
Dr. R.K. Sinha	
Dr. Mohanachandran Nair	

Plenary Session III - Perspectives on Tribal Healthcare in India

Dr. Subrato Mondal, USAID chaired this plenary session. Four papers were presented on Tribal Health Population and COVID-19, Tribal Health Population and Comprehensive Primary Health Care, Tribal Health Population and Health System Strengthening and Tribal Health Population and TB.

Plenary Session IV: Nutrition Policy in India

Prof. C.M. Pandey was the chair for the session and Dr. Priyamadhaba Behera was the Co-chair. The session discussed on Addressing Anemia in India: With Specific Reference to Anemia among pregnant women and Social Protection Policies for Nutrition: A Life Course Approach.

Plenary Session V: Gender transformative programming with adolescents: Insights and Learnings

Dr. Hemlata Verma, ICRW chaired this session. Three papers were presented. These included - Conceptual Framework, Working with Men and Boys, Plan-it-girls and Gender Equity Movement in Schools (GEMS).

General Body Meeting

- GB Meeting of IASP was held at 5:30 PM on Day 2
- Dr Suresh Sharma, President chaired the meeting
- Prof Usha Ram, General Secretary presented the Report of activities during the past year
- Dr Jeetendra Yadav, Treasurer presented the statement of accounts
- The meeting was attended by about 45 members

Dr Chandrasekharan Award Papers

There were four presentations in the session. Prof F Ram, Prof AK Sharma and Dr. Sanghmitra Acharya were the Adjudicators. The winners of the Dr. Chandrasekharan awards were

- 1. <u>Mr. Prakash Kumar</u> of International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai for her paper entitled 'Years of Life Lost on Roads in India: Analysis of Gain in Life Expectancy after Elimination of Road Traffic Fatalities.'
- 2. <u>Ms. Aditi B Prasad</u> of International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai for her paper entitled 'Burden of Unpaid Activities on Gender Equality in Indian States'

Prof. SN Singh Best Poster Awards

Prof. SN Singh Best Poster award was given to Ms. Veena Vinod for her paper entitled 'Factors affecting neonatal mortality in India' and Mr Binayak Kandapan for his paper entitled "Ill Treatment and Associated Mental Health Outcomes Among Older Female Adults in India"

Prof. K Srinivasan Award

Two young scholars were awarded with Prof. K Srinivasan award for best substantive and best technical papers published in Demography India. The winners were

• Mr. Balshan Ali - Best Technical paper entitled" Cointegration and Causality between Fertility and Female Labor Force Participation in India'

 Ms. Anshita Sharma - Best Substantive paper entitled "Socio-Economic Determinants of Digital Divide in India'.

Prof. K B Pathak Award

Mr. Wahengbam Bigyananda Meitei was awarded the Prof. K B Pathak award for his outstanding paper entitled 'The effects of Community Clustering on Under Five Mortality in India: A Parametric Shared Frailty Modelling Approach'.

Essay Competition

Dr. Mohanachandran Nair, Chairperson, Dr. Rajib Acharya, Dr. Dilip Kumar and Dr. Archana Muthye were the members of the Essay Competition Committee. The topic given for the Essay competition was 'What is Sustainable Development? Discuss the factors that that lead to sustainable development?'. The participants were asked to write in 1500 words. The winners for the essay competition were as follows;

- 1. First Prize:
 - Ms. Archana Satheesh, Department of Demography, University of Kerala
- 2. Second Prize:

Ms. Puja Kumawat, Department of Geography, MLSU, Udaipur

3. Third Prize: Mr. Krishna Kumar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Valedictory Session

- The valedictory session of the 43rd IASP Conference happened at 2:30PM on Day 3
- It was presided over by the President IASP
- The General Secretary made the concluding remarks and also announced the winners of awards
- The Treasurer Dr. Jeetendra Yadav delivered the vote of thanks.

Photographs from the conference









World Population Day 2022

The IASP celebrated World Population Day on 11 July 2022 at 10 AM jointly with the Population Research Centre, Institute of Economic Growth (PRC, IEG). Prof. Suresh Sharma, President IASP welcomed the participants to the symposium. Prof. Chetan Ghate, Director IEG gave opening remarks. Smt. Sandhya Krishnamurthy, Director General, MoHFW (Stats Division), Government of India delivered an introductory address followed by introductory remarks by Smt. Anjali Rawat, Deputy Director General, MoHFW (Stats Division), Government of India. Dr. Vivek Joshi, Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, inaugurated a Census Workstation at the PRC-IEG.

This was followed by a panel discussion. Dr. Subrato Kumar Mondal, Chief Technical Advisor-M&E, USAID, India, Prof. Bijayalaxmi Nanda, Principal, Miranda House College, University of Delhi, Dr. Praween K. Agrawal, Senior Monitoring Evaluation Learning Expert IPE Global Limited, Dr. Ajay Khera, Country Representative, Engender Health, India former Commissioner & Public Health Specialist, MOHFW, Government of India and Dr. Sanjay Kumar, National Programme Officer, UNFPA – India deliberated on various issues including nutrition, aging, education, Gender and health. Prof. Usha Ram, General Secretary IASP moderated the panel discussion.

A special session was organized to celebrate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav in the afternoon. Dr. Niranjan Sargguti Country Director, Population Council, India was the Guest Speaker for the session. Smt. Sandhya Krishnamurthy, Director General, MoHFW (Stats Division), Government of India chaired the session. Prof. Usha Ram, General Secretary, IASP coordinated the event and proposed vote of thanks.

Distinguished lecture series

Beginning June 2022, the IASP has started a distinguished lecture series by the eminent demographers/population scientists. During the reporting period, following distinguished lecture series was held.





New Members of IASP

EC approved life membership 32 new members during the reporting period.

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Demography India

During the reporting period, IASP's flagship peer reviewed Journal, Demography India published 10 papers. Below are the details.

Demography India, Vol. 51, Issue 1, June 2022 (https://demographyindia.iasp.ac.in/)

- Global Heating and the Demographic Future -Tim Dyson
- Innovative Field Procedures in a Large-scale Survey to Ensure Quality of Data in Pandemic Situation: Evidence from NFHS-5, 2019-21 S.K. Singh, H. Lhungdim, Chander Shekhar, L.K. Dwivedi, S. Pedgaonkar, and K.S. James
- Student Migration from North-East India: Level, Trend, Pattern and Challenges. Avijit Mistri and Sudarshan Sing Sardar
- Infertility Levels and its Age Pattern for Kerala, India: Analysis of Census of India, 2011 Data.Sunu C Thomas and Mala Ramanathan
- Socio-Economic Determinants of Digital Divide in India. Anshita Sharma and Anuradha Banerjee
- Demographic Dividend and Economic Growth: Evidence from India. Abhishek and Kshamanidhi Adabar
- Awareness, Challenges and Coping Strategies of the Parents having Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in Mumbai, India. Rati Kapoorand Manas Ranjan Pradhan
- Cointegration and Causality between Fertility and Female Labour Force Participation in India. Balhasan Ali and Preeti Dhillon
- Nutritional Policies and Anemia Among Reproductive-Aged Women in Selected South Asian Countries: 1950-2016. Hanumant Waghmare, Nasim Ahamed Mondal
- Migration in India: trends and characteristics. Dharmendra Pratap Singh and Rejeshwari Biradar

North-East Regional Conference

The North-East regional conference of IASP on the theme 'Population, Development and Health in North-Eastern India: Challenges Ahead' will be held at Bodoland University, Kokrajhar, Assam, during May 18-19, 2023.

S.No.	Broad themes	Possible sub-themes	
1.	Nuptiality, Fertility, Infertility and Family Planning	 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	 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	 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	 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. Covid-19 and Migration H. Issues of Illegal migration to Northeast India I. Refugees Inflow and Issues of Citizenship J. Ethnic conflict and Internal Displacement of Population 	
5.	Adolescent, Gender, and Development	 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	A. Undernutrition among children, pregnant womenB. Anemia during pregnancy: Determinants and outcome	
7.	Data management and Quality	A. Data quality and managementB. Creating and using data for program design	
8.	Special Session on Assam	 A. MMR and IMR in Assam B. Maternal and Child Nutrition C. Migration, causes consequences in Assam D. Access to health care services in Assam E. Population Ageing in Assam 	

Papers are invited for the conference from the researchers, academicians, health professionals, programmers and policy makers and other experts working on the issues. The authors are requested to submit an abstract not exceeding 300 words.

The authors can submit their abstracts to iasp.conference@gmail.com

Dates to remember

Last date for submission of abstracts	31 March 2023
Notification to the selected papers	15 April 2023
Registration begins	20 April 2023
Last Date for Registration and fee payment	5 May, 2023
Conference	18-19 May, 2023

More details can be found at

https://iasp.ac.in/media/2023/Brochure_IASP%20NE_Conference%202023.pdf

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