

INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF POPULATION

About IASP

The Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) is India's leading professional association devoted to advancing research, teaching, training, and policy dialogue on population and development. Since its inception, IASP has played a central role in strengthening demographic research, nurturing successive generations of population scientists, and promoting evidence-informed policymaking across sectors.

IASP operates through an integrated academic ecosystem that includes national and regional conferences, the flagship peer-reviewed journal *Demography India*, prestigious distinguished lecture series, structured academic awards, and sustained engagement with universities, research institutions, government bodies, and international organisations.

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What we do

Promote Cutting-edge Research & Policy Dialogue

through a national academic network



Convene Flagship Annual Conferences



with scholars, policy-makers, and practitioners on India's demographic landscape

Strengthen Regional Research Ecosystems

By hosting regional conferences across India to amplify local evidences



Publish peer-reviewed evidence



Demography India is IASP's flagship journal focussed on demography and allied research themes

Observe World Population Day

Facilitate lectures and dialogue on WPD annual global themes



Deliver Distinguished Lecture Series



Monthly lectures by leading global experts in the field of demography and health

Enable Policy Collaborations

Routine collaborations with government bodies, universities, and international organisations



Nurture Future Demographers



Recognising research excellence, by awards, capacity building workshops, travel grants, membership network for young researchers

Message from the President, IASP

IASP stands on the remarkable foundations laid by pioneers in the field of demography and the committed leadership that has guided it over the years. It gives me immense pleasure to carry this legacy forward during a period of renewed institutional momentum.

The years 2022–2026 have been marked by the strengthening of our core academic platforms, including national and regional conferences, technical and poster sessions, distinguished lecture series, and World Population Day observances, with participation from scholars across the country.

Our expanding collaborations with organisations such as UNFPA, PFI, ICSSR, Population Council, USAID, UNICEF, and others reflect IASP's growing national and global engagement. As we move forward, we remain committed to advancing rigorous, inclusive, and policy-relevant population science that contributes meaningfully to India's development trajectory.



PROF. SURESH SHARMA
PRESIDENT, IASP



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FOUR YEARS OF IMPACT | 2022-26

Under the Presidentship of Prof. Suresh Sharma & IASP EC leadership
Two terms in review

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*Annual
Conferences*

Annual & Regional Conferences

- 4 Annual Conferences: Udaipur (2022), Rourkela (2023), New Delhi (2024), Kolkata (2025)
- 9 Regional Conferences across North, South, East, West, Northeast zones
- Pre-conference workshops introduced from AC 44 onwards
- Population Research Centre (PRC) sessions instituted at Annual Conferences
- General Body Meetings held at each AC

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*Regional
Conferences*

Demography India Journal & Key Publications

- 10 issues published 2022-25
- Zero publication fee for all authors — fully open-access
- Senior demographer columns introduced across issues
- Fully available online at demographyindia.iasp.ac.in
- 2 edited book compilations from Western & Northeastern regional chapters' research presentations
- Release of books by eminent demographers at ACs

~6000

*Participation
across Events*

Distinguished Lecture Series

- 30+ lectures delivered 2022-26 by leading global demographers
- Speakers from India, UK, USA, Australia, Bangladesh, Lithuania, Jordan & more
- Themes spanning fertility, ageing, migration, climate, AI/ML in demography, nutrition, mental health
- Monthly cadence maintained; freely accessible to all IASP members

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*'Demography India'
issues*

Awards & Recognition

- Prof. PP Talwar Award: Women in Technical Demography **NEW**
- Prof. Sudesh Nangia Essay Competition Award **NEW**
- Continuing awards: KB Pathak, K. Srinivasan (Technical & Substantive), Chandrasekharan, S.N. Singh
- Senior demographers felicitated at each Annual Conference
- Condolence meetings held for departed members of the demography community

30+

*Distinguished
Lectures*

Inclusion & Capacity Building

- Fully funded travel support provided to conference participants
- World Population Day celebrated in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 with public lectures, workshops & poster presentations
- Monthly Executive Council meetings — first Sunday of every month since 2022
- Active social media & website presence; minutes and proceedings posted publicly

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*World Population
Day Observances*

Partnerships & Outreach

- Major sponsors: UNFPA, UNICEF, Population Council, Population Foundation of India, USAID, PSI, ICRW, IndiOil, CINI, IIHMR, Jhpiego, IndianOil & more
- UNFPA delivered keynote at 3 of 4 Annual Conferences; honoured with UN Population Award 2025
- Collaboration with NATMO, AnSI, NIT, JNU, MLSU & other national institutions
- International speakers and observers from 10+ countries at conferences

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*New awards for
young scholars*

IASP **INDIAN ASSOCIATION**
FOR THE STUDY OF POPULATION

The Presidential Line

GENERATIONS OF IASP LEADERSHIP



L-R:

Prof. Sudesh Nangia, IASP President, 2002-04

Prof. S.C. Gulati, IASP President, 2004-06

Prof. Suresh Sharma, IASP President, 2019-22 & 2022-24

Prof. K. Srinivasan, IASP President, 2000-02

Prof. F. Ram, IASP President, 2010-12 & 2013-15

A PORTRAIT OF IASP'S ENDURING LEGACY

Shared moments between the Past Presidents and the Present President of the IASP



Prof. Suresh Sharma with Prof. Ashish Bose

IASP Executive Council 2022-24

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- Prof. Suresh Sharma



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- Prof. Usha Ram (South)

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- Dr. Rajib Acharya

BOT MEMBERS

- Prof. Sudesh Nangia
- Prof. S.C. Gulati
- Prof. Faujdar Ram
- Dr. Priyanka Yadav
- Dr. Rahul Kumar



A SUMMARY OF IASP ANNUAL CONFERENCES, 2022-26

43th Annual Conference

01- 03 December, 2022

Mohanlal Sukhadia University [MLSU],
Udaipur Rajasthan

THEME

India @75: Population, Nutrition,
Health and Development -
Experiences and Challenges

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ms. Andrea Wojnar, UNFPA

GEORGE SIMMONS MEMORIAL ORATION

Prof. K.S. James

PARTICIPATION

Oral Presentation: 94
Poster Presentation : 65
Delegates: ~300



44th Annual Conference

08-10 NOVEMBER, 2023

National Institute of Technology (NIT),
Rourkela, Odisha

THEME

1.4 Billion Aspirations, One Sustainable
Future: Unfolding India's Path to
Development

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mr. Sriram Haridass, UNFPA

GEORGE SIMMONS MEMORIAL ORATION

Dr. Sudesh Nangia

PARTICIPATION

Oral Presentation: 85
Poster Presentation : 50
Delegates: ~350

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Undertsnding Data through Gender Lens



45th Annual Conference

12 - 14 December, 2024

CSRD, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU),
Delhi

THEME

Leaving No One Behind: Navigating
Population Dynamics and Sustainable
Development in India

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ms. Andrea Wojnar, UNFPA

GEORGE SIMMONS MEMORIAL ORATION

Major Gen. (Prof.) Atul Kotwal

PARTICIPATION

Oral Presentation: 170
Poster Presentation : 153
Delegates: ~450

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Geospatial presentation of Population
and health Data



46th Annual Conference

27-29 NOVEMBER, 2025

Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI),
Kolkata

THEME

People, Planet, Prosperity:
Demographic Drivers of India's
Inclusive Growth

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ms. Andrea Wojnar, UNFPA

GEORGE SIMMONS MEMORIAL ORATION

Dr. Niranjana Saggurti

PARTICIPATION

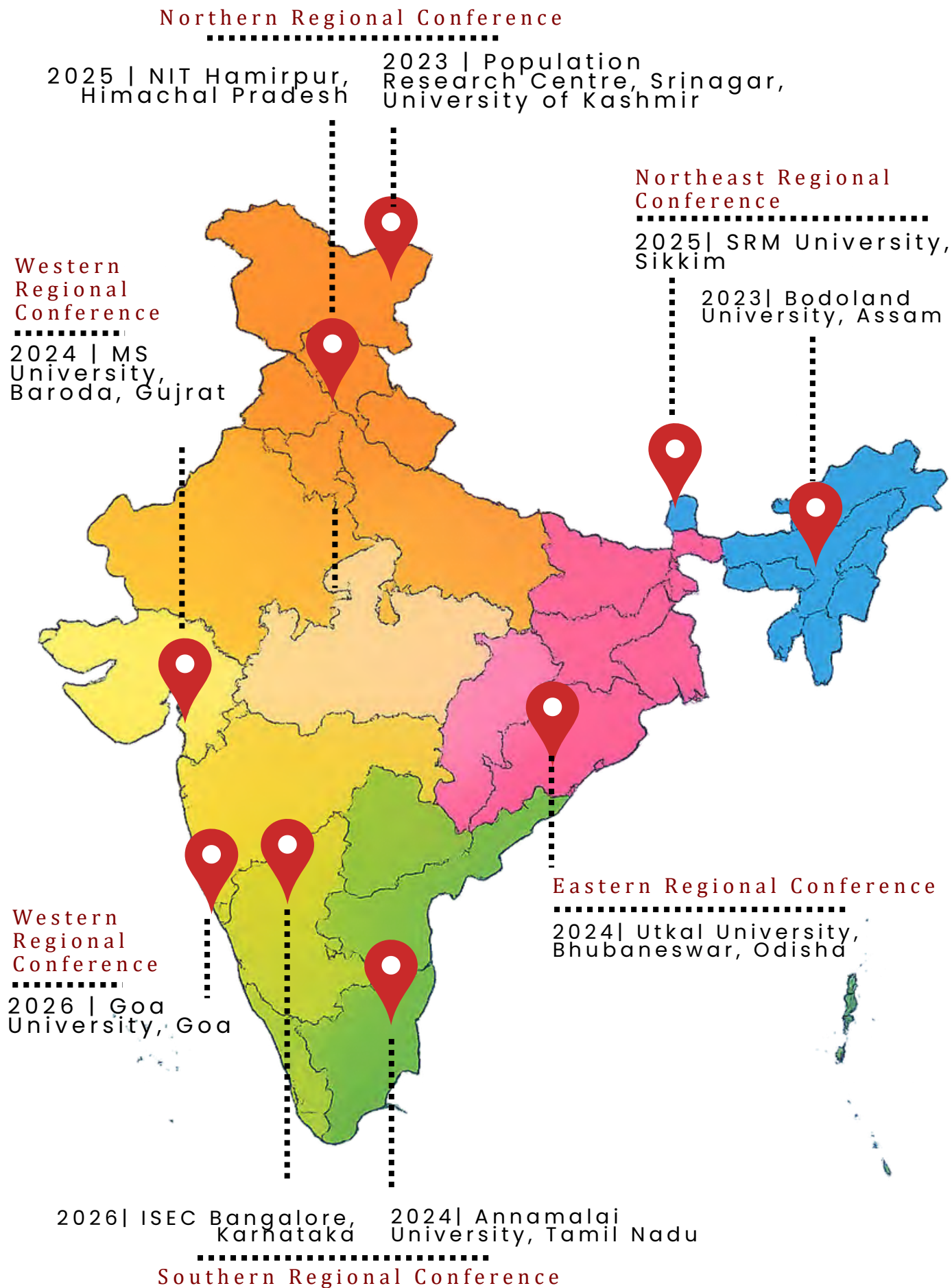
Oral Presentation: 121
Poster Presentation : 141
Delegates: ~350

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

POP MAP 25 - A Workshop on Mapping
and Analyzing Population Data



A SUMMARY OF IASP REGIONAL CONFERENCES, 2022-26



A SUMMARY OF AWARDS AND FELICITATIONS

FELICITATIONS

Each year, during the IASP Annual Conference, the Association formally felicitates senior demographers who have made enduring contributions to the field, recognizing their scholarship, mentorship, and lasting impact on population research in India.

Between 2022 and 2025, the following eminent members were honoured through a formal felicitation ceremony:

2025: Prof. K. K. Singh, Dr. Reena Basu, Dr. Jayanta Kumar Basu, Dr. Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Dr. Prasanta Pathak

2024: Prof. D. C. Nath, Prof. Sulabha Parasuraman, Prof. R. B. Bhagat, Prof. N. S. Bist, Dr. K. V. R. Subramaniam

2023: Dr. Pradeep Mishra, Dr. Alok Ranjan Chaurasia, Dr. R. J. Yadav, Dr. Santosh Jain Passi

2022: Dr. C. M. Pandey, Dr. A. K. Sharma, Dr. Mallika Mestry, Dr. R. K. Sinha, Dr. P. M. Nair

AWARDS

01 PROF. CHANDRASEKHARAN AWARD

Single-author papers on the conference theme /sub-themes are invited from young scholars (below 30 years of age) for the Prof. Chandrasekharan award. Authors of the papers selected by the committee are then invited to present them at the annual conference.

02 PROF. K.B. PATHAK AWARD

The annual award in memory of Prof KB Pathak is presented at the annual conference of IASP to the author of the best paper in the field of Population and Health with a significant contribution in terms of methodological innovation. The papers must have been published in any refereed journal on Population/Demography and Health during the past two years.

03 PROF. K. SRINIVASAN AWARD

The best technical and substantive papers published in Demography India are selected by the committee, and the award is presented at the annual conference.

04 PROF. S.N. SINGH AWARD

This award, in memory of Prof S.N. Singh, is presented to the author of the best poster(s) presented at the annual conference of IASP in the poster sessions. Selection is made by the chair committee.

NEWLY INSTITUTIONALISED AWARDS

05 PROF. SUDESH NANGIA ESSAY COMPETITION AWARD

The Prof. Sudesh Nangia Essay Competition Award, instituted by IASP in 2024, to promote young scholarship in population studies, recognizes high-quality, original essays on contemporary demographic issues. Open to students and early-career researchers, the competition encourages critical thinking and engagement with policy-relevant themes. Submissions are evaluated on clarity of argument, conceptual depth, and relevance, with selected participants acknowledged and awarded at the IASP Annual Conference.

06 PROF. P.P. TALWAR AWARD

The Prof. P. P. Talwar Award for Women in Technical Demography, instituted by IASP in 2025, recognizes outstanding research contributions by women scholars in the field of technical demography. The award is conferred through a competitive paper submission process, where entries are evaluated on methodological rigor, analytical depth, and relevance to demographic research. Shortlisted participants present their work at the IASP Annual Conference, with the final award honoring excellence in innovation and technical application in population studies.

A SUMMARY OF WORLD POPULATION DAY EVENTS, 2022-26

2023

Theme : Unleashing the power of gender equality: Uplifting the voices of women and girls

Plenary sessions:

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI
- UNFPA
- Population Council India

Organised at:

Population Research Centre, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi

2024

Theme : Leave no one behind, count everyone

Keynote Speaker:

- Ms. Lorna M. Rolls, UNFPA, India

Organised at:

Population Research Centre, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi

2025

Theme : Empowering young people to create the families they want in a fair and hopeful world

Key Speakers:

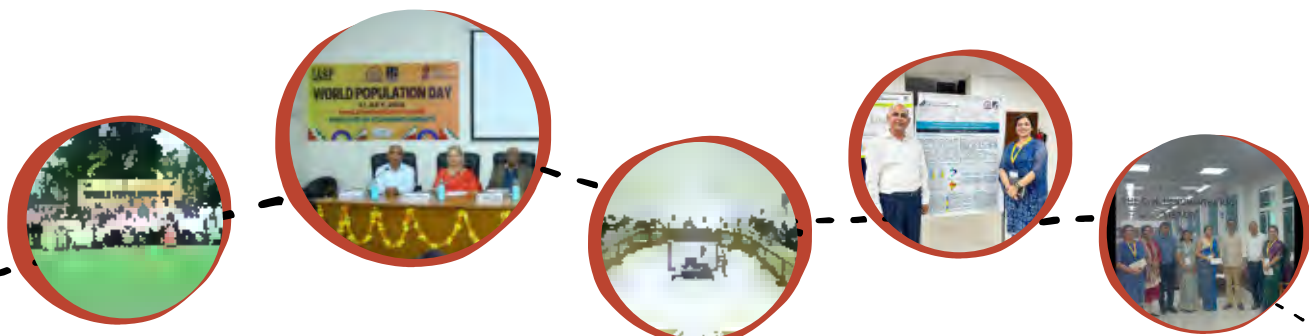
- Shri A R Nanda, Former Health Secretary, Govt. of India.
- Shri Pravin Srivastava, Former Secretary and Chief Statistician of India,
- Shri Kal Singh, Director General (Stats), Govt. of India,
- Dr. Sutapa B. Neogi, Director, Indian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR), Delhi,
- Prof. Dipendra Nath Das, Rector-II, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi
- Prof. Prem P. Talwar, IAPPD

Capacity Building Sessions:

- **Workshop** : Geospatial Representation of Population & Health Data' by Dr. Rakesh Arya, CSRD, JNU, New Delhi
- **Poster Presentation** : Total participants - 30

Organised at:

Population Research Centre, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi



A SUMMARY OF DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES, 2022–26

2022 *Speakers:* Dr. Gouranga Dasvarma, Dr. Aravinda Meera Guntupalli, Dr. Ties Boerma, Prof. Tarani Chandola, Prof. Anita Raj, Prof. Parveen Nangia
Lectures: 6

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June 
July	Aug 	Sept 	Oct 	Nov 	Dec 

2023 *Speakers:* Dr. Gunjeet Kaur, Dr. Ramesh B. M., Prof. Prabhat Jha, Dr. Li Liu, Dr. Manoj Murhekar, Prof. Lisa Stroschein, Dr. John Stover, Prof. Shiva S. Halli
Lectures: 9

Jan	Feb 	Mar 	Apr 	May 	June 
July 	Aug 	Sept	Oct 	Nov	Dec 

2024 *Speakers:* Dr. E. L. Sunethra J. Perera, Prof. Aris Ananta, Dr. Sushrima Gan, Dr. Nadia Flexner, Prof. Uday Saikia, Prof. Mala Rao
Lectures: 12

Jan 	Feb	Mar 	Apr 	May 	June
July	Aug	Sept 	Oct	Nov	Dec 

2025 *Speakers:* Dr. Raman Mishra, Bidhu Bhusan Mahapatra, Sanjana Arora, Dr. Akansha Singh, Dr. Sumit Mazumdar, Dr. Joe Thomas, Varsha Srivatsan, Dr. Soumya Alva, Emily Stammor, Dr. Shekhar Chauhan, Prof. Jayadevan Sreedharan
Lectures: 12

Jan 	Feb 	Mar 	Apr 	May 	June
July 	Aug 	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec

2026 *Speakers:* Prof. Tim Adair, Dr. Apoorva Jadhav, Dr. Moradhvaj Dhakad
Lectures: 12

Jan 	Feb	Mar	Apr 	May 	June
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REFLECTIONS IN FOCUS

Expanded accounts of key IASP initiatives during the 2022–2026 term

IASP ANNUAL CONFERENCES , 2022–2026

FOUR YEARS, FOUR CITIES, ONE CONTINUING CONVERSATION

The Annual Conference is the flagship gathering of the Indian Association for the Study of Population, the occasion on which the country's demographers, public health researchers, policymakers, and young scholars convene each year to take stock of India's population and development landscape. Between 2022 and 2026, across the 43rd to the 46th editions, the Conference travelled the length and breadth of the country, carrying its scientific dialogue from Rajasthan to Odisha, from the national capital to Bengal, and engaging a steadily widening community of participants along the way.

Each Conference is organised around a unifying theme that captures a pressing question of the moment. In 2022, as India marked seventy-five years of independence, the 43rd Annual Conference at Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur (1–3 December 2022) took up "India @75: Population, Nutrition, Health and Development -Experiences and Challenges." A year later, the 44th Annual Conference at the National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, Odisha (8–10 November 2023) turned to the future with "1.4 Billion Aspirations, One Sustainable Future: Unfolding India's Path to Development." The 45th Annual Conference, hosted by the Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi (12–14 December 2024), foregrounded equity through "Leaving No One Behind: Navigating Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development in India." Most recently, the 46th Annual Conference at the Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata (27–29 November 2025) explored "People, Planet, Prosperity: Demographic Drivers of India's Inclusive Growth."

A constant thread across these years has been the Association's strong institutional partnerships. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) delivered the keynote address at three of the four conferences -through Ms. Andrea Wojnar in 2022, 2024, and 2025 - while Mr. Sriram Haridass delivered the keynote in 2023. The intellectual high point of each Conference, the George Simmons Memorial Oration, brought distinguished voices to the podium through the years.

The Conferences have also grown in scholarly ambition. Alongside the technical and poster sessions that form the heart of the programme, recent editions have introduced pre-conference capacity-building workshops designed to equip young researchers with practical skills. Each Conference has further served as the stage for IASP's structured academic awards - the Prof. K. B. Pathak, Prof. K. Srinivasan, Prof. Chandrasekharan, Prof. Sudesh Nangia, Prof. P.P. Talwar, and Prof. S. N. Singh awards among them - and for the felicitation of senior demographers whose lifelong contributions have shaped the discipline in India.

Taken together, the four conferences of 2022–2026 reflect both continuity and momentum: a consistent commitment to rigorous, policy-relevant population science, and a visible expansion in geographic reach, participation, and scholarly offering. As the Association looks ahead, the Annual Conference remains its most enduring tradition — a national forum where evidence meets dialogue, and where successive generations of population scientists find their place in a shared intellectual community.

43RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE IASP

Conference Theme | Population, Nutrition, Health and Development: Experiences and Challenges

Dates

1-3 December, 2022

Venue

Mohanlal Sukhadia University (MLSU)

Location

Udaipur, Rajasthan

The 43rd Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population was held over three days at Mohanlal Sukhadia University in Udaipur, convening academicians, researchers, students, policymakers, and development practitioners from across the country. Held in the year India marked seventy-five years of independence, the Conference took **India @75** as its organising lens - inviting the population science community to reflect on the experiences, gains, and unfinished challenges of the nation's demographic journey.

The scientific programme was built around twelve sub-themes spanning the full breadth of the discipline, from fertility, nuptiality, and family demography to mortality and longevity, population ageing, migration and urbanisation, public health and nutrition, environmental change, data quality, and the demographic aftermath of COVID-19. The response from the research community was substantial: of 390 abstracts received and reviewed through the Association's online submission system, 133 were accepted for oral presentation and 87 for poster presentation, delivered across 20 technical sessions and three poster sessions over the course of the Conference.

The intellectual centrepiece of the Conference was the George Simmons Memorial Oration, delivered on Day 1 by Dr. K. S. James, Director and Senior Professor of the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, who spoke on "The Demography of Families in India: An Exploration." The programme further featured five plenary sessions addressing themes of pressing national relevance - the findings of NFHS-5; maternal and neonatal health exemplars from India; perspectives on tribal healthcare; nutrition policy; and gender-transformative programming with adolescents. In keeping with the year's significance, a special session commemorating the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was also convened.

The Conference marked the introduction of a new initiative - IASP's first Essay Competition, designed to draw graduate students, post-graduate students, and early-career research scholars from across the social sciences into the Association's academic life, with winners recognised through a cash prize and certificate. The Prof. Chandrasekharan Award session, recognising the best single-author paper by a young scholar on the conference theme, was held on the second day.

The Conference also offered the Association an occasion to honour its senior scholars. Through a formal felicitation ceremony, IASP recognised the enduring contributions of Dr. C. M. Pandey, Dr. A. K. Sharma, Dr. Mallika Mestry, Dr. R. K. Sinha, and Dr. P. M. Nair to population research in India.

Across its inaugural, technical, plenary, poster, and valedictory sessions, the 43rd Annual Conference reaffirmed IASP's role as a national forum where rigorous demographic research meets policy dialogue, and set the tone for the Association's renewed momentum in the years that followed.



43rd Annual Conference
of the
INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF POPULATION
organized jointly with the
POPULATION RESEARCH CENTRE, MOHANLAL SUKHADIA
UNIVERSITY [MLSU], UDAIPUR RAJASTHAN



DECEMBER, 1-3, 2022

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INDIAN ASSOCIATION
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43RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

About the Speaker:

In a career spanning thirty-six years, Ms. Wojnar has been at the forefront of programmes that have focused on the rights and health of women and girls, and giving a voice to youth and adolescents. The 'power of data' being her core guiding principle, she is passionate about using evidence-based results to conduct public advocacy and high-level policy dialogue to influence decision-makers on the importance of gender equality for sustainable development.

Ms Wojnar is a citizen of the United States of America, and holds a Master's degree in Management from McGill University (Montreal, Canada), with studies at INSEAD (France), Lancaster University (United Kingdom), Indian Institute of Management (Bengaluru, India), LG Institute (South Korea) and Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (Kanazawa, Japan). She also holds a Master's in Social Change and Development Economics from the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies (Washington D.C.).

Ms. Wojnar is a strong advocate of ensuring Rights and Choices for All.



Ms. Andrea Wojnar

**RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR UNFPA INDIA
AND COUNTRY
DIRECTOR FOR BHUTAN**



**1 DECEMBER, 2022
10:00 AM**



**POPULATION RESEARCH CENTRE
MOHANLAL SUKHADIA UNIVERSITY
UDAIPUR, RAJASTHAN**

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Conference Theme Population, Nutrition, Health and Development: Experiences and Challenges

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Location

Udaipur, Rajasthan

398

Abstracts
received

94

Oral
Presentations

65

Poster
Presentations

20

Technical
Sessions

6

Plenary
Sessions

~300

Delegates
attending

INAUGURAL SESSION

Chief Guest

Dr. C.R. Dewasi
Registrar, MLSU Udaipur

Presidential Address

Prof. Suresh Sharma
President, IASP

Keynote Address

Ms. Andrea Wojnar
Country Representative - India, UNFPA

GEORGE SIMMONS MEMORIAL ORATION

PROF. K.S. JAMES

Director, International
Institute for Population
Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai

"The Demography of
Families in India : An
Exploration"



PLENARY SESSIONS

Key Findings from NFHS-5

IIPS, Mumbai

Presenters : Prof. Chander Shekhar, Prof. L.K. Dwivedi, Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar, and Prof. H. Lungdim

Chair: Ms. Andrea Wojnar (UNFPA)

Maternal and Neonatal Mortality Transition : MNH Exemplar Study

IIPS, Mumbai | NHSRC | IHAT

Lead: Prof. Usha Ram

Chair: Maj. Gen. (Prof.) Atul Kotwal, NHSRC

Perspectives on Tribal Healthcare in India

Swasti

Panel: Piramal Swasthya, PATH, Jhpiego, KHPT

Chair: Dr. Subrato Mondal (USAID)

Nutrition Policy in India

Institute of Economic Growth

Speakers: Dr. William Joe (IEG), and Dr. Preeti Khanna (UNICEF)

Ageing Societies and the Elderly in India

UNFPA

Speaker: Dr. Sanjay Kumar

Gender Transformative Programming with Adolescents

ICRW

Speakers: Dr. Hemlata Verma, S. Kedia, A. Vyas, R. Soni, U. Choudhary (GEMS Programme)

Special Session - Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

- **Migration and Family Planning in India**
(Dr. Niranjana Saggurti, Population Council)
- **Trends in Sex Ratio at birth**
(Dr. Sanjay Kumar, UNFPA)

AWARDS



Prof. K.B. Pathak Award

Mr. W.B. Meitei



Prof. K. Srinivasan Award

Dr. Balhasan Ali, and Dr. Preeti Dhillon

Technical

Dr. Anshita Sharma

Substantive



Prof. Chadrasekharan Award

Ms. Aditi B. Prasad



Prof. S.N. Singh Award

1st Session- Veena Vinod P

2nd Session - Binayak Kandapan

3rd Session - Trupti Meher



Prof. Sudesh Nangia Essay Competition Award*

1st Position - Archana Satheesh

2nd Position - Puja Kumawat

3rd Position - Krishna Kumar

**Introduced for the first time at the conference*

FELICITATION OF SENIOR DEMOGRAPHERS

Honored for enduring contributions to population research in India

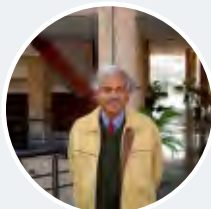
Prof. C.M. Pandey

Prof. A.K. Sharma

Prof. R.K. Sinha

Dr. Malika Mistry

**Prof. P.
Mohanchandran Nair**



43RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE IASP

Conference Theme | **Population, Nutrition, Health and Development: Experiences and Challenges**

Dates

1-3 December, 2022

Venue

Mohanlal Sukhadia University (MLSU)

Location

Udaipur, Rajasthan



INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF POPULATION

The IASP is delighted to introduce the SUDESH NANGIA ESSAY COMPETITION AWARD

to be presented to young demographers at IASP's Annual Conferences



Prof. Sudesh Nangia

Eminent Demographer &
Former President, IASP

AWARD DETAILS

Sudesh Nangia Essay Competition Award

1st Prize **INR 10,000/-**

2nd Prize **INR 7,500/-**

3rd Prize **INR 5,000/-**

The award is generously supported by Prof. Sudesh Nangia's kind contribution of Rs. 5 Lakhs towards IASP.

The IASP expresses solemn gratitude for Prof. Nangia's contribution and takes pride in being a part of advancing her enduring legacy.

ABOUT PROF. SUDESH NANGIA

Prof. Sudesh Nangia is one of India's foremost demographers, with decades of distinguished service in population research, gender studies, and social science scholarship. A former President of IASP, her academic contributions have shaped the field of Indian demography. This award honours her enduring intellectual legacy and her deep commitment to nurturing the next generation of scholars.

ELIGIBILITY & FORMAT

WHO CAN APPLY

Young scholars below age 30; IASP members

FORMAT

Online; topic revealed 15 minutes before start

DURATION

1 hour for writing + 15 minutes for submission

WHEN

Held annually at IASP's Annual Conference

Nurturing young minds is not just an investment in scholarship — it is an investment in the future of our society and nation. IASP is proud to honour the spirit of Prof. Nangia's life's work through this award.

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43RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE IASP

Conference Theme | **Population, Nutrition, Health and Development: Experiences and Challenges**

Dates

1-3 December, 2022

Venue

Mohanlal Sukhadia University (MLSU)

Location

Udaipur, Rajasthan



44TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE IASP

Conference Theme | **1.4 Billion Aspirations, One Sustainable Future : Unfolding India's Path to Development**

Dates

8-10 November, 2023

Venue

National Institute of Technology (NIT)

Location

Rourkela, Odisha

The 44th Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population was hosted at the National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, organised jointly with the Centre of Excellence on Public Health Nutrition, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, NIT Rourkela. Held under the theme "1.4 Billion Aspirations, One Sustainable Future: Unfolding India's Path to Development," the three-day gathering drew more than 350 participants from over 40 universities, research institutions, and organisations across the country.

The inaugural session featured a keynote address by Mr. Sriram Haridass, Deputy Representative, UNFPA India, a special address by Mr. William Hanlon Jr of UNICEF Odisha, and an address by the Chief Guest, Padma Shri (Prof.) Digambar Behera of PGIMER, Chandigarh, who spoke on the links between nutrition, public health, and India's goal of eliminating tuberculosis.

The scientific programme spanned 15 technical sessions and two poster sessions, with 85 oral and 50 poster presentations covering the full breadth of the discipline - population dynamics and demographic transition, mortality and morbidity, fertility and family planning, ageing, migration, reproductive and sexual health, public health and nutrition, and demographic data and methods. Two plenary sessions anchored the deliberations: the first, chaired by Mr. Sourav Bhattacharjee of UNICEF, examined data gaps and methodological challenges in addressing public health nutrition in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals; the second, chaired by Prof. F. Ram, brought together development partners and frontline workers to discuss innovations in Maternal, Newborn and Child Health.

A defining feature of the 2023 Conference was its strong gender thread. Prof. Sudesh Nangia - former Professor at CSRD, JNU, and former President of the IASP - delivered the George Simmons Memorial Oration on "Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in India: Status and Challenges," becoming the first woman in the Association's history to deliver this prestigious oration. The pre-conference workshop, "Understanding Data Through a Gender Lens," organised by the Centre for Demography of Gender at IIPS Mumbai, trained young scholars in reading population data through a gender perspective. Notably, women outnumbered men among the presenters, and all three finalists for the Prof. Chandrasekharan Award were women.

The Conference also recognised scholarly excellence across its established award categories. In keeping with tradition, four senior demographers - Dr. Pradeep Mishra, Dr. Alok Ranjan Chaurasia, Dr. R. J. Yadav, and Dr. Santosh Jain Passi - were felicitated for their enduring contributions to the field. The 44th Annual Conference carried forward the IASP's tradition of rigorous, inclusive, and policy-relevant population science, while marking a memorable milestone in the Association's journey toward gender-equitable scholarship.

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**1.4 Billion Aspirations, One Sustainable Future:
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Prof. Jalndhar Pradhan
NIT, Rourkela

– PLENARY SESSIONS

Data Gaps & Methodological Challenges in Public Health Nutrition (SDG Context)

Moderator: Prof. Jalndhar Pradhan
Discussants : Prof. Sanghamitra Acharya
(JNU), Dr. Santosh Jain Passi, Dr. Aalok
Ranjan Chaurasia (Shyam Institute), Dr.
Rajib Acharya (Population Council)
Chair: Mr. Sourav Bhattacharjee (UNICEF)

Innovations in Maternal Newborn Child Health (MNCH)

Moderator: Prof. Sanghamitra Acharya
Speakers : Mr. Vaibhao Ambhore (USAID -
Saksham/PATH), Dr. Ashok Padhi
(Jhpiego), Ms. Nirmala Mishra (Piramal
Swasthya), NHM Odisha and Frontline
workers
Chair: Prof F. Ram

– AWARDS



Prof. K.B. Pathak Award

Shobhit Srivastava, T. Muhammad,
Ronak Paul, & K.A. Khan



Prof. K Srinivasan Award

U.S. Mishra, S.K. Mohanty, & U. Sahoo
Technical

A. Banerjee, A. Gupta, & A.K.
Chattopadhyay
Substantive



Prof. Chadrsekharan Award

Ms. Abna A.



Prof. S.N. Singh Award

Session 1 - Ms. Harleen Kaur Gulati
Session 2 - Mr. Pawan Kumar Yadav



Prof. Sudesh Nangia Essay Competition Award

1st Position - Ms. Saumya Chauhan
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– GEORGE SIMMONS MEMORIAL ORATION

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45TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE IASP

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Dates

12-14 December, 2024

Venue

CSRD, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Location

New Delhi

The 45th Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population was hosted at the Centre for the Study of Regional Development (CSRD), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, during the Centre's golden jubilee year. Held under the theme "Leaving No One Behind: Navigating Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development in India," it was the largest Annual Conference in the Association's history to date - drawing more than 500 attendees and a record 483 abstracts, of which 323 were accepted for presentation (170 oral and 153 poster, the highest such numbers IASP has seen) across 22 parallel technical sessions and two poster sessions*. The inaugural session was led by the JNU Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, with a presidential address by Prof. Suresh Sharma, a keynote by Ms. Andrea M. Wojnar (Representative-India and Country Director-Bhutan, UNFPA), and a spotlight talk by Mr. Arjan de Wagt of UNICEF India.

The scientific programme was anchored by six plenary sessions, each convened in partnership with a leading institution and addressing a dimension of the "leave no one behind" agenda. These spanned equity-centred monitoring of child-specific SDGs (UNICEF); evidence-based programme implementation in Northeast India through the RASTA initiative (Population Council); poverty, income inequality, and health insurance coverage (PSI); maternal health and nutrition access for the most vulnerable (CINI and IIHMR); insights from Population Research Centre research; and the holistic acceptance of family planning (ICRW). The George Simmons Memorial Oration was delivered on the opening day by Major Gen. (Prof.) Atul Kotwal, Executive Director of the National Health Systems Resource Centre.

The 2024 conference was notable for the introduction of two new honours. The Prof. P. P. Talwar Award for Women in Technical Demography — endowed by Prof. P. P. Talwar — made its debut, inviting unpublished technical papers from women demographers under 40, with five shortlisted papers presented at the conference. Alongside it, the Prof. Sudesh Nangia Essay Award was formally endowed with a ₹5 lakh contribution, enabling three prizes for young scholars. The conference also featured a pre-conference workshop on "Geospatial Presentation of Population and Health Data"

In keeping with tradition, five senior demographers - Prof. D. C. Nath, Prof. Sulabha Parasuraman, Prof. R. B. Bhagat, Prof. N. S. Bist, and Dr. K. V. R. Subramaniam - were felicitated for their enduring contributions to the discipline. The conference was supported by an extensive network of partners, including UNFPA, UNICEF, the Population Council, USAID, PSI, CINI, IIHMR, ICRW, ICSSR, and IndianOil. Organised under a committee chaired by Prof. Suresh Sharma, with Dr. Bhaswati Das (CSRD, JNU) as Convener, the 45th Annual Conference marked a milestone in the Association's journey - the first IASP conference of this scale, setting new records for participation and scholarly output, while reaffirming the IASP's commitment to inclusive, rigorous, and policy-relevant population science and to the recognition of women scholars in the field.

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PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

11 December, 2024

Geospatial Representation of Population and Health Data

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CSRD, JNU, Delhi

GEORGE SIMMONS MEMORIAL ORATION

MAJOR GEN. (PROF.) ATUL KOTWAL

Executive Director, NHRSC

"Strategic responses to foster equity and sustainability in healthcare"



PLENARY SESSIONS

Bridging Gaps: Equity-Centred Monitoring of Child-Specific SDGs

UNICEF

Speakers G.N.P. Salamanca, J.P. Azevedo, Maaike Bjiker, Dr. Soumen Baagchi
Panel: Dr. Pankaj Srivastava, Prof. Purushottam M. Kulkarni, Dr. Ziaul Haque, Dr. Renu Singh
Chair: Christopher Garroway (UN India)

RASTA : Evidence-Based Programme Implementation in Northeast India

Population Council Consulting
Speakers: Dr. Siddharth Maurya (NHSRC), Dr. Punit Mishra (Population Council, India), Dr. Zorinsangi (NHM, Mizoram)
Chair : Prof. F. Ram
Co-Chair : Dr. Subrato Mondal (USAID)

Poverty, Income-Inequality & Health : Insurance Coverage & OOPe

Population Services International (PSI IPL)
Panel: Ravi Subbiah, Kali Prasad Roy, Anshul Khurana, Deepak Kumar
Chair: Dr. Subrato Mondal (USAID)

Increasing Accessibility to Maternal Health & Nutrition Services for the Most Vulnerable Pockets

CINI & IIMR Delhi
Speakers: Dr. Sutapa Bandopadhyay Neogi(IIMR), Dr Zoya Ali Rizvi (MoHFW), Surabhi Chaturvedi (BMGF), Dr. Aboli Gore (John Hopkins India Centre), Dr. Shaymali Rudra Basu (GoWB), Mr. Meghendra Banerjee (CINI)

Sustainable Development and Health: Insights from PRC Research

Population Research Centres, MoHFW, GoI
Speaker: Dr. William Joe, Dr. Rajesh Aggarwal, Dr. Kavitha N. Dr. Sagar Rajput

Leave No One Behind: Enhancing Holistic Acceptance of Family Planning

ICRW
Speakers: Falak Raza, Abhishek Gautam, Nitin Datta, Priyanka Banerjee

AWARDS



Prof. K.B. Pathak Award
Madhurima Sharma



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2nd Position - Surabhi Singh
3rd Position - Preety Sharma



Prof. PP Talwar Award for 'Women in Technical Demography'*
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2nd Position - Preety Sharma

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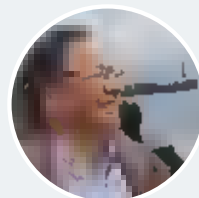
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Women in Technical Demography

recognizing women in the research area of technical demography



Dr. Prem P. Talwar is a distinguished academic who served as Professor and Head of the Department of Statistics and Demography at the National Institute of Health & Family Welfare (NIHFW). He also held prominent teaching and research positions, including a year as a Visiting Professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and six years as an Adjunct Professor at the University of North Carolina, USA, where he contributed to Family Welfare projects across South Asia.

Dr. Talwar's expertise in Statistics, Biostatistics, Demography, and Health & Family Welfare has earned him numerous accolades, such as the Lifetime Achievement Award in Medical Statistics and the Fellowship of the Indian Society of Medical Statistics (FSMS). He also served as President of the Indian Society of Medical Statistics and was invited to deliver prestigious orations, including the Ved-Prakash and George Simmons Memorial Lectures.

With over 100 publications in peer-reviewed journals and 10 authored books, Dr. Talwar's work has left a lasting impact on both national and international scholars in his field.

Award Details

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PROF. K.B. PATHAK AWARD
Best paper published in the field of Population and Health in a refereed journal

Madhurima Sharma
"Socioeconomic inequality in cognitive impairment among India's older adults and its determinants: a decomposition analysis"
Sharma and Pradhan BMC Geriatrics (2023) 23:7 <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12877-022-03604-4>

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Best Technical and Substantive Paper Published in Demography India Journal

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Labananda Choudhury
"A Study of temporary life expectancy and its related measure under dynamic approach"

Nazmina Hussain

AWARD FOR THE BEST SUBSTANTIVE PAPER

Arup Kumar
"A critical review of India's RMNCH+A strategy (2014) to achieve SDG 2030 goal for neonatal mortality rate"

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Nawaj Sharif
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46TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE IASP

Conference Theme | **People, Planet, Prosperity: Demographic Drivers of India's Inclusive Growth**

Dates

27–29 November, 2025

Venue

Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI)

Location

Kolkata, West Bengal

The 46th Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population was hosted at the Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI), Kolkata, in collaboration with the National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organisation (NATMO). Held under the theme "People, Planet, Prosperity: Demographic Drivers of India's Inclusive Growth," the conference drew 391 abstracts, of which 262 were accepted for presentation (121 oral and 141 poster) across 15 parallel technical sessions, five plenary sessions, and two poster sessions over three days. The choice of host institutions gave the 2025 conference a distinctive interdisciplinary character, bringing demography into close conversation with anthropology and geospatial science.

A highlight of the opening day was a special felicitation of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) on its receipt of the 2025 UN Population Award (Institutional Category) - recognised for promoting population research and collaboration among demographers worldwide - with the felicitation extended by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The George Simmons Memorial Oration was delivered by Dr. Niranjana Saggurti, India Country Director of the Population Council. The plenary and panel programme reflected the conference's interdisciplinary theme, featuring sessions led by the Population Foundation of India and Population Council Consulting (on adolescents in transition), alongside panel discussions convened by NATMO on building a demography-geography ecosystem for local decision-making and on the geo-spatial vulnerabilities of persons with disability, and by AnSI on population, environment, and culture.

The conference recognised scholarly excellence across its established awards. In keeping with tradition, five senior demographers were felicitated in the Awards-cum-Felicitation Ceremony on the opening day: Prof. K.K. Singh, Dr. Reena Basu, Dr. Bashir Ahmad Bhat, and Dr. Jayanta Kumar Basu.

A dedicated pre-conference workshop, "POP MAP 25 — A Workshop on Mapping and Analysing Population Data," was organised on 26 November 2025 with the Department of Geography, Amity University Kolkata, and drew around 100 participants, fittingly extending the conference's geospatial theme into hands-on capacity building.

The 46th Annual Conference carried forward the IASP's tradition of rigorous, interdisciplinary, and policy-relevant population science, while its felicitation of the IUSSP placed Indian demography within a moment of global recognition for the discipline.



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Ms. Andrea M. Wojnar is the UNFPA Representative for India and Country Director for Bhutan, a role she assumed in early 2022. With over 36 years of global experience, she has championed the rights and health of women, girls, and young people, guided by her belief in the power of data for evidence-based advocacy and policy dialogue.

Before India, Ms. Wojnar served as UNFPA Representative in Mozambique and Senegal, and as Country Director for The Gambia. Earlier, she led development and humanitarian initiatives with the U.S. Peace Corps, IFRC, and American Red Cross across 50+ countries.

A U.S. citizen, Ms. Wojnar holds master's degrees in Management (McGill University) and in Social Change and Development Economics (Johns Hopkins University, SAIS), with additional studies at INSEAD, IIM Bengaluru, and other leading institutions. She is a passionate advocate for Rights and Choices for All.

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– GEORGE SIMMONS MEMORIAL ORATION

DR. NIRANJAN SAGGURTI

Director, Population Council India

"India's fertility scenario
and the centrality of
contraceptive access and
agency."



– PLENARY SESSIONS

India's Demographic Trajectory

Population Foundation of India (PFI)

Building a Demography-Geography Ecosystem for Local-Level Decision-Making

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Geo-Spatial Vulnerabilities of Persons with Disabilities in India - Breaking the Barriers

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Adolescents in Transition - Integrating Nutrition, Mental Well- being, and Social Contexts for Holistic Health

Population Council Consulting

Population, Environment and Culture: Interdisciplinary Approaches from Ongoing Projects

Anthropological Survey of India

– PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

26 November, 2025

Use of GIS in Population Data Organised by:

Department of Geography, Amity
University, Kolkata

– AWARDS



Prof. K.B. Pathak Award

Dr. Jalandhar Pradhan



Prof. K. Srinivasan Award

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Prof. S.N. Singh Award

Session 1 - Abinash Jena
Session 2 - ****



Prof. Sudesh Nangia Essay Competition Award

1st Position - Anjum Khatoon
2nd Position - Vandita Ranjan
3rd Position - Anaswara B.G.



Prof. PP Talwar Award for 'Women in Technical Demography'

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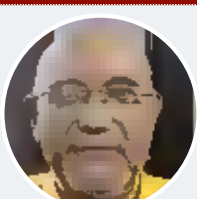
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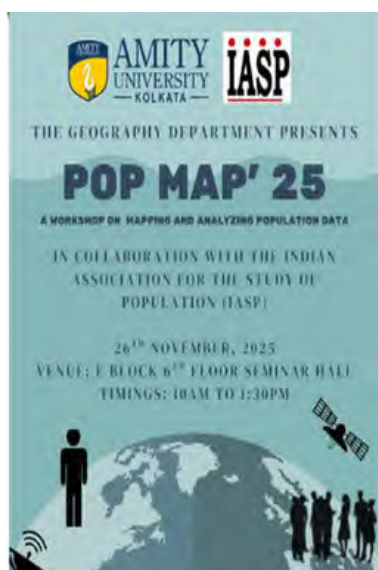
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Venue

Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI)

Location

Kolkata, West Bengal



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COMPETITION DETAILS

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MS. ANJUM KHATOON

2

A portrait of Ms. Vandita Ranjan, a woman with long dark hair wearing a pink top.

MS. VANDITA RANJAN

3

A portrait of Ms. Anaswara B G, a woman with dark hair wearing a green patterned top.

MS. ANASWARA B G

CONGRATULATIONS!

A portrait of Prof. Suresh Sharma, a man with grey hair wearing a blue suit.

Prof. Suresh Sharma
President, IASP

A portrait of Dr. Anil Chandran, a man with a mustache wearing a dark suit.

Dr. Anil Chandran
General Secretary, IASP

A portrait of Dr. Jeetendra Yadav, a man with dark hair wearing a light blue shirt and tie.

Dr. Jeetendra Yadav
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS PROF. K.B. PATHAK AWARD

Best paper published in the field of Population and Health in a refereed journal



Dr. Jalandhar Pradhan

"Burden of Non-Communicable
Diseases in South Asia: A
Decomposition Analysis"

Pradhan, J., Pal, M., Dwivedi, R. et al. Burden of non-communicable diseases in South Asia: a decomposition analysis. *J Health Popul Nutr* 44, 124 (2023).



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Nilesh Jagannath
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"Inequality in Transition: A Four - Decade Analysis of India's Consumption Shifts Using NSSO Data"

"Forecasting Scheduled Tribe Student Enrollment in India Using the ARIMA Algorithm: A data mining approach"



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Regional Chapters...

Taking Population Science Closer to Regional Research Ecosystems

The Regional Conferences of the Indian Association for the Study of Population have been a vital part of the Association's academic outreach during the 2022–2026 term. While the Annual Conference continues to serve as IASP's flagship national platform, the Regional Conferences have helped decentralise scholarly engagement by taking population and development debates closer to universities, research centres, students, early-career scholars, and regional policy communities across India.

During this term, IASP strengthened its regional presence through a series of conferences across the North, Northeast, East, South, and West. Together, these conferences reflect IASP's commitment to building a genuinely national academic network. By convening meetings outside the traditional metropolitan centres, the Association created opportunities for regionally grounded research to enter wider demographic conversations. These platforms enabled scholars to examine population change not only as a national phenomenon, but also through the distinctive social, cultural, ecological, and institutional contexts of different regions.

The regional conferences have been especially important for young researchers. They provided accessible spaces for students and early-career scholars to present work, receive feedback, interact with senior demographers, and engage with contemporary methods and policy questions in population studies. In doing so, they contributed to IASP's broader mandate of nurturing the next generation of population scientists and strengthening capacity beyond a few established institutions.

A defining strength of these conferences has been their ability to connect local evidence with national policy concerns. Questions of fertility transition, migration, ageing, public health, nutrition, gender, climate vulnerability, tribal populations, urbanisation, data systems, and regional inequality take different forms across India's diverse geography. The Regional Conferences allowed such issues to be discussed with greater contextual depth, while still linking them to the larger demographic and development trajectory of the country.



IASP Regional Conferences – North

i. Northern Regional Conference, 2023

Theme: Demographic Dividend and Inclusive Growth in North India

Dates: Sep 29-30, 2022

Venue: Population Research Centre, University of Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir

IASP Member Secretary / Coordinator: Dr. Rajesh Kumar Chauhan, Northern Regional Coordinator, IASP



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POPULATION RESEARCH CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

*Population, Development and Health in Northern India:
Status and Challenges Ahead*

DATE: 29-30 SEP, 2022
VENUE: GANDHI BHAWAN, UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR
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Dr. Syed Kharsheed Ahmad
PRC Srinagar



IASP Regional Conferences – North

II. Northern Regional Conference, 2025

Theme: Demographic Dividend and Inclusive Growth in North India

Dates: 20–21 March 2025

Venue: Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Institute of Technology Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh

IASP Member Secretary / Coordinator: Dr. Rajesh Kumar Chauhan, Northern Regional Coordinator, IASP

Plenary session: Health and Development - with speakers from Himachal Pradesh University, Indira Gandhi Medical College & Hospital, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College & Hospital, and NIT Hamirpur.

Presentations: 25 oral presentations across four technical sessions



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IASP Regional Conferences – Northeast

III. North-eastern Regional Conference, 2023

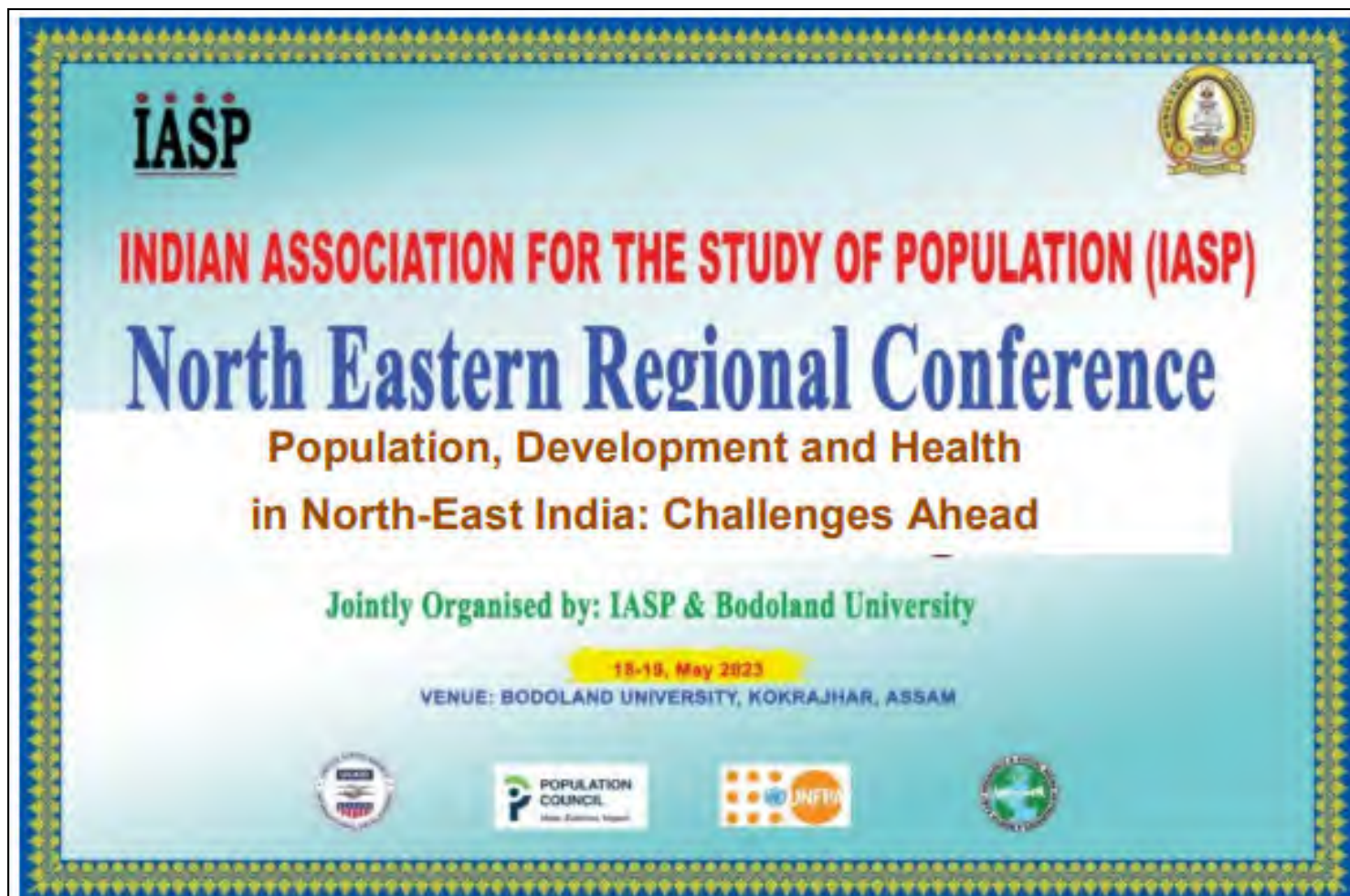
Theme: Population, Development and Health in North-Eastern India: Challenges Ahead

Dates: 18–19 May 2023

Venue: Bodoland University, Kokrajhar, Assam

IASP Member Secretary / Coordinator: Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary and Coordinator, North-Eastern Regional Conference, IASP

Plenary / thematic focus: The conference focused on population, health and development concerns specific to the North-Eastern states, with emphasis on data gaps, regional health challenges, and policy-relevant demographic research.



IASP Regional Conferences – Northeast

IV. Northeast Regional Conference, 2025

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

Dates: 29–30 May 2025

Venue: Shri Ramasamy Memorial University, Sikkim

IASP Member Secretary / Coordinator: Dr. Ajay K. Singh, Joint Secretary and Regional Coordinator, IASP

Plenary session: The plenary focused on population health and health-system challenges in the Northeast and comparable settings, with contributions linked to ICRW, Sikkim State AIDS Control Society, Vilnius University, North South University, and the University of Queensland. Key discussion themes included health care for populations with special needs, health-system challenges in border and fragile settings, and migrant population health.

Presentations: 49 oral presentations across technical sessions.



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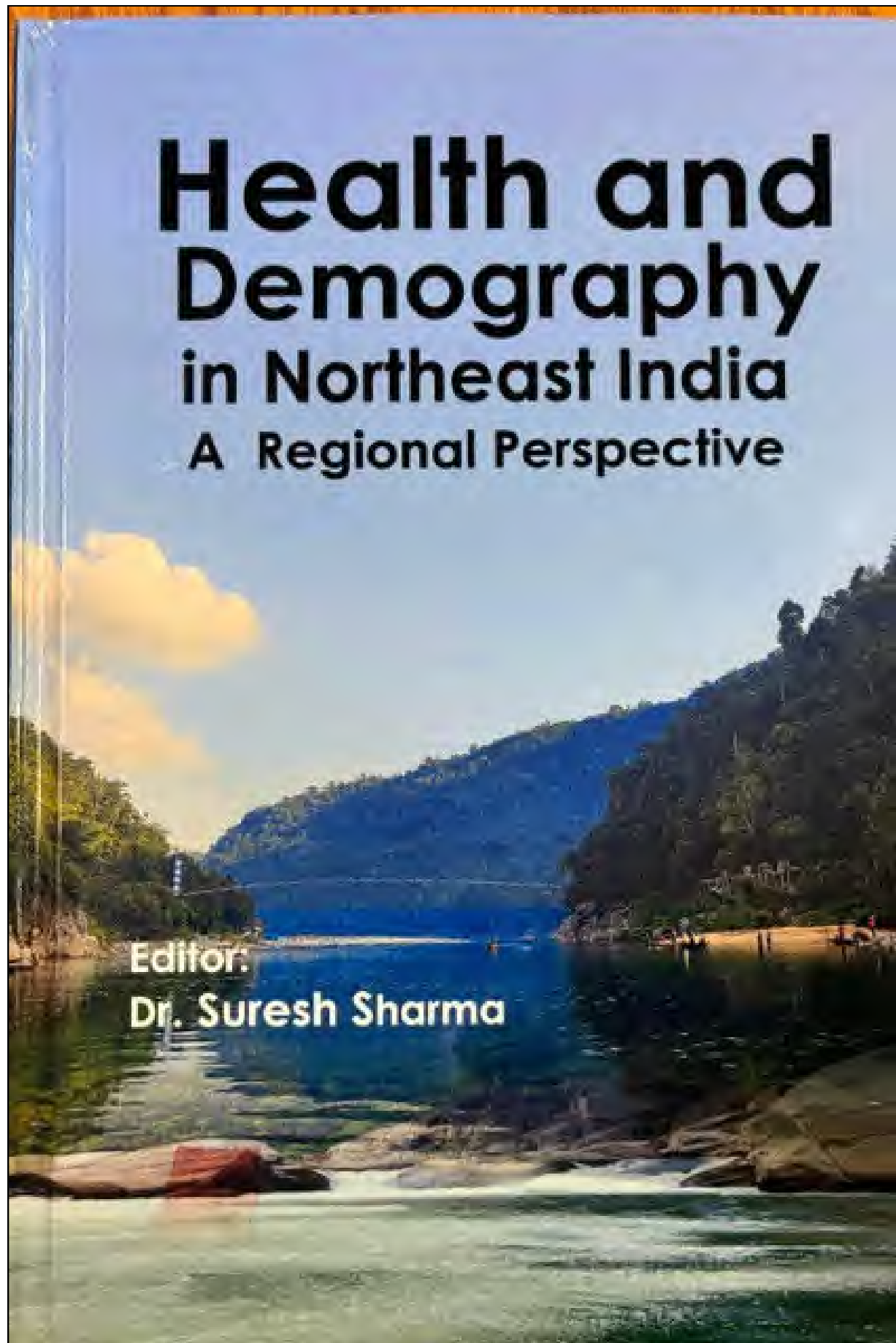
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IASP Regional Conferences – West

V. Western Regional Conference, 2024

Theme: Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development: Insights from Western India

Dates: 30–31 May 2024

Venue: Population Research Centre, Department of Statistics, Faculty of Science, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara, Gujarat

IASP Member Secretary / Coordinator: Dr. Archana Muthye, Western Regional Coordinator, IASP

Plenary sessions:

1. **Population Dynamics: Insights from Western India** — with Prof. Faujdar Ram, Prof. Ravi Verma, and Dr. Sanjay Kumar.
2. **Sustainable Development: Insights from Western India** — with speakers from IIHMR, JNU, and the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Government of Uttar Pradesh.
3. **Public Health System: Challenges and Opportunities in Western India** — PRC session with speakers from PRC Sagar, PRC Pune, PRC Udaipur, and PRC Baroda.



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IASP Regional Conferences – West

VI. Western Regional Conference, 2026

Theme: Demographic Transition in Western India

Dates: 20–21 March 2026

Venue: Goa Business School, Goa University, Goa

IASP Member Secretary / Coordinator: Dr. Gudakesh, Regional Secretary-West, IASP

Plenary session: Goa's Demographic Horizon: A Plenary Discussion — with speakers from Chowgule College, Goa Business School, Census Goa, UNFPA, and IIPS.

Presentations: 62 oral presentations across twelve technical sessions, including sessions on fertility and family planning, marriage and family, reproductive health, population ageing, public health, disease burden, youth and gender, nutrition, migration, urbanisation, domestic violence, child mortality, and a PRC special session.



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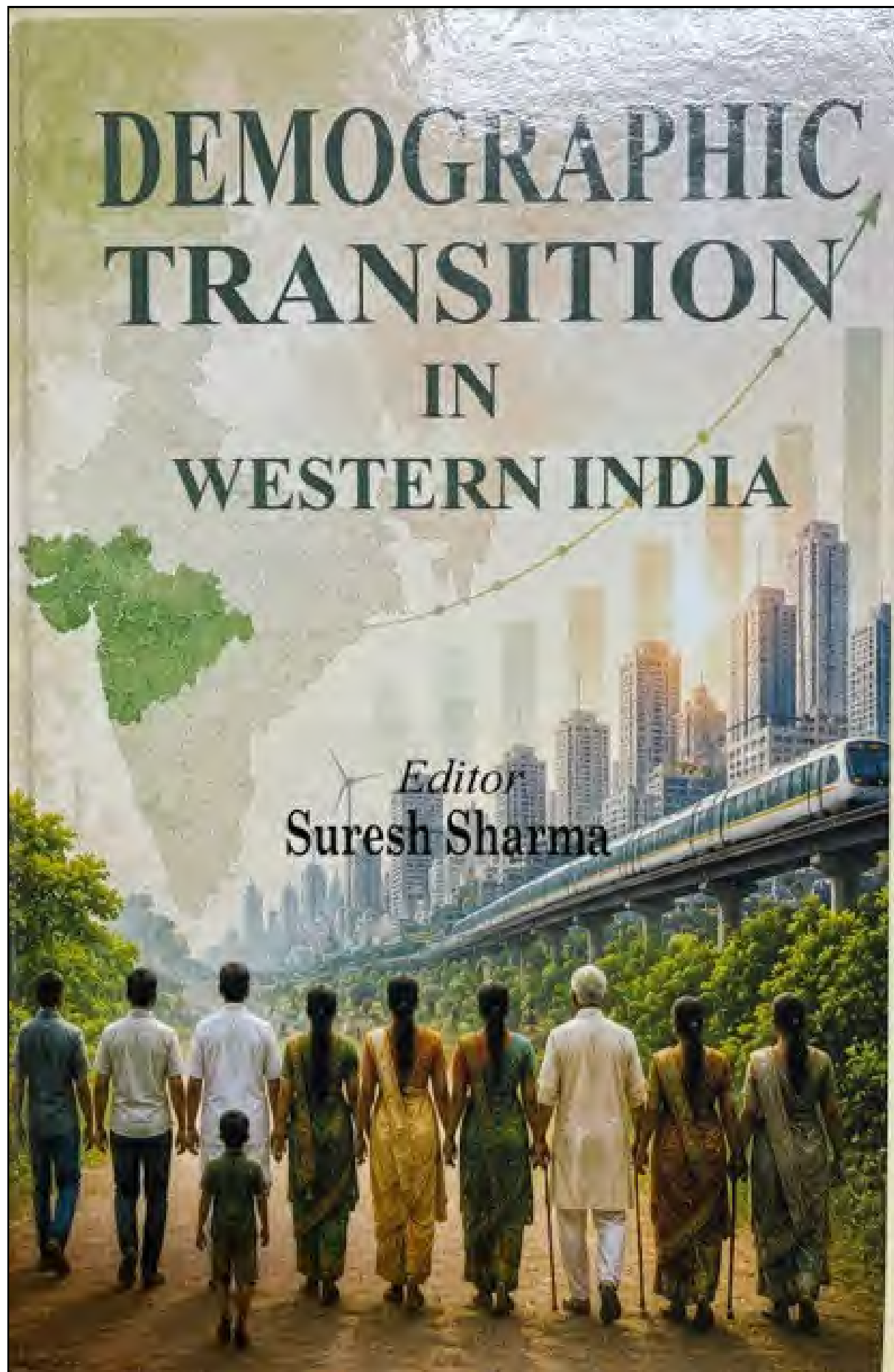
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IASP Regional Conferences – South

VII. Southern Regional Conference, 2024

Theme: Demography of South India: Prospects and Challenges

Dates: 16–17 February 2024

Venue: Department of Population Studies, Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu

IASP Member Secretary / Coordinator: Dr. Anil Chandran S, Coordinator, South Chapter of IASP

Plenary / panel sessions:

1. **Demographic Transition in South India: Ensuing Challenges** — with speakers from Population Council of India, UNICEF Tamil Nadu & Kerala, and research institutions.
2. **Health and Demographic Dynamics in the South: Research in PRCs** — with participation from PRC Bangalore, PRC Dharwad, PRC Kerala, and PRC Visakhapatnam.
3. **Demographic Achievements and Challenges in South India** — with speakers from RUWSEC, Acharya Nagarjuna University, PRC Gandhigram, and other regional institutions.
4. **Presentations:** 49 oral presentations across technical sessions; 25 poster presentations across two poster sessions.



IASP Regional Conferences – South

VIII. Southern Regional Conference, 2026

Theme: Demographic Transition in Southern India

Dates: 24–25 June 2026

Venue: Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, Karnataka

IASP Member Secretary / Coordinator: Prof. Usha Ram, Regional Secretary-South, IASP

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VIII. Southern Regional Conference, 2026

Theme: Demographic Transition in Southern India

Dates: 24–25 June 2026

Venue: Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, Karnataka

IASP Member Secretary / Coordinator: Prof. Usha Ram, Regional Secretary-South, IASP



IASP Regional Conferences – East

IX. Eastern Regional Conference, 2024

Theme: Population, Health and Development: Perspectives from Eastern India

Dates: 17–18 October 2024

Venue: Population Research Centre, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

IASP Member Secretary / Coordinator: Dr. Emily Das, Eastern Regional Coordinator, IASP

Plenary sessions:

- 1. Demographic Dynamics and State Interventions: Rhetoric to Reality** — sponsored by Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies, with speakers from UNFPA, JNU, IIPS, and NCDS.
- 2. Enabling Urban Family Planning with High Impact Interventions in Eastern India: Evidence & Learnings from The Challenge Initiative Program** — sponsored by Population Services International India, with participation from PGIMER & Capital Hospital, NHM Odisha, NUHM Odisha, and frontline workers.
- 3. Investing in Early Childhood Nutrition: The Foundations for a Healthier Future** — organised by the Centre of Excellence on Public Health Nutrition, NIT Rourkela, in collaboration with UNICEF.
- 4. Presentations:** 27 oral presentations across five technical sessions; 15 poster presentations.



IASP Regional Conferences – Key feature

Dedicated PRC Sessions in Regional Conferences

A distinctive feature of IASP's Regional Conferences has been the inclusion of dedicated Population Research Centre sessions. Population Research Centres are established units of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, and are spread across 18 States and Union Territories. Given their long-standing role in supporting programme monitoring, demographic research, health systems analysis, and policy feedback, each Regional Conference invites the corresponding regional PRCs to present evidence from their states. These sessions bring programme experience and policy-relevant research into the academic forum, strengthening the link between regional evidence, public health practice, and population policy.

KEY SPEAKERS



Dr. William Joe
PRC IEG, DELHI



Dr. Rajesh Aggarwal
PRC CRRID, PUNJAB



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PRC GANDHIGRAM,
TAMIL NADU



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Goa Business School, Goa University “Population Research Centre (PRC) Session”

Dr. T.S. SYAMALA
PRC, Bangalore



FERTILITY DECLINE AND FAMILY CHANGES IN SOUTH INDIA

Dr. LEKHA SUBAIYA
PRC, Bangalore



POPULATION AGEING IN SOUTH INDIA

Dr. SAJINI B NAIR
PRC, Kerala



RELIGION DEMOGRAPHY IN SOUTHERN INDIA

YOUTH POPULATION IN SOUTH INDIA: EMERGING CHALLENGES

MALNUTRITION OF UNDER FIVE TRIBAL CHILDREN IN ASR DISTRICT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

Dr. JYOTI HALLAI
PRC, Dharwad



Dr. V. RAMANA
PRC, Visakhapatnam



ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF WORLD POPULATION DAY

Advancing Dialogue on Population, Equity and Development

World Population Day has remained an important annual platform through which the Indian Association for the Study of Population brings together scholars, policymakers, programme leaders, students, and development partners to reflect on contemporary population and development priorities. Across the 2023–2026 term, IASP's World Population Day observances have provided a space for evidence-based dialogue on gender equality, inclusive data systems, youth aspirations, reproductive choices, and the role of population science in shaping a fairer and more sustainable future.

The 2023 observance engaged with the theme, "Unleashing the power of gender equality: Uplifting the voices of women and girls." The programme foregrounded gender as central to demographic change, public health, and development policy. Plenary discussions brought together representatives from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, UNFPA, and Population Council India, reflecting IASP's continuing commitment to connecting academic research with policy and programme institutions.

In 2024, the observance was organised around the theme, "Leave no one behind, count everyone." The discussion highlighted the importance of inclusive data, population enumeration, and visibility in policy planning. With Ms. Lorna M. Rolls from UNFPA India as the keynote speaker, the programme emphasised that robust population data are not merely statistical instruments, but essential tools for equity, accountability, and targeted development action.

The 2025 World Population Day observance expanded the platform further around the theme, "Empowering young people to create the families they want in a fair and hopeful world." The event brought together senior policy voices, including Shri A. R. Nanda, Shri Pravin Srivastava, Shri Kal Singh, Dr. Sutapa B. Neogi, Prof. Dipendra Nath Das, and Prof. Prem P. Talwar. A capacity-building workshop on geospatial representation of population and health data, conducted by Dr. Rakesh Arya, further strengthened the programme's academic and methodological component. The inclusion of a poster presentation session with 30 participants also reinforced IASP's effort to create opportunities for young scholars to present and engage with population research.

Taken together, the World Population Day observances during this term reflect IASP's broader institutional vision: to place population questions at the centre of public reasoning, policy debate, and scholarly engagement. By aligning each year's programme with the global WPD theme while situating it within India's demographic realities, IASP has used this platform to advance conversations on gender justice, inclusive data, youth empowerment, reproductive rights, and evidence-informed development.

The observances were organised at the Population Research Centre, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, and continued to strengthen IASP's role as a national forum where population science meets public policy. As the Association moves through 2026, World Population Day remains a key annual occasion for renewing its commitment to rigorous research, inclusive dialogue, and socially responsive demographic scholarship.

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WORLD POPULATION DAY

Advancing Dialogue on Population, Equity and Development



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UNLEASHING THE POWER OF GENDER EQUALITY: UPLIFTING THE VOICES OF WOMEN AND GIRLS TO UNLOCK OUR WORLD'S INFINITE POSSIBILITIES

Session 1: 10.00 am - 11.00 am



CHAIR REMARKS:
Shri S.R. Meena
Director General,
MoHFW, GoI



SPEAKER:
Ms. Andrea Wojnar
Country Representative
UNFPA



SPEAKER:
Prof. K. Srinivasan
Former Director,
IPS, Mumbai



SPEAKER:
Dr. Niranjan Saggarti
Country Director - India,
Population Council

Session 2: 12.00 - 01.00 pm



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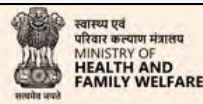
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Population Research Centre, IEG Delhi
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Sessions

Inaugural Session

11.00 am – 12.00 noon



Welcome address
Prof. Suresh Sharma
Head, PRC-IEG
President, IASP



Opening Remarks
Prof. Chetan Ghate
Director, Institute of Economic
Growth



Guest Speaker
Dr. Pawan Kumar
Additional Commissioner, In-
charge (FP&MH), MoHFW, GoI



Guest Speaker
Sh. D.K. Ojha
Deputy Director General, GoI



Guest Speaker
Ms. Ritu
Ministry of Health and Family
Welfare (Stat.), GoI



Keynote Speaker
Ms. Lorna M. Rollis
Deputy Representative, UNFPA,
India Office

Plenary Session I

12.00 – 01.00 pm



Session Chair
Shri A.R. Nanda
Former Secretary, MoHFW, GoI



Guest Speaker
Dr. Gurinder Bär Singh
Advisor CP-CPHC, NHSEC



Guest Speaker
Dr. Sanjay Kumar
National Programme Officer,
UNFPA



Guest Speaker
Prof. SC Gulati
Former faculty, Institute of
Economic Growth



Guest Speaker
Dr. Manmohan Sharma
Executive Secretary, Indian
Association of Parliamentarians
on Population and Development



Vote of Thanks
Dr. William Joe
PRC-IEG Delhi

Plenary Session II

02.30 – 04.00 pm



Session Chair
Dr. Subrato Mandal
Senior Advisor, USAID India



Lecture -1
Dr. Rajib Acharya
Senior Associate, Population
Council



Lecture -2
Dr. Bijaylaxmi Nanda
Principal, Miranda House
College, University of Delhi



Lecture -3
Dr. Sanghamitra Acharya
Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru
University, Delhi



Lecture -4
Dr. Santosh Jain Passi
Former Director, Institute of
Home Economics



Vote of Thanks
Dr. Jeetendra Yadav
Treasurer, IASP

Poster Presentations

04.00 – 05.30 pm

Jury: Prof. Chetan Ghate, Prof. Sudesh Nangia, Prof. S.C. Gulati,
Dr. Sanjay Kumar and Dr. Jeetendra Yadav

Cultural Programme

05.30 – 07.00 pm

and Evening High Tea



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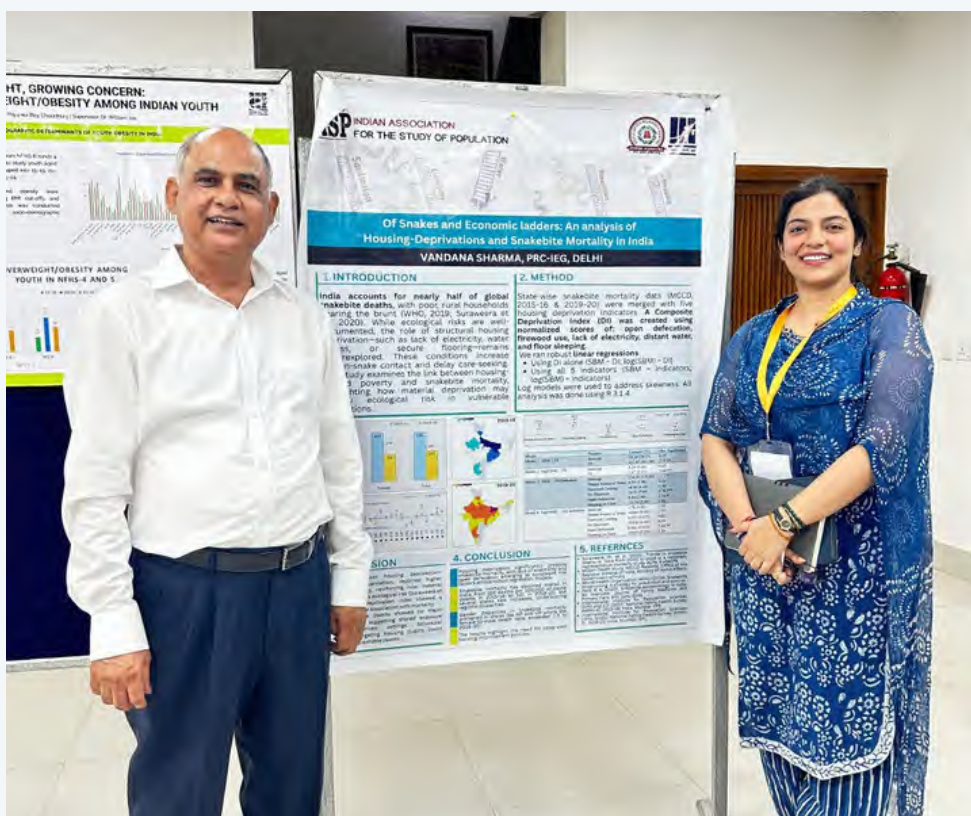
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by Prof. Gouranga Dasvarma
Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia

LECTURE TITLE:
Population, Health and the Environment
with a few references to a Global and Indian situation

Date: 28th June, 2022
Time: 04.00 pm – 05.00 pm (IST)

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Chaired by:
Prof. Suresh Sharma
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Vote of Thanks:
Prof. Usha Ram
General Secretary, IASP

About the lecture:
Population, health and the environment are linked. In his presentation, Prof. Dasvarma conceptual details of such a linkage and trace of population over time and trends in environmental hazards in the form of emission of carbon shall also present, from various sources, some of the impacts of climate change, emerging trends and environmental health impacts. The presentation will conclude with a discussion on environmental hazards in the industrial era, historical waves of different categories of hazards, the Environmental Health Risk Trail, the traditional and modern risks to health.

Dr. Ties Boerma
Professor, Max Rady College of Medicine, University of Manitoba, Canada

Prof. Gouranga Dasvarma
Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia
June 28, 2022

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"THE COMPLEX ASSOCIATION BETWEEN MIGRATION AND NUTRITION"

Migration might be the only escape route from extreme poverty, climatic disasters, conflicts or war for a few, whereas it is a strategy to improve living standards for others. The past two decades saw a significant surge in the number of internal and international migrants as well as refugees. By the end of 2020, nearly 41 million people experienced internal displacement. In addition, there were 763 million global internal migrants. All these migratory pathways significantly impact various domains of life, including health and nutrition both at the place of origin as well as those left behind at the destination.

While the body of evidence about the impact of migration on health is increasing, evidence on the effect of migration on diet and nutrition is still lacking due to the lack of information on the type of migration and nutrition. It is essential to understand the type of migration in addition to the characteristics of the migrant to understand the impact on nutrition. The session aims to explore the association between migration and nutrition. In addition, the impact of COVID on livelihoods and food insecurity will be explored with a particular focus on India.

GUEST SPEAKER
Dr Aravinda Meera Guntupalli
Senior Lecturer in Global Health, Institute of Applied Health Sciences
School of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition,
University of Aberdeen, Scotland, United Kingdom

Dr. Aravinda Meera Guntupalli works as Senior Lecturer in Global Health at the University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom. Her research focuses on health inequalities across the life course, nutrition and food insecurity among migrants, multidimensional poverty among older people and NCD related inequalities in middle-aged and older adults in low and middle-income countries.

Date: Saturday, August 27th, 2022
Time: 03.00 - 04.00 PM (IST)

Meeting link:
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Session Chair: Prof. Suresh Sharma, President, IASP
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Dr. Aravinda Meera Guntupalli
University of Aberdeen, Scotland, UK
August 22, 2022

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"MATERNAL, STILLBIRTH AND NEONATAL MORTALITY DECLINES IN INDIA: A PHASE-SPECIFIC TRANSITION MODEL BASED ON ANALYSES OF 149 COUNTRIES"

GUEST SPEAKER
Dr. Ties Boerma
PROFESSOR
Max Rady College of Medicine
Community Health Sciences
University of Manitoba, Canada

Dr. Ties Boerma is professor and Canada Research Chair for Population and Global Health in the Institute for Global Public Health, Department of Community Health Sciences, University of Manitoba, Canada, and Director of the Consortium for Women, Children's and Adolescent's Health. He has over 35 years of experience working in global public health and research programmes, including 8 decades at national and international levels in Africa and 14 years at the WHO to lead the work on health statistics and evidence. A national of the Netherlands, he received his medical degree from the University of Groningen and a PhD in medical demography from the University of Amsterdam.

Date: October 19th, 2022
Time: 07.30 - 08.30 PM (IST)

Session Chair: Prof. Suresh Sharma, President, IASP
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Dr. Ties Boerma
University of Manitoba, Canada
October 19, 2022

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DISABILITY AND POPULATION AGEING: IMPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Increasing life expectancy around the world is often not matched by similar increases in Disability Free Life Expectancy (DALEs). The compression of morbidity hypothesis states that the increase in life expectancy is squeezed or compressed so that the length of time between the onset of disability or chronic illness and mortality is reduced. This presentation will analyse some country comparisons of life expectancy and DALEs, reviewing evidence for the compression of morbidity. Differences in models of disability and the implications for research in the context of population ageing will also be discussed.

GUEST SPEAKER
Prof Tarani Chandola
DIRECTOR, METHODS HUB
Faculty of Social Sciences
University of Hong Kong

Dr. Tarani is a Professor of Medical Sociology. He is the director of the Methods Hub in the Faculty of the Social Sciences at the University of Hong Kong. He is also the President of the Association of Sociologists in Hong Kong. He is also the President of the Hong Kong Sociological Association. He is currently an international advisory board member of the journal Sociology of Health & Illness. He is also a member of the editorial board of the journal Sociology of Health & Illness. He is also a member of the editorial board of the journal Sociology of Health & Illness. He is also a member of the editorial board of the journal Sociology of Health & Illness.

Date: November 4th, 2022
Time: 02.00 - 03.00 PM (IST)

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Welcome Note: Dr. Anil Chandra S, Joint Secretary, IASP
Vote of Thanks: Dr. Dilip Kumar, Vice President, IASP

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Prof. Tarani Chandola
University of Hong Kong
November 4, 2022

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"FAMILY PLANNING TARGETS: REPRODUCTIVE AGENCY OR CONTRACEPTIVE USE?"

GUEST SPEAKER
Anita Raj, PhD, MS
DIRECTOR
of Population Dynamics at Center for Global Health, School of International
Development Studies, University of California, Berkeley

Anita Raj is a 2012 Distinguished Professor of Geography and Health, 2016 Distinguished Professor of the Department of Health, Behavior and Society, and the Director of the Center for Global Health Equity and Access Studies, and research, teaching, and research experience in reproductive health, population dynamics, and reproductive health equity. She has published over 100 papers on reproductive health, population dynamics, and reproductive health equity. She has also been involved in several international research projects, including the Reproductive Health and Family Planning (RHFP) project, the Reproductive Health and Family Planning (RHFP) project, and the Reproductive Health and Family Planning (RHFP) project.

Date: November 15, 2022
Time: 10.00 - 11.00 AM (IST)

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Prof. Anita Raj
UC San Diego, USA
November 15, 2022

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"PREVALENCE OF DISCRIMINATION IN CANADIAN LABOUR MARKET"

The Employment Equity Act aims at achieving equality in the labour market. Despite this legislation, a large proportion of workers in Canada experience discrimination. In this presentation, I explore the prevalence and type of discrimination in the labour market. This study uses data from the General Social Survey conducted in Canada in 2016, which collected information from 19,609 non-institutionalized individuals. Results show that 17 percent of the job applicants and 9 percent of the workers felt discriminated against in the workplace during the 12 months before the survey. This study considers seven marginalized groups: women, indigenous people, persons with disabilities, racialized groups, older workers, homosexuals, and refugees. Workers who belong to these marginalized groups have greater chances of discrimination.

The intersection of marginalized groups enhances the likelihood of discrimination. Data analysis indicates that a person's identification with two marginalized groups increases the chances of discrimination and augments further with three marginalized identities. However, the incremental effect of four or more marginalized groups is difficult to examine with this dataset due to the depleting sample size with the inclusion of every new group. Though results of the study support the theory of intersectionality, this perspective does not work for some combinations of marginalized groups.

GUEST SPEAKER
Prof. Parveen Nangia
Interim Dean, Faculty of Arts
Laurentian University, Canada

Parveen Nangia is currently serving as Interim Dean of the Faculty of Arts at Laurentian University where he is a Full Professor in the School of Social Sciences. He has a multidisciplinary background in geography, population studies and sociology. After completing his PhD from JNU, he was appointed as Assistant Professor in the same university. He joined IASP as a Lecturer and left the institute in 2002 when he was a Reader. Since then he has been living and working in Canada. He has conducted research in a number of areas of social, demographic, health, urban, and regional issues, specifically his research has focused on migration, health, social inequality, and discrimination. His latest publications include 'Healthy aging and wellbeing', 'Discrimination in the workplace', 'Community reintegration of stroke survivors', and 'Quality of life of immigrants in Canada'.

Date: December 23rd, 2022
Time: 10.30 - 11.30 AM (IST)

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President, IASP

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Prof. Parveen Nangia
Laurentian University, Canada
December 23, 2022

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"EVALUATING THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON CANCER DECLARATIONS IN QUEBEC, CANADA"

COVID-19 affected healthcare worldwide; government lockdown policies, limited access to healthcare, and delayed cancer screening and diagnosis may pose an additional burden of disease in the long term. The effect of COVID-19 was determined on cancer diagnosis using the example of the Canadian province.

GUEST SPEAKER
Dr. Agnhotram V. Ramanakumar
Department of Oncology, McGill University, Canada
Research Institute of McGill University Health Centre

Dr. Agnhotram is an accomplished healthcare researcher specializing in cancer epidemiology, health service research, biostatistical methodology, and artificial intelligence techniques. He has nearly two decades of experience working in high-profile global organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO), McGill University, McGill University Health Centre, and Analysis Group.

He is an adjunct faculty at the department of Oncology, McGill University, Canada, Associate Director at the Research Institute of McGill University Health Centre, and senior consultant to the Quebec Cancer Registry. He is the course director of a three-credit course on Principles of design, management, and analysis of clinical trials (ONCO615) at McGill University. He acted as an investigator on several research projects, mentored several graduate students, trainees, and supervised research staff in his career. He provides methodological consultations and acts as a lead methodologist on many projects in academia and industry. He published more than 150 peer-reviewed articles in prestigious journals such as Lancet, JAMA, JNCI, etc.

Dr. Raman did his master's in statistics, as well as in mathematical economics from Andhra University, a master's and Ph.D. in population sciences from the International Institute for Population Sciences, and a postdoctoral fellowship in environmental epidemiology from the University of Montreal, Canada.

Date: Friday, February 24th, 2023
Time: 05.00 - 06.00 PM (IST)

Session Chair: Prof. Suresh Sharma
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Dr. Agnhotram V. Ramanakumar
McGill University, Canada
February 24, 2023

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LECTURE 8

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"HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT (HTA): AN INTRODUCTION"

HTA, three-word acronym, stands for internationally acclaimed systematic tool for priority setting in health known as Health Technology Assessment. It is a multi-disciplinary field that systematically examines the safety, clinical effectiveness, cost-effectiveness, equity, organizational, legal and ethical considerations of the application of a health technology. A health technology may be any health intervention, drug, medical device or health program. HTA acts as a bridge between the world of research and decision-making process. It is a well-established process for deciding which health interventions to choose and fund under publicly funded healthcare in high-income and few upper middle-income countries. Nevertheless, the World Health Organization (WHO) passed a resolution in 2014 (WHO 67.23, 2014) that called for development of global guidance on HTA methods and processes to support Universal Health Coverage (UHC). HTA is becoming increasingly important in lower-middle-income countries and low-income countries for resource-allocation decisions in health. This lecture provides a glimpse of HTA across globe, its concepts and applications.

GUEST SPEAKER
Dr. Gunjeet Kaur
Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health,
National University of Singapore

Dr. Gunjeet Kaur, a public health professional is a postdoctoral fellow in Health Technology Assessment at Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, National University of Singapore. Earlier, she was working as Senior Researcher in FairChances-Disease Control Priorities Analytical tool team at Bergen Center for Ethics and Priority Setting in Health, University of Bergen, Norway. She did her PhD in Health Economics on 'Role of Health Technology Assessment in Priority Setting for Health Care in India' from Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, India. Her research interests include evidence synthesis, costing, out of pocket expenditure, cost-effectiveness analysis and health technology assessments in health care.

Date: Saturday, March 18th, 2023
Time: 01.30 - 02.30 PM (IST)

Session Chair: Prof. Suresh Sharma
President, IASP

Welcome Note: Dr. Jeetendra Yadav
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Dr. Gunjeet Kaur
IIHMR University, India
March 18, 2023

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"GEOGRAPHIC AND SOCIOECONOMIC INEQUALITIES IN THE COVERAGE FOR SELECTED MNCH SERVICES AND OUTCOMES IN RURAL UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA"

Geographic and socioeconomic inequalities in coverage are not the same for different MNCH services through the continuum of care. Geographic disparities in contact coverage for a service is primarily driven by "availability" and "accessibility" closely linked to its delivery platform. Socioeconomic disparities in contact coverage for a service is primarily driven by "acceptability/utilization" factors. Using the available population-based surveys in Uttar Pradesh, the patterns of geographic and socioeconomic inequalities in crude coverage are analyzed and described.

GUEST SPEAKER
Dr. Ramesh BM
The Centre for Global Public Health, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada

Dr. Ramesh BM, PhD, is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Community Health Sciences, and Assistant Director, Research and Knowledge Translation at the Institute for Global Public Health, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada. He is also a founding member of India Health Action Trust (IHAT).

Previously, he was the Project Director for the UNM's MNCH projects in Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka. He was also the Director, Population Research Centre, Dhawad and a faculty at the International Institute for Population Sciences, Bombay.

Ramesh, a Demographer by training, has a long experience of over 30 years of research and program implementation, monitoring and evaluation in the fields of MNCH and HIV/AIDS.

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Prof. Suresh Sharma
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Dr. Ramesh B. M.
St. John's Research Institute, India / Singapore
April 8, 2023

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PUSHING THE CONVENTIONAL ENVELOPE OF DEMOGRAPHY: CONSIDERATIONS OF STILLBIRTHS AND THEIR MISCLASSIFICATION WITH NEONATAL DEATHS

Conventionally, Demography only counts live births in the denominator of child mortality. However, stillbirths are increasingly recognized and better measured or delineated. Therefore, stillbirths should also be considered in child mortality calculations. Prof. Li argues the importance of including stillbirths in the calculation of the total under-five mortality rate (U5MR). She will discuss and describe various measurement errors associated with neonatal mortality rate (NMR) and stillbirth rate (SBR) with particular attention to a recent source of measurement error, which is the misclassification between stillbirths and neonatal deaths. She supports her argument with empirical evidence from the past and ongoing studies of her work in Mexico, Tanzania, Guinea Bissau, and Bangladesh to study misclassification from multiple angles. These include the extent and variation of the misclassification across settings, one-way versus two-way misclassification; factors associated with the misclassification; how the lack of communication between healthcare providers and mothers could affect the misclassification; and how a mobile phone survey and proxy reporting can affect the misclassification. She will demonstrate that this misclassification could lead to non-trivial measurement errors in NMR and SBR and that the two-way misclassification does not cancel each other out. She suggests the need for additional research to better understand these measurement errors and to reduce them to improve NMR and SBR estimates.

GUEST SPEAKER
Li Liu, PhD, MHS, MB
Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Dr. Liu is an associate professor in the Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health at JHSPH. She also serves as the Lead of Population and Health Area of Interest in her department. She was the Associate Director of university-wide Hopkins Population Center in 2019-2022, and is currently on their advisory body, The Faculty Coordination Committee. Dr. Liu is a population health researcher interested to study and address survival and health among vulnerable populations globally, especially children and adolescents. She has multidisciplinary background in medicine, reproductive/maternal/child health, epidemiology, biostatistics, and demography.

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Date: **May 4th, 2023**
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Dr. Li Liu
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA
May 4, 2023

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"COUNTING THE DEAD TO HELP THE LIVING: LESSONS FROM NATIONWIDE MORTALITY STUDIES"

Most deaths in LMICs lack medical attention at the time of death so their causes are unknown. Using studies from Asia and Africa, Prof. Jha will discuss the desirability and means of obtaining national cause of death data where death registration is uncommon, and outline how reliable mortality data informs risk factor epidemiology and disease control priorities and programs. The lecture will also cover also estimates of COVID deaths in India and in other settings.

GUEST SPEAKER
Professor Prabhat Jha, OC, MD, DPhil, FCAHS, FRSC
Professor, University of Toronto.
Endowed Professor in Global Health and Epidemiology and Canada Research Chair, Dalla Lana School of Public Health
Founding Director, Centre for Global Health Research at St. Michael's Hospital

Professor Prabhat Jha is a University Professor at the University of Toronto. Endowed Professor in Global Health and Epidemiology and Canada Research Chair at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, and the founding Director of the Centre for Global Health Research at St. Michael's Hospital. Professor Jha is the lead investigator of the Million Death Study in India, which quantifies the causes of premature mortality in over 3 million homes from 1998 to current. His publications on tobacco control have enabled a global treaty now signed by over 180 countries. He founded the Statistical Alliance for Vital Events, which focuses on reliable measurement of premature mortality worldwide. Earlier, Professor Jha served in senior roles at the World Health Organization and the World Bank. He was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2012. Professor Jha holds an M.D. from the University of Manitoba and a D.Phil. from Oxford University, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar.

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Date: **June 26th, 2023, Monday**
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Prof. Prabhat Jha
University of Toronto, Canada
June 26, 2023

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Serosurveys for Public Health Decisions Making

Serosurveys estimate the prevalence of biomarkers of infection or vaccination. These surveys quantify the proportion of people who are positive for antibodies against specific infectious agents or vaccines. These surveys provide a direct measurement for infectious disease seroprevalence and level of immunity against infection at the population level, serosurveillance, which is a serosurvey repeated at regular intervals, can be helpful in monitoring trends. Serosurveillance studies offer several benefits, including the ability to estimate disease burden, monitor trends of immunity over time, and identify new infections. However, serosurveys also have limitations, including the need for representative samples, the need for accurate data collection, and the need for appropriate statistical methods to analyze the data.

In India, serosurveillance studies for several infectious diseases such as SARS-CoV-2, dengue, chikungunya, hepatitis-B, dengue fever, measles, rubella, polio, and lymphatic filariasis have been conducted. However, these initiatives were fragmented and designed to estimate the burden of specific diseases. There have been challenges in terms of population group covered, representativeness, sampling methods, and age group stratification across serosurveys. Hence, there is a need to establish integrated serosurveillance platforms using multiple serological assays to reduce the number of serosurveys and save resources.

GUEST SPEAKER
Manoj Murhekar

Dr. Murhekar obtained his MBBS and MD degree in Community Medicine from Government Medical College, Nagpur, Maharashtra, India. He is currently the Director of the National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE), Chennai, a permanent Institute of the Indian Council of Medical Research. He has nearly 30 years of research experience and his research interests include infectious disease epidemiology, vaccine preventable diseases, disease surveillance and outbreak investigations. Prior to joining NIE, Dr. Murhekar worked at the Regional Medical Research Centre in Port Blair in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. He was awarded the Major General Sahab Singh Sahay Award of the Indian Council of Medical Research for his contribution to the field of viral hepatitis among the tribal population of Andaman and Nicobar. Dr. Murhekar also worked with the World Health Organization (WHO) Western Pacific Regional Office as a consultant and professional staff member. He has 242 publications in peer-reviewed journals to his credit.

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Prof. Suresh Sharma
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Date: **July 26th, 2023, Wednesday**
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ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology, India
July 26, 2023

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"AN APPETITE FOR CHANGE?"

By most measures, India is a twenty-first century story of success. India recently attained the status of most populous country on earth. Its economy has transformed into the world's fifth largest (in terms of GDP) and it has a burgeoning middle class. Not only does India grow enough food to be self sufficient, it is a leading agricultural producer and exporter. Yet, despite these remarkable achievements, India continues to grapple with high levels of hunger and undernutrition. Taking a life course approach, the lecture will discuss the long-term and intergenerational consequences of hunger and undernutrition, then consider how the empowerment of girls and women has the potential to make a difference

GUEST SPEAKER
Prof. Lisa Strohschein,
University of Alberta, Canada

Lisa Strohschein is a professor in the department of sociology at the University of Alberta in Canada. Her work involves investigating how family dynamics influence the health, development and well-being of children and adults. She was president of the Canadian Population Society from 2019-2022 and is currently serving as Editor-in-Chief for its flagship journal, Canadian Studies in Population.

Date **August 11th, 2023**
Time **10.00- 11.00 AM (IST)**

Session Chair: **Prof. Suresh Sharma**, President, IASP
Welcome Note/Vote of Thanks: **Prof. Usha Ram**, General Secretary, IASP

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Prof. Lisa Strohschein
University of Alberta, Canada
August 11, 2023

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MONITORING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM IN INDIA

India has the oldest formal family planning program in the world. Progress has been rapid in some settings and slow in others. For the past 10 years the Track20 project has worked with the MOHFW to develop tools and indicators to monitor performance on an annual basis. This approach involves making maximum use of all available survey data as well as improving the use of routine program data. Several new tools have been developed including the FPET model for estimating contraceptive prevalence, unmet need and demand satisfied and an app for the HMIS system to facilitate the use of program data. This talk will describe the indicator framework, the new tools applied to estimate annual indicators, selected results and remaining challenges.

GUEST SPEAKER
Dr. John Stover
Director, Center for Modeling, Planning and Analysis

John Stover is Vice President and Director for the Center for Modeling, Planning and Analysis at Avenir Health (formerly Futures Institute). Previous to founding Futures Institute he was a Senior Fellow and Vice President at the Futures Group in the Center for Economics and Modeling. He has 40 years of experience in assessing population and health issues in developing countries and in providing technical assistance in policy analysis, awareness-raising, modeling and planning.

His recent work has focused on developing and applying mathematical models and providing technical assistance and capacity building to national counterparts to improve estimation and planning in the fields of HIV and family planning.

He has developed a number of evaluation tools including the Policy Environment Score, the AIDS Program Effort Index and the Survey of Coverage of Essential HIV/AIDS Services. He has participated in efforts to estimate the global resources required for HIV/AIDS, family planning and orphans and vulnerable children.

Mr. Stover has worked on a variety of policy and service projects including the USAID-sponsored projects: POLICY, RAPID (Resources for the Awareness of Population Impacts on Development), OPTIONS (for Population Policy), SOMARC (Social Marketing for Change), the EVALUATION (of Family Planning Impact) Project, PASCA (Central America HIV/AIDS Prevention) and Health Policy Initiative.

Date **October 25, 2023**
Time **04.00 - 05.00 pm (IST)**

Session Chair: **Prof. Suresh Sharma**, President, IASP
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Avenir Health, USA
October 25, 2023

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GEOGRAPHIC AND SOCIOECONOMIC INEQUITIES IN THE COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION IN UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA

The lecture on contraceptive coverage in Uttar Pradesh, India, will highlight significant geographic and socio-economic disparities in family planning services. Conducted from December 2020 to February 2021, the survey covered 12,200 married women and revealed varying levels of coverage across administrative divisions and ASHA areas. For instance, Jhansi division showed the highest coverage and least inequity, whereas Gonda division had the lowest. Additionally, factors like education, wealth, and urban vs. rural residence influence these disparities. For example, literate women in Mirzapur and Varanasi had lower coverage than illiterate women, and urban residents in Basti division had much higher coverage compared to rural residents. These findings underscore the need for targeted policy interventions to address these inequities in family planning coverage in Uttar Pradesh.

GUEST SPEAKER
Shiva S. Halli
Professor, Department of Community Health Sciences, University of Manitoba, Senior Advisor, Institute for Global Public Health and Trustee, India Health Action Trust

Professor Shiva S. Halli, a distinguished demographer and professor at the University of Manitoba since 1986, has made significant contributions to public health research, particularly in HIV/AIDS and maternal, neonatal, and child health. Over his illustrious career, he has authored 9 books and nearly 100 research papers. His work, especially in India, has focused on innovative HIV/AIDS interventions in various settings and on improving maternal and child health. He has played key roles in capacity building and program evaluation, including as a member of the Evaluation Advisory Group for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's HIV/AIDS program in India. Recently, as a Senior Advisor at the Institute for Global Public Health and Trustee of India Health Action Trust, he continues to provide vital support in public health initiatives, earning prestigious accolades such as the Dorothy S. Thomas Award for his outstanding contributions to scholarship and research.

Date **December 21, 2023**
Time **11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon (IST)**

Session Chair: **Prof. Suresh Sharma**, President, IASP
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Dr. Shiva S. Halli
University of Manitoba, Canada
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AGEING POPULATION IN SRI LANKA: ISSUES, NEEDS AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Sri Lanka is one of the countries in Asia that experienced a rapid demographic transition during the latter part of the 20th century. The decline in fertility and mortality, along with an increase in longevity, caused the country to experience rapid growth in its ageing population compared to other countries in South Asia. Population projections indicate that one in every four people will be 60 years of age or older by 2050. Based on the existing population census data, vital statistics, and migration statistics, this lecture aims to discuss the ageing population diversities in Sri Lanka in terms of trends, patterns, characteristics, district variations, and their associated socio-economic issues and challenges. Further gaps in policies and programmes are discussed in relation to the availability of geriatric health care services, the adequacy of existing social security and social welfare mechanisms, human capital development, age-friendly infrastructure development, and investment needs for older persons.

GUEST SPEAKER
E. L. Sunethra J. Perera

Chair Professor of Demography
Department of Demography,
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

E. L. Sunethra J. Perera is the Chair Professor of Demography at the Department of Demography, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. She is also serving as the current president of the Population Association of Sri Lanka (IASP). She obtained her PhD in Demography from Mahidol University, Thailand, and her Masters in Economics from the University of Colombo. Her research focuses on population ageing, international migration, internal migration and urbanization, and fertility dynamics. She received the Senate Award for research excellence in 2017 from the University of Colombo. Her collaborative research work with the Asian region has been published in international journals as book chapters. Her contribution on population census data analysis to the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) and the UNFPA on thematic areas such as internal and international migration and ageing population of Sri Lanka is noteworthy.

Date: **January 27, 2024**
Time: **02:00 - 03.00 PM (IST)**

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Dr. E. L. Sunethra J. Perera
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
January 27, 2024

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“Rethinking Population Ageing: Shifting the Narrative from Crisis to Celebration”

In recent years, both mass media and social platforms have been saturated with concerning narratives regarding population ageing. Phrases such as “declining population/labour force”, “challenges of population ageing”, and “sexual crisis” have pervaded discussions, especially concerning economic trajectories. This paper seeks to reassess a three primary reasons often cited in support of this alarmist perspective: the old dependency ratio and its perceived strain on the labour force, the increasing deficit among older individuals, and the rising state budget deficit. It discusses the assumptions underpinning these arguments and presents an alternative viewpoint that perceives population ageing as a cause for celebration and an extraordinary achievement. The paper advocates for embracing the Active-Healthy Ageing framework and its holistic approach to lifespan development to ensure enduring health and vitality. Additionally, it argues that progress should transcend mere economic metrics, highlighting the augmentation of healthy lifespan as a crucial milestone in development, irrespective of economic growth.

In conclusion, the predominant narrative portraying population ageing as a crisis warrants reevaluation. Embracing the Active-Healthy Ageing framework and broadening the developmental perspective beyond GDP enables the recognition of the potential advantages and accomplishments linked with an ageing population. Population ageing should not be perceived as a problem demanding resolution but rather as a journey worthy of celebration and nurturing for the betterment of individuals and society at large.

GUEST SPEAKER
ARIS ANANTA

Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Indonesia,
West Java, Indonesia
and
Centre for Advanced Research, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Gadong, Brunei Darussalam

Aris Ananta is an economist-demographer with a multi-disciplinary perspective, a Professor at the Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Indonesia and a Visiting Professor at the Centre for Advanced Research, Universiti Brunei Darussalam. He was a former President of Asian Population Association (2019-2021). Previously, he was Senior Fellow at the Department of Economics, National University of Singapore in 1999-2000 and Senior Research Fellow at Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS, Singapore) in 2001-2014. His current research interest include population ageing, population mobility, employment, welfare, family demography, and population projection. His regions of research interest cover Indonesia, Brunei, Southeast Asia, and Asia.

Date: **March 27, 2024**
Time: **12.30 - 1.30 pm (IST)**

Session Chair: **Prof. Suresh Sharma** (President, IASP)
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University of Indonesia
March 27, 2024

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“Unlocking the Potential of Pharmacogenomics: The Critical Role of High-Quality Data in Personalized Healthcare”

Pharmacogenomics offers a transformative approach to healthcare, promising personalized medicine tailored to individual's phenotypic and genetic makeup. This discussion will delve into the pivotal role of high-quality data in harnessing the full potential of pharmacogenomics. By understanding how phenotypic and genetic variations influence drug responses, healthcare practitioners can optimize treatment efficacy while minimizing adverse reactions. However, making these benefits necessitates reliable and comprehensive data. Firstly, accurate patient stratification is vital for personalized treatment approaches. High-quality data ensure precise classification of patients into groups based on their profiles, facilitating targeted interventions. Secondly, in clinical decision-making, healthcare providers rely on trustworthy information to make informed choices regarding drug selection, dosage adjustments, and monitoring strategies. Thirdly, robust data are indispensable for enhancing pharmacogenomics research and developing innovative therapies. Researchers need reliable data to identify genetic variants associated with drug responses and disease susceptibility accurately. Furthermore, ensuring data integrity and interoperability is crucial for realizing the full potential of pharmacogenomics. Good-quality data enable seamless integration of information from diverse sources, enhancing the accuracy and reliability of insights derived. Ethical considerations, including patient privacy and data protection, underscore the importance of ensuring the integrity of pharmacogenomics data. In conclusion, high-quality data are indispensable for unlocking the promise of pharmacogenomics and revolutionizing healthcare with personalized medicine.

GUEST SPEAKER
SUSHRIMA GAN

Post-doctoral scholar in Pediatric Cardiology
Stanford University, California

Dr. Sushrима Gan is a Statistical Geneticist currently serving as a post-doctoral scholar in Pediatric Cardiology at Stanford University, California. Her focus is in using multi-omics approaches to investigate drug response within multi-ethnic populations, contributing to the evolution of precision medicine and personalized therapy. Sushrима has completed her PhD from the University of Dundee, Scotland, she explored the differences in diabetes treatment responses between White Europeans and Asian Indians. Following her interest in multi-omics and for predicting the risk of complications, Sushrима flew to the United States in 2022 and joined the Perlmutter School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, where she researched the genomics and proteomics of heart failure in both diabetic and non-diabetic patients. At present Sushrима is a post-doctoral scholar in Stanford University and works on Risk Prediction modelling in Pediatric Heart Failure.

Date: **April 13, 2024**
Time: **11.00 am - 12.00 noon (IST)**

Session Chair: **Prof. Suresh Sharma** (President, IASP)
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Dr. Sushrима Gan
Stanford University, California, USA
April 13, 2024

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“The potential health impact and healthcare cost savings of different sodium reduction strategies in Canada”

High dietary sodium is the main dietary risk factor for non-communicable diseases due to its impact on cardiovascular diseases. We estimated the potential health impact and healthcare cost savings resulting from different sodium reduction strategies in Canada.

We used the PROMETHEUS model, a prospective multi-state life table model. Outcomes were modeled over the lifetime of the Canadian population alive in 2018, at a 1.5% discount rate, and from the public healthcare system perspective. Nationally representative data were used as inputs for the model. Fully meeting Healthy Canada's sodium reduction targets was estimated to prevent 219,400 cases of CVD, and 364,435 strokes. This led to a gain of 276,185 QALYs, and healthcare costs savings of CAD\$ 4.212 billion over the lifetime of the 2019 cohort. Sodium reduction intake through front-of-pack labeling regulations has the potential to prevent between 25,930 and 124,744 cases of CVD, and between 25,669 and 93,129 strokes. The results in QALY gains ranging from 45,492 to 157,625, and healthcare costs savings ranging from CAD\$ 495 to CAD\$ 2,415 million over the lifetime of the 2020 cohort. Reducing sodium intake levels to baseline and face the potential to improve health outcomes and save significant healthcare costs in Canada.

*Name listed: Annette C. Jans, Ben Anwar, Lili, Cindy Chiu, Chandra Huxley & Mary W. L. Makin

GUEST SPEAKER
NADIA FLEXNER

Research Associate Director, Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHA-I)
Department of Nutritional Sciences, Temerty Faculty of Medicine,
University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

Nadia's doctoral research focuses on estimating the dietary, health and healthcare costs' impact of different food policies aiming to improve the Canadian food environment. Nadia has expertise in dietary assessment, nutrient profiling systems, and the use of simulation modeling methods to estimate the health and healthcare cost impact of food policies. Nadia worked as an International Nutrition Policy Consultant for the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO). She currently serves as the Associate Director of Research in the Cardiovascular Health Program at the Global Health Advocacy Incubator. In this role, she provides technical support to country partners to ensure that the most recent and policy-relevant research is brought to bear on policy advocacy campaigns.

Date: **May 20, 2024**
Time: **04.00 - 05.00 pm (IST)**

Session Chair: **Prof. Suresh Sharma** (President, IASP)
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Dr. Nadia Flexner
University of Toronto, Canada
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"EXPLORING MULTIDIMENSIONAL WELLBEING IMPACTS OF TEMPORARY LABOUR MIGRATION: EXPERIENCES OF WORKERS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION"

This research produces new insights into the impact of temporary labour migration schemes on the wellbeing, skills and capacity development of migrants and their households in Timor-Leste (East Timor), Vanuatu and Kiribati. This presentation focuses on Timorese workers under two specific labour migration schemes: Australian Seasonal Workers Programme (SWP) and South Korean Employment Permit System (EPS). Based on two extensive surveys and focus group discussions conducted during 2022-23, this study examines the wellbeing, life satisfaction, hopes, aspirations and employment outcomes of Timorese migrant workers currently working in Australia and following their return to Australia and South Korea. The methodology employed in this research is based on the multidimensional wellbeing conceptual framework, developed by a team of researchers at Flinders University under the leadership of the author. This research is the first study producing multidimensional measurements of wellbeing impacts on Timorese of the SWP and EPS. The analysis shows a marked decrease in the overall well-being of returnee workers compared to those still in Australia.

GUEST SPEAKER
Prof. Uday Saikia
Flinders University, Australia

Prof. Uday Saikia is a distinguished Social Demographer with postgraduate qualifications from the London School of Economics, UK, and a PhD from Flinders University, Australia. He is currently based on a permanent appointment as senior research professor, health, wellbeing, and sustainable development. His international collaboration began with the United Nations in 2006, New Zealand, contributing to the Sustainable Human Development Report in 2007. Prof. Saikia has published over 20 articles, book chapters, and hosted the 'Immigrant Wellbeing Index' for the United Nations UN Human Development Report in 2018. He led the team that produced the National Human Development Report for Timor-Leste, which achieved national recognition, including the 'Best of the Best' award. He is also a member of the National Human Development Council, which is the highest advisory body for the government. He has also served as the Vice President of the Australian Population Association and was appointed as the International Council to review the UN World Report on Sustainable Development in 2019 and 2021.

Date September 06, 2024
Time 11.30 am (IST)

Session Chair Prof. Suresh Sharma, President, IASP
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Prof. Uday Saikia
Flinders University, Australia
September 6, 2024

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"THE HEALTH IMPACTS OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS: ADDRESSING THE RESEARCH GAP"

Signs of climate breakdown are reported from every region of the world as the rate of global warming escalates. Sunday 21 July 2024 was reported to be the hottest day ever logged by scientists. The climate crisis is the greatest threat to global health, affecting human mortality and morbidity through complex pathways and multiplying risks as extreme heat, droughts, wildfires, air pollution, floods and storms affect health directly but also indirectly through their impacts on economic and social conditions and the status of health systems and the environment. But the impacts are not distributed equally across populations. The industrialised nations responsible for excess emissions are the least vulnerable to the health impacts while the most deprived people who contribute the least to greenhouse gas emissions and have few resources to protect themselves and include women, children and indigenous communities suffer the greater burden of ill health and deaths. This inequality is also reflected in the evidence and data on the health impacts, crucial as these are, for targeted actions to adapt to and mitigate climate change. The underinvestment in climate and health research in the global south is beginning to be better recognised and addressed. The Indian Association for the Study of Population has an important role in championing greater investment in climate and health data collection and research and evidence-based policy and action.

GUEST SPEAKER
Professor Mala Rao
Director, Ethnicity and Health Unit and Senior Clinical Fellow,
Imperial College London

Professor Mala Rao CBE is the Director of the Ethnicity and Health Unit and Senior Clinical Fellow at Imperial College London, with a distinguished career in public health. She serves as Chair of WHO South East Asia Region's Expert Group on Environmental Determinants of Climate Change and Health, Clinical Adviser on equality and inclusion to the UK General Medical Council, and Vice Chair of WaterAid UK. Known for her work in workforce development, health systems strengthening, and environmental health, she is a global advocate for climate action, safe water, sanitation, and gender equity. Rao has contributed to notable government and WHO reports, authored influential publications, and co-edited key works on climate change and health. Her achievements have earned her significant recognition and awards in both the UK and India.

Date December 03, 2024
Time 03.00 pm (IST)

Session Chair Prof. Suresh Sharma, President, IASP
Welcome Note Dr. Anil Chandran S, General Secretary, IASP

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Prof. Mala Rao
Imperial College, London
December 03, 2024

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"FEMALE STERILIZATION IN INDIA: UNVEILING TRENDS AND PATTERNS FROM NFHS DATA"

Female sterilization remains the most prevalent contraceptive method in India, significantly influencing the country's reproductive health dynamics. We discuss the trends and patterns of female sterilization using data from the National Family Health Surveys (NFHS), focusing on socio-demographic factors such as age, education, region, and economic status. Temporal analysis across survey rounds highlights persistent regional disparities, with higher prevalence rates in southern states compared to northern regions, and a strong correlation between female sterilization and socio-economic determinants. However, the data lacks insights into cultural beliefs and practices, which may explain the dominance of female sterilization and the notably low prevalence of male sterilization in India. This gap underscores the need to explore societal norms and gendered decision-making processes influencing contraceptive choices.

GUEST SPEAKER
Dr. Raman Mishra
University College London Medical School

Raman Mishra (Research Fellow, University College London Medical School) is a public health researcher specializing in quantitative methods, with expertise in large-scale data analysis and machine learning for population health studies. Focused on public health and social epidemiology, he has published impactful peer-reviewed articles. His skills include tool development, sampling design, and data management, reflecting his commitment to advancing research that informs public health decisions.

Date January 30, 2025
Time 02.30 pm (IST)

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Dr. Raman Mishra
University College London, UK
January 30, 2025

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"A refugee-led framework to measure progress towards durable solutions among Syrian refugees living in Jordan"

The displacement of refugees come to an end when they achieve durable solutions. In a displaced person reaches a state when the person no longer has any specific protection or assistance needs related to their displacement, and can exercise his/her economic, legal, and social rights without discrimination linked to their displacement. However, these solutions have mostly remained theoretical and increasingly become elusive. This presentation introduces a measurement and learning framework for measuring progress towards durable solutions among Syrian refugees living in Jordan. The framework was developed through a participatory approach following four incremental phases: setting the foundation, building the structure, pre-testing, and piloting. The framework includes 24 milestones, and 84 indicators grouped under four dimensions: material, physical, psychosocial, and legal safety. Each dimension reflects the specific aspirations and barriers identified by refugees, promoting a holistic understanding of durable solutions. The refugee-centric framework not only facilitates monitoring 'toward durable solutions' but also promotes accountability and inclusivity in programme design and implementation.

Guest Speaker:
Bidhubhusan Mahapatra
Head of Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL)

Dr. Bidhubhusan Mahapatra is a distinguished researcher with over 18 years of experience in designing, executing, and managing large-scale research and evaluation studies across migration, climate change, reproductive health, and humanitarian programs. With expertise in impact assessments, mixed-method research, and measurement frameworks, he has significantly contributed to global policy discourse through 84 peer-reviewed publications. Currently serving as Head of Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) at the Norwegian Refugee Council, Dr. Mahapatra has held leadership roles at Population Council Inc., Room to Read, and FHI360. His work spans India, Nepal, and Jordan, where he has led transformative research initiatives for international organizations, shaping evidence-based policies and programs. His profound expertise in data-driven policy development and program evaluation makes him a key contributor to public health and humanitarian research.

Date 27th Feb 2025
Time 04:00 PM

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Dr. Bidhu Bhusan Mahapatra
MEAL, Norwegian Refugee Council
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"Echoes of Inequity: Barriers to Accessing Healthcare Services Among Older Migrants in Norway"

Since the 1960s, Norway has experienced growing ethnic diversity, in part due to "guest worker" migration, which initially addressed labour shortages and was followed by family reunification. Renowned for its extensive welfare state, Norway provides comprehensive, publicly funded healthcare characterized by universal coverage and a strong commitment to equity. Services like healthcare and long-term care for the elderly are mainly free or heavily subsidized, symbolizing an egalitarian social framework. Despite this inclusive framework, immigrants continue to face significant barriers in accessing healthcare services in Norway. In this talk, I will unpack some of these barriers by exploring the experiences of older Pakistani immigrants in Norway, drawing from both my past and current qualitative research. I will explore the gap between the universalistic ideals of Norway's welfare model and the everyday realities faced by older migrants. This presentation aims to highlight the complexities at the intersection of migration, aging, and healthcare, demonstrating how, even in a seemingly egalitarian society like Norway, healthcare equity can be compromised.



Guest Speaker:

Sanjana Arora

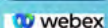
Senior researcher at the Centre for Intercultural Communication at VID Specialized University in Norway

Sanjana Arora, Ph.D., is senior researcher at the Centre for Intercultural Communication at VID Specialized University in Norway. She has an interdisciplinary academic background in social welfare, health policy, and rural management. Dr. Arora obtained her Ph.D. in health sciences from Oslo Metropolitan University and has also held a postdoctoral position at the University of Stavanger. Prior to moving to Norway, she studied at the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) in India. Her research encompasses areas of aging, migration, caregiving, and healthcare, and she has published extensively in these domains.

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Time: 03:00 PM

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Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh
Joint Secretary

Dr. Sanjana Arora
VID Specialized University, Norway
March 11, 2025



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"Machine Learning in Population Research: Opportunities and Challenges"

Machine learning offers transformative opportunities for population research, enabling the analysis of complex datasets to uncover patterns and inform targeted interventions. This presentation explores the application of machine learning techniques in two distinct areas: nicotine dependency and educational interventions, highlighting their impact on health and education outcomes.

Firstly, the "Classification of Nicotine-Dependent Users in India: A Decision-Tree Approach" utilizes decision tree models to classify nicotine-dependent users based on data from the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS). This approach identifies key factors influencing nicotine dependency, such as socioeconomic status, age, and gender. By segmenting the population into distinct groups, decision trees provide actionable insights for public health officials to design targeted tobacco cessation programs. The findings highlight the importance of tailored interventions to address the specific needs of high-risk groups, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of public health strategies.

Secondly, the "Latent Class Evolution in Educational Trials: What Percentage of Children Benefits from an Intervention?" employs latent class models, a form of unsupervised machine learning, to evaluate the impact of educational interventions. This method identifies subgroups of children who benefit from specific interventions, revealing the heterogeneity in response to educational programs. By understanding the characteristics of these subgroups, policymakers can optimize resource allocation and improve the design of educational initiatives. The results underscore the potential of latent class analysis to enhance the precision of educational trials and ensure that interventions are effectively targeted to those who will benefit the most.

Together, these studies demonstrate the power of machine learning in advancing population research. By leveraging decision tree models and latent class analysis, researchers can uncover critical insights and drive evidence-based policy decisions to improve health outcomes and educational attainment. This dual focus on health and education underscores the interdisciplinary nature of machine learning applications and their potential to address complex societal challenges.



Guest Speaker:

Dr. Akansha Singh

Assistant Professor (Research) in the Department of Anthropology at Durham University

Dr. Akansha Singh is an Assistant Professor (Research) in the Department of Anthropology at Durham University, where she also serves as a Teachup Women Graduate Associate Researcher and a Fellow at the Institute for Data Science and the Durham Research Methods Centre. She holds a Ph.D. in Population Studies from the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, India. Dr. Singh has extensive experience in leading research projects focused on educational and clinical RCTs, administrative data, and various longitudinal and cross-sectional surveys. Dr. Singh's work has significantly contributed to understanding health and educational inequalities, particularly in India, South Asia and UK.

Date: 25th April 2025

Time: 03:30 - 05:00 PM

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Durham University, UK
April 25, 2025



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"Future-proofing India's Health Financing Systems in Challenging Times: Some Considerations"

The road to prosperity lies through robust health of the population. As the world's most populous nation with wide-ranging diversities across the socioeconomic profile of its people and the quality of public services that cater to their needs, India's aspirations to emerge as a global leader of economic and human development crucially hinges on the functioning of the country's public systems. Health remains at its core. As a key 'building-blocks' of health systems, responsive, resilient and effective financing policies and mechanisms remain critical to ensure that appropriate and effective health services remain accessible to all, and capable to withstand shocks of varying nature. In the light of current global concerns on the sustainability of public financing, this lecture will discuss some of the key facets of India's contemporary health financing system and highlight how, and what potential pro-emptive policy responses can invest into future-proofing the health system.

Guest Speaker:

Dr Sumit Mazumdar

Senior Research Fellow in global health economics, at the Centre for Health Economics, University of York

Dr Sumit Mazumdar is Senior Research Fellow in global health economics, at the Centre for Health Economics, University of York, UK. A health economist of more than 17 years of experience in working across the academia, policy think tanks and research institutions in India and United Kingdom, Dr Mazumdar's research involves comparative assessment of policy interventions in health system financing across lower-and-middle income countries, and on political economy aspects of health systems reforms. His research on health financing reform experiences and their key drivers has been published in leading journals and through other knowledge translation platforms. Dr Mazumdar currently co-leads two major multi-country health system research projects across Asia and Latin America, and works closely in advising multilateral development organisations on issues of sustainable health system financing ensuring universal coverage.



Date: 14th May 2025

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Policy Challenges in Promoting Healthy Ageing in India

India is undergoing a significant demographic shift, with over 140 million citizens aged 60 and above—a figure projected to double by 2050. However, the lack of a comprehensive national ageing policy leaves older adults vulnerable to fragmented services, inadequate healthcare, and weak social protection. A robust policy must be strategic, participatory, and equity-driven, grounded in constitutional values and aligned with the SDGs. It should ensure health, dignity, financial security, and inclusive participation for older persons.

The concept of 'healthy ageing'—enhancing physical, mental, and social well-being—guides policy development. It promotes extending not just lifespan, but health span, marked by resilience, independence, and cognitive vitality. Developing such a policy requires a rigorous situational analysis, including demographic mapping, identification of systemic service gaps, and understanding the lived experiences of older adults, especially from underserved communities.

This analysis must assess intersectional vulnerabilities such as gender, disability, and income. Despite the urgency, India lacks a finalized ageing policy. Statistical and governance challenges hinder progress. Building an inclusive and transparent ageing governance architecture is essential for ensuring economic participation and social well-being. This lecture identifies key barriers in conducting effective situational analyses necessary for shaping an integrated, future-proof healthy ageing policy for India.



Guest Speaker:

Dr. Joe Thomas

leader in public health

Dr. Joe Thomas is a renowned public health leader with 25 years of experience in policy, rights-based development, and international diplomacy. He's served as Executive Director of Partners in Population and Development, Vice-Chancellor of Jodhpur National University, and Director of the Australian Institute of Community Health and Management. Dr. Thomas has advised UN agencies, governments, and NGOs across Asia, Africa, and Australia, coordinating major public health programs in HIV/AIDS, reproductive health, and ageing. A prolific scholar, he has authored over 50 peer-reviewed publications and helped establish three schools of public health. His work uniquely blends research, policy, and global advocacy.

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"Smart Surveys, Actionable Evidence: PMA surveys and the Future of Survey Research with AI/ML"

Performance Monitoring for Action (PMA) Agile is a continuous survey system that collects timely and cost-efficient data on health service delivery, with a focus on family planning and contraceptive services at health facilities and with clients availing family planning services. Through continuous quarterly data monitoring, PMA Agile provides the necessary evidence on the state of reproductive health services in select urban areas. The system uses mobile data collection methods and survey tools developed using Open Data Kit (ODK) to track health facility performance, monitor the impact of family planning programs, and understand client perspectives on the quality of family planning care. PMA Agile also developed new approaches, such as youth respondent-driven sampling (RDS), to reach vulnerable groups and shed light on sensitive behaviors that are often missed in traditional surveys. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) offer new opportunities to strengthen survey research. These tools can support better sampling, improve data quality checks, and help uncover patterns in the data. AI/ML may also reduce burden on both respondents and survey teams while increasing the speed of analysis delivering timely and actionable insights to stakeholders to both improve programmatic decision making and spur policy change dialogue. This presentation will review the PMA Agile system and share opportunities for advancing survey research in the time of AI and ML.

Guest Speaker:

Ms. Varsha Srivatsan

(Program Manager with the Center for Global Health Policy & Politics)

Varsha Srivatsan is an infectious disease epidemiologist with a Master of Science from Johns Hopkins. She was a program manager at the Center for Global Health Policy & Politics, where she shaped data systems for policy tracking. In a previous role, she led data management and supported survey operations for the PMA Projects at the Bill and Melinda Gates Institute of Population and Reproductive Health.



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Ms. Varsha Srivatsan
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"Complexity-aware monitoring: Using participatory approaches to explore & map causal pathways to inform public health programs & evaluations."

We work in complex environments where relationships and effects are not unidimensional or linear. When evaluating health and development programs, theories of change identify the different causal pathways through which influence occurs. However, we need to go further by adopting a systems thinking lens that considers all parts of the system and their connections, rather than focusing only on individual components. Moreover, there is an increasing need to understand the strategies employed, the context of implementation, their impact on outcomes, the complexities involved in program execution, and where adaptation is necessary. The objectives of measurement have shifted from simply determining whether a program met its goals to understanding what influences its success and how. In the current climate of political, environmental, and health shocks such as COVID-19, conflict, and more frequent natural disasters, systematic methodologies in these complex settings can support ongoing learning and adaptation beyond conducting offline evaluations. This lecture will overview various context- and complexity-aware monitoring and research methods with examples, explaining when and how they can be applied to answer specific program research questions and inform findings from qualitative evaluations.

QUEST SPEAKERS



Dr. Soumya Alava



Emily Stammer

Dr. Soumya Alava is a social demographer by training and is currently a Sr. Research Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser at JSI Research and Training Institute, Washington DC. Her strong quantitative research background has now expanded to developing research, monitoring and evaluation strategies and frameworks, and designing and conducting evaluations using mixed-method approaches to inform data-led public health programming. Her recent work focuses on the use of complexity-aware monitoring methods to capture information on hard-to-measure concepts, adaptive management and learning, and learning approaches that use real-time data for program improvement.

Emily Stammer is a Sr. Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser at JSI Research and Training Institute. She is a public health professional with 18 years of experience designing, analyzing, managing and evaluating the efficacy, impact and efficiency of national and child health, immunization, nutrition, infectious disease, and reproductive health programs in global settings. She has experience utilizing quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods assessments, including the application of complexity-aware monitoring approaches to better understand how interventions lead to outcomes. Her experience includes working in settings ranging from Haiti to sub-Saharan Africa and South-east Asia.

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JSI Research and Training Institute,
Washington DC
September 25, 2025

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"Cross-National Gender Differences in Numeracy and Fluency Measures of Cognitive Function across Six Welfare Regimes"

Across the globe, men and women show distinct patterns in cognitive performance, with men often scoring higher on numeracy tasks and women performing better on verbal fluency or memory tasks. However, these differences are not uniform and appear to vary across countries and social environments. Using HRS family study harmonized international dataset covering 23 countries and six welfare regimes, the findings reveal clear and systematic variations in gendered cognitive patterns. In Mediterranean and Global South regions, men's advantage in numeracy are most pronounced, while women's advantages in verbal fluency are relatively limited, reflecting persistent gender disparities in education and caregiving roles. In contrast, countries within Social Democratic, Conservative/Corporatist, and Liberal regimes show stronger female advantages in verbal fluency, consistent with more equitable access to education and labor markets. Post-Socialist and Eastern European countries show no male advantage in numeracy, while women maintain significant advantages in memory-related tasks. Together, these findings highlight how historical, institutional, and social contexts shape the cognitive lives of men and women, suggesting that gender differences in cognitive aging are not biologically fixed but deeply influenced by policy, culture, and opportunity structures.

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Shekhar Chauhan
(Postdoctoral Scholar)

Dr. Shekhar Chauhan is a Postdoctoral Scholar at FSU's College of Social Sciences and Public Policy. His research focuses on aging, cognitive health, and cross-national well-being, examining how social and policy environments shape later life gender and socioeconomic disparities. Using large, harmonized international datasets like the Health and Retirement Study (HRS), he investigates how welfare regimes and cultural contexts influence patterns of cognitive aging across nations. He earned his PhD in Population Studies from IIPS, Mumbai, with expertise in demographic and social research. His work bridges sociology, demography, and public health to understand how structural and policy factors shape healthy and equitable aging globally.



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Dr. Giridhar
Postdoctoral Scholar

Dr. Shekhar Chauhan
Florida State University, USA
October 24, 2025

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"Living Longer in the 21st Century: Public Health Challenges and Preparedness"

Living longer is one of the most significant achievements of the 21st century, driven by advances in public health, medicine, and socioeconomic development. However, increased longevity has been accompanied by profound changes in demographic structures, placing new and complex demands on health systems worldwide. Understanding the demographic transition underlying population ageing and its implications for public health preparedness is therefore essential. This abstract highlights key challenges associated with ageing populations, including the rising burden of non-communicable diseases, multimorbidity, functional decline, mental health conditions, and increasing needs for long-term care. It also emphasizes that gains in longevity do not necessarily translate into healthier lives, underscoring the importance of shifting from disease-centred models to approaches that prioritize functional ability, quality of life, and equity across the life course. Drawing on the World Health Organization's Healthy Ageing framework and the Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021-2030), this presentation discusses evidence-based public health responses such as prevention across the lifespan, strengthening primary healthcare, creating age-friendly environments, supporting caregivers, and integrating health and social care. Population ageing is not a future concern but a present public health reality, and preparedness today will determine whether societies can transform longer lives into healthier, more productive, and dignified ageing for all.

Guest Speaker:

Prof. Jayadevan Sreedharan
(Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics)

Prof. Jayadevan Sreedharan, PhD, FRSPH, AUP, is Professor of Epidemiology and Program Director of the Master of Public Health (MPH) at Gulf Medical University, UAE, and Director of the Thammasat Institute of Population Health. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Arizona, USA. With over 30 years of academic and research experience, he holds two doctorates in Statistics and Epidemiology, along with specialized training in cancer prevention and health professions education. He has published more than 200 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters in public health and epidemiology. A Fellow of the Royal Society for Public Health and the Union for International Cancer Control, he has received multiple teaching and research awards and delivered invited lectures at numerous international conferences.



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"Death registration data as evidence of population health: A global review"

Reliable routine mortality and cause of death statistics should be a cornerstone of public health evidence. However, in too many countries such data are incomplete or of insufficient quality, undermining efforts to track key public health challenges and to measure progress to achievement of Sustainable Development Goals and national health targets. This lecture presents the findings from a comprehensive assessment of the global status of death registration data and routine cause of death statistics, presenting findings according to WHO region and by country. The results show that while significant progress has been made in improving death registration, there remain large regional differences in death registration completeness and cause of death data quality. There are several interventions that can improve routine mortality and cause of death statistics, many of which rely on different approaches for deaths that occur in hospitals and in the community. To inform such interventions, the lecture will present estimates, for all countries, of deaths that occur in the community (i.e. at home). The findings demonstrate that countries with the lowest levels of death registration completeness have the highest percentage of deaths occurring outside of hospitals. The lecture will conclude with recommendations for improving the use of death registration data as evidence of population health.

Guest Speaker:
Prof. Tim Adair
(Demographer and Professional Fellow)

Prof Tim Adair is a demographer and Professional Fellow at the Haas Institute for Global Health, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, University of Melbourne. He is an Australian Research Council (ARC) Future Fellow and Co-Editor-in-Chief of Population Health Metrics. Prof Adair has worked extensively with governments in low- and middle-income countries to strengthen civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems and improve the quality and policy utility of health data. At the University of Melbourne, he previously led CRVS activities under the Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health Initiative, including directing its Fellowship Program. He develops and teaches methods to assess mortality data quality and derive indicators from incomplete data. His research focuses on life expectancy trends and inequalities, using linked data to strengthen cause-of-death statistics, including analyses of COVID-19 impacts, obesity-related cardiovascular mortality, and socio-economic inequalities.

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Prof. Tim Adair
University of Melbourne, Australia
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"Beyond Destiny: Translating Divergent Demographic Realities for Modern Development Policy"

Global development is increasingly defined by demographic divergence—stretching from sustained youth bulges in sub-Saharan Africa to rapid population aging and very low fertility in parts of Asia and Latin America. While these shifts are profound, development programming, particularly in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), often remains static, risking policy obsolescence. I explore how nuanced demographic proficiency can enhance the effectiveness of SRHR interventions in an increasingly divided landscape. Drawing on global trends and the strategic communication frameworks, I argue that demography is not just a statistical background but a fundamental lens for modern policy. By mapping SRHR needs against megatrends like climate change, urbanization, and migration, this talk provides a roadmap for institutionalizing evidence. Crucially, it highlights the importance of demographic literacy—translating technical data into approachable, actionable narratives for non-technical audiences—to ensure that population science remains a primary driver of sustainable and context-sensitive development.

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Apoorva Jadhav
(Nonresident Scholar, South Asia Program)

Apoorva Jadhav is a nonresident scholar in the Carnegie South Asia Program. She is a demographer, family planning and reproductive health expert, and policy strategist with nearly two decades of experience in evidence-based policymaking and large-scale resource allocation. Her work focuses on translating complex demographic trends—such as fertility change, population aging, and migration—into actionable strategies for governments and global institutions. She also served as technical lead for the U.S. government's delegation to the United Nations Commission on Population and Development.

Jadhav is currently a senior fellow at the Population Reference Bureau, where she advances global discourse on low fertility, infertility, and population aging. She also serves as a consultant for Demographic Futures at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, focusing on integrating demography into national development priorities.

Previously, she was senior demographer at the United States Agency for International Development, overseeing major demographic surveys and policy initiatives. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, an MPH from Emory University, and a BA from Johns Hopkins University.

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April 28, 2026

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"The Relative Roles of Education and Economic Status in Reducing Premature Adult Mortality in India"

The recording of vital events such as births and deaths constitutes one of the most critical forms of social statistics, essential for monitoring population health and development. However, many low- and middle-income countries lack complete and reliable civil registration and vital statistics systems, resulting in substantial gaps in mortality data and limiting robust assessment of adult mortality. With notable global progress in reducing infant mortality, the focus of public health has increasingly shifted toward preventing premature deaths among adults, as reflected in the Sustainable Development Goals. Rising mortality from accidents, suicides, and stress-related conditions such as cardiovascular and digestive diseases poses a growing burden that impedes progress in reducing adult mortality. While studies have consistently linked socioeconomic factors to premature mortality across diverse settings, the debate on the relative effect of such factors on mid-age (15 to 59 years) has not received enough attention, particularly in low-income countries, where this question is pertinent due to scant resources in the healthcare sector. This talk describes the socioeconomic drivers of mid-age mortality in India. In particular, it compares the relative effects of educational attainment and economic status on premature mortality, with implications for targeted health policy.

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Moradhvaj Dhakad
(Postdoctoral Research Fellow)

Dr. Moradhvaj Dhakad is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Germany. He is a demographer whose research focuses on health and mortality heterogeneity, with particular emphasis on understanding why some population groups live longer than others. Previously, he served as a Research Scientist at the Vienna Institute of Demography of the Austrian Academy of Sciences and as a Research Scholar at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Austria, where he contributed to the Global Population and Human Capital Projections under the Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSPs) framework. He also served as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Vienna.

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Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Germany
May 16, 2026

The image shows the top portion of the journal cover for 'Demography India'. It features a collage of various images including a map of India, a person, and some text. The title 'DEMOGRAPHY INDIA' is prominently displayed in large, bold, blue capital letters. Below it, the subtitle 'A JOURNAL OF THE IASP' is written in smaller, bold, black capital letters. The cover also includes the volume and issue information: 'Vol. 55, Issue 1 (January-June, 2021)' and the ISSN number 'ISSN 0013-798X'.

DEMOGRAPHY INDIA

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Demography India, the official journal of the IASP, has continued its remarkable run as one of the country's longest-standing population-science publications — in print for over five decades and now an open-access, peer-reviewed journal published under the editorship of Prof. Arun Kumar Sharma (IIT Kanpur, Ret.). Between 2023 and 2025, the journal entered a particularly active and expansive phase, publishing ten issues carrying roughly 137 research papers, notes, commentaries, and reviews — a body of work reflecting both the depth and the widening reach of demographic scholarship in India.

The most significant structural change in this period came in 2025, when, in response to demand from the demographic community, the journal increased its frequency from two to three regular issues per year. This expansion is visible in the publishing record: from two issues in 2023, the journal grew to three issues in 2024 and five in 2025 (including special issues). Alongside its regular numbers, Demography India brought out three thematic special issues during these years — a collection of papers from the 45th Annual Conference (Vol. 53, Special Issue, December 2024), the RASTA special issue on health and nutrition among vulnerable populations in collaboration with the Population Council (2025), and a special issue on Demography, Health and Development in North-East India drawn from the Northeastern Regional Conference (November 2025).

The journal also strengthened its editorial features during this period. A dedicated senior demographer column was introduced, inviting eminent scholars — among them Prof. R. C. Yadava, Dr. Ravi Verma, Prof. R. B. Bhagat, and Prof. Arni S. R. Srinivasa Rao — to contribute reflective articles on issues of their choosing. Practical methodological notes (on logistic regression and qualitative methods, for instance), invited papers, commentaries, and book reviews now feature regularly alongside peer-reviewed research. The substantive range across these issues has been wide, spanning fertility and mortality transitions, migration, maternal and child health, ageing, gender and empowerment, nutrition, disability, urbanisation, and the use of new data and analytical tools.

Taken together, the 2023–2025 record reflects a journal in a phase of confident growth — publishing more frequently, drawing contributions from both early-career and senior scholars across India and abroad, and serving as a vital, freely accessible platform for evidence-based population research. With its expanded cadence and active special-issue programme, Demography India enters its sixth decade well positioned to remain a cornerstone of the discipline.

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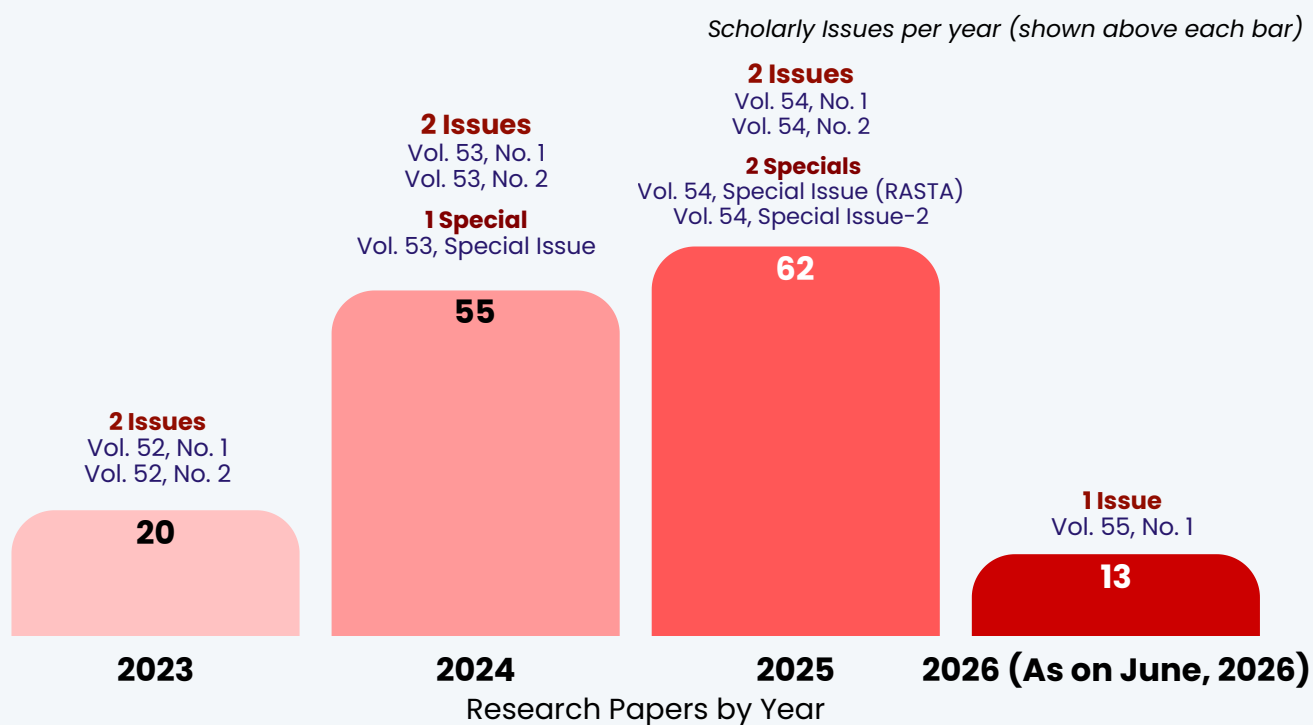
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Foreword

Andrea M. Wojnar

UNFPA Representative, India



It is an honor to contribute this foreword to the proceedings of the 46th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of the Study of Population (IASP), held in partnership with the National Atlas & Thematic Mapping Organisation (NATMO) and the Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI) in Kolkata.

UNFPA India shares a longstanding partnership with this community of scholars and institutions, rooted in a common conviction: that evidence-led research, robust demographic analysis, and high-quality data are essential to shaping policies that leave no one behind. For decades, we have collaborated on population studies, reproductive health research, and the critical work of making the invisible visible through data. This conference is both a continuation of that partnership and a testament to its enduring value.

The conference theme—*“People, Planet, Prosperity: Demographic Drivers of India’s Inclusive Growth”*—is both timely and urgent. With over 600 million people under 25, India stands on the cusp of a historic demographic opportunity. Yet this potential is not guaranteed; it must be earned through sustained investment in health, education, skills, and rights. Every year, 12 million youth enter the workforce, but 85 million remain outside employment, education, or training. If healthy, skilled, and empowered, they could add 2 percentage points to GDP growth annually for two decades. Yet 85 million youth are currently not in employment, education, or training. The difference between potential and outcome lies in investment in health, education, skills, and rights.

Further, raising women’s labor force participation by just 10 percentage points could boost GDP by 16 percent. Every rupee invested in family planning returns eight rupees in economic and social benefits. Consider aging: by 2050, India’s over 60 years of age population will double to 20 percent, adding 190 million older persons in 25 years. How India prepares today determines whether this demographic transition becomes a crisis or strength.

Behind these figures are real people—a young woman in Odisha dreaming of engineering, a farmer in Punjab adapting to climate change, a nurse in Assam saving lives. Data is ultimately about justice; it reveals who is left behind and why.

Research institutions and demographic scholarship transform lived experiences into actionable knowledge, turning evidence into rights. As you deliberate, do remember: demography is not destiny—it is the map by which destiny is made. Let this gathering inspire research that transforms lives and ensures that India’s demographic advantage becomes the foundation of a society. When future generations look back, may they say that India harnessed its demographic potential to build a nation where every individual thrives, the planet flourishes, and prosperity is shared by all.

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MESSAGE

It is a great privilege to welcome you all to the 45th Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP), organized by the Centre for the Study of Regional Development (CSRD) at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, from December 12 to 14, 2024. The collaboration between the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) and the Centre for the Study of Regional Development (CSRD) for this conference is expected to engage around 500 delegates, creating a vibrant platform for knowledge exchange and contributing to informed policymaking.

The theme of the conference is "*Leaving No One Behind: Navigating Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development in India*" resonates deeply with the global commitment to inclusivity and equity as embodied in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It reflects the urgent need to address the challenges of demographic transitions, urbanization, migration, health inequities, and climate change while ensuring that marginalized and vulnerable populations are integral to the solutions. As one of the world's most populous nations, India faces significant challenges in achieving equitable development across its urban and rural areas. Prioritizing inclusivity and equitable growth can help bridge these gaps. This conference is anticipated to provide valuable insights that help shape effective, data-driven solutions for sustainable development across India.

CSRD, established in 1971, has been at the forefront of such interdisciplinary research and advocacy, contributing significantly to making Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) the highest-ranking institution in India for development studies. CSRD's work spans public health, migration, regional development, and social justice, climate change and all of which align perfectly with the objectives of this conference. By hosting this event, CSRD reaffirms its commitment to bridging academic inquiry with practical policy applications, shaping effective governance strategies that address India's diverse challenges.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Centre for the Study of Regional Development (CSRD) for hosting this conference and convey my best wishes to the organizing team. Special appreciation to Dr. Bhaswati Das for her outstanding leadership in organizing this conference. I am confident that her hard work will make this conference a milestone achievement.

I invite all participants to actively engage in the discussions, share valuable insights, and contribute to meaningful solutions. Together, let us reaffirm our commitment to creating a more equitable and sustainable future for all.

I conclude with the Sanskrit verse:

"सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः।"

सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु, मा कश्चिद् दुःखभाग् भवेत्॥"

Santishree Pandit
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Message

I extend my warm greetings to all attendees and participants of the Eastern Regional Conference of The Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP), jointly hosted by Population Research Centre, Utkal University, Odisha.

The theme of this year's conference, "Population, Health and Development: Perspectives from Eastern India", Public health in Eastern India faces considerable hurdles, including high morbidity rates and significant expenditure on healthcare. As we gather here to exchange ideas, share research findings, and engage in meaningful discussions, I am confident that the conference will be a platform for fostering innovative solutions and inspiring partnerships that can drive positive change in our society.

The Utkal University is proud to jointly host this prestigious conference, bringing together scholars, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to explore the complex interplay between population dynamics and sustainable development. Our institution is committed to advancing knowledge and promoting excellence in research, and I am certain that the discussions and collaborations that emerge from this conference will contribute significantly to our understanding of these critical issues.

I invite all participants to actively engage with the sessions, present your research findings, and take advantage of the networking opportunities available during the conference. Let us come together with open minds and a shared commitment to finding sustainable solutions that will benefit not only Eastern India but also the broader global community.

I congratulate the organisers of IASP and PRC, Utkal University for bringing such an important topic to the forefront and wish the conference great success.


(Sabita Acharya)

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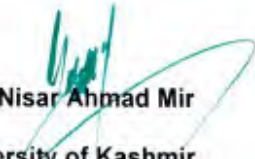
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MESSAGE

I congratulate the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) for choosing this University for organizing the Northern Regional Conference 2022 of the IASP jointly with Population Research Centre (PRC), of our University. The title of the Regional Conference **"Population, Development and Health in Northern India: Status and Challenges Ahead"** is very befitting. While the population growth and meager resources are still posing significant challenge, the emerging burden of chronic and degenerative diseases are causing India to bear a double burden of disease. The dramatic and widespread nature of recent and ongoing demographic shifts indicates that the challenges of population ageing that India will face are both inevitable and exist on enormous scale. These demographic changes present complex health, social and economic challenges to which our Country must rapidly adapt. Deeper and more specific studies are needed to understand the demographic, health and other implications of demographic transition like non-communicable diseases and other life style disorders. It is also important to do cross-sectional population studies to identify and understand the specific challenges faced by different population groups such as adolescents, women, elderly and migrants, so that responses are adequately tailored to *leave no-one behind*.

I expect large number of academicians and researchers from different parts of country would actively participate and present their important research findings which may find ways in policy making. I believe that the conference will also give opportunity to young researchers and students to understand research methodologies used in analysis of data on various aspects of population, health and related issues to draw valid results and take the research forward for well being of population of the country. I hope this conference will prove to be a productive endeavor. I wish the organizers will come out with the conference proceedings which may be used for future research in the area.

I, on behalf of the University of Kashmir extend warm welcome to conference participants and once again congratulate IASP and PRC, for hosting this conference in the University of Kashmir, Srinagar. I wish all the success to this event.


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Prof. K. Umamaheshwar Rao
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MESSAGE

I am elated to note that the Center of Excellence on Public Health Nutrition (CoE-PHN), Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, NIT Rourkela, is organising the **"44th Annual Conference of IASP on 1.4 Billion Aspirations, One Sustainable Future: Unfolding India's Path to Development"** from 8th to 10th November, 2023 in collaboration with Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP). The conference aims to provide a common forum for academicians, practitioners, social scientists and researchers to exchange and share their experiences and research outcomes on varied aspects of population and human development in the context of Sustainable Development Goals. Additionally, themes of the conference cover national, regional, and local issues on human development that are of wider policy significance and interest to national and regional entities.

I earnestly hope the event will be a blend of research-oriented and evidence-based discussions leading to insightful recommendations for effectively achieving the SDGs in India and mark a place for ourselves in the global scenario.

I congratulate the CoE on Public Health Nutrition, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences for taking up the joint venture with IASP and organising this conference and appreciate the hard work put in by all faculty members, students, and staff of the department as well as others involved in organising this event.

On behalf of NIT Rourkela family, I extend a very warm welcome to all the dignitaries, distinguished guests and participants, and wish the conference a great success.

Prof. K. Umamaheshwar Rao
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Message



Warm greetings to all of you from SRM University Sikkim!

We are pleased to host the North-Eastern Regional Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) at SRM University Sikkim. Sikkim is the first 100% organic state in India and one of the top tourist destinations.

The theme of the conference "*Demography, Health and Development: Insights from Northeast India*", is aligned with the ongoing discourse of health and development in the North East region. This conference by bringing researchers, academics and practitioners together will help in facilitating in depth discussions along with possibility to have meaningful deliberations to the state government in the health development efforts of the state in particular and the region in general.

SRM University Sikkim is one of the pioneering universities in the North East and has been awarded as the best private university in Sikkim. Located in the mountain state of Sikkim in the north-eastern region of India, SRM University Sikkim vision all-round development of the students in the region and the next-door neighbors Nepal and Bhutan.

I welcome all of you and wish a pleasant stay in Sikkim

Prof Ch Satish Kumar
Vice Chancellor

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From Conveners' Pen



The Centre of Excellence (CoE) on Public Health Nutrition (PHN), Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Institute of Technology Rourkela takes a great privilege to organize the "44th Annual Conference of IASP on 1.4 Billion Aspirations, One Sustainable Future: Unfolding India's Path to Development" to be held from 8th to 10th November, 2023 in collaboration with the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP).

The conference intends to enhance knowledge management in the various facets of human development in the context of rising population and achievement of Sustainable Development Goals. It also provides a premier interdisciplinary platform that facilitates sharing and discussing recent innovations, trends, and concerns along with practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted to facilitate the fulfilment of SDGs. The valued guests and dignitaries from across the country, attending this event will hopefully enjoy the beautiful campus of this esteemed institute of premier learning. We expect that the delegates will take back the results of creative exchange and the knowledge gained through the conference.

We express our profound gratitude to the Director, NIT Rourkela for his encouragement and support to organise this event. We sincerely acknowledge the efforts and hard work of all the team members of the Center of Excellence on PHN, as without their full-hearted support this event was not possible. We would like to thank IASP for giving us the opportunity to organise this grand event. We also acknowledge the support of senior officials, faculty members and all the students to make this conference a success. Last but not most importantly, we express our humble and most sincere thanks to UNICEF, UNFPA, PATH, USAID, Population Council, and IIPS, Mumbai for providing necessary financial support for organising this event of national importance.

Dr. Jalandhar Pradhan
Professor
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
National Institute of Technology Rourkela

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Dr. Bhaswati Das

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MESSAGE FROM THE CONVENER

I am immensely pleased to welcome you all to the 45th Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP), being held at the Centre for the Study of Regional Development (CSRD), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, from December 12-14, 2024. Hosting this significant event is a matter of great pride and honour for the Centre for the Study of regional development.

The conference provides a vital platform for academicians, researchers, policymakers, and students to exchange ideas. The conference seeks not only to advance population studies as a discipline but also to address pressing issues at the confluence of demographic change and sustainable development.

A special highlight of this conference is the pre-conference workshop on "*Geospatial Representation of Population and Health Data*," designed to equip young scholars with innovative tools for data analysis. This workshop underscores our commitment to nurturing the next generation of researchers and equipping them with advanced methodologies.

I am confident that the serene and green environment of our campus will complement the intellectual discussions. All can take leisurely walks, enjoy the vibrant biodiversity, and appreciate the campus's commitment to sustainability. This harmonious blend of nature and academia will make the conference experience even more enriching and memorable.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our VC of JNU, Rector I and Rector II, Dean, SSS and the Chairperson of the Centre for their encouragement and support for this event. I am profoundly thankful to the organizing committee members and other colleagues who have been working harmoniously to bring this event to fruition. My sincere thanks to the IASP executive council members for entrusting us with this opportunity. Special thanks are extended to the keynote speakers and the paper presenters and organisations for their financial support. All of these are invaluable in bringing this vision to life. Our students are our pride and their contribution needs special applaud.

I hope you find this conference intellectually stimulating and personally rewarding as we collectively explore solutions to create a more inclusive and sustainable future.

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INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF POPULATION

Prof. Suresh Sharma
President, IASP



MESSAGE

The **Indian Association for the Study of Population** is honored to be organizing its 43rd Annual Conference at the Population Research Centre, Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur. I have had the honor of being associated with the Association for more than a decade now. I credit it to the incredible leadership and team work of the people behind IASP for building a fraternity so futuristic and so visionary that its importance and relevance continues even after fifty-one years since its inception.

The world has witnessed massive turnabouts in development since the COVID-19 pandemic – The collateral damage continues to reflect for population health, health systems, education, climate, supply chain, etc. However, emergent from the very same pandemic have been ground-breaking stories of resilience and resolve. It is through this conference that we celebrate the power of collaborations, the power that policy-making in the right direction holds. It is now more than ever that integrated decision making, and holistic discourses become crucial to reshaping future course of action.

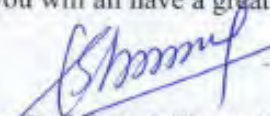
I am sincerely optimistic that this conference will be a platform to propel sustained results from dialogue, given the brilliant participation from demographers and social scientists presenting on a wide range of topics encompassing the domains of health and development.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude towards Mohanlal Sukhadia University for being the most gracious hosts for this conference. I would also like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of the Population Research Centre, Udaipur team in enabling this conference. I would also like to thank and congratulate the EC and BoT members of the IASP for their sustained efforts and coordination. In thanking our valued participants, I would like to add that this truly is your conference first.

Last but not the least, I am humbly thankful to the sponsoring agencies of this conference, for it is by the grace of their unflinching support that the vision for this conference has seen light of the day today. I hereby thank – United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Population Council, International Institute for Population Science (IIPS), India Health Action Trust (IHAT), International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) and Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) for supporting IASP and, its 43rd Annual Conference.

I extend my best wishes to the participants of this conference, I hope you will all have a great time!

Kind Regards,



(Prof. Suresh Sharma)

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Dr Anil Chandran S.
General Secretary
Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP)



Dear Honorable Members and Participants,

It is with great pride and pleasure that we invite you wholeheartedly to the 45th Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population, IASP 2024, at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. In the theme for this year, "*Leaving No One Behind: Navigating Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development in India*," the population and the sustainable development goals of the country are put together to show urgency in terms of inclusivity and resilience.

The IASP has indeed grown since its establishment in 1971. We continued to nurture academic excellence, debate, and innovation in the spheres of population and public health, and have grown to be a dynamic community of scholars. This conference reflects this commitment, with the participation of experts from different fields to discuss current demographic concerns.

I am delighted to share that this year, we received an overwhelming response with around 500 abstracts submitted. After a rigorous review process, approximately 340 abstracts were selected for presentation. The conference will feature five plenary sessions, led by distinguished scholars, and 20 parallel technical sessions covering a wide array of topics, from fertility and migration to population ageing and climate change. These sessions promise to ignite thought-provoking discussions and foster meaningful collaborations.

We also feel honoured to recognize excellence through our array of prestigious awards: the Prof. Chandrasekharan Award for outstanding presentation by young researchers, the Prof. K.B. Pathak Award for the best paper published during the past year, and the Prof. K. Srinivasan Award for the best technical and substantive papers published in *Demography India*. This year's conference also had an essay competition for students, Prof. Sudesh Nangia Essay Competition, in order to encourage future demographers. The newly instituted Prof. P.P. Talwar Award identifies and acknowledges the contributions made by women researchers in Technical Demography.

The choice of JNU as the venue reflects our commitment to academic rigour and inclusivity. As a leading institution in India and globally, JNU provides an inspiring environment for scholarly exchange. I extend my gratitude to the organizing committee, led by Dr. Bhaswati Das, for their tireless efforts in ensuring the success of this event. As we convene here today, let this be in our minds: that the work we do is at the very core of shaping policy and programs in a manner that would ensure no one is left behind. We can, together, rise to the challenge of population dynamics through our dialogue and collaboration for the sake of a sustainable and inclusive future for all.

Thank you for participating and for your ongoing support of IASP. I hope your conference experience will be productive and rewarding.

Warm regards,
Dr. Anil Chandran S.
General Secretary
Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP)

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Dr. Jeetendra Yadav

Treasurer

Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP)



Dear Conference Attendees and Honored Guests

You all are cordially invited to the 45th Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population, IASP 2024, at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. We eagerly look forward to welcoming you to this prestigious event. The Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) facilitates a vibrant platform for intellectual discourse, organizing conferences, seminars, and debates on pressing issues in public health, population studies, demography, and epidemiology, both domestically and internationally. Additionally, IASP hosts distinguished lectures by renowned national and international experts, shedding light on contemporary concerns.

The Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) is hosting 45th Annual Conference on the theme of the Leaving No One Behind: Navigating Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development in India," highlights the urgency of addressing population dynamics and sustainable development in an inclusive and resilient manner. We look forward to your participation. The conference would offer a venue for discussions and deliberation that would produce recommendations for policies and initiatives for India.

It is with great pleasure that I express my heartfelt appreciation to all individuals who contributed to the success of our conference. To our esteemed panellists, discussants, rapporteurs, session coordinators, and chairpersons, I extend my sincerest gratitude for your time, expertise, and dedication.

Furthermore, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the vital role played by our distinguished sponsors in supporting this conference. Their ongoing assistance has been crucial in enabling us to bring together leading experts and scholars from around the world. We are deeply grateful for their trust in our organization and for their commitment to promoting excellence in our field. Thank you for your generous support and for helping to make this conference a memorable success.

As we embark on this academic journey together, I extend my warmest regards to each and every conference participant. May your time at JNU Delhi be filled with intellectual curiosity, creative exchange, and joyous celebration!"

Dr. Jeetendra Yadav, Ph. D

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September 2022

MESSAGE

The Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP; <https://iasp.ac.in>), the prestigious Associations of the Population Scientists, Demographers, Social Scientists, and Public Health Experts in India. Established in 1963, the IASP has emerged as an asocial of global reputation. The Association is vigorously pursuing the scientific study of population, health, family welfare, aging, nutrition, and developmental issues concerning India. To achieve its goal, the Association organizes conferences, training programs, workshops, seminars, and panel discussions for policy advisory. Also, it conducts distinguished lectures on contemporary topics from global and national experts. The Association regularly publishes an Online Journal, Demography India. In 2021, the Association reached newer heights by co-organizing International Population Conference virtually jointly with the International Union for the Scientific Study of the Population (IUSSP) for the second time, the first time being in 1989.

Besides national conferences, the Association organizes regional conferences to promote the discipline and encourage local researchers to undertake research on issues important to States, Union Territories, and local populations. The first one in this series, the IASP is organizing its Northern Region conference, which will focus on the exchange of research and ideas in the UTs of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Delhi, Chandigarh, and the States of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand. The Conference is scheduled during September 29-30, 2022, at the University of Kashmir, Srinagar, in collaboration with the Population Research Centre, Srinagar. The Conference's theme is "Population, Development, and Health in Northern India: Status and Challenges Ahead". We received more than 350 abstracts for the Conference from all parts of the country representing researchers, academicians, scholars, and policy and program managers. I hope that the deliberations in the Conference will come up with strategies to help states improve population and health indicators and reach the SDGs.

I congratulate all IASP members and the EC members for their commitment, cooperation, and hard work in organizing the north chapter conference. I would especially like to congratulate Dr. Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Associate Professor and Coordinator, Population Research Centre, Department of Economics, University of Kashmir and Dr. Rajesh Kumar Chauhan, Coordinator North Chapter along with the team members under the leadership of Dr. Suresh Sharma, President IASP for the hard work they have put over the past two months to make this event happen. The IASP remains thankful for the continued financial and other support from xxxx making this Conference a grand success.

Prof USHA RAM

PhD and CIHR-NOPE fellow (2011-15)

Professor & Head, Dept. of Bio-Statistics and Epidemiology

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Message

Warm greetings to all participants!

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the North-eastern Regional Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP), jointly organized with Shri Ramasamy Memorial University (SRMUS), Sikkim.

This year's theme "*Demography, Health and Development: Insights from Northeast India*" is both timely and vital. The Northeast region, known for its cultural vibrancy and geographical diversity, also grapples with distinct developmental challenges that require region-specific solutions. Despite significant progress, issues such as child marriage, adolescent pregnancy, gender-based violence, trafficking, and youth outmigration continue to impact the well-being of communities.

Furthermore, the region is marked by a high burden of communicable diseases, including HIV, tuberculosis, and vector-borne illnesses, compounded by difficult terrain and limited access to quality health services. Patterns of seasonal and cross-border migration, combined with fragile infrastructure, also increase vulnerability to human trafficking and disrupt education and health continuity for children and youth. These interlinked issues call for a multi-sectoral response grounded in robust evidence and culturally sensitive engagement.

As Joint Secretary of IASP, I am proud to support initiatives that highlight the voices, research, and innovations emerging from this vital region. IASP remains committed to expanding its regional footprint by promoting inclusive research networks, mentoring young scholars, and facilitating policy-research dialogues that can influence development priorities at both the state and national levels.

I extend heartfelt thanks to SRMUS Sikkim and the organizing committee for their dedication and hospitality. I also gratefully acknowledge the support of our partners and sponsors whose collaboration are vital for our continued effort.

Let us use this conference not only to share knowledge but to build enduring partnerships that can address the complex realities of Northeast India with empathy, scientific rigor, and collective purpose.

Wishing you all a thought-provoking and impactful conference.

Warm regards,

Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh

Joint Secretary & Regional Coordinator-Northeast India
Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP)
May 2025

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Message from the Regional Secretary, IASP

It is a matter of great pleasure to welcome scholars, researchers, and participants to the conference on "Demographic Transition in Western India" being organized at Goa University, Goa on 20-21 March 2026.

Goa, known for its rich cultural heritage and distinctive historical journey, provides an inspiring setting for this academic gathering. Having experienced centuries of colonial rule before its liberation in 1961, the state has evolved into a vibrant society shaped by diverse cultural influences, migration patterns, and socio-economic transformations. Goa's historical journey toward liberation also reminds us of the contributions of visionary leader Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, who has been a personal inspiration to me. His early call for civil resistance against colonial rule in 1946 helped ignite the movement for Goa's freedom. Lohia's broader intellectual contributions extended beyond politics to issues of social justice, gender equality, and the need for balanced social development, ideas that remain relevant when we discuss population dynamics and inclusive development today.

The western region of India occupies a significant place in the nation's development trajectory. The region has been a major driver of economic growth, industrialization, trade, and urban expansion. At the same time, it reflects diverse demographic trends including changing fertility patterns, increasing life expectancy, migration flows, and the emerging challenges associated with population ageing and rapid urbanization.

In the contemporary context, demographic research has become increasingly important for understanding the complex relationship between population dynamics and socio-economic development. Scholarly deliberations on these issues are essential for informing policies related to health, education, employment, and sustainable regional planning. Conferences such as this provide a valuable platform for researchers, policymakers, and students to exchange ideas, share research findings, and foster interdisciplinary collaboration.

I am delighted that this conference brings together eminent scholars and young researchers on a common platform to deliberate on these important themes. I sincerely hope that the discussions and interactions during the conference will generate new insights, encourage collaborative research, and contribute meaningfully to the broader discourse on population and development in Western India.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all contributors, speakers, and participants, and wish the conference great success.

Dr. Gudakesh

Executive Committee Member and Regional Secretary (West)
Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP)
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Dr. Emily Das
Regional Coordinator (Eastern)
Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP)



Message

It is a welcoming move of Indian Association for the study of Population (IASP) to organize the Eastern Regional Conference at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, firstly due to the region having diversity of population and health issues and secondly the host institution Utkal University is a premier educational hub of the state. This conference would not only discuss and deliberate upon the regional demographic and health issues but also provide impetus to the Population Research Centre (PRC), Odisha. On one hand IASP renders its academic and scholarly expertise and on the other empowers regional academics to discuss the prevailing population issues. As Eastern Regional Coordinator of IASP and a native of the state of Odisha, I am overwhelmed to see the quality papers to be presented in the technical sessions. I am also privileged to see this beautiful souvenir presented to the conference participants.

Eastern region of India comprises five states namely- Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal covers 16.84% area of the country. Population of Eastern region was 29.8 crores in 2011, which is estimated to be 34.5 Crores in 2024 and 37.7 Crores in 2036. Thus share of population in this region is increasing marginally from 24.4 percent in 2011 to 24.5 percent and 24.8 percent in 2024 and 2036 respectively. The pace of growth of population is likely to remain slightly higher in Eastern region compared to rest of India in coming years (0.89% per annum in Eastern region compared to 0.77% in rest of India in 2036). The region fares better in terms of sex ratio; 947 females per thousand males in 2011 (India: 943) and continues to improve compared to rest of India; as sex ratio is estimated to be 966 in 2024 (India: 950) and 984 in 2036 (India: 958). Crude Birth Rate (CBR) for Eastern region in 2020 is estimated to be 20.5 compared to 19.2 in rest of India. Likewise Crude Death Rate (CDR) is slightly higher in Eastern region 6 compared to 5.9 in rest of India. Thus Eastern region will catch up the demographic transition at the pace of India and would have better sex composition.

Like most of the northern states, eastern region would also continue to enjoy the demographic dividend. Per capita income of Eastern Region on current prices was Rs 39,758 in 2011-12 and rose to Rs 1,83,600 in 2023-24, exhibiting an exorbitant growth rate of 13.6 percent (CAGR) compared to all India growth of 9.6 percent in the same period. Having Economic and Population Growth at a pace of National average, the Eastern region has unlimited potential for socio-economic development because of its natural resources and cultural heritage.

I am confident that scholarly discussions in this conference will accelerate the potential of the region and will enable in tackling the impediments in the field of healthy demographic transition of the region.

Dr. Emily Das

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Prof. Suresh Sharma
President, IASP

Message from the President, IASP

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warm greetings to all delegates, participants, and partners attending the 46th Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP), being held at the Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI), Kolkata, jointly organized with the National Atlas & Thematic Mapping Organisation (NATMO).

Since taking over as President of IASP, I have been deeply committed to revitalizing the association's academic and professional engagements. It has been a matter of great satisfaction to revive the Regional Conferences and to organize a wide range of activities, including World Population Day observances, pre-conference workshops, and thematic seminars, to strengthen research and capacity-building efforts in population studies.

A major milestone during this period has been the successful launch of the IASP Distinguished Lecture Series, which has so far featured 31 eminent speakers from across the globe through virtual sessions. These lectures have greatly enriched academic discourse and fostered global collaboration in the field of population and development.

In recognition of scholarly excellence, IASP has also instituted two prestigious awards—the Prof. P. P. Talwar Award for Women in Technical Demography and the Prof. Sudesh Nangia Essay Competition Award—to encourage innovation and excellence in demographic research and writing.

The theme of this year's conference, "People, Planet, Prosperity: Demographic Drivers of India's Inclusive Growth," is timely and significant, emphasizing the critical linkages between population dynamics, sustainable development, and inclusive progress.

I sincerely thank NATMO, AnSI, the Organizing Committee, and all contributors for their efforts in hosting this important event. My best wishes for a successful and enriching conference and for the continued growth of the IASP community.

Prof. Suresh Sharma
President *Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP)*

IN MEMORIAM

Remembering Lives of Scholarship and Service

IASP remembers with deep respect the senior demographers whose scholarship, mentorship, and institutional service have enriched the field of population studies in India. Over the years, the Association has come together to honour their memory through condolence meetings that reflected not only the sadness of loss, but also the gratitude of a scholarly community shaped by their contributions.

These meetings offered colleagues, students, and members of the Association an opportunity to reflect on their academic journeys, their role in strengthening demographic research, and their enduring influence on generations of population scientists. Through their work, guidance, and commitment to the discipline, they helped build the intellectual foundations on which the field continues to grow.

IASP places on record its heartfelt condolences to their families, colleagues, students, and institutions. Their contributions remain part of the Association's collective memory and continue to inspire its commitment to rigorous, humane, and socially relevant population science.

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REMEMBERING PROF. ARVIND PANDEY

Dear Members of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP),

It is with profound sorrow that we acknowledge the passing of Prof. Arvind Pandey, an esteemed professor and a towering figure in the fraternity of demographers. Prof. Pandey's illustrious career and his monumental contributions to the field of population science have left an indelible mark on both academia and the various institutions he served. He was a revered mentor, having influenced countless students and scholars throughout his life.

Prof. Pandey had served as the President of the IASP for two consecutive terms: 2006-2008 and 2008-2010. His leadership during these terms continues to echo in the vision and mission of IASP.

In remembrance of Prof. Pandey's remarkable life and career, the IASP will be organizing an online memorial meeting on Friday at 04:00 PM. We encourage all members to join us in celebrating his contributions and sharing memories of his impactful career. Those who would like to speak at the meeting are kindly requested to send in their names in advance to the email ID: iasp.india@gmail.com.

We mourn his loss, but more importantly, we celebrate his vast contributions that will continue to inspire us all.

We extend the bereaved family our most sincere condolences during this tough time. Our prayers for Prof. Arvind Pandey's soul to rest in peace.

Warm regards,
Prof. Suresh Sharma
President, IASP



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In loving memory of
Dr. Pradeep Mishra

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Pradeep Mishra on 30th October 2024.

As a mark of respect and in memory of his remarkable life, the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) will be holding a Condolence Meeting.

Date: Sunday, 10th November, 2024
Time: 03:00 PM

Please join us to honor his legacy.



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In Loving Memory of
Late Shri Rameshwar Prasad Tyagi

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Late Shri Rameshwar Prasad Tyagi Ji on 10 June 2026.

As a mark of respect and in memory of his remarkable life, the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) will be holding a Condolence Meeting.

Date: Thursday, 18/06/26
Time: 03:00 PM

Please join us to honor his legacy.







Prof. Arvind Pandey

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some testimonials about IASP's work through the years

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It's a student- teacher Day out 🎉

Our MA Economics students has participated in a workshop on "Geospatial Representation of Population and Health Data" on the auspicious occasion of World Population Day at [Institute of Economic Growth](#), New Delhi. Thank you @Suresh Sharma sir for the invitation 🙏🙏🙏 it was really very engaging and insightful session.

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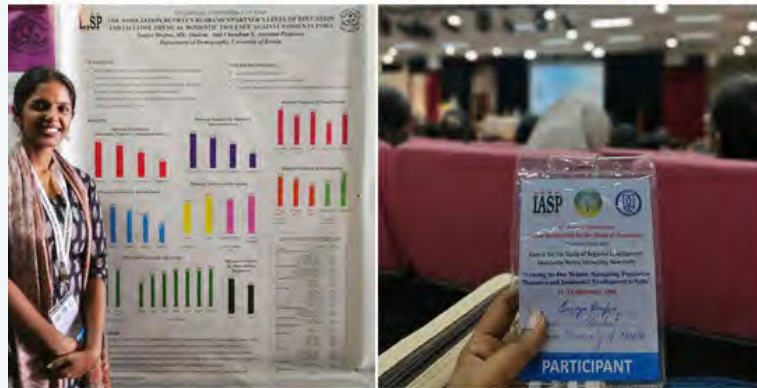
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While this work was presented last year, it marked my first-ever research presentation.

I feel proud looking back at my poster presentation at the 45th Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP), jointly organised by the Centre for the Study of Regional Development (CSRD), [Jawaharlal Nehru University](#), held at JNU, New Delhi (12–14 December 2024).

Gratitude to my guide [Dr. Anil Chandran S](#) for the mentorship.

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I still remeber my early days at IIPS, when "Techniques of Demographic Analysis" by Prof. K. B. Pathak and Prof. Ram was an essential read for every student.

Happy to receive Prof. K. B. Pathak Award for the best paper in the field of Population and Health for our work titled "Burden of Non-communicable Diseases in South Asia: A Decomposition Analysis" at the 46th Annual Conference of IASP, held in Kolkata from 27–29 November 2025.

My sincere thanks to IASP and the evaluation committee for this recognition. I am equally grateful to all my co-authors for their valuable contributions to this study.

#population #demography #IASP #IIPS Rinshu Dwivedi Bijeta Mishra Dr. Sasmita Behera Tapas Bera Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, NIT Rourkela



Asraful Mandal • 3r...
Researcher
8mo • Edited •

I am pleased to share that our latest research article has been published! I had the opportunity to contribute as a co-author alongside a dedicated team.

Title: Prevalence of Anaemia Among the Women of Reproductive Age Group in West Bengal: A Social Group-wise Analysis Using NFHS-5 (2019–21) Data
Published in [Demography](#) of India, the esteemed journal of the [Indian Association for the Study of Population \(IASP\)](#).

I also thank and congratulate [RAKIB SHAIKH](#) and [A K M Anwaruzzaman](#) for their valuable contributions.
Grateful to be part of this important work in public health.

Read the full study
<https://lnkd.in/dPPJvn9d>

#Research #Anaemia #PublicHealth #NFHS5 #IASP #DemographyIndia #WomenHealth

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Prevalence of Anaemia Among the Women of Reproductive Age Group in West Bengal: A Social Group-wise Analysis Using NFHS-5 (2019-21) Data

Rakib Shaikh¹, A. K. M. Anwaruzzaman² and Asraful Mandal³

Abstract

Anaemia is a condition that is defined by a low level of haemoglobin in the bloodstream. Anaemia affects around 1.71 billion people, or 23% of the world's population. In India, the high prevalence of anaemia among socially backward populations is a crucial and ongoing concern.

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46th Annual Conference of Indian Association for Study of Population (IASP) inaugurated at Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata

Conference theme- “People, Planet, Prosperity” highlights demographic drivers of India’s inclusive growth

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The 46th Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) was inaugurated today at the Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI), Kolkata, bringing together leading personalities to deliberate on demographic drivers of India’s inclusive growth.

Organised by the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) jointly with the National Atlas & Thematic Mapping Organisation (NATMO), and in collaboration with the Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI), the three-day conference (27–29 November 2025) is themed “People, Planet, Prosperity: Demographic Drivers of India’s Inclusive Growth.” The inaugural session was graced by Prof. K. N. Singh, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Central University of South Bihar, as Chief Guest; and Prof. A. P. Singh, Director General, National Library, Kolkata, as Special Guest.

During the ceremony, UNFPA India felicitated the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) for receiving the 2025 United Nations Population Award (Institutional Category), recognising its pioneering work in advancing global population science and evidence-based policymaking. Dr. Shireen Jejeebhoy, President, IUSSP (2022–2025), expressed gratitude and reiterated the organisation’s commitment to strengthening demographic research and global collaboration.



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27 November 2025



, including UNFPA India Representative Ms. Andrea M. Wojnar and IUSSP President Dr. Shireen Jejeebhoy on stage during the award ceremony at the 46th IASP Annual Conference

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SRM University Sikkim is hosting the North-East Regional Conference in collaboration with the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) on 29–30 May 2025. Themed "Demography, Health, and Development: Insights from Northeast India", the event will bring together leading experts and scholars. It aims to explore critical issues impacting population health and regional development. Esteemed dignitaries from IASP and SRMUS will grace the occasion. The conference will be held at the SRM University Sikkim campus.

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India is in the midst of a sharp demographic transition, with the TFR dropping from 3.5 in 2000 to 1.9 today, said IASP general secretary Anil Chandran.

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