Announcement

National Seminar on
“Demographic Transition and Development: Issues and Challenges in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar”

Dates: 11 - 13 March, 2014
Venue: Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS / PAPERS

International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS)
Deonar, Mumbai

In collaboration with

Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS), Lucknow
Background of the Seminar
Since 2005, with the launch of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and various other developmental programmes, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have shown perceptible progress in some of the crucial demographic and health indicators. For instance, compared to 2006 levels, IMR has been down from 61 (per 1000 live births) to 43 by 2012 in Bihar and similarly, from 97 per 1000 live births to 57 by 2011 in UP. Similarly progress is also observed in the proportion of mothers who received medical attention at delivery from 22% in 2006 to 48% by 2011 in Bihar and in UP from 15% in 2006 to 48% by 2011 (SRS Statistical report, 2011). However, there remain challenges and areas of concern pertaining to population growth, health outcomes, gender inequality, unmet needs, and nutrition among children. Uttar Pradesh and Bihar together contribute maximum to the total births, under-5 deaths, unmet needs, and people below poverty in the country.

With this background, the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, will organize a three-day national seminar in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh, during 11-13, March, 2014. IIPS will collaborate with the Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS), Lucknow, who will be the local organizer of this important national seminar.

The seminar hopes to offer a platform to researchers, academicians, programme managers, and other experts to come together and share their findings, debate and discuss on the health and population issues in the two states, and contributes to programmes and policies concern of the states. Besides, such seminar also provides opportunity to young demographers and other researchers to share their views.

Themes:
1. **Fertility Transition and Family Planning**
   1.1 Fertility trends and differentials
   1.2 Fertility Timing and Postponement
   1.3 Marriage (Nuptiality)
   1.4 Adolescents reproductive health
   1.5 Contraceptive continuation and switching
   1.6 Unmet need for family planning
   1.7 Demand Generation
2. **Health, Mortality and Morbidity Transition**
   2.1 Mortality trends and differentials
   2.2 Burden of Disease
   2.3 Health seeking behaviors
   2.4 Maternal, infant & child health and mortality
   2.5 Socio-economic differential on mortality and health
3. **Migration and Urbanization**
   3.1 Migration and Population distribution
   3.2 Causes and Consequences of Migration
   3.3 Urbanization, and urban health
4. **Population and Development**
   4.1 Sustainable development
   4.2 Population Aging - patterns and trends
4.3 Underserved population  
4.4 Window of opportunity (demographic dividend)  
4.5 Population and Environment  
4.6 Population Change and Development  

5. **Gender Issues**  
5.1 Gender disparities in mortality and health  
5.2 Sex ratio  
5.3 Gender-based violence  

6. **Policies and programmes**  
6.1 Responsiveness of Health System  
6.2 Health care utilization and access  
6.3 Progress under development programmes on Maternal and Child Health, Adolescent and Youth Health, Employment, Nutrition, Water supply and sanitation and other flexi-programmes  
6.4 Health financing  
6.5 Data management  

**Instructions for submitting abstracts**  
Researchers, academicians, NGOs, programme managers and those working in the areas of population, health, environment, gender and development are invited to contribute their research papers. The paper must be based on empirical evidences, theoretical perspectives, methodological innovations, micro-level experiments, policies and programs relevant to the seminar themes. Those interested to contribute papers for the seminar should register and submit online an abstract of not more than **500 words** (in MS-Word format) at [http://www.iipsindia.org/seminar2014.htm](http://www.iipsindia.org/seminar2014.htm). A committee will review the abstracts and identify the papers for oral and poster presentations accordingly. The focus of all research work should be on U.P and Bihar.  

Applicants will be notified about the acceptance of their abstracts by 6th December, 2013, and the full papers of the accepted abstracts must be submitted to the Seminar Organizers by 31 January, 2014. IIPS will select papers to publish in a book form, and notify during the seminar.  

**Financial Support**  
IIPS will provide financial support (full or partial funding) to limited number of participants. However, financial support will be extended only to one author of each accepted paper provided the full paper is submitted on or before the deadline mentioned.  

**Queries can be sent electronically to:** iipsseminar2014@iips.net  

**Important Dates**  

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**Seminar Registration fee:** Rs. 1000/-
Organizing Committee, IIPS, Mumbai  
**Patron:** Prof. F. Ram, Director  
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**Seminar Secretary:** Dr. P. Murugesan

Local Organizing Committee, SGPGIMS, Lucknow  
**Patron:** Prof. R.K. Sharma, Director  
**Coordinators:** Prof. C.M. Pandey, Dr. Uttam Singh, and Dr. Anupam Kumar

About IIPS  
In 1956, Government of India, United Nations and Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, jointly established IIPS to serve as a regional centre for teaching, training and conducting research in the area of population studies in ESCAP region. This is the only recognized Deemed University of its kind in the world completely devoted to teaching and research on population related areas.

IIPS offers six regular courses, namely, Diploma in Health Promotion Education (DHPE), Post-Graduate Diploma in Community Health Care (PGDCHC), M.A/M.Sc in Population Studies (two-year), M.Sc. in Biostatistics and Epidemiology (two-year), Master of Population Studies (MPS) (one-year), Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) (one-year), and Ph.D. The institute also runs distant learning courses through correspondence for Diploma in Population Studies (DPS) and Master of Population Studies (MPS). The institute also conducts short-term courses from time-to-time for various organizations on population and health issues.

Vision Statement  
"To position IIPS as a premier teaching and research institution in population sciences responsive to emerging national and global needs based on values of inclusion, sensitivity and rights protection."

Mission Statement  
"The Institute will strive to be a centre of excellence on all population and relevant issues through high quality education, teaching and research. This will be achieved by (a) creating competent professionals, (b) generating and disseminating scientific knowledge and evidence, (c) collaboration and exchange of knowledge, and (d) advocacy and awareness.”

About SGPGIMS  
Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS), Lucknow (India) is a University established under State Act in 1983. The Institute is located on a sprawling 550 acres residential campus at Raebareli Road, 15 km away from the main city. The institute offers its own degrees, which are duly recognized by the Medical Council of India. The Institute is rated amongst the top medical institutions in the country, delivering state-of-art tertiary medical care, super-speciality teaching, training and research. Dedicated faculty members endeavor to provide quality education, patient care and research and strive to meet the challenges and needs of the society. The Institute offers DM, MCh, MD, PhD, Post Doctoral Fellowships (PDF) and Post Doctoral Certificate Courses (PDCC), and Senior Residency in various specialties. The peers in the field have recognized the courses offered by the Institute and the candidates obtaining degrees from SGPGIMS have been highly placed both within the country and abroad.