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### **MILESTONES IN THE PROGRESSIVE PATH OF IASSSH**

- First Conference at Tirupati*
- Second at Mumbai*
- Third at Surat*
- Fourth at New Delhi*
- Fifth at Bhubaneswar*
- Sixth at Pondicherry*
- Seventh at Varanasi*
- Eighth at Tirupati*
- Ninth at Mumbai*
- Tenth at New Delhi*
- Eleventh at Chennai*
- Twelfth at Lucknow*

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## **13th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH (IASSSH)**

**THEME:**

***Health and Development: Research,  
Practice and Policy***

**and**

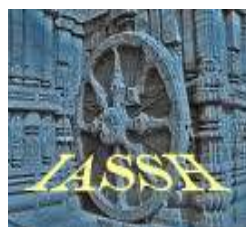
**Sixth Pre-Conference Workshop on  
"Approaches to Social Science Research"**

**Conference : 10-12 December, 2015  
Pre-Conference Workshop : 7-9 December, 2015**

***In Collaboration with***

**Department of Demography and  
Population Research Centre,**

**University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**



**THEME: *Health and Development: Research, Practice and Policy*****SUB THEMES:**

- S1. Health Programmes and Development Policies
- S2. Health and Well-being
- S3. Health, Gender and Environment
- S4. Health and Development: Multi-disciplinary Perspectives

**S1. Health Programmes and Development Policies**

- T1. Health Policies and Programs
- T2. Health and Epidemiological Transition
- T3. Health Care Systems and Management
- T4. Health Care and Corporate Social Responsibility

**S2. Health and Well-being**

- T6. Health Disparities
- T7. Public Health and Sanitation
- T8. Ageing, Health and Well-being
- T9. Migration and Urban Health
- T10. Reproductive and Child Health issues
- T11. Promoting Indigenous Health Systems

**S3. Health, Gender and Environment**

- T12. Women's Empowerment and Development
- T13. Female Deficit and Emerging Challenges in India
- T14. Gender Dimensions of Health Care
- T15. Gender based Violence and Health Implications
- T16. Linkages between Health and Environment
- T17. Health for Sustainable Development

**S4. Health and Development: Multi-disciplinary Perspectives**

- T18. Health Literacy and Health Behaviour
- T19. Social and Economic Determinants of Health
- T20. Health Infrastructure and Manpower Development
- T21. Health Sector Reforms in Kerala
- T22. Emerging Socio-economic and Demographic Situation in Kerala

**Poster Sessions: P1, P2****Topics Covered in the Pre-Conference Workshop**

Introduction to Social Science Research, Selection of Research Problem, Approaches in Quantitative and Qualitative Research, Methods of Collection of Qualitative and Quantitative Data, Development of Tools, Quantitative Data Analysis using SPSS, Qualitative Data Analysis using Atlas-ti, Writing Research Proposal, Thesis writing, Presentation Skills, Ethics in Social Research.

**Call for Abstracts:**

Abstract of papers are invited on topics relevant to the technical themes from those researchers who want to present papers at the conference. You can submit abstracts online at: <http://www.iassh.org/onlineabstract.aspx>

**Youth Best Paper Award:**

We will announce awards for best two research papers for the young scholars (less than 30 years of age). These should be single authored research papers. Interested young scholars are encouraged to mention clearly therein "**For Young Scientist Research Paper Award**" and submit their abstract online only, by visiting following link:

<http://www.iassh.org/onlineabstract.aspx>

Apart from the Young Scientist Research Paper Award, there will be two "**Best Poster Awards**" in the category of poster presentations. Oral presentation will be allotted about 15 minutes time and the presenters are advised to organise their presentation accordingly (maximum of 10-15 slides only). In honour of late Prof. K.E.Vaidyanathan, a distinguished demographer and former President of the association, IASSH has instituted a memorial lecture in 2014. The **Second Prof. K.E.Vaidyanathan Memorial Lecture** will be held on 10th Dec. 2015 during the conference

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

<b>Last Date for Receiving Abstracts</b>	<b>: September 15, 2015</b>
<b>Intimation about Acceptance of Abstracts &amp; Travel Grant</b>	<b>: September 25, 2015</b>
<b>Payment of Conference and Pre-Conference Registration Fee</b>	<b>: October 30, 2015</b>
<b>Submission of Full paper</b>	<b>: November 30, 2015</b>

Type of Participants	Early Bird Oct. 30, 2015	Late Registration Nov. 30, 2015	Spot Registration (including Reg- istrations after Nov. 30, 2015)
<b>Conference Registration Fee:</b>			
• <b>Member of IASSH</b>	Rs. 1500	Rs. 2000	Rs.3500
• <b>Non- Member</b>	Rs.3000	Rs. 3500	Rs.4000
<b>Accompanying Person (Spouse and Children only)**</b>	Rs.1500	Rs.1750	Rs.2000
<b>Pre-Conference Workshop Registration Fee</b>			
With accommodation	Rs.1000	Rs.2000	Rs.3000
Without accommodation	Rs. 800	Rs.1000	Rs.2000
<b>Overseas Participants</b>	\$ 100	\$ 120	\$150

*Note: Preference will be given to M.Phil / Ph. D scholars with basic understanding of research methods for the pre-conference workshop registration. Those who attended earlier workshops are not eligible to apply.*

*\*\* Efforts will be made to accommodate the accompanying person(s) if participants register well in advance (Children above 5 years of age will be considered as accompanying person).*

**Payment of Registration Fee**

Filled in Registration form along with the Non-Refundable Registration Fee (as applicable) through a **DD drawn in favour of "Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health" or AT PAR CHEQUE or MULTY CITY CHEQUE** payable at **Mumbai**.

**Travel Grant**

Travel Grant may be awarded to PRESENTERS of selected abstracts (ORAL or POSTER PRESENTATION or PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP participant) which include to and fro rail fare. All the participants are requested to explore the possibility of obtaining TA/DA from their organizations, which will facilitate participation of more young scholars. Decisions regarding the award of travel grants rest with the review committee and depends upon the availability of funds.

**IASSH Conference Organizing Committee**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Manual on Health Statistics

This Manual on Health Statistics brought out by **Central Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, New Delhi** is very useful for researchers, health planners explaining about basic concepts and health programs. This manual can be used as self explanatory guide for researchers. It consists of eight chapters as follows: Chapter 1: Introduction , Chapter 2: Overview of Population and Health Policies and Programs, Chapter 3: Health Statistics , Chapter 4: Sources and Quality of Health Data ,Chapter 5: Indicators for Measuring Health Status , Chapter 6: Health Expenditure and Financing 7 Chapter 7: Projection and Forecasting of Health Indicators Chapter 8: Health Statistics for Monitoring and Evaluation of Health. This manual can be downloaded from the following link:

[http://mospi.nic.in/Mospi\\_New/upload/Manual-Health-Statistics\\_5june15.pdf](http://mospi.nic.in/Mospi_New/upload/Manual-Health-Statistics_5june15.pdf)

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

### Professor P.N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture - 2015

Seventh Professor P.N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture was held at the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2015. Professor David. E. Bloom, Clarence James Gamble Professor of Economics and Demography from Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston delivered the lecture on the theme-“India’s Prospects for Economic Growth, As Viewed through a Demographic and Health Lens”. Prof. F. Ram, Director, IIPS, chaired the session. Prof. T. V. Sekher welcomed the participants to the Memorial Lecture Program and also recollected the contributions of Prof. Mari Bhat to Indian Demography. Prof. David Bloom is a distinguished economist and demographer and the Director of the Program on Global Demography of Aging (PGDA) at Harvard University, and the Principal Investigator of the Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI).





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Papers published in peer reviewed journals

A Qualitative study of identifying factors which contribute and non-contribute to voluntary blood donation through focus group discussions (FGDs) among blood donors and non-blood donors, Umakanth S, Thasian T, Rita Isaac, Dolly Daniel, Selvaraj KG, JJ Mammen, S C Nair, International Journal of Emergency Mental Health and Human Resilience, 2015;17(1):337-40

hatsApp: A new tool for recruitment and retention of voluntary blood donors, Umakanth S, Thasian T, Rita Isaac, Dolly Daniel, Selvaraj KG, JJ Mammen, S C Nair, International Journal of Advanced Medical and Health Research, 2015;1(2): 72

Decision and non-decision making among blood donors and non-blood donors towards voluntary blood donation, Umakanth S, Thasian T, Rita Isaac, Daniel D, Mammen JJ, Nair S C, Muller Journal of Medical Sciences and Research, 2015; 6(2): 182- 3.

**Conference Papers Presented**

Two papers presented at *National conference of Association of voluntary blood donors West Bengal*, Kolkata, from January 23rd to 25th, 2015.

**Dr. Jayanta Kumar Basu, PhD** ([jayantakumar.basu@gmail.com](mailto:jayantakumar.basu@gmail.com))

joined as **Director - Monitoring Learning and Evaluation (MLE) at CARE-India** as a member of Bihar Technical Assistance Support Team (B-TAST). This programme is supported by DFID-UK.

**Dr. Santosh Mishra** ([drskmishrain@yahoo.com](mailto:drskmishrain@yahoo.com))

Appointed Member of Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD, <http://www.ypard.net/>) (Since July 22, 2015).

Awarded travel grant for presenting paper entitled Climate Change Mitigation Strategies in Antigua and Barbuda at the 40th Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association ,May 25-29, 2015, New Orleans, USA.

**Dr. Pulakesh Maiti** ([pulakesh@isical.ac.in](mailto:pulakesh@isical.ac.in)). **Life Time Achievement Award-2015** (Statistics) by Venus International Foundation, Chennai

**Dr. Shashi Punam ([khushi12.p@gmail.com](mailto:khushi12.p@gmail.com))**Published papers

Shashi Punam (2014) "Role played by media to reduce practices of sex selection abortion in Himachal Pradesh: A case study", *International Journal for Research and Development (IJRD)*, Vol - 2 No-4, pp 96-101.

Shashi Punam (2015) "Female foeticide and Health status of girl child in Himachal Pradesh- A case study", *International Journal of Information Research and Review (IJIRR)* Vol. 2, Issue, 03, pp. 480-486 March, 2015.

Shashi Punam (2015) "PNDT Act and Misuse of Modern Medical Technology in Himachal Pradesh" *International Journal of advancement in Engineering Technology, Management and Applied Science* IJAETMAS, Vol-2, Issue-3.

Shashi Punam (2014) "Gender Bias, Daughter Elimination and Sex Ratio Patterns in Himachal Pradesh" in *Gender equality: A way to women empowerment* by New Generation Press, Delhi, Pp -136-149.

Papers presented in National conferences / Seminars

Shashi Punam and P.C. Ryhal.(2014) "Gender Discrimination and Health of Women in Selected Districts of Himachal Pradesh" *National conference at Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics*, Pune at 6-7 January.

Shashi Punam (2014): "Conceptual and Historical movement of Minorities in India with special reference to Indian politics" *National Seminar on Development of Socially Excluded Groups in India: Challenges and Strategies for Inclusion*, Organized by Gandhigram Rural Institute Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu.

Shashi Punam (2014): "Gender Discrimination in Child-Care Practices in Himachal Pradesh" *National Seminar on Gender and Violence* Organized by RC 10 'Gender Studies' Indian Sociological Society and Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 15-16 October.

Shashi Punam (2014): "Gender Inequality in Health and Status of Women in Himachal Pradesh: A Case Study" *12<sup>th</sup> annual conference of IASSH*, University of Lucknow, 21-23 Nov

Shashi Punam and Nisha Kumari: "Societal attitude towards girl child and son preference in India: A case study" *12<sup>th</sup> annual conference of IASSH*, University of Lucknow, 21-23 Nov. 2014.

**Dr. Ramesh Chellan ([rameshchellan@gmail.com](mailto:rameshchellan@gmail.com))**Published Paper:

Ramesh Chellan. 2014. Factors Associated with Symptoms of Reproductive Tract Infection/ Sexually Transmitted Infection and Treatment Seeking Behaviour among Men in Tamil Nadu, India. *South East Asia Journal of Public Health*, 4(2): 7-15.

Paper Presented:

Ramesh Chellan. Determinants of Infertility and Treatment Seeking Behaviour in India, presented in the *12th International Conference on Urban Health (ICUH)*, Dhaka, Bangladesh, May 24-27, 2015.

**Dr. Khwaja Mohd Ziyauddin** ([ziyakmjamia@gmail.com](mailto:ziyakmjamia@gmail.com)) Asst. Professor (Sociology), Alberuni Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad.

Published papers: A chapter on "Ageing and Old Age Social Security in India" ed. By Prof. Tattwamsipalta Singh & Renu Tyagi, Bookwell, Delhi.

Chapter on "Muslim women and politics of gender in India" a chapter in Rekha Pande (ed.) *Gender lens, Women's issues and Perspectives in Contemporary Societies*, Rawat publications, Jaipur, 2015

Seminar paper Presentations : Ziyauddin and Mumtaz Begum on "Communal violence and its Impact on Institutional Accessibility to Health Services" at Maulana Azad National Urdu University, 2015.

Demystifying the Myth of Inclusion: Locating Muslims in a Richest State with Poorest People", Maulana Azad National Urdu University, 2015  
Organized:

One day seminar on "Ambedkar and Islam" on behalf of Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, 2015.

**Dr. Ajay Singh** ([krsajay@yahoo.co.in](mailto:krsajay@yahoo.co.in))

Publication : Singh, A.K., Sinha, R.K and Jain, Ruchi. 'Examining Nonconsensual Sex and Risk of Reproductive Tract Infections and Sexually Transmitted Infections among Young Married Women' in Djamba, Yanyi K and Kimuna, Sitawa R; edited 'Gender Based Violence: Perspectives from Africa, the Middle East, and India' : Springer Publication June 2015.

Conference and Seminar presentations : Presented a paper on 'The Changing Profile of Marital discord and Divorce in India: A Study of Mumbai' at IUSSP seminar on Separation, Divorce, Re-partnering and Remarriage around the World, at Montreal, Canada, 4-6 May 2015.

Presented a poster 'Does Asserting Reproductive and Sexual Rights, prevents Young Married Women from Coercive Sex and Physical Violence' at the 9th Conference on Global Health and Vaccination Research, 17-18, March, Oslo, Norway.

**Dr. Anand Ambali**

([anandambali@yahoo.com](mailto:anandambali@yahoo.com)). The Geriatric Clinic of BLDE University has organised workshop on elder abuse for police personnel on 12/07/15 to commemorate World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Thirty police personnel of different cadres were deputed for the workshop. The workshop included introduction, types, identification methods, role plays, case discussion, role of law, laws for elders and real life stories presentation and discussion. Dr. Anand P. Ambali, Geriatric Physician, conducted the workshop

