IASSH successfully organized its eleventh conference in collaboration with School of Public Health, SRM University, Kattankulathur, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu during December 26-28, 2013, with the theme being “Health Transition, Social Change and Development.” Also organized the Fourth Pre-conference workshop on “Approaches to Social Science Research” during 23-25 December, 2013. The conference was attended by more than 250 scholars while the pre-conference workshop had 15 participants. Following awards were awarded to the young scholars for their best paper/poster.

Prof. K. N. M. Raju Youth Best Paper Awards:
Ms. Arpita Das for the paper entitled “Is migration a risk factor for HIV spread in urban settings?, An exploratory study”
Mr. Suresh Jhungari, “Female genital mutilation is violation of reproductive rights of women?”

Best Poster Awards
Ms. V. Padma “Prevalence of secondary complications in Type-2 Diabetes”
Mr. S. Dany “District-wise variations in occupational structure of workforce in Kerala”

Conference was inaugurated by Dr. Satish Kumar, Chief, UNICEF, Tamil Nadu and Kerala, who highlighted India’s Health development interims of communicable diseases like polio and achieving some of the Millennium Development Goals and suggested that health disparities in India be a key focus of discussions in the sessions of the conference.

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The Conference came to an end with the valedictory address by Prof. K. Srinivasan. Prof. Srinivasan spoke about the importance of good quality data and expressed concern over how most of the data provided by the government is of poor quality. He gave the example of HIV prevalence estimates. 

For conference full report please visit: http://www.iassh.org/eleventh/11_proc.pdf

An international interdisciplinary Conference was organized by the Department of Geography, Sikkim Govt. College, Tadong, Sikkim on “Human Resource Mobility in South Asia: Implications, Exploitation and Remedies”, on October 18-19, 2013. Dr. Ajay Chhetri of Sikkim Govt. College, Tadong was Convener and Dr. Vinod K. Bhardwaj was Organising Secretary. There were about 46 selected paper presentations in this conference. The conference was inaugurated by Shri. K. T. Gyaltsen, the Honorable Speaker of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly. Guest of Honour was Prof. T. B. Subba, the honorable Vice Chancellor. Central Uni. of Sikkim. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. B. C. Upreti, Former Director, South Asia Studies centre, Uni. of Rajasthan, Jaipur. Delegates from Nepal, Bangladesh and from 13 states/ UTs in India attended the conference.
An international interdisciplinary Conference was organized by the Govt. College Ajmer titled “Human Resource Development in South Asia: Efforts, Achievement and Challenges”, on December 19-21, 2013. There were more than 80 paper presentations in the conference. Delegated from USA, Nepal and about 9 states in India attended this conference. The conference was inaugurated by Shri Naveen Jain, IAS, Director, College Education, Govt. of Rajasthan and valedictory address was delivered by Prof. B. L. Sukhwal from of Wisconsin Uni. USA. Prof. B. C. Upreti was convener; Dr. Vinod K. Bhardwaj and Dr. Sunita Pachori of GCA were Organising Secretaries of this conference.

The Departments of Sociology & Population Studies and Extension & Career Guidance, Bharathiar University organized the 8th Workshop on Social Science Research Methodology and Use of SPSS Software Package for Database Management and Analysis during December 9-12, 2013 at Bharathiar University Campus. 40 M. Phil. / Ph. D. Scholars and Faculty from Universities / Colleges participated in this Workshop. 5 experts extended their services to impart the basics of SPSS Software and its use in Database Management and Data Analysis. Dr. N. Audinarayana and Dr. Jayakumar were the coordinators of the Workshop.

The Department of Geography of Parishkar College of Global Excellence, Jaipur in collaboration with Indian Human Ecology Council (CHEC-India) is going to organize an interdisciplinary National Seminar on “Integrated Regional Planning and Human Resource Development in India: Efforts, Achievement and Challenges” on February 10-11, 2014. Last date of abstract submission is Feb. 5, 2014 and that of registration is Feb. 7, 2014. The Convener of the conference is Dr. Manoj Saini where Dr. Vinod K. Bhardwaj is Organising Secretary. Participation from 8-9 states is expected in this seminar.
Seminar organised by CESS and TIES: The details can be downloadable from the Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS) and The Indian Econometric Society (TIES) websites: http://www.cess.ac.in/cesshome/cessmain.asp, http://www.tiesindia.net/

ACHIEVEMENTS


Dr. Jayanta Kumar Basu, PhD: Has participated in 7th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights held at Manila, Philippines during January 21-24, 2014. He made a poster presentation on the topic: HIGH RISK BEHAVIOR AMONG INJECTING DRUG USERS IN MUMBAI, INDIA – TIME TO UPSCALE INTERVENTIONS.

Academic Achievements of Dr Vinod Kumar Bhardwaj: Deputed as ‘Nodal Officer, Smart/E-class Programme (on deputation), at the Directorate of College Education, Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur. This is an IT based programme and an innovation in Higher Education in the state of Rajasthan in which the Govt. is planning to conduct e-classes from a nodal point in selected Govt. colleges to ensure quality delivery of contents, and facilitate students by providing free coaching for various competitive exams. The department has conducted two types of workshops:
1. The content generation workshop, in which about 50 experts participated to short out such subject/competitive exams’ contents which are useful to all students through Rajasthan (covering all 7 universities curriculum).
2. Software training workshops with the help of Spoken Tutorial, IIT Mumbai to trained the faculty members about Open Software and its use in E-content generation. The work of e-content generation is under progress. The remarkable feature of this mission is this that each of these e-contents is of about an hour length and they are Hindi language, which is unavailable so far. This programme will cover 50 government colleges in its first phase.

Prof. Vighnesh N. Bhat: Has joined the new position of DIRECTOR-ACADEMIC RESEARCH, CMR University, Bangalore since January 2014.

Dr. Santosh Kumar Mishra was appointed as: 1. Program Committee Member, 24th International Conference of Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE), P.O. Box 1545, Chesapeake, VA 23327-1545, USA (http://site.aace.org/conf/site/committees/index.cfm).

Prof A. K. Sharma and Prof Shikha Dixit: Prof. Shikha Dixit and Prof. A. K. Sharma, both from the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT Kanpur conducted a one day symposium on 'Health and Illness: Concepts, Issues, Practices and Policy' on 11th November 2013. The symposium explored these aspects both from psychological and sociological perspectives. Participation in the symposium was on the basis of invitation. Eminent speakers from academics, policy making, action research and other related fields participated in the symposium.


Dr Anand Ambali: Has been awarded the Best Academic Contributions Award by Geriatric Society of India(Registered Body) on 16/11/13 at GSICON 2013 held at New Delhi.

Dr. Divya Singhal: Attended the Fourth PRME Asia Research Conference on 13th November and forum on 14-15th November 2013 at the Ateneo Professional Schools Campus, Rockwell Center, Makati City, Manila (Phillipines). She presented a paper entitled “Women Empowerment through Social Initiatives: An Indian Story”. She also presented the Goa Institute of Management social Responsibility Imitative “Give Goa’ impact paper and received a positive response from international community. She is currently Associate Professor at Goa Institute of Management, Goa.


Dr K.V.J.Mala Kodali: Key note speaker at the National Seminar on Tribal women in Panchayati-raj Institutions, organised by Dept of Sociology on 10.11.13 at Neelashaila Mahavidyalaya, Rourkela, Odisha. Presented paper on Nutritional status of tribal women: To assess and compare the data with NFHS-3 National seminar on Women's health in India:Issues and Concerns, Organised by Advanced Centre for women ’s studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh,U.Pfrom 1-3 Feb 2014.

Dr B. Nalini: Dr Nailini of Dept of Sociology, Madurai Kamaraj University got the UGC award of Emeritus Fellowship. Her research topic was "Health Communication for the Promotion of Health Status of Children. Developing Strategies to Improve Public Health".

Umakanth Siromani: Was awarded Ph.D degree in Social Sciences, by Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, in January 2014. The thesis was on "Factors Contributing Voluntary Blood Donation", under the guidance of Dr. T. Thasian, Ph.D, Faculty of Medical Sociology, Department of RUHSA, Christian Medical College, Vellore, Tamil Nadu.

Dr. Sibabrata Das: "Mapping Health Inequalities in India: A Study of Health Divide between Tribal and Non-Tribal Children", at 35th Indian Geographers' Meet and International Conference on Environment, Development and Equity, held on 11th-13th November, 2013 organised by Indian Institute of Geographers (IIG) and Department of Geography, The University of Burdwan, Burdwan. Dr. Sibabrata Das Attended Workshop on 'Using Life Cycle Assessment and a System Approach to Sustainability', organised by the Jawaharlal Nehru University in Collaboration with the Oxford University, UK from 27th September to 1st October 2013.

IASSH Website Announcement: To disseminate information through IASSH website one webpage has been allocated. Members are invited to send information about the seminars/conferences organized by their institute and job announcement, admission in to academic course to be placed under “Announcements”-which are not published in IASSH-newsletter. After the date is over the announcement will be removed. IASSH reserve the right to upload the information. See the link: http://www.iassh.org/announcement.htm send information to iassh2004@gmail.com
The Department of Sociology and Population Studies, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore is organising a National Seminar on Aging and Elderly Persons: Perspectives and Issues during March 5-6, 2014. Abstracts / Research Papers highlighting various issues related to Aging and Elderly Persons (specially focusing on Empirical, Analytical and Data-based) are most welcome from the Academicians, Researchers, Experts and Research Scholars belonging to different disciplines of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Nursing, Education, Medicine and NGOs. Registration Fee for outstation participants is Rs. 600 for Faculty / Participants from NGOs and Rs. 400 from Research Scholars / Students and for those participants from in and around Coimbatore (who do not need accommodation) the fee is Rs. 300 for Faculty / Participants from NGO and Rs. 200 for Research Scholars / Students. For outstation delegates accommodation would be provided on sharing basis @ Rs. 100 per day in the International Hostel of University. Abstracts (not more than 250 words) highlighting the Objectives, Data and Methods and Results may be sent to audinarayana.bu@gmail.com or audi_bu@ymail.com on or before 24-02-2014. Hard copy of the Abstract may be sent to the Organising Secretary’s Address. The abstract should include the name of the author, address, contact number (Telephone / Mobile), e-mail ID and name of the presenting author must be specified. For further details visit: www.b-u.ac.in (on or after 31-01-2014) or e-mail to: audinarayana.bu@gmail.com / audi_bu@ymail.com


CALL FOR ABSTRACT/PAPERS : Department of Social Work (UGC Centre of Advanced Study), Faculty of Social Sciences, Jamia Millia Islamia (A Central University), New Delhi, India and School of Public Health, University of Minnesota (Twin Cities Campus), Minneapolis, USA organising a joint International Conference and summer school on “Public Health Infrastructure in Transition: Challenges and a Way Forward”, will take place in Jamia Millia Islamia (A Central University), New Delhi, INDIA, during February 16th to 20th 2015. Thematic area(s) of the conference are social and economic dimensions of health; political economy of health and social development; rural to urban migration and urban infrastructure including access to drinking water, sanitation, housing, roads, transport, electricity and communication; rural, primary healthcare & institutional referral services; inequalities in urban versus rural health systems and access to adequate healthcare facilities; infrastructure for handling emerging diseases (Communicable and Non Communicable Diseases); institutional infrastructure affecting reproductive, adolescent health, maternal, child health, family planning and nutrition; universal health coverage including health insurance; occupational health and safety (formal and informal sectors) and corporate practices-workers health, labour welfare measures and workers compensation; Public health education, training & research; evidence based public health policy; strengthening public health organisations (infrastructure, management systems, health management information systems, health audit, health financing and insurance, trained manpower); new public health management (health policy, planning, regulation, licensing and accreditation); infrastructure for regulation of health service providers; Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) in healthcare service delivery and NGO’s in health service delivery and Mobile health, telemedicine (e-health infrastructure), and health communication. Those who intend to present papers in the conference are requested to submit the abstracts of their papers by email before August 20th 2014 (Abstract) December 15th, 2014 (Full length paper). Contact: Prof. N U Khan (nkhan1@jmi.ac.in), Dr. Sigamani P (sigamanip@jmi.ac.in), of Jamia Millia University and Prof. Gurumurthy Ramachandran (ramac002@umn.edu) of School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA. The conference announcement can be found at: http://jmi.ac.in/upload/EventDetail/icss_2015february16_20.pdf. Any questions regarding the conference/ Abstract submission may be sent to conference email: iph2015@gmail.com
PUBLICATIONS


Bhaswati Das and Avijit Mistri

**HOUSEHOLD QUALITY OF LIVING IN INDIAN STATES: ANALYSIS OF 2011 CENSUS**


Avijit Mistri and Bhaswati Das


Avijit Mistri and Bhaswati Das in Social Change 44(1) 1–20, SAGE Publications

DOI: 10.1177/0049085713514673, [http://socialchange.sagepub.com](http://socialchange.sagepub.com)

Dr. Prashant Vishnu Sonwane


Sonwane P.V. “Contribution of Elderly Women in Household – A Sociological Study”, in Research Reformer International Referred Multidisciplinary Online Research Journal, ISSN-2319-6904 Issue X, July.2013 Impact Factor 2.5 online at [www.onlinereseachjournalsssm.in](http://www.onlinereseachjournalsssm.in)

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PhD was awarded with the public viva-voce on 04/12/2013 and currently engaged as Assistant Professor in the Social Science Division, School of Social Science and Languages, VIT University, Vellore – 632 014, Tamil Nadu on 02/01/2013.

**Article published in Book:**


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**Shashi Punam (2013) “Attitude of Society towards Female Foeticide and Status of Women of Himachal Pradesh: A case study of District Kangra” international conference at AMU, Aligarh at Dec 4-6,2013.**

**Shashi Punam and P.C. Ryhal. (2013) “Health Services in Himachal Pradesh: a case study” 11th conference of Indian association for social sciences and health, held at SRM University, Tamilnadu at 26 – 28 December 2013**

**Sandeep Sharma and Shashi Punam (2013) “Health Status and its Determinants in Himachal Pradesh: a case study” 11th conference of Indian association for social sciences and health, held at SRM University, Tamilnadu at 26 – 28 December 2013.**

**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.**

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**Dr. Santosh Kumar Mishra** Manuscript entitled "Environment Education and Sustainable Development Initiatives in Jamaica” has been published in the Journal of Energy and Natural Resources (http://www.sciencepublishinggroup.com/journal/contactus.aspx?journalid=167) / Vol. 2, No. 6 / December 2013 / Science Publishing Group, 548 Fashion Avenue, New York, NY 10018, U.S.A.. Tel: 217-377-5931, Email: service@sciencepublishinggroup.com ISSN: 2330-7366 (Print) ISSN: 2330-7404 (Online)

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**BOOKS**


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*Book release ceremony, 19th December 2013 at GCA Ajmer and the authors*
Book release: Edited volume entitled “Regional Disparities and Social Development” (editors Ulimiri V Somayaju, S Siva Raju, T V Sekher and C P Prakasam) Serials Publications, New Delhi was released at the 11th IASSH conference held at SRM University.

Dr Mohammad Akram: Published a book titled as "Sociology of Health". This book presents the grounded realities of ‘health’, ‘illness’, and ‘disease’ in India in a comprehensive way. It extensively uses the conflict, functional, interactionist and poststructuralist perspectives to explore the nuances and subtleties surrounding ‘disease’ and ‘health care’ in India at different levels. The sixteen chapters cover issues like: development of sociology of health; social medicine and community health; social epidemiology; types and agents of disease; medicalization and demedicalization; medical pluralism; determinants and indicators of health; occupational health; nutrition, food and water; sanitation and environment; health policies and programmes, and; inequality, inequity and dehealthism in health.

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