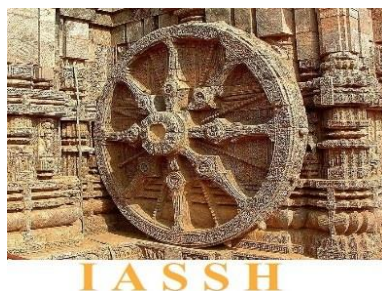


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"Connecting Social Sciences, Health, Research and Policy"



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**22nd Annual International
Conference**

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WORKSHOPS**
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About IASSH

The Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH) is a vibrant professional association with more than 1,300 life members. It has played an important role in bringing together social scientists working in the field of health and development. Through annual conferences, workshops and publications, IASSH reaches out to a large number of scholars, researchers, NGOs and health practitioners in India and abroad. One of the goals of IASSH is to encourage youth participation in knowledge transfer in social sciences and health research.

IASSH is an independent professional association that meets the felt need for an exclusive forum for social scientists from various disciplines working on health and related issues to meet periodically and share research findings. By highlighting the implications of research findings among different stakeholders, it hopes to bring about concerted action to address emerging issues in the health and development sectors. The Association seeks to enable scholars in health social sciences to enlarge their career opportunities and fulfil their professional commitment.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

22nd Annual International Conference

T H E M E

Digital India for Health Equity and Well-being*Reimagining the Social Determinants of Health*

SAVE THE DATE

7–9 January 2027**Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi**

Abstract / Full Paper deadline: 15 October 2026

Conference at a Glance

Conference	22nd Annual International Conference of IASSH
Theme	Digital India for Health Equity and Well-being: Reimagining the Social Determinants of Health
Dates	7–9 January 2027
Venue / Host	Birla Institute of Technology (BIT), Mesra, Ranchi
In collaboration with	Department of Quantitative Economics and Data Science (QEDS), BIT Mesra, Ranchi
Abstract submission	Online at www.iassh.org/onlineabstract.aspx (on or before 15 October 2026)
Conference enquiries	iasshconference@gmail.com
Website	www.iassh.org

*BIT Mesra, Ranchi. Photo source: College360*

Background

Health and well-being are shaped not only by medical care and health systems but also by the wider social, economic, demographic, cultural, environmental and political conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live and age. Poverty, education, employment, housing, nutrition, sanitation, gender, social exclusion, caste, migration, working conditions and access to social protection profoundly influence exposure to health risks, access to healthcare and health outcomes. These social determinants of health (SDH) account for much of the avoidable burden of disease and persistent inequalities in health across population groups, regions and communities.

At the same time, India is undergoing a profound digital transformation, which is creating new opportunities as well as new challenges for health and well-being. The Government of India's Digital India programme seeks to build a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy, while emphasising digital inclusion and bridging the digital divide. In the health sector, initiatives such as the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA), eSanjeevani, CoWIN, Tele-MANAS and Ni-kshay demonstrate the potential of digital technologies to expand access, improve continuity of care, strengthen public-health management and facilitate more efficient delivery of health services.

Digital health, however, cannot be considered separately from the social context in which technologies are developed, accessed and used. Digital transformation has a dual relationship with the social determinants of health: digital technologies can help overcome some existing barriers to healthcare, particularly for geographically isolated and underserved populations, while digital exclusion can reinforce existing social and health inequalities. The digital divide may therefore become an emerging determinant of health in its own right. Questions relating to privacy, data protection, trust, algorithmic bias, misinformation, autonomy, accessibility and accountability further underline the need to examine digital health from a social science and health perspective.

The 2027 Annual International Conference will provide a platform for examining both the established and emerging social determinants of health and the rapidly changing landscape of digital health in India. It will explore how social and economic conditions shape access to and use of digital health, and how digital transformation is, in turn, reshaping healthcare, health behaviour, social relationships, health inequalities and the wider determinants of health.

Objectives of the Conference

1. To examine the changing landscape of digital health in India and its implications for healthcare access, quality, affordability, continuity of care, health behaviour and population well-being.
2. To critically examine the established and emerging social determinants of health, including socioeconomic inequality, education, employment, gender, ageing, migration, nutrition, environment, housing and social exclusion, and their implications for health equity.
3. To explore the two-way relationship between digital health and the social determinants of health, including how social and demographic inequalities influence access to digital health and how digital transformation may reduce or reproduce health inequalities.
4. To examine the role of social science research in shaping equitable, inclusive and people-centred health policies, including issues of governance, ethics, trust, digital literacy, privacy, accountability and social justice.
5. To develop evidence-based policy recommendations for ensuring that India's digital transformation and broader health and development policies contribute to universal, equitable and inclusive health and well-being.

Key Research Questions

1. How is digital transformation changing healthcare delivery, health behaviour and health-seeking practices in India?
2. Who benefits from digital health and who remains excluded, and how do socioeconomic, demographic and geographic inequalities influence access and effective use?
3. Can digital health reduce existing health inequalities, or can it reproduce and deepen inequalities arising from poverty, gender, caste, age, disability, education and location?

4. How do established social determinants of health interact with emerging digital determinants such as connectivity, affordability, digital literacy and access to digital information?
5. How can digital technologies improve healthcare access and continuity of care for socially disadvantaged and geographically underserved populations?
6. How are broader social determinants—including poverty, education, employment, gender, ageing, migration, nutrition and environment—changing in an increasingly digital society?
7. What are the implications of digital health for privacy, autonomy, trust, accountability, social justice and the rights of individuals and communities?
8. How can social science research contribute to the design, implementation and evaluation of equitable digital health policies as well as policies addressing the wider social determinants of health?

Major Technical Sub-themes

No.	Sub-theme	Indicative topics
01	Digital India and the Transformation of Health Systems	Digital public infrastructure, ABDM and ABHA, eSanjeevani and telemedicine, digital health records, health information systems, artificial intelligence, digital disease surveillance and the future of healthcare delivery.
02	Digital Health, Health Equity and the Digital Divide	Digital access and affordability, digital literacy, gender and socioeconomic inequalities, rural–urban disparities, caste and social exclusion, accessibility for persons with disabilities, and strategies for inclusive digital transformation.
03	Social Determinants of Health and Health Inequalities	Poverty and inequality, education, employment, housing, nutrition, sanitation, gender, caste, social exclusion, social protection and their influence on health across population groups and the life course.
04	Digital Health and Vulnerable and Marginalised Populations	Older persons, women, children and adolescents, migrants, tribal populations, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups; accessibility, usability, digital literacy and inclusion in health services.
05	Digital Technologies, Health Behaviour and Well-being	Health information and health literacy, social media, misinformation and disinformation, online health-seeking behaviour, digital technologies and mental health, and changing patterns of health behaviour.
06	Gender, Family, Life Course and Social Determinants of Health	Gender norms and health, maternal and reproductive health, unpaid care, family and social networks, childhood and adolescence, population ageing, healthy ageing and health across the life course.
07	Environment, Climate Change and One Health	Climate change and health, environmental degradation, air, water and soil pollution, zoonotic diseases, biodiversity loss, planetary health, climate-sensitive diseases and cross-sectoral One Health approaches.
08	Migration, Urbanisation, Employment and Health	Internal and international migration, urbanisation, informal employment, working conditions, occupational health, changing labour markets, platform economies and their implications for health and social well-being.
09	Data, Ethics, Governance and Social Justice in Digital Health	Health-data governance, privacy and security, informed consent, data ownership, ethical use of artificial intelligence, algorithmic bias, surveillance, accountability, trust and social justice.
10	Universal Health Coverage, Social Protection and Inclusive Development	Healthcare access, financial protection, out-of-pocket expenditure, health infrastructure, social protection, rural–urban disparities, non-communicable diseases, continuity of care and the contribution of digital and social interventions to universal health coverage and inclusive development.

Expected Contribution and Policy Relevance

The conference will bring together social scientists, demographers, public-health researchers, health professionals, policymakers, technology experts and practitioners to examine the complex and evolving relationship between technology, society and health. A major contribution will be to move beyond the view that digital health is primarily a technological intervention, examining it instead within its broader social context: who has access to technology, who can use it effectively, who benefits from digital services, and who may be excluded.

The deliberations are expected to generate evidence-based recommendations for strengthening India's digital health ecosystem while ensuring that it remains equitable, accessible, ethical, inclusive and people-centred. Particular attention will be given to vulnerable and marginalised populations, so that digital transformation complements, rather than replaces, essential human-centred health services.

Conference Outcome

The conference is expected to contribute to academic scholarship, policy dialogue and programme development by identifying emerging research priorities at the intersection of digital health and social determinants of health. Selected high-quality papers adhering to the prescribed research article format and quality requirements will be considered for publication as chapters in an edited volume. A proposal for a Scopus-indexed edited book is currently in progress, subject to the publisher's review and approval.

Call for Papers

IASSH invites original and unpublished research contributions for presentation at the International Conference. Authors are requested to follow the guidelines below carefully:

- Submissions should include an Extended Abstract or Full Paper on topics relevant to the conference themes.
- Each submission must also include a separate Abstract not exceeding 300 words.
- The Extended Abstract/Full Paper should clearly present the background, rationale, objectives, data and methods used, analysis, key findings, and discussion of results.
- Include the name(s) of the author(s), their designation, institutional affiliation and email address.
- An author may submit a maximum of two papers, either individually or jointly with co-authors.
- All submissions will undergo peer review by the Expert Committee; decisions on acceptance will be communicated through the IASSH website and email.
- Submit online at www.iassh.org/onlineabstract.aspx on or before 15 October 2026.

Important Dates

Milestone	Date
Last date for receiving Abstract / Full Paper online	15 October 2026
Intimation about acceptance and travel grant	25 October 2026
Last date to pay conference registration fee	5 November 2026
Submission of full paper	30 November 2026
22nd Annual International Conference	7–9 January 2027

Registration Fees (Non-Refundable)

Type of participant	Early	Late	Spot
Member of IASSH	Rs. 2,000	Rs. 2,500	Rs. 3,000
Non-Member	Rs. 3,500	Rs. 4,000	Rs. 4,500
Non-Member (Students)	Rs. 3,000	Rs. 3,500	Rs. 4,000
Overseas Participants	US\$ 100	US\$ 120	US\$ 130

Early registration: by 5 November 2026 • Late registration: by 20 November 2026 • Spot registration: after 7th January 2026

Travel Grants and Hospitality

Travel grants may be awarded to presenters of some selected papers, covering to-and-from rail fare (excluding Vande Bharat, Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duranto trains). All participants are requested to explore the possibility of obtaining TA/DA from their organisations, which will facilitate the participation of more young scholars. Decisions regarding the award of travel grants rest with the review committee and depend upon the availability of funds. Preference will be given to life members of the Association. Local hospitality (accommodation and food) will be provided to all registered paper presenters of selected abstracts/papers.

Memorial Lectures

IASSH has instituted a memorial lecture in honour of Prof. John Caldwell, doyen of Demography, who passed away in 2016. The Tenth Lecture in memory of Prof. John Caldwell will be held during the conference.

In honour of the late Prof. K.E. Vaidyanathan, a distinguished demographer and former President of the Association, the Twelfth Lecture in Memory of Prof. K.E. Vaidyanathan will also be held during the annual conference.

Places to Visit in and around Ranchi

Ranchi, popularly known as the “City of Waterfalls and Lakes”, offers a blend of natural beauty, cultural heritage and scenic landscapes. Participants may explore Hundru Falls, Dassam Falls and Jonha Falls (Gautamdihara); the Rock Garden and Kanke Dam; Tagore Hill, associated with the family of Rabindranath Tagore; the historic Jagannath Temple, known for its Rath Yatra; and Pahari Mandir, situated atop a hill with sweeping views of the city.

Conference Organisers

Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi

Established in 1955 by the late Shri B. M. Birla, BIT Mesra is a premier institution of higher education and research. It was granted the status of a Deemed to be University under Section 3 of the UGC Act in 1986. Located on a green, fully residential campus near Ranchi, it offers undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes across engineering and technology, sciences, architecture, pharmaceutical sciences, management, and humanities and social sciences. Web: www.bitmesra.ac.in



Department of Quantitative Economics and Data Science (QEDS)

Established in 2021, the Department hosts six research laboratories: the Interdisciplinary Statistical Research Lab, Digital Innovation Lab, Advanced Data Science Lab, Applied Data Science Lab, Advanced Statistical Learning Lab, and Policy Analysis Lab.

Conference Organising Committee

BIT Mesra, Ranchi

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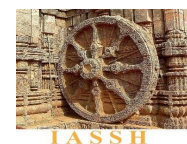
NATIONAL WORKSHOP • CAPACITY BUILDING

Workshop: AI & ML in Public Health

A National Workshop on

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Public Health

Applications and Responsible AI



DATE	VENUE	SEATS
14–18 December 2026 (5 days)	IIT Mandi, Kamand, Himachal Pradesh	Limited to 40 participants

***Organised by the
School of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Mandi,
In collaboration with the
Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH)***

About the Workshop

Public health research is increasingly shaped by large-scale survey, clinical, surveillance and geospatial data, creating both opportunity and responsibility for researchers applying Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) methods. This five-day national workshop brings together researchers from public health, epidemiology, statistics, economics, and medicine and computer science to build rigorous, interdisciplinary and responsible AI/ML research capacity in public health.

The programme moves from foundational concepts through predictive modelling, real-world epidemiological applications, and advanced/generative AI, with a strong emphasis on applying these skills to real-world research problems and developing practical research insights under expert guidance.

Objectives

- Build conceptual and applied AI/ML capacity among faculty, PhD scholars and researchers working on public-health problems.
- Train participants in data preparation, predictive modelling, and validation and performance evaluation using health datasets.
- Introduce advanced methods such as deep learning, Natural Language Processing (NLP) and generative AI, alongside explainable and responsible AI practices.
- Support participants in developing interdisciplinary AI/ML research proposals with expert feedback.

Who Should Attend

Faculty members, scientists, PhD scholars and advanced postgraduate students from Public Health, Medicine, Epidemiology, Statistics, Economics, Data Science, Computer Science, Engineering and allied disciplines. Preference will be given to researchers actively engaged in public health, population-data or AI/ML-related research.

Programme Highlights

Day	Focus area
Day 1	AI/ML foundations and formulating public-health research questions
Day 2	Machine learning for prediction, classification and model validation
Day 3	AI/ML applications in epidemiology and population health
Day 4	Deep learning, NLP, generative AI and responsible AI
Day 5	Research protocol development, group presentations and mentoring

Registration

Fee: ₹2,500 per participant (inclusive of food), payable after confirmation of selection

Registration window: 10–25 September 2026

Seats: Limited to 40 participants only

Accommodation charges and other logistical details are provided in the registration form.

REGISTER:

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Key Dates

Registration opens **10 September 2026**

Registration closes **25 September 2026**

Confirmation of selection **5 October 2026**

Workshop dates **14–18 December 2026**

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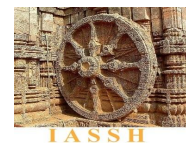
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NATIONAL WORKSHOP • CAPACITY BUILDING

Workshop: Advanced R for Health Econometrics

A National Workshop on
Advanced R for Health Econometrics
Visualization, Causal Inference and Time Series



DATE	VENUE	SEATS
14–18 December 2026 (5 days)	IIT Mandi, Kamand, Himachal Pradesh	Limited to 40 participants

*Organised by the
 School of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Mandi,
 In collaboration with the
 Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH)*



IIT Mandi campus, Kamand, Himachal Pradesh

About the Workshop

This five-day workshop provides advanced training in R-based econometric methods for health and social science research. The curriculum covers basic foundations in R, data management and statistical literacy, as well as regression analysis with robust inference, panel data econometrics and causal identification strategies such as Difference-in-Differences, Instrumental Variables and Regression Discontinuity Design.

The programme also covers time-series methods, including stationarity testing, ARIMA forecasting and Vector Autoregression. Each module combines econometric theory with practical implementation in R, so that participants build both conceptual understanding and practical coding skills. Daily assignments and an engaging case study will give participants opportunities to apply problem-solving skills to real-world datasets.

Objectives

- Build R programming and data-management skills for organising, visualising and presenting research data clearly.
- Develop proficiency in core econometric techniques, including regression, panel-data and non-linear models.
- Strengthen skills in causal inference and policy evaluation, covering Instrumental Variables, Difference-in-Differences and modern treatment-effect methods.
- Enable application of time-series and robust inference methods to participants' own research using R.

Who Should Attend

Faculty members, scientists, PhD scholars and advanced postgraduate students from Public Health, Medicine, Epidemiology, Statistics, Economics, Data Science, Computer Science, Engineering and allied disciplines. Preference will be given to researchers actively engaged in public health and population-data research using R software.

Programme Highlights

Day	Focus area
Day 1	Basic R Foundations
Day 2	Regression Analysis & Statistical Inference
Day 3	Panel Data & Causal Inference I
Day 4	Causal Inference II & Time Series I
Day 5	Advanced Time Series, Methods Overview & Integration

Registration

Fee: ₹2,500 per participant (inclusive of food), payable after confirmation of selection

Registration window: 10–25 September 2026

Seats: Limited to 40 participants only

Accommodation charges and other logistical details are provided in the registration form.

REGISTER:

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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

IASSH Publication Awards 2026

To encourage academic scholarship and quality scientific publications in social sciences and health studies, IASSH invites young researchers to submit their recent journal articles for its annual publication awards. Winners of previous years and the selected papers can be accessed at <https://iassh.org/PublicationAwards.html>.

★ AWARD 2026

Best Youth Publication Award – 2026

Eligibility

- The applicant must be an Indian citizen currently pursuing a PhD or working in an Indian institution or university.
- The applicant should be under 35 years of age as of 1 January 2026 (for women, the age limit is 38 years).
- The paper must have been published in a refereed academic journal in 2025.
- The applicant should be the sole or first author of the published paper.
- The paper should broadly address health issues from a social sciences perspective.

Prize Certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 25,000/-

Selection Evaluation by an Expert Committee appointed by IASSH

How to apply Email Curriculum Vitae, published article and date-of-birth certificate to the IASSH Secretariat: iassh2004@gmail.com

Deadline 30 September 2026

Result Announced on www.iassh.org by the end of October 2026; the winner will be invited to receive the award at the next Annual Conference of IASSH

Applications open — last date 30 September 2026

★ AWARD 2026

Prof. K. Mahadevan Award for Best Publication – 2026

Prof. K. Mahadevan was a renowned anthropologist, demographer and author of many books and publications. He was Head of the Department of Population Studies at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, and mentored a good number of Indian demographers. The award encourages field-based research by young researchers.

Eligibility

- The applicant should be an Indian citizen currently pursuing a PhD or working in an Indian institution/university.
- The paper should be fully based on field-based research conducted by the author(s).
- The applicant should be below 35 years of age as on 1 January 2026 (for women, the age limit is 38 years).

- The paper should have been published in a refereed academic journal in 2025.
- The applicant should be the single author / first author of the published paper.
- The paper should broadly deal with social sciences and health issues.

Prize	Certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 25,000
Selection	Evaluation by an Expert Committee appointed by IASSH
Application deadline	15 August 2026 (closed)
Result	To be announced on www.iassh.org in September 2026; the winner will be invited to receive the award at the next Annual Conference of IASSH

Applications closed — winner announcement due in September 2026

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AT THE 22ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Youth Best Paper and Poster Awards

There will be a competition for best paper awards and best poster awards for younger scholars at the 22nd Annual International Conference. Based on the paper and its presentation, an Expert Committee will select the best research papers and best posters from young scholars.

Award	Eligibility	How to enter	Deadline
Best Youth Paper Award	Young scholars below 30 years of age; single-authored research paper	Submit the Full Paper online, mentioning “For Young Scholars Research Paper Award”	15 October 2026
Best Youth Poster Award	Young scholars below 30 years of age	Details to be announced	Details to be announced

Prize details for the youth awards are to be announced. Submission portal: www.iassh.org/onlineabstract.aspx

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NOTICE BOARD

Important Announcements

CALL FOR PAPERS

22nd Annual International Conference

Submit your Abstract and Extended Abstract/Full Paper at www.iassh.org/onlineabstract.aspx by 15 October 2026.

WORKSHOPS • CLOSING SOON

Registration for both IIT Mandi workshops

Registration window closes on 25 September 2026. Selected participants will be confirmed on 5 October 2026.

AWARD • OPEN

Best Youth Publication Award 2026

Apply to iassh2004@gmail.com by 30 September 2026 with CV, published article and date-of-birth certificate.

AWARD • RESULT

Prof. K. Mahadevan Award 2026

The winner will be announced on www.iassh.org in September 2026.

REGISTRATION

Early conference registration

Early registration fees apply until 5 November 2026; late registration until 20 November 2026.

YOUNG SCHOLARS

Youth Best Paper and Poster Awards

Scholars below 30 may enter single-authored full papers marked "For Young Scholars Research Paper Award".

TRAVEL GRANTS

Support for paper presenters

Rail-fare travel grants for selected papers; preference to life members. Intimation by 25 October 2026.

MEMBERSHIP

Become an IASSH Life Member

One-time fee of Rs. 5,000/-. Form and payment details at www.iassh.org/member.html.

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MARK YOUR DIARY

Upcoming Events Calendar

25 Sep 2026	Workshop registration closes AI/ML in Public Health and Advanced R for Health Econometrics, IIT Mandi
30 Sep 2026	Best Youth Publication Award Last date for applications (iassh2004@gmail.com)
Sep 2026	Prof. K. Mahadevan Award Winner announced on www.iassh.org
5 Oct 2026	Workshop selection Confirmation of selected participants
15 Oct 2026	Conference abstracts Last date for Abstract / Full Paper online submission
25 Oct 2026	Acceptance & travel grants Intimation to authors
End Oct 2026	Best Youth Publication Award Winner announced on www.iassh.org
5 Nov 2026	Conference registration Last date for early registration / payment of fee
20 Nov 2026	Conference registration Last date for late registration
30 Nov 2026	Full paper Submission of full paper
14–18 Dec 2026	National Workshops AI/ML in Public Health and Advanced R for Health Econometrics — IIT Mandi, Kamand, Himachal Pradesh
7–9 Jan 2027	22nd Annual International Conference Digital India for Health Equity and Well-being — BIT Mesra, Ranchi

Colour key: ■ Conference ■ Workshops ■ Awards

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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our New Life Members

IASSH warmly welcomes its new life members and looks forward to their active participation in the Association's academic and professional activities.

S. No.	Life Membership No.	Name	Sex	City	State
1	1368	Dr. Selvamani Y	Male	Chennai	Tamil Nadu
2	1369	Prof. Manju Singh	Female	Jaipur	Rajasthan
3	1370	Mr. Atma Prakash	Male	Mandi	Himachal Pradesh
4	1371	Dr. Sumit Kumar Das	Male	New Delhi	—
5	1372	Prof. Shradha	Female	New Delhi	Uttar Pradesh
6	1373	Prof. T.R. Dilip	Male	Mumbai	Kerala
7	1374	Dr. Bikram Kumar Jena	Male	Sambalpur	Odisha
8	1375	Dr. Mansi Karajgaonkar	Female	Sambhajinagar	Maharashtra
9	1376	Ms. Shweta Nitin Mahajan	Female	Sambhajinagar	Maharashtra

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New life members in this issue

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Life membership numbers

1,300+

Life members of IASSH

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MEMBERSHIP
Join IASSH

IASSH invites social scientists, demographers, public-health researchers, faculty members, PhD scholars and practitioners working on health and related issues to become Life Members of the Association and join a community of more than 1,300 life members.

JOIN IASSH**Life Membership • One-time fee of Rs. 5,000/-**

How to Apply

1. Visit the IASSH website for details: www.iassh.org/member.html
2. Fill out the membership form and make the one-time payment of **Rs. 5,000/-** online.
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