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Population Research Centre

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PRCs in India

- 1 A network of 18 PRCs is functioning all over the country. Out of 18 PRCs, 12 are located in Universities, while 6 are in Institution of repute scattered over 17 major states of India.
- 2 Of 18 PRCs, 9 are classified as 'Fully Developed' (Type-I) and the remaining 9 as 'Not Fully Developed' (Type-II) depending on their staffing pattern.
- 3 The PRC, Bhubaneswar is affiliated to Utkal University and is a Type-II PRC. This Centre was established in the year 1977 and functioning under the Vice Chancellor as Ex Officio Director

The Genesis of PRCs

Population Research has emerged as one of the important activities, bearing considerable relevance to planning and implementation of population and health related programmes since the inception of Family Welfare Programme in India. This has prompted the Central Ministry to establish Demographic Research Centres, which were later re-named as Population Research Centres (PRCs) in the year 1978-79. Presently, a network of 18 PRCs is functioning all over the country to provide, inter alia, critical research based inputs related to the Health and Family Welfare Programmes and Policies at the national and state levels.

The first PRC was established at the Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi in the year 1958 and the last one at Dr. H.S. Gour Central University, Sagar in 1999. The PRCs are autonomous and are provided 100 percent assistance in the form of grant-in-aid on a yearly basis.

Population Research Centre at Utkal University



Objective of PRC

- *Critical Research related to health and family Prog.*
- *Policy Feedback*
- *Resource Centre in the teaching / research activities related to population & demography studies.*
- *consultancy services to carry out welfare program on health and population related activities.*

The Population Research Centre, Bhubaneswar is affiliated to Utkal University and is located in the capital city of Odisha and is a Type-II PRC. This Centre was established in the year 1977 and functioning under the system of rotation of the Honorary Directorship among the Heads/Professors of different Post Graduate Departments of the Utkal University till February, 1991. The Centre has been working as a unit of the University under the Vice Chancellor as Ex Officio Director since February, 1991.

The Prime objective of the PRC is to promote critical research related to health and Family Welfare Programmes, population development etc. at the National and State levels. PRCs are also mandated to undertake monitoring and evaluation of such programmes. The feedback received from the PRCs is widely used for policy formulation, mid-

course correction of ongoing programmes/schemes of Ministry.

This Centre has a small core of multi disciplinary research team. It has been contributing substantially to the population programmes and policy formulation at the state as well as at national level. It has taken up projects on topics akin to its research objectives from National and International agencies. It also acts as a Resource Centre for the faculty members and students of the social science departments in the teaching / research activities related to population and demography. Close interaction among faculties of the Centre and the Post Graduate Departments of the University facilitates benefits in a mutual fashion. The Centre offers, as and when sought, consultancy services to the State Government and Non-Government Organizations to carry out welfare program on health and population related activities.



Research Areas

- ❖ Health and Family Welfare
- ❖ Demography

The research activities of the PRC are largely determined by the priorities of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW), Government of India. Regular submission of quarterly progress reports, annual reports, and other documents required by the Ministry, in addition to periodic reviews, and the expert committee appointed for the purpose, not only give broad directions to the activities of the Centre but also oversee its overall functioning. Moreover, the partnership with the NHM, Odisha and regional representative of the Union Health Ministry, as suggested by the MOHFW, on researchable and policy-making issues at the State level also enhances the contribution of the PRC in the policymaking and utility to the State Government.

The thrust areas of research are:

- A. Population health and family welfare.
- B. Issues of health care providers.
- C. Assessment of the functioning of Bio-banks and health services.
- D. Impact and effectiveness assessment of diverse Programmes and schemes launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Recent Research Activities

Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) Monitoring under NHM in Eight Districts of Odisha: Koraput, Malkangiri, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Nabarangpur, Bolangir, Kalahandi and Gajapati

Research study on Home-based newborn care is (HBNC) among the Health care providers and health care beneficiaries in five districts of Odisha.

Evaluation of Ayush Health Care units in Odisha (A case study in Khordha District of Odisha)

Utilisation of Health Care Services and its impact on Child Survival in Odisha

Home Delivery Practices among Kandha tribes In Kandhamal district, Odisha.



Covid-19 and Women Reproductive E-Symposium on 24th July, 2020



Reproductive Health & Gender Equality' Round table discussion on World Population Day, 11th July 2019

Events & Programmes

- An E-Symposium on Covid-19 and women ; the gendered contours of the pandemic ; Safeguarding the health and protecting the rights was organized on 24th July, 2020.
- A round table discussion was organized by the Population Research Centre, Utkal University on World Population Day i.e. 11th July, 2019 on the theme 'Reproductive Health & Gender Equality'.
- A National Seminar on "Tribal Situation in Eastern India" in collaboration with IGRMS & Department of Anthropology was organized at Utkal University in March, 2018.
- World population Day was celebrated by carrying out awareness camp and participating in Marathon organized by NSS, Utkal University on 11th July, 2018.

Infrastructure

The Centre is functioning in its own building, constructed in the year 2003 with financial assistance from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. The Centre has good collection of Census volumes, United Nation Publications, books and national and international journals on population and related subjects.

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