

THE LIBRARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION SCIENCES (IIPS) IN MUMBAI, INDIA: ITS STATUS AND SERVICES*

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The Bandung Seminar:

The United Nations and its regional commission, ECAFE (now ESCAP) had organized a seminar on the population of Asia and the Far East at Bandung, Indonesia, in November 1955. It was a historic event as it was the first seminar on the subject of population, organized by the United Nations.

A Regional Demographic Centre:

An important outcome of the seminar was a recommendation that the United Nations should take the initiative of setting up a regional training and research centre in the ECAFE region.

The Demographic Training and Research Centre (DTRC¹) at Chembur, Mumbai, set up in 1956, was the out come of the Bandung seminar. Since the establishment of this centre, five other regional centres have come up; one each at

Santiago in Chile (CELADE - Centre Latino americano de Demografia or Latin American Demographic Centre) 1957

Cairo in Egypt (CDC - Cairo Demographic Centre) 1963

Accra in Ghana (RIPS - Regional Institute for Population Studies) 1972

Yaounde in Cameroon (IFORD - Institute de Formation et de Recherche Demographiques) 1972

Bucharest in Romania (Centre de Calcul et Statistiques Sanitaires) 1974

The IIPS holds a unique position among all the regional centres in that it was the first such centre to be started, and in the fact that it serves a much larger population than that served by any of the other regional centres. It is an

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¹ The title Demographic Training and Research Centre was changed to International Institute for Population Studies in 1970. It was again redesignated as International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) in 1984. It is now Deemed University.

autonomous Institution sponsored jointly by the Government of India, the United Nations and Sir Dorabji Tata Trust. The Institute is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

The functions of the IIPS can be classified under four heads:

- (1) Teaching
- (2) Research
 - (a) Phd.D.
 - (b) NFHS Project
 - (c) RCH
 - (d) Others
- (3) Consultative services: Requests from
 - (a) GOI
 - (b) WHO
 - (c) ILO
 - (d) Others
- (4) Documentation

The institute maintains an excellent library with its collection of 64892 books, 10572 bound periodicals and 13923 reprints. The library adds to its collection annually about 2000 books, 400 reprints/pamphlets and 500 bound volumes of journals.

It receives about 250 Indian as well as foreign journals out of which 150 journals are received by way of subscription and another 100 journals are received by gift/exchange. The library has books on different disciplines such as demography, statistics, public health, family welfare, mathematics, economics, sociology, psychology, health education, politics, geography, computer science, etc. Over the years collection of library has grown in its strength which can be summarised as under:

Growth of Library Collection during 1957-99

Years	Books	Journals	Reprints
1957-60	3592	38	--
1961-70	11283	969	3006
1971-80	17158	2450	4317
1981-90	20620	3529	4569
1991-99 (Aug)	12239	3586	2031
Grand Total	64892	10572	13923

Area of the Library :

Library is housed in a separate building on the first and second floor occupying an area of 11890 sq.ft. (equivalent to approx 1105 sq.mt.).

Services :

The library provides abstracting, current awareness services, documentation, reference, on-line queries, xeroxing facilities. Guided computerised search facilities is extended to faculties/students on their topic of research interest. To protect valuable books and make atmosphere user-friendly the entire library is air-conditioned.

Staff Structure :

Total strength of Library Staff is 16 which may be detailed as below:

Posts	Nos.
Library & Information Officer	2
Asstt. Library & Information Officer	1
Sr. Library & Information Assistant	1
Library & Information Assistant	1
Data Entry Operator	1
Library Clerks	3
Xerox Operator	1
Library Attendants	4
Sweepers (Attendants)	2

Pay and allowances and service conditions for all library staff are the same as is applicable to Central Government Employees stationed in Mumbai and bye-laws of the Institute.

Library Timings :

The library is kept open throughout the year excepting on public holidays and Sundays.

Day/Period	Timings
Monday to Friday	9.30 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.
Saturday	9.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Academic Vacation	9.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

However, above timings are subject to change depending upon Institute's needs.

Membership :

All the bonafide students admitted into DPS/MPS/ Ph.D. programmes are allowed to consult and refer the library. However, borrowing facilities limited to 10 books at a time is extended to those students who pay refundable library deposit of Rs. 1500/-. This rule is extended to outside scholars/researchers staying officially at the campus.

Membership is open to all the persons regularly employed at the Institute. Unrestricted borrowing facilities is extended to faculty members.

Moreover, students/readers belonging to other universities/ research organizations/institutions/NGO's from India and abroad are allowed to use the library with due permission. Commercial organizations are required to pay.

Classification & Cataloguing Schemes :

IIPS Library is using 18th edition of DDC with adaptation for population science for better depth classification. A.L.A. cataloguing rules are being followed for cataloguing purpose.

Library Computerization :

Since July 1996 the Institute's library has initiated computerization of books, journals, reprints with the help of SLIM (Software for Library Information & Management). Computerization of its entire collection is achieved by July 1998. The OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) module is made available on nine user's terminals. More user's terminals will be provided in the near future. 25 User's Novel Netware software is installed. The Library has acquired internet connection with TCP/IP account. Our e-mail address is randeria@bom2.vsnl.net.in.

The web site of IIPS and its library can be accessed by <http://www.iipslib.tsx.org>.

Future Plans :

- (1) Achieving excellence in data entry work : Our library is engaged in editing the library data in order to standardize the data and spell checking. The library shall have to standardize data as per the INFLIBNET programme.
- (2) Transferring data on CD-ROM : Once the editing job of library data is completed it is proposed to make available IIPS library data on CD-ROM.
- (3) Active participation in INFLIBNET programme : IIPS is committed to actively participate in INFLIBNET programme of UGC.

- (4) Inclusion of relevant journal articles in computer : w.e.f. 1.1.98 relevant articles appearing in core journals are being entered author and title-wise in computer.
- (5) Introduction of bar-code technology : Library has acquired bar-code scanner, printer, ribbons and sticker paper role for the introduction of bar-code technology. This will expedite circulation work and make it free from human errors.
- (6) Campus networking : With the IIPS campus networking faculty members will have direct access to OPAC module.

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