

Social Demography

IIT Kanpur is well known for its work in the broad field of social demography, in India and abroad. In 1970s HSS Department of IIT Kanpur conducted a pioneering study of family planning programme in Eastern and Central UP with financial support from Michigan University, using the systems approach. This was followed by a longitudinal study of fertility and family planning in selected villages of Ajitmal and Mahewa PHCs of Etawah district. We also participated in a multicentric study of family planning programme in UP, a study sponsored by Population Centre, Lucknow (now State Institute of Health and Family Welfare). Continuing the tradition of research in social demography, we studied a number of issues, such as Muslim fertility in Bihar, fertility in slums in Kanpur city, causes of infant mortality in peri-urban areas and causes of abortion. We have also done a study of drop out among females at post-secondary level which is supposed to be a major cause of sustained high fertility in rural areas in UP. This work was done for Population Stabilization Division of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, jointly with Wizmin Management Consultant.

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