

**ICFAI School of Social Sciences hosts National Conference on India's Demographic Transition:
Vision Viksit Bharat @ 2047**

The ICFAI School of Social Sciences (ISoSS), in collaboration with the Centre for Social Studies, Surat, successfully organized the esteemed Viksit Bharat @ 2047, a one-day national conference sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi. The event occurred on November 29, 2024, at the IFHE University Hyderabad Campus.

The conference is organised as a part of the research project (Collaborative) titled “Demographic Transition: Changing Family System and the Quality of Life (QOL): A Study of Bihar, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States of India” ICSSR-funded research project under “Special Call for Collaborative Research Projects on Vision Viksit Bharat-@2047” (VVB@2047) awarded to Dr. Laila Memdani, Associate Professor and Project Coordinator (PC), ISoSS, Dr. Sushanta Kumar Mahapatra, Associate Professor and Project Director (PD), ISoSS, Dr. Gagan Bihari Sahu, Acting Director & Associate Professor and PD, Centre for Social Studies (CSS), Surat, Dr. Debajani Sahoo, Professor and PD, ICFAI Business School and Dr. Tamma Koti Reddy, Dean, Professor, and PD, ISoSS.

This significant event brought together eminent scholars, policymakers, and academics to discuss the demographic shifts influencing India’s socio-economic landscape and explore strategies for achieving a developed nation by 2047. In his **Inaugural address, Dr. Jacob Kalle, Consultant (Academic and Administration) and ICSSR-SRC Representative** outlined the funding opportunities provided by the ICSSR and its Southern Regional Centre.

Dr. S. Irudaya Rajan, Chair of The International Institute of Migration and Development and former Professor at the Centre for Development Studies (JNU), delivered the keynote address. Dr. Rajan focused on India's demographic dividend and its implications for the country’s socio-economic development. He highlighted how India's elderly population could contribute significantly to the economy if their skills and experiences are effectively utilized. Dr. Rajan focussed on the "Silver Economy", which represents the economic potential of an aging population. He urged policymakers to rethink the demographic transition model to reflect India's contemporary challenges and opportunities better.

The conference began with a warm welcome from Dr. C.S. Shylajan, Director, ISoSS. Dr. Tamma Koti Reddy, Dean, ISoSS, delivered a detailed briefing overview of the project on the *Viksit Bharat 2047 Program*. His presentation explored the significant transformations in India's demographic structure over recent decades, analyzing trends in birth rates, fertility, and infant mortality.

The conference featured technical presentations on demographic transitions, offering a platform for researchers to present their work and share diverse perspectives on key issues such as fertility trends, migration patterns, and socio-economic development.

The conference concluded with a valedictory session, which featured an engaging feedback and suggestion segment where participants shared their perspectives on the event’s impact and potential improvements. Dr. Gagan Bihari Sahu delivered the concluding remarks for the national conference, reflecting on the day’s discussions and emphasizing the importance of continued research and collaboration in addressing India’s demographic challenges. Dr. Laila

Memdani delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the organizers, speakers, and participants for their contributions to the success of the conference. Dr. Venu Gopal Rao K.S, Director, IBS Hyderabad, Dr S Vijayalakshmi, Registrar, IFHE faculty members, research scholars, and students from ISOSS, IBS, ILS, and Youth Empowerment Society (YES Club) participated in the event.

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