

## INTRODUCTION

Established in 1985, the Population Research Centre (PRC) at University of Kashmir, Srinagar (NAAC Accredited A+) is an interdisciplinary community of scholars engaged in population research and training. The mandate of Centre is to conduct and promote research in population studies, Reproductive and Child Health, NCDs, Sex Ratio, Demographic and Health Surveys, Monitoring and Evaluation of NHM, HMIS and to assist the MoHFW, and the State Government with policy input and feedback on population and health issues. The mission of the Population Research Centre is to conduct and promote research that will advance our understanding of how demographic processes impact the composition and structure of populations over time. This knowledge can be applied to improve the health and well-being of population, as well as that of social groups within population.

The Centre also promotes and disseminates the knowledge in the field of population studies by engaging interdisciplinary research on contemporary issues in demography and health. In addition to conducting fundamental research and building upon the existing body of scientific knowledge, the PRC aims to contribute to the policy making process by participating in government sponsored research programmes and schemes. The Centre collaborated with IIPS Mumbai in the conduction of National Family Health Survey-1 and also monitored the conduct of NFHS-2, NFHS-3 & NHFS-4 and Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI). The Centre has also conducted the NFHS-4 during 2015-16 and around 300 field investigators were employed for the same. The PRC has also assisted the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) in the conduct of Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey and Rapid Survey on Children in Jammu and Kashmir. Department of Community Medicine, SKIMS Soura and Department of Community Medicine, Government Medical College Srinagar has chosen this PRC as an internship facility centre for the candidates pursuing M.D in the Department of Community Medicine. The PRC also maintains a close link with the health department at both the national and state level, and contributes to policy-making through participating in government sponsored research programs, as well as through its workshops and seminars. Members of the PRC regularly attend and present their research at National and International Conferences including annual meetings of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) and other International Population Associations like Population Association of America (PAA) and the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP).