

Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics

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Information Brochure and Carrier Opportunities

in

M.Sc. (Population Studies and Health Economics)

About Course

GIPE has been working in the area of health for a fairly long time. Apart from the research activities, the Population Research Centre (PRC) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, proposes to run M.Sc. (Population Studies and Health Economics) as a post-graduate course. It is a need of the hour on the background of a rise in life expectancy, increasing burden of non-communicable diseases as a result of changing age structure and onset of ageing of the population. The proposed course will produce Health Economists with a sound understanding of various Population processes. This course gives a blend of both Health and Economics to the students.

This course is designed to impart in-depth knowledge of Population Studies- dynamics of population change and its linkages with humanities. It is primarily for understanding the interrelationship of the population with different social, economic, health and nutrition phenomena. Introduction of Health Economics completes the missing link of the courses on Population and Health. This gap is bridged here, considering the importance of the health system's functioning, healthcare delivery and utilization, and health financing and health insurance. This course is expected to shape scholars interested in Population, Public Health and Health Economics.

Highlights

- Indian and World Population growth, structure and distribution
- Dynamics of change, and its relation with urbanization and development
- Window of opportunity and Demographic Dividend
- Population projections
- Economic consequences Ageing, health transition, Health Insurance
- Techniques of recording, analysis and presentation of data
- Research methodology and Software training
- Policies and Programmes – Need, Functioning and Evaluation

Recent policy initiatives of the Union Government have shown a marked shift towards providing Universal Social Security, like Atal Pension Yojna, Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna, Ayushman Bharat.

Other ongoing schemes like include National Health Mission (NHM), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), providing benefits to a girl child, children under six years, mothers and adolescent girls (schemes like Sabala and Kishori Shakti Yojana), Maternal and child health programmes and various Nutrition initiatives.

Conditional cash transfer schemes in the areas of reproductive health, nutrition, immunization and elderly would still preserve their position in the population and health at large. Besides, there are regional schemes run by State Governments. Such as certain regional schemes like West Bengal Swasthyasathi Health Insurance Scheme, Hridayam Initiative by Kerala, Arogyasri of Telangana and Mahatma Phule Jan Arogya Yojana of Maharashtra. What such developments herald is a paradigm shift from traditional areas of population policy with an emphasis on mortality, fertility and birth control towards universal social security and utilization of demographic dividend by protecting and enhancing human capital.

Placements

After completion of this post-graduate course, students can be placed in places like,

- Central and state government departments
- NRHM / NUHM
- Insurance sector
- Health management sector
- NGOs
- International agencies like UNICEF, UNFPA, UNDP, Population Council
- Demographer in Public and private health facilities
- Health Economist in Public and private health facilities
- Academic positions in University / Research Institutes / Colleges / Medical colleges – community medicine
- Independents consultants / Demographers

Important points for the students desiring to undergo this programme

1. Students of this programme will obtain their degree as “*M.SC. (POPULATION STUDIES AND HEALTH ECONOMICS)*” and **NOT IN ECONOMICS.**
2. Students of this programme will be able to appear for the UPSC examination but not for the Indian Economic Services examination
3. Students of this programme will not qualify for the examination which requires a degree in Economics; e.g. Reserve Bank of India
4. Students of this programme will be able to appear for UGC NET for Population Studies