



Goa University
Discipline of Economics, Goa Business School
Report on IASP Western Regional Conference on
"Demographic Transition in Western India"

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	IASP Western Regional Conference on "Demographic Transition in Western India"
2. Date and Time	20–21 March 2026
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	Goa Business School
5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate	Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) (Organised jointly with Goa Business School, Goa University)
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	1. Shri Damodar Mauzo — Konkani short story writer, novelist and critic; recipient of the Sahitya Akademi Award (1983) for his novel <i>Karmelin</i>, the Jnanpith Award (India's highest literary honour, 2022), and the Vimala V. Pai Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Puraskar (2011); member of the Sahitya Akademi Executive Board; and co-founder of the Goa Arts and Literary Festival. 2. Dr. Jagdish Cacodkar, Professor and Head, Department of Community Medicine, Goa Medical College (GMC).
7. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	The conference aimed to: (i) examine rapid yet uneven demographic changes unfolding across western India, including sustained fertility decline, rising longevity, accelerated population

	ageing, intensifying migration, and expanding urbanisation; (ii) stimulate high-quality empirical, methodological, and policy-oriented research on population dynamics in Goa, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Rajasthan; (iii) promote knowledge exchange and foster informed dialogue on sub-national population trends and emerging development challenges and (iv) provide a platform for researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to deliberate on intersections between demographic transition, gender, health, ecology, and climate change in western India.
8. Description of the Program/activity/event	The IASP Western Regional Conference on "Demographic Transition in Western India" was a two-day national conference held on 20–21 March 2026 at Goa Business School, Goa University, jointly organised with the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP). The conference brought together population scientists, demographers, economists, health professionals, and social scientists to examine demographic dynamics in western India. Nine broad sub-themes were covered: Nuptiality, Fertility and Family Planning; Mortality and Epidemiological Transition; Population Ageing and Intergenerational Dynamics; Reproductive and Sexual Health; Migration, Urbanisation and Spatial Demography; Adolescent, Gender and Demographic Change; Population, Environment and Climate Change; Health, Nutrition and Intergenerational Outcomes; and Advances in Demographic Measurement and Analytics. Paper presentations, poster sessions, and plenary addresses by senior IASP officials and the participants from Goa University formed the core programme.
9. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	The conference generated significant scholarly exchange on sub-national demographic trends in western India, with evidence-based discussions on fertility decline below replacement level in Goa (TFR 1.3),

	Maharashtra (TFR 1.7), and Gujarat (TFR ~1.9), population ageing, and the intersections of migration, urbanisation, and ecological stress. Faculty and students of GBS gained direct exposure to cutting-edge demographic research and policy perspectives. The event strengthened Goa Business School's research linkages with IASP and national research institutions, enhanced its visibility as a venue for policy-oriented academic conferences, and provided a platform for doctoral scholars and early-career researchers to present their work to a national audience.
10. Enclosures with report	1. Event Flyer 2. Geo-tagged photographs of the event

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INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF POPULATION
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Goa, India



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Important Dates

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