



International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, India (<https://iipsindia.ac.in/>) cordially seeks gracious presence and participation in the Symposium on the occasion of the World Population Day, 2021

Theme

COVID-19: Challenges for Healthcare Delivery & Vaccination Drives in India

Symposium Chair: Prof. K S James, Director and Senior Professor, IIPS.

Speakers:

1. **Dr. Gagandeep Kang**, Professor, The Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory Division of Gastrointestinal Sciences, Christian Medical College, Vellore would speak on “**COVID 19 Vaccination Program in India: Issues and Challenges**”
2. **Dr. Sudha Ramani**, Senior Consultant on health policy and systems research, Oxford Policy Management would speak on “**Health delivery system and COVID 19 in India: Issues and Challenges**”

Date: July 12, 2021

Time: 4.00 PM – 5.30 PM

Registration and Participation for Webinar link:

<https://iipsindiaorg.webex.com/iipsindiaorg/onstage/g.php?MTID=eccfd9aeae8c34ae48ae5e14edfa6fdf0>

Prof. Usha Ram

Prof. Archana K Roy

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Dr. Gagandeep Kang, MD, PhD, FASc, FNASc, FNA, FRCPath, FAAM, FFPH, FRS. Professor Kang is Professor of Microbiology, at the Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory, Division of Gastrointestinal Sciences at the Christian Medical College (CMC) in Vellore. She has worked on the development and use of vaccines for rotaviruses, cholera and typhoid, conducting large studies to define burden, test vaccines and measure their impact. She also studies the consequences of enteric infections and has shown that infections in early life impact future growth and cognitive development. She has established a strong training program for students and young faculty in clinical translational medicine aiming to build a cadre of clinical researchers studying relevant problems in India. She is the first Indian woman to be elected a Fellow of the Royal

Society. She serves on the scientific advisory or strategic committee of several national and international institutions, including the Wellcome Trust, UK, the DBT-Wellcome Trust India Alliance, the International Vaccine Institute and the International Centers for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology. She is Vice-Chair of the Board of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, and a Wellcome Trust nominated Board Member of Hilleman Laboratories, a partnership to support development affordable vaccines for low- and middle-income countries. She is a member of several advisory committees for the WHO, mainly related to research and use of vaccines.



Dr. Sudha Ramani is public health professional, whose research pertains to health policies, systems and programs in India. She views health systems and interventions from a complexity lens and delves into the hows and whys of policies and programs. Some of her recent work includes looking at how we can build resilient health systems in the aftermath of COVID-19; examining the macro and micro-context of primary health care in India and how contexts affect service delivery; understanding perspectives on working across two public sectors (health and nutrition) in the frontlines of care; and how and why health workers in the frontline adopt certain

behaviours and attitudes. Sudha has several academic publications in the field of health policy and systems research. She is a Health Policy Analysis fellow supported by the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, Switzerland (2017-18 cohort), winner of the Katherine Skinner Memorial Award from Boston University for her thesis work and was a part of the High Level Expert Group Secretariat on Universal Health Coverage at the Public Health Foundation of India.

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Program Schedule	Time
Welcome: Prof. Usha Ram	4.00–4.05 pm
Opening Remarks: Chair Prof. K S James Director & Sr. Professor	4.05–4.10pm
Introducing the Dr. Kang: Prof Usha Ram	4.10–4.35 pm
Guest speaker: Dr. Gagandeep Kang Affiliation: Professor, The Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory Division of Gastrointestinal Sciences, Christian Medical College, Vellore Topic: COVID 19 Vaccination Program in India: Issues and Challenges	
Introducing the Dr. Ramani: Prof Usha Ram	4.35–5.00 pm
Guest speaker: Dr. Sudha Ramani Affiliation: <i>Senior Consultant on health policy and systems research, Oxford Policy Management</i> Topic: Health delivery system and COVID 19 India: Issues and Challenges	
Observation: Chair Prof. K S James	5.00–5.05 pm
Discussion: Open to all	5.05–5.25 pm
Vote of thanks: Prof Archana K Roy	5.25–5.30 pm