

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES OF
THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION SCIENCES HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2025.**

The meeting of the Board of Studies of IIPS was held on November 10, 2025 at 02.30 PM in Seminar Hall, IIPS. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Dewaram A. Nagdeve, Director and Senior Professor (Additional Charge), IIPS. At the outset, the Chairperson extended warm welcome to all members and external experts to the meeting of Board of Studies (BoS). The list of members attended the meeting is given in Annexure I.

Prof. Dewaram A. Nagdeve, Director and Senior Professor (Additional Charge) & Chairperson of Board of Studies requested Prof. K. C. Das, Member-Secretary to proceed with the agenda.

Agenda Item No.1: To confirm minutes of the meeting of Board of Studies held on 08-04-2025.

The members confirmed and approved the minutes of the meeting of BoS held on April 8, 2025.

Agenda Item No.2: Action taken on the minutes of Board of Studies meeting held on 08-04-2025.

Action taken were noted.

Agenda Item No.3 A] To discuss and consider the admission eligibility criteria & admission fee, seats for the Master of Science (MS) in Population Studies.
B] To discuss about the Syllabus of Master of Science (MS) in Population Studies.

The BoS was briefed by the Prof. S.K. Mohanty, Chairperson of M.S Committee regarding the background of the MS programme (NCrF level-7) and the details of syllabus/eligibility criteria in line with NEP-2020.

Chairperson has also presented the challenges to start the programme from the academic year 2026-27. As the UGC has approved the M.S programme in the NCrF level-7, the admission process of the said course need to be discussed more and also clarification required to be obtained from the UGC & CUET (PG) regarding the admission process. Prof. Mohanty has conveyed that at present no test paper code in CUET (PG) is suitable for Master of Science (M.S.) in Population Studies due to the NCrF level-7. After deliberate discussion, it has been recommended that the programme will commence only after the approval of EC and subject to the approval of additional faculty positions.

The BoS recommended to place the syllabus and eligibility criteria and other suggestions before the forthcoming meeting of the Academic Council.

Agenda Item No.4 To review the existing admission eligibility criteria for PG & Ph.D. (FT & PT) programme 2026-2027 onwards.

Board of Studies discussed and recommended the amendment in the admission eligibility criteria in different programmes for the admission 2026-2027.

Existing admission criteria	Proposed admission criteria for Academic Council
Master of Science in Bio-Statistics and Demography	

Exiting admission criteria	Proposed admission criteria for Academic Council
Candidates having Bachelor degree (NCrF Level-5.5) with two full papers on Mathematics or Statistics or Health Statistics or Biostatistics from a recognized university in India or abroad with a minimum of 55% (50% for reserved candidates) of aggregate marks/equivalent grade in all subjects will be eligible for admission.	Candidates with minimum qualification of Bachelor's degree (NCrF Level-5.5) from a recognized university in India or abroad in any subject with a minimum of 55% marks (50% for reserved candidates) of aggregate marks/equivalent grade in all subjects will be eligible for admission.
Master of Science in Survey Research & Data Analytics	
Candidates having Bachelor degree (NCrF Level-5.5) with two full papers on Mathematics or Statistics or Health Statistics or Biostatistics from a recognized university in India or abroad with a minimum of 55% (50% for reserved candidates) of aggregate marks/equivalent grade will be eligible for admission.	Candidates with minimum qualification of Bachelor's degree (NCrF Level-5.5) from a recognized university in India or abroad in any subject with a minimum of 55% marks (50% for reserved candidates) of aggregate marks/equivalent grade in all subjects will be eligible for admission.
Doctor of Philosophy in Population Studies (Ph.D.) (Full Time & Part Time)	
For admission to Ph.D. in Population Studies at IIPS-Mumbai, clearing in UGC/CSIR-NET 2024 onwards in the subject of Population Studies / Anthropology / Economics / Geography / Psychology / Political Science / Social Work / Sociology / Mathematics / Statistics/Social Medicine & Community Health is the mandatory eligibility requirement.	For admission to Ph.D. in Population Studies at IIPS-Mumbai, clearing NET in the subject of Population Studies is the mandatory eligibility requirement.
Selection Criteria Those students who have cleared only NET prior to 2024 are not eligible to apply for any of the Ph.D. programmes.	Selection Criteria The candidate must possess a valid NET scorecard as on the last date for receiving the application for the Ph.D. application.

The BoS recommended the following suggestions to be placed before the Academic council.

Agenda Item No.5

To discuss the proposal received from the Course Coordinator regarding the evaluation methodology and calculation of result for SWAYAM course of the PG programme (I semester).

Dr. Manas R. Pradhan ,SWAYAM Coordinator informed the BoS that the Institute has instructed students to opt a 3 credit paper namely, "*Indian Knowledge System (Basic I)*" from the SWAYAM Portal. It has been noted that due to the inclusion of 3 credit paper in place of 2 credit as mentioned in the syllabus, 1 (one) credit is increased in overall credit system of master degree programmes .

After completion of the programme students will receive a certificate along with the percentage. It has been recommended to convert the percentage into grade points as mentioned below'

$$\text{Percentage} \div 10 = \text{Grade Point}$$

The calculated grade point will be placed in the equivalent letter grade & based on the above final SGPA/CGPA will be calculated. The BoS has recommended to place the same before the forthcoming Academic Council meeting.

Agenda Item No. 6 To revised the selection criteria for Dr. P. N. Mari Bhat Award for the best thesis in Ph.D. Programme from the academic year 2024-2025 onwards.

The BoS recommended the following:

- 1] The score of following parameters will be considered for the award
 - i. Originality / Novelty.
 - ii. Methodological rigour.
 - iii. Quality of thesis presentation.
 - iv. Management of citations and references/bibliography
- 2] Highest average score of the both external examiners will be considered for the award of Dr. P. N. Mari Bhat Award for the best thesis in Ph.D. Programme from the AY 2024-25.
- 3] In case of 'Tie (same score)' in the average scores, the following parameter will be considered
 - i. Final CGPA of Pre Ph.D Course work.
 - ii. Duration of Ph.D. programme.
(In case of CGPA -Pre-Ph.D Tie)
 - iii. Impact factor. (In case of CGPA -Pre-Ph.D. & duration of Ph.D. programme Ties)
- 4] In case of any of the external examiner not recommended the thesis for the award then the Ph.D. thesis will be disqualified for further process of award.

The BOS recommended the same to be placed before the Academic council.

Agenda Item No. 7 To consider the syllabus of IKS (Indian Knowledge System) for second year PG programmes as per the NEP 2020 guideline.

Prof. Chander Shekhar, Chairperson of IKS syllabus committee made a presentation of the detailed IKS syllabus for III semester (admission batch 2025-26) students. After detailed discussion, BoS has recommended renaming the course as IKS: Population studies.

The BOS recommended the same to be placed before the Academic council.

Agenda Item No. 8 New Project Proposals.

The following new projects were presented and discussed in the BoS meeting.

Sr. No.	Project Name	Coordinators	Recommendation
1	Living conditions of the residents of Slum rehabilitation Authority Project in Mumbai	Dr. Sunil Sarode	Dr. Sunil Sarode made presentation of the project proposal. The suggestions and opinions raised by the members were noted. Recommended to be placed before Academic council.
2	Health and Livelihoods of Women Beedi Workers: A Case study of Gondia District in Maharashtra	Dr. Dewaram A. Nagdeve	Dr. D.A. Nagdeve made presentation of the project proposal. The suggestions and opinions raised by the members were noted. Recommended to be placed before Academic council.
3	Menarche to Menopause: Understanding Menstrual Health Trajectories through Life Course Approach among Tribal Women in Maharashtra	Dr. Suresh Jungari	Dr. Suresh Jungari made presentation of the project proposal. The suggestions and opinions raised by the members were noted. Recommended to be placed before Academic council.

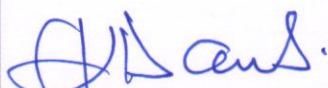
Agenda Item No. 9 **To report the matters regarding current academic activities.**

The Board of Studies noted the reporting items and recommended to be placed before the Academic Council.

Agenda Item No. 10 **Any other item with permission of the Chairperson.**

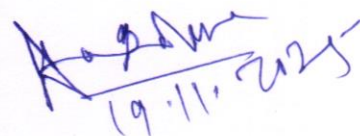
With the permission of the Chair, the following agenda were discussed:

1. In case of non-submission of TC/Migration certificate, first year students will not be allowed to appear in the end semester examination.
2. It has been recommended that henceforth the Institute will not mentioned the mode of programme in the Ph.D. degree certificate from the convocation of the AY 2025-26. The BoS also decided that the Institute will not consider the request for change in any of the degree certificate which was already awarded. *It was recommended that the same be placed before the academic council.*
3. Regarding the modification of thesis title of Ph.D Programme, The matter was discussed and BoS agreed that with the approval of guide, the Ph.D students are allowed to modify the thesis title.
4. In case of the Ph.D. scholar refusing the role of Reporter in Ph.D programme, the Institute may seek explanation from the reporter and inform guide accordingly.
5. In case of paper MSD C15: Field Work (only for Semester III 2024-2025 admitted batch). The coordinator of MSD Programme has presented the evaluation methods. The same to be placed before the academic council.



Prof. K.C. Das

Member Secretary, Board of Studies.


19.11.2025

Prof. Dewaram A. Nagdeve
Director & Sr. Professor (Additional Charge)
Chairperson, Board of Studies

Annexure-I

List of Members Attended the Meeting

1	Prof. Dewaram A. Nagdeve, Director & Sr. Professor (Additional Charge)	Chairperson	Attended
2	Prof. Kailash Chandra Das, HoD, Department of Migration & Urban Studies	Member	Attended
3	Prof. Chander Shekhar, HoD, Department of Fertility & Social Demography	Secretary	Attended
4	Prof. R. Nagarajan, HoD, Department of Population & Development.	Member	Attended
5	Prof. Abhishek Singh, HoD, Department of Public Health and Mortality Studies	Member	Attended
6	Prof. Murali Dhar, HoD, Department of Bio-Statistics and Epidemiology	Member	Attended
7	Prof. Archana K.Roy,, Department of Migration & Urban Studies	Member	Attended
8	Prof. Dhananjay W. Bansod, Controller of Examination and Head, CDOE	Invitee	Attended
9	Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, HoD, Department of Survey Research and Data Analytics	Member	Attended
10	Prof. Azizuddin Khan, IIT, Mumbai.	External Member	Attended
11	Prof. Kailas C. Thaware, GIPE. Pune	External Member	Attended
12	Dr. Harihar Sahoo, Associate Professor, HOD, Department of Family and Generations	Member	Attended
13	Dr. Sunil Sarode, Associate Professor	Member	Attended
14	Dr. Manas Ranjan Pradhan, Assistant Professor	Member	Attended
15	Shri Sudarshan Bhadra, Assistant Registrar (Acad.)	Invitee	Attended