

Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council of the International Institute for Population Sciences held on November 16, 2020.

The online meeting of the Academic Council was held on November 16, 2020 at 11.30 A.M. The meeting was chaired by Prof. K.S. James, Director and Senior Professor, IIPS. The virtual meeting was joined by the following members:

Prof. K.S. James	-	Chairman
Prof. R.B. Bhagat	-	Member Secretary
Ms. Nivedita Gupta	-	Member
Dr. Deepak Raut	-	Member
Prof. Sayeed Unisa	-	Member
Prof. S.K. Singh	-	Member
Prof. H. Lhungdim	-	Member
Prof. D.A. Nagdeve	-	Member
Prof. K.C. Das	-	Member
Prof. T.V. Sekher	-	Member
Prof. Chander Shekhar	-	Member
Prof. Sanjay K. Mohanty	-	Member
Prof. R. Nagarajan	-	Member
Prof. Usha Ram	-	Member
Prof. Abhishek Singh	-	Member
Prof. Murali Dhar	-	Member
Prof. Archana Roy	-	Member
Dr. Harshad Thakur	-	Member
Prof. Surinder Jaswal	-	Member
Prof. Sanghmitra S. Acharya	-	Member
Prof. Udaya S. Mishra	-	Member
Prof. Dhananjay Bansod	-	Member
Dr. Aparajita Chattopadhyay	-	Member
Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar	-	Member
Dr. D.M. Thorat	-	Invitee
Dr. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi	-	Invitee
Dr. Suryakant Yadav	-	Invitee
Dr. Preeti Dhillon	-	Invitee

Agenda Item No.1: To confirm minutes of the Academic Council meeting held on December 03, 2019.

The members confirmed the minutes of the Academic Council meeting held on December 3, 2019 as circulated in the agenda paper.

Agenda Item No.2: To confirm minutes of Academic Council meeting by circulation dated 14/05/2020 and 19/05/2020, in respect with the results for various academic programmes for the Academic Year 2019-2020.

The members confirmed the minutes of the Academic Council held by circulation dated 14/05/2020 and 19/05/2020, in respect with the results and awards for various academic

programmes for the Academic Year 2019-2020. The minute was circulated as a part of the agenda paper.

Agenda Item No.3: The revision of course structure of MA/MSc programme with specialization.

Director & Sr. Professor has constituted a committee to restructure the MA/MSc programme in Population Studies with specializations. The proposal was placed in the meeting of the Board of Studies and Research held on November 10, 2020, and it was recommended to be placed before Academic Council for final approval. The chairman of the committee Prof. S.K. Mohanty has presented the recommendations of the committee in brief. He explained that the suggested restructuring is prepared based on the criteria such as employability of students, expertise within IIPS and possibility of expanding the opportunity at university and college levels. The committee recommended three areas of specialisations, namely, (i) Survey Research and Data Sciences, (ii) Public Health, and (iii) Population Geography.

Several observations have been made while appreciating the work of the committee. One of the major concerns was that the specialization of Survey Research and Data Science and also Public Health need to be grounded in social theories. It is also suggested that the specialization of Population Geography should be renamed as 'Population and Settlement Geography/or Population and Habitat Geography' to widen its scope.

The Academic Council approved the recommendations of the committee to restructure MA/MSc programme with three specialisations. As the preparation of syllabus and other materials will take time, it may be possible to start the specialization from 2022-23 academic year.

Agenda Item No.4: Discontinuation of Master of Philosophy in Population Studies / Biostatistics and Demography course from the Academic Year 2021-2022.

The New Education Policy of the Government of India suggests discontinuation of M.Phil programme and admitting students directly to Ph.D programme after Master's Degree. The matter was placed in the Board of Studies and Research meeting held on 10-11-2020. The members suggested to strengthen the pre-PhD programme extending it to 2 to 3 semesters. Preparation of a "Research Paper" along with "Research Proposal" may be included as a part of pre-Ph.D. programme. It recommended to place the matter before Academic Council for final decision.

The Academic Council agreed to discontinue the M.Phil programme, however recommended to strengthen the pre-Ph.D. programme in the Institute. A committee constituted by the Director will look into the issue of strengthening the pre-PhD programme.

Agenda Item No.5: Ph.D Re-registration fee schedule

The Academic Council in its meeting held on April 28, 2017 had approved the proposal of Reregistration for a maximum period of two years for Ph.D. scholars. Accordingly, the fee structure for Re-registration of Ph.D students is being placed for the consideration.

A) FEES TO BE PAID AT THE TIME OF RE-REGISTRATION	First Year		Second Year	
	Indian Students	Foreign Students	Indian Students	Foreign Students
	(Rs.)	(US\$.)	(Rs.)	(US\$.)
1. Admission Fee	1100.00	220.00	0.00	0.00
2. Tuition Fee (per year)	16500.00	8800.00	8250.00	8800.00
3. Computer Fee (per year)	3300.00	0.00	1650.00	0.00
4. Provisional Certificate Fee	110.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5. Degree Certificate Fee	220.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6. Library Fee (per year)	1100.00	0.00	550.00	0.00
7. Convocation Charges	550.00	55.00	0.00	55.00
8. Medical Examination Fee	220.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9. Sport/Cultural Fee (per year)	1100.00	0.00	550.00	0.00
Refundable Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1. Library Deposit	3850.00	110.00	0.00	110.00
2. Mess Deposit	4400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL – A	32450.00	9185.00	11000.00	8965.00
B) OTHER FEES				
1. Thesis Submission Fee	5500.00	55.00	5500.00	55.00
2. Duplicate Certificate Fee	880.00	0.00	880.00	0.00
3. Migration Certificate Fee	110.00	0.00	110.00	0.00
4. Transcript Fee (For Two Sets)	550.00	55.00	550.00	55.00
5. Duplicate I-Card Fee	110.00	0.00	110.00	0.00
6. Processing Fee	110.00	0.00	110.00	0.00
7. Hostel Accommodation Charges (Per month)	1100.00	330.00	1100.00	330.00
8. Thesis re-submission Fee	3300.00	0.00	3300.00	0.00
Effective from the Academic Year 2020-2021				
Note: 50% Concession on Tuition Fees to students from SAARC countries				

Based on the recommendation of an Assessment Committee consisting of Advisory Committee members and one external expert, reregistration will be applicable beyond six years for general students and beyond seven years for Women and PWD (more than 40% disability) students for a maximum period of two years (initially for one year and then, if required for the second year).

The Academic Council approved the proposal and the fee structure for re-registration.

Agenda Item No. 6: Fee structure for admission to direct Part-time Ph.D programme.

As approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 03/12/2019, the Institute has introduced Part-time Ph.D programme from the Academic Year 2020-2021. However, the fee structure of the part-time Ph.D. programme was not discussed in the earlier meeting. It is suggested that the same fee structure of regular Ph.D. scholars will be applicable to part-time scholars excluding the mess deposit and sports and cultural fees.

PART-TIME PHD. PROGRAMME IN POPULATION STUDIES / BIO-STATISTICS & DEMOGRAPHY		
FIRST YEAR FEE SCHEDULE (for students admitted to direct-part-time Ph.D. Programme)		
A) FEES TO BE PAID AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION	Indian Students (Existing Rs.)	Indian Students (Revised Rs.)
Non Refundable		
1. Admission Fee	1100.00	1100.00
2. Tuition Fee (per year)	16500.00	16500.00
3. Computer Fee (per year)	3300.00	3300.00
4. Provisional certificate Fee	110.00	110.00
5. Degree Certificate Fee	220.00	220.00
6. Library Fee (per year)	1100.00	1100.00
7. Convocation Charges	550.00	550.00
8. Medical Examination Fee	220.00	220.00
9. Sport/Cultural Fee (per year)	1100.00	0.00
Refundable Fee		
1. Library Deposit	3850.00	3850.00
2. Mess Deposit	4400.00	0.00
TOTAL A	32450.00	26,950.00
B) OTHER FEES		
1. Provisional Certificate Fee	100.00	100.00
2. Duplicate Certificate Fee	800.00	800.00
3. Migration Certificate Fee	100.00	100.00
4. Transcript Fee (For Two Sets)	500.00	500.00
5. Duplicate I-Card Fee	100.00	100.00
6. Hostel Accommodation Charges (Per month)	400.00	400.00
7. Re-Examination Fee (Per paper)	500.00	500.00
8. Re-evaluation Fee (Per paper)	500.00	500.00
9. Thesis re-submission Fee	1000.00	1000.00

The Academic Council approved the proposed fee structure for the direct part-time PhD students.

Agenda Item No. 7: Revising the fee structure for foreign students for all courses

The meeting of the Board of Studies and Research held on November 10, 2020 suggested that the existing fee structure for foreign students is very high (between 7000 to 9000 USD in a year). So, a fee of USD 2000 for all master programmes and a fee of USD 3000 for Ph.D. programme in a year is suggested for the deliberation of the Academic Council.

In the case of SARC country students the fees will be 50% of the proposed fee for other foreign students. The Academic Council approved the fees for foreign students with suggested changes.

Agenda Item No.8: Reporting of matters regarding measures adopted during the Covid period for the academic programmes of IIPS.

The Academic Council noted the reported matter as adopted during the COVID-19 period to meet the emerging challenges of admission, teaching and examination.

Agenda Item No.9: To approve syllabus of Post Graduate Diploma in Hospital Management (PGDHM) by the National Institute of Public Health Training and Research (NIPHTR) Mumbai.

As per the directive of the Academic Council of IIPS, Director and Senior Professor IIPS, through office order DIR/OO/19/2020 dated March 11 2020, constituted a committee comprising Prof. Abhishek Singh (IIPS), Dr.Aparajita Chattopadhyay (IIPS), Dr.Dhaval M. Thorat (INIPHTR), and Dr.SuparnaKhera (INIPHTR), for examining the various aspects of beginning a Post Graduate Diploma in Hospital Management (PGDHM) by the National Institute of Public Health Training and Research (NIPHTR) Mumbai.

The committee was asked to go through the syllabus, infrastructure, manpower, and any other aspect that may be important to start the PGDHM by NIPHTR. The committee examined each of these aspects carefully in several virtual and face to face meetings. The committee after careful deliberations has prepared a detailed report including the syllabus, infrastructure, manpower, etc.

The report of the committee was circulated among the members of Academic Council. It was also presented by Dr. Deepak Raut, Director NIPHTR, Mumbai. The Academic Council approved the syllabus after discussion and clarifications.

Agenda Item No.10: To review the progress of internally and externally funded research projects of the Institute.

The progress of the internally funded projects was reported to Academic Council. Currently there are eight internally funded and 16 externally funded projects at the Institute. Some projects are delayed. All such projects which are delayed should be completed by the end of the academic year 2020-21. It was suggested that Institute should develop an internal mechanism to monitor the progress of the projects. It was also suggested that while reporting the progress or completion of projects, the project co-ordinators may also report whether any research paper is published or presented out of the project work. It is brought to the notice that the Institute has created a "Project Support Cell" to facilitate the project work. It is required that the Co-ordinators/Pis of the project seek administrative approval of the budget routed through Project Support Cell and submit a copy to the Account Section.

(A) INTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

Sr. No.	Title of the Research Project	Project Coordinator	Start Date	Completion Date	Funding Agency
1	Causes and Consequences of Out-Migration from Middle Ganga Plain	Archana K. Roy, R.B. Bhagat, K.C. Das, Sunil Sarode and R.S. Reshmi	February 2016	December 2020	Internal Funding Progress Report Submitted. Extended
2	Projection of District Level Annual Population by Quienquennial Age-Group and Sex from 2011 to 2031 in India.	Murali Dhar and B Paswan	October 2018	March 2021	Internal Funding Progress Report Submitted. Extended
3	Geo-Spatial Mapping of Village and Ward Level in Uttar Pradesh	L.K. Dwivedi, A.K. Mishra and Sayeed Unisa	October 2018	September 2021	Internal Funding Progress Report Submitted. Extended
4	Assessment of Quality of Mortality Data from Large Scale Sample Surveys in India.	Usha Ram and ManasRanjan Pradhan	April 2019	March 2022	Internal Funding. Progress Report Submitted. Extended
5	Health Expenditure on Breast Cancer treatment in Women: A study from Public Sector Tertiary Cancer Centre	Tabassum Wadasadawala, Sanjay K. Mohanty, Rajiv Sarin, Sudeep Gupta, Vani Parmar, Sadhana Kannan and Jaykumar Mane	July 2019	June 2021	Internal Funding It was a no cost project; Requested for funds from IIPS in view of COVID-19 delay. Extended. Budget requested Jan 2021 – March 2021: Rs.2,10,000/- April 2021 to Dec 2021 – Rs. 7,85,000/-
6	Health and Economic Burden Associated with Arsenic Contamination of Water in West Bengal	K.C. Das and Md. I Sheikh	Project not Started		Internal Funding

7	Estimation of Internal Migration in India and its States 1961-2011	Reshmi R.S. and R.B. Bhagat	April 2020	September 2021	Internal Funding On time
8	Association of Pre-Pregnancy Body Mass Index, Gestational Weight Gain and Gestational Age with Birth Weight: A Prospective Cohort Study in Rural Bihar	S. Unisa, L.K. Dwivedi, S. Pedgaonkar, P. Dhillon and Reshmi R.S.	January 2021	March 2024	Internal Funding On time

(B) EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

1.	National Family Health Survey-5	K.S James, B. Paswan, S.K. Singh, H. Lungdim, ChanderShekhar, L.K. Dwivedi and SarangPedgaonkar	January 2018	December 2020	MoHFW, Government of India
2.	Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI) (Main Wave (2014- 19)	P. Arokiasamy, D. A. Nagdeve, T.V. Sekher, S.K. Mohanty, A. Chattopadhyay, DiptiGovil and SarangPedgaonkar	January 2016	December 2021	MoHFW/MoSJE, Government of India, UNFPA and National Institute on Ageing (NIA)/ National Institute of Health (NIH),USA.
3.	Global Youth Tobacco Survey-4	B. Paswan, H.Lhungdim, R.Nagarajan, MuraliDhar and Pralip K. Narzary	April 2018	December 2020	MoHFW, Government of India
4.	Study of Global Ageing and Adult Health (SAGE) (India, Wave-2,2014-16	P. Arokiasamy, H. Lungdim, T.V. Sekher, Murali Dhar and Archana K. Roy	2007	2019-20	The World Health Organization, Geneva.
5.	Midline Rapid Assessment of SWABHIMAAN Women's Nutrition Demonstartion in Phase 1 States (Bihar,Chhatisgarh and Odisha)	Sayed Unisa, Laxmikant Dwivedi, Dipti Govil, Sarang Pedgaonkar and R.S.Reshmi	2016	2021	UNICEF, New Delhi.
6.	Gender Equity and Health (GEH) Project (2017-20)	K.S. James, Abhishek Singh and Kaushalendra Kumar	October 2017	October 2020	The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) through Centre Gender Equity and Health (GEH), University of California

					SanDiego (UCSD)
7.	Immunization Coverage Study in Maharashtra	D.W. Bansod, Prakash Fulpagare and S.K.Singh	April 2016	March 2020	State Health Systems Resource Centre (SHSRC, Pune), Government of India.
8.	Measuring and Correcting Visual Acuity among Older Adults and Measuring the Effects of Visual Improvement on Social and Economic (LASI-VIS Study) (2019-2021), in collaboration with University of Lausanne	P. Arokiasamy, S.K. Mohanty, Sarang Pedgaonkar	January 2018	December 2021	Swiss Agency for Development and Global Cooperation (SDC) and the SWISS National Science Foundation (SNSF)
9.	The Harmonized Diagnostic Assessment of Dementia for the Longitudinal Aging Study in India (LASI-DAD Study) (2016-2021) in collaboration with University of Southern California and All India Institute of Medical Sciences	P. Arokiasamy and Sarang Pedgaonkar T.V. Sekher and Sarang Pedgaonkar	2016 2020	2020 2021	National Institute on Ageing (NIA)
10.	Integrating Ageing Research with Policy and Programmes in India	K. S. James, D. Govil and H. Sahoo	July 2019	December 2019	UNFPA
11.	Comprehensive Report on Sexual and Reproductive Aspects of Youth in India based on data from NFHS	L. K. Dwivedi, P. Dhillon and K.S. James	July 2019	December 2019	UNFPA
12.	Child Marriage in Maharashtra: Pattern, Trend and Consequences	K.C. Das	August 2019	December 2019	UNICEF, Maharashtra
13.	District Level Factsheets for Tribal Population	U Ram, M R Pradhan and K.S. James	November 2019	September 2020	PMSRI
14.	Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey Knowledge Network	S. Unisa, H Sahoo and P Dhillon	October 2019	December 2020	UNICEF
15.	Reproductive Health Indicators for Selected Districts from NFHS – 4	K.S. James and M. Alagarajan	October 2019		WHO, New Delhi
16.	Protection of Children affected by seasonal migration: A Study in Jalna District of Maharashtra	K.C. Das, R.B. Bhagat and Archana Roy	December 2019	June 2021	UNICEF

Agenda Item No.11: Approval of new projects

The AC was informed about the remarks and discussions held at Board of Studies and Research. The Academic Council agreed with the decision of the BOSR. It is also suggested that the proposed budget need to be accorded administrative approval routed through Project Support Cell with a copy to be submitted to the Accounts Section. The following new projects were approved by the Academic Council.

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Co-ordinators	Remark/decision at BOSR
1.	Access to Utilization of RCH Services during Covid 19 Pandemic: A MultiCenter Study	Prof.Usha Ram and Manas Pradhan	The co-ordinator informed that this project is already started in collaboration with PRCs. They need a small grant of one Lakh for dissemination purpose. The Chairman suggested that once the project is completed the findings of the project can be disseminated in IIPS Annual Conference.
2.	Projection of Annual Cancer Incidence at District Level by quinquennial age group and sex from 2021 to 2031 in Maharashtra	Dr.MuraliDhar Co-PI: Dr.AtulBudukh, Professor, Epidemiology, Centre of Cancer Epidemiology, TMC, Navi Mumbai	The research project aims to project cancer incidence at district level by age-group and sex for the state of Maharashtra based on Population Based Cancer Registries. It is suggested that methodology of cancer projection need to be spelled out. It is also suggested to look into the possibility to estimate cost of cancer treatment by duration of disease based on NSSO data. The revised proposal needs to be presented in the Academic Council for further action.
3	Estimation of Child Mortality and Immunization Coverage at District Level in India: An Application of Small Area Estimation Techniques	K.S. James and L.K. Dwivedi	The study attempts to link census data and survey data in the small area estimation related to child mortality and immunization. It is felt that such studies are needed. BOSR recommended to put up the project proposal to the Academic Council.

4	Coping Mechanism during Covid-19 Pandemic in Unorganized Sector: A Qualitative Investigation in Mumbai and Neighboring Cities	Dhananjay Bansod and Prakash H. Fulpagare	It is a study on job loss due to COVID-19 and lockdown. It is suggested that since universe of affected group is not available, it is better to do a qualitative study. Title may be shortened and occupational hazard need to be defined and incorporated in the objective. The revised proposal needs to be presented in the Academic Council for further action. The proposal was presented with a revised title.
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Agenda Item No.12: EMS and Distance Education related matters.

Academic Council considered the recommendation/observation of the Board of Studies and Research regarding the following: (a) the revision in the existing eligibility criteria for admission to master programme in distance education mode, and (b) continuation of admission of the master programme in distance education mode for the academic year 2021-22 in view of the non-availability of NAAC accreditation for IIPS. With regard to Item (a) above, the Academic Council decided to continue the existing criteria. With regard to Item (b) above, the Academic Council was of the opinion that this is a very important academic programme provided by IIPS in distance mode and has benefitted hundreds of students and also professionals on jobs. The AC suggested to explore the possibility to continue the distance education programme in collaboration with SWAYAM, a Free Online Education by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India before discontinuing.

Agenda Item No.13: Progress of IIPS on NAAC Accreditation.

Director has informed the Academic Council on the initiatives taken for obtaining the NAAC accreditation for IIPS and the various committees formed for gathering information about the activities of the Institute for the last five years to be submitted to NAAC.

Agenda Item No.14: To consider UGC Career Advancement Scheme, advance increments and non-practicing allowances to Dr.SarangPedgaonkar, Assistant Professor, IIPS

Dr.Sarang Pedgaonkar has been working as Assistant Professor in IIPS w.e.f. 29.11.2012. At the time of his appointment, he has completed his MBBS and M.D. degrees in Community Medicine. Dr.SarangPedgaonkar have forwarded application requesting to grant him the following in the representation:

- (i) Non-Practicing Allowance granted to Medical faculties, as he holds a medical degrees i.e. MBBS and M.D.(Community Medicine)
- (ii) Five non-compounded advance increment which are granted for possessing a Ph.D degree at entry level recruitment of Assistant Professor
- (iii) CAS promotion from Stage 1 to Stage 2 after completing 04 years of service as Assistant Professor considering his degree M.D(Community Medicine) as equivalent to Ph.D.

As per UGC Notification 2010, an Assistant Professor in Stage-1 would be promoted to Stage-2 after completion of 04 years of service, if he possess a Ph.D in relevant discipline. Dr.SarangPedgaonkar possess a M.D. degree in Community Medicine. In view of the UGC [Institutions Deemed to be Universities] Regulations, 2017, under 1.4(i) the representation submitted by Dr.SarangPedgaonkar is placed before the Academic Council to suggest (i) whether the post of Dr.SarangPedgaonkar would be eligible for getting the Non-Practicing Allowance, (ii) whether the degree of M.D (Community Medicine) is equivalent to Ph.D degree for granting him 05 Non-compounded advance increment, and (iii) CAS promotion from Stage 1 to Stage 2 in 04 years.

The AC members deliberated on the issues and found that there is no unanimity in the practice followed in different institutions. However, non-practising allowance are not generally allowed. The question of equating MD degree with Ph.D is an institutional decision which may be placed in the Executive Council for final decision.

Agenda Item No.15: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Prof. R.B. Bhagat)
Non-Member Secretary
Academic Council, IIPS



(Prof. K.S. James)
Director & Sr. Professor, and
Chairperson, Academic Council, IIPS