

**INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION SCIENCES**  
**Deonar, Mumbai-400 088.**

**Minutes of the 'Academic Council' meeting held on Dec 3, 2019**  
**at 11 a.m. in the New Seminar Hall**

The meeting of the Academic Council was held on Dec 3, 2019 at 11.00 A.M. in the New Seminar Hall in the Institute's premises. The meeting was chaired by Prof. K.S. James Director and Senior Professor and was attended by the following members:

Dr. K.S.James	.....	Chairman
Dr. R.B. Bhagat	.....	Member-Secretary
Shri D.K.Ojha,	.....	Member, DDG, MoHFW
Dr. Sanghmitra Acharya	.....	Member
Dr. Surinder Jaswal	.....	Member
Dr Harshad P. Thakur	.....	Member
Dr D.M.Thorat	.....	Representative, FWTRC
Dr. P. Arokiasamy	.....	Member
Dr. Sayeed Unisa	.....	Member
Dr. D.A. Nagdeve	.....	Member
Dr. K.C. Das	.....	Member
Dr T.V.Sekher	.....	Member
Dr. Sanjay Kumar Mohanty	.....	Member
Dr. R Nagarajan	.....	Member
Dr Abhishek Singh	.....	Member
Dr Murali Dhar	.....	Member
Dr Archana K. Roy	.....	Member
Dr Dhananjay Bansod	.....	Member
Dr. Pralip Kumar Narzary	.....	Member
Dr Kaushailendra Kumar	.....	Member
Dr Laxmikant Dwivedi	.....	Invitee
Dr Suryakant Yadav	.....	Invitee
Dr Preeti Dhillon	.....	Invitee

Dr. U.J. Dixit, Dr U.S. Mishra, Dr B. Paswan, Dr S.K.Singh, Dr H. Lungdim, Dr Usha Ram, and Dr Chander Shekhar conveyed their inability to attend.

### Agenda No.1: To welcome members of the Academic Council

Prof. K.S. James, Chairman of the Academic Council of IIPS welcomed all members and invitees and presided over the AC meeting.

### Agenda Item No.2: To Confirm the Minutes of Academic Council meeting held on December 4, 2018

The members of AC confirmed the minutes of the Academic Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

It has been observed by members that each certificate of degree awarded to a student is signed by the Chairperson, Executive Council (Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India) and Director, IIPS. As students have increased manifold in recent years, it is suggested that facsimile of the signature of Chairperson may be used in case required.

### Agenda Item No.3: To review the progress of Ongoing internally funded research projects

#### Internally Funded Projects:

Sr No	Name of Project	Co-ordinators	Start Date	Completion Date	Budget Proposed/Remarks
1.	Trends in out-of-pocket expenditure (OOPE) and catastrophic health spending (CHS) in India	Prof Sanjay K Mohanty	3 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2017	March 2020	Nil
2.	Projection of District Level Annual Population by Quienquennial Age-Group and Sex 2011 to 2031 in India	Dr Murlidhar and Prof b.Paswan	October 2018	March 2020	3,50,000 (2020-21) Detailed budget yet to be sent. Extension required up to August 2020
3.	Geo-spatial Mapping of Village and Ward Level in Uttar Pradesh	Dr L.K. Dwivedi, Mr A.K. Misra and Prof Sayeed Unisa	October 2018	March 2020	15, 40,000 (2020-2021)
4.	Population Growth and State of Health Care Services in Northeast India: With Special Reference to the Recognised Tribes, 1951-2011	Prof H. Lhungdim, Dr Harihar Sahoo and Prof L. Ladusingh	15 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017	June 2019	Nil



5.	Equal Living Condition of Housing Shelters for different Social Groups in Tamil Nadu: Model Village Created for Social Development	Prof D.A. Nagdeve, Prof Chander Shekhar, Dr P. Murugesan and Prof S.K.Mohanty	October 2017	March 2019	Completed
6.	Follow- Up of Comprehensive Nutrition Survey in Maharashtra	Prof Sayeed Unisa and Mr Prakash Fulpagare	October 2014	March 2019 Completed	Five papers are to be prepared; An additional budget of 1,00,000 is requested for publication of papers.
7.	Estimation of Vital Rates for Bombay Presidency in the Colonial Period	Prof Chander Shekhar, Prof F. Ram and Prof T.V. Sekhar	April 2013	June 2018	Completed papers prepared out of the project
8.	Daughter only Families in India: Levels, Trends and Differentials	Dr Harhar Sahoo and Prof R. Nagrajan	June 2016	May 2018	Completed Report submitted
9.	Historical Trends and Patterns of Population and Development in India: A District Level Analysis	Prof P. Arokiaswamy, Prof Nagrajan, Dr P. Narzary, Dr Manoj Alagarajan, Dr Aprajita Chattopadhyay, Dr Harihar Sahoo and Dr Suryakant Yadav	August 25 2014	Dec 2019	Nil
10.	Causes and Consequences of Out-migration from Middle Ganga Plain	Dr Archana Roy Prof R.B.Bhagat Prof K.C.Das, Mr Sunil Sarode And Dr Reshmi, R.S.	Feb 2016	March 2020	7,25,000 (2020-2021) Extension requested up to Oct 2020
11.	Assessment of Quality of Mortality Data from Large Scale Sample Surveys in India	Prof Usha Ram and Dr Manas Ranjan Pradhan	April 2019	September 2020	4,00,000 (2020-2021)
12.	Health Expenditure on Breast Cancer Treatment among Women	Dr Taassum Wadasadwala, Tata Memorial Centre, Prof S.K.Mohanty IIPS	July 2019	June 2021	Nil (No cost project).

It was discussed and approved that each project is required to prepare a Working Paper in addition to Project report and Research Brief. The working paper will be sent for review by an external expert before publication. The project report will not be sent for external review. Shri D.K. Ojha, DDG suggested that if a project is evaluating a Govt programme, the findings should be brought to the notice of the Ministry.

### Reporting of The Externally Funded Projects:

Sr.No.	Name of the Project	Coordinators	Start Date	Completion Date	Funding Agencies
1.	Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)-4	Prof. B. Paswan, Prof. H.Lhungdim, Prof. R. Nagarajan, Dr. Murlidhar, Dr. Pralip K. Narzary	April 2018	October 2019	MoHFW, Government of India ( Extention awaited from MoHFW)
2.	National Family Health Survey-5	Prof. Balram Paswan, Prof. S.K.Singh, Prof. H. Lhungdim, Prof. Chander Shekhar, Dr. L.K. Dwivedi and Dr. S. Pedgaonkar	January 2018	December 2020	MoHFW, Government of India
3.	Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI), Main wave 1 and 2 (2016-2021)	Prof. P. Arokiasamy, Prof. D. A. Nagdeve, Prof. T.V. Sekher, Prof. S. K. Mohanty, Dr. Aparajita Chattopadhyay, Dr. Dipti Govil and Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar	January 2016	December 2021	Government of India, UNFPA, National Institute on Ageing and National Institute of Health (NIH), USA
4.	Study of Global AGEing and Adult Health (SAGE) wave 2- India, 2015-19	Prof. P. Arokiaswamy, Prof. H.Lhungdim, Prof. T.V.Sekher, Dr. Murlidhar, Dr. Archana K. Roy	January 2007	2019-20 (wave -3)	WHO
5.	GEH (Gender Equity and Health) Project, collaborative project between IIPS, Mumbai and Center on Gender Equity and Health, UCSD, San Diego, California.	Dr. Abhishek Singh, Dr.Kaushalendra Kumar	November 2017	October 2020	Center on Gender Equity and Health, UCSD, San Diego, California.
6.	Multidimensional Poverty in Urban Maharashtra	Prof. Sanjay K. Mohanty, Prof. R.B.Bhagat and Dr. Laxmikant Dwivedi	April 2019	July 2019	Funded by UNICEF Likely to continue



7.	Immunization Coverage Study in Maharashtra Funded by State Health Systems Resource Centre, Government of Maharashtra	Dr. D. Bansod, Mr. Prakash Fulpagare, Prof. S.K. Singh and Prof. K.S. James	April 2019	March 2020	Government of Maharashtra
8.	Midline Rapid Assessment of SWABHIMAAN Women's Nutrition Demonstration Programme in Phase I States (Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Odisha)	Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Dr. Reshmi R.S., Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar, Dr. Laxmikant Dwivedi	January 2018	December 2019	Funded by UNICEF
9.	Process Evaluation and Concurrent Monitoring of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)	Prof. T.V. Sekher and Dr. Manoj Alagarajan	September 2018	August 2019	NITI Aayog and UNICEF-India Completed ?
10.	Unintended Pregnancy and Abortion in India (UPAI) Study	Prof. F.Ram, Prof. Chander Shekhar, Dr. Manoj Alagarajan, Dr. M.R. Pradhan and Dr. Harihar Sahoo	January 2014	March 2019	Guttmacher Institute, USA (Completed)
11.	Integrating Ageing Research with Policy and Programmes in India	Dr. Dipti Govil, Dr. Harihar Sahoo and Prof. K.S. James	July 2019	December 2019	UNFPA
12.	Comprehensive Report on Sexual and Reproductive Aspects of Youth in India based on data from the NFHS	Dr. Preeti Dhillon, Dr. L.K. Dwivedi and Prof. K.S. James	July 2019	December 2019	UNFPA
13.	Child Marriage in Maharashtra: Pattern, Trend and Consequences	Prof. K.C. Das	August 2019	December 2019	UNICEF
14.	District Level Factsheets for Tribal Population	Prof. Usha Ram, Dr. Manas Pradhan and Prof. K.S. James	November 2019	February 2020	Piramal Swasthya Management & Research Institute (PSMRI)
15.	Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey Knowledge Network	Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Dr. Harihar Sahoo and Dr. Preeti Dhillon	October 2019	October 2020	UNICEF

The AC noted the progress of the externally funded projects and suggested to present the findings of the externally funded projects in EC and GC meetings.

#### Agenda Item No.4: To discuss and approve new projects

The AC discussed and approved the following new projects to be initiated from academic year 2020-2021.

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Co-ordinators	Objectives	Budget /Remarks
1	Health and Economic Burden Associated with Arsenic Contamination of Water in West Bengal	Prof K.C. Das and Dr Md Illias Sheikh	i) To assess the burden of morbidities associated with arsenic exposure ii) To study the regional variations of arsenic contamination iii) To examine health accessibility and health care expenditure	Timeline: 2020-2022 Budget proposed – 2020-21- Rs 14,78,800; 2021-22- Rs 89900 Suggestions: The study should focus on coping strategies. No need of case and control type study
2.	Estimation of Internal Migration in India and its States 1961-2011	Dr Reshmi, R.S. and Prof R.B.Bhagat	i) To estimate internal migration based on age-structure and compare with direct estimates ii) To estimate return migration	Time line: April 2020 to September 2021 Budget- Rs 13,15,000 Suggestions: Study should provide estimates at the district level.
3.	Association of Pre-Pregnancy Body Mass Index , Gestational Weight Gain and Gestational Age	Prof Sayeed Unisa, Dr L.K. Dwivedi, Mr Sarang Pedgaonkar, Dr Preeti	i) To evaluate the relationship between preconception BMI with	April 2020 to March 2024



	with Birth Weight: A Prospective Cohort Study in Rural Bihar	Dhillion, and Dr Reshmi, R.S.	<p>pattern of gestational weight gain (GWG), Gestational age and birth weight</p> <p>ii) To study the association of maternal diseases ( anemia, gestational diabetes mellitus and gestational hypertension) on GWG and birth weight</p>	<p>2020-21- Rs 16,70300</p> <p>2021-22- Rs 9,72000</p> <p>2022-23- Rs 10,70400</p> <p>2022-24- Rs 14,70400</p> <p>Total : Rd 51,83,100</p> <p>Suggestions: The project should involve PRC of the respective state.</p>
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**Agenda Item No.5: To discuss a proposal to start a Post Graduate Diploma in Hospital Management by Institute of Public Health Training and Research (Erstwhile FWTRC), Mumbai**

Dr D. M. Thorat, Institute of Public Health Training and Research presented the course outlines for the Post Graduate Diploma in Hospital Management and sought approval from the AC. The AC members observed that the contents of the course are heavy and title of the courses are long. It suggested that title should be generic in nature. The papers should be spread over required credits as per norms. The eligibility criteria also need to be looked into as per UGC norms. The AC, in principle, approved the proposal and suggested to form a committee to look into the issues that were discussed for further necessary action.

**Agenda Item No.6: To discuss and suggest revised fees structure of various academic programmes**

The AC discussed the fees structure of various academic programmes and approved 10 per cent increase in fees in every head from the academic year 2020-21. It further suggested to increase the tuition fees by 5 per cent in every three years. The matter may be discussed with the student Council before implementation.



**Agenda Item No.7: To discuss and approve the recommendations for introducing Part-time PhD programme and integration of M.Phil and PhD programmes**

A committee was constituted by Director to give recommendation for introducing the part-time PhD programme and also integrating M.Phil and PhD programmes in the Institute. The report of the committee was discussed. The matter was also discussed earlier in BOSR. AC after comprehensive discussion inter alia decided the following;

- i) The part-time PhD programme shall be opened to candidates with Master's degree with at least 5 years of work experience in the field of Population studies/Demography/Public Health in academic institutions/central and state governments/research and development organisations, who are unable to pursue the doctoral programme in full-time mode.
- ii) The applicants for part-time PhD programme shall be exempted from appearing for the online entrance test. They will be selected based on the written test/research proposal writing and personal interview conducted by the PhD Admission Committee of the Institute.
- iii) The part-time PhD students have to compulsorily undergo one semester course work as per UGC norms and complete.
- iv) No. of seats will be restricted to 2 in an academic year.
- v) In all other matters part-time PhD students will be governed by Institute's PhD rules.

**Agenda Item No. 8: To discuss the guidelines for Students' Research Ethics Committee (SREC)**

The Institute has formed a Students' Research Ethics Committee and requires every M.Phil and PhD proposal to get clearance for primary data collection. It was observed in the BOSR meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2019 that some health research proposal uses biomarker tools with impact on respondents which may require clearance from SREC, others are simply social science research regularly done in most of the universities of India for the award of M.Phil and PhD Degrees without any such procedure in place.

The BOSR was of the view that any research at M.Phil and PhD level with primary data collection may be sent to the SREC. It also highlighted the role of Advisory Committee in such matter.

The members of AC further discussed the matter at length and suggested that the SREC should look into the consent form and any ethical issues which the candidate has to take care during the primary data collection. Advisory committee may look into suggestions given by SREC if required consistent with the objectives and methodology of the research work. In case of any impasse, it is the responsibility of the Advisory Committee to ensure that the ethical considerations are met, and allow the student to begin the field work and data collection.



**Agenda Item No. 9: To discuss the introduction of elective papers/revisions of existing papers in various academic programmes**

It is suggested that the syllabi of each Master programme as well as M.Phil programme should be updated in all respects including the reading list. The copy of syllabi should be available in printed form for distribution among students. The syllabi of MA/MSc programme has already been printed. However, syllabi for MPS and MBD are not printed as yet. The co-ordinators of the respective programmes are required to make available the printed copies of syllabi at the earliest.

Syllabi of a course named "Advanced Research Methodology" for M.Phil was discussed and approved with a suggestion to include research ethics in the course. Another course which was discussed and approved was on "Forced Migration and Refugee Studies" as an elective paper for MPS/MA/MSc and MBD Programmes. It is also suggested that teacher of the course should provide essential and suggested reading lists not more than 10 references for each list.

**Agenda Item No. 10: To discuss and suggest changes in the structure of MA/MSc programme**

This agenda was put up to seek opinion and suggestions from the AC members about how to improve the relevance of the existing MA/MSc programme in Population Studies. There was a suggestion that for students to get good academic and research positions it is necessary to have an inter-disciplinary orientation of the course as well as its content. For example, MA in Population and Sustainable Development; MA in Demography and Social Development; MA in Migration and Urban Development; MA in Population and Data Analytics are some of the suggestions for new courses.

The existing programme of MA/MSc may also introduce elective specialized streams consisting of few papers in the above mentioned areas. It was stressed that fourth semester should be specialized both in theories and methods related to a specialized field. The AC suggested to form a committee within the Institute to work out the area of specialization and the structure.

**Agenda Item No. 11: To Review the progress of PhD students**

The PhD Co-ordinator Prof T.V. Sekhar briefed the functioning of the PhD programme and issues related to it. It is pointed out that there are several students who have not submitted the progress report on time and also defaulting in paying fees on time. The Research Co-ordinator informed that the matter was also discussed in AC meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 and decided that if a PhD student did not submit the progress report for two semesters consecutively and also had not paid the tuition fees, in such cases their registration is liable to be cancelled.



The AC advised the concerned officials to implement this sincerely and report to the Director at every six months for necessary action.

**Agenda Item No. 12: Any other matter with permission from Chair**


- i) Prof R. Nagrajan raised some anomalies in the existing eligibility criteria for the admission to MA/MSc in Population Studies. After discussion the AC amended the admission criteria as follows:

“Candidates with Bachelor’s degree from a recognised University in India or abroad in any stream with a minimum of 55 % marks (50 % for reserved candidates) of aggregate marks/equivalent grade in all subjects will be eligible for admission”.

- ii) As reported to the AC, the LIC proposed to give three awards (each of Rs 25,000) to the research scholars of IIPS. AC suggested to offer two awards to the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> best awarded PhD thesis and one award for the best M.Phil thesis every year.
- iii) Prof K.C. Das raised the issue of award in the name of late Professor Sekher Mukherji. It is clarified that Dr (Mrs) Mukherji requested for the award for the best seminar paper with a donation corpus of one lakh rupees. The matter was discussed in last AC meeting and decided that the proposal of separating seminar papers on migration from different academic programmes will be difficult to be implemented. The award was recommended for the internship programme. Director reported that the decision was conveyed to Dr (Mrs) Mukherji, but no response was received from her.

The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair

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(Prof R.B. Bhagat)  
Member Secretary  
Academic Council



Sd/  
(Prof. K.S. James)  
Chairman, Academic Council