

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES AND RESEARCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION SCIENCES HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2020**

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A Meeting of the Board of Studies and Research was held online on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 11.30 AM chaired by Prof K.S. James, Director and Senior Professor, IIPS. All members joined the virtual meeting. At the outset, the chairman extended warm welcome to all members and external experts to the meeting of Board of Studies and Research (BOSR).

Prof. R.B.Bhagat, Research Co-ordinator presented the agenda of the meeting.

- 1. AGENDA 1: To confirm minutes of the meeting of Board of Studies and Research held on October 11, 2019.**

The members confirmed the minutes of the meeting of BOSR held on October 11, 2019.

- 2. AGENDA 2: The revision of course structure of MA/MSc Programme with specialization**

Director & Sr. Professor has constituted a committee to revise the course structure of MA/MSc programme. The committee suggested three specialization such as (a) Survey Research and Data Analytics, (b) Public Health, and (c) Population Geography. The report of the committee was placed for the consideration of BOSR. 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 opportunity at university and college levels. The recommendations of the committee were on the whole appreciated by BOSR members with few suggestions. For example, the recommendations must align with the UGC syllabus on Population Studies. The credit of the courses should be either of 2 or 4 credits. The specialization of Survey Research and Data Science should also include some of aspects of social theories and issues. It is also suggested that the specialization of Population Geography should be renamed as 'Population and Settlement Geography' to widen its scope. The BOSR recommended that the recommendations be placed before Academic Council for final approval.

- 3. AGENDA 3: 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 after Master's Degree. The BOSR discussed on continuation of MPhil program at IIPS from 2021-22 Academic Year.

It is decided to discontinue M.Phil Programme from 2021-22. The external experts suggested to strengthen the Pre-PhD programme extending it from presently imparted for one semester 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 is also suggested to constitute a committee to look into issues for improving the Ph.D. programme.

- 4. AGENDA 4: Ph.D Re-Registration Fee Schedule**

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

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
<b>Refundable Fee</b>	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
<b>TOTAL – A</b>	<b>32450.00</b>	<b>9185.00</b>	<b>11000.00</b>	<b>8965.00</b>
<b>B) OTHER FEES</b>				
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				

Prof. R. Nagarajan presented Ph.D. Re-Registration Fee Schedule as proposed by Academic Section. The Ph.D. Co-coordinator clarified that re-registration may be allowed after maximum duration of 6 years for general students and 7 years for women and PwD (Persons with Disability). The maximum duration of re-registration period should be two years on the recommendation of Advisory Committee with 6 months duration at a time. The BOSR recommended to place the matter to Academic Council for further approval.

#### 5. AGENDA 5: Part-time Ph.D Fee Structure

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. Accordingly, the fee structure for the Part-time Ph.D programme is placed here for the consideration of BOSR/AC.

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.)
<b>Non Refundable</b>		
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
<b>Refundable Fee</b>		
1. Library Deposit	3850.00	3850.00
2. Mess Deposit	4400.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL A</b>	<b>32450.00</b>	<b>26,950.00</b>
<b>B) OTHER FEES</b>		
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 BOSR recommended the fee structure to be placed in the Academic Council. It was observed that fee for foreign students are very high in the Institute. The BOSR suggested to look into the matter keeping in view students from SAARC countries and place the revised fee structure in Academic Council for its consideration and approval.

**6. AGENDA 6: Reporting of following matters regarding measures adopted during the Covid-19 period for the academic programmes of IIPS:**

- (i) Final Semester examinations for the Academic Year 2019-2020
- (ii) Admissions for the Academic Year 2020-2021
- (iii) Online classes for the Academic Year 2020-2021
- (iv) First Semester examinations for the Academic Year 2020-2021

The BOSR was briefed by Prof. R. Nagarajan, In-charge of Examination and Academic Section on the above issues. He informed that the Institute has followed the guidelines issued by the UGC from time to time regarding online classes and conducting examination. In this light Institute has

taken decisions after holding meeting with faculty. It is suggested to place the decisions before Academic Council for its information.

**7. AGENDA 7: To review the progress of internally and externally funded research projects of the Institute.**

The progress of eight internally funded projects was reported to the BOSR. It is observed that there is a delay in completion of some of the projects. Reason for the delay is either lack of suitable staff available or there is an attrition of project staff. Covid 19 and lockdown also led to delay in the projects. The project co-ordinators may ensure that projects are not delayed further. It was also suggested that while reporting the progress or completion of projects, the project co-ordinators may also intimate if any 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 should get their budget approved routed through project 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 Quinquennial 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. Lhungdim, 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 SarangPedagaonkar	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. Lhungdim, 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)	Sayeed 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
14.	Reproductive Health Indicators for Selected Districts from NFHS – 4	K.S. James and M. Alagarajan	October 2019		WHO, New Delhi
15.	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

## 8. AGENDA 8: Approval of New Projects

The following New Projects were presented and discussed in BOSR Meeting

No.	Title	Co-ordinators	Discussion/Remarks
1	Access to Utilization of the RCH Services During Covid19 Pandemic: A Multi-Center Study	Prof.Usha Ram and Dr.Manas R. 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 Quienquennial Age-Group and Sex from 2021 to 2031 in	Prof MurliDhar Co-PI: Dr. AtulBudukh, Professor	The research project aims to project cancer incidence at district level by age-

	Maharashtra	Epidemiology, Centre for Cancer Epidemiology, Tata Memorial Centre, Navi Mumbai	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.	Unprecedented Occupational Hazard Faced by the Population Associated with Unorganized Sector due to Covid-19 Pandemic: An Assessment of Coping Mechanism in Mumbai Metropolitan and nearby cities/towns	Dr.DhananjayBansod and Mr.PrakshFulpagare	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.
4.	Estimation of Child Mortality and Immunization Coverage at District Level in India: An Application of Small Areas Estimation Techniques	Prof. K.S. James Dr. L.K. Dwivedi Dr.Hukum Chandra, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI), New Delhi.	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.

#### 9. AGENDA 9: EMS and Distance Education related matter.

The following matter was discussed and considered by BOSR

NO.	Items	Existing	Proposed	Decision
i)	Existing Eligibility criteria for admission:	Admission to this course is open to all those with a Bachelor's degree in any social science subject/Health/Maths/Stats or any similar degree recognized	The EMS & DE Department proposes to make this course open to all the graduate	The members of BOSR raised the concern of quality. It was also pointed out



		<p>by Indian/Foreign universities with 50 percentage marks for general candidates and 45 percentage marks for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC and PWD category. Candidates having master's degree and also those who are having work experience will be given due weightage. The cut off percentage can further be reduced by the admission committee for candidates with any additional qualifications. Reservation criteria will be followed as per the Government of India norms.</p>	<p>candidate qualified from recognized University/Institution irrespective any percentage of marks or overall grade points. The purpose of relaxing the percentage of marks or grade is to give a chance to maximum number of students as well as to popularize the subject both within and outside the country.</p> <p>The Department also proposed to enhance intake capacity to 150 per year instead of existing intake of 100 students.</p>	<p>that each student has to write and present a term paper, in the event of relaxing criteria of admission, some of the students may not be able to cope up and quality may decline. Changes were not approved.</p>
ii)	<p>Due to non-availability NAAC Accreditation and/or National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranking for the Institute, the Department of EMS &amp; DE cannot apply for the recognition of MA (Population Studies) course to the UGC both through online and offline procedures for the academic year 2020-2021. In view of this whether admission for the year 2021-22 should continue or not?</p>		<p>It is proposed that BOSR may allow to continue the already admitted ongoing batches of MA/MPS distance courses.</p> <p>However, the admission for the year 2021-22 may be stopped temporarily until NAAC accreditation is completed.</p>	<p>Proposed consideration is accepted.</p>

**10. AGENDA 10: Progress of IIPS on NAAC Accreditation:**

It is reported that IIPS has decided to go for NAAC Accreditation. The committees have been formed to prepare indicators. The Institute will apply at the earliest.

**11. AGENDA 11: Any other item with the permission of the Chair**

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair



**(Prof. K.S. James)**  
Director & Sr. Professor



**(Prof. R.B. Bhagat)**  
Member-Secretary