

A meeting of IIPS-IRB was held on **09th January 2026, from 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M.** in hybrid mode under the chairmanship of Prof. D. P. Singh. Five members were present in person, while rest of the members joined online.

The committee discussed the ethical issues of two research proposals.

S. No.	Name of the project	Principal Investigator	Presentation Time	Discussion Time
1	Morbidity and Mortality among Municipal Sanitation Workers in India: A Study of Metropolitan Cities	Dr. Pradeep S. Salve, Assistant Professor, Department of Population and Development, IIPS	11:30 A.M. to 12:10 P.M.	12:10 P.M. to 12:45 P.M.
2	Study on Role of selected Public Health Care Programmes for NCDs on promoting health and wellbeing of elderly population in Kerala	Dr. Sajini B. Nair, Social Scientist, PRC, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram	12:45 P.M. to 01:15 P.M.	01:15 P.M. to 02:00 P.M.

Project 1:

“Morbidity and Mortality among Municipal Sanitation Workers in India: A Study of Metropolitan Cities”

The proposal was presented by Dr. Pradeep S. Salve. The main objectives of the project are: To understand the morbidity among sanitation workers as compared to the comparison group; To assess the mortality (causes of death) of sanitation workers during service years; To understand the coping mechanisms of households of deceased sanitation workers.

Project 2:

“Study on Role of selected Public Health Care Programmes for NCDs on promoting health and wellbeing of elderly population in Kerala”

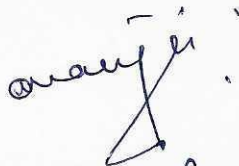
The proposal was presented by Dr. Sajini B. Nair. The main objectives are: To understand the existing health care intervention programmes addressing the health and wellbeing of elderly in Kerala with specific focus on programmes on NCDs; To examine the coverage of selected health care intervention programmes in order to have a broader understanding of the implementation of the programmes for management of the selected disease conditions (using secondary data sources); To examine the role of selected health care intervention programmes in promoting health, economic and social wellbeing of elderly in the patient perspective.

The IRB members provided comments on both the proposals. The Principal Investigators were advised to resubmit the revised proposals along with the requisite supporting documents for further review by the IRB. Other issues discussed during the meeting included the application for DHR renewal certification, ethics training and certification of IRB members, audit of field projects by IRB members and discussion on display of minute in the web page. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks. The next IRB meeting is expected to be held in April / May 2026. The detailed minutes were approved by all IRB members, and it was decided not to upload the minute to maintain confidentiality. (e-office file - 82/3/2025-IRB CELL - IIPS IRB Meeting Minutes).

Dr. D. P. Singh -



Dr. Aparajita Chattopadhyay -



Dr. Archana K. Roy -



Attendees:

IRB Members

S. No.	Name of the official	IRB Committee
1	Dr. D. P. Singh	Chairperson
2	Dr. Aparajita Chattopadhyay	Convener
3	Dr. Archana K. Roy	Member
4	Dr. Shireen J. Jejeebhoy	Member
5	Dr. Gajanan D. Velhal	Member
6	Dr. Lalita S. Savardekar	Member
7	Ms. Sushmita Das	Member
8	Dr. M. Sivakami	Member
9	Dr. Deepak Raut	Member
10	Adv. Ashwin C. Thool	Member