

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION SCIENCES HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2024.**

The meeting of the Board of Studies of IIPS was held on December 16, 2024 at 10.30 AM in Seminar Hall, IIPS. The meeting was chaired by Prof. H. Lhungdim, Director(Additional Charge), IIPS. At the outset, the chairman 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. H. Lhungdim (Director, 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 May 08, 2024.**

The members confirmed and approved the minutes of the meeting of BOS held on May 08, 2024.

**Agenda Item No.2: Action taken on the minutes of Board of Studies meeting held on May 08, 2024.**

Action taken were noted.

**Agenda Item No.3 To discuss & recommend the internship policy for Post Graduate Programmes.**

The Director (Additional charge) has constituted a committee for formulate the guideline for evaluation process of internship for Post Graduate Programme.

Prof. Nandita Saikia, Chairperson of the committee, made a presentation on revised Internship policy for PG programme. The committee has recommended six to eight weeks internship during the summer vacation . In addition, the committee also recommended internship for outside students.

It was suggested that as the internship is non-credit component 'satisfactory' or 'unsatisfactory' will be indicated instead of excellent, very good etc. and this will not be counted for the computation of SGPA/CGPA. It was also stated that without internship certificate student will not allowed to enrol for third semester. The entire internship process will look after by the Placement Cell. In case of outside students for internship at IIPS, The Institute will ensure the faculty wise vacancy & all other facilities such as hostel etc before announcement.

The revised proposal to be placed before the Academic Council.

**Agenda Item No.4 To discuss and consider the courses structure of Master's degree programmes in line with NEP -2020.**

The BOS was briefed by the Prof. T.V. Sekhar ,Chairperson regarding the background of the revision of master degree courses in line with NEP-2020.

AR (Acad), presented in detailed the different entry & exit option of different master degree courses in line with the National Credit frame work. In addition ,it was informed that the Institute will be awarded post graduate diploma for those who exit after first year of two years degree programme.

Course coordinators have made brief presentation on the revised two year PG course structures namely MA/M.Sc,MBD,MSD. Also presented the semester wise credit distribution along with research components in fourth semester . IKS, value added course and non credit internship are included in revised course structure as per NEP guideline. The new course structures will be implemented from the academic year 2025-26.

Chairperson has suggested to maintain the uniformity among the courses and revised the credit distribution as suggested by the members and also advised to constitute a committee for IKS syllabus.

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

**Agenda Item No.5      To discuss and consider the Ph.D. eligibility criteria in line with UGC –NET guideline & other Ph.D. related activities.**

As per the UGC , The revised Ph.D admission guideline was presented for the admission 2025-26 onwards .It was also informed that UGC-NET is mandatory for admission to Ph.D programme at IIPS. The NET score will be considered for admission to Ph.D. programme in place of entrance test conducted by IIPS. Therefore, the Institute will not conduct any entrance test for Ph.D. programme from academic session 2025-2026 onwards. However, interview will be conducted by the Institute as per UGC guidelines.

In addition to the above , supervisor change rules, fellowship monitoring process and Ph.D time line were presented .It was suggested to conduct Ph.D. viva-voce through online /offline mode as per the recommendation of Chairman ,Academic Council.

The BoS recommended to put up the same in the forthcoming Academic Council for approval.

**Agenda Item No. 6      To report and discuss about the progress of NEP-2020.**

The BoS noted the progress of NEP-2020 and recommended the same to be placed before the Academic council.

**Agenda Item No. 7      To discuss about the Master of Population Studies (MPS) course..**

The BoS noted that the one year MPS course is discontinued for the Academic Year 2024-25 as per MoHFW letter A-40018/01/2024-Stats dated 01-02-2024 and also informed that a fresh proposal was forwarded to MoHFW for further review. Due to the above reason, The MPS course will not advertise till the confirmation receive from MoHFW/UGC in this regards.

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

**Agenda Item No. 8      To report the matters regarding current academic activities.**

Assistant Registrar (Academic) has reported the current academic activities of the institute as below;

- All the academic activities of the current academic year are going as per the scheduled.
- In the current Academic Year 2024-2025, The Institute has started a new master degree programme namely Master of Science in Survey Research and Data Analytics.
- In case of Ph.D.,more than ten Ph.D. students have completed their viva voce examination till date. 34 scholars have upgraded from JRF to SRF. 38 scholars have presented their proposal. 24 no.of students presented their synopsis.
- 39 no. of students enrolled in Master of Arts in Population Studies though distance mode in the July-August session.
- A Core Admission Committee, PG, Ph.D. & PDF Admission Committee's has been constituted separately for the admission to the Academic Year 2025-2026.
- PDF admission process for the academic year 2024-25 is under process.

The BoS recommended to put up the same in the forthcoming Academic Council for Consideration.

## Agenda Item No. 9      New project Proposals.

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

### (Internally Funded)

Sr No	Name of Project	Co-ordinators	Remarks
1	Assessment and projection of annual cancer incidence at district level by quinquennial age group and sex from 2026 to 2036 in Punjab, India	Dr.Murali Dhar, Dr.Atul Budukh	Prof.Murali Dhar made presentation of the project proposal. The suggestions and opinions raised by the members were noted. Recommended to be placed before Academic council.
2	Morbidity and Mortality among Municipal Sanitation Workers in India: A Study of Six Metropolitan Cities	Dr. Pradeep Salve Prof. Dhananjay W Bansod	Dr.Pradeep Salve presentation of the project proposal. The suggestions and opinions raised by the members were noted. Recommended to be placed before Academic council.
3	Role of Family Structure in use of Family Planning and Child Health in India	Dr. D.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 .
4	Population Forecasting Using Machine Learning Approach	Dr.Preeti Dhillon Dr.Guru Vasishtha	Dr.Preeti Dhillon made presentation of the project proposal. The suggestions and opinions raised by the members were noted. Recommended to be placed before Academic council.
5	Urban Population Projection for India (2011-2041)	Dr. K. C. Das, Dr. Archana K. Roy, Dr. Reshmi R. S Dr. Kunal Keshri	Dr.Reshmi R S made presentation of the project proposal. The suggestions and opinions raised by the members were noted. Recommended to be placed before Academic council .
6	Medical Method of Abortion: A study of pharmacists and community health workers in Odisha	Dr.Chander Shekhar Dr.Harihar Sahoo	Dr.Harihar Sahoo made presentation of the project proposal. The suggestions and opinions raised by the members were noted. Recommended to be placed before Academic council. .
7	Maternal Health Outcomes of Occupational Tobacco Exposure in Female Beedi Workers: Evidence from Murshidabad, West Bengal	Dr.D.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..

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

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

1. Prof Archana k Roy informed the BoS about the revised IRB Application form ,IRB-SoP etc. are already unloaded on the website of the Institute.
2. Core Admission committee has informed that the Institute is going to participate in CUET 2025-26 for three master degree courses. In addition ,The following paper will consider for admission to IIPS.

Sl.No	Programme	Test Paper	Remarks
1	MA/M.Sc in Population Studies	General (COQP11)	After review the CUET -PG - 2024,the test paper has been finalized. However, Test paper code or Test Paper will be finalised only after live the portal of CUET (PG) -2025 by Core Admission Committee.
2	Master of Science in Biostatistics & Demography	Statistics (SCQP27)	
3	Master of Science in Survey Research & Data Analytics	Statistics (SCQP27)	

3. One of the M.A/M.Sc student Mr.Kalamkar Sachin Kashinath had temporary withdrawn from the AY 2023-24 & re-joined III semester in current academic year (24-25) as per provision of Examination Manual. As he has covered old (I & II) & new syllabus (III & IV) .Therefore ,total credit for entire course will be 84.The BoS has approve the 84 credit course for Mr.Kalamkar Sachin Kashinath .

Prof. K.C.Das

Member Secretary, Board of Studies.

Prof. H. Lungdim  
Director (Additional Charge)  
Chairperson, Board of Studies



## Annexure-I

### List of Members Attended the Meeting

1	Prof. Hemkothang Lhungdim, Director (Additional Charge)	Chairperson	Attended
2	Prof. Kailash Chandra Das, HoD, Department of Migration & Urban Studies	Member Secretary	Attended
3	Dr. T.V. Sekher, Department of Family & Generations	Invitee	Attended
4	Prof. Chander Shekhar, HoD, Department of Fertility & Social Demography	Member	Absent
5	Prof. R. Nagarajan, HoD, Department of Population & Development.	Member	Attended
6	Prof. Abhishek Singh, HoD, Department of Public Health and Mortality Studies	Member	Attended
7	Prof. Murali Dhar, HoD, Department of Bio-Statistics and Epidemiology	Member	Attended
8	Prof. Archana K. Roy, Department of Migration and Urban Studies	Member	Attended
9	Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, HoD, Department of Survey Research and Data Analytics	Member	Attended
10	Prof. Nandita Saikia, Head, CDOE	Invitee	Attended
11	Prof. M. Sivakami, TISS, Mumbai.	External Member	Absent
12	Prof. T.S. Syamala, ISEC, Bengaluru	External Member	Attended
13	Dr. Harihar Sahoo, Associate Professor, HOD, Department of Family and Generations	Member	Attended
14	Dr. Sunil Sarode, Associate Professor	Member	Attended
15	Dr. Sarang P. Pedgaonkar, Assistant Professor	Member	Attended
16	Shri Sudarshan Bhadra, Assistant Registrar (Academic)	Invitee	Attended