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4. **Present affiliation (Job title, department, and organization):** Director, Monitoring Evaluation and Research, Society for Nutrition, Education and Health Action (SNEHA)
5. **Affiliation with host institute:** Yes/No No

6. **Qualification (starting from basic, add additional rows if needed):**

COURSES/SUBJECT	INSTITUTE/ORGANIZATION	YEAR
B.A. Psychology	Patna Women's College, Patna University	1991
M.A. Psychology	Patna University	1994
Research Methodology	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai	2006
Post Graduate Diploma in Epidemiology	Public Health Foundation of India, New Delhi	2014

7. **Previous and other affiliations (add additional rows if needed):**

AFFILIATION	DESIGNATION	DURATION
Society for Nutrition, Education & Health Action (SNEHA)	Director (Monitoring, Evaluation and Research)	Since 2024
Society for Nutrition, Education & Health Action (SNEHA)	Associate Program Director	2006-2024

8. **Role in proposed Ethics Committee (also add dual Role if any):** Member

9. **Suitability of the member in the assigned role, Elaborate (less than 100 words):** As a member of the ethics committee, I offer a strong background in monitoring, evaluation, and field-based research in the public health domain, with a focus on health, nutrition, and gender. My extensive experience of 20+ years in this field has deepened my understanding of the ethical considerations in research studies, ensuring that they are conducted in full compliance with ethical guidelines. Furthermore, my own research work has enhanced my ability to critically evaluate the balance between advancing scientific knowledge and safeguarding vulnerable populations, making me well-equipped to uphold ethical standards and promote responsible research practices.

10. **Previous EC experience: YES/NO, if yes add role/ duration with name of EC: (previous EC experience is mandatory for the Chairperson):** No

NAME OF ETHICS COMMITTEE	DESIGNATION/ ROLE	DURATION	
		FROM	TO
NA			

11. **Relevant research training/experience in the area*:(add additional rows if needed):**

NAME OF ETHICS COURSE/ TRAINING	ORGANIZED BY	DATE	DURATION OF TIMING	ATTACH AGENDA/ TOPICS COVERED
NA				

12. Relevant publications (any 5) and additional information (if any):

- Das, S., Patil, S., Pathak, S., Chakravarthy, S., Fernandez, A., Pantvaidya, S., & Jayaraman, A. (2023). Emergency obstetric referrals in public health facilities: A descriptive study from urban Maharashtra, India. *Frontiers in Health Services*, 3, 1168277. <https://doi.org/10.3389/frhs.2023.1168277>
- Bahuguna, M., Das, S., Shende, S., Manjrekar, S., Pantvaidya, S., Fernandez, A., & Jayaraman, A. (2023). To use or not to use: Exploring factors influencing the uptake of modern contraceptives in urban informal settlements of Mumbai. *PLOS Global Public Health*, 3(3). <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgph.0000634>
- Ramani, S., Bahuguna, M., Tiwari, A., Shende, S., Waingankar, A., Sridhar, R., Sheikh, N., Das, S. et al. (2022). Corona was scary, lockdown was worse: A mixed-methods study of community perceptions on COVID-19 from urban informal settlements of Mumbai. *PLOS ONE*, 17(5). <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0268133>
- Das, S., Hall, J., Barrett, G., Osrin, D., Kapadia, S., & Jayaraman, A. (2021). Evaluation of the Hindi version of the London Measure of Unplanned Pregnancy among pregnant and postnatal women in urban India. *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*, 21(1), 1-2. 021) 21:602 <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12884-021-04075-y>
- Ramani, S., Shaikh, N., Das, S., Pantvaidya, S., Fernandez, A., & Jayaraman, A. (2019). "Everybody breastfeeds if they have milk": Factors that shape exclusive breastfeeding practices in informal settlements of Mumbai, India. *International Breastfeeding Journal*, 14(1), 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13006-019-0204-2>

Signature:



Date: 18/09/2024

*** Details must primarily include training in ICMR National Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical and Health Research Involving Human Participants, 2017, GCP Guidelines (if applicable), New Drugs and Clinical Trials (NDCT) Rules, 2019, EC Functions & SOPs and relevant regulations of the country.**