

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES OF
THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION SCIENCES HELD ON APRIL 08, 2025.**

The meeting of the Board of Studies of IIPS was held on April 08, 2025 at 10.30 AM in Seminar Hall, IIPS. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Dewaram A. Nagdeve, Director and Sr. Professor (Additional Charge), IIPS. At the outset, the chairperson 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. Dewaram A. Nagdeve, Director and Sr. Professor (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 December 16, 2024.**

The members confirmed and approved the minutes of the meeting of BoS held on December 16, 2025.

Agenda Item No.2: **Action taken on the minutes of Board of Studies meeting held on December 16, 2024..**

Action taken were noted.

Agenda Item No.3 **To discuss & recommend the revised syllabus of all PG programme including MA (distance education).**

The BoS was briefed by the Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay, Chairperson regarding the background of the revision of syllabus for master degree courses in line with NEP-2020.

Course coordinators have made brief presentation on the revised two year PG course syllabus namely MA/M.Sc, MBD, MSD & MA (distance education). 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 syllabus as per NEP guideline. The revised syllabus 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 submit IKS syllabus at earliest.

In addition to above, Prof.L.K.Dwivedi, MSD coordinator has proposed for the additional requirement of four faculty members for the teaching of M.Sc in Survey Research and Data Analytics programme.

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

Agenda Item No.4 **To discuss and consider the various academic activities of Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Survey Research & Data Analytics .**

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

Evaluation of Dissertation: The Director & Senior Professor appoints an evaluation committee for dissertation consisting of three members from among the faculty of IIPS. First, the committee members independently assess the 'oral presentation and defence' of the student and submit their grade to the Controller of Examinations. Second, the committee members independently evaluate the content of the 'final dissertation' submitted by the student and submit their grades to the Controller of Examinations. To

arrive the final dissertation grade, the average of overall grades of Guide, Presentation & Defence, and Content is considered.

Dissertation: Weightage for evaluation of dissertation: Guide 0.25; Presentation & Defence 0.25; and Content 0.50

Viva voce: Director & Senior Professor constitutes a committee comprising of one external examiner and three/four internal examiners for the viva-voce. The three/four internal examiners shall comprise of one senior professor (Chairperson), one/two faculty members and one programme co-ordinator. The committee members independently evaluate the performance of the students in the viva-voce and assign their grades. To arrive the final viva-voce grade, the average of the evaluation of the members is considered.

Agenda Item No.5

To discuss and Introduce IIPS Gold & Silver Medal and IIPS Award for Best Dissertation in Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Survey Research & Data Analytics.

In case of **Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Survey Research & Data Analytics**, the BoS recommended the following suggestions to be placed before the Academic council.

- First rank is decided on the basis of student securing highest Combined Grade Point Average (CGPA) and will be awarded IIPS Gold Medal likewise second rank is decided on the basis of student securing the second highest CGPA and will be awarded IIPS Silver Medal. Other terms and conditions as per the examination manual .

In case of best dissertation award, the following points are proposed: -

- Introduce new award for second year students namely i) IIPS Award for Best Dissertation in Master of Science in Survey Research & Data Analytics from the Academic Year 2025-26 onwards.
- Three external member committee will evaluate the Best Dissertation Awards from the top five ranks (based on the combined score of content , presentation & defence) dissertations .
- The Award will be announced & distributed in the Convocation of the Institute.
- The Award will consists of Gold Medal & Certificate.

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

Agenda Item No. 6

To report about the Value Added Courses.

The BoS noted the progress of value added courses and recommended the same to be placed before the Academic council.

Agenda Item No. 7

To discuss about the examination manual.

Board of Studies discussed and recommended the amendment in the examination manual.

Existing Rule	Amendment recommended by BoS
Amended: Rule 9 (m): For four & three credit papers, appearing in two internal assessment out of three internal	Amended: Rule 9 (m): For four & three credit papers, appearing in two internal assessment out of three

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assessment in each paper is compulsory for the students, failing which he/she will not eligible to write semester- end examination of that paper.	internal assessment in each paper is compulsory for the students. Further, if a student fails to appear one assignment out of two, then average of two assignment (i.e, actual grade obtained in first assignment plus Zero (Absent)) will be consider for the calculation of the final assignment grade.
41. Number of attempts in each paper A student shall be eligible for a maximum three attempts for each paper to clear the semester end examination, i.e., the main examination, and second and third time as re-examination of backlog papers. Under any circumstances the student shall not be eligible to sit in the semester end examination in a paper more than three times. Students shall appear for backlog papers in the next immediate/subsequent semester.	41. Re-examination If a students fails to appear in the semester end examination for any reason or failed, need to submit application for re-examination in a given format. A student shall be eligible for a maximum three attempts for each paper to clear the semester end examination, i.e., the main examination, and second and third time as re-examination of backlog papers. Under any circumstances the student shall not be eligible to sit in the semester end examination in a paper more than three times. Students shall appear for re-examination or backlog papers in the next immediate / subsequent semester.
35. Review, revaluation and performance improvement Performance Improvement (e) In performance improvement examination, student shall get only one chance to appear for improvement <u>in the immediate succeeding semester.</u> (f) A student shall be allowed to apply for performance improvement of one paper in each semester in Semester I, II & III for MA-MSc. & MBD students and Semester I for MPS Students, <u>wherein the candidate would have to appear for the examination in the semester when the same paper is offered in next academic year.</u>	35. Review, revaluation and performance improvement Performance Improvement (e) In performance improvement examination, student shall get only one chance to appear for improvement examination in the next immediate / subsequent semester. (f) A student shall be allowed to apply for performance improvement of one paper in each semester in Semester I, II & III for MA-MSc. MBD & MSD students, wherein the candidate would have to appear for the examination in the next immediate / subsequent semester. The provision of performance improvement examination is not applicable for the last semester of the concerned programmes. Student needs to submit the application for improvement examination in given format. Once the degree is awarded this provision is not applicable for any awardees. As another set of question paper will be used to conduct the examination, a student who is appearing for performance improvement examination, Further he/she will not be considered for any medal/award in the convocation.

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

Agenda Item No. 8 To discuss about the Ph.D. students regarding pending activities.

Sr. No.	Student Details	Recommendation of the Board of Studies
1.	a) Name: Mr. Suhas Sampatrao Sutar b) Registration No.: IIPS/Ph.D./2019-20/30 c) Date of Joining: 03-09-2019 d) Guide : Prof. Murali Dhar	BoS recommended to give one month notice for compliance of the pending documents/fees, failing which the student is required to return the entire fellowship amount as per the bond executed by the student at the time of admission and Ph.D registration will be cancelled. The same also informed to the student.

2.	a) Name: Mr. Ramanathan Balakrishnan b) Registration No.: IIPS/Ph.D.-PT/2021-22/22 c) Date of Joining: 06-09-2021 d) Guide : Prof. T.V. Sekher	Looking into the non-availability of Ph.D. progress reports and fees ,the BoS has recommended to cancel Ph.D. (Part-Time) registration.
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Furthermore, BoS recommended those who have not presented their Ph.D. Synopsis within 54 months are required to issue a notice to present their synopsis at the earliest.

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 .

Sr. No.	Project Name	Coordinators	Recommendation
1	Towards Incubation of Indian Climate Health Data Base for Predicting Demographic and Health Outcomes in India	Dr.Srinivas Goli, Dr.T.R. Dilip	Dr.Srinivas Goli made presentation of the project proposal. The suggestions and opinions raised by the members were noted. Recommended to be placed before Academic council.
2	Demographic and Social Perspective of Suicide Deaths in India	Dr Suryakant Yadav, Dr Dilip T. R. Dr. Udaya S. Mishra	Dr.Suryakant Yadav made presentation of the project proposal. The suggestions and opinions raised by the members were noted. Recommended to be placed before Academic council.
3	Coverage, effectiveness and barriers of social health insurance in achieving universal health coverage during pre and post PMJAY period in India	Dr.Sanjay K Mohanty	Prof. S. K. Mohanty made presentation of the project proposal. The suggestions and opinions raised by the members were noted. Recommended to be placed before Academic council.
4	Intergenerational Transmission of NCD in India and its States and Their Gender Differential	Dr. Kunal Keshri Dr. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi	Dr.Kunal Keshri made presentation of the project proposal. The BoS recommended to submit revised proposal and place before Academic council.

Agenda Item No. 10 To report the matters regarding current academic activities.

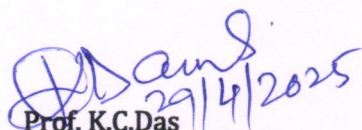
The Board of Studies noted the reporting items and recommended to be placed before the Academic Council.

Agenda Item No. 11 Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

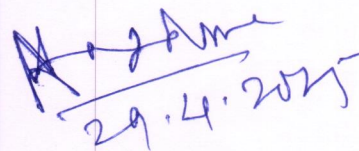
With the permission of the Chair, the following agenda were discussed:

1. According to the MSD Semester II (2024–2025) course structure ,the weightage of internship is two credits. MSD coordinator presented a proposal of internship evaluation for MSD semester II (Admitted batch 2024-25) students . The BoS noted the proposal and recommended to be place before the Academic Council.

2. IQAC coordinator suggested to collect & record awards of Ph.D students through digital mode at time of submission of half yearly progress report. Academic support cell will look into the execution of the work.
3. The revised eligibility criteria for the admission of International students were discussed. The BoS recommended the same to be placed before the academic council.
4. Based on the student's request regarding the resume of Ph.D. in Biostatistics and Demography, the matter was discussed and it was decided that Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi and Prof. Nandita Saikia will be prepared a proposal. The proposal will be presented in the faculty meeting and accordingly the same agenda will be discussed in BoS & AC.
5. The request from Ms. Ragini Mishra for re-registration in the Ph.D. program was discussed. It was reported to the BoS that her earlier request was not approved by the Academic Council due to the unsatisfactory Ph.D. work. The BoS decided to comply with Academic Council decision.
6. Regarding the MPS course, the Chairperson suggested to sending a reminder letter to the UGC under the intimation of MoHFW .
7. It was decided by BoS that fellowship of Semester IV students [MA-M.Sc. and MBD] will be released up to 30-04-2025 and the students will be allowed to stay in hostel up to the first week of May 2025. Accordingly, the academic section will inform to all the students regarding this decision.


Prof. K.C. Das

Member Secretary, Board of Studies.


29.4.2025

Prof. Dewaram A. Nagdeve
Director & Sr. Professor (Additional Charge)
Chairperson, Board of Studies

Annexure-I

List of Members Attended the Meeting

1	Prof. Dewaram A. Nagdeve, Director & Sr. Professor (Additional Charge)	Chairperson	Attended
2	Prof. Kailash Chandra Das, HoD, Department of Migration & Urban Studies	Member Secretary	Attended
3	Prof. Chander Shekhar, HoD, Department of Fertility & Social Demography	Member	Attended
4	Prof. R. Nagarajan, HoD, Department of Population & Development.	Member	Attended
5	Prof. Abhishek Singh, HoD, Department of Public Health and Mortality Studies	Member	Attended
6	Prof. Murali Dhar, HoD, Department of Bio-Statistics and Epidemiology	Member	Attended
7	Prof. Dhananjay W. Bansod, Controller of Examination	Invitee	Attended
8	Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, HoD, Department of Survey Research and Data Analytics	Member	Attended
9	Prof. Nandita Saikia, Head, CDOE	Invitee	Attended
10	Prof. Azizuddin Khan, IIT, Mumbai.	External Member	Online Attended
11	Prof. Kailas C. Thaware, GIPE. Pune	External Member	Attended
12	Dr. Harihar Sahoo, Associate Professor, HOD, Department of Family and Generations	Member	Attended
13	Dr. Sunil Sarode, Associate Professor	Member	Attended
14	Dr. Manas Ranjan Pradhan, Assistant Professor	Member	Attended
15	Shri Sudarshan Bhadra, Assistant Registrar (Acad.)	Invitee	Attended