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Minutes of the Meeting Governing Council, Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine (held online on 21/06/2025)

Governing Council (2025-26) meeting of IAPSM was held online under the Chairmanship of Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Bhardwaj, National President of IAPSM on 21st June 2025.

The meeting was attended by the following Governing Council members.

Dr. Annarao Kulkarni (Immediate Past President)
Dr. Atul Kotwal (President Elect)
Dr. SM Salim Khan - Vice President
Dr. Manish Kumar Singh (Secretary General)
Dr. Purushottam Giri (Immediate Past Secretary General)
Dr. B. Thirumala Rao (Joint Secretary)
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Dr. Vikas Kshirsagar (GC Member- South Central Zone)
Dr. Hemangini Shah (GC Member South Central Zone)
Dr. Sandip Gupta (GC Member- North Central Zone)
Dr. Anish Sinha (GC Member- West Zone)
Dr. Parag Chavada (GC Member- West Zone)
Dr. Sarit Sharma (GC Member -North Zone)
Dr. Anmol Gupta - (GC Member North Zone)
Dr. Malatesh Undi (GC Member- South Zone- 1)
Dr. GM Muhammad (GC Member- South Zone- 2)
Dr. Anaiappan Jaykumar (GC Member South Zone-2)
Dr. Rivu Basu (GC Member-East Zone)
Dr. Harshal Ramesh Salve -GC Member
Dr. Sanjeeb K Mishra (GC member- East Zone)

Dr. Pankaj Bhardwaj and Dr. Pracheth R had expressed their inability to attend the GC meeting.

The following agenda points were deliberated upon.

Agenda 1: Welcome address by President IAPSM- Dr. Manish Kumar Singh, thanked all GC members, and requested Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Bhardwaj to deliver the Welcome Address. Prof. (Dr.) Bhardwaj extended a warm welcome to all GC members. He appreciated and congratulated the previous Governing council members for their excellent contribution. He motivated the current GC members to contribute actively towards strengthening IAPSM. He requested Dr Manish Kumar Singh to start the proceedings of the meeting as per agenda.

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Agenda 2: Update on Developments till date with regards to handover of Accounts & Documents by Immediate Past Secretary General- Dr. Manish Kumar Singh updated that the passwords for official mail, member information system has been shared by Ex Treasurer - Dr Manish Rana. IAPSM Account has been transferred to Lucknow, the signatory has been changed, however the access to online banking system has not yet been transferred and is still pending. There have been multiple requests but the IAPSM document and other possessions are not yet handed over by Ex Secretary General- Dr Purushottam Giri . Dr. Singh, briefed that on being asked for the documents, he was told that all documents are with Ex Treasurer Dr. Manish Rana and he does not possess any documents of IAPSM. Dr. Manish Rana has assured that he is getting the list prepared and will courier all documents to IAPSM headquarter. President, Dr Ashok Bhardwaj asked Dr Giri to comment on the matter, but he did not reply. Dr Parag Chavda & Dr Anish Sinha were requested to talk to Ex- treasurer and expedite the handover of documents and online banking access.

Agenda 3: Approval of Minutes of Meeting GBM -11th April 2025- Meeting minutes of 52nd General Body Meeting (GBM) of Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine (IAPSM) held on 11th April 2025 was reviewed by members.

Dr Sandip Kumar, suggested that Agenda -2 needs to be reframed. It should be written as "Agenda 2. Regarding Permanent Headquarter of IAPSM at Sevagram, Wardha- It was unanimously rejected in the GBM. The current practice, as per IAPSM constitution of Secretariat being at the place of elected Secretary general be continued."

Agenda 4: Co-opting members for vacant posts of Governing Council & Editorial Board

The expression of Interest shown by esteemed members was discussed and the following names were unanimously approved against the vacant posts, giving better representation to states.

Editorial Board

• East Zone -Dr. Anku Moni Saikia, Assam

• South -2 Zone - Dr. Devraj, Kerala

• North Zone - Dr. Khan Amir Maroof, Delhi & Dr. Anshu Mittal, Haryana

Governing Council

• East Zone -Dr Sanjeev Kumar Mishra, Odisha

Agenda 5: Finalisation of Venue for Young Leaders Conclave 2025 –It was briefed by Secretary General that two proposals to host the Young Leaders Conclave 2025 have been received 1). IIPH Gandhinagar Campus. –by Dr Deepak Saxena, Director IIPHG & 2). Goa Medical College Bambolim Goa- by Dr Jagadish A Cacodcar, Professor HOD , Community Medicine. After elaborate discussion, all GC members unanimously decided to have the 6th IAPSM Young Leaders Conclave 2025 at Goa.

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Agenda 6: Constitutional Amendment Committee

As per the decision taken in the GBM. It was decided to constitute a Constitutional Amendment Committee to update the IAPSM constitution with recent amendments. Dr Harshal Salve brought to notice that a similar exercise was done in the term of previous GC, incorporating amendments from last 5 general body meeting into the current constitution. President Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Bhardwaj proposed the name of Prof. (Dr.) Atul Kotwal as Chairperson of the committee. It was unanimously approved.

The following names were suggested by GC members to be part of the committee- Dr Arun Kumar Yadav (Member Secretary), Prof. (Dr.) Najam Khaliq, Prof. (Dr.) Anil Purthy, Prof. (Dr.) Devi Madhavi, Dr Harshal Salve, Dr Animesh Jain, Dr Surya Bali, President & Secretary as Ex Officio members

Agenda 7: President Action Plan -2025-26

Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Bhardwaj, requested Dr Manish to present "The President Action Plan". All points had elaborate discussion and the "President Action Plan 2025-26" as follows was unanimously approved.

1. Zonal Post Graduate Capacity Building Workshop -Total Proposed Budget = 16x 18,000 = 2,88,00

4 Days Workshop (2 Days Basic for 1st Year PG & 2 Days Refresher/Advance for 2nd & 3rd Year PG). To be organised across Zones - 2 For each Zone. The states left out this year to be covered in subsequent year.

Total 16 Workshops to be conducted across 8 Zones (7 Existing Zones & 1 for North East & 1 for MP and Chhattisgarh). National IAPSM to provide the organisers an amount of Rs 18,000 per workshop. The standardised workshop agenda, PowerPoints, Study Material, Facilitator guide, participant feedback etc to be developed. Local resource faculty to be roped in to facilitate the course . A nominal registration fee to be charged by the organising college. Organising Medical College/ Institutions to make suitable economical accommodation for out station PG at their guest house/hostel.

2. IAPSM Research Grants for Young & Mid-Career Faculty (Assistant Professor & Associate Professor) - Total Proposed Budget - 2,70,000

Total 9 IAPSM Research Grants to be awarded - 1 for each Zone of Rs 30,000/- (7 Existing Zones & 1 for North East & 1 for MP and Chhattisgarh). Proposals to be invited on operational research/ Implementational Research on Topics of public health relevance. The proposals to be reviewed by a committee of experts.

3. Life Time Achievement Award - To honour our esteemed senior members with significant contributions towards strengthening our association and contribution

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towards our discipline - **1 per Zone - Total 8** (7 Existing Zones & 1 for North East & MP and Chhattisgarh)

Total Proposed Budget - 1,44,000 (8 x Rs 18,000)

An amount of Rs 18,000/- per Life Time Achievement Award to cover the travel cost to attend the conference. Other avenues to be explored to cover stay and registration.

Eligibility Criteria to be framed by the committee with Prof. (Dr.) Sarit Sharma as Chairman & Member Secretary - Sanjeeb Kumar Mishra, President & Secretary as Ex Officio Member, Other members to be added by Chairman.

4. Support for World Health Day Quiz 2025 - World Health Day Quiz is a regular event of IAPSM. Every year since its inception, we had participation of 300 plus medical colleges. Over the years there have been no support for the event, still our esteemed members have contributed to the event often bearing expenses on their own. Although it may not be possible to bear entire expenses. But the idea is to offer some financial support. State chapters can be requested to add to the amount from their side. The amount to be reimbursed to participating colleges via state chapter on sharing of requisite invoice.

Total Proposed Budget - Rs 4,00,000/- (Rs 800 per Organising College- Assuming participation of 500 colleges)

5. Observation of World Tuberculosis Day 2025 - Total Proposed Budget - Rs 1,00,000/-

To be used for award & prize money for Undergraduate Activities & PG Quiz

Agenda 8 -Awards - There was elaborate discussion on increasing the existing awards and to initiate new awards. Following awards were unanimously approved by the GC

1. President Appreciation Award [Young Faculty] - It was decided to have 2 for Each Zone (1 Faculty & 1 Non-Faculty). Total 16

2. IAPSM Upcoming Talent Award - 2 from each zone for significant contribution to the association and community (SR/JR) - Eligibility Criteria to be Framed

3. CREATE [Community-Based, Research oriented, Entrepreneurial and Innovative, Advance Good Health and Well-being, Transformative, Elevate] Award - It was introduced by Prof (Dr.) Ashok Bhardwaj that Dr. Ashish Joshi from Foundation of Healthcare Technologies Society (www.fhts.ac.in) has proposed to initiate CREATE Award - 4 Awards of Rs 10,000 each in collaboration with IAPSM for IAPSM members with worthy contribution in community based research, entrepreneurship, innovation towards advancing good health wellbeing and elevate health standards.

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Agenda 9 -MOU with ICMR & APCRI

Dr Manish briefed the GC regarding a MOU being worked out with ICMR for One Health. The project involves ICMR & the Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine (IAPSM) together working to catalyze awareness and capacity-building among medical institutions on "One Health" through a nation-wide initiative engaging medical students, PGs and faculty via academic and research-focused activities. Dr Pankaj Bhardwaj has volunteered to lead the initiative. There have been a meeting of President - Prof Ashok Bhardwaj, Secretary General & ICMR Team

He also briefed that there is an ongoing discussion with APCRI to have joint research grants on Rabies.

Agenda 10: Regarding advocacy with NMC on issues concerning the subject like Advocacy for DM seats with MD Community Medicine as a feeder eligibility criterion for DM in Infectious Disease, Super specialization in Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Health System Strengthening, Health Economics, Preventive Oncology/hepatology etc. It was decided to constitute a NMC Advocacy Cell - To take up issues with NMC on issues concerning the subject like Advocacy for DM seats with MD Community Medicine as a feeder eligibility criterion for DM in Infectious Disease, Super specialization in Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Health System Strengthening, Health Economics, Preventive Oncology/hepatology etc, Issues related to Promotions, Senior Residency etc. Dr. Anna Rao Kulkarni, Immediate Past president briefed that some experts worked on it and submitted document to NMC but there was no action which need to be reviewed. It was decided to constitute a committee in this regard and to take forward the work done by previous GC.

Regarding the name of Association/Discipline - Dr. Ashok Bhardwaj - National President IAPSM expressed his views that there should be common single name for the specialty. He said it needs thorough discussion among Governing council members, State Presidents and Secretaries and IAPSM Members. Dr. Harshal Ramesh Salve suggested that the association should focus on changing its own name rather than the name of the discipline, as different institutions use various names for the subject. He recommends clarifying the association's stance on whether to use "Community Medicine" or "Preventive and Social Medicine.". It was decided to have further discussions with state President, Secretary, other prominent members Ex president, secretary before moving forward on the issue.

Agenda 11: Framing of SOP for Elections - It was decided to form a committee to frame SOP for elections of IAPSM. Following names were discussed Prof. (Dr.) SM Salim Khan (Chairman), Dr Rupesh Kumar (Member Secretary), Dr Jagdish Kakodkar, Dr Devang Raval, Dr Sandeep Kumar, Dr Shib Sekhar Dutta, Secretary General and President as Ex Officio members and approved

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Agenda 12: Internal Audit Committee - Following members were nominated to be part of the committee Dr Najam Khalique (Chairman), Dr. SD Kandpal, Dr Monika Agarwal.

Agenda 13: Health Education Committee - It was brought to the notice of the GC that there was a Health Education Committee in the past with himself being the Chairman & Dr Manish as Secretary that facilitated the World Health Day Quiz and celebration of other public health awareness events. It was proposed to reconstitute the committee. Dr Manish proposed the name of Dr Shaili Vyas as Secretary for Health Education Committee. It was approved unanimously. It was decided to constitute the committee in consultation with Dr Shaily Vyas.

Agenda 14: Medical Education Cell - A Medical Education Cell to be constituted to review UG & PG Curriculum, & more Clinical Orientation in UG/PG curriculum. To conduct Faculty webinars on Teaching Learning & Assessment Methods, Logbook/Manual/ Module etc .- It was discussed that many community medicine faculty have done advance courses in medical education/ FAIMER and are active members of Medical Education Unit in their college. Some IAPSM members are leading FAIMER regional institutes. It was proposed to have a Medical Education Cell with Dr Waseem Ansari an active member of IAPSM & FAIMER Fellow as member secretary. GC members Dr GM Muhammad, Dr Vikas Kshirsagar & Dr Hemangini Shah volunteered to be part of this group. It was discussed to have a senior faculty active in the field of Medical Education as Chair Person, President & Secretary to be Ex Officio members. Other interested members can be added.

Agenda 15: Regarding Textbook under aegis of IAPSM

Dr. Manish briefed that there is an intimation received with regards to 4th Edition of IAPSM Textbook on Community Medicine being worked upon by Prof. (Dr.) AM Kadri. He also briefed regarding a proposal by Dr Nilesh Kapoor, Dr Dewesh Kumar and Himself regarding an IAPSM Textbook on Health Technology and Artificial Intelligence.

Both the above books were unanimously approved.

Agenda 16: Regarding Online Courses –

It was briefed by the Secretary general regarding proposals from members for initiating online courses under aegis of IAPSM. The following proposals were received

- **Public Health Data Analytics and Application of AI, ML, IoT & GIS using Python and R". 8-week modular course – Dr Arkaprabha Sau**
- **Certificate Course on Prevention and Primary Care of Diabetes Management – Dr Neelesh Kapoor**

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- "Safeguarding Communities: An Online Course on Preventive Oncology" - Dr Jitendra Kr Meena ,Associate Professor, Preventive Oncology, AIIMS New Delhi
- Online Course on Health Technology Assessment – Dr Ayush Lihya
- Dr. Harsh salve asked for Resubmission of proposal for environmental epidemiology course

All proposals were approved unanimously. There was also discussion on having a temporary GST of IAPSM. It was decided to further explore the pros & cons and the process for registration.

Agenda 17: Regarding Office Purchases-

It was brought to the notice of the GC that there is a need for a Colour Printer at Head Quarter, renewal of IAPSM Zoom Account and purchase of Filmora Software for editing of video recordings for citizen health channel. It was approved by the GC.

Agenda 18: Venue & Date for GC Meeting in physical mode - It was unanimously decided to have the physical meeting at Lucknow on 11th Oct 2025 at Lucknow. The venue of meeting will be notified by Secretary General.

Agenda 19- Newer Initiatives - Dr Manish proposed to start 2 new online programs. One On Career Guidance for Post Graduates & second on Sharing of success stories by Legends in field of community medicine (**Legends ki Kahani Unhi ki Zubani**). Details to be worked out. It was agreed upon and approved.

Agenda 20: Telegram/What's App group of residents for Job/career opportunity announcements- It was decided to have WhatsApp/Telegram group for residents to share and receive updates on job openings, career development opportunities, internships, freelance gigs, and skill-building workshops. The goal is to create a supportive network where community members can help one another grow professionally.

Agenda 21: Progress of conference - The organising secretary for IAPSMCON 2026 - Dr Darshan was invited to share the progress of the conference. He briefed regarding the preparations for the conference and registration. He urged all GC members to support in Registration for the conference. The GC expressed confidence in the organising team over the progress with regards to the conference and expressed full support to the organising team.

Dr. Darshan expresses concern about low attendance, and members suggest several solutions including: avoiding parallel sessions, strategically scheduling presentations, using panel discussions instead of slide presentations, implementing barcode scanning for attendance tracking, and potentially withholding certificates for insufficient attendance.

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Agenda 22: Vote of Thanks by Secretary General - The meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks by Secretary General. He thanked all GC members for their very enthusiastic participation in discussion on various agenda points and sharing their valuable insights.

With warm regards!

Dr. Ashok Kumar Bhardwaj
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