

## **Best Practice-1**

### **1. Title of the Practice**

Promotion of Research Activities

### **2. Objectives of the Practice**

- To bring together grand theories and micro-evidence through research endeavors.
- To pioneer the discipline of health and hospital management by combining big ideas with primary, field-based evidence.
- To create a model of higher education in public health, pharma and development management education in India through research in the related areas.

### **3. The Context**

Research has been at the core of IIHMR university since its inception. University extensively works on assignments/consultancies for studies and projects funded by the Government of India, State Governments and other national and international agencies. These research areas include health system, human resource and training, family welfare, maternal and child health, medical education, health management information system, evaluation, education and communication, information technology survey, project implementation plan, health economics and financing, drugs, strategy planning, HIV/AIDS, nutrition, communication behavior, national health policy, health insurance, quality assurance, operations research, reproductive health, and gender health.

IIHMR University continues its efforts in expanding its focus on research in policy and programme management in the health, pharma and development sector.

### **4. The Practice**

- University has established a research board with members from institutions in and around Jaipur. The main role of the Institutional Review Board committee

is to review the research proposal and grants from ethics perspectives of research on human subjects. The committee follows the Indian Council of Medical Research Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical Research on Human Subjects. The Committee may also, if required invite Institutional Review Board registered with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (IORG0007355).

National Control program and National tuberculosis control program to mention a few.

- University has exclusive centers to operate and focus on significant themes - Including Centre for Injury Research (CIR), Center for Gender Studies (CGS), Centre for Health Economics (CHE), Centre for Health Systems and Policy Research (CHSPR).
- The university has a quarterly, peer-reviewed and interdisciplinary publication- The Journal of Health Management indexed in Scopus, Web of Science and UGC CARE list. It is committed to publish scholarly empirical and academic articles on research in health policy, health management, health systems and program strategies and related areas.
- Faculty is encouraged to do research and write research papers. They have widely published, and have several peer-reviewed journal articles, books, conference proceedings to their credit.
- To disseminate knowledge generated through various research projects, IIMR University publishes working papers, policy briefs and newsletters.
- University facilitates faculty and student collaboration for research.
- Faculty is promoted and deputed to participate in research focused workshops, seminars and conferences.
- Financial support is provided to faculty for research activities.
- Provision of Duty Leave for attending conferences, seminars, symposiums, workshops, FDPs and other academic and research-oriented activities.
- To improve the research acumen of students and faculty, the annual conference- Pradanya is organized.

## **5. Evidence of Success**

- During the year, fifty-two research publications and eight research projects

were undertaken by the faculty of IIHMR University.

- The ongoing/completed projects during the year include:
  - Assessment to understand social determinants around Vaccine Hesitancy and Acceptance
  - Integrated road traffic injuries surveillance-India (IRIS - INDIA)
  - System strengthening for evidence-based planning and review through capacity building of the officials on use of data
  - Supporting National Health Mission (NHM) in developing capacities of Health care staff on improvement of WASH in Health Centers and NRCs in selected districts and further scale up across the State in Madhya Pradesh
  - Rice Fortification pilot in Gadchiroli in Maharashtra
  - Programme for Dr CG Pandit National Chair (ICMR)
  - Pilot for Longitudinal study on Life of Truck Drivers in India
  
- Research inputs of the University have contributed to redesign of-
  - Polio Eradication Program,
  - National Aids Control Program, and
  - National Tuberculosis Control Program, to mention a few.