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Institute Ethics Committee (Human Studies)

Call for proposals for approval of studies involving human subjects from the Institute Ethics Committee (Human Studies)

ICMR guidelines have made mandatory for all the Institutions to constitute an Institute Ethics Committee (Human Studies) for scrutinizing various research activities involving human subjects. It has also become mandatory to obtain the approval of the comity for such research activities and also the approval is necessary for publishing in indexed peer reviewed journals. Please note that most of the funding agencies need the ethical clearance before funding of the project.

All studies where there is collection of data through interviews, questionnaires, direct involvement of human subjects such as human subject is subjected to an experimental treatment, collection of biological fluids such as blood or urine or any other body fluids, invasive or non-invasive procedures, use of subject/patient data, use of already collected biological samples for an experiment and even the questionnaire based studies also need approval from the committee. However, classroom and educational type studies are eligible for waiver. ICMR guidelines giving details on the requirements and exemptions (Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical Research on Human Participants) can be downloaded from the link below. You can get more details on this from the ICMR website.

The meeting of the Institute Ethics Committee is tentatively scheduled to be held in third week of March, 2020. The proposals may be submitted **on or before 16th March, 2020** to be considered in the meeting.

Proposals completed in all respects may be submitted through proper channel to Prof. Surendra Kumar Sia, Member Secretary, Institute Ethical Committee (Human Studies), Professor and Head, Department of Applied Psychology, Pondicherry University.

The proposal should fulfil the following requirements:

1. One set of hard copy of the proposal in the approved format (Format I) completed in all respects, duly signed by the investigators and the Head of the Department.
2. Soft copy of the complete set in PDF form on a CD/mail (E mail: head.psy@pondiuni.edu.in).
3. DC report for PhD proposals, recommending seeking approval of the committee is mandatory (should be less than 6 months old).
4. Consent forms if any (if the form is in local language, English translation mandatory).

Please download the forms from University website:

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