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Call for Expression of Interest (Eoi)

SARANSH-3

(Systematic Reviews And Networking Support in Health)

Theme: "Reaching the last mile"

Overview

The Department of Health Research (DHR), in collaboration with the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) and various program divisions of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, develops evidence-based clinical and public health guidelines. These guidelines follow a rigorous development process including systematic reviews, evidence certainty assessments, and the Evidence-to-Decision (EtD) framework, which is at par with the international development standards. Conducting these evaluations using tools like GRADE requires intensive specialized training.

Through the DHR-Centre for Evidence based Guidelines, the SARANSH-1 and SARANSH-2 initiatives successfully trained over 1,000 healthcare professionals nationwide between 2024 and 2026 in systematic reviews. However, there are many regions in the country where training has been very limited due to various reasons.

In view of the above, DHR proposes to support 14 high-quality hands-on workshops on systematic reviews and meta-analysis and certainty of evidence in medical institutes/colleges for regional capacity building in the identified states and UTs of the country during the year 2026-27. True to its theme, "*Reaching the last mile*" SARANSH-3 will support region-specific training in states and UTs of the country where resources for conducting systematic reviews are very limited.

Objectives

1. To enhance the capacity building in systematic reviews and meta-analysis and quality of evidence (Risk of Bias, GRADE, or similar tools) in identified states and UTs where resources for conducting systematic reviews are limited.
2. To provide funding support to the medical institutes/colleges in these states/UTs to conduct high-quality hands-on workshops in systematic reviews and meta-analysis and quality of evidence.
3. To foster networking between the organizing institutes/colleges with existing DHR-Centre for Evidence based Guidelines Secretariat and its Technical Resource Hubs (TRHs) and Technical Resource Centres (TRCs) to conduct systematic reviews for evidence-based guidelines development.

Expected Outcomes

1. Supporting funds to organize 14 hands-on workshops in systematic reviews and meta-analysis and quality of evidence during the year 2026-27, in which approximately 400-500 medical faculties and young researchers from medical institutes/colleges across these states and UTs will be trained to do systematic reviews and meta-analysis and assessment of certainty of evidence.
2. Establishing a network between the organizing institutes/colleges with DHR-Centre for Evidence based Guidelines Secretariat and its TRHs and TRCs to conduct systematic reviews for evidence-based guidelines development.
3. Number of systematic reviews/meta-analysis published by the trained participants in peer reviewed high impact journals.

State/UT wise distribution of workshops

The 14 workshops will be conducted state/UT wise as below:

Sr. No.	States/UTs	No. of workshops planned
1.	Odisha	1
2.	Tripura	1
3.	Himachal Pradesh	1
4.	Uttarakhand	1
5.	Chhattisgarh	1
6.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
8.	Nagaland	1
9.	Manipur	1
10.	Meghalaya	1
11.	Mizoram	1
12.	Ladakh	1
13.	Sikkim	1
14.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1

Mentor-Mentee format

1. SARANSH-3 is designed based on the **MENTOR-MENTEE FORMAT**, the applicant acts as the Mentee (organizer at their host medical college), and a Principal Investigator from an TRH/TRC acts as the Mentor.
2. Each mentee must have to identify a mentor from the list provided below and must mention the same in the application form.
3. The role of the **mentor** will be to assist the mentee in planning and conducting the workshop in the mentee's institute/college.

4. The role of the **mentee** will be to submit the duly completed application through the Google form link provided below, planning and execution of the workshop, deciding the resource persons for the workshop and selection of the participants. The mentee may take the help of mentor in deciding the above logistics.

5. More than 80% of the resource persons in SARANSH-3 workshop **MUST** be either from the mentee's institute or mentor (TRH/TRC) or DHR-Centre for Evidence based Guidelines Secretariat.

Who can submit EoI?

1. Medical faculties/researchers that have regular employment in medical institutes/colleges in the identified states and UTs **ONLY**.

2. The mentee's medical institute/college **MUST** be situated in the same state/UT where the workshop will be conducted. E.g. for conducting workshop in Himachal Pradesh, only applicants (mentees) from Himachal Pradesh can apply to conduct the workshop.

3. The applicants (mentees) **MUST** identify a mentor from among the principal investigators of the TRHs or identified TRCs of Centre for Evidence based Guidelines. No Co-PIs of TRHs or TRCs will be allowed to be mentor. The TRCs are identified based on their outputs (e.g. publications in peer reviewed journals) of SARANSH-1 and SARANSH-2.

4. A mentee can choose **only one mentor** for conducting a workshop.

5. TRHs or identified TRCs of Centre for Evidence based Guidelines can become mentor for **maximum two workshops**.

6. TRHs and TRCs of Centre for Evidence based Guidelines are not eligible to apply as mentee.

Workshop format

1. The workshop must be organized any time during the financial year 2026-27.

2. The duration of the workshop must be of **minimum 4 days** with **clear-cut sessions on hands-on exercises**.

3. The participants working in the concerned states/UT **ONLY** can attend the workshop. E.g. for the workshop to be held in Himachal Pradesh, the participants working in Himachal Pradesh only can attend. Participants working in other states/UTs are not eligible to attend the workshop.

4. A minimum of 30 participants from across the state/UT must be trained in the workshop. The participants must be from different medical institutes/colleges of the concerned state/UT.

5. A budget of up to ₹6 lakh per workshop will be provided to conduct the workshop to the institute/college of the mentee ONLY. No budget will be provided to the mentor for assisting the mentee.

Format of Expression of Interest (EOI) to be submitted

- A. How will this workshop help in regional capacity development in systematic reviews and assessing certainty of evidence? (Max 250 words)
- B. Details of the mentee (Brief CV, containing their academic qualifications, current position and affiliation (max 4 pages, attach PDF)
- C. Details of the mentor
- D. Detailed programme of the workshop (2 pages max, attach PDF)
- E. Tentative list of resource persons/faculties of the workshop with their complete affiliation (1 page max, PDF)
- F. Type of facilities available at the mentee's institute [e.g. conference hall, audio-visual facilities, guest house, etc.]
- G. Report of up to three previous workshops (if any) conducted as organizing secretary/co-organizing secretary (max 2 pages, attach PDF)
- G. PMID of up to five most recently published systematic reviews and meta-analysis
- H. DSIR certificate (applicable to non-government medical institute/college only)

Submit the Eoi through Google form link below:

<https://forms.gle/4u1VWGU3J2nU7MLt5>

Tentative Timeline

Activities	Tentative date
Release of the Call	1 September 2026
Last date for submission of Eoi	30 September 2026
Expected date of declaration of results	October end 2026

Select mentors from the below list ONLY (Please get the confirmation from mentor before applying)

Technical Resource Hubs:

1. Dr. Mahalaqua Nazli Khatib, Division of Evidence Synthesis, Datta Meghe Institute of Higher Education and Research (DMIHER), Wardha, Maharashtra (nazli.786@rediffmail.com)

2. Dr. C. S. Pramesh, Director, Tata Memorial Hospital & Department of Thoracic Surgery, Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai, Maharashtra (*cspramesh@gmail.com*)
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4. Dr. Joseph Mathew, Paediatric Pulmonology Unit, Department of Paediatrics, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh (*dr.joseph.I.mathew@gmail.com*)
5. Dr. Kameshwar Prasad, Department of Neurology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi (*drkameshwarprasad@gmail.com*)
6. Dr. Krishna Undela, Department of Pharmacy Practice, National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Guwahati, Assam (*krishna@niperguwahati.in*)

Technical Resource Centres:

1. Dr. Kanica Kaushal, Department of Epidemiology and Clinical Research, Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS), New Delhi (*kanicak8@gmail.com*)
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5. Dr. Praveen Kumar, Department of Neonatology, PGIMER, Chandigarh (*drpkumarpgi@gmail.com*)
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12. Dr. Amit Kumar, Department of Laboratory Medicine, Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Ranchi, Jharkhand (amits52003@gmail.com)
13. Dr. Saibal Das, ICMR-NIRBI, Kolkata, West Bengal
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14. Dr. Jaykaran Charan, Department of Pharmacology, AIIMS Jodhpur, Rajasthan (dr.jaykaran78@gmail.com)
15. Dr. Girish Chandra Bhatt, Department of Paediatrics, AIIMS Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (drgcbhatt@gmail.com)
16. Dr. Aravind Gandhi P, Department of Community Medicine, AIIMS Nagpur, Maharashtra (aravindgandhi@aiimsnagpur.edu.in)

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