

**List of International Collaborative Research Projects Approved by HMSC
during meeting held on 31st January, 2025**

S. No.	Details of the Project	
1.	Role of 'Never treated' population in lymphatic filariasis transmission in highly endemic blocks of India	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr Manju Rahi</p> <p>Director ICMR-Vector Control Research Centre (ICMR-VCRC), Puducherry- 605006</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), USA</p> <p>Date of approval January 31, 2025</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 1,24,11,000</p> <p>Duration 24 Months</p> <p>Subject area Filariasis</p>
	Approved. However, a duly signed Data Sharing Agreement with the foreign funding agency should be submitted to ICMR	
2.	Epidemiological assessment of Lymphatic filariasis situation in areas in post MDA phase and factors associated with risk of resurgence/ transmission in context of migrants	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr Manju Rahi</p> <p>Director ICMR-Vector Control Research Centre (ICMR-VCRC), Puducherry- 605006</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), USA</p> <p>Date of approval January 31, 2025</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 1,67,03,908</p> <p>Duration 24 Months</p> <p>Subject area Filariasis</p>
	Approved. However, a duly signed Data Sharing Agreement with the foreign funding agency should be submitted to ICMR	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
3.	Evaluation of a non-invasive hemoglobin and a minimally invasive ferritin point of care device for screening for anemia in pregnant women in India	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr Uma Chandra Mouli Natchu</p> <p>Deputy Director Society for Applied Studies, New Delhi -110016</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), USA</p> <p>Date of approval January 31, 2025</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 3,19,02,858</p> <p>Duration 24 Months</p> <p>Subject area Maternal Health</p>
	<p>Approved with the conditions.</p> <p>i. The study should be done on the next version of EzeCheck™ devices that have been improved following ICMR study's findings that the device requires further refinements.ii. The study data should also be made available in public domain before sharing with the foreign funding agency.</p>	
4.	Metabolites, Inflammation, Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM) and Tuberculosis Patients	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr Pavan Kumar Nathella</p> <p>Scientist D ICMR-National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis (ICMR-NIRT), Chennai - 600031, Tamil Nadu</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>National Institute of Health (NIH), USA</p> <p>Date of approval January 31, 2025</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 97,75,873</p> <p>Duration 24 Months</p> <p>Subject area Diabetes</p>
	Approved	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
5.	Study of Natural History and Genetic modifiers of Duchenne/Becker Muscular Dystrophy (DMD/BMD) population for Trial readiness in Tamil Nadu state of India	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr. B. R. Lakshmi</p> <p>Director Molecular Diagnostics, Counseling, Care and Research Centre, Coimbatore-641062, Tamil Nadu</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>Foundation to Eradicate Duchenne, USA</p> <p>Date of approval January 31, 2025</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 34,73,820</p> <p>Duration 12 Months</p> <p>Subject area Muscular Dystrophy</p>
	Approved	
6.	Juveniles Accessing Mental Health Services: Transition to Scale Project	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr Padmavati Ramachandran</p> <p>Director Schizophrenia Research Foundation, Chennai-600102, Tamil Nadu</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>Grand Challenges, Canada</p> <p>Date of approval January 31, 2025</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 1,82,01,658</p> <p>Duration 20 Months</p> <p>Subject area Mental Health</p>
	Approved	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
7.	Epidemiology of primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC) among patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) in Asian countries: An international multicenter retrospective study	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr. Devendra C Desai</p> <p>Consultant P.D. Hinduja Hospital & Medical Research Centre, Mumbai-400052, Maharashtra</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>University of Tsukuba, Japan</p> <p>Date of approval January 31, 2025</p> <p>Total budget NA</p> <p>Duration 4 Months</p> <p>Subject area Gastroenterology</p>
	Approved. However, a duly signed Data Sharing Agreement with the foreign /collaboration agency should be submitted to ICMR	
8.	Online Aasare: Sharing Strategies to Maintain Healthy Mood	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr Priya Sreedaran</p> <p>Professor St. Johns Medical College and Hospital, Bangalore-560034, Karnataka</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>Palo Alto University, USA</p> <p>Date of approval January 31, 2025</p> <p>Total budget NA</p> <p>Duration 12 Months</p> <p>Subject area Clinical Psychology</p>
	Approved	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
9.	P-CARRS-BRAIN: Multi-domain (genetic, socio-behavioral, vascular) risk factors and prediction of Alzheimer's Disease continuum in South Asians in India	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Prof Dorairaj Prabhakaran</p> <p>Director Centre for Chronic Disease Control (CCDC), New Delhi- 110016</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>National Institutes of Health (NIH), USA</p> <p>Date of approval January 31, 2025</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 71,64,53,692</p> <p>Duration 60 Months</p> <p>Subject area Mental Health</p>
	Approved	
10.	Retrospective Assessment of Road Injuries and Fatalities in Delhi Referral Trauma Hospitals, Post-mortem Centres, City-wide Ambulance Services and Police Control Room Calls for Crashes	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr Mathew Varghese</p> <p>Head St. Stephen's Hospital, New Delhi- 110054</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>Queen's University, Canada & Vital Strategies, USA</p> <p>Date of approval January 31, 2025</p> <p>Total budget NA</p> <p>Duration 12 Months</p> <p>Subject area Traffic Injuries</p>
	Approved	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
11.	Adapting the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) model of supported employment for people with severe mental illnesses for the cultural context of India	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr Chitra Khare</p> <p>Senior Research Fellow Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune-411037, Maharashtra</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>Trustees of Boston University, USA</p> <p>Date of approval January 31, 2025</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 35,84,592</p> <p>Duration 24 Months</p> <p>Subject area Mental Health</p>
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