

**List of International Collaborative Research Projects Approved by HMSC
during meeting held on 29th January, 2026**

S. No.	Details of the Project	
1.	Traditional Yoga and Rajyoga meditation assisted Virtual Reality in Enhancing Quality of Life and Academic Performance in Medical Students	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr M.G. Ramesh Babu</p> <p>Assistant Professor Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal-576104, Karnataka</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>American University of Antigua College of Medicine, Antigua</p> <p>Date of approval January 29, 2026</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 2,00,000 (Self)</p> <p>Duration 12 Months</p> <p>Subject area Mental Health</p>
	Approved subject to submission of duly signed Data Sharing Agreement between Indian and Foreign Investigators.	
2.	Microphthalmia, anophthalmia, coloboma (MAC) and retinoic acid pathway genes	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr Shailja Tibrewal</p> <p>Consultant Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, New Delhi-110002</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, USA & National Eye Institute (NIH), USA</p> <p>Date of approval January 29, 2026</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 2,16,22,403 (by DBT, India)</p> <p>Duration 24 Months</p> <p>Subject area Ophthalmology</p>
	Approved subject to the following: i) Submission of IEC clearance of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab. ii) CTRI registration no.	

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3.	Cellular Immunotherapy for Viral Infections in Immunocompromised Patients	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Prof Alok Srivastava</p> <p>Professor & Head St John Research Institute, Bengaluru-560034, Karnataka</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>DBT Australia- India strategic research fund</p> <p>Date of approval January 29, 2026</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 24,934,000 (by DBT, India)</p> <p>Duration 36 Months</p> <p>Subject area Immunotherapy</p>
	Approved	
4.	Antibody Response following One Dose of Cervavac® as compared to One Dose of Gardasil® Vaccine in Healthy Girls Aged 9-14 Years: A Non-inferiority, Multicenter, Double-blind, Randomized Controlled trial	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr Sheela Virendra Godbole</p> <p>Director ICMR -National Institute of Translational Virology and AIDS Research (ICMR-NITVAR), Pune-411026, Maharashtra</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research, USA</p> <p>Date of approval January 29, 2026</p> <p>Total budget NA</p> <p>Duration 36 Months</p> <p>Subject area Vaccine Trials</p>
	Approved subject to submission of DHR registration no. of IEC of National Institute of Translational Virology and AIDS Research, Pune.	

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5.	WHO multi-centre laboratory study for determining discriminating concentrations of insecticides (broflanilide/isocycloseram) for monitoring resistance in Anopheles and Aedes species	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr Himmat Singh</p> <p>Scientist E ICMR-National Institute of Malaria Research (ICMR-NIMR), New Delhi-110077</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, (LSTM), UK</p> <p>Date of approval January 29, 2026</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 25,63,000</p> <p>Duration 12 Months</p> <p>Subject area Vector Borne Disease</p>
	Approved	
6.	Cancer related awareness and behavior of Adolescents and Young Adults (AYAs) in India	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr Dorothy Lall</p> <p>Assistant Professor Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore-632004, Tamil Nadu</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>JBI Brighter Futures Grant Program, Western Sydney University, Australia</p> <p>Date of approval January 29, 2026</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 23,35,000</p> <p>Duration 24 Months</p> <p>Subject area Cancer Awareness</p>
	Approved	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
7.	Integrated, co-developed intervention for detection and management of cardiometabolic risk factors in older Indians (CARDIO-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 Institute for Health and Care Research, UK</p> <p>Date of approval January 29, 2026</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 39,56,32,152</p> <p>Duration 60 Months</p> <p>Subject area Cardiovascular Diseases</p>
	Approved	
8.	Feasibility of Integrated Palliative Care Co-Management in Neurocritical Care in LMIC: Addressing Patient and Caregiver Burden	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr Mathangi Krishnakumar</p> <p>Associate Professor St. Johns Medical College and Hospital, Bangalore-560034, Karnataka</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>National Institutes of Health (NIH), USA and University of California, USA</p> <p>Date of approval January 29, 2026</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 11,86,450</p> <p>Duration 12 Months</p> <p>Subject area Critical Care Medicine</p>
	Approved	

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9.	Controlling the rapid increase of diabetes across India through forecasting analysis to support mitigation strategies	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Prof Rakhi Dandona</p> <p>Professor Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), New Delhi -110030</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>Novo Nordisk Foundation, Denmark</p> <p>Date of approval January 29, 2026</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 1,49,60,000</p> <p>Duration 12 Months</p> <p>Subject area Diabetes</p>
	Approved	
10.	Charting the Path to Elimination: Insights into Immune Responses to Measles, Mumps, and Rubella in an Adult South Indian Community Cohort	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr Ramya M</p> <p>Assistant Professor Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore-632004, Tamil Nadu</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>Stichting Blockchain for Impact Foundation, Netherlands</p> <p>Date of approval January 29, 2026</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 84,61,432</p> <p>Duration 18 Months</p> <p>Subject area Infectious Diseases</p>
	Approved	

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11.	Genomic surveillance strategy to monitor changing malaria epidemiology	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr Ipsita Pal Bhowmick</p> <p>Scientist D ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre (ICMR-RMRC), Dibrugarh-786010, Assam</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>The Gates Foundation, USA</p> <p>Date of approval January 29, 2026</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 7,27,25,400</p> <p>Duration 36 Months</p> <p>Subject area Biotechnology</p>
	Approved subject to the submission of a duly signed MoU & Data Sharing Agreement between Indian and Foreign Investigators. Any visit to India by foreign investigators shall be undertaken only after obtaining the requisite permissions from the Ministry of Home Affairs & Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.	
12.	Collaborative platform to accelerate public health research in India KEM	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr Ashish Bavdekar</p> <p>Director KEM Hospital Research Centre, Pune-411 011, Maharashtra</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>The Gates Foundation, USA</p> <p>Date of approval January 29, 2026</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 14,32,96,295</p> <p>Duration 60 Months</p> <p>Subject area Capacity Building</p>
	Approved	

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13.	Collaborative platform to accelerate public health research in India – SAS	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr Ranadip Chowdhury</p> <p>Assistant Director Society for Applied Study, New Delhi-110016</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>The Gates Foundation, USA</p> <p>Date of approval January 29, 2026</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 8,45,50,670</p> <p>Duration 60 Months</p> <p>Subject area Capacity Building</p>
	Approved	
14.	Collaborative Research Platform to Accelerate Public Health Research and Nurture Early Career Researchers in India - The Platform for Research Excellence Related to National aims (PRERNA) 3.0	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Dr Prasanna Samuel</p> <p>Professor Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore-632004, Tamil Nadu</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>The Gates Foundation, USA</p> <p>Date of approval January 29, 2026</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 7,50,36,314</p> <p>Duration 60 Months</p> <p>Subject area Capacity Building of Early Career Researchers</p>
	Approved	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
15.	Triage- how long does it take? A Multicentric time-in-motion study of Emergency Department triage process	
	<p>Principal Investigator</p> <p>Prof Sheeba Rani. P</p> <p>Professor Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore-632004, Tamil Nadu</p>	<p>Funding/Collaborating Agency</p> <p>Western Sydney University, Australia</p> <p>Date of approval January 29, 2026</p> <p>Total budget Rs. 1,00,000</p> <p>Duration 2 Months</p> <p>Subject area Health Care Process</p>
	Approved. Any visit to India by foreign investigators shall be undertaken only after obtaining the requisite permissions from the Ministry of Home Affairs, and Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.	