

**Minutes of the Rajagiri Institutional Ethics Committee Online Meeting  
held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Date:** Thursday, May 26, 2022

**Venue:** Board Room, Hill Campus

**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81675059888?pwd=dXRtK1JNWXROR1A1Y3pqMWsxcmVtQT09>

**Time:** 03.00 PM - 04.00 PM

**Agenda:-**

1. Silent Prayer
2. Welcome & Introduction to the new Member Secretary- Fr.Dr.Saju M D, Vice-Chairperson, Rajagiri IEC
3. Proposal Presentations
  - 1) Lorane Scaria
  - 2) Renitta Manuel
  - 3) Sachu M
4. Suggestions from the Committee Members
5. Vote of Thanks - Dr. Sr. Sunirose I P, Member Secretary Rajagiri IEC.

**Members Present:-**

1. Fr.Dr.Berchmans Kodackal, *Chairman*
2. Fr.Dr.Saju M.D. CMI, *Vice Chairman*
3. Dr.Binoy Joseph, *Member & Management Representative*
4. Dr.Sunny P Orathel, *Member & Medical Expert*
5. Dr.Kuruvilla Thomas, *Member & Clinician*
6. Dr.Sam Thomas, *Member & Research Consultant*
7. Adv.Arun Kumar S., *Member & Legal Expert*
8. Dr.Stanislaus Antony Ceasar, *Member & Scientific member*
9. Dr. Sr. Sunirose I P *Member Secretary*

### **Minutes of the Meeting: -**

The Meeting began at 3.00 pm with a Silent Prayer. Fr.Dr.Saju M D CMI, Vice Chairman, IEC, welcomed all the members in the meeting and introduced Dr. Sr. Sunirose IP, the new member Secretary to the Committee.

Fr.Dr.Saju M D CMI, Vice Chairman, IEC, introduced the committee briefly about the day's agenda. Three proposals from the Research Scholars were put forward for approval. The Principal Investigators briefly presented the details of the study proposals, such as a Review of Literature, Objectives, Method, Variables & Tools, Ethical Considerations, Pilot study and Data analysis, References, etc.

### **Research Proposal 1:**

**Name of the Presenter:** Lorane Scaria

**Research Title:** Psychosocial predictors of depression among caregivers of people with disability in a community cohort: Development of social work intervention framework

### **Comments by the Expert Panel:**

The panel decided that the study has no specific ethical issues for the identified target population. Further suggestions provided include

- Caregiving process is significantly influenced by the personality of the Carer and the nature of the Carer's relationship with the person with a disability.
- Adjusting for factors like the nature of the disability, relationship with the Carer, and other variables affecting the study's outcome are crucial when looking for the intervention's effectiveness.

### **Research Proposal 2**

**Name of the Presenter:** Renitta Manuel

**Research Title:** Rehabilitation and Social Reintegration of Women Probationers in Kerala (Proposed)



### **Comments by the Expert Panel:**

The Committee had a positive response to the presentation. Since the presentation had documented all potential ethical considerations and their management, the committee has approved the same. No further changes were suggested.

### **Research Proposal 3**

**Name of the Presenter:** Sachu M

**Research Title:** Prosocial Behaviour among Adolescent boys in Ernakulam district: A Social Work Intervention Study

### **Comments by the Expert Panel:**

The IEC members gave the ethical clearance with the following suggestions.

- The intervention variables need to be specified.
- Normalize the sample/ respondents
- Size of the sample needs to be increased.
- Rework the research design and sampling procedures for the intervention study
- Preparation of research tools (scales) for all the intervention variables

### **Conclusion: -**

The Institutional Ethics Committee was convinced of the Principal Investigators' awareness of the ethical concerns and the necessary steps they have taken related to their studies. The committee approved all three studies' protocols as it has no ethical issues.

The meeting ended at 4.00 pm with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sr. Sunirose I P, the member secretary.

