



Best Practices at IGIDR

Title

Visiting Students Programme 2019

Objectives of the Practice

The program was aimed at students wanting to learn the nitty-gritties of academic research and to see first-hand the working style of faculty researchers

The Context

Selected Visiting students were assigned a faculty supervisor to work with for the duration of their visit and produced a report at the end of their sojourn in IGIDR.

The Practice

Applications were invited for the Visiting Students Program for 2019 which is a part of the Institute's mandate to reach out to students outside the Institute, to foster interactions and nurture the capacity of students to undertake research.

The IGIDR invited applications for the Visiting Students Program 2019 held for 45 days from 24th May 2019 to 8th July 2019.

Evidence of Success

Selected students were assigned a Faculty Supervisor to work with for the duration of their visit.

The following 12 selected students joined the program from 24th May to 8th July 2019

S. No	Name	University Affiliation	Name of internship report	Name of Faculty assigned
1.	Ms. Himani Agarwal	Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi	What is the likely impact of GSP removal on Indian exports to US?	Dr. C. Veeramani
2.	Mr. Sundaresan M	Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani	Business and Politics in India	Dr. R. Nagaraj
3.	Ms. Shruti Srivastava	University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun	Analysing changes in Energy Consumption and Energy Intensity at Sectoral level for 2004-2016	Dr. Manisha Jain

4.	Ms. Dipti Mishra	Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee	Modelling Operational Risk under Basel III (Some initial thoughts)	Dr. Subrata Sarkar
5.	Ms. Baishali Lodh Chowdhury	Pondicherry University	Impact of Rural Infrastructure on Agricultural Productivity	Dr. Vijaylaxmi Pandey
6.	Mr. Chayan Poddar	Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati	From MDGs to SDGs in India: Understanding Trends and Prospects in Energy and Environment	Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma
7.	Ms. Sandra Surendren	Central University of Tamil Nadu	Teacher performance in primary and upper primary education in rural India : an inter-state comparison	Dr. Bharti Nandwani
8.	Ms. Swati Chhikara	Central University of Rajasthan	Use of Space Technology in Agriculture	Dr. G Mythili
9.	Ms. Divya Jain	South Asian University, New Delhi	The intra-trade union conflicts	Dr. Shubhro Sarkar
10.	Ms. Parishmita Das	Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	India towards Universal Basic Income: A review	Dr. M.H. Suryanarayana
11.	Mr. Ewan Nikhil Thomas	University of Hyderabad	Migration of unskilled labourers into Kerala	Dr. K.V. Ramaswamy
12.	Mr. Kashish Srivastava	Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee	Business Cycle characteristics of Indian Economy- Some Time Series evidence	Dr. R. Krishnan

Resources Required and Problems Encountered

The resources available for the programme in the form of stipends and infrastructural and faculty supported were provided by IGIDR. No specific problems were encountered in the running of the programme and the feedback from both the visiting students and the faculty was positive.



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Visiting Scholar Programme (VScP)

Objectives of the Practice

The Visiting Scholar Programme (VScP) has been instituted at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR) as one of its outreach activities with the objective of supporting research being conducted by Ph.D scholars and junior faculty members of Colleges and Universities in India.

The Context

The scholarship enables selected scholars to spend three months at a stretch at IGIDR anytime to work on a proposal that can be satisfactorily completed during their stay. The aim of the programme is capacity building in academic research in the field of development studies and provide institutional access to scholars to learn from among the best in the field.

The Practice

Applications were invited for the Visiting Scholars Program. Selections were based on a joint evaluation of the CV, letters of recommendation and the quality of the research proposal submitted at the time of application.

Evidence of Success

Selected students were each assigned a Faculty Supervisor to work with for the duration of their visit. All scholars submitted a progress report of the research project at the end of six weeks and a complete research report along with a seminar presentation of the research finding at the end of the three-month stay. Once the research project was completed and published, the scholar acknowledged IGIDR in an appropriate way. The following were the research outputs of the Visiting Scholars.

No.	Name of Applicants	Name of University	Thesis
1.	Deepshikha Dash	IIT Kharagpur	Effects of Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) among rural pupils of India: Study of four-fold interaction among first Language (L1), second Language (L2), Socioeconomic status (SES) and cognitive skills.
2.	Manish Kumar Singh	Dept. of Eco. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction: A Study of Bihar and Kerala
3.	Ruchita Tripathi	Dept. of Eco. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	Measuring Impact of Social Capital on Agricultural Labour Productivity: A Case Study of Varanasi Dist.
4.	Bhushan Praveen Jangam	Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad Dept. of Liberal Arts	Global Value Chain embeddedness and social upgrading in selected EMEs
5.	Irfan Ahmad Shah	Centre of Development Studies, JNU	Asymmetry in the Monetary Policy Transmission Mechanism: Evidence from India.

Resources Required and Problems Encountered

The resources available for the programme in the form of fellowships and infrastructural and faculty supported were provided by IGIDR. There was considerable heterogeneity in the knowledge base of the scholars but no specific problems were encountered in the running of the programme. The feedback from both the visiting scholars and the faculty was positive.



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Post-Doctoral Fellowship PDF/ Post-Doctoral Contract (PDC)

Objectives of the Practice

The Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF)/Post-Doctoral Contract (PDC) Programme has been instituted at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR) as one of its outreach activities with the objective of supporting high quality research by scholars with a doctoral degree and an outstanding academic record.

The Context

The fellowships are granted for an initial period of one year, which can be extended by a maximum of one more year. Candidates who have completed their Ph.D. thesis in the last two years, and/or employed as junior faculty in academic institutions, and/or have strong publication records are particularly encouraged to apply.

The Practice

Applications were invited for the Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF)/Post-Doctoral Contract (PDC) Programme. Selections were based on a joint evaluation of the application, proposal and an interview conducted at IGIDR. The final admission to the programme will be subject to necessary approval from the parent institution of the candidates if applicable.

Post-Doctoral Fellows will receive a consolidated amount of Rs.70,000/- per month for a maximum period of two years. The fellowship will be granted for an initial period of one year, and conditional on satisfactory progress of the researcher, the fellowship will be extended to one more year.

Evidence of Success

The grantees are independent to pursue their research plan, and are expected to produce at least one working paper per year, and give at least one seminar at IGIDR each year based on the work done by them at IGIDR. They are also encouraged to participate in Institute's activities including teaching, Conferences and Workshops organized by the Institute.

S. No.	Name of Resarch Scholar	Degree	Title of Research Proposal
1.	Ab Qayoom Khachoo	Ph.D. in Economics, Indian Institute of Technology Indore, India	Is Patenting Upsurge in India Paradoxical?
2.	Smrutirekha Singhari	Ph.D. in Economics, Institute for Social and Economic Change (affiliated to Mysore University)	Caste, Religion and Labor Market in India - A Study of Employment and Wage Discrimination and Its Impact on Earning and Poverty : A State Level Analysis, 1993/94-2017/18

Resources Required and Problems Encountered

The resources available for the programme in the form of fellowships and infrastructural and faculty supported were provided by IGIDR. There was considerable heterogeneity in the knowledge base of the scholars but no specific problems were encountered in the running of the programme. The feedback from both the Post-Doctoral Fellow was positive.