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Summary of the Discussion
Advisory committee Meeting

An advisory committee meeting was conducted by the Odisha Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology on 04.09.2021, 11 AM. The meeting was attended by:

1. Prof. N. Nagaraju, Vice Chancellor, GMU
2. Prof. Asoka Kumar Das, Vice-Chairman, OSHEC
3. Prof. Atanu Kumar Pati – Former Vice-Chancellor of GM University; Former Professor of Bioscience, and Dean at PRSU, Raipur
4. Prof. M.K.Thakur – Former President of the Association of Gerontology (India) from 2004-2006, and Former Head and Dean of Department of Zoology, BHU, Varanasi
5. Prof. Arvind K. Joshi – Professor of Sociology, BHU; Life Member of the Association of Gerontology (India)
6. Prof. Udaya S. Mishra, Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum
7. Dr. Duvvuru Jamuna – Hon. Vice-Chancellor, SPMVV, Tirupati
8. Mrs. Jugaleswari Das, Registrar, GMU
9. Dr. Uma Charan Pati, Deputy Registrar, GMU
10. Prof. Tatwamasi Paltasingh, Mentor, Centre of Excellence
11. Prof. Sibabrata Das, Coordinator, Centre of Excellence

Prof. Sibabrata Das, Coordinator of Center of Excellence presented the progress. He presented the decision taken by the Advisory committee as follow:

- a. The meeting of the advisory committee will be held at once in every six month.
- b. As per the recommendation of the advisory committee, the centre has revised the major objectives;
 1. To conduct a systematic mapping study of trends in demography, health problems and disabilities
 2. To evaluate the status of sarcopenia
 3. To determine the sleep quality and cognitive abilities
 4. To study economic and social security aspects; and health care management practices
- c. To publish provisional working papers
- d. To offer certificate programme on “Geriatric Care”

After the presentation, Vice-chairman of the OSHEC, Prof. Asoka K. Das pointed out the following points;

1. There is less focus on the geriatric part comparing gerontology. Keeping low profile on geriatric issues but need to do active participation of medical colleges and medical professions.
2. Collaboration with medical colleges/institutions and profession.

The other members also agreed on the revised objectives of the centre as it's specific along with suggested incorporating the issues of nutrition, sleep quality, sarcopenia, fall, depression, psychological issues, financial issues, social security and other issues of the old age population.