

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Health & Family Welfare Department - Project titled “Profiling the clinico- epidemiological, genomic and immunological markers of dengue and Zika infections and co-infections in Kerala, India via longitudinal studies.” - Permissive Sanction for implementation -Orders issued.

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**HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (F) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(Rt)No.348/2026/H&FWD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 28-01-2026

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Read 1 D.O Letter No. ICMR-VCRC/DH&FW/Collbn/2025/D-92 dated 08.05.2025 of the Director, ICMR - Vector Control Research Center, MoFHW, Puducherry.

2 D.O Letter No.ICMR-VCRC/DOH&FW-K/DZ-Study/2026/D-18 dated 22.01.2026 of Director, ICMR - Vector Control Research Center, Puducherry.

**ORDER**

As per the letter read above, the Director, ICMR–Vector Control Research Centre, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has submitted a proposal seeking permission to implement the Project titled “Profiling the clinico-epidemiological, genomic and immunological markers of dengue and Zika infections and co-infections in Kerala, India through longitudinal studies.” The proposed study forms part of the Wellcome Trust–funded initiative on clinico-epidemiological, genomic, and immunological profiling of dengue and Zika infections and co-infections. Preparatory activities are currently in progress, and the project is proposed to commence on 1st January 2026.

2) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord permissive sanction to the Director ICMR - Vector Control Research Center, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the implementation of the project titled “Profiling the clinico- epidemiological, genomic and immunological markers of dengue and Zika infections and co-infections in Kerala, India via longitudinal studies". This approval enables the initiation of the Dengue-Zika research study in Thiruvananthapuram and facilitates proceeding with institutional agreements, site preparation,

and coordinated implementation with the State Health System, subject to ensuring of personal data privacy and data protection.

3) Since, the study is longitudinal, a proper team composition shall be reworked with designation of the respective institution and field area, including officers from Directorate of Health Services also. The Directorate of Health Services and the Directorate of Medical Education shall facilitate coordination with Primary Health Centres, secondary healthcare facilities, and medical colleges to ensure the smooth conduct of the study.

(By order of the Governor)  
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JOINT SECRETARY

To:

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The Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram.

The State Mission Director - National Health Mission,  
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram.

Principal Accountant General (A&E/Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

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