



## MAHATMA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES Sevagram- 442102, Maharashtra, India

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### INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7.4.2021

In view of the pandemic situation, the meeting of the IQAC was conducted online. The following members attended the meeting:

1. Dr Nitin Gangane, Dean MGIMS
2. Dr AK Shukla
3. Dr Jyoti Jain
4. Dr Subodh S Gupta
5. Dr Satish Kumar
6. Dr Anupama Gupta
7. Dr Vijayshri Deotale
8. Dr Poonam Varma Shivkumar
9. Dr Smita Singh
10. Dr Chetna Maliye
11. Dr Ashwini Kalantri
12. Mrs Sangeeta Narang
13. Mr Sunil Kolhe
14. Dr Vinod Shende, IQAC Coordinator

Dr Anshu, Coordinator IQAC, was not present as she was on study leave until August 2021.

The following matters were discussed:

1. The Dean briefed members about the prevailing COVID situation. He said that it was heartening to note how faculty and students of all departments (including non-clinical departments) had risen to the occasion and were doing duties in the COVID block. Others had been helping out with laboratory services and training. Even undergraduates who had decided not to go back home had been contributing by preparing health education material in Marathi. They had also volunteered to call up patient relatives and brief them about the well being under supervision of their clinical counterparts. He congratulated the nodal officers of the COVID wards and the Microbiology department for the exemplary work that they had been doing.
2. The leaves of the faculty for conducting external examinations, centre observership, all type of assessments (university/ other body) have been cancelled with immediate effect.
3. The Dean informed members that the vaccination drive was on and several faculty and students had received the COVID vaccine. He said that Dr Arjun Jakasania would provide detailed data about the vaccination on email to everyone.
4. The Dean informed everyone that the Government of Maharashtra had issued an order on 4<sup>th</sup> April according to which all physical / offline classes for the undergraduate students had to be discontinued till 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2021. However, the online classes which had been started on 1<sup>st</sup> April would continue as before. All students who decided to stay in the campus have to follow all norms of preventing the spread of COVID infection. Those who are entitled, must

complete the course of COVID vaccination. However, those students who wish to go back home may return home taking all precautions.

5. The Dean informed all members that online classes had been started for all undergraduate batches from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. He asked faculty about problems that they had been facing. Dr Subodh S Gupta informed that since most of the faculty had been trained in MOODLE in 2015, they did not have technical difficulty in using MGIMS Classroom. Dr Poonam Varma pointed out when two classes were being held simultaneously on MGIMS Classroom, the system could not take the load and the video feed was not great. The Dean told them that they were free to use Google Meet or Zoom to take classes if they found them easier. All faculty were asked to keep attendance records. Faculty felt that although they were doing it, there were difficulties. One did not know whether the student had switched on the system and then left. Further some joined only for a part of the class and then switched off. The Dean mentioned that these were some genuine problems with online teaching and with time, we would improve. The clinical faculty felt that clinical teaching had been impacted and as soon as students were able to return to campus they would need extra training in clinical aspects.
6. Dr Vijayshri Deotale informed that as per NMC guidelines, the II MBBS subjects had prepared the revised CBME timetable and this was being uploaded on the institutional website.
7. Members informed the Dean that wherever possible postgraduate teaching sessions were being held online. However since most residents had been summoned for clinical duties, there had been disruption of the normal teaching programme. The Dean informed members that since University examinations were likely to be postponed, all exam going postgraduates could be summoned back from preparation leaves to their department to support the increased workload.
8. Dr Anupama Gupta informed that she was in touch with the Nodal Centre at JNMC to organize a revised basic course in medical education technology. Due to COVID an offline face to face workshop was not possible. They were trying to get permission to organize an online workshop.
9. Dr Satish Kumar informed the house that although routine student activities were not being held, the undergraduates had been using online platforms such as Youtube and Facebook to organize cultural activities. Sports activities however had to be suspended.
10. The Dean informed the house that our Institutional Ethics Committee is now accredited by NABH. The NABH accreditation is an attempt at standardizing quality of clinical research in India. All credit goes to Dr. Sushil Kumar, Member Secretary, IEC and his team for taking all the efforts for this process. Our ethics committee is already accredited by ICMR and DHR for health-related research.
11. The meeting ended with the Dean assuring faculty of all support in tiding over these extraordinary times.

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