



Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram

First National Midwifery Training Institute inaugurated

On 27 May, 2022, the National Midwifery Training Institute (NMTI) was inaugurated at Kasturba Health Society's Kasturba Nursing College, Sevagram. This is the first midwifery training institute of the country and is supported by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India with technical support from Jhpiego. Trainees will receive classroom and skills training at Kasturba Nursing College, and clinical training in the Maternal and Child Health Department, Kasturba Hospital, MGIMS, Sevagram.

"MGIMS has shown exemplary commitment in improving maternal and child health in India. This institute is uniquely positioned to establish professional midwifery through imparting high-quality education to this new cadre. There could not be a better place than MGIMS to unroll the midwifery initiative in the country," said Dr S Sikdar (Advisor, Maternal Health Division, MOHFW, GOI) at the inaugural function. "With the strengthening of the midwifery care in India, we aim to reduce maternal mortality and provide quality, compassionate and respectful maternity care to the women of the country," Dr Sikdar added. "India has seen a decline in maternal mortality and Infant mortality ratio," informed Dr Padmini Kashyap (Deputy Commissioner, Maternal Health, GOI). Representatives from Jhpiego, White Ribbon Alliance, international and national midwifery educators, KHS management and faculty members were present during the inaugural function of National Midwifery Training Institute.

Director, CGHS, MOHFW visited MGIMS

Dr Nikhilesh Chandra (Director, CGHS, MoHFW, GOI) visited MGIMS on 5 Apr 2022 to assess the role played by the hospital in celebrating the Swachhata Pakhwada, the cleanliness fortnight. At the behest of the Government of India, medical institutes and hospitals, countrywide, celebrated Swachhata Pakhwada from 1 to 15 April 2022 'a clean India mission' in the hospitals. During his two-day stay at MGIMS, Dr Chandra assessed how MGIMS is using this campaign to keep its premises clean.