

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH STANDING ACADEMIC COMMITTEE
MEETING OF ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES PATNA
HELD ON 24TH MARCH (FRIDAY), 2023 IN THE COMMITTEE HALL,
ADMIN BUILDING, AIIMS PATNA**

The Meeting of the 7th Standing Academic Committee of AIIMS Patna was held on 24th March, 2023, from 5.00 to 7.00 PM, in the Committee Hall, Admin Building of AIIMS Patna.

The following members of the Standing Academic Committee attended the Meeting:

1. **Prof. (Dr.) Rajiva Kumar Singh,** – Chairman
Professor & Head, Dept. of Physiology
Patna Medical College, Patna
2. **Prof. T. N. Singh,** – Vice-chairman
Director, Indian Institute of Technology Patna
3. **Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal,** – Member
Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha
4. **Prof. Vijaylakshmi Saxena,** – Member
General President,
Indian Science Congress Association
5. **Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Upadhyay,** – Member
Senior Director & Head, Gastroenterology and Hepatology,
Max Super Specialty Hospital, New Delhi
6. **Prof. (Dr.) Surya Kant,** – Member
Professor & Head, Department of Respiratory Medicine,
King George Medical University, Lucknow
7. **Prof. (Dr.) Subrata Sinha,** – Member
Professor & Head, Department of Biochemistry,
AIIMS New Delhi
8. **Prof. (Dr.) Devi Prasad Tewari,** – Member
Former Vice-Chancellor, Veer Kunwar Singh University,
Ara, Bihar
9. **Prof. (Dr.) Gopal Krushna Pal, Executive Director,** – Member Secretary
All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna

Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Upadhyay, Senior Director & Head, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Max Super Specialty Hospital, New Delhi, Prof. (Dr.) Surya Kant, Professor & Head, Department of Respiratory Medicine, King George Medical University, Lucknow and Prof. Vijaylakshmi Saxena, attended the meeting online through V.C. All other members attended the meeting physically.

Prof. (Dr.) Umesh Kumar Bhadani, Dean (Academics), AIIMS, Patna and Prof. (Dr.) Arun Prasad, Deputy Director (Admn.) attended the Meeting as the special invitees, with the permission of the Chairman.

Dr. Rajiva Kumar Singh, Chairman of SAC welcomed all the members, and in his welcome note he appreciated the work done by Prof. (Dr.) G.K. Pal, Executive Director, AIIMS, Patna in the last six months, for which number of faculties have increased in AIIMS, Patna and therefore, in the last SAC meeting the decisions were taken to increase the number of Post Graduate and DM MCh seats in different departments. He requested the Member Secretary Dr. G. K. Pal to discuss the Agenda Items as depicted in the Agenda List.

Dr. G.K. Pal, Executive Director, AIIMS, Patna welcomed the Chairman of the SAC and other members presented in the meeting physically and those who have been attending online. He informed that due to reconstitution of the Standing Selection Committee (SSC) in which Dr. Surya Kant has been appointed as the Chairman, Dr. Rajiva Kumar Singh has been appointed as the Chairman of the SAC, as Dr. Surya Kant was also holding the position of Chairman of SAC. Remaining composition of the SAC remains the same. Dr. G.K. Pal informed that following two recruitments held in the month of December, 2022 and February, 2023 respectively via Rolling Advertisement of faculty recruitment, 131 faculties have been recruited in for different departments. Now, the faculty strengthen at AIIMS Patna is in a comfortable position and in view of this, and the SAC has appreciated increased the number of seats in both Post Graduate and DM/MCh Courses at AIIMS Patna.



AGENDA ITEM No.- SAC/07/01:

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Standing Academic Committee

Approval Sought:

The Hon'ble SAC is requested to consider and approve the minutes of the 6th meeting of the Standing Academic Committee of AIIMS Patna.

Discussion:

Dr. G. K. Pal informed that the Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Standing Academic Committee held on 16th December, 2022 was circulated to all the Members of the Committee and was also uploaded on institute website. He also informed that no comments have been received from the members of the Standing Academic Committee.

Decision:

The Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Standing Academic Committee held on 16th December, 2022 was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM No.- SAC/07/02:

Approval of Action taken report on the minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Standing Academic Committee

Approval Sought:

The Hon'ble SAC is requested to consider and approve the action taken report of the minutes of the 6th meeting of the Standing Academic Committee of AIIMS Patna.

Discussion:

The action taken report of the 6th meeting of the Standing Academic Committee was presented by Executive Director in detail.

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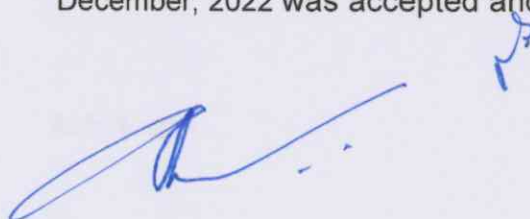
Dr. Subrata Sinha, Professor & Head, Department of Biochemistry, AIIMS New Delhi, made three comments on action taken report as listed below.

1. Dr. Subrata Sinha informed that the three years DM Course for Clinical & Interventional Physiology, should be conducted in the Department of Physiology initially so that the DM students also get the exposure to all the academic and laboratory experiences in the department. After few years as the course evolves, shifting the DM Course to a new department of Clinical and Interventional Physiology may be considered according to the requirements.
2. Dr. Subrata Sinha informed that the PhD Programme should be made more robust with inclusion of structured guidelines for selection of PhD guides. The eligible guides should have experience of extra-mural funded projects, should have adequate experience of quality research and also should have good number of PubMed indexed publications. Also, the PhD Programme should initially start in the pre and para clinical departments and later if required it may be extended to the clinical departments.
3. Dr. Subrata Sinha enquired that for the six-years integrated course of Trauma Surgery and Critical Care, who will take care of teaching and training of the Critical Care component which is usually the domain of Anaesthesiology.

Executive Director informed that as suggested by Dr. Subrata Sinha, the DM in Clinical and Interventional Physiology will be initially conducted in the Department Physiology, and later as the course is established, shifting to a new department will be considered. Dr. Pal informed that in the proposed PhD curriculum of AIIMS Patna, already many of these eligibility criteria of selection of PhD guides have been incorporated. Executive Director informed that in the Department of Trauma Surgery, two new faculty have been recruited with the qualification of MD Anaesthesia and they will take care of the Critical Care component of the MCh Course.

Decision:

The Action Taken Report of the 6th meeting of the Standing Academic Committee held on 16th December, 2022 was accepted and approved unanimously.



AGENDA ITEM No.- SAC/07/03

Procedure of Conduct of Entrance Examination by AIIMS Patna for New Post-Doctoral (DM) 3-year Clinical & Interventional Physiology Course

Approval Sought:

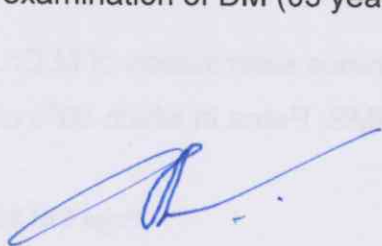
The Hon'ble SAC is requested to approve the proposal of conduct of the entrance examination for the (DM) 3-years course in Clinical & Interventional Physiology by AIIMS Patna.

Discussion:

Dr. G. K. Pal informed that the approval has been granted by the Standing Academic Committee to start DM (3-years) Academic Course in Clinical & Interventional Physiology in its 6th Standing Academic Committee meeting held on 16th December, 2022, vide Agenda point-SAC/06/06, with the intake of 04 DM students per year, which has been ratified by IB and GB of AIIMS Patna. Member Secretary Dr. G.K. Pal also informed that it has already been discussed in the 6th SAC meeting held on 16th December 2022 that for the new three years Clinical & Interventional Physiology, the entrance examination for this will be conducted by AIIMS, Patna if AIIMS, New Delhi declines to conduct the said examination, which has been mentioned in the minutes of the last SAC meeting. Dr. Pal also informed that the examination pattern will be MCQ based in the subject and the duration and other criteria of examination will be same as it is followed for INI-SS, conducted by AIIMS New Delhi. He informed the Committee that he has spoken to Registrar of AIIMS New Delhi, and as per discussion with him AIIMS new Delhi does not conduct the entrance exams for new courses in DM/MCh (three years) offered by other AIIMS. As such AIIMS Rishikesh and AIIMS Raipur are conducting entrance exams for few new DM/MCh courses offered at their institute.

Decision:

The Hon'ble SAC approved the proposal of AIIMS, Patna to conduct the entrance examination of DM (03 years) Clinical and Interventional Physiology by AIIMS, Patna.



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AGENDA- SAC/07/04

Details of Procedure of Running of New Post-Doctoral (M.Ch) 6-years Trauma Surgery & Critical Care and Conduct of Entrance Exam for New Post-Doctoral (M.Ch) 6-years Trauma Surgery and Critical Care Course in Department of Trauma Surgery by AIIMS, Patna

Approval Sought:

The Hon'ble SAC is kindly requested to consider and approve the conduct of the entrance examination for the (M.Ch) 6-years course in Trauma Surgery & Critical Care by AIIMS Patna.

Discussion:

Dr. G.K. Pal, Executive Director, AIIMS, Patna informed that in the 6th SAC meeting held on 16th December 2022, approval was granted for starting 6 years M.Ch Course in Trauma Surgery and Critical Care, at AIIMS Patna. This is being a new course, if AIIMS, New Delhi declines to conduct the examination, AIIMS Patna will conduct the examination for the said course. Dr. G.K. Pal informed that this has already been mentioned in the minutes of 6th SAC meeting. He further informed that for this new course the question papers will be MCQ based of MBBS level with 80% weightage for all the subjects of MBBS and 20% weightage will be given for the specific subject (Trauma Surgery and Critical Care). He also informed that this was discussed with the Registrar of AIIMS, New Delhi and who on telephonically informed that AIIMS, New Delhi will not be able to conduct examination for 6 years M.Ch Course due to different distribution of questions in the examination which will result in preparation of new pattern of question papers. Therefore, AIIMS, Patna will have to conduct the entrance examination for this new course by themselves. Further Executive Director informed that the Dean (Academic) AIIMS Patna has intimated AIIMS, New Delhi that AIIMS, Patna will conduct the examination for 6 years integrated M.Ch Course in Trauma Surgery and Critical Care.

Decision:

Hon'ble SAC approved the proposal for conducting of entrance examination of M.Ch. 6 years course in Trauma Surgery and Critical Care by AIIMS, Patna in which 80% of



questions will be from all the subjects of MBBS and 20% questions will be from the subject of Trauma Surgery and Critical Care, at the level of MBBS.

AGENDA ITEM No.- SAC/07/05

Starting of new Department of Palliative Medicine at AIIMS Patna.

Approval Sought:

The Hon'ble SAC is requested to give in principle approval to start the new Department of Palliative Medicine at AIIMS Patna.

Discussion:

Member Secretary, Dr. G.K. Pal informed the committee that due to increase in number of cancer patients in Bihar and other Eastern parts of the country there is a need of detailed and structured palliative care rehabilitation program for cancer patients as these patients do survive for a long span of life following advancements in chemotherapy, radiotherapy and oncosurgery. Palliative medicine is the best possible care for cancer patients following surgery/chemotherapy in these patients. He informed that Palliative Medicine Department had already been established in some of the premier institutes of the country such as AIIMS-New Delhi, KGMU-Lucknow, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital-New Delhi. He requested Dr. Umesh Kumar Bhadani, Dean (Academics) and Head of the Department of Anaesthesiology who has submitted the proposal to start a department of Palliative Medicine to make a brief presentation to the committee about the proposal for starting Palliative Medicine. Dr. Bhadani made a brief PPT presentation of the objectives and a need of Palliative Medicine at AIIMS Patna.

Decision:

Following a brief discussion, the SAC gave on-principle approval to start a new department of Palliative Medicine at AIIMS, Patna. Dr. G.K. Pal, Executive Director informed that Dr. Bhadani will make detailed presentation of the functionality of the department in the next meeting of SAC and will take the responsibility of establishing the department of Palliative Medicine at AIIMS, Patna.

AGENDA ITEM No.- SAC/07/06

Starting of new Department of Paediatric Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology at AIIMS Patna.

Approval Sought:

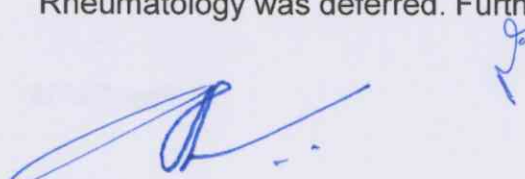
The Hon'ble SAC is requested to consider and approve the proposal for starting of new Department of Pediatric Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology at AIIMS Patna.

Discussion:

There was a thorough discussion on the proposal of starting a department of Paediatric Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology at AIIMS, Patna. Committee members pointed that when the parent department of Rheumatology is not existing in the Institute, to start a department of Paediatric Rheumatology which is a subspecialty of Rheumatology will not technically be appropriate. Therefore, it was suggested that first the Department of Rheumatology should be established and then the matter of Paediatric Rheumatology can be considered later. The Executive Director informed that the getting faculty in Rheumatology is unlikely to happen in a new future as there are very few Rheumatologists in the country and as such there is no post of faculty for the Department of Rheumatology at AIIMS, Patna. Dr. Arun Prasad, Professor of Paediatrics informed that also it will be difficult for a faculty of Paediatrics who has done DM in Paediatric Rheumatology to look after the department of adult Rheumatology. After a detailed discussion, it was decided that initially an unit of Paediatrics Rheumatology can be started in the department of Paediatrics for next few years. After the Paediatrics Rheumatology unit is well established, then the proposal of starting a department of Paediatrics Rheumatology can be considered later. It was further emphasised that before the department of Paediatrics Rheumatology starts at AIIMS Patna, there should be Department of Rheumatology, and Paediatric Rheumatology should be a sub-specialty of Rheumatology.

Decision:

The proposal for starting the new department of Paediatric Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology was deferred. Further starting a unit of Paediatric Rheumatology in the



Department of Paediatrics was approved by the SAC. Dr. Pratap Patra, who has done DM in Paediatric Rheumatology will be the Head of the unit of Paediatric Rheumatology in the department of Paediatrics.

AGENDA ITEM No.- SAC/07/07

Starting of New Post-Doctoral Academic Course (DM) 06-years course in Paediatric Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology

Approval Sought:

The Hon'ble SAC is kindly requested to consider and approve the proposal for starting of new post-doctoral academic courses (DM) 6-years course in Paediatric Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology.

Decision:

The proposal for starting a new academic course of DM programme was not accepted by the Standing Academic Committee, as the department/unit of Paediatrics Rheumatology has not been established yet.

AGENDA ITEM No.- SAC/07/08

Starting of New Post-Doctoral Academic Course (M.Ch) 6-years course in Surgical Gastroenterology

Approval Sought:

The Hon'ble SAC is requested to consider and approve the proposal for starting of new post-doctoral academic courses (M.Ch) 6-years course in Surgical Gastroenterology and to approve the conduct of the entrance examination for the (M.Ch) 6-years course in Surgical Gastroenterology by AIIMS Patna.

Discussion:

Dr. G. K. Pal, Executive Director, AIIMS, Patna informed that AIIMS, Patna is planning to start the liver transplantation programme at AIIMS, Patna. The process

of procedural requirements for starting the programme have been initiated by Head of the Department of Surgical Gastroenterology, who has requested to the Executive Director to provide more manpower for starting the liver transplantation programme, Dr. G.K. Pal informed that the department of Surgical Gastroenterology has submitted a proposal for M.Ch. 6 years integrated course, as this will provide manpower, especially the residents who will stay for a longer duration in the department and will be an asset in establishing the liver transplantation programme. It was also pointed out that in the department there are adequate faculties with an Additional Professor, an Associate Professor and two Assistant Professors. Dr. Rajesh Upadhyay, Senior Director & Head, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Max Super Specialty Hospital, New Delhi opined that the proposal to start 6 years integrated M.Ch. course is very promising and it will certainly improve the quality of patient care and will facilitate the establishment of liver transplantation programme at AIIMS, Patna. Executive Director expressed his sincere thanks to Dr. Rajesh Upadhyay for his wise inputs for starting this programme and requested him to help AIIMS, Patna to prepare and sign an MoU with Max Super Specialty Hospital, New Delhi to facilitate the activities of Surgical Gastroenterology, especially in establishing the liver transplantation programme at AIIMS, Patna.

Decision:

The committee unanimously approved the proposal for starting 6 years integrated M.Ch. programme in Surgical Gastroenterology at AIIMS Patna with the approval of 02 seats per year.

AGENDA ITEM No.- SAC/07/09

Starting of Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) courses in Specialty and Super-specialty subjects

Approval Sought:

The Hon'ble SAC is requested to consider and approve the proposal for starting of Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) Courses Speciality and Superspeciality subjects.



Discussion:

Dr. G.K. Pal, Executive Director, informed that the PDCC programme (one year) has started at AIIMS, Patna, following its approval in the 5th SAC meeting. The Heads of the Departments running PDCC course have requested the Executive Director that the admission to PDCC Course is very poor and the candidates those who have also taken admission many of them have left the Institute as the course does not provide more scope for career growth after the completion of the course. Therefore, the request from HODs was to start the Post-Doctoral Fellowship programme (PDF) in the specialty and super-specialty subjects, which currently is available at JIPMER, CMC Vellore and other INIs. It was observed that the PDF Course has lot of career progression prospects and attracts Post-MD/Post-doctoral candidates to join the course. The details of the course curriculum, admission and exit examination have been given in the annexures. It was also informed that a penalty of 5 lakhs will be levied to the candidate who leave the course in the midway.

Decision:

Hon'ble SAC unanimously approved the proposal for starting PDF courses at AIIMS, Patna. Levy of penalty of 5 lakhs to the candidates who leave the course in the midway, was also approved.

AGENDA ITEM No.- SAC/07/10

Proposal for Discontinuation of Post-Doctoral Certificate Course 1-year (PDCC) at AIIMS Patna

Approval sought:

The Hon'ble SAC is requested to consider and approve the discontinuation of Post-Doctoral Certificate Course (PDCC) 1-year program at AIIMS Patna.

Decision:

The request to discontinue the PDCC 1-year course at AIIMS, Patna was approved by the Standing Academic Committee.



AGENDA ITEM No.- SAC/07/11

Approval for Procedure of conduct of PhD Entrance Examination for July 2023 session by AIIMS Patna

Approval Sought:

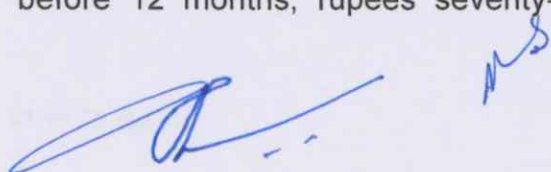
The Hon'ble SAC is requested to consider and approve the proposal for the procedure of admission to PhD Programme starting from July 2023 session.

Discussion:

Executive Director gave a detailed description of the starting PhD Course at AIIMS, Patna, which was already approved in the 6th SAC held on 16th December 2022, as an institute-funded PhD program. He informed that the details of the entrance examination, course curriculum, conduct of the course, exit examination, etc. have been given in the annexures. He informed that the procedure of selection will be based on 80% marks obtained in the written examination (MCQ type questions) and 20% marks will be from personal interview conducted at AIIMS Patna, under the Chairmanship of Executive Director. The written entrance examination will be conducted only at Patna (not in any other centres). The written MCQ test will have two sections: Section I will have 20 marks based on general research methodology, ethics and biostatistics; and Section II will have 60 marks from the concerned subject of the PhD for which the student has applied for PhD.

After a thorough discussion it was decided that it is relevant to have subject-specific PhD program, rather than project-specific PhD, as the subject-specific PhD is more helpful for career progression. Also, the students will obtain the PhD degrees in the concerned subject, which will help them to get jobs in various research institutes. It was emphasised that the programme should be robust by incorporating all the standard procedures of conduct of the PhD courses, guidelines for submission of thesis and conduct of PhD viva voce examination. Dr. G.K. Pal informed that the most of the guidelines for the proposed PhD course at AIIMS Patna have been taken from PhD guidelines available at JIPMER, Puducherry and AIIMS, Delhi.

Dr. Pal informed that students leaving the Course of PhD in the middle of the course will be levied penalty of rupees fifty thousand if he/she leave the Course before 12 months, rupees seventy-five thousands if he/she leaves the course



between 12 to 24 months, and rupees one lakh if he/she leaves between 24 to 36 months.

Decision:

The Hon'ble SAC approved the procedure admission to PhD programme at AIIMS, Patna. The institute funded PhD admission will be maximum of 03 intakes per department per year, starting from July 2023 session onward. SAC also approved the penalty clause, if the student leaves the course in the middle.

AGENDA ITEM No.- SAC/07/12

Proposal for In-service Reservation Policy in M.Sc. (Nursing) at AIIMS Patna

Approval Sought:

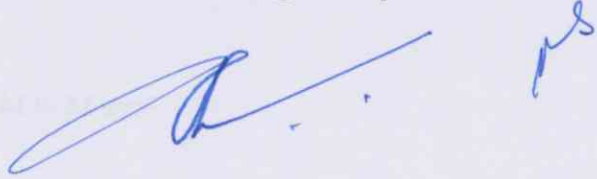
The Hon'ble SAC is requested to consider and approve the proposal for In-service Reservation Policy in M.Sc. (Nursing) at AIIMS Patna.

Discussion:

AIIMS Patna imparts both undergraduate and postgraduate medical education in Nursing. Currently, there are total of twelve (12) seats of M.Sc. (Nursing) with four (04) each in the subjects of Paediatric Nursing, Psychiatric Nursing and Community Health Nursing. It was informed that at AIIMS Delhi the 25% seats of M.Sc. (Nursing) Course are reserved for nursing faculty having more than 5 years of service at the institute. However, they also have to write the entrance test to qualify themselves for admission as applicable to others.

Decision:

After a thorough discussion, the SAC approved the proposal for In-service reservation policy in M.Sc. Nursing at AIIMS, Patna, in which 25% seats will be reserved for nursing faculty having more than 5 years of service at the institute in regular post. In this programme, currently there will be 03 seats available for this reservation category as the total number of seats in M.Sc. (Nursing) are now 12 at AIIMS, Patna. It was decided that nursing faculty those who avail the reservation of in-service category will



be treated as in-service candidate and they have to serve minimum 5 years at AIIMS, Patna after getting the M. Sc. degree at AIIMS, Patna.

AGENDA ITEM No.- SAC/07/13

Any other items, with permission of the Chairperson.

Dr. D. P. Tewari, the Hon'ble Member of Institute Body informed that the AIIMS, Patna should take adequate steps to increase the number of emergency beds specially the ICU beds as there are reports of patients being refused to emergency treatment due to non-availability of emergency-beds/ICU beds. Executive Director informed that though this matter is not related to SAC agenda items, the institute is in the process of construction of a Critical Care Hospital having more than 300 high-end ICU beds, Also, the institute is planning to have emergency services with more number of HDU beds and ICU beds in a separate building, the proposal of which will be submitted in next SFC meeting for approval.

Vote of Thanks

The meeting ended with vote of thanks proposed by Executive Director. Dr. G. K. Pal, who expressed his sincere gratitude to Chairman and all the members of SAC for attending the SAC meeting in-spite of their busy schedules and for their active participation in the meeting. He informed that this meeting was attended by all the SAC members, and the meeting was a very successful one for the wise inputs given by all the committee members. On behalf of the institute, Dr. Pal conveyed sincere thanks to all the members.



Prof. (Dr.) Gopal Krushna Pal
Member Secretary, SAC,
Executive Director, AIIMS Patna.



Prof. (Dr.) Rajiva Kumar Singh,
Chairman, SAC,
Prof. & Head, Dept. of Physiology,
PMCH, Patna.