

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Central Institute Body of new AIIMS, held on 8th April, 2025 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, President AIIMS and Chairman, CIB at Dr Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi

The 8th meeting of the Central Institute Body (CIB) of new AIIMS was held on 8th April, 2025 at 2.00 p.m. at Dr Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, President AIIMS and Chairman, CIB. The meeting was attended by all the members of the Central Institute Body . Secretary Ministry of AYUSH and Presidents of new AIIMS attended the meeting as Special Invitees .

2. At the outset, Dr. M. Srinivas, Director, AIIMS New Delhi and Member Secretary, CIB welcomed the members to the meeting. Thereafter, Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare inaugurated the Inter-AIIMS Referral Portal Facility between AIIMS, New Delhi and AIIMS, Bilaspur (Himachal Pradesh). The facility aims at facilitating patient referral and management between the two Institutions, by streamlining the processes, ensuring timely and appropriate referrals, and improving communication and coordination between the Institutions.

Item No. CIB-8/01

CIB-8/01: Confirmation of the Minutes of 7th meeting of the CIB held on 29th July 2023

The Minutes of the 7th meeting of the CIB held on 29th July 2023 were confirmed.

Secretary AYUSH raised the issue about setting up Academic Departments of AYUSH in all new AIIMS , it was clarified that the same was being presented in the present CIB as a separate Agenda along with the Report of the Committee.

Item No. CIB-8/02

CIB-8/02: Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 7th CIB held on 29th July 2023

The Action Taken Note on the Minutes of the 7th CIB meeting held on 29th July 2023 were noted. The Chairman observed that the Committees constituted for making recommendations for (i) Leveraging Visiting Faculty and Professors of Practice for Improved Teaching and Learning and (ii) Use of Internal Resources for Financial Management have submitted their reports . The recommendations of the Committee are yet to be finalised and implemented. Accordingly, the Chairman directed that a copy of the two reports should be shared with all the stakeholders for comments and their recommendations finalised within three months for implementation by all new AIIMS.

The Committee noted that the Programme of MD in Family Medicine has been started by some AIIMS .It was advised that the Programme should be considered for implementation by other Institutes as well.

Item No. CIB-8/03**CIB-8/03: Reforms for Faculty Selection by the Standing Selection Committee- Presentation of the Final Report**

Prof. Dr V.K. Paul, Hon'ble Member Health, NITI Aayog presented the Report prepared by the Committee for Reforms in the process of faculty selection by the Standing Selection Committee of the Institute . The Report was appreciated and accepted in principle . It was decided that the Report should be circulated to all the CIB members for providing their observations/comments within 15 days and after considering the observations/comments received, MoH&FW should finalise and issue the guidelines to be followed by all AIIMS while selecting faculty for the Institutes on the basis of the recommendations made by the Committee .

The Chairman observed that each Institute should formulate an annual calendar of recruitment processes and should ensure timely filling up of vacant sanctioned posts as per the Recruitment Rules in place .

Item No. CIB-8/04**CIB-8/04: Research at AIIMS: Status & Way Forward – Secretary Department of Health Research (DHR)**

Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Secretary, Department of Health Research and DG-ICMR presented a report on the status of Research funded by ICMR in various AIIMS by way of extramural grant , Investigator initiated small grants (up to Rs 2 cr) and intermediate grants(up to Rs 8 cr), Centres of Advanced Research , research grant for students etc .

The progress made by different Institutes in securing research funds in the last two years from ICMR was also highlighted . It was noted that few new AIIMS have made a good headway in securing grants from ICMR while others have to make more efforts in this direction .

Secretary DHR stated that research should be given equal importance as clinical work and teaching .As Institutes of National Importance both the quality and quantity of research projects needs to be enhanced . To build research capability and to promote impactful research workshops on research methodology , writing of research proposals should be conducted by Institutes for faculty and students alike .

It was suggested to explore greater interface with industry in the field of research and the possibility of CSR funding for research . It was proposed that more research opportunities should be available for PhD students and physician scientists. It was also proposed that an Entrepreneurship Policy, similar to that in IITs, should be explored for implementation in AIIMS to promote innovation with options for incentivising good research . It was advised that while entering into research collaboration at international level, effort should be made to ensure higher level of involvement for more meaningful contribution . Necessary approval of the Competent Authority should be taken while entering into such arrangements..

Item No. CIB-8/05**CIB-8/05: Creation of AYUSH as a Separate Academic Department in new**

AIIMS-Presentation of the Final Report

Prof. V.K. Paul, Hon'ble Member Health, NITI Aayog presented the final Report of the Committee on the creation of a separate Academic Department of AYUSH in new AIIMS duly considering the compliance with the existing Regulatory Mechanism for setting up of Medical and AYUSH academic institutions .

It was decided that the Report should be circulated to all the CIB members for obtaining comments / suggestions and accordingly necessary directions to be issued by the Ministry for setting up separate Academic Departments of AYUSH in all new AIIMS .

Item No. CIB-8/06

CIB-8/06: Standardization of Course Curriculum and Duration of Professional Years for MBBS

Director, AIIMS New Delhi presented the current structure of academic programs at AIIMS, Delhi. It was noted that there are inconsistencies in the duration of different professional years in the MBBS course across various AIIMS . It was noted that over the years steps have been taken by new AIIMS to innovate /update the academic programmes keeping in view the changing needs and circumstances .

After detailed discussions it was decided to constitute a Committee with the mandate to define overarching principles of MBBS curriculum to be applicable uniformly to all Institutes while allowing for flexibility in the design of the course at the Institute level .

Item No. CIB-8/07

CIB-8/07: Disseminating the culture of AIIMS, New Delhi to new AIIMS

Director, AIIMS New Delhi presented the outline of the work-culture at AIIMS, New Delhi and outlined the opportunities available for mentorship. It was felt that Conclaves to facilitate the sharing of experiences, knowledge and good practices for collaborative learning may be organised .

Towards the end, Secretary (HFW) stressed the importance of circulating the reports of various committees among all members to encourage comprehensive feedback and informed decision-making. Recognizing the diverse capabilities of each new AIIMS, Sec HFW emphasised on greater interaction amongst AIIMS for peer learning . Highlighting cybersecurity as an area requiring attention she urged all new AIIMS to conduct thorough reviews of their IT systems and initiate necessary measures as per advisories issued by the Ministry . Lastly, Sec HFW called upon all institutions to effectively implement various flagship schemes and initiatives of the Ministry with focus on patient convenience while delivering state of the art health care services .

Concluding Remarks: Hon'ble Minister, HFW

Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, in his concluding remarks, acknowledged the valuable suggestions put forward during the discussions. He emphasised that while maintaining uniformity in principles , flexibility in operation is essential to bring out the best from each Institute .

He stated that while AIIMS New Delhi is widely recognized both nationally and internationally as a premier institution, the new AIIMS located across different parts of the country are providing vital tertiary care services to the people in their respective regions and have earned strong reputation therein .

To enhance collaboration and institutional growth, Hon'ble HFM proposed the establishment of a system of regular interaction amongst different AIIMS for capacity building ,sharing best practices and deliberating on areas of common concern and interest . He emphasised on innovation in process and practices to achieve greater output and outcome . Hon'ble HFM further emphasised on greater use of Information and Technology for patient convenience , better governance , enhanced outreach and inter institute referral . For greater Quality Assurance Hon'ble HFM stressed the need for all AIIMS to work towards NABL/NABH accreditation. He emphasised on building 'AIIMS Culture ' in all new AIIMS with focus on dedicated work , collaborative approach and attainment of excellence in all pursuits .

The meeting ended with thanks to Chair and all those present.

(Prof. M. Srinivas)
Member Secretary
Central Institute Body, AIIMS