

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
IN SUPERSESSION OF MEDICAL COUNCIL OF INDIA
SECTOR-8, POCKET-14, DWARKA PHASE-1, NEW DELHI-110077**

Minutes of the meeting

Thirtieth meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 15th May, 2020 (Friday) from 12 noon onward at Room No.134, NITI Aayog, New Delhi.

The following members of the BoG were present:

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| 1. Dr. V.K. Paul | - | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Balram Bhargava | - | Member |
| 3. Dr. Nikhil Tandon | - | Member |
| 4. Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Madhuri Kanitkar | - | Member |

The following members of the BoG attended the meeting through video conferencing:

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| 1. Dr. Randeep Guleria | - | Member |
| 2. Dr. Jagat Ram | - | Member |
| 3. Dr. B.N. Gangadhar | - | Member |
| 4. Dr. Rajiv Garg | - | Member |
| 5. Dr. M.P. Shah | - | Member |
| 6. Dr. K. S. Sharma | - | Member |
| 7. Dr. V.R. Ramani | - | Member |

Dr. R.K. Vats, Secretary General, BoG, MCI, Dr. S. Venkatesh, Principal Adviser and Dr. Siddarth Ramji, OSD/Sr. Adviser BoG also attended the meeting..

The Chair welcomed the members.

Following is the summary of proceedings and decisions of the meeting.

1. **Proposal for Extension of Time Schedule from 1st June, 2020 to 31st August, 2020 for issue of LOP for MBBS course u/s 10A of the IMC Act, 1956 for the academic session 2020-2021.**

Read: Agenda Note.

Decision:

The Board of Governors considered the proposals and approved the following:-

- (i) Board of Governors was informed that the National Testing Agency has announced 26th July, 2020 as the date for the UG NEET Examination. Considering the time required for declaring the UG NEET results and the subsequent counseling, the BoG, MCI approved the filing of an application before the Hon'ble Supreme Court for extension of last date for issue of LOP for MBBS Course for the academic session 2020-2021 upto 31.08.2020 instead of 31.05.2020.

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- (ii) Board of Governors also considered and approved the proposal for extending the Time Schedule for receipt of applications for Establishment of Medical Colleges/Increase of UG Seats in the existing medical colleges for 2021-2022 from 15th September, 2020 to 15th October, 2020 instead of 15th June to 7th July, 2020.

2. Proposal for Extension of Time Schedule for issuance of LOP/Final recommendations for Super Speciality Courses u/s 10(A) of IMC Act 1956 for the academic year 2020-21.

Read: Agenda Note.

Decision:

The Board of Governors was informed that the final postgraduate examination for broad specialties which were scheduled to be held during April/May, 2020 had to be postponed in view of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the national lockdown and that these exams are expected to be completed by 30th June, 2020 (vide Agenda No.5). Considering the above facts, the Board of Governors considered and approved the proposal to extend the last date for issuance of Letter of Permission for Super-Speciality courses for the academic year 2020-21 upto 15/07/2020 instead of 31.05.2020.

3. Proposal for Extension of Admission Schedule for Postgraduate courses (Broad Speciality) - regarding.

Read: Agenda Note.

Decision:

The Board of Governors considered the proposal and took note of the status of counseling for PG courses (broad speciality) and decided to approve extension of the last date of joining the Postgraduate Courses to 31/07/2020 for the academic year 2020-21. The Central Government may be requested to consider revision of PG counseling Schedule accordingly, if required. Thereafter, the Hon'ble Supreme Court may be approached for grant of approval to the revised schedule.

4. Proposal for Extension of last date of receipt of Postgraduate Applications (Broad Speciality) for the academic year 2021-22.

Read: Agenda Note.

Decision:

The Board of Governors took note of the situation in the Country due to Covid - 19 pandemic and thereafter subsequent lockdown and decided to approve the proposal for extension of last date for submission of PG applications to MCI for starting/Increase of seats in PG Courses for the academic year 2021-22 upto 31st July, 2020.

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5. Proposal to conduct of PG examination in 2020 with two internal and two external examiners from different universities of the same State.

Read: Agenda Note.

Decision:

The Board of Governors considered the representations from universities across the country, wherein they have expressed their difficulties in getting External Examiners for conduct of exams due to restriction in travel imposed due to the current Pandemic situation. The representations also had sought modification in the existing norms for the conduct of the exams. In view of the above, and taking note of regulations with respect to conduct of examination in Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000, the BoG decided as under:-

A) The Universities may be advised to follow one of the following options with respect to external examiners for the PG examinations considering the risk stratification of the areas wherein the medical colleges /institutions are located, if two external examiners from outside State are not feasible due to Pandemic.

(i) Two external examiners to be selected from another different university. Both of these examiners have to be physically present at the venue of the examinations.

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(ii) One of the two external examiners to be selected from another different university, who would be physically present at the venue of the examinations and the second external examiner from another different university outside the State who would participate through video-conferencing.

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(iii) Both the External Examiners from two different universities outside the State who would participate through video-conferencing.

(iv) In case of States having all medical colleges under same University e.g., State Health Universities, the Medical Colleges may engage External Examiners from other Colleges under that State Government Health University as in cases of WBUHS, KNRUHS and NTRUHS etc.

(v) External Examines may also be taken from any AIIMS, INIs like PGI, NIMHANS etc.

Further, these guidelines are a one time measure for the PG current exams to be held in 2020 only in view of the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic.

B) The universities may be advised to complete the university examinations for PG broad specialities by 30th June, 2020.

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6. Consideration of the matters of assessments to be carried out on behalf of the Council with regard to recognition/Renewal of recognition/Recognition against increased of seats in postgraduate courses- reg.

Read: Agenda Note.

Decision:

The Board of Governors considered the status of assessment for recognition of PG courses(Broad Specility), which were to be carried out during the final university examinations. In view of the fact, that examination are delayed and are now likely to be completed by 30th June, 2020 (vide Agenda No.5) and that there may be difficulties in Inter-state travel due to restrictions imposed due to post Covid-19 pandemic lockdown, the Board of Governors decided as under:-

- (i) For assessments related to renewal of recognition and recognition of increased in seats, the assessors would carry out assessment for standard of examination alone by participating in the exam through video conferencing on the stipulated dates as informed by the concerned institutions/universities.
- (ii) For assessment for recognition of new courses, the assessors would have to be physically present on the date of the examination for assessment. The selection of assessors would be done considering the risk stratification of the areas and the logistics of travel.

7. Establishment of Bhaikaka University/Change of affiliating University of Pramukhswami Medical College from Sardar Patel University to Bhaikaka University, Karamsad from the academic year 2019-2020.

Read: Agenda Note.

Decision:

The Board of Governors noted that in response to the MCI's earlier decision on the matter, the university authority had sent a letter dt. 06.04.2020 wherein they had quoted the Gujarat Private University (Second Amendment) Act, 2019 Clause 3(5) and further stated that university had started its operation from 1st October, 2019 and that the previous affiliating university i.e. Sardar Patel University had decided to cease its affiliation from the academic year 2019-20. Since, the new university appeared to have commenced from 01.10.2019, which is after the start of the academic year 2019-20, clarification may be sought from the university in this regard, the matter may be placed before the BoG after response received from the university concerned have been received.

8. Change of affiliating University of Mata Gujri Memorial Medical College and Lions Seva Kendra Hospital, Kishanganj (Bihar) in respect of PG Diploma Courses from Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University, Madepura (Bihar) to Mata Gujri University, Kishanganj (Bihar)

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Decision:

The Board of Governors considered the Central Government letter dated 06 May 2020 and decided to approve the change of affiliating university Mata Gujri Memorial Medical College and Lions Seva Kendra Hospital, Kishanganj (Bihar) in respect of PG Diploma Courses from Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University, Madepura (Bihar) to Mata Gujri University, Kishanganj (Bihar) in respect of the following Postgraduate (PG) Diploma courses i.e. Diploma in Child Health, Diploma in Anaesthesiology, Diploma in Orthopedics, Diploma in Obst & Gynae granted by Mata Gujri University, Kishanganj (Bihar) in respect of said college for one batch admitted in the academic year 2018-19 and Diploma in Ophthalmology for two batches admitted in the academic year 2018-2019 & 2019-2020.

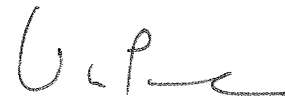
9. Migration of Ms. Shrisha S Hanumasagar from Oxford Medical College, Hospital & Research Centre, Bangalore to SDM College of Medical Sciences & Hospital, Dharwad-reg.

Read: Agenda Note.

Decision:

The Board of Governors noted that the MCI had considered and disapproved the matter with regard to migration of Ms. Shrisha S. Hanumasagar from Oxford Medical College, Hospital & Research Centre, Bangalore to SDM College of Medical Sciences & Hospital, Dharwad in 21.12.2018. The applicant thereafter had filed a Writ Petition No.18842/2019 in the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, against the decision of the BoG, MCI. The Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in its order dated 26.08.2019 had rejected the petition but permitted the petitioner to make a fresh application for migration for the ensuing academic year in the event of relevant regulations for providing such migration. The applicant had made a fresh application to the Directorate of Medical Education, Govt. of Karnataka who had permitted the migration of the applicant, who was a second year MBBS student of Oxford Medical College, Hospital & Research Centre, Bangalore (having passed the 1st MBBS examination in July, 2018) to SDM College of Medical Sciences & Hospital, Dharwad subject to the approval from the Medical Council of India.

The BoG further noted that even though the two medical institutions were recognized, the clause 6(3) of GMER, 1999 does not permit migration during the clinical phase of training on any ground. Since, the candidate had passed the 1st professional MBBS exam in July, 2018 and the application for migration was made on 18.11.2019 when the applicant had completed at least a year of her clinical phase of training, the application referred to the Medical Council of India by the Principal, SDM College of Medical Sciences & Hospital, Dharwad dt. 02.12.2019 be considered as disapproved and the same may be communicated to all concerned.



10. Complaint against officials of Medical Council of India – Case with regard to M.P. Shah Medical College, Jamnagar- reg.

Read: Agenda Note.

Decision:

The Board of Governors considered the matter with regard to complaint against officials of Medical Council of India in respect of M.P. Shah Medical College, Jamnagar and approved the recommendation of CVO for issue of second show cause notice to Shri Raj Kumar Jain.

11. Information about guidelines/advisories issued during lockdown period and uploaded on MCI website-Reg.

Read: Agenda Note.

Decision:

The Board of Governors noted and approved the guidelines/ advisories issued during lockdown period and uploaded on MCI website.

12. Regarding filling up the post of Private Secretary in MCI.

Read: Agenda Note.

Decision:

The Board of Governors considered the matter and nominated the following members for constitution of Departmental Promotion Committee apart from Chairman, BoG and Secretary General for filling up of the post of Private Secretary in MCI:-

1. Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Madhuri Kanitkar
2. Dr. Nikhil Tandon
3. Dr. Rajiv Garg(DGHS)

13. Accrediting Telemedicine Guidelines – Consideration of the Proposal of Director, NIMHANS.

Read: Agenda Note.

Decision:

The Board of Governors considered the proposal received from Director, NIMHANS for developing a structured course for certification in tele-medicine as enshrined in the Tele-Medicine notification dt. 12th May, 2020.

The Board of Governors decided to constitute the following Committee/ Working Group to facilitate the development of the telemedicine course:-

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(i) Steering Committee

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| (i) | Dr. B.N. Gangadhar | - | Chair |
| (ii) | Dr. Nikhil Tandon | - | Co-Chair |
| (iii) | Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Madhuri Kanitkar | - | Member |
| (iv) | Dr. K.S. Sharma | - | Member |
| (v) | Dr. Rajiv Garg (DGHS) | - | Member |
| (vi) | Dr. R.K.Vats | - | Member- Secretary |

(ii) Expert Group – The Steering Committee would nominate 10-12 Experts with experience in Tele-Medicine matters.

(iii) A Working Group located at NIMHANS which will be involved in the actual development of the course material.(to be selected by Dr.B.N. Gangadhar).

It was further decided that Rs.5 Lakhs may be earmarked for this activity from the MCI budget.

14. Addition of Medicine in Drug List of the Telemedicine Guidelines – the Proposal of Director, NIMHANS

Read: Agenda Note.

Decision:

The Board of Governors considered and approved the proposal received from Director, NIMHANS for addition of “Methylphenidate” prescribed for ADHD Management during the COVID-19 Pandemic” in List B of Telemedicine Practice Guidelines.

The BoG further decided to constitute a Sub-Committee with defined terms of reference for considering applications for inclusion of medications for prescription during Tele-medicine consultations. The BoG decided the following Sub-Committee may be constituted for considering all such applications in the future:-

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| (i) | Dr. Randeep Guleria (Chair) |
| (ii) | Dr. Rajiv Garg |
| (iii) | Dr S. Ramji |
| (iv) | The Chair may invite experts from relevant specilaity etc. for advice/inputs. |

15. Consideration of Order dated 28.08.2019 of the Hon’ble High Court of Madras in WP (C) No. 3124/2018- Dr. P.S. Kiran vs. The Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Puducherry &Ors.

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Decision:

The Board of Governors considered the proposal and decided to recommend to the Central Government for recognition u/s 11 (2) of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 of Diploma in Medical Radiology and Diagnosis awarded by JIPMER while it was affiliated with University of Madras.

16. Regarding review of suspension of Dr. Davinder Kumar, Joint Secretary (U/s.) w.e.f. 05.06.2020 .

Read: Agenda Note

Decision:

The Board of Governors approved the minutes of the Review Committee meeting dated 15.05.2020 to continue the suspension of Dr. Davinder Kumar, Joint Secretary (U/s.) for a further period of 90 days w.e.f. 05.06.2020.

The minutes of the above item were read out, approved and confirmed in the meeting itself.

17. Regarding Review of IInd suspension of Dr. Davinder Kumar, Joint Secretary (U/s.) w.e.f.22.05.2020.

Read: Agenda Note

Decision:

The Board of Governors approved the minutes of the Review Committee meeting dated 15.05.2020 to continue the IInd suspension of Dr. Davinder Kumar, Joint Secretary (U/s.) for a further period of 90 days w.e.f. 22.05.2020.

The minutes of the above item were read out, approved and confirmed in the meeting itself.

18. Regarding Review of suspension of Dr. Anshu Sethi Bajaj, Deputy Secretary (U/s.) w.e.f. 01.06.2020.

Read: Agenda Note.

Decision:

The Board of Governors approved the minutes of the Review Committee meeting dated 15.05.2020 to continue the suspension of Dr. Anshu Sethi Bajaj, Deputy Secretary (U/s.) for a further period of 90 days w.e.f. 01.06.2020.

The minutes of the above item were read out, approved and confirmed in the meeting itself.

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19. Consideration of the Committee Report.

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Decision:

The Board of Governors considered the report of the Committee under Chair of Dr. Balram Bhargava, (Member,BoG) with Dr. S.Venkatesh, Pr. Adviser and Dr. D.S. Gangwar, AS&FA, (both members) and approved the recommendations.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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