

CONFIDENTIAL**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION**Meeting : 427<sup>th</sup>Date : 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2006**ITEM NO.7.11:****TITLE OF THE ISSUE  
UNDER DISCUSSION**

To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted to consider the proposal of Mahatma Gandhi Mission for Deemed to be University status to its Medical Colleges at Navi Mumbai and Aurangabad (Maharashtra).

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**BACKGROUND**

The UGC had received a proposal from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India for the Deemed to be University status to the colleges run by the Mahatma Gandhi Mission, a Maharashtra based Education Trust in the name and style of MGM Institute of Health Sciences, Navi Mumbai comprising of the following two Medical Colleges:

1. Mahatma Gandhi Mission's Medical College, Navi Mumbai, MS
2. Mahatma Gandhi Mission's Medical College, Aurangabad, MS

The proposal was considered in the office of the Commission and the Chairman UGC constituted an Expert Committee consisting of the following Experts which visited the Medical College at Navi Mumbai on 29-30<sup>th</sup> March and Medical College at Aurangabad on 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2006 :

1. Dr. Ashok Sharma  
Professor of Radiology  
Maulana Azad Medical College  
New Delhi.

2. Dr. A.K. Saxena  
Professor of Anesthesia  
University College of Medical Sciences  
University of Delhi, Delhi.
3. Dr. M.S. Kunwar  
Ex-CMO  
Government of Uttar Pradesh  
Himalayan Institute of Medical Sciences,  
Dehradun (Uttanchal)
4. Prof. R.C. Sharma  
Head of Physiology Department,  
Surat Institute of Medical Education  
Surat (Gujarat)

Shri C.K. Kapahi, Deputy Secretary, UGC coordinated the meeting.

After thorough inspection of both the Colleges and discreet scrutiny of the documents furnished by the Trust, the Committee made the following observations and recommendations :

**1) Mahatma Gandhi Mission's Medical College, Navi Mumbai**

The College was established in the year 1989 and presently running MBBS with an intake of 100 students and the eleven (11) PG departments. The UG courses are affiliated to the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nasik while the PG Courses are affiliated to the University of Mumbai . All the courses are approved by the Medical Council of India ( MCI).

The College and its 560 bed attached Hospital is located in a campus of 24.5 Acres with Land with total built-up Area of 33985.10 sq. mtr. Apart from the MGM teaching Hospital in the Main campus, the Trust has three other hospitals of the capacity of 120 beds each in the close proximity of its Main campus at Kalamboli, Vashi and CBD Belapur.

## **2. MGM MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, AURANGABAD**

The College was established in the year 1990. The College is presently offering MBBS with 100 seats and PG programmes in 4 specialties with a total intake of 11 students. For the UG courses, the College is affiliated to Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, while the PG courses are affiliated to Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad.

The major Buildings housed in the campus include MGM Medical College, Auditorium , Boys Hostel , Girls Hostel, Resident Doctor Hostel, Staff Quarters and Guest House. All the Buildings are well maintained and very well equipped. Work is also going on in the campus for construction of additional buildings. All the teaching and clinical laboratories of the College and Hospital are meticulously planned and very well equipped for imparting quality medical education.

The Hospital attached to the College has a total Bed capacity of around 550. The hospital have more than adequate space with all necessary facilities comprising of outpatient, operation theatre Complex, diagnostic facilities, intensive patient monitoring areas, in patient as well as referral facilities.

The Committee after thorough assessment of the academic programmes and infrastructural facilities of both the colleges and scrutiny of the documents furnished by the Management vis-a-vis conditions laid down under the UGC Guidelines, observed that:

Both the Colleges proposed to be the constituent units of the Deemed University, are already post graduate colleges in the field of Medical Sciences. The aims and objectives of the Institute include provisions for Research and for the advancement of innovative courses and dissemination of knowledge.

Both the Colleges are specialised Medical Colleges and are also conducting PG courses .

One of the Innovative features of the institution is that the College has developed an exclusive centre – Department of Infectious Diseases and Research Centre. The Centre is approved as specialised unit by the State Government for imparting expertise in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of AIDS. The Centre has a collaborative tie up with University of Texas. The Medical College at Navi Mumbai has also an exclusive centre namely MGM Centre for Genetic Research and Diagnosis which is engaged in Research and Diagnosis of Genetic disorders and diseases, both congenital and acquired in nature. The Institute also proposes to set up a Centre for Advanced studies in Genetics and Medical Biotechnology for running short term and long terms academic programmes of diploma, degree and post doctoral level.

The Institution has adequate infrastructure and competent faculty to undertake programmes in emerging areas.

The Sponsoring Trust has a long experience on running the higher Educational Institutions. The Trust is presently running more than 35 colleges in different parts of the State. The Trustees of the Institute are themselves qualified Doctors. Financially also, the Institution is capable of maintaining and sustaining itself as a viable Deemed to be University.

All the courses conducted at both the Medical colleges are approved by the MCI.

A new Trust has been created and registered by the Sponsoring society in the name and style of 'MGM Institute of Health Sciences'. A copy of the Registration Certificate is enclosed as **Annexure-I (P.403)**.

The New Trust has formulated and adopted MoA and Rules based on the Model prescribed by the UGC.

The MGM Medical College, Navi Mumbai is 16 Years old while the MGM Medical College, Aurangabad is 15 years old and therefore fulfill the condition of 10 years of existence.

A corpus of Rs. 5 crores has been created in the name of the Institute in the form of the FD.

The Sponsoring society, by way of irrevocable resolution resolved to transfer all moveable and immovable properties belonging to the both Medical colleges, in the name of new Trust namely MGM Institute of Health Sciences.

The State Government of Maharashtra has recommended both the colleges for the status of Deemed University .

## **THE POINTS UNDER CONSIDERATION**

After meticulous and thorough inspection of the basic infrastructure, academic facilities, clinical and research facilities and scrutiny of various documents furnished by the administrative authorities, the committee is of the opinion that the proposal submitted by MGM Institute of Health Sciences Navi Mumbai comprising of the following two institutions satisfies the necessary conditions and parameters laid down by University Grant Commission:

1. Mahatma Gandhi Mission's Medical College, Navi Mumbai, MS
2. Mahatma Gandhi Mission's Medical College, Aurangabad, MS

The Committee feels that the said institution has potentials to develop further as an institution of excellence in Health Sciences. The Committee therefore unanimously recommends that MGM Institute of Health Sciences Navi Mumbai comprising of the above two colleges may be granted the status of Deemed to be University under section 3 of the UGC Act. A copy of the report of the Committee is placed as Annexure-II (P.404-415).

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## PREVIOUS DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission has been approving the recommendations of the Visiting Committee deputed for on the spot assessment of proposals for the Deemed University.

The matter is placed before the Commission for consideration.

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**University Grants Commission**

**Report of the Expert Committee constituted to consider the proposal of Mahatma Gandhi Mission for Deemed to be University status to its Medical Colleges at Navi Mumbai and Aurangabad (Maharashtra).**

The UGC had received a proposal from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India for the Deemed to be University status to the 37 colleges run by the Mahatma Gandhi Mission, a Maharashtra based Education Trust. The Trust made a presentation of its proposal at the UGC Headquarters in New Delhi before the Committee constituted by the then Chairman for preliminary screening of the proposals received from the institutions for the status of Deemed to be University. The Committee after discussion with the representatives of the Trust, inter-alia, made the following recommendations:

*The Committee felt that the proposal of the Institution lacked focus and it was mix of some good and some not so good institutions.*

*The Institute was advised to bring a revised and focussed proposal for a small number of Institutions, which have research activity and have strong faculty.*

Accordingly, the Trust submitted a revised proposal for the status of Deemed University in the name and style of **MGM Institute of Health Sciences, Navi Mumbai** comprising of the following two Medical Colleges:

1. **Mahatma Gandhi Mission's Medical College, Navi Mumbai, MS**
2. **Mahatma Gandhi Mission's Medical College, Aurangabad, MS**

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The proposal was considered in the office of the Commission and the Chairman UGC constituted an Expert Committee, comprising of the following, for an on the spot assessment of the proposal of the Trust:

1. Dr. Ashok Sharma  
Professor of Radiology & Imaging  
GB Pant Hospital & Maulana Azad Medical College  
New Delhi.
2. Dr. A.K. Saxena  
Professor of Anesthesia  
University College of Medical Sciences  
University of Delhi, Delhi
3. Dr. M.S. Kurwar  
Ex-CMO  
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4. Prof. R.C. Sharma  
Head of Physiology Deptt.  
Surat Institute of Medical Education & Research  
Surat (Gujarat)

Shri C.K. Kapahi Dy. Secretary UGC was deputed to accompany the Committee for co-ordination and assistance.

The Committee visited the Medical College at Navi Mumbai on 29-30<sup>th</sup> March and Medical College at Aurangabad on 31<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2006.

The Committee was received by the Chairman of the Trust. At the outset, the Institute made a visual presentation highlighting the academic programmes, infrastructural facilities, research activities, major achievements and blue print for the future growth.

The Committee then, visited both the colleges for physical verification of the facilities. The Committee also interacted with the faculty, non-teaching staff and representatives of the students.

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After thorough inspection of both the Colleges and discreet scrutiny of the documents furnished by the Trust, the Committee made the following observations and recommendations.

**Mahatma Gandhi Mission's Medical College, Navi Mumbai**

The College was established in the year 1989 and presently running MBBS with an intake of 100 students and the eleven (11) PG departments. The details of postgraduate degree & diploma courses approved by Medical council at this college and their sanctioned intake are given below:

Sr. No.	Name of Course	Degree	Diploma
1.	Medicine	4	
2.	Anesthesiology	2	2
3.	Surgery	4	
4.	Pathology	2	
5.	Anatomy	5	
6.	Physiology	3	
7.	Pharmacology	2	
8.	Orthopedics	2	2
9.	Ophthalmology	1	1
10.	Paediatrics	3	2
11.	Microbiology	2	
<b>Total</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>

The UG courses are affiliated to the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nasik while the PG Courses are affiliated to the University of Mumbai. All the courses are approved by the Medical Council of India (MCI).

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

The College and its 560 bed attached Hospital is located in a campus of 24.5 Acres with Land with total built-up Area of 33985.10 sq. mt. Apart from the

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MGM teaching Hospital in the Main campus, the Trust has three other hospitals of the capacity of 120 beds each in the close proximity of its Main campus at Kalamboli, Vashi and CBD Belapur. The major buildings housed in the campus include MGM Medical College, Auditorium (open), Boys Hostel, Girls Hostel, Staff Quarters and Guest House. All the buildings are well maintained and adequately equipped. Work is also going on in the campus for construction of additional buildings.

### **LIBRARY**

The College has a well-stocked Central Library with adequate space for all facilities. The Library has subscribed 64 reputed National and 22 international indexed journals. The library also has facilities for online accesses of national and international journal. Besides, there are sufficient numbers of books in all teaching departmental Libraries for ready reference. Considering the warm environmental condition in Navi Mumbai, the Internet access zone will require air-conditioning.

### **FACULTY**

All the teaching departments in the College have adequate number of faculties comprising of Professors, Associate Professors, Lecturers, tutors & senior residents in each department. The Break up of the regular faculty is as under

1. Professor	48
2. Asso. Professor	29
3. Lecturer	61
4. Tutors and Senior Residents	42

### **LABORATORIES AND EQUIPMENTS**

Adequate, basic and necessary equipments were found functional at the time of inspection in laboratories of pre /para clinical and clinical departments. The Hospital has emergency Laboratories as well as Bio-Chemistry and Hematology

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adequately equipped and are performing all basics as well as many specialized tests.

#### TEACHING HOSPITAL

There are four hospitals attached to the College with total Bed capacity of around 800. All the hospitals are located on the main highway and have more than adequate space with all necessary facilities comprising of outpatient, operation theatres, diagnostic and in patient facilities as well as referral facilities.

#### CLINICAL MATERIAL

The four hospitals attached to the Medical college are catering to approximately 800 to 1000 outdoor patients on daily basis. The facilities in the OPD Block are quite satisfactory for catering upto 1000 patients. The OPD Block is well maintained. Indoor occupancy was found to be approximately 75 % in all wards and as per the information provided by the administration this occupancy increases to 100 percent in peak season. The committee observed that majority of patients are from poor strata of the society. Separate Medicine wards for Male and Female patients are well maintained with proper patient beds and 30 beds per unit. Similarly, Surgery, Orthopedics, ENT, Skin wards are also well maintained. Opthomology ward is very well maintained and has more than adequate clinical material. Specialised clinics like diabetics, hypertension, Endocrine, Urology, Nephrology, Infectious Diseases, Burn and plastic clinics are functioning properly. The College has well equipped Physiotherapy department. The College has adopted few primary health centres in surrounding rural areas.

#### RESEARCH COMPONENT AND INNOVATION

The Committee observed that much innovative research work has been performed in infectious diseases specially in HIV detection and diagnosis. The committee also observed that the facilities for genetic medicine, stem cell and clinical trial research are also available in one of the hospitals. The various

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departments of the Medical College have undertaken research projects in collaboration with central agencies like ICMR, NACO and NICD as per the records produced before the committee. The College is also having a joint research venture with University of Texas in infectious diseases as per the records shown to committee. The Committee visited and inspected Hospital's AIDS Centre and Genetic and Stem cell Centre and appreciated the research activities of these Centers. The documents and reprints produced before the committee indicate that many research papers have been published by the faculty in the reputed journals. The Medical College and associated hospitals are conducting regular CMEs, seminars and conferences. The Committee also observed that the College organises Guest lectures by inviting distinguished national and international faculty.

#### STUDENT'S AMENITIES

The Students Hostels are well maintained and have all adequate facilities like mess, canteen, recreation area and play grounds. The students are organizing extra curricular activities like annual carnivals, sports meet and other cultural activities including NSS and extension activities in the field of Public Health. It was also observed that some of the students have been felicitated with special awards and have bagged medals in various professional examinations.

#### MAHATMA GANDHI MISSION'S MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, AURANGABAD:

The College was established in the year 1990. The College is presently offering MBBS with 100 seats and PG programmes in 4 specialities with a total intake of 11 students. For the UG courses, the College is affiliated to Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, while the PG courses are affiliated to Dr. Bhabha Saheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad. The details of postgraduate degree approved by the Medical council of India with intake capacity are as given below:

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Sr. No.	Name of Course	Degree
1.	Medicine	4
2	Surgery	4
3	Ophthalmology	1
4	Obst. & Gynae	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>

### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

The College and its 550 bed attached Hospital is located in a campus of 70.00 acres of land with total built-up Area of 300000 sq.ft. The major Buildings housed in the campus include MGM Medical College, Auditorium, Boys and Girls Hostels, Resident Doctor Hostel, Staff Quarters and Guest House. All the buildings are well maintained and very well equipped. work is also going on in the campus for construction of additional buildings. Despite being located in a small city, infrastructure-wise the facilities provided by the Management are comparable to any Medical college of Metro city.

### **LIBRARY**

The College has a well stacked state-of-the-art Central Library with all modern aides including the reprographic facility on-line subscription of National and International journals ( about 200) in addition to 71 National and 22 International print journals. The Library is housed in an area measuring 30,000 Sq. ft. The documents furnished by the Management suggest annual budget allocation for the library to be the tune of Rs. 20 lakhs. Besides, every teaching department has its own departmental Library with books ranging from 160 to 220. There is separate provision of reading rooms for UG students, PG students and staff members in the central library.

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**FACULTY**

All the teaching departments in the College are adequately staffed. The break up of the regular faculty is as under:

1. Professor	34
2. Asso. Professor	38
3. Lecturers	35
4. Tutor/SR	62

**LABORATORIES AND EQUIPMENTS**

All the teaching and clinical laboratories of the College and Hospital are meticulously planned and very well equipped for imparting quality medical education. The students and faculty of the College is making optimum use of the instruments and Equipments in pre /para clinical and clinical departments.

**TEACHING HOSPITAL**

The Hospital attached to the College has a total Bed capacity of around 550. The hospital has more than adequate space with all necessary facilities comprising of outpatient, operation theatre Complex, diagnostic facilities, intensive patient monitoring areas, in-patient as well as referral facilities. The Hospital is catering tertiary health care needs of the surrounding urban and rural areas.

**CLINICAL MATERIAL**

The teaching hospital of this Medical college has a daily outpatients attendance of approximately 920 to 1100. The facilities in the OPD Block are quite satisfactory for catering to the 2000-3000 patients. The OPD Block is well maintained. Indoor occupancy was found be approximately 72 percent in all wards and as per the information provided by the administration this occupancy increases beyond its total capacity during peak season. Separate Medicine

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wards for Male and Female patients are well maintained with proper patient beds. Specialized clinics like Cardiology, Cardio-thoracic surgery, diabetics, hypertension, Endocrine, Urology, Nephrology, Burn and plastic surgery clinics are being conducted regularly.

### RESEARCH COMPONENT AND INNOVATION

All the departments of medical college are actively involved in research activities and have published 137 papers of their research work in scientific journals.

The College has also established a Research & Training center as an extension of activities of department of Infectious diseases located at MGM Medical College Navi Mumbai and conducting research work in different disciplines particularly in infectious diseases. It has good potential to become regional center of excellence for Marathwada region.

The Medical College is conducting regular CMEs, seminars and conferences.

### STUDENTS AMENITIES

The College has well maintained adequate hostel facilities for boys, girls, interns and resident doctors in the campus. The Hostels have facilities like mess, canteen, recreation area and play grounds. The students are engaged in different activities including NSS and extensions activities in the field of Public Health. It was also observed that some of the students have been participated in state level competitions organized at this college and awarded prizes.

### EXTENSION SERVICES AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES:

The Medical College has adopted some primary health centres in Aurangabad district and conduct regular family surveys for identification disease like Malaria, Tuberculosis, Leprosy, HIV, Cataract etc. the Joint teams of faculty & students conducts health education and awareness program particularly in the tribal backward areas. The patients from these areas are brought to the hospital for required treatment. Department of Community Medicine has undertaken special drive to combat diseases attributed to nutritional deficiency and malnourishment.

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**COMPLIANCE OF MAJOR CONDITIONS OF UGC:**

The Committee after thorough assessment of the academic programmes and infrastructural facilities of both the colleges and scrutiny of the documents furnished by the Management vis a vis conditions laid down under the UGC Guidelines, observed that Both the Colleges proposed to be the constituent units of the Deemed University, are already post graduate colleges in the field of Medical Sciences. The aims and objectives of the Institute include provisions for Research and for the advancement of innovative courses and dissemination of knowledge.

- Both the Colleges are specialised Medical Colleges and are also conducting PG courses in each college. Interaction with the faculty members and documents furnished by the Institution demonstrate an advanced level on research front. The Committee went through the Research papers published by the faculty since inception of the institution and was convinced that the motivation by the Management and enthusiasm of the faculty together has produced a conducive environment for the research and development.
- One of the Innovative features of the institution is that the College has developed an exclusive centre – Department of Infectious Diseases and Research Centre. The Centre is approved as specialised unit by the State Government for imparting expertise in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of AIDS. The Centre has a collaborative tie up with University of Texas. The Medical College at Navi Mumbai has also an exclusive centre namely MGM Centre for Genetic Research and Diagnosis which is engaged in Research and Diagnosis of Genetic disorders and diseases, both congenital and acquired in nature. The Institute also proposes to set up a Centre for Advanced studies in Genetics and Medical Biotechnology

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for running short term and long terms academic programmes of diploma, degree and post doctoral level.

- The Institution has adequate infrastructure and competent faculty to undertake new innovative programmes in emerging areas.
- The Sponsoring Trust has a long experience on running the higher Educational Institutions. The Trust is presently running more than 35 colleges in different parts of the State. The Trustees of the Institute are themselves qualified Doctors. Financially also, the Institution is capable of maintaining and sustaining itself as a viable Deemed to be University.
- All the courses conducted at both the Medical colleges are approved by the MCI.
- A new Trust has been created and registered by the Sponsoring society in the name and style of 'MGM Institute of Health Sciences
- The New Trust has formulated and adopted MoA and Rules based on the Model prescribed by the UGC.
- The MGM Medical College, Navi Mumbai is 16 Years old while the MGM Medical College, Aurangabad is 15 years old and therefore fulfill the condition of 10 years of existence.
- A corpus of Rs. 5 crores has been created in the name of the Institute in the form of the FD
- The Sponsoring society, by way of irrevocable resolution resolved to transfer all moveable and immovable properties belonging to the both Medical colleges, in the name of new Trust namely MGM Institute of Health Sciences
- The State Government of Maharashtra has recommended both the colleges for the status of Deemed University (Annexure-V).

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**SUGGESTIONS**

Since development of any institution is a continuous process, the Committee is of the opinion that in future, augmentation should be done in certain areas: Library facilities, increase in clinical material, installation of state of art equipments in Radiology, Laboratory services, plasma fractionation unit in Blood Bank etc. The Committee also feels that in future, the Institution should promote super speciality branches including Medical Oncology and Cardio thoracic.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

After meticulous and thorough inspection of the basic infrastructure, academic facilities, clinical and research facilities and scrutiny of various documents furnished by the administrative authorities, the committee is of the opinion that the proposal submitted by **MGM Institute of Health Sciences Navi Mumbai** comprising of the following two institutions satisfies the necessary conditions and parameters laid down by University Grant Commission:

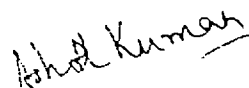
1. **Mahatma Gandhi Mission's Medical College, Navi Mumbai, MS**
2. **Mahatma Gandhi Mission's Medical College, Aurangabad, MS**

The Committee feels that the said institution has potentials to develop further as an institution of excellence in Health Sciences. The Committee therefore unanimously recommends that **MGM Institute of Health Sciences Navi Mumbai** comprising of the above two colleges may be granted the status of Deemed to be University under section 3 of the UGC Act.

The committee puts on record its appreciations for the all out cooperation extended by the management and staff of the institutes during its visit.

  
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