



**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
NEW DELHI**

**REPORT OF THE UGC EXPERT COMMITTEE TO ASSESS THE  
PROPOSAL OF KRISHNA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, KARAD,  
(MAHARASHTRA) FOR GRANT OF 'DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY  
STATUS' UNDER SECTION 3 OF THE UGC ACT, 1956.**

The University Grants Commission received a proposal from Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Karad, (Maharashtra) for grant of 'Deemed to be University' status.

The proposal was placed before the Screening Committee constituted by the Commission to screen such proposal. The Screening Committee recommended a visit of the Expert Committee to assess the physical, financial and academic viability of the proposal on the spot.

The Chairman, UGC constituted an Expert Committee, consisting of the following members, to visit Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Karad, (Maharashtra) and to give its recommendations for conferment of 'Deemed to be University' status: -

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| 1. | Prof. J.C. Dass<br>Deptt. Of Ophthalmology,<br>Maulana Azad Medical College,<br>New Delhi - 110 002       | Convenor |
| 2. | Prof. Gayatri Rath<br>Deptt. Of Anatomy<br>Vardhman Mahavir College<br>and Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi | Member   |
| 3. | Prof. S. Chooramani Gopal<br>Deptt. of Paediatric Surgery<br>Banaras Hindu University,<br>Varanasi        | Member   |
| 4. | Prof. A.K. Mathur<br>Deptt. of Surgery<br>SMS Medical College,<br>Jaipur                                  | Member   |

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The Committee visited Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Karad, (Maharashtra) from 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> February 2005 for on the spot assessment of the physical and academic infrastructure available with the institution.

The Committee was received & welcomed by the Chairman, Director, Principal and other senior faculty members.

At the outset, the Institution gave a power-point presentation before the visiting committee with regard to its salient features, achievements, physical infrastructure, academic achievements, research output and future plans of the Institution.

The Committee then inspected Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences. It also met the faculty members, students and the non-teaching staff. The observations of the committee are given in the succeeding paragraphs.

### OBSERVATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

#### **A. Physical Infrastructure**

The Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences was established on August 13, 1984 to meet medical and educational requirements of the public. It has a total built up area of 50347 sq. mts. to house Institute's Building, Library/Academic Section, Administrative Building, Hospital, Hostels, Staff Quarters and Guest House.

#### **B. Equipments**

The Committee has inspected all the undergraduate and postgraduate departments of the Institute and is of the view that all departments are well equipped. It appreciates in particular the equipments available in Blood Bank, Radio Diagnosis Department and the standards of various Operation Rooms. The Audio-Visual Aids being used in modular teaching by the various departments is applaudable. The use of CD, availability of Internet facility in Library is found to be a boon to the Institute. The Committee is impressed by

the availability of C-arm in the Operation Rooms and its use by the Urology, Orthopedics and General Surgery Departments. The Department of Anatomy has latest equipments to preserve the dead bodies and has very impressive museum. The Department of Surgery is also found to be equipped with Laproscopic and GI Endoscopy equipments. The Institute is having modern equipments like Spiral CT, Colour Doppler, Memography Machine.

**C. Library**

The Committee inspected the old as well as newly constructed building of the Library and is satisfied with the separate and adequate space provided for Reading Rooms, Journals, Text Books Section, Internet Room, Index Medicus Section etc. The Committee has reviewed the entire catalogues and is satisfied to find Journals and Books of all discipline from at least 10 years old to latest. The Library timings from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 midnight on all the seven days of the week is impressive and invites good number of users. The availability of various Journals online and on CD is singularly outstanding.

**D. Academic Programmes**

The Committee is fully satisfied with the excellent undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, which appear to conform to the latest MCI guidelines, which include adequate theory and practical classes. The Symposia, Seminar, Journal club meetings and Case Discussions are regularly held. The Committee has noted with satisfaction about of monthly Clinical and Clinico-pathological meetings which is attended by all faculty as well as students. The Faculty has involvement of the students in modular teaching programmes by encouraging them to formulate Multiple Choice Questions and Answers and award the best student for making such questions. The Academic performance of the students both at undergraduate and postgraduate level in the University examinations has also been excellent as evidenced by high ranks achieved by students of the Institute in the University examinations.

This Institute has innovated teaching techniques viz. modular teaching, specific instructional objective teaching, teaching on simulated patient management problem, objective structured practical examination and objective clinical examination.

The Faculty has been attending various Conferences, Workshops and CME programmes on state and national level.

This Institute has been arranging guest lectures on important topics from time to time by eminent faculty from other Medical Institutes of Maharashtra. Besides clinical topics, interesting multi-disciplinary topics like computers, medical ethics, patient handling techniques, research methodology, stress management, communication skill with the patients alongwith personality development are also taught to the medical students.

Students are also encouraged to hold and preside integrated seminars on common but important clinical topics under the guidance of teachers.

This Institute has hosted following State Conferences: -

- i. Annual Conference of Maharashtra Chapter of Association of Physiologist and Pharmacologists of India, March 1987.
- ii. 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conferences of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists alongwith 10<sup>th</sup> Maharashtra Chapter of above Association, 26 - 27 September 1992.
- iii. 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of Maharashtra Chapter of Association of Surgeons of India, 13-14 January 2000.

**E. Hostel**

The Hostel facility available to boy and girl students and to the nurses is very good and has all the basic amenities. The Institute has also provided residential quarters to entire staff according to their entitlement.

**F. Hospital**

There is a 500 bedded hospital attached to the Medical College. It has vast campus which is very green and clean. The OPD registration room, the Consultation Chambers and Casualty are well planned. There is well equipped teaching room attached to the OPD sections and a minor OT attached to the Casualty. The Committee is satisfied with the bed occupancy in the Hospital. The indoor wards are properly built, ventilated. Indoor ward are well equipped and staffed.

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**G. Faculty**

The Faculty of the Institute in all the disciplines is adequate and is as per MCI Guidelines. The Committee is happy to note that the number of faculty members in the Institute are even more than required by MCI Guidelines. In addition, there are 63 Assistant Lecturers assisting in carrying out various academic activities. The visiting surgeons from Shivaji University in Laparoscopic Surgery are invited for two days in a week to the Institute for teaching and training the local faculty in this technique.

**H. Research Activities**

Three of the Institute Faculty members have done Ph.D., two have submitted their thesis and two are engaged in Ph.D. work from this Institute only. The Committee has observed that students doing postgraduate courses in various disciplines have submitted thesis on various research topics and have secured meritorious positions from time to time in the University examinations.

**I. Extramural Activities**

The Institute is actively involved in multifarious social activities, namely, AIDS Awareness Programme, Early Cancer Detection, Health and Nutrition, National Tuberculosis Control Programme and Analysis of Respiratory Diseases among the Sugar Cane Factories workers etc. Looking to the Community Programme of the Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences in case of AIDS awareness and Sugar Cane workers, two NGOs have funded for these projects.


**RECOMMENDATIONS**

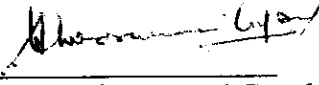
The Committee appreciates the physical and academic infrastructure of the Institute. It has sufficient buildings space, good hostels and residential accommodations for the students and staff members. They have well developed clinical and pre-clinical departments. The Faculty meets the MCI norms. The hospital has high bed occupancy. There is sufficient clinical material available for the training

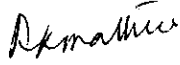
of undergraduate and postgraduate medical students. In the last four years, the faculty has published 26 papers in various research Journals and have presented 60 research papers on varied subjects in state level and national conferences.

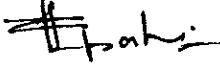
The Committee after assessing the physical and academic infrastructure of Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Karad, (Maharashtra) recommends it for conferment of 'Deemed to be University' status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The Committee, however, has felt that the research output should be increased with more publications in the standard research journals.

  
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