

Internal Quality Assurance Cell- July 2026

Minutes of Meeting

Third Meeting

The IQAC meeting was held on 31st July 2026, from 9:45 AM at Ground Floor, Conference Hall, Amrita Patel Centre for Public Health

Sr. No	Agenda No.	Agenda (19 th March - July 2026)
1	26.03.01	To approve the minutes of the 2 nd IQAC Meeting held on 18 th March 2026
2	26.03.02	To review the "Actions taken" report following the 2 nd IQAC meeting
3	26.03.03	To give a brief account on Outreach activities
4	26.03.04	To give a brief account on Academic/ Training activities
5	26.03.05	To give a brief account on students and faculties achievements
6	26.03.06	To give a brief account on Research Publications and Projects
7	26.03.07	To give a brief account on Research grants submitted and grants received

Following members were present:

2. Dr. Deepak B. Sharma (Chairperson)
3. Dr. Kallol Roy (Member)
4. Dr. Swati Roy (Member)
5. Dr. Priya Mistri (Member Secretary)
6. Dr. Nitin Raithatha (Member)
7. Dr. Minal Patel (Member)
8. Dr. Mrina Patel (Member)

The following members sought leave of absence:

1. Dr. Rajesh Patel (Member)
2. Dr. Rakesh Patel (Member)

3. Dr. Hemshree Parmar (Member)

4. Dr. Bhakti Bajpai (Member)

Agenda 26.02.01: To approve the minutes of the 2nd IQAC Meeting:

Dr. Deepak B. Sharma welcomed the members of the Internal Quality Assurance cell for Amrita Patel Centre for Public Health. He asked Dr. Priya Mistri to proceed as per the displayed agenda for the IQAC meeting. Dr. Priya Mistri started with the 1st Agenda – this was to approve minutes of the 2nd IQAC Meeting.

Resolution: All members approved the MOM of 2nd Meeting.

Agenda 26.02.02: To review the “Actions taken” report following the 2nd IQAC Meeting:

Dr. Priya Mistri presented all three action points and the actions taken for each point.

Resolution: Dr. Nitin Raithatha informed the committee that a new ICMR research grant call has announced, with the submission deadline of 31st August 2026. It was decided that a research grant proposal will be prepared and submitted in collaboration with the Department of Gynecology.

Agenda 26.02.03: To give a brief account on Outreach activities:

Dr. Priya Mistri highlighted that World Tuberculosis (TB) Day was observed on 24th March 2026 in the respective field villages by the field supervisors in collaboration with the Health and Wellness Centre (HWC) staff.

Dr. Priya Mistri mentioned that World Health Day was celebrated on 7th April 2026 in collaboration with B. G. Patel College of Physiotherapy.

Dr. Priya Mistri mentioned that Dr. Deepak Sharma delivered expert sessions on “Heat Stress: Consequences, Prevention and Control” at NDDDB and Elecon Engineering on 2nd April 2026.

Dr. Priya Mistri highlighted that World Hypertension Day was observed on 17th May 2026 at Para Vistar, Sanjaya, Anand. She mentioned that Dr. Deepak Sharma delivered an awareness talk on hypertension and a blood pressure screening camp was organized. She further added that field supervisors also conducted World Hypertension Day activities in their respective villages in collaboration with government health staff.

She reported that World No Tobacco Day was observed on 31st May 2026 at Vaghpura Village, Anand. She mentioned that awareness was created regarding tobacco-related diseases, tobacco cessation services, and oral cancer prevention. She further informed that field supervisors conducted similar awareness activities in their respective villages.

She mentioned that during the supervisory visit on World Environment Day (5th June 2026), Dr. Deepak Sharma, Mr. Amit Parmar, Ms. Dhruvi Parekh, and APCPH field staff participated in a tree plantation activity at Rupiyapura Village along with the Sarpanch and Health and Wellness Centre staff to promote environmental conservation.

Dr. Priya Mistri highlighted that International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21st June 2026 in the SPARSH program villages, where yoga demonstrations and awareness sessions on physical and mental well-being were conducted by the field supervisors.

Dr. Priya Mistri highlighted that in collaboration with the District Health Authorities of Anand and Kheda, the APCPH team organized 422 NCD clinics at Ayushman Arogya Mandirs and 245 patients were referred to Shree Krishna Hospital for further follow-up and management. During the discussion, Dr. Mrina raised a query regarding the Ayushman Arogya Mandir NCD clinics. Dr. Deepak Sharma explained the implementation process and functioning of the NCD clinics, highlighting field staff role in community-based screening, early detection, referral, and continuity of care for patients with non-communicable diseases.

Dr. Priya Mistri highlighted that a Multidiagnostic Health Camp was conducted on 6th July 2026 at Jantral Village in collaboration with Shree Krishna Hospital. She mentioned that specialists from Medicine, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Physiotherapy and Nutrition department provided free consultations and medicines and 57 patients benefited from the camp.

She mentioned that field supervisors conducted malaria awareness campaigns in villages and schools, focusing on mosquito breeding control, use of mosquito nets, personal protective measures and early diagnosis and treatment of fever.

Dr. Priya Mistri highlighted that one of the field supervisors Naynaben actively participated in the National Pulse Polio Immunization Programme conducted on 28th June 2026 in collaboration with government health staff and supported the administration of oral polio vaccine.

Agenda: 26.03.04: To give a brief account on Academic/ Training activities

She further mentioned that APCPH, in collaboration with TATA STRIVE, successfully organized a three-day Skill Certification Programme for 100 Village Health Workers (VHWs) and Field supervisors from 24th to 26th March 2026. She highlighted that expert sessions were conducted on Yoga Nidra, management of hypertension and diabetes, conflict management, home safety and women's safety to strengthen the knowledge and practical skills of the participants.

Dr. Priya Mistri highlighted that the Amrita Patel Centre for Public Health successfully organized Part I of the workshop series, "Statistical Mastery with SPSS: From Foundations to Advanced Inference," on 24th April 2026.

Dr. Priya Mistri reported that a Workshop on Reference Management in Research was organized on 11th July 2026 at APCPH. She mentioned that Dr. Vishal Chavda, the external resource person, conducted an interactive session on the principles of reference management and demonstrated the practical application of referencing techniques in research.

Dr. Priya Mistri mentioned that the Master of Public Health (MPH) programme for the academic year 2026–2027 commenced on 29th July 2026, with seven students enrolled and Master of Hospital Administration (MHA) programme for the academic year 2026–2027 commenced very soon.

Dr. Priya Mistri reported that the University examinations for the second-semester Master of Public Health (MPH) students are scheduled to commence in August 2026.

Dr. Priya Mistri informed the committee that the third issue of APCPH newsletter “wellness wave” was published on 22nd July 2026 highlighting the Centre's academic, research, outreach and community engagement activities.

Resolution: Dr. Minal Patel suggested conducting Part I of the SPSS workshop once again to provide an opportunity for more interested participants to attend the basic-level training. She mentioned that this would help create a larger pool of participants with foundational SPSS knowledge, following which Part II of the workshop could be organized as an advanced-level training for those participants.

Agenda 26.03.05: To give a brief account on Student and faculty achievements:

Dr. Priya Mistri informed the committee that Dr. Deepak Sharma and Dr. Kallol Roy completed the Project Management in Global Health course offered by the University of Washington, enhancing their knowledge and competencies in global health project planning and management.

Dr. Priya Mistri Mentioned that Dr. Swati Roy was invited as a resource person for two academic programmes during the reporting period. She delivered an interactive session on “*Informed Consent in Research*” at the workshop titled “*Ethics in Biomedical Research and Good Clinical Practices*,” held on 10th March 2026 at Smt. L. P. Patel Institute of Allied Health Sciences and Technology and the Centre of Bioethics, Bhaikaka University. She was also invited to deliver an expert talk on “*Scientific Writing Skills*” on 17th June 2026 at the Institute of Nursing Sciences, where she shared practical guidance on scientific writing and manuscript preparation.

Agenda 26.03.06: To give a brief account on Research Publications and Projects:

Dr. Priya Mistri highlighted that Dr. Kallol Roy’s research paper was published in June 2026.

She further mentioned that the Nutrition Project titled “Third Party Field Evaluation Study of Growth Monitoring in Children Under-6 Years of Age at Anganwadi Centres and Qualitative Assessment of the Poshan Setu Programme in Anand District” was completed and the final report was submitted to the Health Department, Zilla Panchayat, Anand on 14th June 2026.

She also mentioned that APCPH has been received a research grant from the Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar (IIPHG) and SHSRC- Gujarat for the project titled “Third-Party Evaluation of the Sathi Team Mentoring Program – Statewide Scale-up, Gujarat.”

Agenda 26.03.07: To give a brief account on Research grants submitted and Grants received:

Dr. Priya Mistri informed the committee that three research proposals have been submitted, including two proposals to SHSRC, Gujarat, and one proposal to ICMR.



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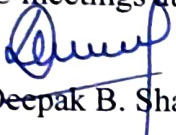
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During the discussion, Dr. Nitin Raithatha suggested exploring collaborative research projects with other universities to strengthen academic partnerships and research activities.

26.02.08: To discuss any other matter with permission of Chair:

Dr. Deepak Sharma thanked all the members and wished to have their constant support in the upcoming IQAC meetings at Amrita Patel Centre for Public Health.


Dr. Deepak B. Sharma

Professor and Director (On Deputation)

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