

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) - March 2026
Minutes of Meeting
Second Meeting

The IQAC meeting was held on 18th March 2026, from 11 AM at Ground Floor, Conference Hall, Amrita Patel Centre for Public Health

Sr. No	Agenda No.	Agenda (Dec 2025 to March 2026)
1	26.02.01	To approve minutes of the 1 st IQAC Meeting
2	26.02.02	To review the "Actions taken" report following the 1 st IQAC meeting
3	26.02.03	Outreach activities
4	26.02.04	Academic/ Training activities
5	26.02.05	Achievements of students and faculties
6	26.02.06	Research Publications
7	26.02.07	Research grants submitted and grants received
8	26.02.08	To discuss any other matter with the permission of chair

Following members were present:

1. Dr. Utpala Kharod
2. Dr. Deepak B. Sharma
3. Dr. Kallol Roy
4. Dr. Swati Roy
5. Dr. Priya Mistri
6. Dr. Nitin Raithatha
7. Dr. Rakesh Patel
8. Dr. Minal Patel

9. Dr. Mrina Patel

10. Dr. Hemshree Parmar

11. Dr. Bhakti Bajpai

The following member sought leave of absence: Dr. Rajesh Patel

Agenda 26.02.01: To approve minutes of the 1st IQAC Meeting:

Dr. Deepak B. Sharma welcomed the members of the Internal Quality Assurance cell for Amrita Patel Centre for Public Health. Dr Deepak Sharma then asked Dr. Priya Mistri to take the proceedings as per the displayed agenda for the IQAC meeting. Dr. Priya Mistri started with the 1st Agenda To approve minutes of the 1st IQAC Meeting.

Resolution: All members have approved the MOM of 1st Meeting.

Agenda 26.02.02: To review the "Actions taken" report following the 1st IQAC Meeting:

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

Resolution: There were no suggestions/ discussions regarding this point.

Agenda 26.02.03: Outreach activities:

Dr. Priya Mistri highlighted that World Leprosy Day was celebrated on 30th January 2026 at Bhurakui village, Petlad, Anand, in collaboration with Government TB-cum-Leprosy Program Officers.

World Cancer Day was celebrated on 2nd February 2026 at Mahelav School.

She further mentioned that field supervisors also celebrated these events in their respective field villages, ensuring wider community outreach and engagement.

Dr. Priya Mistri reported that during the field visit, she along with Dr. Swati Roy visited Jol village. On the occasion of National Deworming Day, the program was conducted by the Community Health Officer (CHO). As part of the activity, they visited the local school where the deworming initiative was being implemented and interacted with the students.

Dr Priya Mistri highlighted that collaboration between Amrita Patel Centre for Public Health and the District Health authorities of Anand and Kheda district. Under this initiative we had organised 396 camps at Ayushman Arogya Mandir clinics. A total of 143 Patients were referred to the hospital.

Dr. Priya Mistri informed about new initiatives under the SPARSH Program.

1. She mentioned that Adolescent Health, Geriatric/Mental Health/ Palliative Care camps will be initiated across 50 villages covered under SPARSH. She also mentioned that the travel plan and budget for the implementation of these activities have been prepared.

2. Weekly health camps will be initiated in 8 SPARSH villages starting from 23rd March 2026. Each village will be revisited after two months. One resident from the Community Medicine Department, along with the Assistant Medical Officer, will provide examination, diagnosis, and treatment.

It was also mentioned that faculty members are conducting weekly field visits to ensure effective

implementation, monitoring, improvement of field activities, supportive supervision and community engagement.

It was reported that a multispeciality health camp at J. V. Patel ITI, Karamsad on 24th January 2026 was coordinated by the Amrita Patel Centre for Public Health.

Dr. Priya Mistri mentioned that we will celebrate world TB day on 24th March 2026.

Resolution: There were no suggestions/ discussions regarding this agenda.

26.02.04: Academic/ Training Activities:

Dr. Priya Mistri highlighted that an “AI Use in Public Health Research” workshop was conducted on 10th January 2026, with Dr. Urvish Joshi as the external speaker. The session focused on applications of AI in data analysis, surveillance, and evidence-based decision-making, providing practical exposure to relevant tools.

Dr. Priya Mistri mentioned a workshop attended by the team and members of the Systems Department at Seva Rural, Jhagadiya on Digital Field Data Collection on 12th February 2026.

Dr. Nitin Raithatha inquired about the app’s functionality and usefulness. Dr. Priya Mistri stated that a data collection app is being used and is planned for incorporation into the SPARSH program. Dr. Deepak Sharma added that the app, AVNI (developed by a Bangalore-based company), caters to NGO needs at low cost, and customization is possible as per data input and output requirements.

Dr. Nitin Raithatha compared it with Epi Info, noting ease of data entry, while Dr. Deepak Sharma highlighted reduced errors at the field supervisor level. Dr. Nitin Raithatha mentioned ASHA workers using mobile apps; Dr. Rakesh Patel cited the TeCHO app for MCH services, and Dr. Deepak Sharma noted use of the Poshan Tracker app at Anganwadi level. Dr. Hemshree Parmar asked about GPS functionality, which was confirmed by Dr. Deepak Sharma. Dr. Utpala Kharod inquired about the status of maternal health data collection in the government system. Dr. Rakesh Patel further emphasized ongoing digitalization across all levels, including data capture on stillbirths.

Dr. Priya Mistri reported that MPH students have passed their 1st semester examinations and the 2nd semester commenced on 16th March. She also mentioned that MPH and MHA course promotions were conducted in 29 colleges of Anand, including Physiotherapy and Nursing colleges of the institute. Dr. Bhakti Bajpai inquired about student interaction.

Dr. Priya Mistri mentioned that the first and second issues of the newsletter have been published. Three core committees—Academic, Research, and Field—have been constituted, with members from the Community Medicine Department and Seva Rural, Jhagadia. MPH students will undertake field visits and practical sessions with the Community Medicine Department.

A budget for public health laboratory specimens has been prepared, and students will prepare charts and posters as part of their evaluation.

Resolution: The Promotional activity of the courses is being carried out in two phases—initial brochure distribution to Principals followed by faculty interaction with students, with records being maintained.

Action Points:

1. Complete all MPH and MHA promotional activities in colleges by the end of March, while strengthening outreach through social media platforms, including university/institute websites and short audio-visual videos created by students.

26.02.05: Achievements of Students and Faculties:

Dr. Priya Mistri highlighted that Dr. Deepak Sharma served as a judge at the AIU Student Research Convention (West Zone) at Sardar Patel University. Dr. Kallol Roy secured 1st prize in a poster presentation at S. M. Patel Home Science College, and Dr. Swati Roy presented a research paper at an international conference in Singapore.

Resolution: There were no suggestions/ discussions regarding this point.

26.02.06: Research Publications:

Dr. Priya Mistri highlighted that Dr. Deepak Sharma's research paper was published in February 2026.

Resolution: There were no suggestions/ discussions regarding this point.

26.02.07: Research grants submitted and received:

Dr. Priya Mistri highlighted that a nutrition project has been received from the Health Department, Anand and Dr. Deepak Sharma provided details of the project.

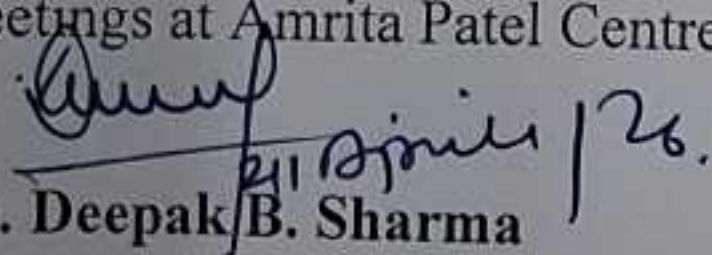
It was also mentioned that two grants have been submitted to ICSSR in collaboration with the Social Department of Sardar Patel University, and one ICMR grant on mental health is under submission. Dr. Rakesh Patel asked about the proposal related to blindness program.

Action Points:

1. Explore submission of an ICMR grant in collaboration with the Gynecology Department focusing on NCDs in pregnancy, adolescent pregnancy, and maternal healthcare.
2. Explore collaboration with the government for skill training of health workers to address gaps in cervical cancer care, extend support in clinical and telemedicine services and blindness program.

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

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Amrita Patel centre for Public Health