

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) - Nov 2025

Minutes of Meeting

First Meeting

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The IQAC meeting was held on 20th November 2025, from 11 am at Ground Floor, Conference Hall, Amrita Patel Centre for Public Health (APCPH)

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1	25.01.01	Outreach activities done in Academic Year 2025-26
2	25.01.02	Academic/Training activities done in Academic Year 2025-26
3	25.01.03	Achievements of student led activities
4	25.01.04	Research publications from April 2025 till date
5	25.01.05	Research grants submitted, grants received from April 2025 till date
6	25.01.06	To discuss any other matter with the permission of Chair

Following members were present:

1. Dr. Deepak B Sharma
2. Dr. Kallol Roy
3. Dr. Swati Roy
4. Dr. Priya Mistri
5. Dr. Nitin Raithatha
6. Dr. Minal Patel
7. Dr. Hemshree Parmar
8. Dr. Bhakti Bajpai
9. Dr. Rakesh Patel

The following members had sought leave of absence

1. Ms. Nasreen Bha
2. Dr. Mrina Patel
3. Dr. Rajesh Patel

Proceedings

Sr.No.	Agenda	Points Discussed	Resolutions	Action Points
25.01.01	Outreach activities done in Academic Year 2025-26	Dr. Deepak B Sharma welcomed the members of the Internal Quality Assurance cell for Amrita Patel Centre for Public Health. He requested the members to kindly introduce themselves as there were external members also. Dr Deepak then asked Dr. Priya to take the proceedings as per the displayed agenda for First IQAC meeting. Dr. Priya started with the community outreach initiatives of APCPH during the Academic Year (2025-26). She highlighted the Swasth Nari Shashakt Parivar program where the team at APCPH had supported the community and the government team at Jesarva & Pipdi villages, Anand. The team ensured smooth coordination and execution of this event. At PHC Bandhani, the team at	Resolved to maintain the suspension of door-step medication delivery to adhere to medico-legal guidelines issued by the CDHO, Anand.	APCPH Team: Explore alternative strategies to address the community's feedback/request for doctor visits and medication distribution within the current regulatory framework.

		APCPH had sought special request for the conduct of one such maternal health screening camp. In collaboration with the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Pramukhswami Medical College, associated with Shree Krishna Hospital, Bhaikaka University. Dr. Priya highlighted an MoU with the District Health Office, Anand -Varisth Suvarnayug Program, APCPH completed four such multispeciality camps with representatives of otolaryngology, Internal Medicine, Orthopaedics & Ophthalmology. Were organised. The team at APCPH (Dr. Kallol Roy) coordinated these events and ensured smooth execution of them. A total 652 patients were screened and appropriate management was done accordingly. Dr Priya highlighted the strategic collaboration of APCPH and the District Health authorities of Anand and Kheda district. Under this initiative the program Sparsh had organised 269 camps at Health Wellness Centres (HWCs) and Government Health facilities.		
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		Dr. Minal had a query that whether these activities will be shown under community outreach activities for IQAC, Bhaikaka University? Dr Deepak clarified that even though these activities are community outreach activities, they were primarily focused on community mobilization (escorting) only. Our field staff are helping the staff at HWC and health facilities. She mentioned that if they are shown they must have Geo - tagged images and a list of participants. Dr. Deepak mentioned that the team does have the required details. Dr Kallol gave a brief background on why the NCD camps organized by APCPH team had to be called off and how a new strategy of collaboration with District health authorities had evolved from January 2025. It took around 6 months to get this dialogue into action at the community level. Dr. Hemshree enquired about the door step delivery of medications - a key feature of SPARSH. Dr. Kallol responded		
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that after medicolegal concerns raised by CDHO, Anand the current system of door step delivery of medications had been called off. This was to ensure that no harm was done unintentionally to the community.

Dr. Deepak requested Dr Rakesh Patel to share his views on this new collaboration with the District health authority - Anand. Dr Rajesh mentioned that the word 'camps' can be used during promotion and other service oriented activities in the community by strictly adhering to the Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY guidelines. The District health authorities would be more than happy to support the program in all possible ways by ensuring strict adherence to the guidelines furnished by the Health Department, Gandhinagar.

Dr. Kallol highlighted the further activities of WE-CAN project where he gave an overview of the funding agencies involved, the other eight sites of project implementation and the progress achieved so far. Dr. Priya highlighted the recently

		conducted World Diabetes Day celebrations in Ghuteli village, Anand. Dr. Bhalendu Vaishnav, Prof & Head, Department of Internal Medicine, Pramukh swami Medical College, Bhaikaka university was invited as the Guest speaker who had shared insights on lifestyle modification and Holistic well being for diabetes with the community. Dr. Deepak briefed the members that the community requested to conduct the previously SPARSH camps where regular medicines would be distributed along with a doctor visit to the community.		
25.01.02	Academic/Training activities done in Academic Year 2025-26	Dr. Kallol highlighted the new initiative of maternal health high risk screening under GMM Pfaudler-a CSR support to SPARSH for the Financial year 2025 to 20-28. Under this pilot component, pregnant women will be screened in the community using a checklist jointly developed by the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Pramukhswami Medical College & APCPH, Bhaikaka University. A simple checklist format will be	Resolved to acknowledge the successful conduct of expert talks (Journal Selection, Patient Safety, Mental Health) for both academic and corporate audiences	APCPH Team: Develop a grant proposal for maternal health initiatives involving a Principal Investigator (PI) from the government health agency to secure government funding, as suggested by Dr.

	used to capture data and pregnant women will be classified as high risk and very high risk pregnancies and appropriate referrals to Government Health facilities and Shree Krishna Hospital is to be implemented. Dr. Rakesh and Dr. Nitin shared their views on the current gaps of the health system where such training and initiative must be written to grant agencies having a PI from the government health agency. Dr. Rakesh suggested that these kinds of initiatives can gain some funding from the government health authorities. Dr. Nitin with his experience suggested that this unique way of maternal health screening will be very beneficial to address maternal mortality in the long run. Dr Kallol also highlighted the APCPH in collaboration with Research & Development Cell recently conducted an expert talk on 'Art and science of journal selection' which was done by Dr. Asha Kamath Associate Director, Prasanna School of Public Health, Manipal University. The event saw a full	Rakesh and Dr. Nitin
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		house participation. Dr. Kallol mentioned about two expert talks given to GMM P Faudler corporate employees. On the occasion of World Patient Safety Health Day - 17th Sept 2025 and World Mental Health Day - 10th Oct 2025. Expert talks were given by himself and Dr. Deepak B Sharma. The event was very much interactive and gained positive feedback.		
25.01.03	Achievements of student led activities	Dr. Kallol further highlighted that in the Academic year 2025-26, there were three admissions for the Master of Public Health (MPH) program. From 01st September 2025 the PG students have subsequently won prizes in every month till November 2025. They won prizes at poster making competition and Rangoli competitions organised by various Institute of the University.		
25.01.04	Research publications from April 2025 till date	Dr. Kallol highlighted the research achievements of APCPH in AY 2025-26. One of the faculty - Dr. Swati's Ph.D work has been selected for oral		

		presentation at an Elderly care conference -scheduled in February 2026 at National University of Singapore - Duke University, Singapore. A total of 04 peer reviewed journals were published till date and one publication in the form of a newsletter by Dr. Deepak B Sharma in an official Quarterly newsletter of the Government of India - Directorate General of Health Services (Dte. GHS).		
25.01.05	Research grants submitted, grants received from April 2025 till date	Dr. Kallol highlighted that every year there is at least one grant written to ICMR and other funding agencies on behalf of APCPH. The last grant written was for Centre for Advanced Research in collaboration with Dr. Soham Desai Neurologist at Shree Krishna Hospital, Bhaikaka University. This grant was written on the pretext of a previous funded project received from The University of Massachusetts Boston. The project was led by Dr. Soham Desai and Dr. Swati Roy. Using that as a baseline and Dr. Soham expertise (H-index of 22), the team at APCPH is optimistic to gain favourable		



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		results. Dr. Kallol also highlighted that APCPH had recently been selected for a third party evaluation for an ongoing Healthcare Leadership Enhancement Program (HLEP) which was jointly done by Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar and SHSRC-Gujarat. To lighten the moment, he mentioned that Dr. Rakesh Patel was one of the participants of this leadership training. Dr. Deepak highlighted the overview of this evaluation program and the grants received for this project.		
25.01.06	To discuss any other matter with permission of Chair	There were no other matters discussed. 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.		IQAC Coordinator: Circulate the finalized minutes and action taken report to all members before next meeting.

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