



# Association of Indian Universities Roundtable of Vice Chancellors of Health Sciences Universities October 10-11, 2017



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## SESSION-I – 10.10.2017

### **Subtheme: Governance & Regulation**

**Chairperson: Dr. K. Manohar, Director, NIMS, Hyderabad**

**1) Role of Medical Universities: 12.00-12.30 pm**

#### **Panelists:**

1. Prof. GPI Singh, Vice Chancellor, Adesh University, Punjab
2. Dr. K. Ravindran, Chettinad Academy of Research and Education, Tamil Nadu
3. Prof. Gangadhar Sahoo, Dean, IMS & SUM Hospital, Siksha O Anusandhan University, Bhubaneswar.

**Speaker:** Dr. Sanjeev Misra, Director, AIIMS, Jodhpur.

**Lead Panelist:** Prof.(Dr) S.P. Rao, Principal, GITAM University, Vizag.

A) National Medical Commission draft bill 2016 by NITI Aayog: Role of Medical Universities in the new body.

- National Medical Commission should ensure autonomy to medical universities/INIs for innovations
- There is a under representation of Medical Universities in the NMC.
- The current status of Medical Universities in NMC is advisory and not regulatory.
- The University should be represented in all boards - UGMEB/PGMEB/MARB.
- UGMEB and PGMEB should work together without undermining the importance of MBBS. Developing a system to link the private medical institutes to Government institutes to ensure uniformity as well as maintaining quality/Standard Medical Education to all.
- There should be representation from the Private universities according to the percentage of existing universities in the respective states in the National Medical Commission at all levels.

Consensus:

- 1) To increase the representation of universities in the various bodies like UGMED, PGMED & Medical Advisory council.
- 2) To give a regulatory role based on majority to universities representatives in MNC boards rather merely on advisory role.
- 3) Optimal role for private & deemed universities.
- 4) The role should be merit based and not geography based alone.

B) The role of Medical Universities in contributing to achieving the concept of “Health” as defined by WHO

- Curriculum development for medical graduates giving emphasis to health as per the contemporary needs of society.
- Training health personnel- doctors, nurses, public health workers, ANMs etc.
- Outreach programs – adopt PHCs, conduct camps eg. Health Checkup, eye camps etc.
- Health Education of the public using direct street corner programs or mass media
- Consultancies to Government and NGOs on the design of various National Health Programs
- Epidemiological Research to generate data on spread of various communicable and non-communicable disease and on the factors responsible for such a distribution.
- Operational Research on design aspects and the impact of various health programs .
- Provide leadership to advocacy groups to lobby with the government eg. On smoking cessation etc.
- Health universities should promote mental and spiritual health of the students and population

**2) Uniformity in Medical Education: 12.30-1.00 pm**

**Postgraduate Medical Education and Certification-should it be Board based or University based**

**Speaker:** Prof. (Dr) S. Geethalakshmi , VC, The Tamil Nadu Dr MGR University, Chennai

**Lead Panelist:** Dr B.K. Bezbaruah, Registrar, Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Health Sciences, Assam

Consensus:

- 1) University and professional academic board can both co-exist but university degree is mandatory and academic boards can compliment to the university degree
- 2) Board certification must be preceded by the University degree.
- 3) There should be a blend of existing and innovative method of uniform training assessment with a National level single exam for UG and PG.

### 3) Resources in Medical Education: 1.00-1.30 pm

**Speaker:** Prof. Saudan Singh, Vice Chancellor, Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Uttarakhand Medical Education University, Dehradun.

**Lead Panelists:** Prof. Ravi Kant, Director & CEO, AIIMS, Rishikesh.

Prof. C.V. Rao, Vice Chancellor, NTRUHS, Vijayawada.

- A) Need for a new funding paradigm for overall development of Health Universities – a sub committee of the UGC ?

Consensus:

- 1) There is a need to represent to the Central Government to establish an organization on the lines of UGC to grant funds for the development of Health universities.
- 2) Grant of funds to Health Universities not only ensures quality education but also health care.
- 3) University should play a active role in faculty development.

- B) Manpower crunch: Is compulsory bond service the way forward?

Consensus:

- 1) Train physician assistants, nurse practitioners ASHA workers at primary care level
- 2) Compulsory bond service has to be reconsidered as doctors are not willing to work for a low salary after completion of higher degrees and with poor facilities.
- 3) Further the current iteration of Bond after training has resulted in seats remaining unfilled. This is an urgent matter to reach consensus by critical review of risks/benefits so as to develop uniform national policy.