

**MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF STANDING ACADEMIC COMMITTEE OF ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, PATNA HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021. IN THE COMMITTEE HALL, AIIMS PATNA.**

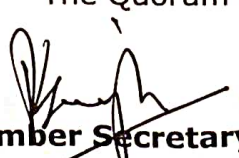
\*\*\*\*\*

Meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> SAC of AIIMS Patna was held from 10:00 hrs. onwards on 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021 in the Committee Hall, AIIMS Patna. The following members of the Standing Academic Committee attended the Meeting:-

- |  |    |  |
|--|----|--|
| 1) <b>Dr. Surya Kant</b><br><i>Professor &amp; Head<br/>Department of Respiratory Medicine<br/>King George Medical University, Lucknow</i> | -- | Chairman   |
| 2) <b>Prof. T. N. Singh</b><br><i>Director<br/>IIT, Patna</i>  | -- | Vice-Chairman<br>Ex-officio Member Representative<br>of MHRD<br>(online) |
| 3) <b>Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal</b><br><i>Hon'ble Member of Parliament</i>  | -- | Member<br>(online)   |
| 4) <b>Prof. Vijaylakshmi Saxena</b><br><i>Former Head of the Department of Zoology<br/>Dayanand Girls P.G. College, Kanpur (U.P)</i>       | -- | Member<br>(online)   |
| 5) <b>Dr. Rajiva Kumar Singh</b><br><i>Professor, Department of Physiology<br/>Patna Medical College, Patna</i>                            | -- | Member   |
| 6) <b>Dr. Subrata Sinha</b><br><i>Professor &amp; HoD<br/>Department of Biochemistry<br/>AIIMS New Delhi</i>                               | -- | Member<br>(online)   |
| 7) <b>Prof. Devi Prasad Tiwari</b><br><i>Vice Chancellor<br/>Veer Kunwar Singh University<br/>Ara (Bihar)</i>                              | -- | Member   |
| 8) <b>Dr. Prabhat Kumar Singh</b><br><i>Director, AIIMS Patna</i>  | -- | Member Secretary<br>(Ex-officio)   |

**Dr. Rajesh Upadhyay**, Member, Standing Academic Committee, was absent and leave of absence was permitted by the Chairman.

The Quorum for the Meeting was available to proceed for the meeting.

  
Member Secretary

  
Chairman

With the permission of the Chairman, following officials also attended the Meeting.

- 1) **Shri Parimal Sinha** -- Dy. Director (Admn),  
AIIMS Patna
- 2) **Umesh Kumar Bhadani** -- Dean, AIIMS Patna

**Dr. P. K. Singh, Director, AIIMS Patna** welcomed Chairman of the Standing Academic Committee to Chair the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SAC, AIIMS Patna and all the other members present. He further sought the permission of Chairman to start the Meeting.

**Chairman, SAC, Dr. Surya Kant** welcomed all the members present. He said that AIIMS is an apex academic body and we are ready to serve for it as per the aspirations for which it was envisaged. He was thankful to our Prime Minister, Health Minister that now we are having many AIIMS, and in Bihar we are having two AIIMS, and also in Uttar Pradesh, that's a wonderful thing. There were a time around 10 years back, there was only one AIIMS, AIIMS Delhi and now around 21 AIIMS has been envisaged. The credit goes to the political leadership and of course the other team members. I am really thankful to our Director, P. K. Singh, who efficiently lead the AIIMS Patna even during Covid days. And of course the able IB and GB members. I think academic work is the top most priority work for any medical Institution or any academic Institution.

Thereafter, **the Chairman, SAC** asked the Member Secretary to introduce the agenda and initiate discussion for deliberations on the agenda items.

**Dr. P. K. Singh, Member Secretary, SAC** put forward the Agenda.

### **AGENDA-SAC/05/01**

#### ***Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Standing Academic Committee.***

##### **Decision Sought:**

*Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Standing Academic Committee of AIIMS Patna.*

##### **Discussion:**

The Chairman said that since no comments have been received from the members, the Standing Committee confirms the Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> SAC of AIIMS Patna.

  
**Member Secretary**

  
**Chairman**

**Decision:**

Approved unanimously.

**AGENDA-SAC/05/02**

***Action Taken Report on the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Standing Academic Committee.***

**Decision Sought:**

*Approval of the Action Taken Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Standing Academic Committee. Director, AIIMS Patna introduced the Agenda, and the Action Taken Report (ATR) on each of the Agenda points were discussed with the decision taken mentioned below.*

**AGENDA No. 1**

*Confirmation of the attached minutes of the third meeting of the Standing Academic Committee.*

**Discussion:**

No comments received from any of the members.

**Decision:**

Accepted.

**AGENDA No. 2**

*Action Taken Report on the Third Meeting of the Standing Academic Committee.*

**Discussion:**

No comments were received.

There was an issue raised during the third meeting about the start of the Ph.D program at AIIMS Patna. Ph.D program has already been started at AIIMS Patna, and we already have enrolled the candidates.

**Decision:**


Accepted.

**Agenda No. 3**

*Draft advertisement for Faculty Recruitment.*

**Discussion:**

Ms. Vijay Laxmi Saxena wanted to know why only 138 out of 305 faculty posts are filed up.

  
**Member Secretary**

  
**Chairman**

Director, AIIMS Patna said that recruitment is a continuous process that is going on and there are reasons for not able to attract so many faculty members at AIIMS Patna. At one point of a time we went on upto 160 odd faculty numbers but now few have resigned and now we are left with 138 faculty members. Advertisement has already been done, and probably new selection would be made in near future.

Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal asked for the number of Posts that has been advertised presently.

The Director, AIIMS Patna informed that 158 posts has been advertised leaving aside some posts at the level Professor and Assistant Professor i.e. 9.

Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal was satisfied with the information given.

**DECISION:**

Accepted.

**Agenda No. 4**

*Starting of PG Courses in different specialities.*

**Discussion:**

Director AIIMS Patna informed that PG courses in different specialities have already been started, and a proposal for increasing the number of seats is being proposed as separate agenda in the current SAC for consideration.

**Decision:**

Accepted.

**Agenda No. 5**

Starting of Post-Doctoral Certificate Course (PDCC) in different specialities.

**Discussion:**

Director informed that this is being proposed as a separate Agenda in current SAC for consideration.

**Decision:**

Accepted.

**Agenda No. 6**

Proposal for starting Para Medical Courses.

**Discussion:**

Director informed that this is being proposed as a separate Agenda in current SAC for consideration.

  
Member Secretary

  
Chairman

**Decision:**

Accepted.

**Agenda No.7**

*Proposal for start of Superspeciality courses.*

**Discussion:**

Director, AIIMS Patna informed that the proposal was to start super-speciality courses in different departments for which previous Chairman of SAC had discussed i.e DM-Hepatology, M.Ch Hepato-pancreato-biliary surgery and lever Transplant and DM organ Transplant Anesthesia & Critical Care. We need to create infrastructure for this.

Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal wanted to send a copy to him so that it can be taken up with the Govt.

**Decision:**

Approved.

**Agenda No.8**

Activities of the Institute.

No action due.

**Decision:**

Accepted.

**AGENDA- SAC/05/03**

***Approval of Undergraduate MBBS Academic Curriculum from Admission Batch 2020 Onwards at AIIMS Patna.***

**Decision Sought:**

*Consideration and approval thereof of the proposed MBBS undergraduate curriculum based on the new CBME curriculum at AIIMS Patna from the year 2020.*

**Discussion:**

The Director, AIIMS Patna introduced the agenda point and asked Dean, AIIMS Patna to brief the Committee about the Agenda point in detail.

Dean, AIIMS Patna briefed the Committee about the Curriculum to be followed by AIIMS Patna with its basic features under the ambit of NMC guidelines.

Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal wanted to know if there is any provision of penalty, if there is short attendance of the students.

  
Member Secretary

  
Chairman

It was informed by the Dean (Academics) Dr. Umesh Kumar Bhadani that the students will lose a chance to appear in the Exam, if they have short attendance.

Dr. Subrata Sinha flagged a concern that the students' perspective was being neglected. He said that in the First Year, the students join in late September because of time taken in counselling etc. Moreover, whole batch is not available in the beginning. There are also issues of students. They are leaving their homes for the first time, have emotional and adjustment issues etc. Hence, effectively, only 8-9 months of teaching time is available for them. On the other hand, subject input has increased over the time. More curriculum is added rather than rationalizing or removing part of it. Hence, there are more failures and supplementary exams for students in first year as they are not able to cope up with such increased burden, and that too in the initial years.

Dean Academics informed that there is a Foundation Course planned for First year students. Moreover, there is integration of many topics, so that they are not repeated in teaching.

However, Dr. Subrata Sinha noted that in vertical integration of topics, compression happens, which has different outcome for the students in terms of their knowledge and skills gained.

Dr. Sinha agreed that the present proposal is fine as per the circumstances, but stress of the students will be increasing. He was of the opinion that more time should be given to the students.

Director, AIIMS Patna agreed to the concerns of Dr. Sinha. He was also of the opinion that more academic inputs are being added in a short time. Hence, duration of MBBS course needs to be increased. However, any change in curriculum & duration can be done as per the law & instructions in this regard.

Chairman observed that it was a right observation. But, he was of the view that it can be raised at the NMC level by giving our feedback.

**Decision:**

Approved unanimously.

**AGENDA- SAC/05/04**

***Approval of Rules and Regulations of MBBS Graduate Academic Courses from 2020 onwards at AIIMS Patna.***

**Decision Sought:**

*Approval of the Rules and Regulations of MBBS Graduate Academic Courses to govern and conduct the course at AIIMS Patna from the year 2020 onwards.*

**Discussion:**

The Director, AIIMS Patna presented the Agenda before the Committee which was considered by the SAC.

**Decision:**

Approved unanimously.

  
**Member Secretary**

  
**Chairman**

## **AGENDA- SAC/05/05**

### ***Approval for starting of B.Sc Paramedical Academic Courses in different speciality.***

#### **Decision Sought:**

*Approval for starting of B.Sc Paramedical courses in Medical Laboratory Technology (21 seats per year), Medical Technology in Radiography (7 seats per year), Operation Theatre & Anaesthesiology Technology (21 seats per year), Optometry (7 seats per year) and Radiotherapy Technology (7 seats per year) at AIIMS Patna from the academic year 2022.*

#### **Discussion:**

Director, AIIMS Patna introduced the Agenda to the Committee.

Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, suggested to increase the seats in Medical Technology in Radiography from 7 to 14 for now, as this is the demand of the time. He also suggested to increase the penalty for discontinuation of the course i.e. Rs. 10,000 to 50,000.

Chairman, SAC approved the suggestions of Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal.

Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal queried whether year to year syllabus is available for all the courses, and whether it is mapped in the same rigorous way. Dean Academic informed that it has been done, and also explained about it in brief.

#### **Decision:**

Standing Academic Committee approves the starting of B.Sc Paramedical courses in Medical Laboratory Technology (21 seats per year), Medical Technology in Radiography (14 seats per year), Operation Theatre & Anaesthesiology Technology (21 seats per year), Optometry (7 seats per year) and Radiotherapy Technology (7 seats per year) at AIIMS Patna from the academic year 2022. And also approved the penalty to be increased from 10,000 to 50,000 for discontinuation of the course.

## **AGENDA- SAC/05/06**

### ***Rules and Regulation of B.Sc Paramedical Academic Courses.***


B.Sc Paramedical Academic Course has been approved by the Standing Academic Committee in its 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting vide Agenda no. 6.

#### **Decision Sought:**

*Approval of the Rules and Regulations of B.Sc Paramedical Academic Courses to govern and conduct the courses at AIIMS Patna from the year 2022 onwards.*

#### **Discussion:**

The Director, AIIMS Patna briefed the Agenda to the Committee.

  
**Member Secretary**

  
**Chairman**

Shri D. P. Tiwari observed that any course that is started should be rigorously monitored so that it is translated into reality as per the intent and proposal made. He was of the view that many time courses are started, but its implementation of intent & quality is lacking. He proposed that a Monitoring Committee should be set up, which will submit its report on the conduct of the courses quarterly as regards to its implementation for monitoring purpose. One faculty member can be added along with external member. Report may include number of students, what courses covered etc. It is needed to ensure that courses implemented has quality output.

Dean Academic informed that a Committee is already envisaged under the Director with one faculty as its member.

**Decision:**

Approved, with a Monitoring Committee which will submit its report quarterly as regards to conduct of the Course.

**AGENDA- SAC/05/07**

***Rules and Regulations of Post-graduate Academic Courses.***

MD/MS/MDS courses has been approved by the Standing Academic Committee in its 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting vide Agenda No. 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting vide Agenda No. 4

**Decision Sought:**

*Approval of the Rules and Regulations of the Post-graduate Academic Courses to govern and conduct the courses at AIIMS Patna from the Academic year 2019 onwards.*

**Discussion:**

The Director, AIIMS Patna briefed the Agenda. It was approved by all members of the SAC after a brief discussion.

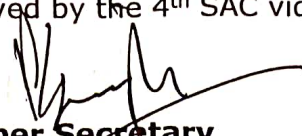
**Decision:**

Approved unanimously.

**AGENDA- SAC/05/08**

***Rules and Regulations of Post-Doctoral (DM & M.Ch) Academic Courses.***

Doctorate in Medicine (DM) / Masters in Chirology (M.Ch) Academic Courses was approved by the 4<sup>th</sup> SAC vide Agenda No. 4.

  
**Member Secretary**

  
**Chairman**



**Decision Sought:**

*Approval of the Rules and Regulations to govern and conduct of Post-doctoral (DM/M.Ch) Academic Courses at AIIMS Patna from the Academic Year 2019 onwards.*

**Discussion:**

The Director, AIIMS Patna briefed the SAC about the Rules and Regulations for DM & M.Ch Academic Courses which is framed on the line of AIIMS New Delhi. It was approved after a brief discussion.

**Decision:**

Approved unanimously.

**AGENDA- SAC/05/09**

***Proposal for increasing the number of seats allotted to various Departments in the MD/MS Academic Courses.***

Approval has been granted by the Standing Academic Committee to start MD/MS courses in various Departments in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of SAC vide agenda no. 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SAC vide Agenda no. 4. Number of admission per year was also approved by the Standing Academic Committee.

**Decision Sought:**

*Approval may be granted for increasing the number of admissions to the Departments mentioned above for MD/MS Seat.*

**Discussion:**

The Director, AIIMS Patna informed about the faculty strength and infrastructure present with AIIMS Patna for increasing the number of seats.

Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal asked, how we can add Assistant professor into strength for having MD/MS courses.

The Director, AIIMS Patna informed him that, those Assistant Professors who have completed 5 years of service can be taken into strength.

**Decision:**

Approved unanimously the proposed seats as below.

SI. No.	Name of the Department	Course	Current Seat/Year	Seats proposed/year
1.	Anaesthesiology	MD	10	20
2.	General Medicine	MD	05	10

  
Member Secretary

  
Chairman

3.	Ophthalmology	MS	03	05
4.	Orthopaedics	MS	03	07
5.	Psychiatry	MD	03	05
6.	General Surgery	MS	05	10
7.	Paediatrics	MD	06	10

**AGENDA- SAC/05/10**

***Starting of Post Graduate Academic Courses (MD/MS)***

**Decision Sought:**

*Approval to start MD & MS course in the Department of Trauma & Emergency.*

**Discussion:**

Director, AIIMS Patna briefed about the Agenda to the Committee.

Dr. Rajiva Kumar Singh, raised the issue how a single department can offer two courses that is MD and MS.

**Decision:**

Approval was granted to start MD in the Department of Trauma & Emergency and Department of Dermatology as proposed.

For MS in Department of Trauma & Emergency, a detail note regarding justification for starting MS course in Department of Trauma and Emergency to be circulated to all members of the SAC in order to facilitate taking an informed decision.


Department	Course	Subject/ Speciality	Seats/Session	Total
Deptt. of Trauma and Emergency	MD	Emergency Medicine	5 seats per session	10 seats per year
Deptt. of Dermatology	MD	Dermatology	1 seat per session	2 seats per year

**AGENDA- SAC/05/11**

***Starting of Post-Doctoral Academic Course (DM)***

**Decision Sought:**

*Approval may be granted for the start of DM Course Paediatric Critical Care.*

  
Member Secretary

  
Chairman

**Discussion:**

The Director, AIIMS Patna briefed about the agenda for consideration of the members and also informed about the project of AIIMS Patna approved by the govt. of Bihar for running e-ICU in all 38 districts of Bihar, for it AIIMS has been funded with Rs. 3.5 crores.

It was discussed to increase the bed to at least 20 to 30.

Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal informed, Director AIIMS Patna that Hon'ble Health Minister is to fund institutes for super-speciality services. He asked Director, AIIMS Patna to make a demand under Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission.

The Director, AIIMS Patna assured that he will make a demand under this mission from the Hon'ble Health Minister and would also send a copy of the same to Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal.

**Decision:**

Approved unanimously.

Department	Course	Subject/Duration	Course Duration	Seats	Total
Deptt. of Paediatrics	DM	Paediatric Critical Care	3 year	2 per session	4 seats per years

**AGENDA- SAC/05/12**

***Proposal for increasing the number of seats allotted to Department of Paediatric Surgery in M.Ch Academic Courses.***

Approval has been granted by the Standing Academic Committee to Start M.Ch Academic Courses in Paediatric Surgery Department in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Standing Academic Committee vide Agenda No. 3. Number of admission per year was also approved by the Standing Academic Committee.

**Decision Sought:**

*Approval may be granted for increasing the number of admissions to the Paediatric Surgery Departments for M.Ch Seat.*

**Discussion:**

The Director AIIMS Patna briefed the SAC about the agenda and the faculty strength available in the department of Paediatric. It was discussed briefly by the members and thereafter approved.

**Decision:**

Approved unanimously the proposed seats as below.

  
**Member Secretary**

  
**Chairman**

Name of the Department	Course	Current seat/year	Seats proposed/year
Pediatric Surgery	M.Ch	2 (6 years course)	3

### **AGENDA- SAC/05/13**

#### ***Proposal to Start Post-doctoral Fellowship Academic Courses [PDF]***

The Institute proposes to start Post-doctoral Fellowship Academic courses in different specialist departments at AIIMS Patna.

#### **Decision Sought:**

*Approval of the Proposal to start Post-doctoral Fellowship Academic Courses and approval of its Rules and Regulations prescribing the curriculum, eligibility criteria etc. of Post-doctoral fellowship academic courses to govern and conduct the courses at AIIMS Patna from the year 2022 onwards.*

#### **Discussion:**

Director, AIIMS Patna introduced the agenda and sought for in principle approval. It was discussed briefly and thereafter approved.

#### **Decision:**

Approved unanimously

### **AGENDA- SAC/05/14**

#### ***Rules and Regulations for Post-Doctoral Certificate Academic Courses [PDCC]***

Post-doctoral Certificate Course in different specialities was approved by the 4<sup>th</sup> Standing Academic Committee vide Agenda Number 5.

#### **Decision Sought:**

*Approval of the Rules and Regulations of the Post-Doctoral Certificate Academic Courses [PDCC] to govern and conduct the courses at AIIMS Patna from the academic year 2022 onwards.*

#### **Discussion:**

Director, AIIMS Patna briefed the Committee about the agenda.

Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal suggest to give preference to those who do Senior Residency in the same speciality Department.

Director, AIIMS Patna said that he will put up the detailed proposal in the next meeting of SAC. For now in principle approval may be given.

#### **Decision:**

The Rules and Regulation were approved for implementation.

It was also directed to incorporate about giving preference to candidates who have done Senior Residency in the same speciality Department within six month for consideration.

  
Member Secretary

  
Chairman

## **AGENDA- SAC/05/15**

### ***Approval for admissions to Post-doctoral Certificate Academic Course in different departments.***

#### **Decision Sought:**

*Approval for Starting of Post-Doctoral Certificate Course in different Departments at AIIMS Patna from the academic year 2022.*

#### **Discussion:**

The Director, AIIMS Patna, briefed the SAC about the agenda for its consideration. It was discussed briefly and thereafter approved.

#### **Decision:**

Approved unanimously the proposed seats as below from the Academic Year, 2022.

<b>Name of the Department</b>	<b>Name of Post-Doctoral Certificate Academic Course</b>	<b>Total Number of seats per year</b>
Anaesthesiology	Critical Care Medicine	2 per year
	Neuroanaesthesia	2 per year
	Paediatric Anaesthesia	2 per year
Paediatric Surgery	Neonatal Surgery	2 per year
Paediatric Medicine	Paediatric Critical Care	2 per year
ENT	Neurotology and Skull Base Surgery	2 per year
Radiology	Neuro and Vascular Interventional Radiology	2 per year
Orthopaedics	Anthroplasty	2 per year

## **AGENDA- SAC/05/16**

### ***Rules and Regulations of M.Sc Nursing Academic Course.***

#### **Decision Sought:**


*Approval of the Rules and Regulation to govern and conduct of M.Sc. Nursing Academic Course at AIIMS Patna from the academic year 2019.*

#### **Discussion:**

Director, AIIMS Patna briefed the Committee about the agenda, rules and regulations made on the lines of NMC guidelines. It was discussed briefly and approved thereafter.

#### **Decision:**

Approved unanimously.

  
**Member Secretary**

  
**Chairman**

**AGENDA- SAC/05/17 & SAC/05/18**

***Proposal to Start Master of Public Health Postgraduate Academic Course and its Rules and Regulations.***

**Decision sought:**

*Approval for starting of Master of Public Health Postgraduate Academic Course in the Department of Community and Family Medicine at AIIMS Patna.*

*Approval of the Rules and Regulation for the conduct of 3 years Master in Public Health Academic Course at AIIMS Patna from the academic year 2022 in the Department of Community and Family Welfare.*

**Discussion:**

The Director, AIIMS Patna introduced the Agenda. A brief presentation on it was made to the SAC member regarding the Academic Course.

**Decision:**

Approved unanimously with 15 seats per year.

**AGENDA- SAC/05/19**

***Proposal to Start BASALP (Bachelors in Audiology Speech and Language Pathology) Course under ENT Department at AIIMS Patna.***

**Decision Sought:**

*Proposal to Start BASALP Course under the Department of ENT may be approved at AIIMS Patna.*

**Discussion:**

The Director, AIIMS Patna introduced the Agenda to the SAC members. Dr. Kranti Bhawana, HoD, Deptt. of ENT and the Nodal faculty for initiating this course at AIIMS Patna presented the detailed structure and need of BASALP Course at AIIMS Patna.

**Decision:**

Standing Academic Committee approved to start BASALP Course under Department of ENT. It stressed the need of such courses in this part of the country and directed to prepare the Rules & Regulation for the conduct of the course in the next meeting.

  
Member Secretary

  
Chairman

**AGENDA- SAC/05/20**

***Approval of penalty for surrendering/vacating confirmed seat in various courses leading to loss of the Institute.***

**Decision Sought:**

*Approval of the proposed penalty for surrendering/vacating confirmed seat of various courses.*

**Discussion:**


Chairman asked Director, AIIMS Patna to increase the penalty of B.Sc Paramedical.

**Decision:**

Standing Academic Committee approved the proposed penalty for surrendering/vacating confirmed seat of various courses as below.

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Penalty proposed</b>	<b>Penalty approved (Rs.)</b>
1.	B.Sc (Hons.) Nursing	5,000	1,00,000
2.	B.Sc Paramedical	NIL	50,000
3.	MBBS	1,00,000	3,00,000
4.	M.Sc Nursing	NIL	1,00,000
5.	MD/MS/MDS/DM/MC H	NIL	3,00,000 (Before Six months) 5,00,000 (After Six months)

**Director, AIIMS Patna** conveyed his sincere thanks for sparing valuable time for attending the fifth meeting of the Standing Selection Committee of AIIMS, Patna and extending their guidance for all-round development of the academic curriculum of the Institute.

  
**Member Secretary**

  
**Chairman**