

5.1.4 The institution has an active international student cell of the preceding academic year

Website Link to the international student cell:

1. https://sgpgims.org.in/Home/St_Int_Council_Cel.html

Background:

The Institute has been attracting foreign medical students as observers and trainees in several disciplines for the past 3 decades. All such requests from overseas candidates interested in training at the Institute, are routinely processed by the Research cell and approved by the Director.

Recently, the Institute set up an International Student Cell (ISC), to facilitate international students visiting the Institute, and also to encourage international visits amongst students and trainees of the Institute. So far, each one has carried the knowledge and applied it in their practice, in their own country. Students from developing countries have gained in terms of exposure to the state-of-the-art infrastructure and learnt new techniques. They benefited from the vast experience of the faculty members at the Institute. Postgraduate trainees from developed countries, on the other hand, have returned back with an exposure to management of diseases that are unique to tropical countries like India especially in a resource limited situation. The Institute intends to initiate UG/PG/PhD degrees for International students, after necessary permission from National Medical Council. This may initiate the medical tourism industry, in the State of Uttar Pradesh in future.

Additionally, with more international students, the campus would become multicultural hub blended with diversity. Diverse cultures tend to widen the horizon and overall growth of local students, by enhancing global awareness. Once such degree programs are underway, The Institute may indulge in exchange programs with other countries. Faculty members and student exchange programs with established universities and medical institutes can help improve patient care bilaterally, both in host and home institution(s).

Mandate of ISC:

ISC has had meetings internally and with the current foreign students. Following issues have been deliberated upon:

- ISC needs to facilitate the stay of international students
- Institute should try to attract international students specially from the neighbouring SAARC countries, to take admission in the PG/UG degree courses of the Institute
- ISC to take care of the International Students during their stay
- ISC to work as conduit between the foreign students and the State/Central government departments, Police /Intelligence and other legal agencies
- Initiate the process of starting degree courses with the NMC
- Institute students who proceed for further training/observer ship abroad may approach ISC and Alumni Cell to get information regarding opportunities that exist abroad, facilitate their process and formalities that may be required during foreign travel, and if possible, liaison with the team abroad, and ensure safe stay during the period in a foreign



country

- Lastly, ISC to be the point of contact, if the student faces any problem in the foreign land.

Current Status:

In the past 3 years, 9 foreign students have visited the Institute for further training and 11 of our students have visited other countries to acquire superior skills.

Overall, ISC aims to expand the horizon at a global scale, reach out to students through this cell and make the stay of International students comfortable and their educational experience meaningful.

