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The Principal/Director/Dean
All Colleges of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha & Sowa Rigpa

Subject: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for visitation of ASU&S Colleges for the Academic session 2024-25 - reg.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the subject mentioned above, the matter was placed in the 73rd Board Meeting held on 06.12.2023 and the Board decided that the inspection of all ASU&S Colleges for the academic year 2024-25 under section 28/29 of NCISM Act 2020 shall be conducted on Hybrid mode and also decided that the following Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for visitation of ASU&S colleges for the Academic session 2024-25 is to be followed:

As per the section 28 (1) (c), (d) and Section 29 (7) of NCISM Act- 2020, the Medical Assessment and Rating Board may conduct evaluation and assessment of any University or medical institution at any time without any prior notice every year. Hence, it is expected that the minimum standards shall be maintained throughout the year and the institute should be ready for inspection at any time.

Re-visitations may also be conducted in case of difference in the submitted report of the visitors, if decision becomes inconclusive after assessment or if any complaint received and/or on randomized selection of the colleges by using randomization tool for re-verification of the facilities available in the colleges as decided by Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Indian System of Medicine.

1. Link for visitation shall be sent to the ASU&S colleges 01 hour prior to the scheduled visitation.
2. The Principal/Director/Dean of the ASU&S colleges shall be informed telephonically or through SMS and or through WhatsApp regarding the same.
3. Non-attending of the E-mail/Telephonic call shall not be considered as the reason for postponement of visitation.
4. In hybrid mode each visitation team comprises of 3 visitors and among them 2 will be visiting the college physically and one will be visitor cum observer at NCISM office, who will be visiting the college virtually.
5. The inspection of the colleges and the hospitals may be conducted on the first day of visitation and document verification and uploading the details in Part-2 visitation proforma may be carried out on 2nd day of visitation. The status on the first day of visitation shall be considered for the assessment.
6. All the visitors shall join the visitation together on hybrid mode and should submit the final declaration of visitation proforma Part-2 separately.
7. The Principal/Director/Dean of institute shall join the visitation by clicking on the link through Mobile/Laptop or other electronic means enabled with video recording with camera.
8. The visitation shall be recorded by the Host (MARBISM).
9. The Medical Assessment and Rating Board shall process the assessment based on the information submitted by the College, the reports submitted by the visitors, video recording of the visitation and concerned acts and regulations.

Further, this SOP may also be applicable to the colleges which come under 13A Regulation of IMCC Act- 1970 or section 29 of NCISM Act 2020 for the academic session 2024-25.

Note: As per 28 (1) c of NCISM Act-2020 it is obligatory on any institution to provide access to the visitors authorized by the Medical Assessment and Rating Board at any time. If the college fails to join the visitation due to any reason, appropriate action will be taken as per rules.

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