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Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

It gives me immense pleasure to present to you the first issue of our institute's newsletter, "IMS-BHU Newsletter".

The publication of 'IMS-BHU Newsletter' has been long overdue. As one of the leading institutions in India, the Institute of Medical Sciences is constantly engaged in diverse academic, research, and community service activities. However, given the size and complexity of our institute, many of us remain unaware of the commendable work being done across departments, by faculty, staff, and students alike. This newsletter aims to bridge that communication gap.

The idea is simple: to create a platform for sharing, celebrating, and staying informed about the life and achievements within our own community. Whether it's a groundbreaking research publication, a successful community outreach effort, a student initiative, or a departmental milestone—this newsletter is for all of us, by all of us.

In this inaugural issue, we have taken the opportunity to reflect on the history and founding vision of our institute. It is important to remember the values and aspirations upon which this great institution was built. We have also included information about recent Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) signed with Union Government bodies—significant developments that will help shape the future direction and pace of our institute's progress. These MoUs open up new avenues for collaboration, funding, and innovation, and we believe they mark an important milestone in our institutional growth.

While we have tried to cover as much as possible, we acknowledge that several recent accomplishments could not be included in this issue. We are currently working on developing a system that will allow us to gather information from all corners of the institute in a timely and structured manner.

We also recognize that the quality of some photographs in this issue could have been much better. These are early steps, and we are confident that with your continued support and feedback, future editions will improve significantly in content, design, and reach.

The success of this newsletter depends on your contributions. If you have news, events, insights, or achievements to share—big or small—please do send them to us. This platform can be a true reflection of the vibrant and dynamic life of our institute, but only if we all participate.

Let this not be just a newsletter, but a shared space of conversation and collaboration.

Warm regards,

Prof. Manoj Kumar

Chief Editor, IMS-BHU Newsletter



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MESSAGE

I am pleased to learn that the Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, has launched its inaugural newsletter to share its activities and achievements not only with its peers but also with society, at large.

Banaras Hindu University was established in 1916 under the leadership of Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya ji. His idea was not merely to build an institution of learning, but to create a centre of knowledge where ancient Indian wisdom could walk hand in hand with the latest scientific progress. This unique synthesis was envisioned to prepare future generations who would embody intellectual excellence, moral strength, and a deep sense of service to society.

The Institute of Medical Sciences stands as one of the most visible embodiments of this noble vision. Over the decades, IMS, BHU has grown into a premier institution of national and global repute, integrating scientific innovations with values rooted in compassion and ethics, thereby ensuring that the progress we make in medicine is not merely technological but also deeply humanistic.

The launch of this newsletter marks an important step in documenting and celebrating this journey. It will serve not only as a chronicle of the institute's achievements but also as a source of inspiration for future endeavors.

I warmly congratulate the IMS leadership for this initiative and extend my best wishes for the continued growth of the Institute of Medical Sciences. May this initiative grow into a vibrant chronicle of innovation, service, and pride for BHU.

A handwritten signature in green ink, reading 'Chaturvedi'.

(Ajit Kumar Chaturvedi)



Message from The Director

Prof. SN Sankhwar

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is with immense pride and great enthusiasm that I welcome you to the inaugural edition of our institute's newsletter. This marks the beginning of a new chapter in how we communicate, celebrate, and reflect upon our collective progress, achievements, and aspirations.

This newsletter is envisioned as a bridge connecting departments, disciplines, and people, highlighting the work we do every day in pursuit of excellence in healthcare, education, and research. It will serve as a platform to share updates, celebrate milestones, and foster a culture of transparency, collaboration, and continuous learning.

At the heart of this journey lies the powerful and evolving collaboration between AIIMS and Banaras Hindu University (BHU)- two institutions rooted in excellence, tradition, and the spirit of service.

We are committed to nurturing a culture of excellence and inclusivity. With new infrastructural projects underway and several academic collaborations on the horizon, the future looks promising.

I thank all contributors, editorial team members, and well-wishers who have made this first edition possible. Let this newsletter be more than a publication—let it reflect our collective spirit, resilience, and ambition.

Warm regards,

Prof. S. N. Sankhwar

“स्वस्थस्य स्वास्थ्य रक्षणं आतुरस्य विकार प्रशमनं च”

To protect the health of healthy and to cure the disease of the sick.



The Dean Faculty of Medicine

Prof. Sanjay Gupta

The Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, has been a global and national center of pioneering education, research, and medicinal care. The launch of this newsletter is a commendable initiative that reflects the academic and clinical activities that make our institute dynamic and relevant.

IMS-BHU carries a proud legacy of combining tradition with innovation. It has trained generations of professionals who serve with skill and compassion. As medical science transforms rapidly given the advances in biotechnology, digital health, and clinical practice, our institute remains committed to preparing its students and faculty to adapt to this evolving landscape. Our focus is on interdisciplinary collaboration, as well as community engagement.

The newsletter will showcase achievements, new initiatives, and contributions from every department in IMS covering various disciplines in medicine. It aims to serve as a bridge across our community of students, teachers, researchers, clinicians, and alumni. This initiative is a collective effort, and its value lies in participation that strengthens our sense of purpose and identity.

May it grow into a platform that not only informs but also inspires progress in education, healthcare, and research!



The Dean Faculty of Ayurveda

Prof. PK Goswami

The Faculty of Ayurveda holds a distinguished and prestigious position in the global landscape of Ayurveda and traditional medicine. Alongside its commitment to quality education, the faculty has made significant contributions in clinical research and plant-based sciences.

Over the years, the Faculty has successfully carried forward its responsibility of expanding quality Ayurvedic education and research. Many of its alumni have played leading roles in establishing, strengthening, and guiding universities and institutions across India, while also contributing to the international propagation and training of Ayurveda.

The Faculty of Ayurveda has consistently taken the lead in validating and standardizing Ayurvedic principles and practices, covering preventive, curative, and promotive aspects in diverse areas such as internal medicine, surgical and para-surgical procedures. With a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary research, the faculty combines classical Ayurvedic wisdom with contemporary scientific approaches, thereby encouraging meaningful collaboration between academia and industry.

With a legacy of more than a hundred years, the Faculty of Ayurveda has been home to stalwarts in various fields—ranging from literary research to surgical practices and the development of innovative Ayurvedic formulations for emerging diseases. Notably, four of its faculty members have been conferred the Padma Shri award by the Government of India. As we move forward, I am confident that the Faculty will continue to uphold and advance the vision of Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya ji, the meeting of the East and the West. “Pratichi-Prachi ka Mel Sundar”—a truly beautiful confluence.

Jayatuh Ayurvedah !



The Dean Faculty of Dental Sciences

Prof. HC Baranwal

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my greetings on the launch of the first edition of the IMS Newsletter, initiated under the visionary leadership of Prof. S. N. Sankhwar, Hon'ble Director, IMS-BHU. This initiative will undoubtedly serve as a dynamic platform to showcase the accomplishments of the Institute and inspire us all to strive for further excellence.

The Faculty of Dental Sciences has made significant progress in academics, research, and clinical services over the years. In the NIRF 2024 rankings, our Faculty was placed at the 17th position, reflecting a steady improvement over the last five years. We were also ranked 3rd in the India Today 2024 survey of dental institutions, reaffirming our growing reputation at the national level.

Our Faculty offers academic programs, including Diploma courses, Undergraduate (BDS), and Postgraduate (MDS) programs, ensuring holistic education and training for aspiring dental professionals.

In research and innovation, we have achieved notable success, with seven patents filed and one granted in the past year, in addition to a substantial number of national and international publications. These milestones highlight the commitment of our faculty and students to advancing dental sciences.

Our clinical services continue to expand with the integration of modern technologies, enabling us to provide quality oral healthcare while simultaneously enhancing the learning experience of our students. Community outreach programs further strengthen our mission of improving oral health awareness and delivering care to underserved populations.

Looking ahead, the Faculty of Dental Sciences remains dedicated to fostering academic excellence, pioneering research, and compassionate service. With the continued support of IMS-BHU, I am confident that our Faculty will scale greater heights and contribute meaningfully to the progress of dental education and healthcare in India.



The Dean Research

Prof. Gopal Nath

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is with great joy and pride that I convey my heartfelt greetings on the launch of the inaugural newsletter of the Institute of Medical Sciences, BHU. This is a significant step in our collective journey to strengthen communication, celebrate achievements, and showcase the vibrant academic and research environment of our institute.

IMS-BHU has always been at the forefront of excellence in medical education, patient care, and biomedical research. Our faculty, researchers, and students have consistently contributed to advancing knowledge and addressing pressing healthcare challenges at the regional, national, and global level. The spirit of innovation and service that defines our institute continues to guide us toward new frontiers.

Research today is no longer confined within disciplinary boundaries. It is collaborative, interdisciplinary, and translational. The Institute of Medical Sciences, with its unique integration of clinical, laboratory, and community-based research, provides an ideal ecosystem to nurture such collaborations. This newsletter will serve as a platform to share research outcomes, highlight success stories, and inspire dialogue that can spark new ideas and opportunities.

As Dean Research, I firmly believe that every contribution—whether from a senior faculty, a budding researcher, or a young student—adds immense value to our institution's growth. Together, we can continue to build a culture of curiosity, creativity, and excellence that not only enriches academic scholarship but also benefits society at large.

I congratulate the editorial team for their dedication and vision in bringing out this first issue. I am confident that this newsletter will become a powerful medium to connect, inform, and inspire all members of the IMS-BHU family.

With warm regards and best wishes,



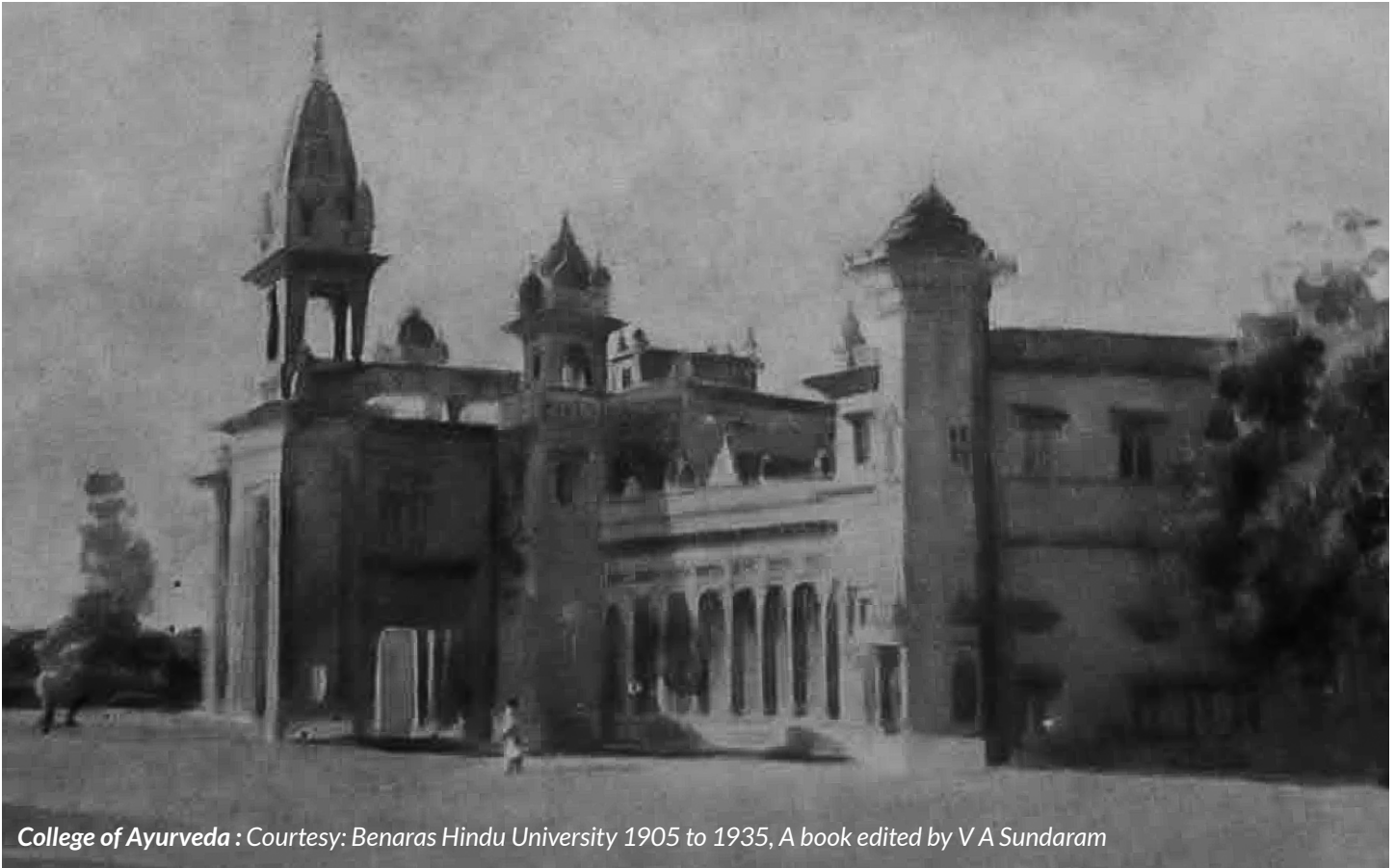
Prof. Ashok Kumar

***Former Head (Pediatrics), Dean (Research) & Dean (Academics)
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I am delighted to learn that long-awaited IMS BHU Newsletter is going to be released soon. I congratulate Prof Manoj Kumar and his team for their efforts in bringing out the first issue. The purpose of the Newsletter is to highlight and share major achievements and activities of our institute.

Over the years, the institute has grown enormously. Many new facilities have come up recently and new initiatives/services are being added continually. It is almost impossible to keep track of all the new developments taking place in IMS. In the absence of a readily available means of communication, the major achievements of our faculty members and students often go unnoticed. The newsletter will fill this important information gap. Hopefully, the newsletter will promote the feelings of togetherness and foster the sense of a well-connected community in the IMS family. The newsletter can also be shared with administration, policy planners and other institutions to showcase our achievements and strengths. The newsletter will be an important medium to inform our alumni of the events and new developments taking place in their alma mater, thus making them proud and strengthening the bonds.

I wish this endeavour a great success.



College of Ayurveda : Courtesy: Benaras Hindu University 1905 to 1935, A book edited by V A Sundaram

Milestones in the Making of The Institute of Medical Sciences

College of Ayurveda

For more than twenty-five centuries the city of Banaras was celebrated not only for its cultural splendour, but also for its rich tradition of medical knowledge. This was Banaras, where in the 5th century BCE the legendary surgeons Divodas Dhanawantari and Sushruta lived and practiced Ayurveda, leaving an indelible mark on the history of medicine and surgery. For centuries thereafter, the city remained a seat of scholarly pursuit attracting students from across the country and beyond, who came to study under eminent teachers.

The arrival of foreign powers, however, disrupted this rich tradition. Ayurvedic education in India suffered greatly during this period. With the establishment of the East India Company in the 18th century, Western medicine was popularized. Following their consolidation of power, the British founded three premier medical colleges in Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay in the early 19th century, followed by institutions in Lahore, Delhi, Lucknow, and Patna, along with numerous smaller medical colleges. This expansion of Western medical

education came at the cost of Ayurveda. A medical system that had flourished for millennia was now sliding into decline. Fortunately, there were some who remained concerned about the fate of a medical system that had protected the health of the Indian subcontinent for centuries.

In 1920, the Indian National Congress, during its Nagpur session, passed a resolution recognising the enduring value of Ayurveda and Unani medicine. It called for concerted efforts to establish schools, colleges, and hospitals dedicated to these systems. Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, a leading figure in the Congress and the founder of Banaras Hindu University (BHU), took immediate steps to implement this vision. He declared:

“The Hindu system of medicine shall here be brought up to date and enriched by the incorporation of the marvellous achievements of modern medical sciences in anatomy, physiology, surgery, and all other branches of the healing arts, both preventive and curative.”

In 1922, Ayurveda education began at BHU as a department under the Faculty of Oriental Learning and Theology. By 1927, a separate Ayurvedic College was established, offering integrated education Ayurveda and modern medical sciences (AMS) degree program under the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery (Ayurveda). This program was renamed as Ayurvedacharya Bachelor Medicine and Surgery (ABMS) in 1951. This pioneering institution, entirely maintained by the university, produced graduates well-equipped to serve the communities.

College of Medical Sciences

Over time, however, the college encountered some regulatory hurdles over the recognition of its integrative approach as a legitimate medical system, and uncertainty surrounding its graduates' right to practice and their eligibility for government service. The students, therefore, resorted to prolonged protests culminating in a nine-month closure of the program during the 1958-59 academic year. To resolve this problem it was considered to appoint a person who was trained in both systems, Ayurveda and modern medicine, as the head of the institution.



The Government of India deputed Dr. K. N. Udupa, an expert in both Ayurveda and modern medicine, to BHU as the principal of the college. He joined in 1959. In June 1959, the Vice-Chancellor Dr. V. S. Jha formed a committee to recommend the measures for further development of the college, and the Ayurvedic education at BHU. The committee recommended (1) to discontinue the Ayurveda course, (2) to establish a Postgraduate and Research Centre in Ayurveda for advanced integrative training and research, and (3) to establish a separate Medical College for undergraduate education in modern medicine.

In June 1960, the Ayurvedic college was converted into College of Medical Sciences offering MBBS program with an intake capacity of 40 students, and using the District Hospital, Varanasi, for clinical training. Ayurveda was also a part of the MBBS curriculum offered by the College of Medical Sciences. The admission process mirrored that of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, with an all-India pre-medical test.

Milestones

- 1922 Ayurveda education began at BHU under the Faculty of Oriental Learning and Theology.
- 1927 College of Ayurveda was established
- 1960 College of Medical Sciences created
- 1963 MBBS degree recognized by MCI, and subsequently by General Medical Council (UK)
School of Nursing started
- 1964 Eye and ENT Hospital inaugurated by Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri
- 1965 Children Hospital inaugurated by Smt. Indira Gandhi
- 1968 Radiotherapy Cobalt Unit and Radiation Medicine Centre
- 1971 College of Medical Sciences upgraded as Institute of Medical Sciences
Foundation of 550 bedded Hospital
- 1975 Sir Sundarlal Hospital New OPD Building
- 1978 Two separate faculties: Medicine, and Ayurveda were created
10 Super-specialty departments of modern medicine created
- 2005 Department of Dentistry was upgraded as Faculty of Dental Sciences
- 2010 School of Nursing was upgraded to the College of Nursing
- 2015 State-of-Art Trauma Centre inaugurated by PM Sh. Narendra Modi
- 2016 Centenary Super-specialty Hospital
Foundation of by the PM of India Sh. Narendra Modi
- 2016 Regional Resource Centre for Telemedicine created
- 2017 Maternal and Child Health Hospital and SNCU
- 2018 Pt. Mahamana Malaviya Cancer Centre
Inaugurated by Prime Minister of India Sh. Narendra Modi
Regional Institute of Ophthalmology created
- 2020 Centenary Superspeciality Block inauguration
Bone Marrow Transplantation and Stem Cell Research Centre inauguration
Centre of Excellence, Department of Psychiatry inauguration
- 2021 Regional Institute of Ophthalmology
MCH Wing inauguration
- 2024 Critical Care Block 200-bed
National Centre for Aging 200-bed: Foundation Stone laid by PM of India Shri Narendra Modi

Classes began on 1 September 1960 in the old Ayurvedic College building.

Dentistry was introduced in 1962 as a unit within the Department of Surgery and was upgraded to the Department of Dentistry in October 1971. In September 2005, it was further elevated to a separate Faculty of Dental Sciences.

School of Nursing

In 1960, a nursing training course was initiated in the hospital, which led to the creation of the School of Nursing (in 1963) offering a three-year diploma in General Nursing and Midwifery. The School of Nursing was later upgraded to the College of Nursing.



Postgraduate Institute of Indian Medicine (PGIIM)

Ayurvedic education, however, remained in abeyance until the establishment of the Postgraduate Institute of Indian Medicine (PGIIM) in 1963 as an integral part of the College of Medical Sciences.

Upgradation to Institute and Creation of Two Faculties

In 1971, the College of Medical Sciences was upgraded into the Institute of Medical Sciences. Until 1978, the Institute comprised a single faculty—the Faculty of Medical Sciences. In 1978, it was bifurcated into the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Indian Medicine, the latter subsequently being renamed the Faculty of Ayurveda. The name Postgraduate Institute of Indian Medicine (PGIIM) was dropped.

Undergraduate Education in Modern Medicine

In 1960, the University Grants Commission (UGC) sent a visiting committee led by the Director of AIIMS, New Delhi to assess the progress of the college and recommend measures for further development. Following its recommendations, the intake was increased to 50 students. Funds were sanctioned for new academic and residential buildings, equipment, and library facilities. Initially, nine departments were established. However, the funds could not be provided to the hospital as,

health being a state subject, the State of Uttar Pradesh was supposed to fund the hospital.

By the mid-1960s, the College of Medical Sciences had moved into a new building complex, with all facilities consolidated on campus. In 1962–63, the Medical Council of India (MCI) praised the college for its development that was happening in a multidisciplinary research environment of the Banaras Hindu University. The Medical Council of India (MCI) granted recognition to MBBS course from its inception. The General Medical Council (UK) also recognised the college in 1965. The annual student intake was increased to 60 and 70 in the years 1962 and 1963, respectively.

Postgraduate Education in Ayurveda

As mentioned earlier, the committee headed by Vice-Chancellor Dr. V. S. Jha proposed the establishment of a Postgraduate and Research Centre in Ayurveda to provide advanced integrative training and foster research. In March 1963, the Ministry of Health granted approval and financial support for the establishment of the Postgraduate Centre of Indian Medicine. Later renamed the Postgraduate Institute of Indian Medicine (PGIIM), it was formally inaugurated on 15 August 1963 by Dr. Sushila Nayar, the Health Minister of India at the time.

The PGIIM formed an integral part of the College of Medical Sciences. Initially, six departments were created. Postgraduate programs leading to the D.Ay.M degree were introduced in various subjects under these departments, with a total an annual intake of 20 students. In addition, 10 research fellowships were sanctioned to facilitate collaborative studies in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences as applied to Ayurvedic medicine. The Faculty of Ayurveda was created in 1978. At present the Faculty of Ayurveda comprises 17 departments(see box). In addition, a small Ayurveda Pharmacy is also managed by the Faculty of Ayurveda.

From its inception, and in keeping with the founding purpose of the institution, the Faculty of Ayurveda has provided medical education that integrates modern medicine with traditional Ayurvedic knowledge for the purposes of prevention and cure.



Faculty of Ayurveda

Current Status

Departments	17
UG Programs	
BAMS	75 seats per year
B. Pharma	25 seats per year
PG Programs	
MD(Ay)/MS(Ay)	50 seats per year
PhD Programs	
No. of Scholars	265 scholars enrolled
Sanc. Faculty Posts	108

Faculty of Medicine

Current Status

Departments	37
UG Programs	
MBBS	100 seats per year
PG Programs	
MD/MS	50 seats per year
DM/MCH	42 seats per year
Fellowships	52
PhD Programs	
No. of Scholars	165 scholars enrolled
Sanc. Faculty Posts	395

Postgraduate Education in Modern Medicine

Postgraduate education began in Medicine and Surgery in 1966 with creation of nine departments. Initially, postgraduate programs were introduced in pre-clinical and para-clinical subjects, followed by the commencement of PG programs in broad clinical specialties and super-specialties. Various diploma and certificate courses were also launched under different departments. Fifty percent of PG seats were reserved for students who had completed their graduation from the College of Medical Sciences. From the outset, the university provided stipends to PG students, and most were offered accommodation either free of charge or at a nominal fee.

Undergraduate Education in Ayurveda

As mentioned earlier, undergraduate Ayurvedic education was discontinued in 1958–59 and was restarted in 1999 with the introduction of the BAMS course. The course was started with an annual intake 50 which was raised to present annual intake of 75 students.

Development of the Teaching Hospital

Initially, clinical training relied on the District Hospital, which was logistically difficult and had limited academic supervision. The conversion of existing Sir Sunderlal Hospital into a



Faculty of Dental Sciences

Current Status

UG Programs

BDS 63 seats per year

PG Programs

MDS 24 seats per year

PhD Programs

No. of Scholars 14 scholars enrolled

Sanc. Faculty Posts 29

College of Nursing

Current Status

UG Programs

BSc 75 seats per year

Sanc. Faculty Posts 14

teaching hospital addressed this gap. In 1959, the hospital had only 100 beds—divided between Ayurveda, modern medicine, and a student ward—but over the subsequent years expanded to 550 beds even without a steady flow of funds. Part of the expenditure was met through grant-in-aid, while the some of it was covered by funding from the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

As stated earlier, the funds could not be provided to the hospital as, health being a state subject, the State of Uttar Pradesh was supposed to fund the hospital. However, by the year 1967 funding challenges were largely resolved when the then Vice-Chancellor Dr. Triguna Sen became Union Education Minister. A decision was taken at the level of ministry that the teaching Hospital in the Medical College should be treated like a laboratory set-up in a science college. Without adequate Hospital facilities teaching of Medicine

cannot be complete. In 1971, the Union Government agreed to meet the entire hospital expenditure through UGC.

At present, Sir Sunderlal Hospital is a 2,600-bed facility and the tertiary care referral centre for the entire eastern Uttar Pradesh, western Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, and even neighbouring Nepal, serving the medical needs of nearly 200 million people. The hospital uniquely houses both Modern Medicine and Indian Medicine disciplines under one roof.

Upgradation of IMS into AIIMS like Institution

In 2018, the Government of India agreed for the upgradation of the IMS-BHU, to bring it on par with AIIMS, New Delhi. The initiative is being funded by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in a phased manner.

This article is compiled by Prof. Manoj Kumar, Department of Shalaky Tantra based on the information obtained from following sources.

1. An article titled "Two Decades of Progress of Medical Education and Service in Institute of Medical Sciences (1960-1980)" written by Prof. KN Udupa.
2. A book titled "History of the Banars Hindu University" by SL Dar and S Sonaskandan, 1966.
3. A Book titled "A Legendary Dream, IMS-BHU by Prof. Siddharth Lakhota, 2020.
4. Annual Reports of IMS, BHU

NIRF Ranking for Medical

2025	6 th
2024	7 th
2023	8 th
2022	5 th
2021	7 th
2020	6 th
2019	6 th
2018	7 th



IMS to AIIMS like Institute *Fostering Transformation*

Background

The Government of India has prioritized the development of tertiary healthcare infrastructure to reduce disparities in affordable healthcare access and to improve quality medical education, especially in underserved States. The Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), launched in 2003, has been central to this effort, focusing on establishing new AIIMS institutions and upgrading existing Government Medical Colleges with advanced facilities such as Superspecialty Blocks and Trauma Centres. To further enhance service quality, the Government is promoting deeper collaborations between leading healthcare and educational institutions, ensuring that doctors and paramedical staff gain exposure to the latest knowledge, techniques, and best practices, particularly in superspecialty care. The Institute of Medical Sciences, BHU approached the Union Government for its upgradation to the level of AIIMS under PMSSY.

The Institute of Medical Sciences, BHU operates under the overall administrative control of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (now renamed as the Ministry of Education). In the past, however, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has supported IMS, BHU, in undertaking upgradation projects under PMSSY. Notably, a 334-bed Trauma Centre and a Superspecialty Block offering 13 major superspecialty services, were established in IMS, BHU.

Memorandum of Understanding Between IMS and AIIMS

The First MoU

As part of the upgradation efforts, it was agreed upon to strengthen ties between AIIMS, New Delhi, and IMS, BHU, for the purpose of sharing the latest developments, knowledge,



and best practices in healthcare, medical education, and research.

In view of this, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in New Delhi on 19 June 2018 between the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, represented by its Director (authorized to enter into this MoU), and the Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, represented by its Director (also authorized to enter into this MoU).

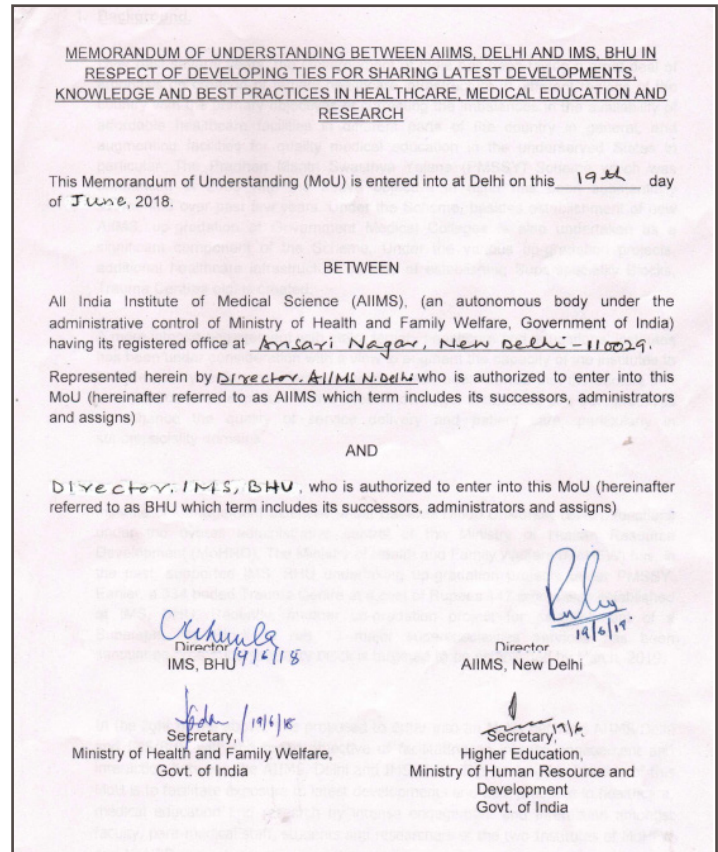
The MoU was signed with the broad objective of facilitating close engagement and interaction between AIIMS, New Delhi, and IMS, BHU. Its specific aim was to provide exposure to the latest developments and best practices in healthcare, medical education, and research through intensive engagement and collaboration among faculty, paramedical staff, students, and researchers from both institutions under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MoHRD).

It was agreed that the parties would work together to develop detailed mentoring schemes, which would broadly involve the following types of engagements:

a) Imparting of knowledge and best practices in advance healthcare by way of arrangements such as tele-consultation, video-conferencing, short visits of faculty and students, visiting faculty programmes, training courses for Doctors and Para-medics and student exchange programmes.

b) Hand-holding support to IMS, BHU in setting up and development of specialized treatment and research facilities and centres such as Organ Transplant Centres, etc. For this purpose, the two Institutes did the Gap Analysis and chalked out further development plan.

c) It was decided that the respective Ministries/Institutes would bear the expenses incurred on inter-institute visits of their faculty, staff and students. However, the host Institutes will be expected to make necessary arrangements and meet the expenses on hosting the doctors/paramedics/students

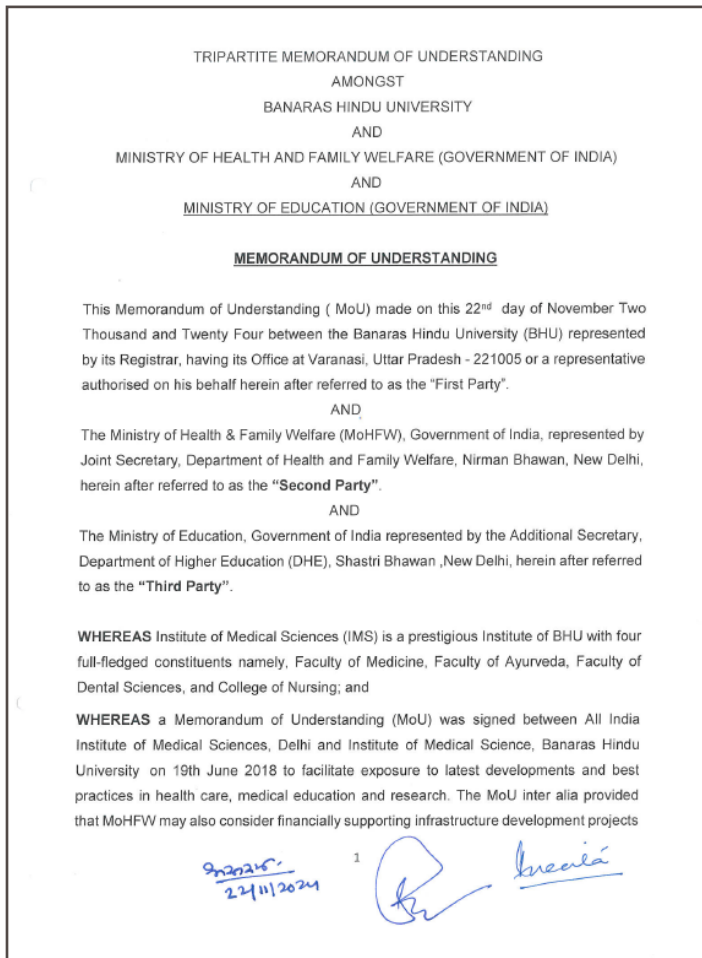


visiting the Institute and on conducting various educational activities/programmes in these Institutes.

The MoHFW was designated as the mentor ministry, with AIIMS, New Delhi, serving as the mentor institution for this purpose.

It was further agreed that the MoHFW may also consider providing financial support for infrastructure development projects aimed at creating healthcare and research facilities in various superspeciality areas, in collaboration with the MoHRD. Suitable financing arrangements would be jointly worked out by the MoHFW and MoHRD. Consequently, it became necessary to formalize a tripartite MoU between Banaras Hindu University (BHU), MoHFW, and MoE.





Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding

The Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) executed on and effective from 22nd Nov. 2024 between the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) represented by its Registrar AND the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India, represented by Joint Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi, AND the Ministry of Education, Government of India represented by the Additional Secretary, Department of Higher Education (DHE), New Delhi.

The Important points of the MoU are as below:

1. This MoU clearly defined the Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS) as a prestigious Institute of BHU with four full-fledged constituents namely, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Ayurveda, Faculty of Dental Sciences, and College of Nursing.

2. This MoU clearly states its objective that "considering the excellence of IMS-BHU and its potential to further improve the quality of health care services, need has been felt to provide enhanced funding support to IMS-BHU on the lines of new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) set up under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) to enable it to deliver healthcare services of highest standards".

3. The BHU shall constitute Standing Finance Committee (SFC) of the Institute of Medical Science as constituted for other AIIMS under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Health and Family Welfare for approval of proposals to be financed by the funds released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in accordance with the guidelines of the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.





The SFC will also have one representative of Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education as member. The recommendations made and conditions specified by SFC for grant of funds/ approval of proposals would be binding on the First party.

4. The MoHFW shall take necessary action for creation of a separate budget line for IMS-BHU in consultation with Department of Higher Education, Department of Expenditure and Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India to provide for Grant in Aid to the Institute on lines of fund being provided to new AIIMS under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY). Such Grants will be provisioned under Capital, General and Salary heads.

5. The MoHFW shall make yearly budgetary provision for the Institute on the basis of demand received from IMS-BHU in terms of the recommendations of the SFC and the availability of resources.

6. To avoid duplication in receipt of grants from Ministry of Education, GoI and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI, a transition plan would be worked out for providing

grant to IMS-BHU only by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare within two years, and the Department of Higher Education (DHE) shall participate in the transition plan to be worked out. It shall nominate one representative as member of SFC.

7. The ownership of assets created out of the grants provided by the MoHFW will be of IMS, BHU and would be managed as per directions of MoHFW.

8. A plan for management of Human Resources (HR) in IMS-BHU will be developed jointly within two years.

9. The AIIMS, Delhi will continue to be mentor institute for this purpose as per MoU executed in 2018.

Significant Developments after MoUs

1. A separate Governing Body of the IMS was formed.
2. The Director of the IMS was appointed on the pattern of AIIMS.
3. Faculty Exchange/Development (FDPs) got started between the IMS and AIIMS.
4. The Standing Finance Committee (SFC) for IMS was constituted.
5. First meeting of the SFC was held on 16th June 2025 followed by approval of Rs. 75 crores for procurement of medical equipment.
6. A lot of infrastructure related work has happened. These projects are mentioned in the milestone box.

New Facilities and Services

Renal Transplant Program Launched by Departments of Urology and Nephrology

The Department of Urology and Nephrology at IMS, BHU successfully restarted its renal transplant program on 16 May 2024. The surgical team, led by Prof. Sameer Trivedi, with Dr. Yashasvi Singh and Dr. Ujwal Kumar, performed donor nephrectomy and renal transplantation under the guidance of Prof. S. N. Sankhwar (Director, IMS BHU) and Dr. Pranjal Modi (Head, IKDRC Ahmedabad & VC, GUTS). The patient recovered without complications and remains stable on follow-up. The renal transplants are being regularly performed thereafter.



This milestone marks a significant step in providing affordable, advanced renal care in eastern UP. Plans are underway to expand the program to include cadaveric transplants, further strengthening IMS BHU's role as a regional center for renal sciences.



The department of nephrology has marked a series of significant accomplishments in the last year. In response to growing demand and to ensure better access to care, the number of OPD days has increased from 4 days per week to 6 days per week (Monday to Saturday). This expansion came with the addition of new faculty members to the department.

In line with our commitment to improving diagnostic and treatment capabilities, successfully procured advanced medical equipment: Ultrasound machine, automated peritoneal dialysis machine and body composition analyser machine.

Neurocritical Care and Other Facilities Established in the Department of Neurology

A dedicated Neurocritical Care Facility, designed to provide specialized care for patients with life-threatening neurological conditions such as acute stroke, status epilepticus, acute encephalitic syndrome, acute neuromuscular and other neurological emergencies was started in the year 2024. This state-of-the-art facility has enhanced our ability to provide timely, high-quality care, improving outcomes for patients in critical conditions.

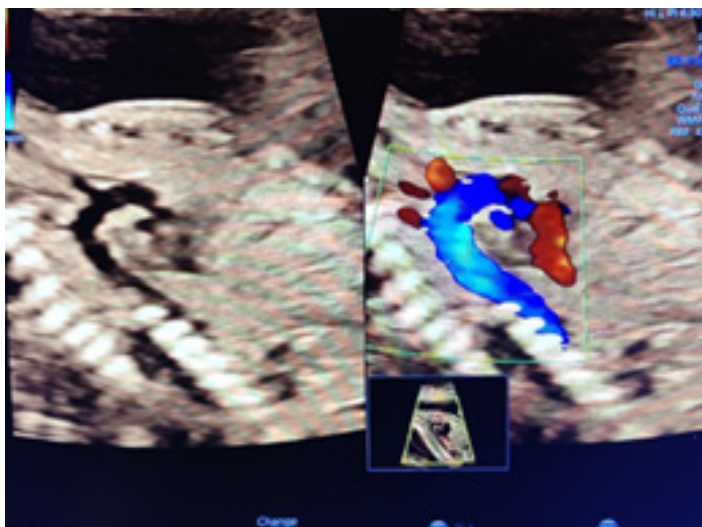
In addition, the department has also established Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation, Transcranial Doppler, Long Term Video EEG and Sleep Lab facilities, all equipped with the advanced diagnostic tools. The new facilities expand our diagnostic and management capabilities for neurological disorders, and address an emerging area of neurological health and patient well-being.

Pediatric and Adult Congenital Heart Disease Services started in Department of Cardiology

Pediatric and Adult Congenital Heart Disease Services have been launched to provide specialized care for both children and adults with congenital heart conditions.

Advanced intracoronary imaging techniques, including Intravascular Ultrasound (IVUS) and Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT), have been introduced to enable precise assessment of coronary arteries, ensuring more accurate and effective treatment planning.

Rotablation for calcified coronary lesions is now available—a cutting-edge procedure that allows for the treatment of



heavily calcified and complex coronary blockages with high precision.

Additionally, two new cardiac catheterization laboratories have been established, bringing the total number of cath labs in the department to three.

Comprehensive Lactation Management Centre (CLMC)

The Neonatology Division of the Pediatrics Department established the Comprehensive Lactation Management Centre (CLMC) in July 2024. This facility supports lactating mothers while processing and dispensing pasteurized donor human milk (PDHM) to preterm infants in need. Sponsored by the National Health Mission (NHM), CLMC is committed to ensuring the best health outcomes for both mothers and newborns while improving neonatal nutrition. Since its inception approximately 250 mothers have donated 140 litres of breastmilk benefiting 543 neonates with PDHM.

Two New Special Clinics Started in the Department of Endocrinology and Metabolism

Two new special clinics under Dr. Ritesh Kumar on Pediatric Endocrinology and Pituitary Clinic on Thursday & Professor N. K. Agrawal started the Metabolic bone disease and obesity Clinic on Friday, were started from November 2024 in the Department of Endocrinology and Metabolism to improve the patient care and boost the research. Two new assays were also introduced: 17(OH) Progesterone, TSH receptor Antibodies by ELISA. Major equipment procured included: Bone Densitometer DXA & Trabecular Bone Score.

The Endocrinology Department has recently introduced innovative treatments to enhance patient care: a) Long-Acting Weekly Growth Hormone (GH) Injections for GH-Deficient Children, b) GLP-1 Analogues for Obesity and Type 2 Diabetes Management: Liraglutide and Dulaglutide.

Fecal Matter Transplant Lab in Gastroenterology

The department of Gastroenterology has introduced Novel treatments in patient care eg. Microbial manipulation therapy in Inflammatory bowel disease and oral lactoferrin in ulcerative colitis. The department under the leadership of Dr. Devesh Yadav has received the ICMR Centre for Advance Research Grant for establishment of Fecal Matter Transplant Laboratory.

Pediatric Tele-ICU Center Established under ECRP-II

The newly established Tele-ICU services, mark a major advancement in pediatric critical care. The service is started by the Government of India, under the Emergency COVID Response Plan (ECRP-II) through the National Health Mission (NHM). The Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) under the leadership of Prof. Sunil Kumar Rao, at IMS, BHU serves as the hub, while spokes have been set up in district hospitals across Varanasi, Chandauli, Mirzapur, Bhadohi, Azamgarh, Mau, Jaunpur, and medical colleges in Ghazipur, Azamgarh, and Deoria. The Tele-ICU center was formally inaugurated by Prof. Ashok Kumar, the then Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

The platform not only facilitates ICU consultations but also serves as a training and education hub for medical professionals, including those from SSPG Hospital, Kabirchaura Hospital, and Azamgarh Medical College.

This initiative shows our commitment to enhancing pediatric critical care and leveraging technology to bridge the gap between urban and rural healthcare, ensuring that children in need receive timely and expert medical attention.



A complicated case of Wilms tumour with thrombus extending upto right atrium was performed by a team of CTVS and Pediatric Surgeons.



Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump and Heart-Lung Machine in Department of Cardiothoracic Vascular Surgery

Department of Cardiothoracic vascular surgery procured an IABP (Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump) and a cardiopulmonary bypass machine (Heart-Lung Machine) with an artificial oxygenator and reservoir which significantly enhanced the capability to perform complex cardiac surgeries with minimal risk to the patient.

Very complicated surgeries are now being performed. A surgery was done on a patient of wilms tumor with Inferior vena cava (IVC) thrombus extending upto right atrium the department of paediatric surgery. Also an interesting case of removal of foreign body (coin) in the trachea (at carina) was done by direct bronchoscopy. Patient had a habit of eating coins and the coin was there for almost 5 years in the trachea. The department has also successfully started the minimally invasive cardiac surgeries for ASD and Mitral valve replacement.

Serum Protein Electrophoresis in Department of Pathology

The Department of Pathology has started serum protein electrophoresis facility, a valuable diagnostic tool for assessing the levels and types of proteins in the blood. It plays a key role in identifying and monitoring conditions such as multiple myeloma, chronic inflammation, and liver disease. By detecting abnormalities in protein distribution, this test provides clinicians with valuable insights to guide treatment planning more effectively.

The department has also procured an automated tissue processor and an automated immunostainer for Immunohistochemistry.

The Hematology laboratory of the department procured karyotyping and fluorescent microscope with dedicated software. These advanced tools will provide improved processing capabilities and a user-friendly interface, enhancing diagnostic accuracy and efficiency.

First Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) Surgery for Advanced Parkinson's Disease in Purvanchal

On December 14, 2024, the Departments of Neurology and Neurosurgery at BHU successfully performed the first-ever Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) surgery for advanced Parkinson's disease in the Purvanchal region.



DBS is a well-established, FDA-approved neurosurgical procedure for patients with advanced Parkinson's disease who experience inadequate symptom control with medication or suffer from severe side effects such as dyskinesias. The procedure involves implanting a neurostimulator that delivers electrical signals to specific areas of the brain, significantly improving motor function and quality of life. DBS is also effective in treating conditions like essential tremor and dystonia.

The surgical team included Prof. Deepika Joshi and Dr. Anand Kumar from the Department of Neurology, Dr. Nityanand Pandey from the Department of Neurosurgery, Dr. Naren Naik (Consultant Neurosurgeon, Global Hospitals, Mumbai), and Prof. R.K. Dubey from the Department of Anesthesia, along with the Medtronic India team. The procedure lasted approximately 7-8 hours.

Other faculty members from Neurology involved in the procedure included Prof. V.N. Mishra, Prof. R.N. Chaurasia, Prof. Abhishek Pathak (HOD), Dr. Varun Kumar Singh, and Senior Residents Dr. Janki Makani and Dr. Arpan Mitra.

Multiple Services Started in the Department of Radiology

The Department of Radiodiagnosis significantly enhanced imaging infrastructure. The department recently commissioned a state-of-the-art 3 Tesla MRI scanner, enabling high-resolution imaging and faster protocols across neuro, musculoskeletal, and abdominal applications. This upgrade is complemented by the installation of an additional 1.5 Tesla MRI and a 128-slice CT scanner in the Super Speciality Block, further expanding diagnostic capacity and improving patient throughput.

Clinically, the department has made notable strides in strengthening its interventional radiology (IR) services. Under the leadership of Dr. Ashish Verma, Dr. Ishan Kumar, and Dr. Pramod Kumar Singh, the IR team has taken on a growing



volume of life-saving procedures. Placenta accreta spectrum cases are now managed routinely, with image-guided interventions playing a critical role in maternal outcomes. The team has also managed complex abdominal trauma cases and performed TIPSS procedures for patients with advanced liver disease. On average, 60 to 70 major and minor vascular interventions are performed each month in the department's DSA unit, placing it among the most active interventional radiology services in the region.

National Centre of Ageing -Upcoming

National Centre of Ageing (NCA), IMS, Banaras Hindu University (BHU) is being established as the third such center in India under the National Program for Healthcare of the Elderly (NPHCE), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The NCA is an upgrade from the existing Regional Geriatric Centre in the Department of Geriatric Medicine, Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS) BHU.

The foundation stone of this 200-bed National Centre of Ageing was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in February 2024. It is being constructed on approximately 2,045 square meters and expected to be completed by December 2025.

NCA will have state-of-the-art facilities including geriatric sub-speciality OPDs, ICU, Day Care, diagnostic and radiological services, operation theatres, private and general wards, physiotherapy, yoga, meditation, and research labs.



Prof. Anup Singh is appointed as the nodal officer for the National Centre of Ageing and the National Program for Healthcare of the Elderly.

Hematopoietic Stem-cell Transplants (HSCTs) for Pediatric Patients

The Division of Hemato-oncology within the Department of Pediatrics, under the leadership of Prof. Vineeta Gupta, has been actively performing hematopoietic stem cell transplants (HSCTs) for pediatric patients with relapsed acute leukemia. Their inaugural allogeneic transplant was performed in 2023. The division has successfully done several allogeneic and autologous transplants.

Allogeneic HSCT involves the transplantation of stem cells from a compatible donor, often a sibling or matched unrelated donor, and is typically employed in cases of high-risk or relapsed leukemia. Autologous HSCT, on the other hand, utilizes the patient's own stem cells and is generally considered for certain types of leukemia and solid tumors. The choice between allogeneic and autologous transplants depends on various factors, including the specific leukemia subtype, disease status, and availability of a suitable donor.



Video-assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery (VATS) in 1-year-old Baby

A multidisciplinary medical team at the Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University (IMS-BHU), successfully performed a video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS) to remove a mature teratoma from the left anterior mediastinum of a one-year-old boy. The surgical team was led by Prof. Sarita Chaudhary and Dr. Kanika Sharma, under the guidance of Prof. S.P. Sharma. The anesthesia team included Prof. R.B. Singh, Dr. Amrita, and Dr. Pratima.

VATS is a minimally invasive surgical technique that utilizes a small video camera and specialized instruments inserted through small incisions in the chest wall. This approach offers advantages such as reduced postoperative pain, minimal scarring, and shorter hospital stays compared to traditional open surgery.



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Customized Malaviya Dental Implant

An Indigenous Breakthrough in Affordable Dental Care

In a landmark achievement for Indian healthcare, the Malaviya Dental Implant has been developed indigenously at Banaras Hindu University (BHU), offering a cost-effective, reliable, and customizable solution for millions in need of dental rehabilitation.

The implant system is the result of a rare interdisciplinary collaboration. Prof. Rajesh Bansal from BHU's Faculty of Dental Sciences partnered with IIT-BHU experts Prof. Vakil Singh, Prof. S.K. Sinha, and Prof. Kaushik Chattopadhyay from Metallurgy and Mechanical Engineering. Together, they designed a world-class implant tailored specifically to

Supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) through three sanctioned projects, the initiative has already secured two granted patents, with two more filed, underlining both its novelty and clinical promise. To bring this innovation from research labs to patients, the team established Kindway BioReZens Pvt. Ltd., a startup dedicated to manufacturing and distributing the implant.

Unlike conventional implants, which often lead to screw loosening and crestal bone loss, the Malaviya Dental Implant addresses these challenges through a superior design and advanced manufacturing processes. Currently, India imports more than 80% of its dental implants, driving up costs and limiting access. The Malaviya Implant breaks this dependency, offering an indigenous alternative aligned with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Medical Retina Facility Established at Faculty of Ayurveda

A Medical Retina facility has recently been created in the Netra Roga Unit, Department of Shalakya Tantra, Faculty of Ayurveda. The facility is dedicated to the management of retinal disorders such as diabetic retinopathy, hypertensive retinopathy, age-related macular degeneration etc.

The unit is being supervised by Prof. Manoj Kumar, who will oversee both clinical services and academic activities. Equipped with advanced diagnostic technology, including Spectral Domain Optical Coherence Tomography (SD-OCT), the facility will significantly enhance the quality of patient care with Ayurvedic approaches, provide better clinical training for students, and open new avenues for research in the field of retinal diseases.



Community Outreach Programs

Health Exhibition and Fair at IMS, BHU

As part of the 64th Annual Day celebrations, the Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, organized a two-day Annual Health Exhibition and Fair on 3rd and 4th

inaugurated by Prof. B. Vengamma, Vice Chancellor of Sri Devaraj Urs Academy for Higher Education and Research, Kolar, Karnataka.



December 2024. The event saw enthusiastic participation from all three faculties—Faculty of Ayurveda, Faculty of Medicine, and Faculty of Dental Sciences—along with the College of Nursing, Sir Sunderlal Hospital, and the Trauma Centre. Together, they set up 64 stalls showcasing the institute’s wide-ranging activities and services, offering visitors valuable insights into the healthcare being provided at IMS.

Highlights of the mela included free health screening, counselling sessions, and medical advice focused on the prevention of lifestyle-related disorders. The event also featured photo and video demonstrations of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures aimed at raising public awareness.

The Health Exhibition and Fair was coordinated under the leadership of Prof. V.N. Mishra and Prof. B. Ram, with overall guidance from Prof. S.N. Sankhwar. The event was

The exhibition witnessed a tremendous response, with thousands of visitors benefiting from the wide range of health services and educational displays.



Outreach Services at Mahakumbha-2025

The Government of Uttar Pradesh organized Mahakumbha-2025, a mega spiritual and socio-cultural congregation, from 13th January to 26th February 2025 at Prayagraj. The event witnessed the participation of nearly 500 million pilgrims from across the country and abroad.

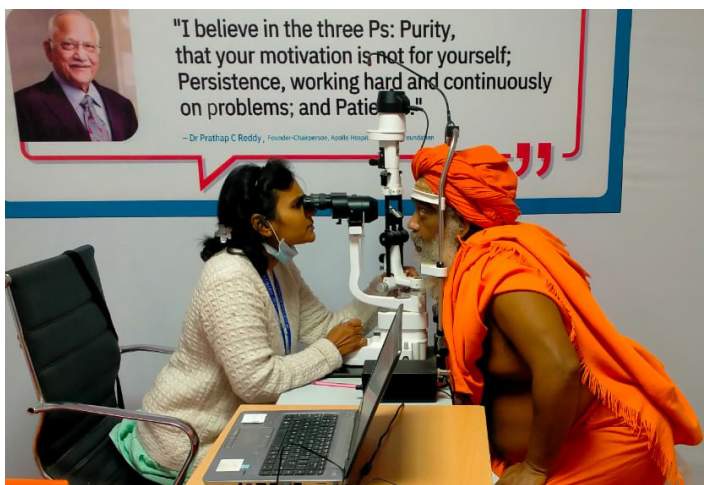
Prof. Vishwambhar Singh from the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, IMS-BHU, was entrusted with coordinating the participation of doctors from all over India who volunteered to provide healthcare services during the Mahakumbha. Prestigious institutions and organizations such as IMS-BHU, AIIMS, PGI Chandigarh, UP State Medical Colleges, Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP), National Medicos Organization (NMO), and the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) extended their support. In total, about 1,27,000 medical devices and equipment—including wheelchairs, hearing aids, knee braces, and walking sticks—were dispensed to needy patients. The Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, actively contributed to this historic gathering by rendering healthcare through four specialized services: Netra Kumbha, Shravana Kumbha, Danta Kumbha, and Jyotish Kumbha.

Netra Kumbha

Fifty-two organizations from all over India took part in Netra Kumbha, collectively providing eye care services to about 2.4 lakh patients. The Regional Institute of Ophthalmology (RIO), IMS-BHU, Varanasi, extended comprehensive ophthalmic care under the leadership of Prof. R.P. Maurya. Patients were screened for cataract, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and other ocular conditions, along with routine eye check-ups, refraction, and management of acute eye problems.

Through these services, approximately 10,000 individuals benefited directly. Among them, 7,000 received free

spectacles, 500 were referred for surgery, and nearly 6,000 were guided for advanced ophthalmic care. The overwhelming appreciation and positive response from patients reflected the impact and outreach of IMS-BHU's dedicated services.



Shravana Kumbha

The Department of Otorhinolaryngology, IMS-BHU, provided specialized ENT and hearing care under Karna Kumbha. Led by Prof. Vishwambhar Singh, the team screened nearly 20,000 elderly patients for hearing impairment, ear infections, tinnitus, and other ENT-related conditions. About 8,000 hearing aids were distributed. Audiometry, otoscopic examinations, and treatment for acute ENT conditions were carried out. Patients requiring advanced interventions were referred to higher centre.

This service proved especially valuable for elderly pilgrims struggling with age-related hearing difficulties.



Danta Kumbha

The Faculty of Dental Sciences, IMS-BHU, actively participated in Danta Kumbha, extending oral health services to the pilgrims. Free dental check-ups, oral hygiene counselling, and treatments for common dental problems such as tooth decay, gum diseases, and oral lesions were provided to over 2,500 patients.

Awareness sessions emphasized the role of oral health in preventing systemic diseases. Many pilgrims also received tobacco de-addiction counselling and preventive dental care advice.

Mahamana Shivira

Mahamana Shivira was organized from 22nd January to 26th February 2025 to provide consultations in Ayurveda, Yoga, Jyotish, and lifestyle management. During the camp, around 5,000 patients received consultations, and 2,000 patients were provided free medicines.

The Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University was represented by Dr. Ashutosh Pathak, Department of Rachna Sharir, Faculty of Ayurveda.

Experts provided astrological consultations, counselling for lifestyle harmony, and guidance on wellness practices based on planetary influences.

The institute's outreach not only provided direct medical benefits to thousands of pilgrims but also promoted awareness on preventive health and holistic well-being at one of the largest gatherings of humanity in the world.



International Childhood Cancer Day

Awareness program for early detection and advocacy for better care of cancer childrens on International Childhood Cancer Day by Division of Hemato-oncology, Pediatrics Department. In addition, the division is actively conducting outreach programs to raise awareness about sickle cell anemia and thalassemia. As part of the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission, the division offers free screening tests for these conditions at the Hematology Laboratory of Banaras Hindu University (BHU).

Mobile Dental Clinic

Delivering Dental Care at the Doorstep of Rural India

Malviya Seva Prakalp of Kindway, a startup incubated at the Bionest, Central Discovery Center, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), has launched a pioneering initiative – a Mobile Dental Clinic designed to take modern dental services directly to the underserved.



This ambitious project envisioned by Dr. Rajesh Bansal was made possible through a generous grant from Bridge and Roof Company Limited, with the support of the then Hon'ble Minister Shri Mahender Nath Pandey Ji. The clinic is housed in a specially designed, fully air-conditioned bus, equipped with two electrically operated dental chairs and advanced diagnostic and treatment tools such as an autoclave, portable x-ray machine, radiovisiography unit, physiodispenser, and a LASER system. Together, these facilities transform the bus into a state-of-the-art mobile dental hospital.

The services offered by the clinic are comprehensive, covering examinations, scaling and cleaning, tooth extraction, restorative fillings, artificial tooth placement, and root canal treatment (RCT). Beyond treatment, the clinic also emphasizes preventive care and oral health education, spreading awareness about proper hygiene practices, the hazards of tobacco use, and the importance of regular dental check-ups. Since its inception, the Mobile Dental Clinic has organized numerous outreach camps across villages and semi-urban areas, serving the elderly, women, children, economically weaker sections, and marginalized groups.

World Asthma Day 2025 Observed at IMS-BHU

The Department of Kayachikitsa, Faculty of Ayurveda, IMS-BHU, organized a special program on the occasion of World Asthma Day on 6th May 2025 at Yadunandan Hall, Dhanwantari Bhawan.



The event was inaugurated in the presence of Prof. P.K. Goswami, Dean, Faculty of Ayurveda, as the Chief Guest. A special guest lecture was delivered by Prof. Dr. Deepak Gautam, Department of Kayachikitsa, who spoke on the prevention and management of asthma with emphasis on awareness, lifestyle modification, and integrative approaches.

The program featured a free medical health camp, which included, Free health check-up and consultations, Pulmonary Function Testing (PFT), Free medicine distribution, Karna Vedhana therapy and awareness and counselling sessions for patients and the general public.

International Yoga Day 2025 Celebrated at IMS-BHU

The Faculty of Ayurveda, IMS-BHU, organized a special program to mark the International Yoga Day 2025 on 6th June 2025 at Yadunandan Hall, Dhanwantari Bhawan. The event was coordinated by Prof. K.H.H.V.S.S.N. Murthy as Secretary General and Dr. Manglagowri V. Rao as Program In-charge for the Quiz Competition.

The celebration included a series of engaging activities for students, such as an essay competition, yoga quiz, and yoga-asana competition. Undergraduate, postgraduate, and PhD scholars of the Faculty of Ayurveda participated in the program.

The prize distribution ceremony, graced by distinguished dignitaries: Prof. Sanjay Kumar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor & Rector, BHU; Prof. S.N. Shankhwar, Hon'ble Director, IMS-BHU; Prof. Raja Ram Shukla, Dean, Faculty of SVDV, BHU.



Training on Continuous Positive Airway Pressure

Training on continuous positive airway pressure by the Neonatology Division, Pediatrics Department. Under Prof. Ashok Kumar, the Neonatology Division is conducting training programs for healthcare workers in Sick Newborn Care Units (SNCUs) across the state, supported by the National Health Mission (NHM). These programs focus on Facility-Based Newborn Care (FBNC), Newborn Stabilization Units (NBSU), Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP), and Family Participatory Care (FPC). The training aims to enhance skills in essential newborn care, neonatal resuscitation, and respiratory support, thereby improving neonatal outcomes nationwide.



BHU Blood Centre Voluntary Donation Drive

From April 2024 to March 2025 Blood Centre conducted 73 voluntary blood donation camps (69 outdoor and 4 indoor) collecting 21,078 units of blood.

To honour the contributions of donors and organizers the centre organized an annual felicitation program on June 14 marking World Blood Donor Day.

Events Organized

Annual Day 2024

On December 4, 2024, the Annual Day function was Celebrated at Swatantrata Bhavan, BHU. The event was graced by Prof. Vivek Lal, Director of PGI Chandigarh, as the Chief Guest, and Prof. Ajay Singh, Director of AIIMS Bhopal, as the Guest of Honour. The program was convened by Prof. T.P. Chaturvedi, with Prof. B. Ram and Prof. S.K. Bhartiya serving as co-convenors.

Chief guest of function was Prof Vivek Lal, Director, PGI Chandigarh, expressed the need of more patient care,

research and motivated the students for thorough studies. Guest of honour Prof Ajay Singh, Director AIIMS Bhopal emphasized importance about the regularity of teachers and student for patient care and teaching. Prof Sanjay Kumar, officiating Vice Chancellor of BHU congratulated the teachers and student of IMS for getting the AIIMS like status. Prof Ashok Kumar Dean, Faculty of modern medicine welcome the members. Prof S.N. Sankhwar, Director IMS presented annual reports of IMS. Dean of Modern Medicine, Faculty of Ayurveda and Faculty of Dental Sciences





announced the academic prize winners of IMS. At evening cultural programme was held. Prof TP Chaturvedi thanks all conveners of annual day committee for their support and success of function. He also thanks co-conveners Professor



B Ram and Professor SK Bhartiya for timely and proper support of whole programs.



104th Convocation of Banaras Hindu University



Banaras Hindu University celebrated its 104th Convocation on 14 December 2024. The main function was held at Swatantrata Bhawan, where degrees were conferred upon 14072 graduates. The ceremony was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sudhir Kumar Jain, while Mr. Jakhar J. Chaudhary, Founder, CEO and Chairman of J. Chaudhary Group, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Director of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, as the Chief Guest.

The function was further graced by the presence of eminent academicians as Guests of Honour, including Prof. P. K. Prajapati, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. S. R. Rajasthan Ayurveda University, Jodhpur; Prof. Raj Kumar, Rajendra Institute



In a separate ceremony organised by the Institute of Medical Sciences at the Udupa Auditorium, degrees were personally handed over to students. The event was presided over by the Director, IMS, Prof. S. N. Sankhwar, with Dr. Atul Goel,

of Medical Sciences, Ranchi; and Dr. Dibyendu Mazumdar, President, Dental Council of India.



Faculty Development Program

The “Finding the Leader in You” (FLY) workshop was recently conducted at the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in collaboration with the Competitiveness Mindset Institute (CMI), USA, to enhance leadership skills among faculty members. The program focused on five key pillars: taking initiative conscientiousness, problem-solving, perseverance, and innovativeness, helping participants develop essential leadership qualities for academic and professional growth. Through interactive sessions, real-world case studies, and peer discussions, faculty members explored various leadership techniques. A key feature was the Buddy System Exercise, where participants applied the Learn, Practice, Teach (LPT) model, strengthening their understanding



by mentoring peers. Additionally, the Capstone Project provided an opportunity to implement leadership concepts in workplace challenges, fostering innovation and strategic thinking. The workshop successfully empowered faculty with tools to improve communication, decision-making, and institutional development. By instilling a culture of leadership and continuous learning, IMS BHU continues its commitment to academic excellence. The success of this initiative highlights the university's dedication to equipping educators with the skills needed to drive positive change in academia and beyond. Future programs will build on this foundation, ensuring faculty members are well-prepared to lead and inspire.

The Annual Athletics Meet

The Annual Athletics Meet at IMS BHU was successfully conducted in Ruia ground, with over 400 athletes competing across multiple events. Nandini (Dental), Khushi Negi (Nursing), and Tanisha Sharma excelled in the 100m race, while Kshitij won the 200m men's race and Monika (Ayurveda), Toko Yeji (Nursing), and Jyoti topped the 200m women's race. Sujata secured gold in the 3000m race and high jump, while Sushil Yadav (Ayurveda) dominated the 5000m race. Avinash Kumar (Nursing) impressed with gold in high jump, shot put, and javelin throw. Harish and Hansika won long jump in their respective categories. The Nursing team won the Kabaddi championship against BDS, with Avinash Kumar named best player. In volleyball, Biochemistry defeated Nursing in a thrilling final. Other notable wins included MBBS-B over BDS-B, Nursing-A over BAMS-B, BDS-A over Nursing-B, and MBBS-A over BAMS-A. The event was inaugurated by Prof. S.N. Sankhwar (Director, IMS BHU) and coordinated by Dr. Rajesh Meena. Dr. Jyoti conducted the proceedings, and Prof. V.M. Singh delivered the vote of thanks. Faculty members, including Prof. V.N. Mishra, Prof. P.K. Goswami, Prof. Abhijit Mandal, Dr. Dinesh, Dr. Kavita, and Dr. Mamta, encouraged participants.





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