

GMC-CEU in Nagpur, India has a new sponsor and director

Doctor R.K. Ayachit, MS (Ophthalmology) is the New Dean and Sponsor of the CEU at Government Medical College, Nagpur. Dr. Ayachit is a renowned ophthalmologist and a thorough academician with strong research background. Dr. Prashant Joshi, internist-cardiologist, also recently took over as the CEU director, taking over from Dr. A.K. Niswade.

In addition to the collaborative research activities under the IndiaCLEN Infectious Disease Initiative (IID) and INCLEN-funded projects, Nagpur CEU faculty have also forged national and global collaborative research partnerships with different agencies. Among them are: (1) Dr. Joshi—collaborative cardiovascular disease research along with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (Dr. K. Srinath Reddy), involving the Government of India, the World Health Organization, McMaster University (Prof. Salim Yusuf 'The InterHeart Study', 'The CREATE Study'); involvement in a task force project of the Indian Council on Medical Research (ICMR) on 'Control of Hypertension' in the community; (2) Dr. Purwar—a multinational collaborative research on maternal health sponsored by WHO, and another on reproductive health; (3) Dr. Dipty Jain— multicenter ICMR project on sickle cell disease; (4) Dr. S. P. Zodpey—multicenter survey on drug abuse survey; (5) Dr. S.N. Ughade—spontaneous abortion study; and (6) Dr. C. Sarodey—a community-based study on abortion and family planning practices sponsored by the International Center for Research on Women.

In the area of capacity building, two workshops from CEU Nagpur, proposed by Dr. SN Ughade and Dr. Sanjay Zodpey, have been approved by Capacity Building Subcommittee of IndiaCLEN for support: (1) a work-shop on relevant statistical methods for categorical data analysis and non parametric methods in the context of IID projects, and (2) a workshop on health program evaluation in the context of IID projects. A two-day workshop on research methodology will be conducted at the Medical College, Sawangi Meghe, Wardha for the faculty and postgraduate students.

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