

In pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta (Circuit Bench at Port Blair) in W .P. No. 187 of 2005, a committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary by the Ministry of Home Affairs for the purpose of studying and assessing the feasibility of setting up of medical & engineering college in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The feasibility committee recommended for setting up of a medical college with 300 bed hospital on the earmarked land at Port Blair in compliance with the norms of Medical Council of India. The expert committee submitted their report to Hon'ble High Court in 2007. Consequently, the decision to establish a medical & engineering college was taken in the 11th IDA meeting held on 15.06.2007 under the Chairmanship of the then Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh.

Meanwhile, Directorate of Health Services, Andaman & Nicobar Administration requested HSCC (I) Ltd, a Govt of India enterprise, to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for establishing a Medical College in the Islands. The DPR was prepared and submitted to the Administration in June, 2009 suggesting setting up of medical college on Public Private Partnership with capital outlay of ₹ 377 Crores at earmark land and upgrading GB Pant Hospital into a teaching hospital

The Government of India had certain reservations on the Detailed Project Report under PPP mode such as Handing over of 100 acres of land to the private party against requirement of 25 acres as per MCI norms and in violation of CRZ regulations and the cost of Medical College at Rs. 377.00 crores as on 2009, is much higher than the estimates of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Accordingly, no action could be taken by the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance on this project.

Meanwhile, a DO letter vide U-12012/68/2012-ME-PII dated 9th May 2013 was received from Joint Secretary, MoHFW regarding newly launched Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Establishment of New Medical Colleges attached with existing District/Referral Hospitals" to provide central funding support for opening new medical colleges by strengthening / upgrading the district hospitals.

The Andaman and Nicobar Administration, being an Union Territory without legislature decided to avail benefit of this Centrally sponsored scheme for 'Establishment of new medical college attached with existing district/referral hospital' by upgrading the GB Pant District Hospital, Port Blair to medical college. DO letter No. 1-2/MC/DHS/13-14 dated 20.09.2013 along with Detailed project report was sent to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare by Andaman and Nicobar Administration proposed to establish a 100 seats Medical College and the DPR was examined by the Technical evaluation committee in its meeting held on 13.11.2014. Thereafter, recommendations of Technical evaluation committee

were also considered and approved by Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 29.12.2014. Accordingly, Ministry approved the proposal for setting up of a new medical college at Port Blair by up gradation of GB Pant Hospital at a total cost of ₹189 Crores.

Andaman & Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences (ANIIMS, Sri Vijaya Puram) is a NMC recognized medical college which was established by upgrading the existing GB Pant Hospital under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for establishment of new medical college by upgrading district/referral hospital. ANIIMS is established by Andaman & Nicobar Medical Education and Research Society (ANIMERS) under Andaman & Nicobar Administration. The President of the General Body of ANIMERS is Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands with Chief Secretary as Vice President. The day-to-day functioning of ANIIMS is under control of Executive Council, where Chief Secretary is the Chairman and Principal Secretary (Health) Vice Chairman of the Executive Council.

The Institute started its first academic session w.e.f. the academic year 2015-16 with an intake capacity of 100 seats vide Ministry of Health and Family Welfare letter no. U-12012/164/2015-ME (P-II), dated 08th June, 2015, of which, 85% seats are reserved for the students of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The present seat intake for MBBS is 114. The 545 bedded Govind Ballabh Pant Hospital (GBPH) is attached to ANIIMS as the teaching hospital. GBPH also serves as the only referral hospital for the entire Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. 10 DNB seats are allocated to ANIIMS in five core subjects- Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics and Anesthesiology.