AIIMS Nagpur Hosts Intensive Training on Good Clinical Practice- Empowering Researchers to Prioritize Patient Safety and Data Excellence

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The Department of Pharmacology and the Institutional Ethics Committee of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Nagpur, organized a two-day Intensive Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Training Workshop on 22 and 23 October under the ICMR-INTENT (Indian Clinical Trial and Education Network) Programme. 46 delegates including investigators, Ethics committee members and research coordinators attended the workshop.

The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr) Prashant P. Joshi, Executive Director and CEO,AIIMS Nagpur. Tracing the evolution of GCP from the Nuremberg Code (1947) and theDeclaration of Helsinki (1964) to the ICH guidelines, he explained that GCP rests on two pillars, credible data and the ethical protection of participants. He walked delegates through its core principles and stressed that the interests of science and society must never take precedence over the well-being of trial participants.

Sessions were focused on ICH-GCP E6(R3), the New Drugs and Clinical Trials (NDCT) Rules 2019, roles and responsibilities of investigators, informed consent process, source documentation using ALCOA+, data quality and integrity, safety reporting, audits and inspections, along with hands-on sessions, role play and quiz. Dr Nishanth Parameshwaran won the first prize in the quiz. Eminent speakers led the technical sessions for the delegates. The external panel comprised Dr Gunjan Kumar (ICMR), Dr Sucheta Banerjee (KLE Academy, Belagavi), and Mr Vaibhav Tyagi (NIIT), alongside AIIMS Nagpur's own experts: Dr Ganesh Dakhale, Dr Chaitali Chindhalore, Dr Purvasha Narang, Dr Rajashree Khot, Dr Anita Yadav, Dr Abhijeet Chaudhary, and Dr Amol Dube.

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