

## **INTRODUCTION ABOUT DEPARTMENT**

Since inception, the Department of Community Medicine of Lady Hardinge Medical College has been striving to achieve excellence in the domains of academics, research and patient care. The Department is involved in Under-Graduate as well as Post-Graduate teaching and training with the ultimate goal of producing quality physicians, equipped with all necessary public health skills. The Faculty of the Department ensure that the standards of quality medical education are met at all times and that the training provided is as per the National Medical Commission (NMC) norms.

The Department encourages students in the domain of research and has guided and supervised several **Short Term Studentship (STS)** projects under **ICMR**. The Department was awarded the “**Best Practice Award for Teaching & Training**” in the year 2020 by **Indian Association of Preventive & Social Medicine (IAPSM)** for the unique **Diet demonstration activity** carried out by Under-Graduate students in the community as part of their practical posting. Over the years, Faculty members and Post-Graduate students of the Department have received several awards for research paper presentations at national as well as international platforms. In addition to organizing regular CMEs and Workshops, the Department had successfully organized an **International Conference on Occupational & Environmental Health** in 2019 which was attended by several national and international delegates. The Department has been awarded by **World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA)** in 2019 & 2022 and by **Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India (BPNI)** in 2021 for organizing awareness activities on the occasion of **World Breastfeeding Week**. The Department has also won national **Short film Making Competitions** organized by **IAPSM** on the occasion of **World TB Day** in 2018 and **World Population Day** in 2022.

In accordance with recently updated guidelines of NMC for Under-Graduate teaching, the Department has commenced the **Family Adoption Programme** for First year MBBS students in one of its field practice areas. Also, as per updated NMC guidelines for **District Hospital Posting** of Medical Interns, the Department is collaborating with Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital in East Delhi district. The Department acts as **Regional Vaccine Store (RVS)** for New Delhi district on Pulse Polio Immunization days under the supervision of Faculty. The Department currently has following three functional health centres with adjacent areas being its field practice areas :

1. **Urban Health Centre, Kalyanpuri** – located approximately 16 kilometres from the Institution in East Delhi district, this health centre is fully managed by the Department. Other than providing routine Out Patient Department (OPD), antenatal care, immunization and other special services, Resident Doctors and Interns posted in the centre are involved in regular community outreach activities focusing on preventive and promotive aspects of healthcare. The centre is also equipped with a COVID vaccination facility for pregnant and lactating women and has a pharmacy with several essential medications available free of cost for patients.
2. **Primary Health Centre, Palam** – located approximately 19 kilometres from the Institution in South West Delhi district, this is a Central Government health centre. Resident Doctors and Interns posted in this centre are involved in routine OPD services, antenatal care and immunization services in addition to conducting regular health

awareness activities for patients visiting the centre. The PHC has a sub-centre which is visited by Residents and Interns weekly on designated day for providing healthcare services in the community.

3. **SDMC Polyclinic, Mehrauli** – located approximately 16 kilometres from the Institution, this is a Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) health centre in South Delhi district. Resident Doctors and Interns posted in this centre are involved in providing routine OPD services and carry out regular health awareness activities.

In addition to the above-mentioned health centres, the Department manages the **COVID Vaccination Centre (CVC)** of the Institution and the **Child Health Promotion Centre (CHPC)** at Kalawati Saran Children Hospital. The CVC is a model vaccination centre in New Delhi district managed by Faculty of the Department. Resident Doctors and Interns posted in the CHPC also manage a **Health Promotion Centre (Non-communicable Diseases)** for parents of children visiting for immunization.