



SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES



**Report on Signing of Renewal Agreement for Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
between DGHS, MOHFW and IGNOU**

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Conference Room VC Secretariat

Renewal Agreement for Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between DGHS, MOHFW and IGNOU for training health functionaries in biomedical waste management, was signed at 03:00 pm on 17th May, 2023 in Conference Room, VC Secretariat, IGNOU. Registrar Admin signed the MOU on behalf of IGNOU and Dr. Avinash Sunthlia on behalf of DGHS, MOHFW. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor presided over the ceremony.

Pro Vice Chancellors, Registrars, Directors of Schools, Heads of Divisions, Centers and Cells, faculty members from various schools including School of Health Sciences participated.

Director, School of Health Sciences Dr. Ruchika Kuba and programme Coordinator CHCWM Programme gave a short brief regarding the programme. She elaborated that the programme had been initiated in 2004 under an MOU with WHO SEARO. DGHS, MOHFW signed the MOU in 2018 for sponsoring candidates in CHCWM programme in order to create a cadre of master trainers. She added that the programme is also being offered under E-vidya Bharti, Guyana and Centre was being established in Nepal for the same.

Prof. T.K. Jena spoke regarding the support of various regulatory bodies and ministries for health manpower development in areas like Dialysis Medicine, Dentistry, HIV Medicine etc. through collaboration.

PVC Prof. Srikant Mohapatra praised the efforts of the School in offering programmes for various categories of health personnel.

Registrar, Admn. Dr. Alok Chaube expressed that biomedical waste is hazardous waste and its management is of the utmost importance in the current scenario.

Dr. Avinash Sunthlia representative from DGHS, MOHFW appreciated the efforts and contribution of IGNOU regarding capacity building of the health sector of the country. He suggested that digital modules could be prepared for offering online courses for wider reach.

Hon'be Vice Chancellor congratulated the ministry for liasoning with IGNOU for offering programme of national importance. He further emphasised that awareness of management of biomedical waste is essential and should be taken up at all forums. The signing ceremony took place in the presence of esteemed dignitaries. This was followed by vote of thanks by Dr. Biplab Jamatia.

The signing ceremony has also been published in Digi News on same day 17th May, 2023 and is available on the Facebook page of IGNOU.

