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Madam/Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the tour report of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) on 15.12.2025 at NIPER, Hyderabad on the above mentioned subject.

It is requested that the action taken/ to be taken on the suggestions/recommendations made in the tour report may be submitted to NCST within /stipulated time from receipt of the letter, for placing it before Hon'ble Commission.

Yours faithfully,


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The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) is a constitutional body set up under Article 338A of the Constitution of India to investigate and monitor all matter relating to protection, welfare and socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes in the country. As per constitutional provisions, the Union and every State Govt. shall consult the Commission on all major policy of decisions affecting Scheduled Tribes. The Commission is required to present to the Hon'ble President of India reports upon working of those safeguards and all such reports are to be laid before each House of Parliament along with Memorandum explaining the Action Taken or propose to be taken on the recommendations relating to the Union and the reasons for non- acceptance, if any, of any of such recommendations.

2. In pursuance of the above constitutional mandate, Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes accompanied by Dr.P.Kalyan Reddy, Director, NCST, Shri Ashok Lakkarasu, PS to Hon'ble Member (JH) visited National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research(NIPER), Hyderabad to review the implementation of Constitutional Safeguards for Scheduled Tribes On 15.12.2025.

3. Dr. S. Saraf, Director, NIPER, Dr.Srinivas, Nanduri, Dean, Dr B. Lakshmi(Registrar I/c) and other senior officers have participated in the meeting.

4. The Brief Profile of the Institute is as follows

The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Hyderabad, is a premier public pharmaceutical research university and an "Institute of National Importance" under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.NIPER, Hyderabad has been established in 2007 to serve as a Leading Global Institution in the field of Higher Education & Research in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Medical Devices & Management with a mission to serve To strive towards Excellence in the field of Higher Education & Research in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Medical Devices & Management and to be one of the principal sources of Professional Manpower for Strengthening the Pharma industry.

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Currently the institute has PG in 12 disciplines with 432 students, Ph.D. in 9 fields with 198 students and till todate 1962 PG & 105 Ph.D. students awarded with 100% Placement. The Admission is through NIPER JEE , Skilled Faculty members with academic & industry experience and Optimum Faculty to Student Ratio (1:8). The institute has published 1421 research articles in journals of repute, filed 66 patents and signed 90 Memoranda of Understandings.

Establishment of ISO 17025 Accredited Analytical Testing Laboratory is a proactive step by NIPER Hyderabad towards realisation of *Aatmanirbhar Bharat* by offering quality analytical testing services for products competing in the global markets. The institute has also the state of the art facilities for Testing of Nutritional Supplements for WADA prohibited substances in collaboration with Department of Sports and FSSAI for regulated testing & certification of nutritional supplements to curb instances of inadvertent doping.

The programme of Avishkaran Fosters creation, development & innovation of pharmaceutical products and processes, Accelerate technology development & commercialization of biopharmaceutical products, Provide services and support to start-ups & entrepreneurs .The National Centre for Research & Development in Bulk Drug is the Centre of Excellence (CoE) in API R&D to promote R&D in Bulk Drugs for APIs/KSMs .

Measures taken up by NIPER Hyd for welfare of STs

Relaxations in Eligibility Conditions:

The General Eligibility for NIPER JEE 2025 (For PG and PhD) is that the candidate should have GPAT/GATE/NET/or any other National Fellowship(score card) and Qualifying degree (UG for PG/PG for PhD) with a minimum of 60% marks in aggregate or CGPA of 6.75 on a 10-point scale wherever grades are awarded or equivalent. However, a Relaxation in CGPA to 6.25 (on a 10-point scale) or in marks to 55% or equivalent in the eligibility criteria is allowed for SC and ST candidates.

Relaxations in Application and other fees:

In Admission Test, In Fees for M.Pharmacy, MBA and Ph.D Courses

SC/ST & Minority Cell

To render them necessary help in solving their academic as well as administrative problems and to promote higher education among the SC/ST and Minority or weaker communities that are suffering from economic, social and educational deprivation

and also suggests the follow-up measures to the administration of the Institute for achieving the objectives and targets laid down by MHRD, GOI for the empowerment of SC/STs and Minority.



5. Meeting with SC/ST Students and Faculty members

During the meeting with the students from SC/ST Community and the faculty members the following observations were made.

- a. There is a need for revision and enhancement of the fellowship amount in view of the inflation and current expenditure.
- b. The placement cell is working only for the PG Graduates and the Ph.D students need the necessary support for the placements.
- c. The Hostel building has become old, facilities are inadequate and the inmates are using them on sharing basis. Hence there is a requirement of new Hostel adequate for the strength of the boarders.
- d. There are no proper avenues for the Pharmacy graduates in the Government sector.
- e. There is no full time Director and Registrar to focus on the issues of students.

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6. Visit to the laboratories

During the interaction with the research scholars and the faculty members the following observations were made.

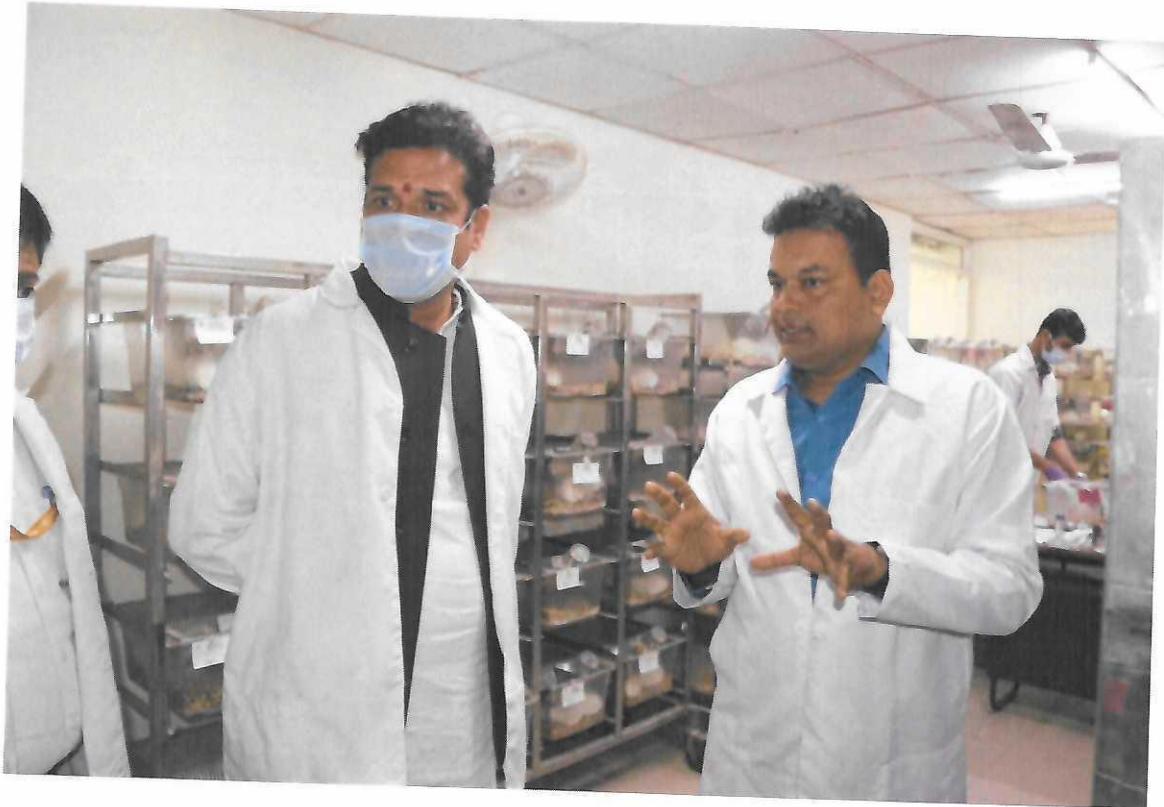
The State of the art lab facilities on tumour research, obesity research and the advanced equipment in the institute are witnessed by the Hon'ble member.

Some of the research scholars have represented the following issues.

- The placement cell is working only for the PG Graduates and the Ph.D students need the necessary support for the placements.
- There is no Hostel facility for the Ph.D Students.
- There is the delay in the supply of the chemicals indented by the research scholars which are required for the research.



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7. Review Meeting with the Administration and Management

A review with the administration is taken up by the Hon'ble member on the issues raised by the students. Besides the administration has made a presentation on the activities of the Institute.



On the grievances of the students and research scholars, the Director, NIPER has stated that placement cell is for the student community and many of the Ph.D Scholars do have direct contacts to the industry through their guides and professors. Further, it is mentioned that as Ph.D scholars get House Rental Allowance, many of them prefer to stay outside the campus rather than in Hostel.

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7. Recommendations

- a) An Internal Grievance Redressal Committee may be constituted. Grievance redressal meetings may be organized every quarter and the issues may be sorted out at the earliest.
- b) Special training / programmes for enhancing their skills for betterment and promotion to the higher posts may be arranged / imparted to ST employees besides the training on reservation policy, rosters etc.
- c) A separate online Grievance Redressal Portal may be launched for time-bound disposal of problems faced by the ST Employees.
- d) Proposal may be submitted to the competent authority for the enhancement of the fellowship amounts.
- e) The technical issues relating to the purchase of the chemicals through the GEM portal may be sorted out.
- f) The events like Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas / Birsa Munda Jayanthi on and Ambedkar Jayanthi may be celebrated officially .

Besides the following recommendations are made for the efficiency and effective functioning of the NIPER

- a. Apprenticeship/Internship facilities for the pharmacy Students may be facilitated to transfer the expertise of the skilled scientific staff to the young generation.
- b. Collaborations may be planned with the local universities to promote mutual research interests.
- c. As the cost of drugs and essential medicines is going up, the more efficient lowcost generic medicine and diagnostic equipment may be promoted through Janausadhi Kendras and technological interventions in medical diagnostics especially to cater the vulnerable sections. The Janausadhi kendras may be made accessible round the clock as like the private agencies like Apollo and Mediplus.
- d. The ST Communities especially the PvTG Communities are grappling with the haemoglobinopathies like sickle cell anemia and thalassemia. A special project may be taken up drug discovery relating to the health issues of the Tribal communities.
- e. The state of the art National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Lab (NABL) in the unit may offer accreditation and reliable testing facilities for the required agencies.

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8. The Commission desires that the Director, NIPER, Hyderabad disposes off the grievances highlighted in a time bound manner. The NCST will continue to provide support in addressing these challenges.

9. The Action Taken report may be submitted in 30 days from the receipt of the minutes.


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