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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject – Enhancement of HTA In Ecosystem August 2026 with establishment of 2
Centre of Excellence in PGIMER Chandigarh and JIPMER Puducherry- Regd**

The undersigned is directed to inform that the Resource Hubs PGIMER, Chandigarh and JIPMER, Puducherry have been upgraded to be established as Centre of Excellence for Health Technology Assessment. The Hubs demonstrated excellent performance as per the assessment during the HTA conclave “ARISE —Assess, Reflect, Implement, Strengthen, and Enhance”, held on the 17th of December 2025 in successfully completing allocated research studies, producing publications, optimal budget utilization and engaging in capacity-building activities with states and other centres. While PGIMER was praised for consistently performing well and setting a benchmark for other HTA Centres, JIPMER was highly commended for its shorter study completion timelines.

2. The terms of Reference are placed at Annexure-1
3. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Encl: as above



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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

To,

1. Dr Shankar Prinja, Principal Investigator, PGIMER
2. Dr Sitanshu Kar, Principal Investigator, JIPMER
3. Director, PGIMER
4. Director, JIPMER

Copy to:

1. Sr PPS Secretary, Department of Health Research, New Delhi
2. PPS to Joint Secretary, (MS), Department of Health Research, New Delhi
3. Dr Balu, Scientist-C for uploading on the website

Terms of Reference for Centre of Excellence

A. Technical Leadership

- Develop and update national HTA methodological standards, guidelines, and best practices.
- Provide technical leadership on advanced HTA methodologies.

B. Quality Assurance

- Establish quality standards and review frameworks for HTA studies conducted under the resource Hubs and Centres allocated to them
- Undertake peer review of priority and high-impact assessments.
- Develop accreditation and quality benchmarking mechanisms for HTA institutions.
- Monitor adherence to HTAIn methodological standards.

C. Research and Innovation

- Lead methodological research in HTA.
- Conduct Specialised HTA Studies
- Coordinate multicentric studies

D. Capacity Building

- Design national HTA competency frameworks.
- Develop advanced training curricula and certification programs.
- Train faculty and trainers (Training of Trainers).
- Mentor Regional Hubs and Resource Centres.

E. Knowledge Management

- Develop model databases and reference case studies.
- Facilitate dissemination of HTA findings.

Allocation of resource centres and Hubs

Centre of Excellence	PGIMER				JIPMER			
Hubs	New Hub	NIRWoH	IIPHG	IIPHS	NIRT	New Hub	RMRC	New Hub
Centres	IIT Delhi GMC Tanda AIIMS Delhi AIIMS RISH CSIR Jammu IPH Delhi	NIV AFMC TMH Mumbai AIIMS Bhopal	SCI BHU IIT Kanpur AIIMS Jodhpur NIOHR	8 North eastern States AIIMS Guwahati	CMC Vellore	Sree chira	AIIMS Deoghar NIPER Hajipur	IISC Manipal IIPH HYD KIHT NINE
States	J&K Ladakh Himachal Pradesh Punjab Haryana New Delhi Uttarakhand	Maharashtra Madhya Pradesh Daman Diu Goa	Gujarat Rajasthan Uttar Pradesh	8 North Eastern States	Tamil Nadu Andaman & Nicobar	Kerala Lakshadweep	Chattisgarh Jharkhand Bihar West Bengal Odisha	Karnataka Telangana Andhra Pradesh