

**SMIMER MRU Awarded Certificate of Excellence at the prestigious Medical Colleges  
Research Connect 2026, Delhi.**

The Multidisciplinary Research Unit (MRU) of Surat Municipal Institute of Medical Education and Research has been conferred a “Certificate of Excellence” by the Department of Health Research, Government of India, at the prestigious Medical Colleges Research Connect 2026 held on 26–27 February 2026 at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan.

This recognition highlights the outstanding performance of SMIMER’s MRU, which secured an impressive score of 9 out of 10 in the national evaluation. Among 123 MRUs across the country, SMIMER MRU ranks among the top 20 units, reflecting excellence in research output, efficient grant utilization, and alignment with national health priorities.

The event was graced by Shree. Anupriya Patel, Hon’ble Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, reaffirming the Government’s commitment to strengthening biomedical research under the vision of Viksit Bharat. The programme was also addressed by Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Secretary, DHR and Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research.

This achievement has been realized under the guidance of Nodal Officer Dr. Hetal Desai, strong leadership of Dean Dr. Deepak S. Howale, and with the support of Medical Superintendent Dr. Jitendra Darshan with key contributions from MRU scientists Dr. Avani Kasture and Dr. Silver Panchal, the MRU continues to strengthen its role in India’s biomedical research ecosystem

SMIMER expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the Department of Health Research for this recognition. This achievement serves as a strong motivation for the entire team to further enhance research activities, promote high-quality scientific work, and contribute meaningfully to national healthcare priorities

Expressing pride in this recognition, the Dean of SMIMER, Dr. Deepak S. Howale, stated, “Securing a position among the top MRUs in the country is a proud moment for our institution. This recognition reflects the dedication, teamwork, and scientific commitment of faculty and staff of SMIMER. We remain committed to strengthening research that directly benefits patient care and public health.”



SMIMER MRU representative receiving “Certificate of Excellence” by Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Secretary, DHR and Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research.



SMIMER MRU Team Shares Moment of Pride with Dean Dr. Deepak S. Howale



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