

To

The Principals of Dental Colleges/Institutions

Sir/Madam,

The National Dental Commission has received a request from the **ICMR–NAMS National Biostatistics Helpline Team** regarding dissemination of information about the National Biostatistics Helpline among dental students and researchers.

The ICMR–NAMS National Biostatistics Helpline provides free, one-to-one expert consultation on various aspects of research and biostatistics, including:

- a. Study design and research methodology;
- b. Sample size calculation;
- c. Selection of appropriate statistical methods;
- d. Data analysis and interpretation;
- e. Thesis and dissertation-related statistical support; and
- f. Guidance relating to biostatistics and epidemiology.

The initiative is **completely free of cost** and is intended to support students and researchers in undertaking scientifically sound and methodologically appropriate research. Dental students, particularly those pursuing BDS, MDS and research programmes, may benefit from these personalised consultations while undertaking dissertations, theses and research projects.

In view of the above, all dental colleges/institutions are advised to disseminate information regarding the ICMR–NAMS National Biostatistics Helpline among their students, postgraduate trainees, faculty members and researchers, and to encourage them to utilise the facility as appropriate.

The institutions may facilitate wider dissemination of the information through their respective institutional communication channels, including notice boards, student portals, official email groups and other appropriate platforms.

A step-by-step guide for registration and booking of consultation slots for the ICMR–NAMS National Biostatistics Helpline is enclosed with this Circular for information and necessary dissemination.

The initiative may serve as a useful academic resource for strengthening research methodology, biostatistical competence and the quality of dental research.

All concerned are requested to give wide publicity to the initiative among eligible students and researchers.

Encl.: Step-by-step guide for registration and booking of consultation slots.

With Regards,

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