3. Student Welfare Policy

3.1 Purpose. To provide a safe, inclusive and supportive environment that promotes the academic, physical, emotional and social well-being of every student.

3.2 Scope. All students of BDS & MDS,

3.3 Student Welfare Committee. Chaired by a senior faculty member [Dean Dr Sonali Kapoor], with faculty and student representatives, the hostel warden, counsellor and a representative of the administration. The Committee meets at least once each term, keeps minutes and reports to the Dean.

3.4 Welfare measures.

- **Mentoring:** Each student is assigned a faculty mentor who meets the student periodically and keeps a record.
- **Counselling:** Confidential counselling for academic stress, personal issues and career guidance by [a qualified counsellor / visiting psychologist]. Referral to a mental health professional in a crisis.
- **Health care:** Free or subsidized basic health care in the hospital, immunization (including Hepatitis B) for clinical students, and post-exposure management of needle-stick and other injuries.
- **Scholarships and fee support:** Information on and help with government, university and institutional scholarships, freeships and education loans.
- **Hostel and transport:** Safe, hygienic hostels with separate facilities for men and women, a warden, security, a mess committee and reliable transport.
- **Remedial support:** Extra coaching for students who struggle academically, and bridge support for students from diverse linguistic backgrounds.
- **Career and placement support:** Guidance for NEET-MDS and other entrance examinations, internships, and employment and higher-study opportunities.
- **Co-curricular activities:** Sports & cultural activities, student council participation and student publications.
- **Safety:** Campus security, an emergency contact system and awareness on road, fire and clinical safety.
- **Inclusion:** Equal treatment of students regardless of caste, religion, gender, region, language or disability.

3.5 Student representation. Students are given a voice through the student council and class representatives, who may attend relevant committee meetings and give feedback. Student feedback on teaching, facilities and services is collected at least once a year and acted upon.

3.6 Substance abuse and wellbeing. The institution is a tobacco-free and drug-free campus. Awareness programmes on mental health, stress management and substance misuse are held every year.

3.7 Review. Different Committee reviews the policy quarterly using feedback, incident data and welfare activity records.