“Capacity Building program for the faculty of the Nurse Practitioner in Critical Care Post Graduate Residency Program”

The Indian Nursing Council has entered into an MOU with the University of Houston College of Nursing on 17th April, 2018. The new collaboration became official with the signing of a Memo of Understanding (MOU) between Dr. Dileep Kumar, President, Indian Nursing Council and Dr. Kathryn Tart, Professor and Founding Dean, College of Nursing, University of Houston.

The signing took place at the Consulate General of India in Houston to contribute further to the regional understanding between both countries (the United State of America and India), both cities (Houston and New Delhi), and both institutions (University of Houston and Indian Nursing Council) through mutual co-operation programs. The main objectives were:

- To further collaboration between University of Houston and Indian Nursing Council through academic programs in instruction, research and faculty development among the faculty and students of both institutions.
- To enhance the international experiences of faculty and students in the area of:
  - Research
  - Joint Program and Collaboration
  - Exchange of Faculty and Students.

In continuation of the MOU, Indian Nursing Council invited two faculty from University of Houston namely Dr. Tart Kathryn, Dean & Dr. Shainy Varghese, Associate Professor, in order to share and guide INC in implementation of NPCC and DNP Programs.

Indian Nursing Council had in length had discussion with them about the Nurse Practitioner Critical Care Program (NPCC) and Doctorate of Nurse Practice (DNP) program. They participated in the “Capacity Building program for the faculty of the Nurse Practitioner in Critical Care Post Graduate Residency Program” organized by Indian Nursing council from 27th to 28th June, 2018 where they interacted with the Principals of various college of nursing wherein NPCC program are being / will be implemented. During the workshop they shared their views and answered the queries of the participants in this regard.

The doctorate of nursing practice (DNP) degree was conceived to improve the practice expertise and to accelerate the translation of evidence into practice. The important fact about DNP is that it
prepares the graduates to practice at the most advanced level of Nursing. Evaluate current practice approaches, appraise existing evidence and use this knowledge to create clinical strategies that improve practice and health outcomes.

Indian Nursing Council is also in view to have DNP Programme in INDIA.