



Pfizer India partners with Father Muller Research to strengthen evidence generation and encourage young researchers

- The aim of the partnership is to enhance scope of care and create avenues for new research
- Researchers will access existing Electronic Health Record to develop a deeper understanding on drug efficacy in proven therapies

Mumbai, September 26, 2022: Biopharmaceutical major **Pfizer India** today announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Father Muller Research** to strengthen evidence generation and encourage young researchers to gather real-world evidence on drug efficacy and proven therapies from existing Electronic Patient records. This evidence generation will focus on prevention, treatment and management of diseases that are of public health priority in India, such as cancer and cardiovascular disease. The bespoke fellowships will be a form of recognition and will enable young clinicians who want to pursue medical research to do so with clear goals in place.

Commenting on the MoU, Dr. Sonali Dighe, Senior Director Medical Affairs at Pfizer, said, *“Advancing towards delivering on our purpose: Breakthroughs that Change Patients’ Lives, we have now partnered with one of India’s leading research institutes Father Muller Research. This partnership will focus on capacity building initiatives including educational initiatives for healthcare practitioners and clinical research team in several therapy areas, such as oncology, cardiology, anti-infectives, women’s health, dermatology and vaccines. We are certain that this partnership will be another important milestone in our collective journey to improve our collective understanding of disease conditions and overcome the myriad health challenges of India. This is one of the many partnerships Pfizer is exploring to apply science and our resources to improve people’s lives.”*

Pfizer sees this as a long-term, academic collaboration to promote high-quality medical research in the country. Additionally, through this collaboration, Pfizer and Father Muller Research Center plan to build centers of excellence in rare diseases. The Father Muller Research will be COE for placing various RWE studies, capability building workshops, fellowship programs in rare disease area to start with. This may get extended to other therapy areas going forward.

Rev.Fr. Richard Aloysius Coelho, Director, Father Muller Charitable Institutions said, *“We are happy to collaborate with Pfizer India for all Research initiatives. Industry Institutional interaction is the order of the day which will immensely help the medical field and also helps us to develop new modalities of treatment development of drug and devices and so on. This will help early diagnosis and better patient outcome. I am sure this collaboration will last for some years and long-term goals may be achieved. Let us strengthen our bonding and relationship for years to come.*



About Pfizer: Breakthroughs that Change Patients' Lives

At Pfizer, we apply science and our global resources to bring therapies to people that extend and significantly improve their lives. We strive to set the standard for quality, safety and value in the discovery, development, and manufacture of health care products, including innovative medicines and vaccines. Every day, Pfizer colleagues work across developed and emerging markets to advance wellness, prevention, treatments, and cures that challenge the most feared diseases of our time. Consistent with our responsibility as one of the world's premier innovative biopharmaceutical companies, we collaborate with health care providers, governments, and local communities to support and expand access to reliable, affordable health care around the world. For more than 170 years, we have worked to make a difference for all who rely on us. Please visit our website www.pfizer.co.in for more such updates.

About Father Muller Research Center:

Father Muller Charitable Institutions, established in 1880, to cater the health needs of local people with a motto of heal and Comfort. The Father Muller Research Center is a unit of the Father Muller Charitable institutions established in 2006. The research center is established to promote and enhance the research activities of the staff and students of the constituent colleges of Father Muller Charitable Institutions and to conduct joint research activities with external institutions and companies. The Research Center is committed to identifying research priorities and providing state-of-the-art facilities. It assists in the design of studies, promotes drug and device development; and for the acquisition of intellectual property rights and patents. Father Muller Medical College and other health sciences institutions offer graduate and postgraduate programs in all specialties and super specialties of medicine, nursing and allied health sciences, and homeopathic medicine. The affiliated hospital has 1500 beds and offers all specialties and specializations. Educational institutions and hospitals are accredited with national accreditation institutions like NAAC, NABL, NABH, DSIR, OHRP, CDSO, DHR.

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