NEWS FROM THE CAMPUS

Management Development Program

H.E.L.P.

The 4th edition of the Regional H.E.L.P. Course began in New Delhi on February 24, 2020. The two-week course on Health Emergencies in Large Populations (H.E.L.P.) was organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross in partnership with International Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR), known for its contribution to health research management. The course focused on decision making by putting affected people at the center and using a public health approach, fostering multidisciplinary responses and bringing out challenges, dilemmas, norms and standards. 24 participants from 9 countries attended this course. Dr. Yahia Alibi, Head of ICRC Regional delegation, Dr. Bindu Agarwal, Special Advisor Disaster Management, Indian Red Cross, Dr. Anil Gupta, Professor, NIDM and Dr. Monica Arpagaus, ICRC Geneva and Dr. A. K. Khokhar, Officiating Director, IIHMR Delhi inaugurated the course.

PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT for NHM, Odisha

Management Development Program on Public Health Management was organized at IIHMR Delhi from February 11-14, 2020, with the objective of understanding the delivery of public healthcare services in India, to develop skills for managing human resources and operations and to understand the principles of team building and leadership. 31 participants from NHM, Odisha, attended the program.
FULBRIGHT PROGRAM, INDIA  (February 2, 2020)

The program marked a celebration of 70 years of Educational and Cultural exchanges between US and India. It was stated by Marie Royce, the Assistant Secretary of State for Education and Cultural Affairs this helped the two countries US and India to strengthen their many ties via these exchange programs. IIHMR Family is proud to have Dr. Nitish Dogra, Faculty IIHMR Delhi and Dr. Pankaj Gupta, President of IIHMR University as a part of Fulbright family.

WORKSHOP BY WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL  (January 10, 2020)

It was organized by Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences, Delhi in association with IIHMR, Delhi. Faculties of IIHMR, Dr Anandhi Ramachandran and Prof. Divya Aggarwal gave a talk and inspired many on how Women always excel more in healthcare work. They also spoke about the increase of awareness regarding various diseases and utilization of more ANM’s and ASHA’s by proper training.

Press coverage of our Faculty Dr. Anandhi Ramachandran and Prof. Divya Aggarwal’s talk at Delhi University's Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences about Role of Women in Healthcare industry was done.
WELCOME PROF. SHANKAR DAS

Since its inception 11 years ago, IIHMR Delhi family has grown and evolved to become a dynamic and diverse community of people who come to care, study and aid each other’s growth in the journey of life. On behalf of the whole IIHMR family, we welcome one of the best in his field, one of the best people known for his connect with his dear students, Prof. Shankar Das, as Director of IIHMR, Delhi. The leadership of our college has another feather added to its cap of glory.

Prof. Shankar Das, was previously professor and founding chair of the Centre for Health Policy Planning and Management (CHPPM) at The School of Health Systems Studies at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai. He holds the degree of MA, M.sc and PhD along with the professional skills including public health, primary healthcare, applied research, health promotion and executive training.

He has extensive experience in managing and leading various multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary teams while collaborating and working at the highest level in government, the public sector at both national and international levels. He has victoriously led major funded projects for the WHO, National Institute of Health, Ford Foundation, Asian Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, LSE-UK, Europe Commission, Ministry of Health in India, ICMR and Population foundation of India.

We welcome you on board sir and look forward to working, learning and growing under your leadership.
EVENTS AT IIHMR AT A GLANCE: STUDENTS CORNER

PLACEMENT EXPRESS

To add to the spotless placement record of IIHMR Delhi, nine students, Mr. Shubham, Ms. Akanksha, Ms. Ishwin, Dr. Kamal, Dr. Amit, Dr. Priya, Dr. Simran, Dr. Sonam and Ms. Ankita landed with a job offer from DAY TO DAY organization. Day to Day is a healthcare organization providing step by step, tailored care journey for hospitals to guide patients through treatments and procedures. Another health management student, Dr. Vineeta Dhankar got placed at National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC). Esteemed organizations like Deloitte, Ernst & Young and various state NHMs have also been to our campus for placements in the past few months. We congratulate all of our students who have been placed at various esteemed organizations and wish them luck for their future endeavors.

SAVE LIFE FOUNDATION

(January 14, 2020)

IIHMR students took part in a special initiative along with Save Life Foundation and government of Delhi volunteered for road safety. It was a three-day long engagement program with involvement of various activities in which our students were also a part of. They came along for painting the pillars in Bhalswa Chowk near Jhangirpuri and also helped the traffic officials in managing the traffic and educating the public about road safety and security.
FAREWELL
(January 25, 2020)
IIHMR Campus organized a fun filled event anchored by Dr. Aditi Dubey and Dr. Kriti Aggarwal and organized by the cultural committee. The event was full of dance performances by the first-year students, singing, games, food and lot more attended by all the faculty and staff member and the first year and second year students to bid farewell to the batch of 2018-2020. Various titles were awarded to talented students. Ms. Tamanna Mittal was awarded the title of ‘Miss Farewell’ and Mr. Abhishek Jain, the title of ‘Mr. Farewell’. We would miss the batch of 2018-2020 and wish them all the best and success for their upcoming ventures.

NARAYANA HOSPITAL VISIT
(February 29, 2020)
Students of first year batch of IIHMR DELHI got a golden opportunity to visit the hospital campus of Narayana Hrudayalaya Hospital in Gurugram. A batch of 25 students explored the hospital working and visited various departments to build a better understanding. We at IIHMR, organize various field visits to provide our students some practical insight and develop their understanding and interest before they join their career prospects.
NARI UTSAV
(March 6, 2020)
Celebration of spirit of womanhood at Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Science. Students from IIHMR, Delhi took part in various activities like extempore etc. Dr. Tavleen Mallik of 1st year bagged third prize in extempore. Dr Aanchal and Ms. Neha Mishra also represented the college in various events.

COVID-19: Myths & Fear Breakdown by IIHMR COMMUNITY PROGRAM
(March 7, 2020)
A community outreach program organized by IIHMR, Delhi in Goyla Diary Community; Jhankar Road, New Delhi was successful in spreading awareness. This program included
- A motivating speech by our Director, Dr Shankar Das
- Welcome note of the Chief Guest, Dr. Deepa Arora Taneja (MBBS, DGO, MRCOG (1) London) - Medical officer and In-charge of The Mohalla clinic of Qutub Vihar.
- Students street play to create awareness on the Do’s and Don’ts amid COVID-19
- Faculty engagement in creating/disseminating IEC material
- Involvement of staff in putting up an eye-catching stall
- Health education talks by Mohalla Clinic (MO)
- Pamphlet distribution in vernacular language
MEET THE FACULTY

Ms. Nikita Sabherwal, IIHMR Delhi

1. From how long have you been associated with IIHMR, Delhi?
   I have been associated with IIHMR for 20 years now. However, I joined IIHMR, Delhi as faculty nearly 3 months now.

2. Could you elaborate upon your professional and work experience?
   I am a Healthcare Administration & Healthcare Quality professional with over 18 years of work experience across corporate healthcare. I am MHA, MBA, MPhil in Healthcare Administration. I have successfully done Advance Quality Management Course from IIM, Ahmedabad. I am a NABH assessor (2009 Batch), JCI trained (2010 JCI Practicum) and ISO lead Auditor (2005 batch). I have been associated with the journey of quality in healthcare since 2002 as the JCI coordinator for the first JCI accredited hospital in India. Since then I have been working in various capacities in healthcare quality and education mainly in Delhi NCR. I have also been actively contributing in healthcare Academia, as a key member in launching and successfully running Healthcare Administration Programs across various institutes. Currently I am pursuing PhD in Healthcare.

3. What are you most proud of?
   I love each aspect of my life. I am a proud child, a proud wife, a proud mother and most importantly a professional.

4. What is the best thing about your job?
   I relive the most beautiful days of my life at IIHMR. IIHMR has the most amazing faculty, the gang (we still stand by each other) the hostel life, the fun and the learning which still comes handy.
5. **What are the most attributes of a good instructor?**
To be able to connect with your audience.

6. **What professional development activities have you been involved in over past few years?**
I have never rested. I am on the go since I have done my MHA from IIHMR and not one year has passed when I have not learnt anything new on professional front.

7. **What are your current research interests?**
Hospital Admin and Communication challenges in healthcare

8. **Describe a situation in which you did all the right things and were still unsuccessful. What did you learn?**
I started my business of Medical Tourism. We planned, did all the right things but never reached the target as planned. We did well on books but still consider myself not been able to make it right. Numbers defy us sometimes. It was a big learning curve from digital media, transition from being an employee to employer, cultural adjustments and top was fear of losing out and overcoming it.

9. **What are some new skills you have acquired in the past one year?**
I have been trying my hand at professional photography.

10. **Message for our Readers**
Don’t predict things in life as it gives you surprises every second.
Strive hard and go along the flow!
**ALUMNI RECONNECT**

**Name:** Dr. Jaswinder Kaur  
**Batch:** 2017-19  
**Job designation:** Research officer  
**Organization:** IIHMR Delhi

1. **What were some of the most defining events/ opportunities/ aspects of your time in IIHMR?**
   
   My internship in the project LASI, which gave me an opportunity to work in such a large-scale health related project and to work with such a great team of professors. It made me confident that Health management would be the way for me.

2. **What was your career path that led you to current position? Have there been any surprises along the way?**
   
   Before joining IIHMR for PGDHM, I worked as a dental surgeon for a year, but the scope of growth was just not enough. I decided to give PGDHM a try, since a lot of my seniors and friends suggested it as a good option. After being here for 2 years as a student and a year as a research officer, I am glad that I made a choice to switch to public health management.

3. **Could you describe your typical workday?**
   
   My typical workday consists of monitoring of reviewing literature, data collection, data analysis and report writing depending on which stage the project is at. It also involves daily reporting of work done to my boss.
4. What educational preparations would you recommend for someone who wants to advance in this field?

I would recommend taking up a programme in Health management and reading up a lot of articles and papers to constantly brush up your knowledge. One must try to write research papers during their study tenure if they plan to be in the field of research.

5. What are the skills that you have found to be most useful in your professional life? Could you suggest some ways in which one can cultivate these skills?

Good interpersonal and communication skills, data analysis are some of the useful skills in this field.

Active participation during the case studies and projects during the study tenure, doing short term online courses and bring these into practice will help cultivating these skills.
**HEALTHCARE IN HEADLINES**

**Digitizing healthcare: New info platform to monitor public health surveillance in Maharashtra**

The initiative, which is part of the Integrated Diseases Surveillance Programme (IDSP), will provide near real-time data to policy makers for detecting outbreaks, lessening the disease burden and ensuring better health systems.

Source: The Indian Express  
Date: Jan 4, 2020

**Clarivate buys Piramal’s healthcare analytics business for $950 million**

MUMBAI: Piramal Enterprises Limited NSE -1.77 % will sell Decision Resources Group (DRG) - its healthcare insights & analytics business to the US based Clarivate Analytics plc, for $950 million.

Source: The Economic Times  
Date: Jan 17, 2020

**Budget 2020: Healthcare sector allocation rises to Rs 69,000 crore**

The FM announced an allocation of Rs 69,000 crore for the healthcare sector in the 2020-21 Union Budget, slightly up from last year. Of this, around Rs 6,400 crore would be for AB-PMJAY scheme, flat from last year.

Source: The Business Standard  
Date: Feb 1, 2020

**Apollo to Fortis: Hospital stocks among safest bets in the healthcare space**

The largest listed player in this space, Apollo Hospitals, has been a standout performer with growth being led by both hospitals and pharmacy businesses.

Source: The Business Standard  
Date: Feb 25, 2020

**Health system collapsed during Delhi riots**

At least 45 people have died and over 263 people injured in one of the deadliest violence in northeast Delhi in decades. The violence started on February 23 when clashes between pro and anti-CAA protesters turned violent.

Source: The Indian Express  
Date: Mar 2, 2020
Niti Aayog, health ministry reach consensus on Medical Devices Bill

NEW DELHI: Government think tank Niti Aayog and the health ministry have arrived at a consensus on the Medical Devices Bill, according to sources, ending months of wrangling over several issues, including what will encourage domestic manufacturing.

Source: The Economic Times Date: March 2, 2020
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Hydroxychloroquine for Health Officials Caring for Covid-19 Patients: ICMR

ICMR Director General Balarama Bhargava on Monday recommended the use of hydroxychloroquine for treating healthcare workers tackling the suspected or confirmed coronavirus cases and also the asymptomatic household contacts of the lab-confirmed cases.

Source: The Business Standard Date: March 23, 2020
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PM Modi announces nationwide 21-day lockdown, appeals for social distancing

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced a 21-day nationwide “curfew”, or a lockdown, to contain the spread of COVID-19. He appealed to the people “with folded hands” to practice strict social distancing.

Source: The Business Standard Date: March 25, 2020
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India lost time in race to keep coronavirus health staff safe, say groups

As the coronavirus spread across Asia in February, Indian manufacturers of personal protective equipment contacted the health ministry urging the government to stock up. They got no response, according to Sanjeev Relhan and Rajiv Nath, the heads of two health-sector manufacturing associations.

Source: The Business Standard Date: March 25, 2020
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AllIMS to convert Trauma Centre into COVID-19 hospital

NEW DELHI: Joining the fight against the coronavirus, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) here has decided to convert its sprawling Trauma Centre building into a COVID-19 hospital. Preparations are underway to convert the facility, which provides treatment mostly to victims of road accidents, into a dedicated COVID-19 hospital.

Source: The Economic Times

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