

News from the IIHMR Delhi Campus

Management Development Program (MDP) on Hospital Administration & Store Management from June 4th to June 15th

A customized training programme on Hospital Administration and Stores Management was organized for 16 participants from Ministry of Health, Government of Bhutan. The faculty of IIHMR well as external resource persons from the industry interacted with the participants and shared their experiences. The course was highly appreciated by each one of the participants.



Management Development Program (MDP) on Human Resource Management from June 19th to June 26th

Medical innovation is growing at a fast pace thus requiring ongoing learning and change management. Healthcare HR has to address workforce shortages and keep up with the skill gaps. IIHMR organised a 8-day training programme for 12 senior administrators of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to address the need for developing human resource. The course covered the changing paradigm of health and the need for human resource development and retention strategies in future. Here are few highlights from the program.



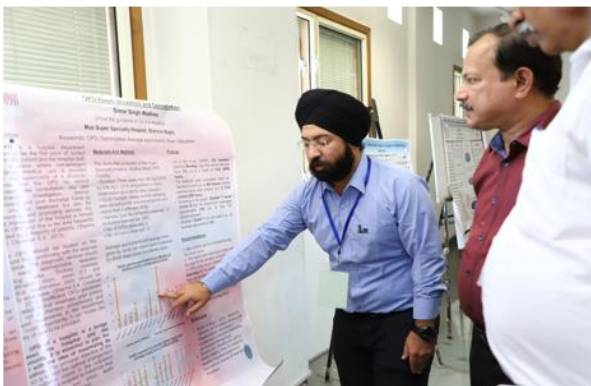
Convocation Ceremony on 9th June

On Saturday, 09th June 2018, the Institute hosted its Ninth Annual Convocation for 63 graduating students. The Institute was honoured to have as Chief Guest Dr. Swarup Sarkar, Director, Communicable Diseases at WHO, Southeast Asia region. The Guests of Honour were Prof. Dinesh Agarwal who leads IPE Global's Health, Nutrition, Water Sanitation & Hygiene Sector and Dr. S D Gupta, Trustee Secretary IIHMR, Jaipur. Dr. Sanjiv Kumar congratulated all the students who received their Post Graduate Diplomas in Hospital and Health Management (PGDHM) and those who were conferred the P.D Agarwal Gold Medal for outstanding performance. The awardees were Col. Rajeev Khatri in the hospital stream, Dr. Arpita Agarwal in the health stream, and Dr. Jyotika in the health IT stream. The Best All Round Gold Medal was presented to Ms. Daimee Sethi. Dr. S.N Sarbadhikari, Dean, Academics congratulated the newly graduated healthcare professionals. The audience included parents and well-wishers of the outgoing students, as well as representatives of collaborating Institutions who had contributed to the academic learning of the students by graciously accepting them for summer assignments and for dissertation-cum-internship.



Research Day- Anusandhan on 7th June

On Thursday, 07th June 2018, Research Day was celebrated. Dr. Vinod Paul, Member, Niti Aayog was chief guest of the event. His inspirational inaugural address was followed by the release of Anusandhan-2018. A faculty panel evaluated the posters and winners were awarded certificates and cash prizes. Another highlight of the day was an address of faculty and students by Dr. N.K. Arora, Executive Director, the Inclen Trust International.



MEET THE FACULTY

Prof. Suptendra Nath Sarbadhikari

Dean (Academics and Student Affairs) and Professor (Health Informatics)

IIHMR, Delhi



For how long have you been associated with the IIHMR family?

Since August 2017.

Could you elaborate upon your Professional and Work Experience?

I am a medical doctor (University of Calcutta) who has done PhD in Biomedical Engineering from IT, BHU (now IIT-BHU), Varanasi. Immediately before joining IIHMR, I was leading a Project of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (MoHFW, GoI), as the [Project Director](#) for the Centre for Health Informatics of the [National Health Portal](#) (NHP). I'm an Expert Adviser for the [ELAG \(e-Learning Advisory Group\) of SNOMED-CT](#). I am also a **Distinguished Fellow**, HITLAB Community; and, an **IMA Honorary Professor** [2017-2020], Indian Medical Association.

What you are most proud of?

I have dedicated my life in establishing the academic discipline of Health Informatics in India. In **1995**, I had written a Guest Article for the **Journal of the Indian Medical Association** titled "**Medical Informatics – Are the Doctors Ready?**" Now, after twenty-three years it appears that gradually the awareness is coming as I was the first person to head the Centre for Health Informatics of the MoHFW, GoI. I have also been involved with the development of the **Core Curriculum for Health Information Management**, on behalf of the MoHFW, GoI.

What is the best thing about your job?

The chance to interact with lively young and inquisitive minds on a daily basis.

What are some important attributes of a good instructor?

An average teacher informs, a good teacher instructs, while a great teacher inspires. Only one who believes in lifelong learning can become a good teacher. Teaching-learning is a bilateral activity.

What professional development activities have you been involved with, over the past few years?

I have been involved with the design and development of the **National Health Portal**, for the MoHFW, GoI. I have also been a part of the Committee for revising the **EHR Standards** (MoHFW, GoI), and the Committee for drafting the Digital Information Security in Healthcare Act (DISHA). I am a member of the **Health Informatics Sectional Committee** (MHD-17) of the Bureau of Indian Standards, Government of India (BIS).

What are your current research interests?

I am actively involved in formulating the Standards for Healthcare Information Exchange and Active Assisted Living, for the BIS.

Describe a situation in which you did all the right things and were still unsuccessful. What did you learn?

In one of my job interviews, I was assured of a higher post within six months of joining as I would have fulfilled all the requirements for the higher post by then. However, after six months, the reporting authority did not keep his words and did not promote me as promised. The bitter lesson that I learned was that people in very senior positions (even if they are also teaching Bioethics) may make false promises. Subsequently, I got a job in the higher position in a different organization.

What are some new skills you have acquired in the past one year?

I have successfully completed the Basic Level Course on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics, from the World Bank and am looking forward to complete the Advanced Level Course soon.

A message for our readers

I am always inspired by this quote from Swami Vivekananda: ***“Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life – think of it, dream of it, live on that idea. Let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body, be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success.”***

Healthcare in Headlines

WHO releases new global classification of diseases

NEW DELHI: The World Health Organization (WHO) released its new International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11). The ICD is the foundation for identifying health trends and statistics worldwide, and contains around 55,000 unique codes for injuries, diseases and causes of death. It provides a common language that allows health professionals to share health information across the globe. [Click here to read the full article](#)

[Source- The Hindu, Date – June 19, 2018, Section – Healthcare](#)

After Nipah, it's dengue scare in Kozhikode

KOZHIKODE: Sporadic cases of mosquito-borne diseases were reported from across Kozhikode district just days after the Health Department claimed to have contained the Nipah outbreak. As many as 180 suspected cases and 14 confirmed cases of dengue fever, three cases of Japanese Encephalitis (JE) including one death, and five malaria cases were reported. [Click here to read the full article](#)

[Source- The Hindu, Date – June 13, 2018, Section – Health](#)

Bats not ruled out as primary source of Nipah outbreak: Health Ministry

NEW DELHI: The Union Health Ministry has announced that bats cannot be ruled out as the primary source of Nipah outbreak, nearly two weeks after a central medical team conveyed that samples collected from bats in two Kerala districts, where 17 people have died of Nipah infection, tested negative. The need for new tests to determine the source of Nipah outbreak deepens the mystery behind the spread of the virus. [Click here to read the full article](#)

[Source- The Hindu, Date – June 07, 2018, Section – Healthcare](#)

Maternal mortality ratio in the country drops to 130 from 167

CHENNAI: The latest Sample Registration System (SRS) data indicates that Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) has brought glad tidings. As per the data, the MMR (number of maternal deaths per 1,00,000 live births) has dropped from 167 (in 2011-2013, the last SRS period) to 130 for the country. This 28% drop is an achievement arising from painstakingly reducing the MMR in each of the States. [Click here to read the full article.](#)

[Source- The Hindu. Date – June 06, 2018, Section – Health](#)

Ayushman Bharat: a health scheme that should not fail

The launch of Ayushman Bharat, a national health protection scheme (NHPS), in the last stretch of this government's tenure comes as no surprise. Social policies in the areas of education, health and the welfare of the disadvantaged or farmers almost always get announced before elections. [Click here to read the full article](#)

[Source- The Hindu, Date – May 28, 2018, Section – Health](#)

Adar Poonawalla Clean City initiative: Bringing change where it matters most

PUNE: The Adar Poonawalla Clean City (APCC) initiative is an extraordinary, passionately-driven mission to improve solid waste management in Pune and make our city cleaner and greener. It was launched in January 2015 by Adar Poonawalla, chief executive officer and executive director of Serum Institute of India, with a pledge of around 100 crores from his personal wealth. The focus of this initiative is to support Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) with the collection of street waste. [Click here to read the full article.](#)

[Source- The Hindustan Times, Date – June 23, 2018, Section – Pune News](#)

'Gene Therapy, Biotechnology Can Tackle Deforestation And Air Pollution'

KOLKATA: Gene therapy and biotechnology can be used to tackle environmental issues like deforestation and air pollution, while genetic modification in mosquitoes can solve the problems of epidemic diseases such as dengue and malaria. Gene therapy is very promising in solving the problems in curing diseases and genetic disorders that do not have any remedy at present. [Click here to read the full article](#)

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