

Report of the 3rd State Conference of IAPSM Karnataka State Chapter

We extend our heartfelt thanks to BLDE (DU) authorities for granting permission to host the 3rd State Conference of the Karnataka Chapter of the Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine (IAPSM) on September 15th and 16th, 2023, along with the preceding Preconference Continuing Medical Education (CME) event on September 14th, 2023.

The Preconference CME, themed "Digital Health - Scaling Up Healthcare Using Digital Innovations," was conducted in collaboration with the Bridge Center of Chronic Disease Control, New Delhi, drawing 49 enthusiastic participants.

The CME inauguration featured Dr. Poonam Naik, Vice President of Karnataka IAPSM, Dr. M B Patil, Vice Principal Clinical, and Dr. Arun P Jose as the Guest of Honor. Dr. Shailaja S Patil, Organizing Chairperson, and Dr. Tanuja Pattankar, Organizing Secretary, were also present.

The event comprised five plenary sessions and hands-on AI training. Speakers included experts discussing the transformation of digital health, innovations for universal health coverage, the role of Public Health Professionals, and case studies on telemedicine, AI, and CADT for oral cancer. Delegates received kits, and speakers were honored with bouquets, stoles, and mementos. Meals and breaks were thoughtfully arranged for attendee comfort. Attached photos provide a visual glimpse of the event.

The conference, with theme "Environment and Health – Equitize, Educate, and Empower – A Step towards Attaining Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)," was an exceptional gathering of 370 dedicated delegates, making it a remarkable event.

On September 15th, 2023, the conference commenced with an inauguration graced by Dr. Y M Jayaraj, Hon. Pro Chancellor of BLDE (DU), as Chief Guest, and Dr. R S Mudhol, Hon. Vice Chancellor, as Presiding Officer. Distinguished guests included Dr. A C Inamdar, Hon. Pro Chancellor, Dr. A M Kadri, National President of IAPSM, Dr. A G Kulkarni, President of IAPSM Karnataka State Chapter, and Dr. Purushottam Giri, National Secretary of IAPSM, among others.

Keynote speakers addressed critical topics such as air pollution's impact on cardiovascular health, children's environmental rights, climate change's challenges and opportunities, integrated disease surveillance, and the nexus between climate change and human health in India. A motivational

session on futuristic thinking and a symposium on research priorities for women's and children's health were also conducted.

The conference featured panel discussions on the new CBME curriculum and the intersection of environmental and health issues, emphasizing multi-stakeholder collaboration for SDGs. A total of 125 abstract submissions, including oral presentations and e-posters, were received, showcasing significant research contributions.

The event concluded with a Valedictory function, awards presentation, and a warm vote of thanks. Delegates were provided with kits for their convenience and enjoyed well-organized meals and breaks.

In summary, the conference successfully brought together experts, researchers, and stakeholders to address critical environmental and health issues, fostering knowledge sharing and collaboration towards achieving SDGs in Karnataka and beyond.