

Preconference CME Report

We express our sincere gratitude to the Pro Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor, Registrar of BLDE (DU), Vijayapura, and the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Principal of Shri B M Patil Medical College, Hospital & Research Centre, Vijayapura, for granting us 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. This conference was preceded by a Preconference Continuing Medical Education (CME) event on September 14th, 2023.

The Preconference CME revolved around the theme "Digital Health - Scaling Up Healthcare Using Digital Innovations" and was conducted in collaboration with the Bridge Center of Chronic Disease Control, New Delhi. A total of 49 participants enthusiastically enrolled in this event.

The CME commenced with an inaugural ceremony graced by Dr. Poonam Naik, Vice President of Karnataka IAPSM and a Professor in the Department of Community Medicine at Yenepoya Medical College, Mangaluru, serving as the Chief Guest. Dr. M B Patil, Vice Principal Clinical, presided over the event. Dr. Arun P Jose was the Guest of Honor, and Dr. Shailaja S Patil, Organizing Chairperson and Dr. Tanuja Pattankar, Organizing Secretary for the Preconference CME were also present.

The agenda included five plenary sessions, followed by a hands-on session where participants received training on using AI models for diagnosing lung disorders, CA breast, CA vagina and interpreting various lab reports. The first plenary session featured Dr. Arun P Jose, the Head of the BRIDGE Centre for Digital Health at the Centre for Chronic Disease Control and Adjunct Faculty at the Public Health Foundation of India, who spoke about the transformation of digital health in

India. This session was followed by Dr. Niranjana Joshi, Programme Lead for Digital Health and Innovation Deployment at the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms in Bengaluru, discussing Digital Health Innovations aimed at achieving Universal Health Coverage.

The subsequent plenary session was led by Mr. Raghavendra Rao, Programme Director of the Portfolio India Health Fund, Mumbai, who shed light on the role of Public Health Professionals within the innovator ecosystem. The final plenary session featured Mr. Nikki Pandey, Lead for Partnerships and Engagement at the BRIDGE Centre for Digital Health, Centre for Chronic Disease Control, New Delhi, and Dr. Krithiga Shridhar, an Epidemiologist associated with various institutions, who presented case studies on utilizing telemedicine and AI to reach underserved populations and CADT for oral cancer, respectively. Following these sessions, a hands-on training session was conducted by Dr. Balu P.S, Director of the Centre for Digital Health, Artificial Intelligence, Research, and Training (C-DART) at BMC&H in Chitradurga, India.

All sessions were highly interactive, with active participation from the delegates. To appreciate their presence, all delegates received a kit containing a jute file, a pen, and a notepad. Additionally, at the conclusion of their respective sessions, all speakers were felicitated with bouquets, stoles, and mementos.

We ensured that breakfast, lunch, and tea breaks were organized for the comfort and sustenance of all delegates and speakers during the event.

Please find attached photos from the event for your reference.