



“School for Skills: Allied Health Sciences” organized it’s first ever Annual Conference on the theme “Allied Health Professionals: the unsung heroes of health system” in Kolkata during 23-25 November 2023.

Objectives

- 1) Raising the standard & achieving uniformity of AHP education in India
- 2) Inclusion of digital literacy and health technologies in AHP education
- 3) Role of training in public health & mental health for AHP

Conference themes

Technology in healthcare

Speakers

- Prof. Amitabha Ghosh, Emeritus Scientist, Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi.
- Prof Marc Madou, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of California, Irvine, USA & Distinguished Professor, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico
- Prof. Suman Chakraborty, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Kharagpur

Pathophysiology of Medical Intervention

Speakers

- Dr. Aparna Mukhopadhyay, Assistant Professor, Department of Life Sciences, Presidency University, Kolkata

Public Health & Mental Health

Speakers

- Dr. Sayantan Banerjee, Associate Professor & Deputy Medical Superintendent, AIIMS, Kalyani
- Dr. Soumit Roy, Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine, IQ City Medical College Hospital, Durgapur
- Prof. Vivek Benegal, Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bangalore

New Innovations in technology

Speakers

- Dr.Himani Singh & Dr. Darshan Chandak from Healthledger Private Limited

Workshop & life stories of former students

Skill demonstration and oral presentation by alumni of SFS, currently working in the healthcare sector.

Workshop

Delegates from Common Research & Technology Development Hub, IIT Kharagpur conducted workshops for students, faculty and healthcare professionals.

Life stories

Some of the former students described the poignant stories of how their lives have been transformed from an existence of despair & low self-esteem to one of hope & dignity.

Panel Discussion

Panel discussion – Delegates from leading hospitals and healthcare providers such as Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited, Narayana Health Howrah & Jamshedpur, Susrut Eye Hospital & Research Centre, Portea Medical, Nirmala Devi Hospital participated to discuss how AHPs will continue to play more & more important role in the future of health system. Some of them highlighted their overwhelming experience with our students. This session was moderated by Prof (Dr.) Satadal Saha, Founder & Mentor, JSV Innovations Pvt. Ltd., Vice-president, Foundation for Innovations in Health, Honorary Visiting Professor, Centre for Nanotechnology, IIT Guwahati.

Participants included students, faculty, healthcare professionals and collaborators. Over 250 students (online & in-person) from eight (8) centres in four (4) states.

The conference promoted modern methods in AHP education program embracing additional features and united professionals including doctors, engineers, biologists, public health specialists, mental health specialists, and healthcare administrators. This will lead to holistic knowledge and skill acquisition for students, income generation, more stable employment and a larger cadre of multi-tasking competent AHPs.

We look forward to having you with us during the next edition. Your presence, participation & wisdom will enrich the discussions.

