



Call for Papers / Poster Presentation
For the One Day Seminar
On



Challenges and Strategies for Public Health in India

29th March, 2016

Dr. Girilal Gupta Institute of Public Health invites paper and poster presentation for the seminar on **Challenges and Strategies for Public Health in India**.

About the Institute:

Dr Giri Lal Gupta Institute of Public Health is housed in its own building in the New Campus of the University. It is a state-of-art building constructed through generous contribution by Vinod Gupta Charitable Foundation (VGCF), New Delhi. The Institute has come forward to become a premier institution at the national level for training manpower in the field of public health where there is growing thrust by the Government of India.

Many prominent figures in the field from the academics, practitioners, government professionals, international fraternity are associated with the Institute and we are committed to take the Institute forward.

This Institute has been created to fulfil the following objectives:

- To develop health manpower by providing post-graduate training facilities;
- To conduct researches relating to various health problems in the community;
- To provide the support services in urban (slum) and rural areas;
- To support and guide various programs at National level. and
- To act as a comprehensive, capacity building, training and awareness generation institution.

The Institute is running following courses at the moment:

- Master of Public Health – 2 years/ 4 semesters
- M.Sc. (Nutrition and Health) – 2 years/ 4 semesters

Background of the Seminar:

Health is wealth. This age old saying implies that only a healthy person may remain economically active and productive. As the government is increasing its scope in developing economies, greater thrust is being laid on the issues related to human development wherein public health occupies an important place.

Attaining a minimal level of health care to the population is a critical constituent of the development process. Considerable achievements have been made over the last six decades in our efforts to improve health standards, such as life expectancy, child mortality, infant mortality, and maternal mortality. Small pox and guinea worm have been eradicated and there is hope that poliomyelitis will be contained in the near future. Nevertheless, problems abound. An unacceptably high proportion of the population continues to suffer and die from new diseases that are emerging; apart from continuing and new threats posed by the existing ones. Pregnancy and childbirth related complications also contribute to the suffering and mortality.

Ensuring equitable access for all Indian citizens in any part of the country, regardless of income level, social status, gender, caste or religion, to affordable, accountable and appropriate, assured quality health services (promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative) as well as services addressing wider determinants of health delivered to individuals and populations, with the Government being the guarantor and enabler, although not necessarily the only provider of health and related services.

We find that the health indicators are not improving at fast pace leading to distortions and exclusions in many ways and in for different segments affected by poverty, ageing, social discrimination, environmental damages, poor public policy and poor health infrastructure, etc. We must understand strong link between poverty and ill health in developing country in general and in India in particular. The onset of a long and expensive illness can drive the non-poor into poverty. Ill health creates immense stress even among those who are financially secure. High health care costs can lead to entry into or exacerbation of poverty. The importance of public provisioning of quality health care to enable access to affordable and reliable health services cannot be

underestimated. This is specially so, in the context of preventing the non-poor from entering into poverty or in terms of reducing the suffering of those who are already below poverty line. The country has to deal with rising costs of health care and growing expectations of the people. The challenge of quality health services in remote rural regions has to be urgently met. Given the magnitude of the problem, we need to transform public health care into an accountable, accessible, and affordable system of quality services.

In view of the above, we find that there is growing emphasis on public health in India with urgency and it requires multidimensional approach on which public policy is getting more and more prominent with increased public expenditures particularly for the marginalized sections in India. For this, we would be inviting the prominent scholars as well as young scholars to intensively deliberate upon the theme.

Sub-Themes of the Seminar:

Sub-themes of the seminar are as below:

- Health versus medical issues in India
- Regional gaps on health issues in India
- Health challenges for elderly population in India
- Health challenges for the mothers and children in India
- Poverty, unemployment and health in India
- Health issues for female adolescents in India
- Swachcha Bharat Abhiyan and health promotion in India
- Smoking, tobacco and Health Challenges in India

(Note: The above list of the themes of the seminar is illustrative. We welcome a quality submission on related themes in conformity with the overall seminar theme.)

Abstract Submission:

Abstracts of no more than 300 words including key words should be submitted to health.seminar.lu@gmail.com before **21st March, 2016**.

All abstracts will be **reviewed** by a voluntary team, the decision of which will be notified by **23rd March, 2016** through email.

Paper submitted to the seminar must be original. Authors will be requested to submit the abstract and paper through e-mail attachment in Word format to health.seminar.lu@gmail.com

Registration fee

Registration fee for the delegates is as below:

- For Academicians and Professionals (Outstation): ₹ 800.00
- For Academicians and Professionals (Local): ₹ 600.00
- For Research Scholars and Students (Outstation): ₹ 600.00
- For Research Scholars and Students (Local): ₹ 400.00

Note: Registration would be done on the spot only.

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