In what is yet another feather in its cap, IIHMR University, one of the country’s most pioneering institutions in the field of Healthcare Management, has been felicitated with the ‘Best University in Healthcare Management’ award at Med Achievers Health NXT programme. The event was organized to highlight the current challenges and opportunities in India’s healthcare landscape, the on October 3, 2018 at the Taj Diplomatic Enclave, New Delhi. IIHMR U President Prof Pankaj Gupta received the award on behalf of the university.

This is the third award in a row that IIHMR University has bagged in the... turn to page 2
past three months. The award honors IIHMR University’s efforts at sustainable and impactful healthcare management research, education and executive education. The award comes just short of the university’s Foundation Day celebrations, giving us more reason to celebrate and strive harder towards excellence.

A big thank you is in order to all our stakeholders, faculty, staff and especially our alumni and students!

Apart from the awards, the event saw a rich panel discussion and industry networking. The programme was attended by leading hospitals, pharma companies, research institutions and investors. IIHMR University President Prof Pankaj Gupta was also a speaker at a session during the event. A delegation including students, members of top leadership at IIHMR University led by the President participated in the event.

The 23rd Annual Conference - Pradnya 2018 on "Reimagining Healthcare" was held on November 29 - December 1, 2018. The pre-conference was held on November 29, 2018 at the IIHMR University and the remaining two days of the conference, that were the essential days for the event, we held on November 30 and December 1, 2018 at Hotel Clarks Amer, Jaipur. The conference aimed to present the vision of the future healthcare by delivering and educating about the breakthrough technologies, transformations, innovations and discoveries as well as discussing the existing healthcare models and best practices. The conference was attended by eminent experts who shared their views on topics such as "Ayushman Bharat: Key to universalization of healthcare", "India’s journey: Attaining SDGs in rural development", Drugs and Vaccines Discovery: Is India ready to change in disease burden, "Patient Centric Approach: Safe hospitals culture into practice", and "Advancement in Healthcare Technology: The new wave".
IIHMR University organized ‘Alumni Meet 2018 at Mumbai on Saturday, December 22.

Close to 50 alumni overwhelmingly participated in this reunion and remembered their enchanting days while they were studying at IIHMR University.

A movie was played highlighting the fond memories of the alumni, which literally took them down the memory lane.

On the occasion, President IIHMR University, Dr Pankaj Gupta welcomed the Alumni. Further he told that IIHMR University is taking new approaches in technology, research, education and training.

The gala dinner in the evening provided a great opportunity to network. Every alumnus was excited and at the same time amazed to know that so many of their seniors/juniors are in Mumbai working in different capacities.

The programme was kicked-off with the inaugural welcome address by Associate Professor, IIHMR University, Dr Saurabh Banerjee.

Dr. Veena Nair Asst. Professor (Alumni relation head) shared her thoughts on the legacy and about the value creation by University and its faculty.

Alumni of IIHMR-U and IIHMR Bangalore came together for an eventful evening on February 16, 2019 in Bengaluru. Around 50 ex-graduates of both campuses gathered to reminisce about those college days that one usually never forgets.

The evening began with a two-minute prayerful silence to pay tribute to the brave jawans who lost their lives in the Pulwama terror attack. Dr. S.D. Gupta, Chairman, IIHMR then addressed the gathering by urging the alumni to be mentors to their juniors. “I strongly advise you to implement research initiatives and publish your papers, strongly and proudly,” he said.

He was followed by Dr. Pankaj Gupta who expressed his gratefulness and gratitude to the alumni for gracing the occasion. “We are establishing a Center for Mindfulness, Wellness and Ethics to help society realize where its true self lies. Students, faculty, corporate leadership, and consultants and researchers alike will be benefited from this initiative.”

Dr. Usha Manjunath, Director, IIHMR Bangalore spoke about the strengthening bonds of the alumni and their memorable journey together.

The first few batches of both institutions, IIHMR-U, Jaipur and IIHMR Bangalore, were honored with mementoes for their great contribution to the field. The alma mater of both colleges was highly pleased to see their former students at such glorious posts in large multinationals and was in constant conversation with them throughout the evening.

The evening was made even more memorable when the alumni took a long trip down memory lane when IIHMR presented a movie showcasing the University Campus. Ekta Sareen, an alumnus present at the event said, “Excellent, excellent thought to arrange this alumni meet. It has honestly been an exciting journey so far. Being from one of the first batches of IIHMR Bangalore (2004-2006) has been an honor for me. Thanks to IIHMR for all this; had it not been there, I wouldn’t have been here.”
IIHMR Alumni Meet brings back Memories; Shabnam Virmani of Kabir Project fame lights up musical evening

Old fellows of the 1998 and 2007 batches of leading health and allied management space, IIHMR University, met once again to catch up on various stages of success, network and engage in a trip down memory lane alongside teachers and staff of arguably India's most important industry - healthcare education on the 27th of January at its Jaipur Campus in an evening brought to life by songs of medieval multi-faith poet-mystic, Kabir, sung by noted film maker and artist, Ms. Shabnam Virmani.

More than 150 former students turned up to pay their respects to their alma mater from IIHMR's extensive portfolio of MBAs in the fields of healthcare, pharmaceutical and rural management. For the 1998 batch this was their 20-year reunion and for the 2007 batch it was their 10-year reunion. The event was organized to reinvigorate alumni relations and providing a platform for IIHMR students to interact with their role models. At the same time alumni were able to greet their former teachers, and other staff members.

The event was made even more memorable with the sufi-like environment created by songs from the poet Kabir's timeless verses rendered to life by Ms. Virmani on her traditional 'manjira' percussion instrument accompanied by her assorted ensemble and troupe. Shabnam Virmani is a documentary film maker and artist in residence at the Srishti School of Art, Design and Technology in Bangalore since 2002. Co-founder of the Drishti Media Arts and Human Rights collective, she has directed several documentaries, some of which have won awards. In 2002, she co-directed an award-winning community radio program with the Kutch Mahila Vikas Sangathan in Gujarat. She has won the Special Jury Prize at the 58th National Awards, June 2011 for her film 'KabiraKhada Bazaar Mein'.

"It is to the students that the University owes its existence and sustenance. IIHMR University's former and current students have brought many laurels to the country and the academy and they should be given a platform to increase engagement as part of a community with shared values and ethos. These former students comprise the pillars of the healthcare system in India by which its citizens are enabled to access affordable and quality healthcare, medicines and development insights. IIHMR continues to learn from them and draw strength and inspiration from their contributions", said Dr Pankaj Gupta President of IIHMR U.

DINNER WITH ALUMNI - HYDERABAD

An alumni dinner meet was organized during the national symposium on Industry-Academia interaction in Hyderabad March 6, 2019. About 15 alumnae from all over Hyderabad and nearby cities attended the dinner meet and interacted with the President and Chairman of IIHMR University. The grateful and inspired alumni have also agreed to visit IIHMR Jaipur and other campuses to deliver guest talks and participate in other engagements.
INTERNATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

The objectives:
- Describe mental illness (prevalence, categories, causes, symptoms and impact) from a public health perspective;
- Explain challenges in providing mental health services, preventing suicides; and
- Develop clinical skills to assess mental disorders using GMHAT/PC.

The program had two components:

a. First two days - Mental Health Training for health professionals adopting a participatory and experiential approach to introduce digital technology GMHAT/PC, its scoring and assessments

b. Conference

The day three was conducted in conference mode. There were four technical sessions:
- Mental health as a public health challenge
- Self-Harm - Prevention of suicides
- Qualitative Research in Mental Health
- Global Mental Health Assessment Tool and its application: Success stories.
Jaipur, 25 February: “Nearly 1 million injury-related deaths occur in India per year. For every injury death, there are 135 people that are treated and survive and many more that are not registered or not treated. Globally, 83% of all injury deaths occur in Lower Middle-Income Countries (LMIC). For every injury, there are 10-50 survivors who sustain temporary or permanent disabilities,” said Dean, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA, Dr. Ellen J. Mackenzie, as she delivered the keynote address at the prestigious P.D. Agarwal Memorial Lecture on the topic “Towards Zero Preventable Death and Disability from Injury: A Systems Approach”. The program was held in association with Bhoruka Charitable Trust (BCT) and IIHMR University at Maharana Pratap Auditorium, Jaipur on February 25, 2019.

Highlighting the disease burden from injuries in India, Dr. Mackenzie further added that a third of burden resulted from Road Traffic injuries with India facing about 250,000 deaths per year. Suicide is an underappreciated cause of death falling under the category of Self-Harm related injuries with a whopping 230,000 deaths per in India. The age group between 15 and 49 years of age comprise two-thirds of the disease burden in the country.

Talking about the status of trauma care in India, a way forward, she said that ‘112’ emergency has only partial coverage, limited to on-seen care and ambulance transport, gaps in definitive hospital trauma care, poor coordination, limited surveillance, among others are the drawbacks of the current Indian healthcare system. Establishing a Regionalized System of Trauma Care is key to getting the right patient to the right level of care in the right amount of time. This can be done by - reliable communications, pre-hospital care, timely triage and transport to the right hospital care, seamless transfer to rehabilitation, among others. Trustee of IIHMR & BCT, Dr. Ashok Agarwal gave an introduction of Late Shri P.D. Agarwal saying, “Shri P.D. Agarwal was a pioneer and visionary philanthropist who considered work his duty.” On the occasion, he also shared several anecdotes about P.D. Agarwal that highlighted his fair-mindedness, magnanimity and altruism which has also been a great source of inspiration to this family, employees and peers.

President of IIHMR University, Dr. Pankaj Gupta said that the visionary P.D. Agarwal believed in creating wealth with not just money but with meaning. He further said that the P.D. memorial lectures have witnessed many eminent personalities in the past and that he is very thrilled to be associated with Dr. Ellen J. Mackenzie this time.

On the occasion, Trustee of IIHMR-U, Dr. S.D. Gupta introduced the keynote speaker and said that this memorial lecture is an initiative to commemorate Late Shri P.D. Agarwal’s contribution to society. The program was followed by a Q&A session where the guests had the opportunity to interact with the panel.
Celebrating over three decades of excellence in service to Healthcare Management education and research, leading knowledge institution IIHMR University celebrated its 34th Foundation Day with great fanfare on October 5, 2018. Dr. Vijay Agarwal, Co-chairman of Accreditation Committee, NABH was the Chief Guest; and the Guest of Honor was noted playback singer Ms. Deepika. Dr. Michael Koss were the special guests at the event. Dr. Ashok Agarwal kicked off the Foundation Day celebrations in the morning, which ended in the evening with a cultural event followed by dinner.

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The School of Development Students of IIHMR University organized a Rural Haat during the Pradanya Pre-conference with the theme “A Place Where Tradition Meets Trends” on November 29, 2018. The major attractions of the event were Handicraft Bazaar with Tasty and Rustic Indian Food.

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The 2nd National Conference on Ethical Research & Effective Report Writing was organized at the IIHMR University under the joint collaboration with the Rajasthani Medical Library Association (RMLA) and Federation of Health Science Library Association (FSHSLA).

The conference was inaugurated on April 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. by the Chief Guest Prof. Sudhir Bhandari, Principal & Controller of SMS Medical College & Hospital, Rajasthan, Guest of Honor, Dr. Sudhir Mehta, Professor of Medicine & Officer In-charge Library, SMS Medical College, Jaipur along with special invitees Dr. P.R. Sodani, Pro President and Dean Trainings, IIHMR University and Dr. Ashok Aggarwal, Founder Trustee, IIHMR University, Jaipur. Welcome address was GIVEN by the Conference Convener, Founder President of RMLA, FHSLSA and Librarian, SMS Medical College, Jaipur. Sh. P.R. Meena. During his address, he announced the launch of Dr. Kautilya Shukla Award for best paper presented in the conference to encourage the medical librarianship in the country. This award is being given as a tribute to Dr. Shukla for his immense contribution in the formation of FHSLSA. A book on the conference title edited by P.R. Meena and others was also released. The inaugural session was ended with the Vote of Thanks by Ms. Shraddha Kalla, Organizing Secretary of the conference. The stage of the conference was conducted by Ms. Deepali, Librarian, Vidaya Ashram School, Jaipur.

The main aim of the conference was to create awareness about research ethics and effective report writing among stakeholders and to advocate the leadership of medical librarians in creation of knowledge-led healthcare education and research in the country. In this conference, more than 100 delegates participated represented almost every state of the country. During this two-day conference, many research papers were read on different aspects of the creation and dissemination of research and a road map was deliberated and prepared for the enhancement of role of librarians in imparting values and providing measurable services for conducting ethical research.
IIHMR University collaborated with IIM Kozhikode to organize an International Conference on Global Health and Medical Tourism from March 7-13, 2019. Bringing medical practitioners and experts from the field of healthcare, pharmaceutical and allied industries, the conference delved into various aspects of medical tourism. The IIHMR University held the inaugural event on March 12, 2019, thus commencing the second phase of the GloHMT Conference. The first phase of the event was held in IIM Kozhikode from March 7-10, 2019.

Attendees gained a clear landscape of technology, policies, global healthcare perspectives, healthcare models and best practices in medical tourism through plenary sessions, panel discussions, and paper presentations that have taken place since March 7, 2019 until March 13, 2019. Several dignitaries such as IAS officers in Rajasthan as well as spiritual gurus and seekers, including doctors and health experts from around Rajasthan.

India’s prominence in medical tourism was gleaned upon, with a closer look towards the cause of spiritualism influencing travelers and practitioners.
IIHMR University signed a MoU on December 20, 2018 with Kandahar University, Kandahar, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

This marks the start of an era of mutually beneficial collaboration in:
- Exchange of faculty members
- Exchange of students
- Joint research activities
- Participation in seminars and academic meetings
- Exchange of academic materials and other information
- Conduct short and long-term academic programmes
- Pursue efforts to generate funds for the mentioned activities.

Dr. Pankaj Gupta, President, IIHMR has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Prof. A.P.S. Rathore, Director, Malviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur (MNIT Jaipur) on February 8, 2019 to collaborate on research, training, and academic activities. This valuable association will see IIHMR fusing its expertise in health sector with MNIT Jaipur’s proficiency in technology. As part of the agreement, both universities will jointly organize conferences/seminars, joint courses, and processional activities in areas of common interest.

Dr. Sandeep Narula, Associate Professor & Acting Dean, the man behind the task said, “It is a great breakthrough for us at IIHMR because MNIT has the potential to launch us to the next league. We have been in alliance with the organization for two years now, and decided it was high time the relationship be officialized. While we have the extensive database, MNIT has its lofty knowhow of technology, along with its network. Not only will they help us with research and projects but also extend their support in entrepreneurship. I definitely have high hopes from this association.”

Dr. Pankaj Gupta, President IIHMR University signing MoU with Prof. A.P.S. Rathore, Director, MNIT (Jaipur).

Dr. Pankaj Gupta of IIHMR says, "I am very excited about this collaboration and look forward to working closely with MNIT. There is always need for improvement in technology in the health segment, and it is my pleasure to now be a contributing factor in it."

Dr. S D Gupta, Chairman, IIHMR lauded the move saying, "I congratulate Dr. Pankaj Gupta on this incredible account and wish him and the team the very best in this endeavor. I am sure IIHMR and MNIT will together produce some impressive results.”

MOU BETWEEN KANDAHAR UNIVERSITY, AFGHANISTAN & IIHMRU

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IIHMR University organized a talk show named “Coffee with IIHMR University” from 5 - 27 May 2019 for the students of upcoming batch. During the session new students interacted with the existing students and the alumni of the University. The procedures related to admissions, details about the University and other relevant topics were discussed. Students and parents cleared their doubts through a ‘Question & Answer’ session and shared their views. The idea was to illuminate the students and their parents with the exclusive campus facilities which will be provided to their wards and making them aware about the environment of the campus in which they are going to study. This event not only benefited the students who were seeking admission in various programs, but it also convinced them about the University. This program was organized in various cities across India.
In yet another crowning stroke IIHMR University, one of India's leading health management institutions, has been ranked among the top three management institutions in Rajasthan by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). In its India Rankings 2019, released on 8 April 2019, IIHMR University has been placed in the 72nd rank in Management Category in India, placing it among the top three management institutions in Rajasthan.

The rankings were released by Honorable President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi in the presence of Dr Pankaj Gupta, President, IIHMR U, Dr Piyusha Majumdar, Assistant Professor, and Rahul Ghai, Associate Professor at IIHMR University. These rankings consider different parameters including Graduation Outcomes, Research and Professional Practice, and Outreach and Inclusivity of all colleges and universities that had applied for the ranking. This bears true testimony to IIHMR University's commitment to health systems, research, and management in the country, making it a pioneer in its field.

Speaking about their latest triumph, Dr Pankaj Gupta said, "I am grateful to the tremendous efforts of IIHMR U faculty and staff, the board, our students, our evergreen alumni, and all our supporting eco-system, for this feather in our cap."

Dr S.D. Gupta, Chairman, IIHMR University said, "I congratulate Dr Pankaj Gupta and all the IIHMR fraternity on this exemplary achievement. I am sure that, with the team and faculty that we have, this ranking is only to get better in the future."

For more than 35 years, IIHMR U has focused on post-graduate degrees in health management systems, along with research in several domains such as public health, health and hospital administration, pharmaceutical management, and rural development. The University is currently under the process of admitting students into its MBA programs in Hospital and Health Management, Pharmaceutical Management, and Rural Management. Admissions are also open for Master's in Public Health program in collaboration with the Johns Hopkins University.
IIHMR University inaugurated the 6th Cohort of PhD-2019-22 batch on April 11, 2019. The inauguration was presided over by Dr. S.D. Gupta, Chairman and President Dr. Pankaj Gupta. The deans, faculty of IIHMR, and the new batch of PhD students graced the occasion.

WE WELCOME OUR PhD COHORT-6
Many eminent personalities such as Sudhir Bhandari, Principal and Controller, SMS Medical College, Jaipur, Atul Sobti Chairman and Managing Director, BHEL etc were a part of the IIHMR 5th convocation ceremony. The Chief Guest for the occasion Sudhir Bhandari addressed the students and said that to excel in their career one should not forget the sacrifices made by their parents.

SCOPE - A MUSICAL EVENING BY MS. MANESHAA AGARWAL TOGETHER WITH SHEELA, A TRADITIONAL FOLK VOICE

"Rajasthan Scope- Two Women, Two Journeys, One Destination" by Ms. Maneshaa Agarwal: A musical journey of two women: one in a turban, representing the masculinity of a woman, while the other in a ghungat, signifying her femininity. The evening was filled with traditional Rajasthani music and dance amongst a heartening and cheerful crowd consisting GloHMT Conference delegates, faculty, and students.
International Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR) hosted its fifth convocation ceremony in which the students were awarded graduate degrees. Students from various degree courses such as MBA Hospital and Health Management, MBA Pharmaceutical Management, MBA Rural Management and others were awarded graduation degrees during the ceremony.

He further talked about the convocation ceremony being one of the milestones in student life. The student should not forget about the sacrifices made by their family and faculty. At last, he asked all the students to do their best to give back to society and be responsible for their parents.

Dr. Pankaj Gupta, President of the IIHMR University, Jaipur, thanked all the dignitaries for sharing their experience and valuable notes. He also congratulated the students for their success. He motivated the students to keep doing good work in future and to be responsible citizens.

Indian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR) has played a significant role in policy and management research over the past 35 years. The research done by its students and scholars has played a significant role in the healthcare sector across the country.