

# The Dispatch

## Alumni Newsletter

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- Food and Nutrition Security (24 – 26 September 2018)
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- Leadership and Strategic Management in Healthcare for Senior Executive (24 – 27 September 2018)

## Performance Monitoring and Accountability (PMA2020) – Data dissemination

March 14, 2018

IIHMR university recently disseminated PMA2020 (Performance Monitoring and Accountability) Round 3 data findings at IIHMR University, Jaipur.

The PMA2020 project is being implemented in Rajasthan by the IIHMR University with overall direction and support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore.

It uses innovative mobile technology to routinely gather rapid-turnaround, cost-effective population data on family planning and water, sanitation, and hygiene.

Data are collected at household and facility levels via mobile phones through a network of female Resident Enumerators stationed throughout the state. Resident Enumerators (REs), transfer data by telephone to a central server via the mobile data network. In real-time, data are validated, aggregated and prepared into tables and graphs, making results more quickly available to stakeholders as compared to a paper-and-pencil survey.

PMA2020 can be integrated into national monitoring and evaluation systems by offering a low-cost, rapid-turnaround survey platform that can be used for various other health data needs. A similar program is also being carried out in 11 different countries of Asia and Africa. IIHMR University, Jaipur is implementing the Performance Monitoring and Accountability 2020 (PMA2020) in Rajasthan, India IIHMR University has set up a Project Management Unit of central staff and deployed a cadre of female Resident Enumerators and primary data collectors.

Click [here](#) to access the report.

## Convocation ceremony for students of Certificate Programme in Rural Livelihoods (CPRL)

April 4, 2018

Beaming students from deepest tribal tracts of the country exuded confidence as they received their certificates at the convocation ceremony for the second batch of the 'Certificate Programme in Rural Livelihoods' (CPRL), hosted at IIHMR university.

Young men and women from tribal pockets of Orissa, Jharkhand, Chattisgarh etc. were awarded the certificates by CEO, Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF), Mr Pramathesh Ambasta along with President IIHMR, Dr P.R Sodani. As many as 29 students from tribal areas across India received their coveted certificates at the convocation.

President, IIHMR-U, Dr P.R. Sodani said that the CPRL programme has been specially designed as a capacity building programme keeping in mind the diverse tribal geographies. The students have been professionally trained to take up leadership positions in their respective areas. As the tribal regions are a area such a uniquely designed course with countrywide representation from across 6 States will facilitate integrated learning

across a broad spectrum. The fieldwork done by these students serves as a unique opportunity for skill development beyond theoretical and classroom teaching.

The CPRL course is being held in association with BRLF. The course focuses on capacity building of tribal- rural professionals in collaboration with 14 knowledge partners which are leading organizations across the Central Indian Tribal Belt. These partners impart knowledge and skill components of the course through IT-enabled field-based learning pedagogy focused on Rural Livelihoods.



## **IIHMR University welcomes its 5<sup>th</sup> Ph. D Cohort April 6, 2018**

IIHMR University welcomed its 5th PhD cohort on April 6, 2018. As many as 14 students from across the country with diverse professional backgrounds were a part of the programme. The research scholars have introduced their course modules and briefed about their thesis timelines. During the welcome address, Dean Academics, IIHMR-U, Dr Ashok Kaushik said that this programme was initiated in 2014, this year is the 5th cohort. The University received 63 applications out of which 40 appeared for their interviews, and finally, 14 students were selected. The selected scholars are from diverse backgrounds like – nursing, pharmaceutical, public health, among others.

President, IIHMR-U, Dr P.R. Sodani said that the research done by these students would benefit both public and private sector industries. The scholars need to focus their research to include policy implications. The work done by them should be recognized by the market and serve as a backbone for evidence-based policies.

Dean (Research) IIHMR-U, Dr D.K. Mangal said that a participant of this programme is here to acquire a specific set of skills that'll help them work more systematically with a set purpose in mind. Learning is an active process, and this thought applies more so to this type of programme. The researcher's diligent efforts and knowledge will determine the pace and quality of work they produce.

IIHMR University began offering a full-fledged Ph. D programme since 2014 added to its existing postgraduate programme. Although the programme builds on IIHMR university's core competencies

in the domain of public health, health and hospital management, pharmaceutical management and rural development, the programme is envisaged to be multidisciplinary and allows potential candidates to pursue research on a wide range of topics.

## Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC's) at IIHMR University 'Quality Assurance in Healthcare' April 9, 2018

In line with Health for All at IIHMR University is facilitating 'Learning for All', with various online courses in health and development sectors. On World Health Day, IIHMR University launched its first online course on MOOC's platform. The course, 'Quality Assurance in Healthcare' developed by Dr S.D. Gupta can be accessed free of charge on our website <https://www.iihmr.edu.in/>.

The course is for potential graduates and professionals from all over the world. Our programs will help the professionals acquire insights on tools, techniques, new knowledge and innovations for improving organizational performance through better managerial skills. These courses have a fixed duration but are open for enrollment throughout the year.



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