IIHMR University declared the cleanest university by the Ministry of Human Resource Development

The IIHMR University, Jaipur, has been ranked first amongst the cleanest higher educational institutions in India in the non-residential universities category in the Swachh Campus Rankings 2019 of Higher Education Institutions organized by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Govt. of India.

Mr. R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary, Dept. of Higher Education, MHRD, presented the award to Dr Pankaj Gupta, President, IIHMR University. On the occasion, Dr Pankaj Gupta, President, IIHMR University said: "We are elated and proud to receive the award for being the cleanest university in India by the Ministry of HRD. As a health management university, it is our duty to continuously educate our students as well as society to keep the surroundings clean and be environment-friendly. Recently, we had also declared our campus plastic-free."

The 3rd Swachhata Ranking Award process was undertaken by the MHRD as a part of the Swachh Bharat Mission of Govt. of India to promote environmental hygiene in the Higher Education System. On the basis of the reports of UGC and AICTE, 48 Universities and Institutions were recommended for awards in various categories. IIHMR University emerged as No. 1 university in the non-residential category.

INAUGURATION OF MBA PROGRAMME BATCH 2019-2021:

IIHMR University welcomed a new batch of students into its MBA program for the 2019-21 batch.

The orientation for the first year MBA student was held from 8-12 July. The Inaugural was held on 9 July 2019 at the Jaipur campus. Dr. Azhar Kazmi, Professor Department of Management & Marketing, King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals, Saudi Arabia, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest at the inaugural program. The other dignitaries were, Dr U.V. Somayajulu, President, Indian Association for Study of Population, New Delhi, Mr. Sunil Thomas Jacob, State Program Co-Ordinator, United Nations Population Fund, Jaipur, Rajasthan, Mr. Joy Chakraborty, Chief Operating Officer, P. D. Hinduja National Hospital & Medical Research Centre, Mumbai, and Mr. Amlan Bhusan Director, Anayaha Capital Limited, London (UK), who attended the event and provided insights into their fields and expertise.

Following Alumni visited IIHMR during the orientation:

a) MBA Hospital and Health Management:

1. Sheenu Jhawar, Batch 1 (1996-98)
2. Kavita Apoorva Verma, Batch 1 (1996-98)
3. Piyush Kumar Verma, Batch 10 (2005-07)
4. Suhasani Jain, Batch 13 (2008-10)

b) MBA Pharmaceutical Management:

1. Varun Reddy, Batch 7 (2015-17)
2. Hemant Chandwani, Batch 7 (2015-17)

c) Rural Management:

1. Manish Tomer, Batch 1 (2010-12)
2. Neeraj Prajapati, Batch 1 (2010-12)

Almost 270 students were admitted into the program, of which 180 students joined MBA in Hospital & Health Management, 60 were admitted to MBA in Pharmaceutical Management, and 30 in MBA in Rural Management.

IIHMR University led a stimulating session on 'Leadership and Vision Building Training' for students of the Rural Management program by Manish Kumar Tomer.

Manish Kumar Tomer, Co-Founder, PFPA Consulting Pvt. Ltd, and an alumnus of MBA Rural Management first batch, IIHMR University led a stimulating session on 'Leadership and Vision Building Training' for students of the Rural Management program on 24th July 2019. During the session, Mr. Tomer urged the students to have self-belief and work hard to achieve their dreams. He said, "Anything is possible but first you must believe in yourself."

International Plastic Bag Free Day:
IIHMR goes plastic free on 3rd July 2019-

The planet is reeling under the choking effects of plastic. We need to reduce, reuse and recycle as much as possible. On the International Plastic Bag Free Day, IIHMR U declared itself 'Plastic Free'. Dr. Pankaj Gupta, President, IIHMR University shared that the university is committed to completely banning plastic in its campus.

IIHMR University collaborated with the United Nations Global Compact Network India (GCNI) :

IIHMR University, in collaboration with the United Nations' Global Compact Network India (GCNI), will organize a joint conference and conduct several research projects. Dr. Pankaj Gupta, President, IIHMR University, met Dr. Kamal Singh, Executive Director, GCNI, on September 7, 2019 to facilitate the collaboration.

GCNI is the local arm of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), a country-level platform that provides an opportunity for Indian businesses, academic institutions, and civil society organizations to join hands to strengthen responsible business practices.

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We are a proud member of United Nations Global Compact Network

President, Dr. Pankaj Gupta added one more feather in bringing United Nations Global Compact Network in IIHMR University. The UN Global Compact aims to mobilize a global movement of sustainable companies and stakeholders to create the world we want. Act Globally Engage Locally.

SPIC MACAY, September 16, 2019

IIHMR witnessed a soulful evening courtesy Indian Flautist Pt. Ronu Majumdar: Revered flute maestro Pt. Ronu Majumdar bewitched the audience of the IIHMR University with a heartful rendition on the evening of 16th September 2019. His mesmerizing bansuri performance took the present generation to an era that is unfamiliar yet comforting to their minds and soul. The University hosted Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth (Spic Macay) Virasat Series, in its premises. Pt. Ronu Majumdar was accompanied by the spellbinding Ajit Pathak at tabla and his beloved disciple, Kalpesh ji. The much-awaited event was commenced with a welcome, at the University. A green room session was conducted where students interacted with the maestro and his troupe. The artists were heralded by Mrs Manisha Agarwal and this captivating evening ended with a vote of thanks and high tea.

IIHMR U launches its Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE)

The Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE) at IIHMR University was officially launched on September 26, 2019. The aim of the Centre is to promote entrepreneurship and innovation using 360-degree approach to enable start-ups. The launch was witnessed by eminent members of the industries including Dr Geoffrey Clements, Chairman and Director for India of Commonwealth Infrastructure Partners (CIP), Dr Sheenu Jhawar, Alumni, IIHMR & Director Apex Hospital, Jaipur Mr Aditya Arora, Co-Founder and CEO, FAAD Network Private Ltd, Delhi (assists early-stage start-ups to raise capital through its network of Angel Investors, HNIs, VC Firms, Family Offices and Debt Funding Professional) and Dr Arun Pareek, Executive Director, TiE Rajasthan, among others.

Speaking at the launch, Dr. Pankaj Gupta, President, IIHMR University said, "Having the tenacity and passion to execute an idea – even a B grade one – is much better than having an A grade idea and poor implementation." He encouraged students to work towards moving India up the value chain and establishing it as a world leader in various industries.

IIHMR-U celebrated 35th Foundation Day

IIHMR University celebrated its 35th Foundation day on 5 October at the campus with numerous activities throughout the day. Apart from the enthralling cultural program and alumni meet, IIHMR U utilized the prestigious occasion to desensitize and wake young minds up to the perils of Diabetes. An illuminating open-house conversation on 'Demystifying Diabetes- From Debility to Cure' was held at the campus, meeting a curious and empathetic audience. The idea was to desensitize the young minds towards the perils of Diabetes. The Chief guest of the occasion was renowned Senior Professor of Medicine, Principal and Controller, SMS Medical College and Hospital, Jaipur, Dr. Sudhir Bhandari.

Eminent panellists including Dr. Sailesh Lodha, Senior Consultant and In-charge, Department of Diabetes and Endocrine Sciences, Eternal hospital, (A Mount Sinai Hospital affiliate), Mr. Peeyush Jain, Co-Founder at TrueCover, Prof. Sanjeev Sharma, Director, National Institute of Ayurveda, and Dr. T P Yadav, Registrar, Rajasthan Homeopathy Chikitsalaya Board, Jaipur, set forth a passionate and hopeful tone to our future as they discussed extensively on the pitfalls that diabetes is creating for Indian healthcare.

"Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sailesh Lodha, shared his thoughts on the health talk 'Demystifying Diabetes – Debility to Cure'. Dr. Lodha outlined some of the barriers to diabetes prevention and management such as lack of awareness, social customs, and illiteracy.

Dr. Pankaj Gupta, President, IIHMR University, opened the health talk on 'Demystifying Diabetes - Debility to Cure'. In his address, he underlined how diabetes is largely a lifestyle problem and if managed well, it can be life changing.

Guest of honour Mr. Bhupesh Daheria, CEO, Aegis School of Data Science, said that the two worlds of Healthcare and AI professionals need to come together. In his speech, he highlighted innovations in medical diagnosis using Artificial Intelligence (AI) manifested in the likes of IBM Watson and Niramai's breast cancer screening software. He called for a collaboration between technology and healthcare to identify and treat diseases more efficiently.

A scintillating cultural program was organized, where students from all three schools, across streams, came together to perform which included folk dance, music and skit. The culmination of the event was a grand party that provided much revelry in the lives of all who were present.

Jaipur Alumni Meet "Ghar Wapsi" organized on 5th October 2019

The Jaipur Alumni meet was organized on October 5, to beautifully co-incide with the foundation day and to bring the Alumni back to their Alma Mater on this auspicious occasion. The entire half day schedule was carefully crafted in three major components.

A. Public Talk under the health series

B. Alumni Meet & Interactions

C. Foundation Day Celebrations

The "Coming-Back" for Alumni began with a welcome lunch for the Alumni at the MDP Centre. The alumni were guided through for registration and icebreaking and fun-games. It was wonderful to see the Alumni Laughing and singing songs.

Some Senior Alumni were requested to express their feelings in form of bites about how it feels to be back, their introduction, their memories of IIHMR, their word of advice to students with their professional experiences, and how has IIHMR been helpful to their profession. After their Ice-breaking and registration, activities, the Alumni joined the Public Talk and Panel discussion on "Demystifying Diabetes-From Debility to Cure" One of our 15th Batch Alumni Mr Arun Vashishtha was also included in the panel discussion. He discussed and shared about the efforts of the Government for Diabetes Management.

After the High Tea following the Public Talk, the alumni gathered for the Alumni Meet and Interactions. Keeping in mind that there were many students on campus from first year and the passing out batches, it was worthwhile to use this opportunity to let the alumni interact with them.

After a brief round of introduction of the Alumni, President delivered a welcome address. He stated that we wish to suggest and facilitate online courses for alumni who want to learn about Big Data, Block-chain Management, data analysis etc.

IIHMR University and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, USA welcomed MPH Cohort-7 students

IIHMR University and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, USA welcomed MPH Cohort 7 students to the inaugural ceremony on October 14, 2019. The ceremony began with a lamp lighting by Dr. Pankaj Gupta, President, IIHMR University who was accompanied by faculty members. Dr. Gupta conveyed a beautiful message 'Sa vidya ya vimuktaye' meaning 'Knowledge is the one that liberates'. Dr. SD Gupta, Chairman, IIHMR University, briefed the students about the course module while Dr. Marie Diener-West, Chair, Master of Public Health Program, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health conveyed her regards to the students of Cohort 7.

MPH is a cooperative program of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health with IIHMR University Since 2013.

IIHMR University in partnership with GAIN organized its first and biggest event "Rajasthan Food Fortification Summit 2019" in the state of Rajasthan on food fortification

"With 39.1% of children stunted, Rajasthan continues to be one of the bottom five states of the country"

Dr. Subodh Agarwal,
Additional Chief Secretary (Industries) Government of Rajasthan

October 18, 2019: India child stunting rate is 37.9%, which is categorized as very high in terms of its public health significance. Rajasthan has 39.1% of children (under-5 years), who have stunted growth. India stands tall in world power, and economic development but these figures of health and nutrition give a very depressing picture. 21% of children under five in India are wasted and data shows that disturbing trend on malnutrition in India. It is a high time we should take steps to address this issue. We must take up small steps which will give us direction towards future growth. This was stated by Dr. Subodh Agarwal, Additional Chief Secretary (Industries) Government of Rajasthan, who was the Chief Guest at Rajasthan Food Fortification Summit 2019, held at Hotel Marriott today. The Summit was organized by Indian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR) in partnership with Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN).

MoU with Swami Keshvanand Institute of Technology for Project/Product Development in Health Domain

Dr. Satyan Vijayvergiya, Dean, Research and Development, SKIT with Dr. S. L. Surana visited IIHMR University and had a subsequent discussion with Dr. Pankaj Gupta, Dr. Ruchi Sogarwal on possibilities of having one or two projects for joint development.

The purpose of the MoU is to establish terms and conditions for undertaking research work in the area of health-related projects and products development wherein domain and marketing expertise is provided by IIHMR and technological expertise is provided by SKIT. It shall also facilitate better interaction between incubation center SRIJAN of SKIT and Centre for Innovation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship (CIIE) of IIHMR.

The overall scope of MoU is to foster entrepreneurship through mentoring, networking, education, funding and incubation. Both the parties in principle agree to work in the following areas of collaboration:

A.   Capability enhancements of entrepreneurial education and skills amongst students through various trainings, courses and exposure in health domain (by IIHMR) and technological domain (by SKIT).

B.   Mentoring Sessions (jointly by IIHMR and SKIT) to aspiring innovators and entrepreneurs on the joint projects to improvise startup business plan and go to market strategy.

C.   Provide linkages and opportunities to work and spend more time with domain specific mentors and get hands-on industry experience.

D.   Extend necessary guidance and support to the trainees in obtaining approval and execution of their business projects, including IPR, Patents search, market strategy etc.

Musical Concert 'A Meeting by the River' by Padma Bhushan and Grammy Award Winner Pt. Vishwamohan Bhatt

A Musical Concert – A meeting by River' by Padma Bhushan Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt was held at IIHMR University Auditorium on 7 November 2019. This was to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Grammy Award of Padmabhushan Pt. Vishwamohan Bhatt. To celebrate the 25th glorious year anniversary of this prestigious Grammy Award, which he received for his composition 'A meeting by River', a large audience stood up from their seats and greeted this great artist Pt. Vishwamohan Bhatt. To accompany him on the occasion were Satwik Veena player Pt. Salil Bhatt, German guitarist Matthias Müller, Khadtal player Kutle Khan, along with tabla player Pt. Himanshu Mahant, who graced the Grammy Award trophy.

Tantri Samrat Pt. Salil Bhatt and famous German guitarist Matthias Müller put the voice of Rag Basant Mukhari on their respective instruments which touched the hearts of the listeners. Later, both the artistes painted the atmosphere in their own color by presenting the tune of Raag Bhupali with perfect timing. Pt. Salil Bhatt and Matthias Muller played the famous 'Lokdhun hicchki' in the raga Mishra Kirwani. The fusion composition presented by the artists enthralled the audience.

IIHMR University in collaboration with Mainchain Consulting launched Centre of Excellence (COE) for Blockchain on November 9, 2019

With visionary & transformational leadership of Dr. Pankaj Gupta **(Chief Mentor-COE)** we have launched our first blockchain technology-based excellence centre in association with Mainchain Research & Consulting on November 9, 2019 at New Delhi.

"Centre of Excellence (COE) for Blockchain"- First Technology Centre at IIHMR University. This centre will going to work in addressing the complex healthcare issues using powerful and advanced technology of blockchain. This will help in bringing more trust, transparency and security in health information exchange. It will act as a one stop solution for all pressing healthcare issues which so far stands unresolved and with the purpose of addressing healthcare problems with use of blockchain technology this centre will achieve great heights in near future and will be one of a kind excellence centre with deeply combined expertise of health and blockchain.

Key focus areas of Centre of Excellence (COE) for Blockchain will be Research & Consulting Projects, Training and MDP's, Certificate programs in Health Domain.

Ms Shikha Mehra, Co-Founder of the Mainchain Research and Consultancy said Blockchain has the ability to build systems that are deployed between multiple entities. Even if two entities don't trust each other blockchain system allows users to directly network with one another without compromising or breaching confidential data and blockchain can be used in the Healthcare space extensively. That is where the new centre for Excellence and blockchain technology of IIHMR will Step in and that Mainchain Research & Consultancy is glad to be a part of it.

IIHMR University organised its alumni meet at Indian Habitat Centre, New Delhi on 9 November 2019.

IIHMR University organised its alumni meet at Indian Habitat Centre, New Delhi on 9 November 2019. As many as 120 alumni witnessed the meet. On the occasion, a poster on 'Centre for Excellence & Block Chain Technology' was also launched by the dignitaries including Ms. Shikha Mehra, Founder & CEO, Mainchain Research and Consulting, Dr. Pankaj Gupta, President, IIHMR U and Dr. S D Gupta, Chairman, IIHMRU.

The meet was organized with the objective of reconnecting with the former students and reigniting memories while sharing institutional developments in the process and acknowledging their contribution in their field of work. Well settled in various branches of healthcare, pharmaceutical industry, hospital management, and rural management, the former students were accompanied by their family members who got to know more about the exciting life at IIHMR University. Nostalgia filled the room as the students re-connected with their peers, and interacted in person, especially at the age of social media where personal touch has taken a backseat against digital world.

Dr. S D Gupta, Chairman, IIHMR University, said "I recall the days we started this path-breaking program in India. I did not know at that time what I know now. And now that I see the products, I feel overwhelmed with nostalgia. From the founding class to the 21st Batch, it is unbelievable how far we have come." He further urged the alumni that whatever they have gained in terms of knowledge, it is the right time to consider giving and sharing it.

Dr. Pankaj Gupta, President IIHMR said "This is your institute and we are very proud of each one of you. This year itself we had 60 alumni come to the university to interact with our current students across various industry interfaces and topics. We tried to have chapter meets, homecomings, etc. An Institute is only as great as great are its alumni.

IIHMR University organized 9th International South East Asian Public Health Institutions (SEAPHEIN) Network Conference on November 13-15, 2019

EIGHT COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AND DISCUSSED PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND ACTION

IIHMR University brings together about 8 WHO-SEARO member countries through the International Conference on **"Leveraging SEAPHEIN to Promote Universal Health Coverage and Achieving Sustainable Development Goals by 2030".** The international conference was conducted on November 13th - 15th, 2019.

Dr. SD Gupta, Chairman, IIHMR University, Jaipur and President Elect of SEAPHEIN said, "It is a great honour for us and IIHMR University to organize the 9th SEAPHEIN Annual Meeting in India and the International Conference on moving SEAPHEIN to influence public health management education and action. SEAPHEIN is a 7 WHO-SEARO member countries network that has various Public Healthcare Institutions. The major objectives of this International conference are: Promote public health education and training in the academic institutions and universities in the number of countries, discuss the roles of public health education institutions/universities in advancing public health education."

The 9th Annual Meeting will see the presence of over 40 public healthcare institutions with 8 representatives from WHO-SEARO member countries. India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal, Shri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia are participating in this International WHO – SEARO. On this occasion, Dr. Neena Raina, Director, Department of Family Health, Gender & Life Course, World Health Organization (WHO), South East Asia, New Delhi will be the Chief Guest and Dr. Rakesh Kumar (IAS), Additional Country Director, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), New Delhi will be the Guest of Honour.

The conference will be focused to underscore the need for aligning public health education and training to build and develop competencies and skills for enhancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) to reach SDG's strengthening health workforce for effective service delivery and strengthening health system for UHC.

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Dr. P. R. Sodani, Secretory SEAPHEIN, Pro-President and Dean-Training, IIHMR University said, "The SEAPHEIN annual meeting will be focused and shall cover various themes including advancing universal health coverage to reach the SDGs and the role of frontline services; Strengthening the Health Workforce in South East Asia Regions: an update on regional and global developments and directions etc.

On the occasion, Dr. Neena Raina, Director, a.i. Department of Family Health, Gender and Life Course, WHO, Regional Office for South East Asia, New Delhi, India, also the Chief Guest on the occasion highlighted aspects of the WHO's Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and SEAPHEIN's role in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The UHC is at the centre of the public health programming. The UHC is a flagship priority since 2014. With a special focus on enhancing access to medicine, human resources and human resources for health. We have also proceeded for the triple billion target lived up in WHO's 13th general program of work. One billion more people globally should be benefiting from universal health coverage. And as seen SEAPHEIN has a major role to play in this achievement. In addition, we have the 2030 sustainable goals, sustainable development agenda which is to achieve which ensures healthy lives and promoting them being for all for ages.

Dr. Rakesh Kumar (IAS), Additional Country Director, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and the Guest of Honour for the program, stressed the need to consider population when focusing on SDGs. He said that when we talk about Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), I think population must be considered. If our population continues to grow, our resources won't be able to sustain us. Without good governance and the implementation of the best possible models, we won't be able to achieve SDGs.

Dr. Pankaj Gupta, President, IIHMR University, delivered the welcome address at the SEAPHEIN 9th Biennial SEAPHEIN meeting. He highlighted the University's focus on research and shared how SEAPHEIN creates the ideal environment for cooperation and collaboration. He further said that since its inception, IIHMR U has engaged in important research work in India and abroad in the area of health care. The research has helped create our curricula and impacted in government policies. Meetings like this provide a platform for cooperation and collaboration.

24th PRADANYA 2019
Future of Healthcare: Globalization, Local Innovations and You

24th PRADANYA 2019 Future of Healthcare: Globalization, Local Innovations and You was conducted by IIHMR University from November 23rd to 25th, 2019.

IIHMR University's global conference 'Pradanya 2019' concludes with a call to support healthcare innovators

The 24th edition of IIHMR University's annual international conference Pradanya 2019 successfully concluded on 25, 2019. The theme of the three-day event this year was "Future of Healthcare: Globalization, Local Innovations and You." More than 45 experts from India and abroad in the fields of healthcare, pharmaceuticals, the development sector and allied industries addressed the audiences. They were engaged in six panel discussions organized around sub-themes of the conference such as Using technology to enhance healthcare efficiency; Value-based healthcare and tackling price transparency; New directions in preventive healthcare; Purpose-driven start-up's and innovation for health impact; and Strategies for effective implementation of SDG's 2030.

An array of policy makers from states and the Center graced the event with their presence. Some prominent names include Shri Yaduvendra Mathur (IAS), Special Secretary, NITI Aayog; Dr. Sujata Saunik (IAS), Addl. Chief Secretary, Dept of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Govt. of Maharashtra; Shri Naveen Jain, Secretary, Dept of Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship Development, Govt of Rajasthan; Dr. Manish Diwan, Head, Strategic Partnership & Entrepreneurship, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), Govt. of India; Dr. Nimesh G. Desai, Director, Institute of Human Behaviour & Allied Sciences (IHBAS), Govt. of India; and Dr. Harsh Shah, State Program Manager, National Health Mission, Govt. of Gujarat.

Other participating dignitaries included Dr. Kapil Garg, Director, Paras Hospitals Group, Jaipur; Dr. Sheenu Jhawar,

Director, Apex hospital, Jaipur; Dr. Pankaj Gupta, Head-Digital Health, Access Health International; Dr. Narayana Prasad, Director, Public Health Literacy, Boston; Dr. Gaurav Talwar, GM, IBM; Dr. Mala Airun, Zonal Clinical Director, Narayan Multispecialty Hospital; Dr. Sudarshan Jain, Secretary General, Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance; Dr. Rahul Pandey, Operations Officer, The World Bank; Dr. Devendra Khandait, Deputy Director, India Office, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and Dr. Richa Singh Debgupta, Vice President, Fortis Healthcare.

Said Dr. Pankaj Gupta, President, IIHMR University, Jaipur: "Since the last 23 years, 'Pradanya' has been focusing on the most relevant and burning topics of healthcare that have immense significance for India and rest of the world. The intellectual churning generated during the event will give a long way in giving all stakeholders and upcoming industry leaders a better understanding of how to effectively meet the gaps in Indian healthcare and prepare it to meet the challenges of the future."

Pradanya 2019, successfully concluded on 25 November with distribution of awards to deserving students for the research papers and posters submitted on various themes of healthcare.

IIHMR University Organised Alumni Meet at Bengaluru

Bengaluru Alumni meet was held on Saturday, 30th November 2019 at Royal Orchid Central, Bengaluru. Around 50+ Alumni attended the meet. Senior faculty members and Alumni from Bengaluru campus attended the meet. The members caught up with old friends, rekindled old memories and reconnected with old mentors. They also gave their valuable feedback and suggestions for the betterment of the Institute.

The program began with the welcoming of the alumni with a Tilak and sweet. A video presentation comprising of the previous alumni meet, together with memorable photos of the alumni of different batches provided a nostalgic feeling which was well acknowledged.

Welcome address was given by Dr Pankaj Gupta, President, IIHMR University. He spoke at length about the various initiatives and events which were held in the University in the last couple of days. He also discussed about the MDP calendar and the upcoming 'Mindfulness and Happiness Retreat' which is going to be held in Goa from 28th to 31st December 2019 and vacancies in the IIHMR for Management and faculty positions. He also requested the alumni to contribute to their alma mater in various verticals and sharing their knowledge with the students through guest lectures, internships, live projects, and placements, etc.

Dr Usha Manjunath, Director of IIHMR Bengaluru campus candidly mentioned about her long relation and attachment with IIHMR since the days of 1st batch. She welcomed Dr. Pankaj Gupta, Dr. S.D. Gupta along with the pool of star alumni present on the eve, congratulating them to have successfully created a legacy of their career in their respective fields She also extended a cordial invitation to everyone for the Foundation Day celebration & Alumni Meet at IIHMR Bangalore Campus.

On the occasion, Ms Aarti Gupta, Business Development and Credit, Finnable Credit, and alumni from 1st Batch, IIHMR U, gave a nostalgic speech. She shared her experience of the University, and the changes which has come up in the university such as placements etc.

On the occasion, the inaugural address by Dr SD Gupta, Chairman IIHMR University. He rekindled the memories of IIHMR with the senior alumni present there. He described the journey of the earlier batches as unpredictable and unforeseen which turned out to be a beautiful one. He gave the credit to the students who made their mark in setting healthcare as a well-recognized industry by going into various ventures and corners of the world. Bringing the paradigm shift in the management of hospitals and healthcare, it has been observed that the thinking process is changing and so is the mindset of the policy makers, he said.

Dr. Gupta concluded his speech by urging the alumni to look forward to achieving excellence. He said, "The world is changing, and so is technology and the expectations are also changing. So, keep growing and keep contributing." The meet ended with a gala dinner in the evening which provided a great opportunity for network build-up.

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IIHMR University Alumni Surabhi Tiwari – Makes India Proud Internationally

IIHMR University Alumni Surabhi Tiwari wins the International Beauty Contest – 'Mrs Elegance Tourism Queen International 2019' in Thailand. She is the Alumna of 2006-08 Batch. Currently, working a as Senior Manager, in Jaypee Hospitals, Noida.

A mother, fashionista & a corporate lead, Surabhi after winning the crown of Mrs India 2019, got selected to represent India Internationally in this global platform.

Mrs Tourism Queen International was held in Thailand from 29 November to 6th December. where beauty Contest winners participated from every continent representing their countries.

Multitalented Surabhi, performed Odissi Dance in National Costume Round & Kathak in Talent Round.

Ever since her childhood days, Surabhi had been a meritorious student with the flair for singing, dancing and public speaking.

She has many laurels to her credit including "President of India Award" as all-rounder student in Regional College of Education, Bhopal.

She gives the credit to her mother and mother in law. She gets the inspiration. She said, "I am blessed to have an exemplary Family before and after my marriage, and support of my family was the biggest strength all through the journey of taking queendom from India to International platform."

Along with her expertise in the healthcare, Surabhi has also been associated with various fashion and lifestyle verticals across country.

Surabhi wants to dedicate her victory to the "Dreams and Strengths of Every Indian Women"

Nidhi Pundhir of HCL foundation is Fighting for Children's Rights - Silently, yet Effectively

IHMR University is proud to have alumni like Nidhi Pundhir, a champion of children's rights. As the Director of HCL Foundation, Nidhi believes that it is actions and not noise that make the most impact. Dedicating her career to building a better and kinder world, she has worked on actualising children's rights at state, national, continental, and global levels. Over the years, she has worked with Plan International (as a National Advisor on Child Rights and Protection), SOS Children's Villages (as Director and Deputy Programme Development, Asia) and Plan International (Global Advisor on Child Protection in Development).

Today, at the helm of the CSR arm of HCL Technologies, 44-year-old Nidhi leads urban community development projects and employee volunteering programmes. During her career of more than two decades, Nidhi has positively transformed the lives of many.
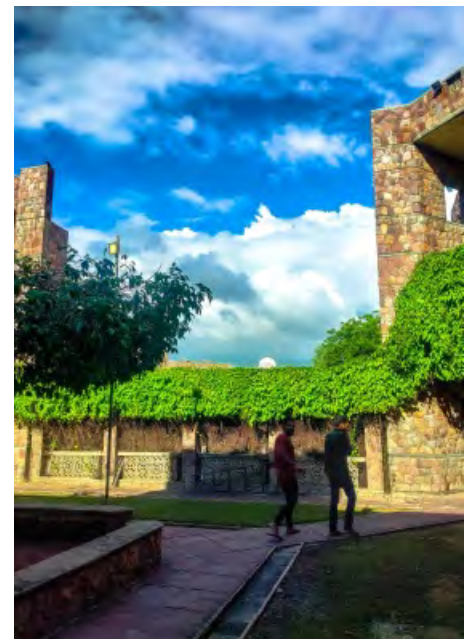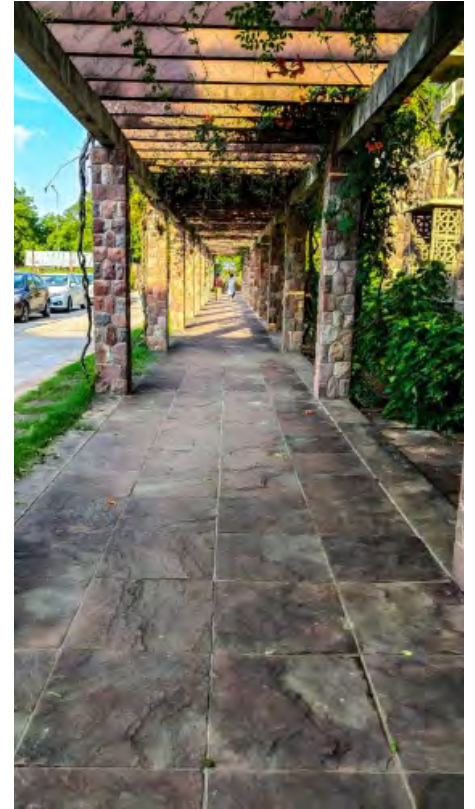
The Director of HCL Foundation believes that actions, not loud protests, are the need of the hour. In fact, she has made it her mission to achieve just the right level of pragmatism and detachment from the causes she feels passionately about – something most activists have difficulty achieving – in order to effect real change. MAKERS India highlights her incredible journey in an enlightening article. Please follow the link: https://bit.ly/2qVF9Wk

IIHMR Alumna honored with 'Atal Swasthya Bhushan Samman 2019'

We congratulate IIHMR University alumna Aditi Sharma for getting honored with 'Atal Swasthya Bhushan Samman 2019'. An alumna of the MBA-HM 2017-19 batch, she works as a District Lead at Tata Trust, Faridkot, Punjab.

 'Atal Swasthaya Bhushan Samman' 2019 is organized to honour dynamic professionals in the healthcare sector who have immensely contributed in the healthcare industry through their innovative ideas and passion which had further impacted in improving the delivery of health services in India.

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