



40th Foundation Day Celebration of IIHMR

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Venue: Auditorium IIHMR University

Report on the 40th Foundation Day Celebration of IIHMR University

IIHMR University proudly commemorated its 40th Foundation Day on 05th October 2024 with enthusiasm and grandeur. The celebration served to honor IIHMR's journey, recognizing the contributions of individuals who have played a pivotal role in reinforcing their commitment to shaping the future of healthcare and its success. It reflected on its four-decade journey of excellence in Health management, Research and Education. It was a momentous occasion fostering a sense of belonging and commitment among all the stakeholders. Over an immaculate journey spanning 40 years, the University has become a highly recognized center of higher learning, nurtured young minds and contributed to the health system of the country.

The event commenced with the auspicious lamp lighting ceremony by the esteemed guests. This was followed by an insightful welcome address by **Dr. PR Sodani, President IIHMR University**. He highlighted the progress of IIHMR University and its commitment to excellence in research, training and teaching. He acknowledged the impeccable managerial skills cultivated by IIHMR and emphasized the institute's role in transforming bright students into industry-ready, high-caliber professionals. He underscored the significant contribution of IIHMR to the nation in the health and development sector. This insightful address inspired all present, setting the tone for the festivities.

A retrospective look at the university's growth from its inception to its current status as a leader in the areas of research, training and teaching in the field of health management, pharmaceutical management, development management and digital health was presented in the form of a video. This recounted the key milestones, achievements, and the university's far-reaching impact on the healthcare sector both nationally and internationally.

The welcome address was followed by the words of wisdom by **Dr. S. D. Gupta, President IIHMR**, then shared his invaluable insights emphasizing the importance of innovation, perseverance, and leadership in the field of health management.

Embarking on an inspiring journey **Dr. Ashok Agarwal, Founder-Trustee IIHMR**, delivered a speech filled with foresight and encouragement. He mentioned on the enduring vision and mission of IIHMR and the critical role it had played in shaping health management system and practices in India and abroad.

The foundation day celebration was further glorified with the unveiling of two documents. The first document captures IIHMR's 40 years of incredible journey, significant achievements, and cherished memories that have defined IIHMR. It is titled "**From Vision to Reality: IIHMR's Four-Decade Journey of Health Management Research**," this serves as a testament to the unwavering commitment of IIHMR to advancing knowledge and practice in health management and highlights the dedication to improve healthcare outcomes and shaping the future of health management.

In addition to this, another remarkable document that rejuvenates the collective memories and highlights the profound impact of the brilliant minds within the IIHMR fraternity was also released. This document shows how the alumni have significantly contributed to strengthening the health system in Gujarat. Titled "**Champions of Change: IIHMR Alumni Contributions in Gujarat Health System Strengthening**," this serves as a testament to the dedication, innovation, and leadership of the alumni.

The first cultural segment featured Folk Performances to kick off this evening's celebrations was a folk performance by **Arpan Music Lab** that captivated the audience with their vibrant representation of India's rich cultural heritage. The performances were a visual and auditory treat, adding a festive spirit to the event.

It was followed by a brief overview of the **IIHMR foundation** inception from 2021 to 2024, particularly highlighting its resilience and adaptability during the challenges posed by the global pandemic. Over the past three years, IIHMR Startups has played an instrumental role in nurturing health and health-based innovators.

One of the key highlights of the celebration was the Distinguished Alumni Award. **Mr. Rana Udayan Lahiry**, Post Graduate Diploma in Hospital and Health Management (PGDHM) program from the class of 1996-1998 was felicitated with this award. He has served as the Managing Director of the Medica Hospital Group and has made a profound impact on the communities he serves.

Mr. Nilakantha Bhoi, Post Graduate Diploma in Hospital and Health Management (PGDHM) program 2001-2003 was also felicitated with the distinguished alumni award. Mr. Bhoi currently serves as a Procurement Senior Officer with United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), India and South Asia Multi Country Office (SAMCO).

To conclude the celebrations, the Art and Cultural Committee of IIHMR University ushering in a spirited 40th Foundation Day came up with the **cultural performances**. The various folk performances were a fitting tribute to the institution's ethos of cultural inclusivity and appreciation. It was a blend of traditional and contemporary forms, celebrating the diversity of the IIHMR.

Conclusion

The 40th Foundation Day Celebration of IIHMR University was a resounding success. It was an evening that not only celebrated the institution's four decades of excellence but also renewed its commitment to shaping the future of healthcare management. With its rich history, vibrant community, and visionary leadership, IIHMR University continues to be a cornerstone in the

advancement of public health and healthcare systems, both in India and globally.













