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Mumbai, 20th February 2025: IIHMR University, Jaipur, organized the Global Health Management Research Conference on February 14-15, 2025. The conference focused on Transformative Solutions for Managing Global Health and brought experts from various domains under one roof to engage in thought-provoking discussions. The conference focused on leveraging AI-driven solutions to enhance preparedness for the future, ensuring resilience and innovation in health management amid evolving challenges such as COVID-19 and emerging threats like HMPV viruses.

Welcoming the dignitaries and delegates, ***Dr. P.R. Sodani, President of IIHMR University, shared,*** *"Healthcare is one of the fastest-growing sectors in India, offering immense opportunities for innovation, employment, and economic growth. The post-COVID era has accelerated technology-driven healthcare solutions, making digital transformation an essential priority. Recognizing this shift, IIHMR University has established a dedicated School of Digital Health, offering specialized programs such as an MBA in Healthcare Analytics, equipping future leaders with data-driven decision-making skills." Dr. Sodani shared that the conference is structured around four critical tracks: Transformative Solutions for Sustainable Public Health Management, cutting-edge Methods for Sustainable Pharmaceutical Management, Innovative Initiatives for Sustainable CSR and ESG Management, and Universal Digital Health and Analytics. Dr. P.R. Sodani shared that at the conference, thirteen organizations interested in promoting global health management research agenda signed an MOU with IIHMR University Jaipur. A panel discussion by globally renowned academicians explored the Future of Health Management Education, including industry-centric curriculum enhancement, technological advancements, and promoting research for program management and policy planning.*

Delivering the keynote address, ***Dr. Subodh Agarwal, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan,*** *talked about the Anthropocene era – a time when human activity was reshaping our planet more than natural forces. From climate-induced health crises to the rapid integration of AI in healthcare, we must act responsibly to ensure a sustainable future. He added that technology is advancing at an unprecedented rate, but will AI serve humanity or dictate its course? We must regulate AI before it regulates us".*

Maj Gen (Prof) Atul Kotwal, Executive Director, National Health Systems Resource Centre, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Government of India, said, *"As we discuss the transformational changes required in our healthcare system, it is crucial to acknowledge our progress and challenges. Strengthening primary healthcare, reducing out-of-pocket expenditure, and ensuring resilient health systems remain key priorities. Technology plays a vital role, but true transformation goes beyond digital solutions: it requires policy reforms, community engagement, and sustainable implementation. Let us continue to work towards a future where equitable healthcare is a reality for all."*

Dr. S.D. Gupta, Distinguished Professor at IIHMR University, Jaipur, shared, *"What we require now is high-quality healthcare that is accessible and available at affordable price. For this, we already have the global mission of universal health coverage. And then there is another mission, which is the Sustainable Development Goals. One of the transformative solutions that has been enforced is Ayushman Bharat, and the result is that the out-of-pocket expenses have gone down tremendously and significantly. Another important aspect is human resource development. Building their capacity, skilling them, and reskilling them are important.*

In the valedictory session, ***Dr. Sudhir Bhandari, Pro-Chancellor of Jaipur National University, Jaipur, and Professor Emeritus, SMS Medical College & Attached Group of Hospitals, Jaipur, shared,*** *"Healthcare is no longer limited to hospitals and clinics. Digital health, AI-driven diagnostics, telemedicine, and global collaborations redefine healthcare delivery. Embrace an interdisciplinary approach, which is the need of the hour. Sustainability is the future of healthcare and must be inclusive at all levels. Every innovation and policy we create should address disparities, ensuring no one is left behind".*

Dr Himadri Sinha, the conference's organising secretary, presented the conference report and shared that the deliberations were held in four tracks where more than 50 speakers and research scholars made their presentations. The conference concluded on a high note with an award ceremony, during which eight presenters were awarded certificates and mementoes for best paper and poster presentation. In the end, the cultural performance was organised for all the delegates.