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The rapid integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in the health care and the strategies for evolving AI-driven solutions to enhance preparedness for new diseases and epidemics were highlighted at a global dialogue on health management here over the week-end. The participants laid emphasis on promoting interdisciplinary research for health care solutions.

Experts attending the two-day dialogue said consistent efforts should be made for ensuring "resilience and innovations" in health management amid emerging threats like HMPV viruses and the evolving challenges such as COVID-19. They also threw light on digital health, telemedicine and global collaborations for redefining health care delivery.

The conference was organised by Jaipur-based Indian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR) University. As many as 13 institutions interested in promoting global health management research agenda signed memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with the university during the event.

In his keynote address, Additional Chief Secretary Subodh Agarwal, who is Director-General of Indira Gandhi Panchayati Raj Sansthan, said the medical researchers should act responsibly in dealing with the climate-induced health crises with the use of AI to ensure a sustainable future. "As the technology is advancing at an unprecedented pace, the AI must be regulated to serve humanity," he said.

Maj. Gen. Atul Kotwal, Executive Director, National Health Systems Resource Centre, functioning under the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, said though technology played a vital role in health care, the correct approach would be to go beyond digital solutions. "Our health sector requires policy reforms, community engagement, and sustainable implementation," he said.

IIHMR University president P.R. Sodani said since the post-COVID era had accelerated technology-driven health care solutions, the digital transformation would help evolve strategies for meeting new challenges. However, the innovations and new policies should address disparities and lead to universal health coverage.

The deliberations in the conference were centred around the themes of transformative solutions for sustainable public health management, cutting-edge methods for pharmaceutical management, initiatives for environmental, social and governance (ESG) management, and universal digital health and analytics. More than 50 experts and research scholars participated in the dialogue. (EOM)

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