

Conference Report - website

Title **16th National Conference of Health Profession Education (NCHPE2025)**

Event Details

- Date: 6-8th November, 2025
- Location: Ludhiana-141008 Punjab
- Organizers: Christian Medical College
- **Theme:** Dynamic Landscape of Health Professional Education in Competency Based Education

Key Highlights

• **Opening Session:**

NCHPE2025 was inaugurated by Dr. Abhijat Chandra Kant Sheth, Chairman, National Medical Commission (NMC), who was the Chief Guest. Dr. Vijay Oza, President, NMC, Postgraduate Medical Education Board (PGMEB) and Dr Rajeev Sood, VC BFUHS were Guests of honours. Dr William Bhatti, Director CMC Ludhiana introduced the Chief Guest, Honourable Dr Abhijat Sheth, who emphasized the importance of quality standard in medical education and his vision for further advancement of medical education in India. Dr Jeyaraj D Pandian, Principal CMC Ludhiana welcomed all the delegates. Dr. Dinesh K Badyal, organizing secretary and vice-principal (Med Edu) emphasized long standing history of CMC and Dept of medical Education in contributing to health professions education. The dignitaries included Dr Payal Bansal, AHPE President and Dr Jyotsana Sriranga, AHPE, Secretary. Dr RK Soni introduced the activities and components of the NAMS. The scientific session started with a keynote address by Dr. Lyuba Konopasek, Senior VP Intealth, USA, Executive Director, FAIMER. Dr Lyuba talked on Building Clinical Competence in the Era of AI: Opportunities and Risks

• **Major Sessions:**

The scientific program featured six symposia, four panel discussions, 9 meet the mentors-café corner meets & 16 workshops. Dr Rashmi Vyas, from FAIMER delivered Keynote addresses. The prestigious AHPE Oration was delivered by Dr. Thomas Chacko, who reflected on the evolution of health professions education in India and the role of educators in leading meaningful change.

The workshops are by conducted by top experts in each field of the workshop including AI in health profession education (HPE), cine-medication, translational simulation, Entrustable professional activities-the new trend in the world, leadership, creative communication, HPE research, simulated patient program-a new in the country, Digital enabling, mentorship programs, demystifying scholarship, critical clinical reasoning, & gamification in competency education. Each workshop trained doctors in advances processes in the learning as required by new initiatives in HPE in India. Each workshop by conducted by a team of tops expert from World and India.

The pre conference workshops began with a pre-test to assess participants baseline knowledge. All the workshop were very interactive and involved hands on experiences. In these workshop

partisans learnt skills for research, communication, simulated based learning, artificial intelligence and its implication in healthcare and self-directed learning. The workshops concluded with a post-test to evaluate learning outcomes and a valedictory event.

- **Speakers:**

This was followed by Keynote address on overview of Progress of Postgraduate medical education in the country by Dr. Vijay Oza, from National Medical Commission. Session focussed on introduction and progress of PG medical education and how it evolved to towards competency based curriculum. This was followed by vision plan for health profession education (HPE) by the academy experts. This session highlighted combined efforts of health profession education in India and how it should be directed in the coming years. Dr Rashmi Vyas, from FAIMER delivered next Keynote address. Dr Rashmi talked on Shifting paradigms: CBE in HPE. The leaders in the field like Dr, Mahesh Verma, VC, GGS Indraprastha Univ. New Delhi, Yagna Shukla, Chairperson, National Commission for Allied Health Sciences discussed impact of competency based curriculum. Globalization of capacity development in HPE was discussed.

Dr. Rajeev Sood, VC BFUHS Faridkot shared the important update and relevance of national Health policy. Dr Sandeep Dogra Member NMC highlighted course of change in PG education.

- **Technical/Parallel Sessions:**

Dental colleges discussed about a need for competency based curriculum. Nursing colleges, Physiotherapy colleges and allied health institutes discussed ways to implement new competency based curriculum.

Parallel session addressed all sciences like dental, nursing, physiotherapy and allied health sciences. There was good participation from these all sciences and there was a lot of opportunities for integration. Quality of education regulations were discussed.

- **Innovations/Announcements:**

1. A major highlight of this year's conference was the **first-ever Hackathon** at NCHPE, providing a vibrant platform for students from across the country to present innovative and exemplary ideas in medical education where 23 teams participated.
2. The **first quiz, QuizED** was won by team consisting of Dr. Dharma Saranya G, Dr XA Prasana (GMC, Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu) & Dr Lakhshay Beri (MMIMSR, Ambala).
3. **Café corner meets**-Meet the experts was a big hit. All meets went to full capacity on both days and participants appreciated the innovative idea and time spent with experts.

All the 5 constituent colleges of CMC were part of the mega event that will have world class sessions on each day.

Participation

- Attendees: 440
- Countries/Institutions Represented: India, USA, UK, Egypt, Malaysia, Oman, Nepal, Mauritius and Australia
- Audience Profile: Faculty in HPE institutes, Researchers, Regulators, students, industry professionals

Outcomes

• **Key Takeaways:**

- In conclusion challenges and solution were discussed for competency based curriculum in HPE in India.
- The new event added hackathon and Quiz saw a huge participation as it was relevant to core issues in the country related to education. Hence, these should be made permanent part of the annual conference.
- Presidents elect are Dr. Sucheta Dandekar 2026, and Dr Dinesh K Badyal for 2027.

• **Future Directions:**

- The training in HPE should be made mandatory for faculty in India as all of them are involved in implementing new competency based curriculum.
- All faculty in HPE colleges must be made aware of academy's activities and more faculty should be involved for the activities of the academy.
- It was recommended that the NCHPE should include more postgraduate students and new faculty every year. The inclusion of students in this conf was very fruitful.
- In this way we will maintain standardized training in continuity in education for all HPE institutes.

Gallery / Media

Link to photos and videos of NCHPE2026 <https://nchpe2025.cmcludhiana.in/>

Closing Note

The 16th NCHPE reaffirmed its position as a premier national forum for educators, administrators, and learners to share innovations, best practices, and future directions in medical education.

A brief concluding statement

The conference was well conducted and involved all important stakeholders from various sciences of health profession Education. The ambience was appropriate as per the national level of the conference, Chairman NMC and Chairperson, National commission for allied health sciences and other important dignitaries were present and shared their views. Participants were interactive and also enthusiasm was visible as many wanted to know about competency based education (CBE).

