

Summary of NCHPE 2024

The 15th National Conference in Health Professions Education (NCHPE), held from November 21 to 23, 2024, at Era University, Lucknow, was a landmark event centered on the theme "Patient Safety and Health Professions Education." Conducted under the aegis of the Academy of Health Professions Educators (AHPE) and supported by FAIMER, a division of Intealth, Philadelphia, USA, the conference showcased many innovations. The vice presidents of the conference were FAIMER Fellows- Sucheta Dandekar (IFI 2010) and Nirmala Rege (IFI 2015) and the Organizing Secretary was Farzana Mahdi (GSMC 2013). The president of AHPE is Dr Chetna Desai (CMCL 2007) and the secretary Dr Jyotsna Sriranga (CMCL 2015)

It began with a curtain-raiser on October 8, allowing global experts unable to attend in person to contribute their insights. With 27 pre-conference workshops chosen from 52 applications, 123 posters, and 410 participants in pre-conference activities, the event featured vibrant discussions with nearly 300 delegates attending the main conference. Esteemed speakers, including Janet Grant (UK), Ara Tekian (USA), and Rashmi Vyas, Vice President, Intealth and Senior Director, FAIMER Global, (IFI 2003), who gave the conference theme talk, along with contributors from Nepal, Malaysia, and the Caribbean, enriched the sessions on interprofessional collaboration, competency-based education, and patient safety.

Key highlights included a Vice Chancellor's Conclave on preparing millennial healthcare professionals and the introduction of poster presentation awards to celebrate research excellence. The conference also marked the launch of the AHPE Best Paper Published Award, further encouraging innovation in health professions education and the AHPE Oration was delivered by Dr Tejinder Singh (IFI 2003). The Padmashree Prof. Mahdi Hasan Oration was addressed by Dr Avinash Supe (IFI 2002). Participation by FAIMER Fellows from the four Indian regional institutes reflected the event's focus on inclusivity and its efforts to advance healthcare education standards.

The expected outcomes of the conference include enhanced skills, improved patient safety practices, and stronger collaboration among healthcare professionals. Recommendations emphasized the continued prioritization of patient safety, fostering interprofessional education, and supporting research and lifelong learning. By setting new benchmarks in content and innovation, the 15th NCHPE has paved the way for future advancements in health professions education and research.