



Indian Association of Preventive & Social Medicine Gujarat Chapter

(Activities Report : Year - 2015)

About IAPSM-GC:

Indian Association of Preventive & Social Medicine – Gujarat Chapter (IAPSM-GC) is a professional body of the experts in the field of Community Medicine/Public Health. IAPSM-GC is a registered organization and affiliated with its national body. It is working with the mission to enhance the quality in Community Medicine/Public Health. (www.iapsmgc.org).

The national body, IAPSM was registered on 13th February 1984 under Society Act XXI 1860 at New Delhi. IAPSM – Gujarat Chapter (IAPSM-GC) is a state chapter of the larger National Association formed in the year 1994. It is also registered under Trust Act and Society Act on 8th Nov 2011.

1. Annual Conference: (12th & 13th December 2014)

Every year annual conferences of IAPSM-GC are being held with the active support of different medical colleges/ institutes since year 1993. Till date 22 Annual Conference were held. The 22nd annual conference was organized on 12th and 13th of December 2014, by Community Medicine Department, GMERS, Sola, Ahmadabad.



It was fourth joint conference with Indian Association of Public Health- Gujarat Chapter. More than 500 delegates have participated in the conference. Various experts have delivered their speeches. Many research papers were also presented.

2. Healthline: Journal : (Vol 6, Issues 1 and 2)



Healthline is an official organ of the Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine, Gujarat Chapter (IAPSM-GC)

The journal is regularly being published biannually since 2010. Till date, total 11 issues have been published. It is peer reviewed and open access journal. It indexed with four different indexing bodies. The journal is registered with INDEX COPERNICUS, DOAJ, OPENJGATE, CABI and gulib.georgetown.edu.

3. Internal dissemination Seminar on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Assessment of the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene related services and practices in Health centers of High Priority Districts of Gujarat were done during August 2014 to November 2014. On the basis of assessment of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene related services and practices report was generated. This report was presented in front of CDHO,



THO along with assessment team at district level in December 2014. During this discussion key gaps were identified and according to them recommendation were given. On 30th January 2015, Internal Dissemination Seminar on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) was organized. During the seminar key gaps and recommendation given at district level were discussed. In this workshop Head of Department of Community Medicine Department of all the medical colleges, District and State nodal person for WASH, Secretary and President of IAPSM-GC and other members, WASH consultant, WASH specialist, State Quality Assurance Medical Officer and members of assessment team were present. On the basis of recommendation given in the workshop final report was generated. The report was presented in front of the Health Commissioner by the secretary of IAPSM-GC.

4. **Booster: Annual PG meet: (30th & 31st October 2015)**

To offer a podium where all Community Medicine residents could come together for exchanging



ideas and sharing various activities of their respective departments every year for common goal. To attain the objective IAPSM-GC decided to initiate an annual mid-year PG meet which could offer a platform where PSM resident doctors can be groomed for different facets of their personality along with

technical side.

As the aim of this PG meet is to boost the spirit of PGs, explore their hidden potentials a midterm annual PG meet is being organized since year 2012. Fourth Annual PG meet (Booster 2015) was conducted successfully by Community Medicine Department, P.D.U. Government Medical College-Rajkot.

It included creative events like Dumb charades, Quiz, Advertise making, Debate, Rangoli, Poster & Collage, Talent hunt and Antakshari. This meet was preceded by academic sessions from eminent experts in Clinical Epidemiology.

5. **Post Graduate Certificate Course in Health System and Management (PGCHSM) : (3rd Batch: April -2015 to September-2015)**

A six months Post Graduate Certificate in Health System and Health Management course aims to develop the capacity & capability of health professionals for a better management & administration of health system. 3rd Batch of the PGCHSM is completed and total 20 students have cleared the course.

First contact session was organized in April 2015. Understanding about Health system, Health delivery care,



health planning, Managerial principles and functions, types and style of leadership, Techniques

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for monitoring and supervisions were discussed. **Second contact session** was conducted in August 2015. Cases on various types of managerial issues as well as conflicts were given as group work and health related issues were given as group work to the participants. The printed modules and a set of assignments on Goggle group have been provided.

Finally the **overall performances** of students were assessed taking into consideration the assignment grades, project grades, theory exams, group work performances as well as subject viva scores.

6. UPCOMING EVENTS :

a) National Conference of IAPSM: (IAPSMCON – 2016)

The 43rd Annual National Conference of Indian Association of Preventive & Social Medicine (IAPSMCON2016) will be jointly organized by Department of Community Medicine, GMERS Medical College, Gandhinagar & Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The conference will have scientific programmes focusing on the innovative theme of “Towards Sustainable Development”. It will be an exceptional experience to attend the conference in ‘Green Capital City’ of Gujarat. Members attending this event will be given credit hours by state medical council. “Swasthyam Sarvebhya” is the ultimate goal of IAPSM.

b) Healthy Gujarat Website:

The Health website named “Healthy Gujarat” will be published and promoted by Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine and will be managed by Community Medicine Department, PDU Govt. Medical College Rajkot, Gujarat. The objectives of this website will be to raise awareness of issues pertaining to public health, and increase the knowledge of maintaining the health.



The purpose of the website will be – the use of this knowledge by the people to improve their health and make our state- “the healthy Gujarat”. Along with using the information of the website, people will be always recommended to take the doctor's advice.

This website will focus mainly on maternal and child health, adolescent health, communicable and non-communicable diseases. Information regarding various health programmes will also be given. Along with health programmes, videos related to upcoming health days will be available on the website.