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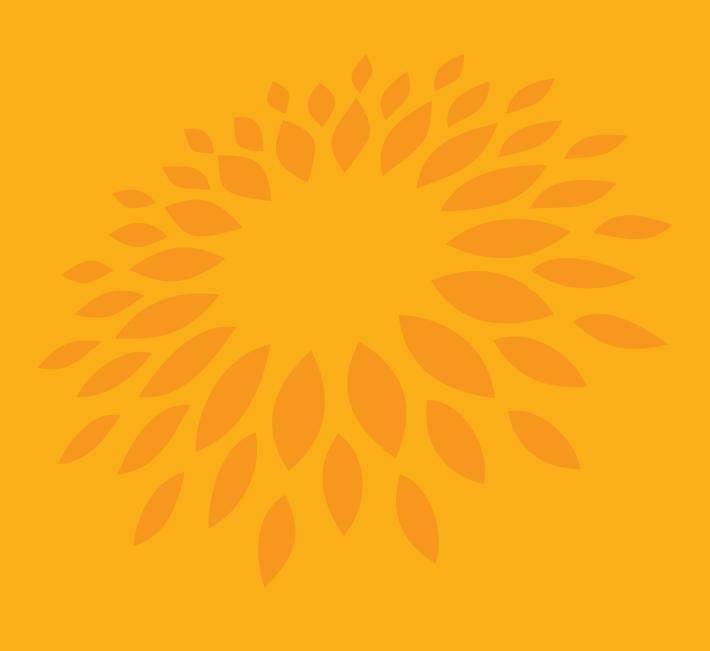


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Working Towards a Healthier India



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# Message from the Chairman

Developing countries worldwide continue to face systemic challenges in ensuring adequate, appropriate, and timely health services for their populations. India has made tremendous progress in addressing the determinants of good health. Several important initiatives now address both proximate and distal determinants, such as the availability of affordable medicines, access to healthcare services, availability of trained manpower, and provision of safe drinking water to citizens. There is now a much greater focus not just on clinical services but also on preventive measures. This approach is a recipe for a healthier population and contributes to the nation's economic growth.



The Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) represents a transformative approach to reimagining public health capacity building in the country. PHFI and its established Indian Institutes of Public Health (IIPHs) work together as a cohesive unit to advance India's public health agenda. Each institution offers academic programs, undertakes program and policy-relevant research, and provides implementation support to the government. This work aligns with broader public health priorities while reflecting each institute's distinctive expertise. The technical team at PHFI is doing commendable work in responding to the country's public health priorities, reflecting the renewed enthusiasm for strengthening public health in the wake of the pandemic. The teams at PHFI have catalyzed several positive developments through their efforts.

Several major developments have occurred in the past year. PHFI has received a Letter of Intent from the Ministry of Education, Government of India, to establish a Deemed-to-be-University (distinct category). This is a significant milestone in PHFI's journey and a step towards further enhancing the opportunity and scope of academics and research. Additionally, PHFI has been ranked second in the global ranking for public health schools, as featured in the International Journal of Public Health. Notably, PHFI is the sole representative from developing countries in the top five globally. This recognition is a testament to the consistent efforts towards attracting and nurturing talent within the organization.

On the governance front, PHFI continues on the path of decentralization. Two more institutions, IIPH Delhi and IIPH Bhubaneswar, are progressing towards devolution into independent societies. They will join the institutes at Gandhinagar, Shillong, and Hyderabad, which are maturing in their respective states as independent entities.

I acknowledge the sincere efforts of Professor Sanjay Zodpey, President of PHFI, and his management team, who, along with the entire PHFI family, have steadfastly advanced the organization's mandate. I am also grateful to the members of the Executive Committee and the General Body for their continued guidance of PHFI in its work. I am confident that PHFI will persist in its sincere efforts to advance public health in the country.

### Mr. Subramanian Ramadorai

Chairman - Public Health Foundation of India

## From the President's Pen

This report is a testament to the collective work and impact of the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) over the past year. It is a result of the dedicated efforts of our colleagues at the Foundation and at the Institutions, all united by the common principle of strengthening public health through evidenceinformed policies and programs. PHFI's continued strong role in advancing the country's public health agenda is a source of pride for all of us, as our activities, guided by excellence, remain relevant to the country's public health needs and priorities.



The Indian Institutes of Public Health, established by PHFI, advance public health research and education into transformational policy and practice. PHFI and the institutes have always emphasised transdisciplinary learning and a multi-sectoral application for impactful action. We believe that high-quality training and an immersive educational experience are the twin ingredients of a successful academic programme. Our multidisciplinary faculty team, who bring diverse experiences, complement our vision of providing globally informed yet locally relevant public health education. They employ various innovative and state-of-the-art teaching methodologies to support the teaching-learning process. We are foraying into online-blended learning formats to enhance the quality and reach of our academic portfolio. Our programs must provide core public health competencies and develop a scientific temper and a spirit of curiosity within young minds.

PHFI has established a broad portfolio in public health that is primarily driven by population health needs. Our teams have expertise in multiple public health domains through a wide range of methodological approaches. Our institutes and researchers have played a pivotal role in securing funding from national and international agencies, demonstrating our financial stability and influence. They have also established impressive track records through their work. While the metrics of projects undertaken, publications, and revenue generated are important, we believe that our work should inform programmes and policies that will improve the health of citizens. Several team members also actively support the State and the Central Government through health system strengthening efforts. Through these efforts, we aim to address local public health challenges by adopting global solutions, encouraging indigenous knowledge systems, developing local solutions, and ensuring the translation of research to policies and programs. The pathway to scale-up and impact will be driven by aligning our work with the needs of populations and building capacity. We want to reignite our collaborative networks between the institutes by hosting our annual research symposium. By providing a platform for our research and implementation teams, we hope to brainstorm innovative ideas for effective action.

Our institutes and teams have actively collaborated with several public health schools, research institutions, and think tanks at the national and global levels. These partnerships bring opportunities to bridge common challenges and widen the scope and impact of our activities. We have been fortunate to be the preferred partner for several institutes and organisations nationwide. Our talent pool is once again growing, and we aim to attract individuals with the right values and competence to further our vision and mission. We have been helped by generous support through institutional strengthening grants for developing niche capacities in climate change, health systems strengthening and online-blended learning.

I am privileged to work under the guidance of our Chairperson, Mr S Ramadorai, and a galaxy of esteemed individuals in the Executive Committee and the General Body. They continue to actively engage and sharpen the focus of our work to enhance impact and equity.

While the health of our citizens is certainly improving, PHFI still has an extremely important role and many more miles to traverse. We must support the positive transformation of India's health systems and advance public health goals. The PHFI family, its network of institutions, and the larger public health community must join hands to amplify public health priorities and actions. This report captures our journey over the last year, but it is built upon the foundation grounded in our team members' immense capabilities. We will continue to march forward and strive for a healthier future to augment the government's efforts towards a Swasth Bharat.

### Professor Sanjay Zodpey

MD, PhD, DSc (Honoris Causa), Doctor of Medicine (honoris causa) FIPHA, FIAPSM, FISCD, FNAMS **President** - Public Health Foundation of India

# **PHFI's Vision, Mission and Values**

# VISION

Our Vision is to strengthen India's public health institutional and systems capability and provide knowledge to achieve better health outcomes for all.

# **MISSION**

- Developing the public health workforce and setting standards
- Advancing public health research and technology
- Strengthening knowledge application and evidenceinformed public health practice and policy

# VALUES

#### Transparency

- Uphold the trust of our multiple stakeholders and supporters
- Honest, open and ethical in all we do, acting always with integrity

#### Impact

- Link efforts to improving public health outcomes, knowledge to action
- Responsive to existing and emerging public health priorities

#### Informed

- Knowledge based, evidence driven approach in all we do
- Drawing on diverse and multidisciplinary expertise, open to innovative approaches

### Excellence

- Aim for highest standards in all aspects of our work
- Encourage, recognise and celebrate our achievements

### Independence

- Independent view & voice, based on research integrity & excellence
- Support academic and research freedom, contributing to public health goals and interests

### Inclusiveness

- Strive for equitable and sustainable development, working with communities
- Collaborate and partner with other public health organization

# **PHFI Executive Committee Members**

S. No.	Name of the Member	Position in the Society	Designation
1	Mr. S. Ramadorai	Chairperson	Former Vice Chairman, Tata Consultancy Services
2	Prof K Srinath Reddy	Member	Founder (Past) President and Honorary Distinguished Professor of Public Health (Served as President (PHFI) till 31st October 2022)
3	Prof. Sanjay Zodpey	Member	President-Public Health Foundation of India
4	Dr. Rati Godrej	Member	Physician and Industrialist
5	Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad	Member	Former Member, National Disaster Management Authority and Former DG Health, Government of J&K, India
6	Mr. Lav Agarwal	Member	Former Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India,
7	Ms Vandana Shroff	Member	Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas
8	Mr. Natarajan Ranganathan	Member	Co-Founder, Foundation Partners
9	Mr. Atul Nishar	Member	Founder and Chairman Emeritus, Hexaware Technologies Limited
10	Lt Gen Dr M D Venkatesh	Member	Vice Chancellor (Retd), Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)
11	Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi	Member	Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)
12	Prof. K P Krishnan	Member	Former Secretary, Government of India
13	Dr Girija Vaidyanathan	Member	Former Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu
14	Lt. General Madhuri Kanitkar (Retd)	Member	Vice- Chancellor Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik
15	Mr. Srinivasa Raju Chintalapati	Member	Chairman, iLabs Group



## PHFI, IIPHs and Centres for Excellence

- Recognized as the second top public health institution globally as per the **Public Health Academic Ranking (PHAR)** in 2024
- Secured the top rank in the Health sector category in the **SCIMAGO Institutional Rankings** among all Indian Institutes
- The University of Sydney awarded **Prof Sanjay Zodpey** a Doctor of Medicine (Honoris causa) for his contributions to public health in India and worldwide.
- **Prof Sanjay Zodpey** was a recipient of the 'Outstanding Faculty Award: Health Professions' for being the most research-proficient faculty of India in 2023, by CAREERS 360.
- **Prof Sanjay Zodpey** Ranked #1 in India in the category of Best Scientists in the field of Social Sciences and Humanities for two consecutive years, based on the D-index (Discipline H-index) metric, by Research.com, a leading academic platform for researchers.
- **Prof. Sanjay Zodpey and 17 researchers from PHFI have** been recognized in the World Rankings of the 'Top 2 per cent' scientists in Tropical Medicine for three consecutive years. This global ranking across all scientific fields was conducted by a team of scientists led by Stanford University.

Organised Alphabetically

- Awasthi, Ashish
- Basu, Saurav
- Dandona, Rakhi
- Dandona, Lalit
- Goenka, Shifalika
- Golechha, Mahaveer
- Jindal, Rahul M.
- Kumar, G. Anil
- Mathur, Manu Raj
- Mavalankar, Dileep
- Murthy, G. V.S.
- Pandey, Anamika
- Prabhakaran, Dorairaj
- Reddy, K. Srinath
- Selvaraj, Sakthivel
- Singh, Kavita
- Zodpey, Sanjay

- Prof Dorairaj Prabhakaran is ranked #6, Dr. G. Anil Kumar is ranked #7, and Prof K. Srinath Reddy is ranked #8 in India for the 2024 Edition of Research.com ranking of the Best Medicine Scientists.
- The IIPH Delhi Team (2nd-year MSc and MPH students) was awarded the Top Regional Team Prize at the Indo-Pacific Global Health Case Competition, organised by the University of Melbourne on 18th September 2023. The team competed against 18 teams from across Asia and the Pacific Region.
- **Dr. Sandul Yasobant** has been recognized as an RSTMH Global Assessor by the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene on 10 May 2023.
- **Dr. Sandul Yasobant** was awarded the title of SAGE (One Health) Mentor by The ECHO Network on April 4, 2023.
- **Dr. Sandul Yasobant** was honoured with the Excellence Award in the Medico-Social field by SWASTHYACON2023 on February 28, 2023.
- **Dr Sandul Yasobant** was awarded the title of **Lancet Fellow** by the Lancet Citizen's Commission.
- Dr Sailesh Mohan has won an American Heart Association 2024 Paul Dudley White International Scholar Award for an abstract submitted to the Hypertension Sciences Scientific Sessions 2024.

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The award is presented to the primary author of the highest ranked abstract submitted from each county, to the American Heart Association's Hypertension Scientific Sessions 2024. This award is named for Dr. Paul Doubley White, who was a founding father of the American Heart Association and an early leader in preventive cardiology. It reflects Dr. White's wision for jobbil excellence in cardiovascular science and medicine. Sailesh Mohan and co-authors will be acknowledged during the American Heart Association's Hypertension Scientific Sessions 2024 in Chicago, Illinois, USA, September 5-8, 2024.	To Recognize the Authors with the Highest Ranked Abstract from India at Hypertension Scientific Sessions 2024 Nikhil Srinivasapura Venkateshmurthy, Manisha Dubey, Reena Sehgal, Prashant Jarhyan, Rajesh Khatkar, Shiva Prasad Konkati, Manika Sharm Nicole Ide, Dorairaj Prabhakaran, Sailesh Mohan	

• **Dr. Melari Shisha Nongrum** has been awarded the Fulbright Nehru Visiting Chair at Emory University, Atlanta, USA for January 16 to May 15, 2024.



Training Division at PHFI received a Silver award for the program "Nutrition and mental well-being of school children in tribal India a training program for Principals and teachers" under the category Health Awareness Campaign of the Year at the 9th India Health and Wellness Summit and Awards (IHW) on 26th April, 2024

**Dr Pushkar Kumar** has represented PHFI & participated as a member of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in the following Sectional Committees of BIS. Dr. Dilip Jha is the alternate Member in each of these committees

- Principal Member of the Medical Equipment and Hospital Planning Division Council (MHDC)
- Health Informatics Sectional Committee
- Hospital Bio-Medical Waste Management and Infection Control Sectional Committee of BIS



# Testimonials from Collaborators and Stakeholders

"Our collaboration with the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) under the USAID-funded, JSI-led Tuberculosis Implementation Framework Agreement (TIFA) has been pivotal in supporting the National TB Elimination Program (NTEP). With USAID's vital support, we have made significant progress in accurately estimating TB mortality in India, delivering both comprehensive data and valuable process insights at community and health system levels. This partnership underscores our shared dedication to combating tuberculosis and improving TB-related health outcomes across the country."



Dr. Venkatesh Roddawar Project Director, India Tuberculosis Implementation Framework Agreement (TIFA) JOHN SNOW INDIA Pvt. Ltd



**Dr. Geeta Dahiya** Deputy Civil Surgeon and Program Officer, Sonipat

"We have been working with the PHFI Sonipat team for over 10 years. The team has continuously supported us through the NP-NCD program and collaborated with us in organising key health promotion events such as health talks, walkathons, awareness campaigns, and NCD screening camps throughout the year. I am impressed by the professionalism and dedicated efforts of the entire PHFI Sonipat team".

"Through National Health Mission Sonipat, I have been collaborating with the PHFI Sonipat team. I got technical support from the PHFI team to draft media reports for general public awareness and to coordinate public health events with district health officials. Apart from that, I found that their field workers did a very good job of conducting lifestyle counselling during the screening and health camps. I wish the PHFI Sonipat team all the best for their projects."

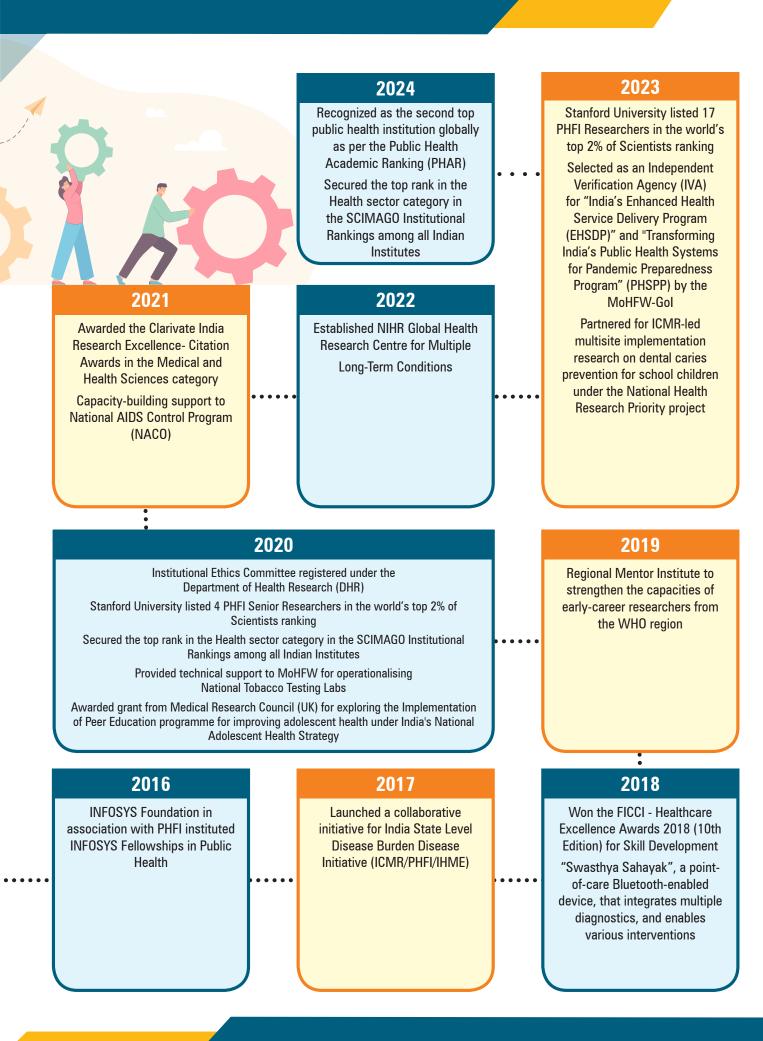


**Dr. Priyanka** District Program Coordinator, National Health Mission, Sonipat

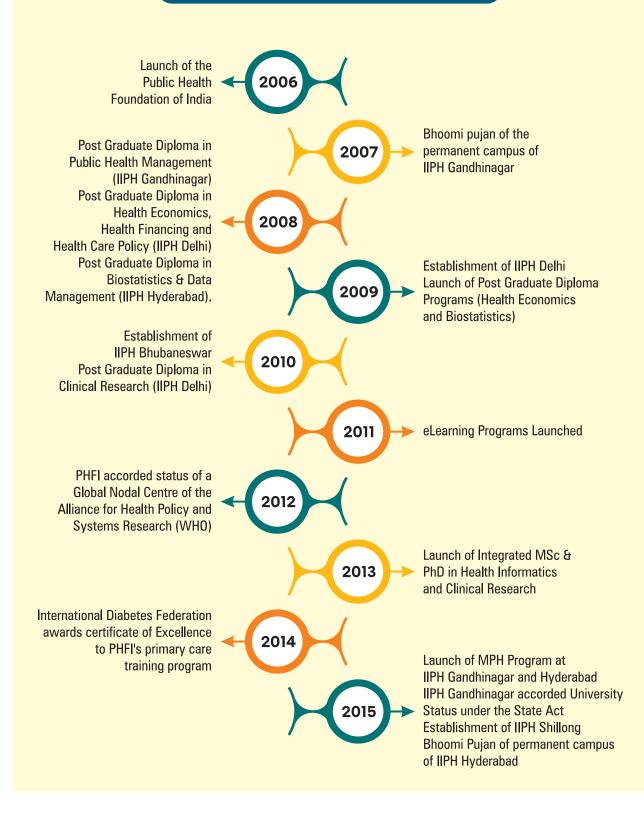


18.03.2024: Certificate of appreciation presented to the PHFI Sonipat team by Civil Surgeon, District Hospital, Sonipat for their excellent contribution to promoting the health and wellness of people

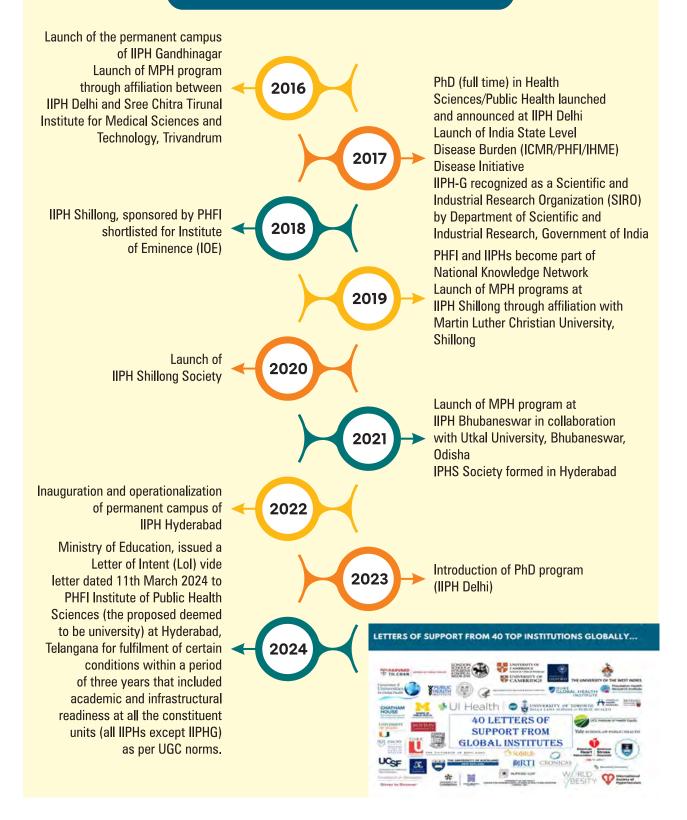




## Academic Journey (2006-2024)



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# **Overview of Academic Programmes** and Achievements

PHFI's core mandate is to strengthen public health education in the country by offering highquality, long-term academic programs and short-term training programs delivered through a multipronged, cross-cutting and integrated approach to education. This capacity building is central to PHFI's vision for strengthening India's public health institutional and systems capacity for better health outcomes. PHFI has purposefully designed its academic programs to cater to a diverse audience, spanning the public and private sectors. PHFI offers multiple programs for stakeholders across the spectrum and several certificate programs (in eLearning & on-campus mode) that contribute to skill enhancement.

Academic programs	Affiliating body/institution
PhD in Public Health PhD in Hospital Administration	Indian Institute of Public Health- Gandhinagar - Gujarat, India (A University under State Government Act)
PhD in Sciences	Indian Institute of Public Health- Delhi in collaboration with Academy of Scientific & Innovative Research (AcSIR)
Integrated MSc & PhD in Clinical Research	Indian Institute of Public Health-Delhi (in collaboration with Academy of Scientific & Innovative Research (AcSIR) - An Institute of National Importance established by Act of Parliament)
Master of Public Health (MPH)	At IIPH-Gandhinagar: offered by Indian Institute of Public Health -Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India (A university under State Government Act) At IIPH-Hyderabad: affiliated to Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences, Telangana At IIPH-Delhi: affiliated to Academy of Scientific & Innovative Research (AcSIR) - An Institute of National Importance established by Act of Parliament) At IIPH-Shillong: In collaboration with Martin Luther Christian University, Shillong At IIPH-Bhubaneswar: In collaboration with Utkal University
Master of Hospital Administration (MHA)	Indian Institute of Public Health- Gandhinagar Gujarat, India (A University under State Government Act)
Master of Public Health - Public Health Nutrition (MPH PHN)	Indian Institute of Public Health- Gandhinagar Gujarat, India (A University under State Government Act)
MSc in Health Economics and Technology Assessment	Offered at IIPH-Shillong: In collaboration with Martin Luther Christian University, Shillong
Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management (PGDPHM)	Offered by Indian Institute of Public Health - Delhi, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Bhubaneswar - Supported under National Health Mission (NHM), MoHFW, Govt of India
Bachelor of Science in Public Health	Offered by Indian Institute of Public Health - Shillong in collaboration with Martin Luther Christian University, Shillong

### On-campus academic programs as on July 2024

# eLearning Programs

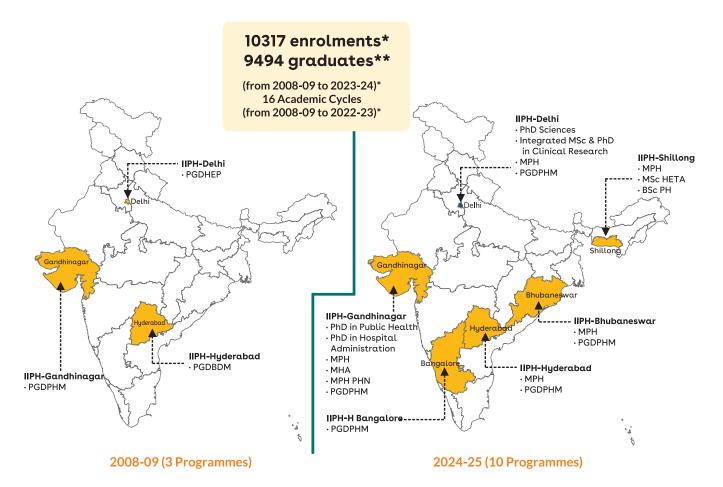


Sr. No.	Name of the Programs	Duration	Offering Institution
1.	ePost Graduate program in Public Health Nutrition	l year	IIPH - Delhi
2.	ePost Graduate program in Epidemiology	l year	IIPH - Delhi
3.	ePost Graduate program in Management of Reproductive & Child Health programs	l year	IIPH - Delhi
4.	ePost Graduate program in Public Health & Hospital Management for Nursing & Allied Health Professionals	l year	IIPH- Gandhinagar
5.	ePost Graduate program in Public Health Services Management	l year	IIPH-Bhubaneswar
6.	ePost Graduate program in Health Economics, Health Care Financing and Policy	l year	IIPH - Delhi
7.	ePost Graduate program in Health Promotion	l year	PHFI
8.	eCourse in Research Methodology	6 months	IIPH- Gandhinagar
9.	eCourse on Monitoring & Evaluation of Health Programs	6 months	IIPH-Delhi
10.	eCourse in Advanced Hospital Management	6 months	IIPH- Gandhinagar
11.	eCourse in Clinical Research Methods	4 months	IIPH-Delhi
12.	eCourse in Maternal, Infant, Young Child and Adolescent Nutrition (MIYCAN)	4 months	IIPH-Delhi
13.	eCourse on Career Development in Public Health	4 months	PHFI
14.	eCourse on Tobacco Control	3 months	PHFI
15.	eCourse in Health, Safety & Environment Management	3 months	IIPH- Gandhinagar
16.	eCourse in Effective Grant Writing in Public Health	3 months	IIPH-Gandhinagar
17.	eCourse in Systematic Review & Meta-Analysis	3 months	IIPH-Gandhinagar
18.	eCourse in Basic Dermatology	3 months	IIPH-Gandhinagar
19.	eCourse in Digital Health: Principles and Practice	3 months	IIPH-Gandhinagar

# **Our Academic Journey**

- 10 on-campus programs & 19 eLearning programs [2023-24]
- 10,317 on-campus and 10,576 eLearning enrollments
- 9494 on-campus & 7857 eLearning graduates till date
- 557 scholarships awarded for on-campus students
- 93% placements since inception for on-campus graduates
- 24,392 participants trained, and 863 short-term trainings conducted till date
- 42038 participants in training of Primary care Physicians
- Rich pool of 55 full-time faculty members, 79 adjunct faculty members, 418 Research and Technical support staff
- Multiple national and international academic collaborations
- Regular participant feedback is solicited as part of the quality improvement loop
- Academic systems and processes in place to offer state-of-the-art learning experience

### Scale up of On-Campus Academic Programs at IIPHs



### **Students Achievement**

#### **Future Research Talent** PHFI has collaborated with The Australian Awards - India Instituted by National University (ANU) for the The Australian National University (ANU) Future Research Talent (FRT) 2024 The Future Research Talent (FRT) is a competitive and prestigious program that attracts the very best international students from high-quality Indian institutions and provides them exposure to ANU research in the Science, (MDu CR, IPH Dally) Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine disciplines. FRT program provides. successful scholars an opportunity to travel to ANU in 2024 to undertake research projects, with each FRT scholar receiving AUD\$ 8,500 to support their travel to Canberra, Australia and 4 students from IIPHs selected for the program

Six students from MPH and MSc Clinical Research from IIPH Delhi were awarded Top Regional Team prize at the Indo Pacific Global Health Competition organized by The University of Melbourne (UoM)

cover living costs there.

The team competed with 18 teams across Asia and Pacific Region



Students with Professor Nicola Phillips and UoM team

"The case competition allowed us to delve deep and find solutions to multi-faceted challenges like climate change and childhood malnutrition in resource constrained settings. One of our major takeaways from this experience was learning to work cohesively in a team, as we learned to bounce ideas off of each other, accept each other's opinions and really showcase each other's strengths whilE keeping the team as the priority. Finally the global recognition was a cherry on the top reminding us that our efforts had been fruitful."

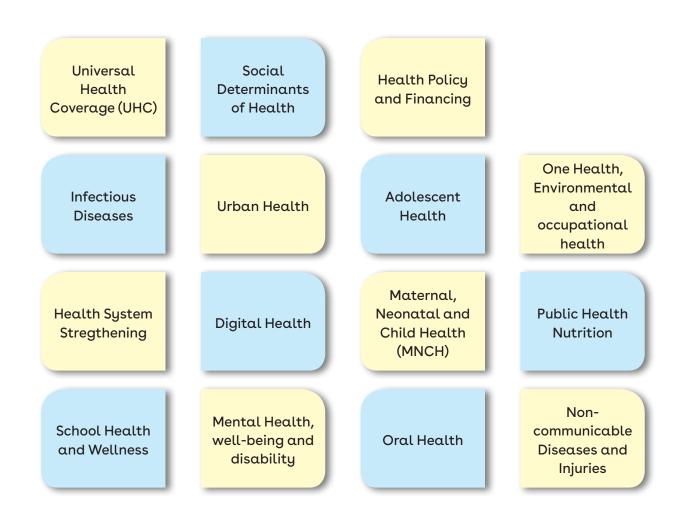


Arka Ghosh, MSc Clinical Research student, IIPH Delhi

# Overview of Research and Implementation Projects

Since 2006, PHFI has built a substantial knowledge base and fostered cross-learning platforms. PHFI engages in high impact research to produce scientific evidence to promote public health and then help translate it into actionable policies and programmes. It envisages building a cadre of well-trained, multi-disciplinary, public health researchers through several capacity development initiatives and research grants. PHFI recognises scientific curiosity as fundamental to research and endeavours to cultivate an enabling environment for faculty, staff, researchers, and students to undertake research in various disciplines of public health and drive the research agenda at PHFI and IIPHs. PHFI has made prolific progress in developing research collaborations, fostering partnerships with national entities, international organizations, and maintaining a strong partnership with diverse funders. This extensive network highlights PHFI's commitment to advancing public health through collaborative research and funding.

Since its establishment in 2006, research has been an important pillar spanning across a wide range of public health disciplines, diseases, determinants and health systems components. These areas have been identified based on the health priorities identified by the National Health Mission (NHM) of India, the Millennium Development Goals and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. PHFI also led the development of an India-relevant indicator framework for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) targets related to health. PHFI has been undertaking research and implementation projects across a wide spectrum of issues related to public health:



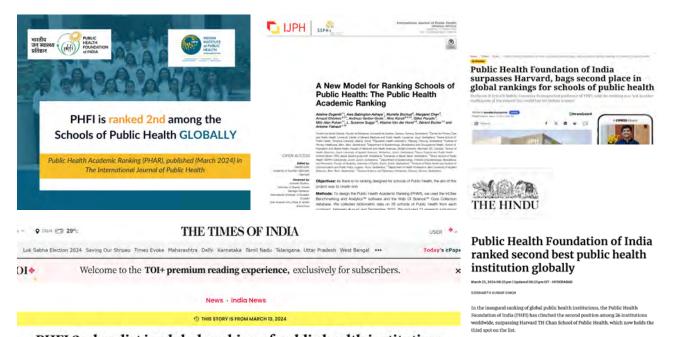
An innovative model adopted by PHFI was to competitively select multi-disciplinary researchers and train them in public health universities in the UK, USA, Australia and Canada, with a mandate of returning to India to teach and conduct public health research. A total of 88 professionals were trained in the Future Faculty Programme (47) from 2006 to 2011 and Wellcome Trust Capacity Strengthening Strategic Award (41) from 2008-2017 and recruited to IIPHs to launch Masters and PhD courses, trainings and research in Public Health.



### Prof. Monika Arora

Vice-President (Research and Health Promotion) PHFI

# **Research Achievements 2023-2024**



### PHFI 2nd on list in global ranking of public health institutions

Public Health Foundation of India (PHF) has been ranked second top public health institution globally, ahead of Harvard's T H Chan School of Public Health, Swiss School of Public Health and Bloomberg School of Public Health in Johns Hopkins. On top is London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. The project was almed at creating a madel for ranking of public health Institutions The rankings, published in the International Journal of Public Health, stem from a pliot project aimed at establishing a comprehensive bibliometric order of schools of public health worldwide. Spearheaded by an independent consortium of researchers,

Peer-reviewed Research Publications	PHAR Ranking	Institution and University Ranking	World's Top Scientists Ranking
<b>4706</b> publications to date (2007-2024), with an average impact factor of 17.21	Recognized as the <b>second top</b> public health institution globally as per the Public Health Academic Ranking (PHAR) in 2024	Secured the <b>top</b> <b>rank</b> in the Health sector category in the SCIMAGO Institutional Rankings among all Indian Institutes	17 PHFI researchers were listed by Stanford University among the world's top 2% of scientists for 2023

### **Publications in Peer Reviewed Journals**

The success of research studies and implementation projects can also be measured from a series of bibliographic parameters, including the number of publications in top scientific peerreviewed journals. PHFI has published nearly 4800 articles in national and international peerreviewed journals, with an overall Impact Factor (IF) of 17.12.

	Number of Publications	Impact factor	h-Index (Google scholar)	i10 Index (Google scholar)
2007-2024	4813	17.09	88	398
2023-2024	484	13.01		

# Snapshot of the Research & Implementation Projects

PHFI has been engaged in research, implementation and capacity-building activities addressing a wide spectrum of public health issues. These activities are supported by an extensive network across the country and globally, fostering vibrant research and scientific communities. This collaborative approach aligns with PHFI's mission to generate evidence, provide policy recommendations, and impact public health outcomes in India. Over the past year, PHFI has made significant strides in research and implementation projects, focusing on themes such as:

- Infectious diseases
- Non-communicable diseases (NCDs)
- Injuries
- Health systems and policy strengthening
- Environmental and occupational health
- One Health
- Health promotion
- Adolescent health
- Maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH)
- Public Health Nutrition
- Health technologies

## Infectious diseases

In the realm of infectious diseases, PHFI has explored the transmission and impact of COVID-19 variants, improved tuberculosis (TB) mortality estimation, enhanced malaria treatment protocols, and promoted influenza vaccination.

• PHFI is one of the Partners collaborating with the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP). This partnership is highlighted in the India TB Report 2024, released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare-Government of India.



Training of field staff in Visakhapatnam under Project INDO-EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM FOR NEXT GENERATION INFLUENZA VACCINE INNOVATION (INCENTIVE) that aims to address the global health and economic challenge posed by influenza infections and reduce the worldwide burden resulting from outbreaks.

## Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)

In tackling NCDs, PHFI has advanced cardiovascular health through:

- Early screening and risk management initiatives
- Investigated oral health inequalities influenced by commercial determinants like the sugar and tobacco industries.
- NCD Risk Factor prevention in various Health Promotion Settings eg. Schools and colleges

### **Environmental and One Health**

PHFI is actively engaged in impactful research across environmental and One Health domains, focusing on critical areas such as climate resilience, sustainable healthcare facilities, and zoonotic disease control. These efforts not only aim to improve public health infrastructure and practices but also emphasize interdisciplinary collaboration to address emerging health threats at the human-animal-environment interface. By generating evidence and implementing scalable solutions, PHFI's research contributes significantly to advancing environmental sustainability, healthcare resilience, and community health outcomes in India.



Field Work-A CONTINGENT VALUATION STUDY



Eastern Region Leadership conclave on healthcare sustainability and climate action was organised by IIPH B in association with Health Care Without Harm - Global

### Adolescent health

PHFI is actively promoting adolescent health to prevent risk factors and improve health outcomes, tackle health disparities, and advocate evidence-based strategies in India. Collaborating with MoHFW, PHFI explored the Peer Education program under RKSK, highlighting peer educators' engagement in addressing adolescent health needs under funding from the Medical Research Council, UK. The Results of this study conducted in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra were disseminated to 11 states of India in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India in August 2023.

A follow-up study was conducted with WHO-SEARO, and mapped national-level peer education programs in SEAR countries. The findings provide valuable insights for policymakers to develop effective, sustainable interventions for adolescent health and well-being in the region.



August 1, 2023: National Dissemination Workshop organized by PHFI under the guidance of MoHFW-Gol on strengthening the Peer Education programme under Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK), New Delhi

## Maternal, Child, and Neonatal Health (MCNH)

Extensive research in maternal, child, and neonatal health has contributed to crucial evidence and frameworks for policy formulation and implementation, addressing significant health challenges and improving nationwide maternal and neonatal health outcomes.



Venous blood collection from children by trained phlebotomists in an urban primary health centre in Bengaluru under the project COINCIDE State-level workshop organized by PHFI in collaboration with UNICEF on Improving the quality and coverage of Antenatal Care (ANC) in India



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The launch of Project CTRITH (Centre for Training, Research and Innovation in Tribal Health), for establishing the CHIGURU Adivasi birth cohort to study the effects of tobacco and alcohol use among tribal populations

## Public Health Systems, Policy, and Financing

PHFI has undertaken extensive research in Public Health Systems, Policy, and Financing, focusing on enhancing healthcare delivery and policy implementation across India. The research spans various domains, including health system strengthening, policy formulation, and financing mechanisms. PHFI undertook initiatives like the India Primary Healthcare Support Initiative (IPSI) to bolster comprehensive primary health care, emphasizing service readiness and integrated quality care across several states. These efforts are crucial for advancing public health outcomes, informing policy decisions, and ensuring equitable access to healthcare services nationwide.



Preparing Detailed Project Report (DPR) to establish Kerala Centre for disease control and prevention (KCDC), under the aegis of the health department of the State Government of Kerala

## **Health Technology**

PHFI's research in health technology focuses on deploying innovative solutions to enhance healthcare delivery and outcomes.

- One significant project is the Swasthya Sahayak platform, which supports maternal health and public awareness through community volunteers called "Swasthya Sakhi." This initiative screens populations for pregnancy, anaemia, hypertension, diabetes, and other health parameters using the Swasthya Sahayak device. High-risk cases receive teleconsultations, and entrepreneurship hubs provide diagnostic services, significantly impacting maternal and preventive health.
- Another key project involves the evaluation of robotic surgery, funded by Gujarat Gas Limited, aiming to assess the impact of robotic surgical technologies on healthcare delivery. These efforts highlight PHFI's commitment to leveraging technology to improve healthcare access, quality, and efficiency, with implications for policy-level decisions and broader healthcare strategies.







Swasthya Sahayak platform for supporting maternal health and creating public awareness on preventive health measures

## **Technical Support to Governments**

PHFI plays a pivotal role in supporting the Indian government through technical support, acting as Technical Support Units, and providing extensive technical assistance. Key initiatives include:

- The ADARSH project, which addresses the shortage of medical specialists by implementing the Diplomate of National Board (DNB) and College of Physicians & Surgeons (CPS) programs in district hospitals, thereby improving specialist services and healthcare equity in underserved areas. The project has a presence in 104 districts out of 263 Indian districts (40% of all districts in eight states covered). A total number of 2017 graduates have passed out DNB and CPS programs and a total number of 1236 seats have been accredited for DNB and CPS programs with currently 1700 students undergoing DNB and CPS programs.
- The Public Health Systems for Pandemic Preparedness Programme (PHSPP) and Enhanced Health Service Delivery Program (EHSDP) programs further illustrate PHFI's commitment to enhancing India's health systems. The PHSPP program strengthens pandemic preparedness through performance-driven, results-based financing and surveillance of infectious diseases, supporting the Pradhan Mantri - Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission. The EHSDP program focuses on increasing the utilization and quality of primary healthcare services and strengthening health sector governance across seven priority states.
- PHFI's role as an Independent Verification Agency (IVA) ensures accountability and effective implementation of these programs, significantly contributing to the transformation and resilience of India's public health infrastructure.

## **Trainings in Public Health**

In line with our pivotal mission, PHFI is resolutely committed to enhancing the capabilities of diverse stakeholders crucial to the advancement of public health in the nation. Central to this endeavour is a multifaceted array of training initiatives, focusing not only on the physicians but also a wide spectrum of healthcare professionals, researchers, and other vital contributors to the public health landscape. While IIPHs play a central role in conducting comprehensive academic programs, PHFI also run workshops and short-term e-courses, developed to offer timely capacity-building opportunities and foster a culture of continuous learning. These workshops and e-courses serve as dynamic platforms, addressing the evolving needs and challenges faced by stakeholders across the public health spectrum.

## **Research Capacity Strengthening**

Additionally, supporting Post-Doc fellows, sponsorship of PhD candidates and public health research training fellowship programs further exemplify PHFI's commitment to building research capacity and improving health outcomes. These opportunities provide young and mid-career researchers with a unique platform to build their research skills and become independent researchers. By facilitating knowledge dissemination, skill refinement, and the exchange of best practices, PHFI empower individuals and teams to navigate the public health ecosystem with precision and confidence. The NIHR Global Health Research Centre for Multiple Long-Term Conditions (2022-2027) collaborates with international and national institutions to build research capacity through Master's, PhD, and post-doctoral programs, as well as training frontline health workers in innovative health system interventions.

A detailed description of research studies and implementation projects undertaken in 2023-24: https://phfi.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/240904-Research-studies-Implementation-projects\_ Annual-Report-2023-24.pdf

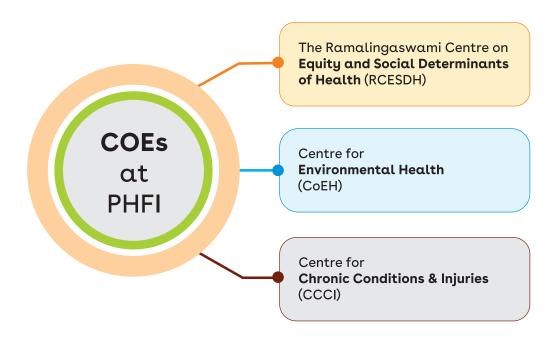
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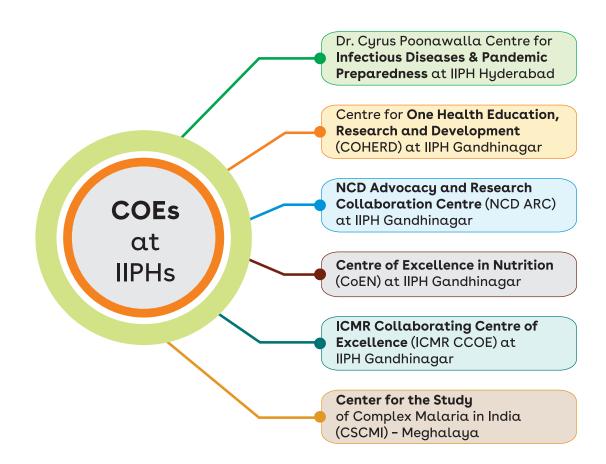


# Indian Institutes of Public Health (IIPHs) and Centers of Excellence (CoE)

PHFI established a network of five Indian Institutes of Public Health (IIPH) in Delhi, Gandhinagar, Hyderabad, Bhubaneshwar and Shillong. Besides, an ancillary centre has been established in Bengaluru (Karnataka) with the State Government. These institutes established under the aegis of the Foundation, offer on-campus and eLearning academic programs and short-term trainings in various public health domains and are engaged in program and policy-relevant research. These institutes help PHFI in translating its mission of developing and strengthening the capacity of the public health workforce through education, training and research and setting standards in public health education. Their chief task is to educate and nurture human resources by providing quality training, to graduates from different disciplines, in various public health domains thus contributing to overall national health goals. Each IIPH works closely with state governments to conduct research relevant to the home state and surrounding regions. They aim to make education and research activities relevant in content and context to all of India while attaining standards which are qualitatively comparable with the best in the world.

Four specialized Centers of Excellence (CoEs) at PHFI and a few others at IIPHs are spearheading PHFI's agenda in distinct thematic areas. These CoEs stand at the forefront of PHFI's mission, to raise awareness and strengthen research, training and education in high-priority areas of public health in India.





## Indian Institute of Public Health Bhubaneswar (IIPH-B)

The Indian Institute of Public Health-Bhubaneswar (IIPHB) was established in 2010 following an MoU between the Government of Odisha and PHFI, with operations commencing in August of the same year. The institute aims to develop skilled public health professionals, conduct high-quality research, and support public health policy in Odisha and eastern India. The institute stands as an example in the realm of public health, committed to bolstering the healthcare landscape in Odisha. Through strategic collaborations with the Government of Odisha, IIPH-Bhubaneswar has been at the forefront of transformative initiatives aimed at enhancing healthcare accessibility, addressing emerging challenges, and strengthening the public health system.

IIPH-Bhubaneswar has led significant reforms in human resources for health through research, influencing revised posting policies, incentive mechanisms for remote areas, and performance appraisals. The research also focused on improving public health services by enhancing governance, health system management, community participation and evaluation of public health interventions. IIPH-Bhubaneswar researched on issues in reproductive and child health, chronic diseases, tobacco control, social determinants of health, and tribal health needs. The institute's work in health economics and financing provides inputs for universal health coverage, while our expanded focus on environmental health aims to strengthen health system resilience to climate change. Through the training, over 300 in-service medical doctors and 400+ public health professionals have completed the training organized by the institute, with more than 1,000 trained through short-term programs. The alumni are actively improving the state's health system at various levels.

The institute's technical support initiatives have established strong credibility and trust within government departments, particularly the Health and Family Welfare Department of Odisha. This solid foundation enables the institute to seamlessly integrate research with capacity-building efforts, forming a comprehensive approach to deal with public health challenges. The close partnerships with government officials position as a valuable ally, leading to institute inclusion in various Government committees and task forces dedicated to addressing critical public health issues. In a landmark development, the Government of Odisha has allocated 5 acres of land at no cost, marking a significant milestone in our journey.

The institute trained 228 government doctors and 49 others through the Post-Graduate Diploma and Certificate Course in Public Health Management. Self-sponsored professionals included 85 in the diploma program and 52 in the Master of Public Health. Additionally, 418 health professionals completed the e-Post Graduate Certificate, 173 the e-Postgraduate course on laboratory and ethical practices, and 35 staff nurses a special online course. The institute also trained 1,302 professionals through short courses, 120 district officials in disaster management, and 35 officers in hospital preparedness.

The major activities in 2023-24 included developing a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Kerala Centre for Disease Control, providing technical support to the Government of Odisha, and formulating the State Action Plan on Climate Change and Human Health. The centre also contributed to the development of the NHM Public Health Management Cadre and research on public health nutrition, malaria, tribal health, urban health, health technology assessment, and environmental health.

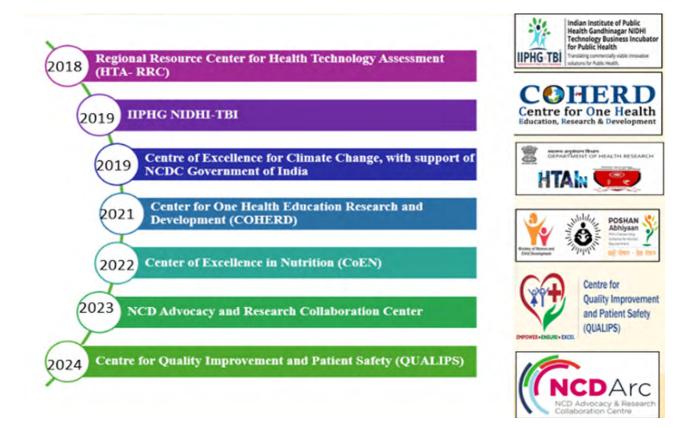
The institute is home to a dynamic and multidisciplinary team of public health professionals, each bringing vital expertise to tackle complex health challenges. The faculty excels in a diverse range of areas, from health systems strengthening and policy development to big data analysis and health economics. Expertise in epidemiology, disease surveillance, and statistical modelling complements our focus on environmental health, social determinants, and public health nutrition. This rich blend of skills and knowledge significantly strengthens the institute's capability to devise comprehensive, evidence-based solutions for pressing public health issues.

## Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar (IIPH-G)

Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar (IIPHG) is India's first Public Health University. The IIPHG is working towards building a healthier India. IIPHG is an example of the visionary leadership of Honorable Shri Narendra Modi (then Honourable Chief Minister of Gujarat), who laid the foundation stone and provided support for establishing the institute in 2008. The government of Gujarat and PHFI entered an MoU in 2007 to establish IIPHG. Under the MoU, the Government of Gujarat allocated land and agreed to share a part of the project cost. IIPHG aims to strengthen the overall health system in the country through education, training, research, and advocacy/policy initiatives. The institute started its operation in July 2008 from its interim location in Ahmedabad with the commencement of its 1st batch of Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management (PGDPHM). In-service medical officers from the states of Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, and Madhya Pradesh were sponsored by the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to attend this course. IIPHG is recognized as a University under IIPHG Act 2015 of the Government of Gujarat.

IIPHG is India's largest Public Health University and is the Hub for Excellence in Public Health Teaching, Public Health Innovation, Research, and Practice. IIPHG is currently registered as a Society under the Societies Act. The institute has a Governing Council with four secretaries of the government as ex-officio members and four representatives of PHFI as members. The Chairperson of IIPHG is an independent person of high repute, and currently, this position is held by Shri. Parimal Nathwani, Director - Corporate Affairs, Reliance Industries Ltd. The institute's technical support initiatives have established strong credibility and trust with various government departments in the state of Gujarat, particularly the Health and Family Welfare Department, Women and Child Development Dept., Tribal Welfare Dept., and Dept. of Education.

IIPHG has trained 190 government doctors and 83 self-sponsored others through the Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management. The total graduates of MPH at IIPHG are 407 and for MHA 153. For the academic year 2024-26, IIPHG is offering Masters of Public Health, Masters of Hospital Administration, Masters of Public Health with Specialization in Public Health Nutrition and PhD in Public health and Hospital Management. IIPHG also offers 6 E-courses with support from Public Health Foundation of India. In 2024, IIPHG has been identified as Collaborating Centre of Excellence for Bio Medical Research by ICMR. IIPHG will be supporting Medical Research Units for Western India.



IIPHG has full time interdisciplinary Fifteen multi-disciplinary faculties. The faculty excels in diverse areas, from Public Health, Health system strengthening and Public health management. There are various centers established at IIPHG including Centre for One Health, NIDHI Techno business Incubation center, CoE for Nutrition, RRC for Health Technology Assessments to name a few.

### Centres at IIPHG

### 1. NCD ARC

NCD Advocacy and Research Collaboration Centre is a global centre aiming to promote excellence in education and research and develop contextual strategies for preventing and managing NCDs. The centre is expected to establish a network of local, national, and international researchers, academicians, and policymakers and contribute actively to reducing the burden of NCDs. It broadens research in Non-communicable diseases, driven by the passion for promoting human health in India and the world.

### 2. Gujarat State Centre of Excellence in Nutrition (CoEN)

IIPHG established a Centre of Excellence in Nutrition in 2023 with support from the NAYARA Energy and Women & Child Development Department, Gujarat. It aims to provide technical support and strengthen existing nutrition-related programmes, monitor and supervise them, develop guidelines, policy documents, knowledge management strategies, training materials, MIS, and build capacity building of the healthcare workforce to combat malnutrition in Gujarat State. CoEN supports three departments of the Government of Gujarat: The Women and Child Development Department; the Education Department and the Health Department.

### 3. HTA-RRC

The Department of Health Research under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, has recognized IIPHG as a Regional Resource Centre for Health Technology Assessment. RRC works with the vision to formulate safe, effective health policies that are patient/populationfocused and cost-effective. The state-level committee is Chaired by the Commissioner and Mission Director NHM, Health and Family Welfare Gujarat.

### 4. IIPHG NIDHI TBI

IIPHG has a Techno Business Incubation Centre NIDHI-TBI that focuses on Public Health with support from DST, India. This centre is also recognized by the Government of Gujarat for its Student Start-up Innovation Programme (SSIP).

### 5. An ICMR Collaborating Centre of Excellence (ICMR CCOE)

IIPHG has been recognized as an ICMR Collaborating Centre of Excellence (ICMR-CCoE) for five years.

### 6. QUALIPS

Centre for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety (QUALIPS) was inaugurated on the 7th Foundation Day of IIPHG by the Commissioner, Shri Harshad Patel, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Gujarat.

7. The Centre for One Health Education, Research, and Development (COHERD) was established at the IIPHG in partnership with the Global Health section of the Institute of Hygiene & Public Health (IHPH) in Bonn, Germany, in 2021. COHERD is dedicated to advancing interdisciplinary research in the field of One Health, with a vision of achieving "One Health for All." While the centre was formally established five years ago, IIPHG has been active in



the One Health domain for over a decade. COHERD is led by Prof. Deepak B. Saxena and co-lead by Dr. Sandul Yasobant, with technical advisory support from Prof. Walter Bruchhausen of the Global Health section. The centre has approximately ten scientists and researchers from various disciplines, including public health, veterinary sciences, environmental sciences, microbiology, dentistry, biotechnology, and homoeopathy. This interdisciplinary expertise enables COHERD to effectively address critical One Health challenges in South and East Asia. The centre's structure is integral to its mission, which involves conducting cutting-edge research, influencing health policy, and delivering comprehensive education and training programs. COHERD's key focus areas within One Health include Zoonotic Diseases and Neglected Tropical Diseases, Antimicrobial Resistance, Health System Strengthening and surveillance, Water Sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and Biosecurity and pandemic Preparedness in South and East Asia.

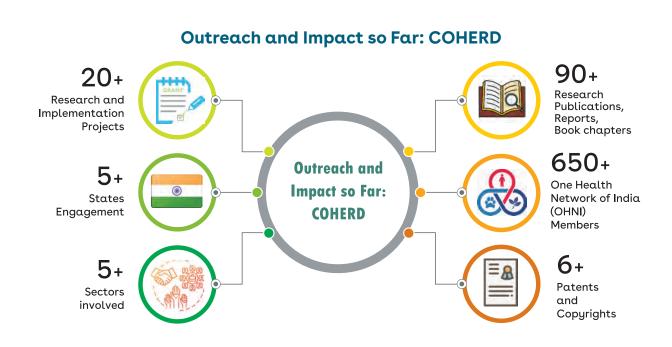
As of 2024, COHERD has completed 13 projects in various domains, including zoonosis, antimicrobial resistance (AMR), health system strengthening & surveillance, WASH, and biosecurity & pandemic preparedness. Additionally, 08 projects are currently ongoing. COHERD has conducted more than 25 training programs and capacity-building initiatives in the field of One Health across India, including in Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan. COHERD is also developing a unique course on One Health evaluation. It has been offering an elective course on One Health & Disease Prevention (OHDP) to its Master of Public Health (MPH) students for the past two years.

COHERD plays a vital role not only at the state government level but also internationally, collaborating with the Government of India and other global One Health initiatives. The centre has made significant contributions to research, with impactful publications and media outreach programs.





A Glimpse of COHERD Capacity building as part of the COHERD Team in action One Health System Strengthening Project



### Indian Institute of Public Health Delhi (IIPH-D)

IIPH-Delhi is a joint initiative of the Government of NCT of Delhi and the PHFI. Located in Delhi-NCR, the operations of IIPH-D began in November 2008 with the launch of the Post Graduate Diploma in Health Economics, Health Care Financing and Health Policy program for mid-career health professionals. Since then, the Institute has expanded its on-campus programs to include the PhD program, the Integrated MSc-PhD program in Clinical Research, the Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management and the Master of Public Health (MPH) program. IIPH-D offers seven advanced eLearning programs delivered through its state-of-the-art eLearning platform. IIPH-D also conducts several short-term training courses and is a MOHFW Centre for training of medical officers in "Hospital Preparedness for Disaster Management" and "Integrated Disease Surveillance Program". The Institute is a vibrant learning community with faculty drawn from diverse fields ranging from Public Health, Community Medicine, Epidemiology, Health Management, Biostatistics, Health Economics, Health Policy, Health Social Sciences, Anthropology and Public Health Nutrition. Recently, IIPH Delhi has been identified as a collaborating centre for Health Technology Assessment by the Department of Health Research.

The Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF), a non-government ranking framework, has ranked IIPH-D (for 2023) at 11th position nationally, 4th in the North zone trailing only behind AIIMS and JNU and 1st place in the state of Haryana.

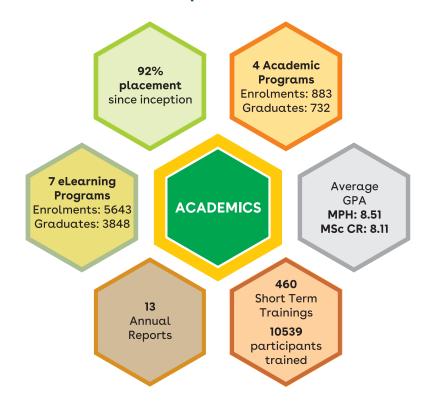
During 2023-24, a total of 47 students were enrolled in in-campus programs, while a total of 361 students were enrolled in eLeaning programs during the period from August 2023 to July 2024. The institute, in 2023-24, successfully conducted 10 training programs in which 307 candidates participated. Three MPH scholars, from 2022-24 batch, were awarded Future Research Talent Fellowships 2024 by Australian National University (ANU). Five MPH students, from 2023-25 batch, received Procter & Gamble (P&G) fellowship. IIPH -D was awarded the top regional team among 17 teams in 'Indo-Pacific Global Case' competition organised by University of Melbourne.

During the year 2023-24, IIPH-D conducted several capacity building initiatives. These included a workshop on the cost of NCD interventions, organized in collaboration with WHO Sri Lanka in Colombo, for 25 technical staff from the Sri Lankan Ministry of Health. IIPH-D partnered with MIT-World Peace University, Pune, and conducted an in-person capacity building workshop in research methodology to 90 participants. The institute also hosted a "Capacity Building on Hospital Preparedness during Public Health Emergencies" program in March 2024, attended by senior hospital administrators from Delhi, Arunachal Pradesh, and Odisha.

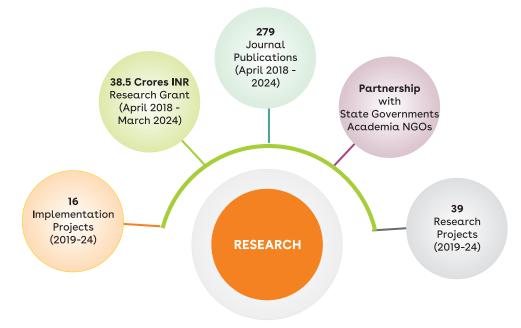
IIPH-D is committed to undertaking impactful public health research. The vibrant research atmosphere at IIPH-Delhi has enabled faculty members to undertake 167 research projects (160 completed and 7 ongoing) since its inception in 2008. Specifically, during the financial year 2023-24, the institute has completed 6 research projects and published 23 research articles in high-impact journals. The faculty from IIPH-D have participated and presented their research findings in various international workshops including the Keystone Symposia 2024 (USA), SICEM 2023 (Seoul Korea), SEAR PHC forum meeting (Dhaka Bangladesh), and 'Regional Workshop on Strengthening Routine Facility Data Analysis and Use' at Paro, Bhutan.

IIPH-D has signed multiple MOUs to advance public health initiatives. These include collaboration Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) to conduct a study on the effect of Ayurveda interventions among adolescents in five tribal districts under the Mission Utkarsh Initiative. A tripartite MOU was signed with 'Alive and Thrive' and the All India Institute of Ayurveda to enhance AYUSH professionals' skills in maternal and child nutrition. IIPH-D partnered with the KIET School of Pharmacy to offer an eCourse in 'Clinical Research Methods' for students of the KIET School of Pharmacy. In February 2024, IIPH-D, joined IIT Bombay's National Disease Modelling Consortium, focusing on infectious diseases like TB. The institute has partnered with PLAN India to offer a Certificate Course on Leadership & Project Management for mid-level managers from vulnerable communities. IIPH-D/PHFI also signed a MoU with the MoHFW to act as an Independent Verification Agency for two key programs: the Transforming India's Health Systems for Pandemic Preparedness Program (PHSPP) and the Enhanced Health System Delivery Program (EHSDP). Additionally, IIPH-D/PHFI has been awarded GFATM grants for capacity building in the North and Central regions for the National AIDS Control Organization (FY 2024-2027), as well as serving as a sub recipient hub for the same period.

### **IIPH Delhi Impact and Outreach**



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### Indian Institute of Public Health Shillong (IIPH-S)

The Indian Institute of Public Health Shillong (IIPHS) was founded in 2014 through a collaboration between PHFI and the Government of Meghalaya, with the aim of establishing a regional institute for public health initiatives. The mandate was to address the dearth of institutional and systemic capacity in public health within the northeastern region of India. In August 2020, to increase local ownership, the institute became autonomous, and began operating under the aegis of the IIPH Shillong Society. This milestone was marked by the formal registration of the Indian Institute of Public Health Shillong Society under the Meghalaya Societies Registration Act XII of 1983 on 19 August 2020.

The IIPH Shillong's mission statement is: To advance equitable health and wellbeing by fostering a culture of excellence in education, research and praxis while challenging existing paradigms through policy and advocacy

Oversight of IIPHS is vested in a Governing Body composed of key stakeholders, including the Principal Secretary of Health and Family Welfare of the Government of Meghalaya, the President of PHFI, the Director of IIPH-Shillong, alongside public health experts from Meghalaya and other states of the Northeast. Thrust Areas of the institute include Infectious Diseases (one health) Maternal and Child Health (Immunization), Adolescent Health, Sexual and Reproductive Health, Nutrition, Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics and Health Economics.

The IIPHS hosts a Centre for the Study of Complex Malaria in India (CSCMI), a collaborative initiative with New York University, USA. IIPHS is also a Regional Resource Hub for Health Technology Assessment in India (RRH HTAIn) for the north-east region, funded by the Department of Health Research (DHR), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOHFW). IIPHS in collaboration with ICAR has established a Zoonotic and Vector-Borne Diseases Research and Training Centre (ZVBDC), a One Health initiative funded by the DBT-WT India Alliance. A Tropical Medicine Research Centre (TMRC) to study soil-transmitted helminths using a One Health approach, funded by NIH USA, has also been established in collaboration with CMC Vellore.

Twelve events were organised to enhance capacity building, including notable workshops, seminars, and public lectures. Among these, a key highlight was the "Regional Consultative Workshop on Research Priority for Providing Accessible and Affordable Healthcare for North East States of India" in collaboration with the Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and Regional Medical Research Centre, Dibrugarh, 21st & 22nd February 2024, State Convention Centre, Shillong.

On the academic front, 135 students have been enrolled in the Masters in Public Health (MPH) program between 2019 and 2023, out of which 65 have already graduated. For the Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BPH) program, 23 students have been enrolled between 2021 and 2023.

IIPHS works closely with the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Meghalaya. In addition, it has several projects funded by the Indian Council of Medical Research, Government of India. A notable recent recognition was that Dr. Rajiv Sarkar and co-authors, Uniqueky Gratis Mawrie, Sampath Kumar, Barshana Goswami and Dr. Sandra Albert recently received the prestigious "JPHP Paper of the Year" by the Journal of Public Health Policy (JPHP) for their research titled "The need for a holistic approach toward pandemic control: lessons from a cross-sectional study on COVID-19 in Meghalaya, India" in the Journal of Public Health Policy (2022) 43:515-529 https://doi.org/10.1057/s41271-022-00380-8. Also, Dr. Melari Shisha Nongrum, Associate Professor & Dean of Academics was awarded the Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Chair for the Spring 2024 semester and was hosted by the Emory Global Health Institute.



A training camp organized by ZVBD Research Center at Ichamati, Meghalaya on January 24, 2024 & attended by village leaders, ASHAs, Anganwadi workers, and community volunteers.



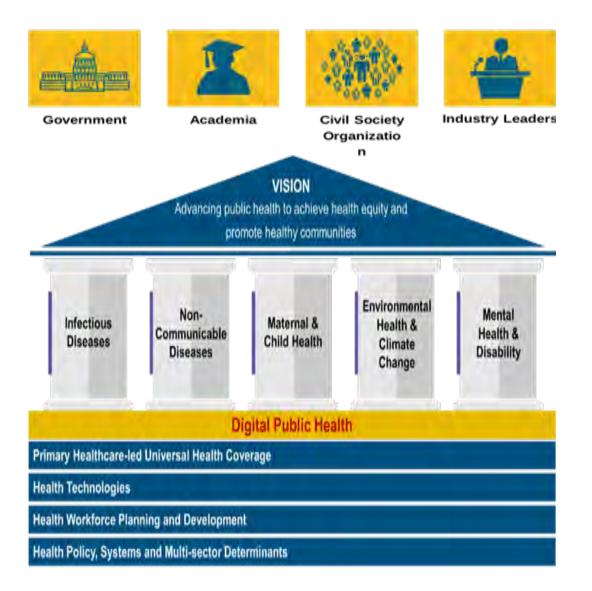
Health and Science Camp at Mawlyngkhung village in Umsning Block, Ri Bhoi District, Meghalaya on December 9, 2022.

### Indian Institute of Public Health Hyderabad (IIPH-H)

IIPH Hyderabad is managed by an empowered society, the Institute of Public Health Sciences Hyderabad (IPHSH). IIPH-H works in the domain of public health education and training, pursues research and advocacy, and supports policy development, as aligned with the public health priorities of the state and the nation. The institute collaborates with various academic, research, and administrative organizations to conduct workshops and conferences, and to undertake public health research and evaluation. The vision of IIPH-H is to raise awareness of public health concerns and raise the capacity of healthcare delivery institutions in the country to meet the challenges of ensuring public health.

### **IIPH-H Represents**

### Partnership for Public Purpose



### Focus Areas of the Institute

### Centers at Indian Institute of Public Health Hyderabad (IIPH-H)

Six different Centers of Excellence (COE's) have been proposed in IIPHH. They are-

- 1. Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla Centre for Infectious Diseases & Pandemic Preparedness (CoE-ID)
- 2. Center for Non-Communicable Diseases
- 3. Center for Maternal and Child Health
- 4. Center for Environmental Health and Climate Change

- 5. Center for Mental Health and Disability
- 6. Center for Digital Public Health (CDPH) is proposed as a common, cross cutting Center.

### Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla Centre for Infectious Diseases & Pandemic Preparedness (CoE-ID)

The Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla CoE-ID is an initiative born out of a visionary partnership between IIPH Hyderabad and Villoo Poonawalla Foundation (VPF). Funded by a generous pledge from VPF, complemented by substantial contributions from esteemed patrons such as the Hetero Foundation, Pragati Printers, Sai Life Sciences, and others, it fructified through the MoU signed on July 22, 2023.

Vision & Mission of CoE-ID is to be the epicentre of pioneering research, cutting-edge technologies, and groundbreaking discoveries and to spearhead interdisciplinary research, foster collaboration, and translate scientific breakthroughs into tangible solutions, thereby addressing the national and global health challenges posed by infectious diseases.

On March 12th, 2024, the ground-breaking ceremony was graced by the presence of a distinguished gathering. The CoE-ID is set to become a pivotal hub for research, innovation, and education. It will play a crucial role in strengthening capacity to respond to pandemics and emerging health threats. A state-of-the-art facility is being constructed, as a focal point for novel research, collaboration, and training, equipping health professionals with the knowledge and tools needed to tackle current and future health challenges. Dr. Anil Kaul, former Clinical Professor and Director of the High Complexity Infectious Diseases





Laboratory at Oklahoma State University, has joined IIPHH to direct the CoE-ID. Research studies, Implementation projects, capacity building Trainings as well as short and degree level courses are some of the planned activities at the CoE-ID. It will have close linkages with the Government, industry, NGOs, laboratory and healthcare facilities, as well as with research institutes, Organizations and Universities, largely owing to the collaborative nature of work of the CoE.

### Center for Digital Public Health (CDPH)

The CDPH will be formally inaugurated soon, and aims to fill the gap of an exclusive Center that focuses on Digital Public Health, with close linkages with the Government, industry, NGOs, healthcare facilities and relevant research institutes. Dr. Madhubala Rentala is the Director of CDPH. The Center envisages working on the following components-

- **Research and Development,** with a focus on the development of digital health technologies, including mobile applications, wearable technologies, health information systems, telehealth, telemedicine, machine learning, artificial intelligence, and big data.
- **Training and Education** on digital health technologies, including courses, workshops, and seminars.
- **Collaboration and Networking** among researchers, healthcare professionals, industry partners, and other stakeholders in the digital health ecosystem.
- **Policy and Advocacy** aspects of digital health, including privacy, security, and ethical considerations.
- Implementation and Evaluation of digital health technologies, including project management, change management, and stakeholder engagement.
- **Community Engagement** to raise awareness of digital health technologies and their potential benefits.

### **Research and Implementation Projects**

- Vaccine Confidence and Hesitancy: The project focuses on understanding and improving acceptance of HPV and COVID-19 vaccines among adolescents and adults. It will develop and assess strategies to boost HPV vaccination rates and address disparities.
- **Pandemic Preparedness and Surveillance:** This initiative aims to strengthen multi-sectoral collaboration to enhance readiness for pandemics and emerging diseases. It will focus on innovative tools and strategies for risk assessment, early warning, and response.
- **Dengue Control:** The project will evaluate various methods to reduce dengue transmission, including vector control, community engagement, and vaccination. It will assess the effectiveness, cost, and feasibility of these interventions.
- **One Health:** This approach integrates human, animal, and environmental health to address issues like zoonoses, antimicrobial resistance, food safety, and climate change.
- Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR): The project aims to combat AMR by promoting the rational use of antimicrobials, developing new medicines, and strengthening surveillance and multisectoral efforts.
- **Cervical Cancer Elimination and HPV Vaccination:** Focused on early detection and vaccination advocacy in Telangana.
- Mental Health Programs: Includes initiatives for school children and entrepreneurs.

### **Capacity Building in Public Health**

Aims to improve the skills and knowledge of public health professionals to tackle current and future health challenges. Overview of the capacity-building training courses in the following five public health areas:

- Vaccine hesitancy
- Pandemic preparedness and surveillance
- Dengue a public health challenge and opportunity
- One Health
- Antimicrobial resistance

### **Training Programs**

For medical colleges, school kids, and colleges. We have planned discussions with international agencies, the government, and medical colleges to raise funding (Government of Telangana, UNICEF, USAID, etc., and medical colleges, and vice-chancellors).

### Academic

- The number of students permitted now is 60 for MPH. Earlier it was 40.
- Fellowships to be raised for MPH students.
- Diploma courses till now were only for Government officials and the Telangana Government was supporting it.
- Involving other stakeholders say Medical, and nursing students for this diploma course, etc.
- Wider publicity by upgrading the website of IIPH, social media, etc.

### New website for IIPH Hyderabad launched https://iiphh.org/

### Institutional Activities (March 2024 - April 2024)

Workshop on Autism conducted on World Autism Day; 2) World Health Day Celebration; 3) Lecture by Dr. Peter Hotez, Global Health Expert organized by AIG & Biological E. Attended by IIPHH Faculty & Students; 4) Lecture by Dr. J. Satyanarayana (Retd IAS), Advisor - World Economic Forum on "Primary Health Care for Universal Health Coverage: The Role of Digital Health"; 5) Groundbreaking Ceremony of Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla Centre for Infectious Diseases & Pandemic Preparedness

### **On-going Projects**

### Project title PI/ Co-PI Name of funder FY24-25

- iRaste Road safety- ABC: Dr. Shailaja T; Intel Consortium
- Child & Adolescent Road Safety: Dr.Shailaja T; UNICEF
- AP state study for redesigning Public Health management: Dr. Rajan Shukla/ Dr. Sirshendu; AP State Government
- Educational Grant for MPH Graduates: Dr. Nirupama A; Y PFIZER limited
- HTA (Health Technology Assessment): Dr. Lipika Nanda; Government of India (DHR)
- Community-based screening for Cancer: Dr. Rajan Shukla; KIMS
- Early Childhood Development: Dr Rajan Shukla: UNICEF

### Workshops

- 1. Certificate course on Quality Assessment in Health care for Nursing Staff
- 2. Health Sector Disaster Preparedness & Response
- 3. Health Technology Assessment in India (HTAIn)
- 4. Capacity building of District Health Officers and Hospital Superintendents, in collaboration with National Disaster Management Authority (Workshop series)

### **Collaborations** @ IIPHH



### An Ancillary Centre at Bengaluru

Our Ancillary Centre in Bengaluru was operationalized through a tripartite MOU between PHFI, IIPH Hyderabad and Government of Karnataka in the year 2011

### Academic

The activities of this Centre were academic programmes, short term training, workshops research and technical support to government through representation in various expert, technical committee of the state and central government

The Tenth batch of post graduate diploma is presently ongoing and in the 10 years, 231 graduates have passed out. Desegrated is as follows MBBS-183, AYUSH-28, Dentist-12, Allied Health-1, Staff Nurse-6, Pharmacist-1, Total-231. Among the graduates 228 have been medical officers from the Health and Family Welfare Department and 3 graduates are private candidates with 100% placement after graduation. The deputed officers are being given promotion as per the provision of departmental rules.

Fellowships: Ongoing - 1, completed - 3 and under review - 2

PhD Programme: Ongoing - 5 and completed - 1

Internship: Ongoing -1, Completed – 31, from Institute of Health Management Research-Bengaluru, NITTE-Mangalore, Mahatma Gandhi University-Kottayam, Manipal University-Manipal, MGM Medical College-Aurangabad, KIMS (RGUHS)-Bengaluru, Prasanna School of Public Health-Manipal, Padmashree School of Public Health (RGUHS)-Bengaluru, Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences-Manipal University, National Law School of India University-Bengaluru, Mount Carmel College-Bengaluru, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, NIMHANS-Bengaluru, KS Hegde Medical Academy-Mangalore, School of Public Health, University of Michigan-US, MS Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences-Bengaluru, Karnataka State Rural Development and Punchayat Raj University-Gadag.

### **Short Courses & Trainings**

### Short-courses/workshops conducted

Bengaluru Centre has conducted 16 short-courses/trainings on Orientation on Public Health to AYUSH Doctors, Supportive Supervision to nodal officers, Qualitative Research Method, Management of Diabetic Retinopathy, Disaster preparedness of hospitals in public health emergencies.

### Short courses on the anvil

Disaster Management of Public Health Emergencies for District Health Officers, Technical support and training & needed support to the state under National program on climate change for human health, Research Methodology training for DNB Faculty jointly with SIHFW, Health Technology Innovations.

### Advocacy and Technical Support Technical Guidance, Policy support to Government.

Bengaluru Centre is providing Advocacy and technical/ policy support to Govt. of Karnataka in various subjects, prominent among them are Universal Health Coverage, Disaster Management, and strengthening Primary Health care through short-term courses.

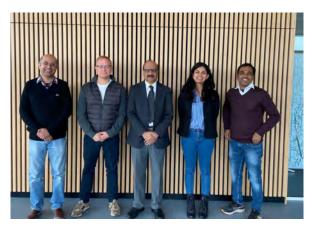
# Centers of Excellence (CoEs) at PHFI

### Centre for Environmental Health (CEH)

The Centre for Environmental Health is a centre for knowledge production and dissemination in the interdisciplinary field of environmental health at PHFI. CEH was launched in May 2016 by the former Indian Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Shri JP Nadda. The Centre's vision and mission is guided by an advisory committee. CEH has a vision to strengthen India's capabilities in the evolving field of environmental health across the country and in India's unique position in the international environmental and policy landscape. CEH envisions building climate-resilient health systems in India that can respond to, cope with, recover from and adapt to climate related shocks and stress, to bring sustained improvements in



PHFI and ICMR NIREH MoU Signing Ceremony



PHFI and University of South Denmark MoU Signing

populations health, despite an unstable climate. The mission of the Centre is to be a leading centre on environmental health on research, teaching, training and capacity building, community outreach, and providing evidence-informed policy guidance to all relevant stakeholders. The Centre follows a REACT approach that consists of 5 elements-Research, Education, Advocacy, Collaboration and Technical Assistance. CEH has been established on 5 pillars- the 5I's- Integration, Innovation, Impact, Institutionalization, Investments. CEH follow a D pathway for processes and provide end-to-end solutions. The D pathway involves a) Data, b) Diagnosis, c) Design d) Demonstration, e) Documentation, f) Dissemination, and g) Diffusion

The CEH has an interdisciplinary team of academicians and practitioners, coming from disciplines like public health, environmental planning, management, etc. The CEH works in the following areas: Environmental Pollution, Climate change and Disasters, Environment and Health Systems, One Health and Planetary Health, Occupational Health, and Research on Health and Environment.

The Centre conducted the following number of activities between July 2023 and 2024. The Center projects focused on Climate Resilient and Sustainable Health Care System, Development of One Health Early Warning System, Green And Climate-Resilient Healthcare Facilities in Gujarat, etc. The Center events focussed on celebration of World Environment Day with Launch of website, bi-monthly webinar series "Environmental Health Dialogues" with speaker Dr. Sagnik Dey from IIT Delhi. Collaborations have been signed with SELCO Foundation, SDU Climate Cluster, University of Southern Denmark and Indian Council of Medical Research, National Institute for Research in Environmental Health (ICMR-NIREH). Between August 2023-2024, the centre undertook 6 projects. The Centre undertook two events. The Centre published 53 journal publications and 3 book chapters. 72 student dissertations were completed. 3 collaborations in the form of MOUs have been signed.

# The Ramalingaswami Centre on Equity and Social Determinants of Health (RCESDH)

The Ramalingaswami Centre on Equity & Social Determinants of Health ("Centre") was set up in Bangalore in 2015, as a Centre of Excellence at the PHFI. The Centre's activities are three-fold: Research, Training/Teaching/Mentoring and Policy Engagement.

Given the focus of our work on gender inequality, intersectionality and health equity, the centre have a multidisciplinary team of public health specialists, economists, demographers, medical anthropologists, sociologists, as well as medical practitioners.

During 2023-24 the Centre has been engaged in several state, national and global projects.

**Research:** Focus has been on **(a) Women's Health and Well-being,** including continuing engagement with respectful maternity care in public health facilities; as well as conceptual work on the drivers of women's health and well-being combining a life course approach with a gender and intersectionality lens, and allied empirical work in Cambodia; **(b) Health System Strengthening,** generating three case studies on promising practices in integrating gender into government health programs in South Asia; **(c) Adolescent Health,** viz., a deep dive into the drivers of success in reducing adolescent fertility in India in three states – Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra.

**Training:** Gender Integration Workshop was conducted by the Centre's team for the IHAT-UP-TSU on 9th and 10th November in Gurugram, New Delhi. The workshop was attended by 20 participants from various departments of IHAT-UP TSU. **State government linkages:** We have partnered with the World Bank to work with state governments of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka on adolescent health and medical education. In collaboration the centre are also working with Government of Karnataka to strengthen and sustain respectful maternity care in four LaQshya-certified public hospitals in Bangalore. The National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences is a collaborator on this project.

**Overall Outreach and Impact:** The research conducted by the Centre has resulted in several key publications and presentations at global and national conferences, including accepted abstracts for presentations at the forthcoming Health Systems Global Conference 2024.

The Centre continues to engage with the larger public health community through its series of monthly colloquiums. The sessions are well attended and the discussions are thoughtprovoking, highly appreciated by the attendees. More than 2000 people have participated/ viewed the sessions over time.

The Centre is also engaged in creating spaces for bringing the public into public health through events such as the public health walk titled **Echoes of Epidemics: Exploring Bangalore's Public Health History.** The event was organised in partnership with the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), and attended by close to 50 members of the public, discussing how urban centres have historically coped with infectious disease and how this experience is still relevant today.



### **Outreach and Impact so Far: RCESDH**



Public Health, Emory University

9 July 2024: RCESDH and IIPH-B Teams with Dr. Usha Ramakrishnan, Distinguished Richard N. Hubert Professor and Chair, Hubert Department of Global Health Rollins School of



Public Health Walk- 24 February 2024

### Centre for Chronic Conditions and Injuries (CCCI)

The Centre for Chronic Conditions and Injuries (CCCI) was established as a Centre of Excellence with a mandate to generate world-class knowledge that can inform policies and practices to stem the rising burden of chronic non-communicable disease (NCDs) or chronic conditions, not only in India but globally. The Centre undertakes cutting-edge research to understand the dynamics, determinants, and dimensions of chronic conditions, while simultaneously developing, evaluating, and facilitating the scaling up of evidence-based solutions. Policy development and training in chronic conditions are the other focal activities. Effective September 12, 2022, Prof. Sailesh Mohan took on the role of Director. The Centre's major achievements during the past year include winning highly competitive global grants for establishing two new dedicated nested Centres of Excellence (summarized below) to address:

- Multiple Long-Term Conditions (MLTC)
- Health systems research to improve quality of care and enable the transformation to highquality health systems.

**NIHR Global Health Research Centre for Multiple Long-Term Conditions:** The Global Health Research Centre for Multiple Long-Term Conditions (GHRC-MLTC) is one of the five Centres awarded globally by the National Institute for Health and Care Research, UK (GBP 10 million for five years). It is co-led by PHFI (Prof. D. Prabhakaran) and the University of Leicester (Prof. Kamlesh Khunti) with participation of several other institutions. The Centre aims to transform care for people with MLTC in India and Nepal through innovative research and capacity building.

**Quality Evidence for Health System Transformation (QuEST):** The QuEST Network a multicountry research consortium formed in response to the findings of the landmark Lancet Commission on High-Quality Health Systems. The QuEST India Centre is led by Prof. D. Prabhakaran and Prof. Sailesh Mohan. QuEST has developed new instruments to assess health system quality, test structural solutions to health system deficits, and supports the expansion of high-impact health systems research in partner countries. PHFI is a consortium partner and has received USD 800,000 to support staff and carry out two key activities. The maternal and newborn e-cohort which is a longitudinal mixed-mode (in-person and phone) study aimed at providing novel evidence on health system quality for mothers and newborns. The other activity is Service Delivery Redesign which is the reorganization and strengthening of existing services and care pathways to maximize quality care and optimize health outcomes.

Many other key projects supported by various national and international funding agencies are being undertaken by CCCI. Select ones are summarized below.

**Indo-European Consortium for Next-Generation Influenza Vaccine Innovation (INCENTIVE):** INCENTIVE - funded jointly by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India and European Commission for five years, is a consortium between Indian (5), European (12) and USA (2) institutions that aims to address the global health and economic challenge posed by influenza infections and reduce the worldwide burden resulting from outbreaks. It also aims to develop and evaluate two next-generation universal influenza vaccines.

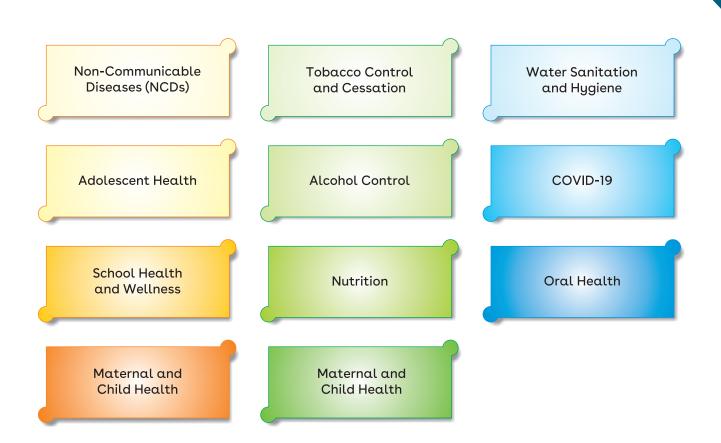
**Ending COVID-19 Variants of Concern through Cohort Studies (END-VOC):** END-VOC is a global consortium of 19 research organisations which aims to provide an effective response to the threat posed by COVID-19 variants by developing and pooling well-characterized cohorts with sufficient genomic information worldwide for the prompt detection and mitigation of emerging variants through surveillance and for future research on emerging infectious diseases.

**mIRA:** The mHealth integrated model of pregnancy-induced hypertension, gestational diabetes mellitus, anaemia, and antenatal care (mIRA), supported by a BMGF grant (USD 109998) aims to evaluate the effectiveness of a tablet-based electronic decision-support system (EDSS) to enhance routine antenatal care and improve the screening and management of pregnancy-induced hypertension, gestational diabetes mellitus and anaemia in pregnancy in primary healthcare facilities of Telangana, India through a cluster randomised controlled trial.

### **Divisions at PHFI**

### **Health Promotion Division**

The Health Promotion Division at PHFI is dedicated to undertaking activities in the field of health promotion. The Division was established in 2010 and led by Prof Monika Arora, currently serving as Vice-President of Research and Health Promotion at PHFI. The Research, trainign and Health Promotion activities at this division are undertaken by a multidisciplinary research and implementation team. The Division focuses on all population age groups and its activities around research, training and evaluation span across different settings. It aims to nurture interdisciplinary and multi-stakeholder health promotion research, programs and practices and focuses on promoting multisectoral coordination. The division has led several research and interventions focused on adolescent health, school health, maternal and child health, NCDs, COVID-19 and Oral Health.



### **KEY FOCUS AREAS**

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The Division adopts a settings-based approach to design health communication, health literacy, and community outreach activities that are mainstreamed into health promotion policy and practice. The division works on designing theory-based interventions to develop healthy settings in diverse contexts and generates evidence to support effective messaging, programming and policy development. The Division brings together approaches ranging from health education, health campaigns, community empowerment, legislative reforms, and fiscal policy change to organizational change and strengthening health services to address social inequalities in health. It undertakes rigorous evaluation of outcomes, context, implementation and processes to assess the impact of these health promotion interventions on population health and well-being.

Research evidence from the interventions and programmes on Adolescent Health conducted at the Health Promotion Division has established that healthy behaviours can be successfully inculcated from an early age as most risky and protective behaviours get etched during the early school years. Programme Evaluations led by the Division have successfully informed National Health Programs in India. Research on the impact of programs in influencing the health of individuals and populations is a core activity undertaken at the Health Promotion Division. In doing so, the Division engages a wide array of stakeholders, including central and state governments, national and international donors, civil society organizations, academic and research institutions, as well as health promotion settings including schools, colleges, workplaces and the communities. The team members serve on various Expert Groups and Committees formed by the Government of India.

### The snapshots of recent research, implementation projects and capacitybuilding initiatives at the Health Promotion Division

From August 2023 to July 2024, the Health Promotion Division undertook five key research and implementation projects focusing on tobacco control, adolescent health, maternal and child health, and Child & Youth Health Literacy. During this period, the division organized two eLearning Programs on Tobacco Control and Health Promotion, and provided internship opportunities to ten students from several national and international universities, engaging them in various research studies. Additionally, the division organized three State-level workshops in Bihar, Odisha, and Maharashtra in collaboration with UNICEF India Country Office, State Health Departments, and UNICEF state offices to discuss the strategic approach to improve the quality and coverage of Antenatal Care in India. A National Dissemination Workshop was also held under the guidance of MoHFW-Gol to strengthen the Peer Education programme under Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK). The division published 32 publications in peer-reviewed journals and 3 book chapters during this reporting period.

### Exploring the determinants, dynamics, and differentials of smoked and smokeless tobacco in low-and middle-income countries: A comparative analysis of Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS)

The study aimed to understand the determinants of differential cessation practices, including the use of cessation services to understand the most important contributing factors affecting both smoked and smokeless tobacco cessation in four high-burden countries, India, Vietnam, the Philippines, and Bangladesh.

# Evaluating the implementation of the peer educator intervention for improving adolescent health in India's National Adolescent Health Programme (i-Saathiya)

Under the guidance of MoHFW-GOI, the division conducted an implementation Research, i-Saathiya, to explore the implementation of the Peer Education program for improving adolescent health in India's National Adolescent Health Strategy (Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram-RKSK).

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Publications from i-Saathiya study

# Regional analysis to map the existing national-level peer education programmes

The study was conducted in collaboration with the World Health Organization- South-East Asia Region Office (WHO-SEARO) to map the national-level peer education programmes in South-East Asia Region (SEAR) countries to promote adolescent health.

# Detailed strategic approach for improving quality and coverage of antenatal care

PHFI in collaboration with UNICEF (India) is conducting a study on a comprehensive understanding of associated factors and gaps in coverage and quality of Antenatal care in India. The study findings will aid in the development of a National Action Plan for improving the quality and coverage of ANC in India.



State-level workshop organized by PHFI in collaboration with UNICEF on Improving the quality and coverage of Antenatal Care (ANC) in India

### Development of briefing papers for Niti Aayog-Let's Fix our Food

Let's Fix Our Food (LFOF) is a project aimed at assessing Food environment of adolescents and prevent use of Foods high in Fat, Salt and Sugars as well as to promote physical activity and reduce screen time. Under LFOF, the division developed Policy Briefs and Scientific papers in collaboration with UNICEF and other consortium partners [National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), Deakin University] to synthesize the evidence on Food Policy Strengthening: Prevention of Maternal, Adolescent and Childhood Obesity. This initiative was developed as a result of the National Consultation on Prevention of Maternal, Adolescent and Childhood Obesity held under the chairmanship of Dr. Vinod Paul,



Meeting held under the chairmanship of Senior Advisor (Health and Nutrition), NITI Aayog on 6th September, 2023 to discuss the Let's Fix Our Food (LFOF) outcomes

NITI Aayog on 24 June 2021 to develop Scientific papers and policy options for the prevention of overweight and obesity in children, adolescents and women in India, covering health, education and food system programmes.

### ANANT MUSKAAN: A multi-site Implementation research on Primary School-based tooth brushing and oral health education in India

The division partnered with HRIDAY for Implementation research on Primary school-based tooth brushing and oral health education in India. In the context of the National Oral Health Programme (NOHP), the study aims to develop and implement a school-based tooth brushing and oral health education scalable delivery model with high coverage for improving oral health amongst primary school children in eight districts spread over varied sociocultural and geographic regions of India.

### **Capacity building Initiatives**

### Project Child & Youth Health Literacy (PCYHL)

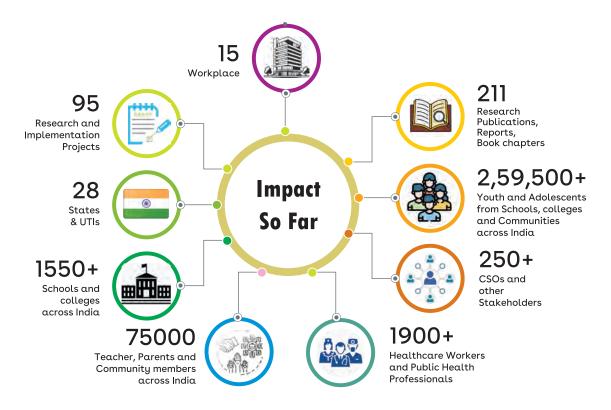
The overall objective of this project is the development of a curriculum for school-going children & adolescents on the theme of lifestyle diseases such as Type 2 diabetes and underscore the importance of preventing obesity and the value of exercise and sound nutrition.

### eCourse on Tobacco Control

The eCourse on Tobacco Control was launched at PHFI in 2011 as a capacity-building initiative for those looking to gain a comprehensive understanding of tobacco control issues and cessation in India. Since its inception many State Programme officers from NTCP have been trained through this course. The course is offered twice in a year.

### ePost Graduate Program in Health Promotion

The course was launched in 2011 to enhance the participants' capabilities by building their skills and proficiency in designing, implementing and evaluating health promotion interventions and programs.



### **Training Division**

### Trainings at PHFI

PHFI offers a wide range of short-term trainings and workshops for capacity building of the healthcare professionals delivered through a variety of modalities such as eLearning, live online, workshops and periodic sessions in physical mode.

- Certificate Course in Evidence-Based Diabetes Management (CCEBDM): PHFI in collaboration with Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Education Academy (DMDEA) trained 1716 Primary Care Physicians (PCPs) in a year-long program conducted live online. Government of Madhya Pradesh undertook CCEBDM training of 120 Medical Officers (MOs) and NHM, Manipur trained 30 MOs at Imphal in contact session mode.
- Advanced Certificate Course in Prevention and Management of Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease, (ACMDC batch 2024-25): An agreement was signed between PHFI and Chellaram Diabetes Institute (CDI), Pune to implement 6 Modular courses in a physical mode to train 600 doctors.
- Government of Madhya Pradesh: PHFI in association with the National Health Mission (NHM), Government of Madhya Pradesh has trained 89 MOs in Certificate Course in Chronic Kidney Disease (CCCKD),73 MOs in Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD), 96 MOs in Prevention and Management of ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI). Certificate Courses in Asthma and COPD will be implemented for 120 MOs.
- Certificate Course in Prevention & Management of Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (CCPM-NAFLD): A total of 23 PCPs were trained in these 4 modular online certification programs.
- Certificate Course in Antimicrobial Stewardship' (CCAMS): PHFI and Delhi Society for Promotion of Rational Use of Drugs (DSPRUD) trained 70 PCPs in 2 batches and partnered with Government of Maharashtra for two batches to train 119 PCPs conducted at Public Health Institute, SIHFW Nagpur.
- Certificate Course in Common Mental Disorders (CCCMD): 54 Physicians have been trained in the 4th batch of this online certificate program conducted in collaboration with Association of Healthcare Providers (India).
- PHFI and CDI Pune partnered to train 72 doctors in Certificate Course in Diabetic Foot Management and 154 doctors in Certificate Course in Prevention and management of Obesity [LMS programs]
- E-Learning module of Certificate Course in Evidence Based Management of Diabetic Retinopathy (CCDR): A total of 12 (total 91 trained till date) PCPSs have been trained in this joint certification program with DMDEA & Aravind Eye Care System.
- Certificate Course in Gestational Diabetes Mellitus: A total of 101 PCPs were trained in the 9th Cycle in this online certification program.
- Certificate Course in Palliative Care (CCPC): CCPC is a joint certificate program in collaboration with Trivandrum Institute of Palliative Sciences (TIPS) where a total of 54 Healthcare professionals have been trained.
- Certificate Course in Prevention and Management of Hypertension (CCPMH): The six modular monthly online course on Hypertension was launched on 7th July 2024 to train 53 PCPs.
- Strengthening Human Resources for Health in Bihar: PHFI in collaboration with the Department of Health, Government of Bihar and BMGF is implementing a mentoring program for MOs and specialists working at the district hospitals to improve facility readiness to support emergency obstetric, newborn & pediatric care services. A robust curriculum has been prepared with the support of Faculty from all the 9 Govt. Medical Colleges of Bihar.

- Nutrition & Mental wellbeing of school children in Tribal India: A Training Program for EMRS Principals & Teachers: National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) in collaboration with PHFI trained 126 participants for third and fourth batches in Agartala and Hyderabad respectively.
- Training Workshop on Patient Safety for MP State Medical Officers: A total of 62 MOs have been trained in three batches in this 3-day training workshop.
- Certificate Course in Integrated Geriatric Care (CCIGC): A total of 36 PCS were trained online.





Trainings at IIPH









Domain	Program	Number of Participants
	Promoting One Health & Biosecurity: Strengthening detection of high consequence pathogens though innovative training networks of Women Veterinarians:	200
	Empowering Health System	40000
Clinical	Indian Primary Health Care Support Initiatives or IPSI:	50
domains (such as NCDs, Communicable diseases, etc)	To deploy Swasthya Sahayak platform for supporting maternal health and creating public awareness on preventive health measures, family planning and prevention of HIV infection in the community through community volunteer's "Swasthya Sakhi" in Vidi	21,485
	Green & Climate Resilience Healthcare Facilities in Gujarat	2000
	One Health System Strengthening in India (OHSSIN)	1000
	Ahmedabad Heat Action Plan	500
	Public health research training fellowship program:	10
Nutrition and allied sciences	Online Workshop on a Primer On Maternal, Infant, Young Child and Adolescent Health Nutrition	6
	Capacity building on public Health Nutrition for SAM prevention and cure:	35
	Strengthening Public Health Education in India - A Capacity Development Project	28
	Strengthening system of managing heatwave in Lucknow	150
	Enhancing Community Health in Meghalaya through WHO's PEN Program for CVD and Metabolic Wellness	253
Public Health Education	Green and Climate-Resilient Healthcare Facilities in Gujarat	80
	One Health System Strengthening in India (OHSSIN)	246
	Non-laboratory-based Screening for risk assessment of cardiovascular diseases and interventional strategies for identified risk groups- A "NIVARAN"	55
	Mentoring and training for health care leadership program	150
	Hospital Management and Administration training for the Medical Officers of Coal India:	21
Public Health	Mentoring and training for health care leadership program:	150
Management and Health	CTRITH (Centre for Training, Research and Innovation in Tribal Health):	14
Economics	Quality Evidence for Health System Transformation (QuEST):	24
	Training of health professionals and hospital administrators in management of disasters	87

Domain	Program	Number of Participants
	Technical Innovation and Learning Center, Bengaluru:	
	Public Health Management and Health Economics:	21
	Transforming India's Public Health Systems for Pandemic Preparedness Program:	186
	Documentation of Midwifery initiative: Policy development and implementation:	
Qualitative Research Methods	Sponsorship of PhD candidate	6
	Strengthening national capacity to estimate and forecast disease burden in India: ICMR Scientists	8
Quantitative	India Primary Healthcare Support Initiative (IPSI) in West Garo Hills Meghalaya	10
Research Methods	CME on Research Methodology and Biostatistics for DNB Students in Haryana State	91
	Health Technology Assessment in India Regional Resource Center Shillong	10

# PHFI and IIPHs Researchers on National and International Expert/Technical Committees and Advisory Groups

### Prof Sanjay Zodpey

- Selected Outstanding Professor by the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR), An Institution of National Importance established by an Act of Parliament, Government of India.
- Appointed Chairperson of Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of ICMR National AIDS Research Institute, Pune
- Appointed Chairperson of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of ICMR National Institute for Research in Environmental Health (NIREH), Bhopal.
- Principal Scientific Advisor (By nomination) for the Epidemiology Foundation of India (EFI), 2023-25.
- Appointed as Chairman the project Screening / Selection Committee for Small Investigatorinitiated Grants, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- Member of the Technical Advisory Committee Vector Borne Diseases (VBDs), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India
- Nominated Board Member for the Global Climate and Health Alliance (GCHA)
- Member of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Public Health Council
- Chairperson, SHSRC-Institutional Ethics Committee for Research (SHSRC–IECR), State Health Systems Resource Centre, Health Department, Government of Maharashtra

### Prof. Monika Arora

- Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of ICMR-NICPR, March 2024
- Member of "Expert Committee for Development of New Specified Health Warnings on Tobacco Products Pack" formed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (MOHFW, GOI) in February 2024.
- Resource person for training Principals of Central Board of Secondary School (CBSE) affiliated schools under the School Health and Wellness Programme (SHWP) on "Prevention and Management of Substance Misuse" in a workshop organized by UNESCO at NCERT.
- Member of WHO Technical Working Group on developing an implementation guidance for School Health Services. December 2023.
- Member of "Expert Group to finalize the thematic areas related to Health and Nutrition Education requiring incorporation in the school curriculum" formed by Health & Family Welfare Division, National Institution for Transforming India, NITI Aayog, Government of India in November 2023.

### Prof Lalit Dandona

### National

- Advising NITI Aayog of the Government of India on utilisation of the India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative findings to inform health policy and system development in India
- Member, Technical Advisory Group for Mortality in India Established Through Verbal

Autopsy (MINErVA), All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Office of the Registrar General of India

- Member, Expert Committee to Propose Strengthening of Civil Registration System and Medical Certification of Causes of Death, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India
- Chair, Data and Safety Monitoring Board, Indian Stroke Clinical Trial Network
- Editorial Board Member, Indian Journal of Gastroenterology

### International

- International Advisory Board Member, The Lancet
- Editorial Board Member, BMC Medicine
- Editorial Board Member, Population Health Metrics
- Editorial Advisor, BMC Public Health
- Editorial Advisor, BMC Ophthalmology
- Member, Scientific Council of the Global Burden of Disease Study
- Member, WHO Reference Group on Health Statistics, World Health Organisation
- Member, WHO Verbal Autopsy Working Group, Geneva, Switzerland
- Member, GBD Emerging Researcher Award Nominations Committee, University of Washington

### Prof. Rakhi Dandona

### Technical Committee and Advisory group memberships

### National

- Institutional Ethics Committee Member, Public Health Foundation of India
- Research Management Committee Member, Public Health Foundation of India
- Member, Committee of Experts for improvements in the vital registration system and medically certified cause of death, Government of India
- Chair, Global Burden of Disease India Injury Expert Group
- Member, Technical Advisory Group, National Data Quality Forum, an initiative by ICMR-NIMS and Population Council, New Delhi, India
- Member, Project Steering Committee for estimation and prevention of stillbirth, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi, India
- Doctoral Committee Member for PhD degree, Centre for Community Medicine, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India

### International

- Editorial Board Member, Lancet Public Health
- Editorial Board Member, Lancet Psychiatry
- Editorial Board Member, Injury Prevention
- Vice-Chair, International Stillbirth Alliance
- Funding Committee Member, Global Health Research Groups Call 5, National Institute for Health and Care Research, UK

- Steering Committee member, Innovation Equity Forum: Mapping global opportunities in women's health R&D, co-hosted by the US National Institutes of Health and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Member, The MQ/The Lancet Psychiatry Standing Commission on the COVID-19 Pandemic and Mental Health
- Member, Child Health Accountability Tracking Technical Advisory Group, World Health Organisation and UNICEF
- Funding Panel Member, Post-doctoral Scholarship, MQ Mental Health Research, UK.
- Steering Committee member, International COVID-19 suicide prevention research collaboration
- Advisory Member, The Ethics of Mortality Measurement, University of Oslo, Norway
- Member, Cocoon Global Steering Committee, Mater Research Institute, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
- Doctoral Committee Member for PhD degree, University of Bristol, UK
- Scientific committee member, 2024 Asia Pacific conference of the International Association for Suicide Prevention, Bangkok, Thailand
- Scientific committee member, International Stillbirth Alliance conference 2024, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- **Prof Giridhara R Babu** serves as a Regional Representative for LMIC at the International Society for Developmental Origins of Health and Disease [DOHaD]
- **Dr Harsh Shah** is an Expert Group Member of the State Task Force and State TB Forum for the National TB Elimination Program, the State Committee for Good and Replicable Practices, and a Member of the National Consultation Group for Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan.
- **Dr Jyoti Sharma** is an expert member in Public Health for the recruitment of project staff at the Ministry of AYUSH
- **Prof Manu Raj Mathur** is a professional member of the Lancet Commission on Global Oral Health
- **Prof Preeti Negandhi** is the Nodal officer on behalf of PHFI for the Training of health professionals and hospital administrators in managing disasters by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- **Dr Rajiv Sarkar** is a Member of the Project Screening Committee of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- **Prof Suresh S Shapeti** is a member of the "State-level Technical Committee for Anaemia Muktha Poushthika Karnataka and Rare Diseases Committee for Karnataka State Level Committee"

# **Collaborations and Partnerships**



# **Research Publications, Reports,** Conferences

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Madhya Pradesh's CKD initiative is tackling complications head-on, given CKD's strong link to heart disease and stroke. On July 23rd and 24th, 25 doctors from Indore division will join forces for this vital session

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### **Representatives from 6 States take** part in 4-days Workshop organized under NESTS

Agartala, Aug 02, 2023, TRIPURATIMES Desk



Agartala Aug 02: A total of 58 representatives from 6 states took part in the inaugural ceremony of the 4-days workshop almed at developing nutrition and D mental health of indigenous students at the State Guest House Conference Hall on Wednesday.

Minister for Tribal Welfare Bikash Debbarma inaugurated the workshop on

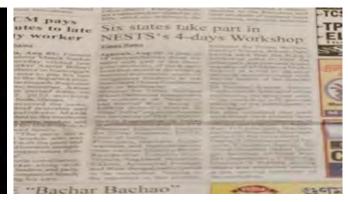


### **Dr. Namita Neelkanth**

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MP completed certificate course of CKD .CKD's strong link to heart disease and stroke on July 30th and 31st , 24 doctors from Gwalior division. Faculties came from Gandhi medical college and AlIMS Delhi.@NHM NCDC CELL #PHEI





# EMRS teachers trained on nutrition & mental wellbeing of tribal students

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# **PHFI Annual Audited Accounts**

	alth Foundation of Ind eet as at 31st March, 20		
			(Amount in <sup>‡</sup>
		As at	As a
	Notes	March 31, 2024	March 31, 202
Sources of funds			
Corpus fund	1	80,87,55,509	80,87,55,50
Designated fund	2	26,74,63,652	25,74,79,93
Project funds held in trust	3	83,19,06,693	65,41,85,78
Capital assets fund	4	62,85,41,035	64,67,30,04
Loans	5	10,65,00,000	15,65,00,00
		2,64,31,66,889	2,52,36,51,27
Application of funds Fixed assets			
Gross block	6	1,03,04,12,523	1,02,71,65,68
Less : Accumulated depreciation and amortisation		(42,13,31,532)	(39,98,95,68
Net block		60,90,80,991	62,72,70,00
Capital work in progress		1,94,60,044	1,94,60,04
		62,85,41,035	64,67,30,04
Current assets			
Cash and bank balances	7	1,96,91,24,005	1,78,48,13,39
Loans and advances	8	19,66,73,229	25,24,33,43
Other current assets	9	14,51,60,301	13,94,93,26
		2,31,09,57,535	2,17,67,40,09
Less: Current liabilities and provisions			
Current liabilities	10	22,33,87,329	21,76,87,42
Provisions	11	7,29,44,352	8,21,31,44 <b>29,98,18,86</b>
		27,03,31,001	
Net current assets		2,01,46,25,854	1,87,69,21,22
		2,64,31,66,889	2,52,36,51,27
Summary of significant accounting policies	21		
The accompanying notes form an integral part of the fina	ancial statements.		
As per our report of even date attached.			
For <b>Thakur, Vaidyanath Aiyar &amp; Co.</b> Chartered Accountants	Publ	For and on behalf of ic Health Foundation of I	ndia
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	Notes	For the year ended March 31, 2024	For the year ender March 31, 202
	12	60,83,61,581	63,26,68,472
Program Income Donations	12	5,00,35,000	1,55,50,000
Interest income	13	3,14,44,789	1,78,66,007
Fee from activities [Ref. Note No.21 (iv) (b)]		3,95,85,941	4,76,94,863
Other income	14 (A)	33,06,000	23,57,138
Total Income		73,27,33,311	71,61,36,480
EXPENDITURE Program Expenditure (Refer Note 18 & 23)	15	60,83,61,583	63,26,68,47
Personnel expenses	16	40,32,185	5,75,26,259
Other expenses	17	82,10,233	4,37,80,679
Total Expenses		62,06,04,001	73,39,75,409
Surplus/(Deficit)		11,21,29,310	(1,78,38,929
Provisions/Liabilities of Earlier Years Writtten Back	14 (B)	1,51,18,316	2,29,37,026
Amount Receivables of Earlier Years Written-off (Refer Note 34)		(53,94,970)	(1,07,24,896
Provision for tax liabilities for Earlier Financial Years [Refer Note 26 (b) & (c)]		(11,02,60,479)	
Surplus/(Deficit) transferred to Designated fund		1,15,92,177	(56,26,799
Summary of significant accounting policies	21		
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. Opening Balance		4.42
ash in Hand	1,430	1,43
ank Balance in Saving Account	32,72,37,922	17,75,80,15
ank Balance in Current Account	42,80,900	79,42,94
Total (A)	33,15,20,252	18,55,24,52
Receipts		
rants/ donations received	92,60,74,950	72,47,02,31
ixed Deposit matured during the year		10,21,10,31
ee from activities	7,50,41,556	5,78,52,09
ther receipts	7,75,058	84,11,95
nterest received on fixed deposits	1,92,84,483	47,53,67
iterest received on saving bank accounts	1,33,50,493	54,60,55
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orpus Fund	1,03,45,26,540	90,32,90,91
Total (B)	1,03,43,20,540	70,32,70,71
. Payments		
rants Utilised for :		33.00.40.00
alaries & Allowance	32,58,72,321	33,09,49,99
tatutory Dues	8,71,72,047	11,71,76,52
egal and professional charges	14,53,40,216	8,12,87,09
ravel and conveyance	5,53,46,903	5,04,50,49
ent	94,75,729	4,31,91,14
epairs and maintenance	93,39,874	2,28,04,26
ixed Assets	1,71,74,086	1,28,08,93
	4,63,75,000	1,14,27,32
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onferences and meeting expenses	1,97,36,006	89,72,40
nsurance	34,52,319	84,84,07
lectricity and water charges	20,15,616	79,13,96
oan Repayment	5,00,00,000	75,00,00
liscellaneous expenses	76,84,935	70,88,63
rinting & Stationery	77,84,113	61,66,12
ooks & Periodicals	55,01,445	54,16,96
ommunication expenses	50,33,413	49,41,91
	2,80,011	28,02,78
onsumables	33,06,426	22,27,37
ecurity & Advances	63,50,018	17,20,00
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cholarship/Fellowship	2,53,000	, ,
oftware Renewal Fee	37,46,948	13,88,69
ank Charges	1,78,955	1,95,59
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Total (C)	92,52,27,654	75,72,95,19
Total (C)		
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		1,430
ash in Hand	44,08,17,582	32,72,37,92
ank Balance in Saving Account	1,556	42,80,90
ank Balance in Current Account		33,15,20,25
Total (D=A+B-C)	44,08,19,138	33,13,20,23
ignificant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts	21	
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		(Amount in ₹)
	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Note 1 : Corpus fund		
Balance at the beginning of the year	80,87,55,509	80,87,55,509
Add : Fund received during the year		
Balance at the end of the year	80,87,55,509	80,87,55,509
Note 2 : Designated fund *		
Balance at the beginning of the year	25,74,79,933	21,64,05,670
Add : Funds received during the year	6,35,17,001	8,15,02,801
Add/Less : Transferr of surplus/(deficit) for the year from income and expenditure account	1,15,92,177	(56,26,799)
Less : Transferred to capital asset fund (Refer Note-6)	(3,90,616)	(2,02,41,515)
Add : Interest income Allocated (Refer Note 13)	2,69,365	2,69,365
Less: Utilisation	(1,18,04,208)	(1,49,86,656)
Add: Bad debts written off		1,57,067
Less: Transfer to IPHSH (Refer No 22)	(5,32,00,000)	
Balance at the end of the year	26,74,63,652	25,74,79,933
* Includes General Fund		
Note 3 : Project funds held in trust	45 44 05 700	
Balance at the beginning of the year	65,41,85,782	64,67,70,593
Add : Grants received / receivable	79,24,55,050	62,53,56,417
Less : Opening Grant receivable	(1,32,00,343)	(5,09,992
Add : Closing Grants receivable	-	1,32,00,343
Add : Interest income Allocated (Refer Note 13)	73,43,749	44,87,277
Add : Grant receivable written off	3,12,851	6,14,450
Less : Excess liabilities written back	(51,43,636)	(81,85,430
Less : Program Expenditure - Revenue	(58,74,80,575)	(61,18,13,928)
Less : Program Expenditure - Transferred to capital asset fund (Refer Note-6)	(90,76,798)	(85,14,646
Less : Grants refunded	(74,89,387)	(72,19,302
Balance at the end of the year	83,19,06,693	65,41,85,782
Note 4 : Capital assets fund	(	45 17 07 A77
Balance at the beginning of the year	64,67,30,046	65,17,82,037
Add : Transferred from designated funds	3,90,616	2,02,41,515
Add : Transferred from project funds held in trust	90,76,798	85,14,646
Less : Deletion adjustment for the year		(4,76,756
Less : Depreciation and amortisation for the year	(2,76,56,425)	(3,33,31,396)
Balance at the end of the year =	62,85,41,035	64,67,30,046
Note 5 : Loans		
Unsecured Loan (Interest Free)*- Refer note No.28	10,65,00,000	15,65,00,000
	10,65,00,000	15,65,00,000

\* The society has taken an interest free unsecured loan which are repayable on demand.



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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2024 Public Health Foundation of India

Note 6 : Fixed assets

Description		Gross block	block		Accum	nulated deprecia	Accumulated depreciation and amortisation	ation	Net block	lock
	As at	Additions	Adjustments /	As at	As at	Depreciation	Adjustments /	As at	As at	As at
	April 1, 2023	during the year	disposals	Mar 31, 2024	April 1, 2023	for the year	disposals	Mar 31, 2024	Mar 31, 2024	31 March 2023
Tangible fixed assets										
Land and Building (Refer note below)	61,40,72,693			61,40,72,693	5,53,46,820	1,02,16,039		6,55,62,859	54,85,09,834	55,87,25,873
Leasehold improvements	2,81,85,431			2,81,85,431	2,81,85,431			2,81,85,431		
Computers	12,79,17,148	48,21,834	1,48,000	13,25,90,982	11,67,39,872	70,24,414	1,48,000	12,36,16,286	89,74,696	1,11,77,276
Plant and machinery	6,93,45,539	,		6,93,45,539	2,81,80,253	43,91,884		3,25,72,137	3,67,73,402	4,11,65,286
Electric Installation	33,33,461			33,33,461	1,17,424	3		1,17,424	32,16,037	32,16,037
Office equipment	5,54,47,140	27,20,472	38,83,750	5,42,83,862	5,23,58,832	13,90,454	38,83,750	4,98,65,536	44,18,326	30,88,308
Medical equipment	2,83,06,755	18,61,399		3,01,68,154	2,04,23,193	30,18,305		2,34,41,498	67,26,656	78,83,562
Furmiture and fixtures	1,43,61,544	63,709	9,22,620	1,35,02,633	1,37,16,145	4,07,468	9,22,620	1,32,00,993	3,01,640	6,45,399
Vehicles	41,52,825	,	12,66,204	28,86,621	40,76,643	40,684	12,66,204	28,51,123	35,498	76,182
Sub Total (a)	94,51,22,536	94,67,414	62,20,574	94,83,69,376	31,91,44,613	2,64,89,248	62,20,574	33,94,13,287	60,89,56,089	62,59,77,923
Intangible fixed assets Software	8,20,43,147			8,20,43,147	8,07,51,068	11,67,177	1	8,19,18,245	1,24,902	12,92,079
Sub Total (b)	8,20,43,147			8,20,43,147	8,07,51,068	11,67,177		8,19,18,245	1,24,902	12,92,079
Total current year (c = a + b)	1,02,71,65,683	94,67,414	62,20,574	1,03,04,12,523	39,98,95,681	2,76,56,425	62,20,574	42,13,31,532	60,90,80,991	62,72,70,002
Previous year	1,06,58,17,188	95,83,870	4,82,35,375	1,02,71,65,683	41,43,22,904	3,33,31,396	4,77,58,619	39,98,95,681	62,72,70,002	65,14,94,284
Capital Work In Progress (d) (Including capital advances)	1,94,60,044			1,94,60,044	•				1,94,60,044	1,94,60,044
Total Fixed Assets (c + d)	1,04,66,25,727	94,67,414	62,20,574	1,04,98,72,567	39,98,95,681	2,76,56,425	62.20.574	42,13,31,532	62,85,41,035	64,67,30,046

# Bifurcation of fixed assets between funds

Project funds held in trust	19,11,00,272	90,76,798	62,20,574	19,39,56,496	13,59,97,417	2,75,61,695	62,20,574	15,73,38,538	3,66,17,958	5,51,02,855
Designated Funds	85,55,25,455	3,90,616		85,59,16,071	26,38,98,264	94,730		26,39,92,994	26,39,92,994 59,19,23,077	59,16,27,191
Total Expenditure (Includes CWIP)	1,04,66,25,727	94,67,414	62,20,574	1,04,98,72,567 39,98,95,681	39,98,95,681	2,76,56,425	62,20,574	42,13,31,532	42,13,31,532 62,85,41,035	64,67,30,046

# Notes:

The Government of Gujarat and PHFI entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in 2007 to establish IIPH-Gandhinagar (IIPH-G). Under the terms of MoU, IIPH-G was set up as a separate society on February 15, 2008. The IIPH-6 has a Governing Council with four secretaries of the government as ex-officio members and four representatives of PHFI as members.

The Government of Gujarat had made free allotment of 50 acres land to PHFI on January 07, 2010 for construction of IIPH-G educational campus. PHFI had commenced the construction of IIPH-G campus during the financial

As per the term of MoU executed between PHFI and IPHSH dated 5th September 2021 read with amendment dated 11th March 2022, the usage of assets (moveable/immovable) is for the period of 15 years (upper) states and the second states are stated as a state of the second state are stated as a state of the second state are stated as a state of the second state are stated as a state of the second state are stated as a state are state are stated as a stated as a state are state are state are state are stated as a state are sta year FY 2011-12, which was completed for phase-I and capitalised in October 2016.

November, 2021, which may be renewed by PHFI based on the realisation of PHFI's long term goals. [Fixed Assets of IPH-Hyderabad Total WDV Rs. 10,14,93,194 (Immovable-9,01,177 & Movable-9,03,017) and IIPH-Gandhinagar Total WDV 48,51,66,982 (Immovable-48,51,64,277 & Movable-2,705)]





	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Note 7 : Cash and bank balances		
(A) Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash in hand		1,430
Salances with Scheduled banks		12 80 000
in current accounts	1,556	42,80,900
in savings accounts Domestic	11,18,68,478	11,42,78,619
FCRA	32,89,49,104	21,29,59,303
in deposit accounts with orignal maturity less than 3 months	-	
[refer footnote iii below]	44,08,19,138	33,15,20,252
n a statut contractor in description and the theory of a statut (i) to (iii)	1,52,83,04,867	1,45,32,93,143
(B) Balance with Scheduled banks in deposit account other than above[refer footnote (i) to (iii) below]	1,52,83,04,867	1,45,32,93,143
P		
A+B	1,96,91,24,005	1,78,48,13,395
(i) Fixed deposits - Disputed funds (Refer note 24)	1,08,00,00,000	1,08,00,00,000
(ii) Fixed deposits* - restricted funds (Refer note 24)	37,06,90,412	37,06,90,412
<li>(iii) Fixed deposits - Margin money for Bank Guarantee(Refer note 26(a))</li>	26,14,455	26,02,731
It includes deposited with the Session Court, Mumbai (CBI Court) amounting to As 25 Crores invested in Fixed Deposits held in the name of Court.		
Note 8 : Loans and advances		
(Unsecured and considered good)	0.05.00.044	54.24.040
Advances recoverable in cash or in kind or for value to be received	2,35,30,211 77,95,759	51,26,069 45,92,377
Security deposits Sub-grant advance [Refer note 23 (i)]	43,42,904	81,25,154
TDS recoverable	8,29,66,551	7,62,54,761
GST Recoverable	12,56,696	8,34,798
Tax deducted at source - GST	-	17,26,764
Tax deposited under protest [Refer note 26(b)]	54,91,262	54,91,262
Prepaid expenses	75,41,788	1,13,38,862 11,34,90,047
<u>^</u>	10,27,20,171	
Grants, fees and other receivable	5,17,41,346	9,87,36,671
Receivable from IPHSH (Net) [Refer note 22]	1,20,06,712	4,02,06,712
-	0,07,10,000	
A+B =	19,66,73,229	25,24,33,430
Note 9 : Other current assets interest accrued but not due on fixed deposits (net of TDS) - disputed funds (Refer note 24)	12,50,27,651	12,50,27,651
Interest accrued but not due on fixed deposits (ince of 125) adspared rando (ince in the 2-1)	2,01,32,650	1,44,65,614
	14,51,60,301	13,94,93,265
Note 10 : Current liabilities	5,20,60,653	7,41,59,594
Sundry creditors (Refer note 32) Sundry creditors (Sub-Grant)	16,16,823	17,59,035
Employee Related Liabilities	13,42,980	48,88,780
Advance received	24,26,400	23,76,400
Fee Received in Advance	1,10,44,710	1,18,19,299
Retention money from Capital Creditors	6,80,790	14,34,066 47,37,546
Payable for capital creditors Statutory liabilities	59,97,984	1,21,84,403
Tax deducted at source received on disputed FDRs (Refer note 24)	1,27,75,159	1,16,55,391
Salary payable*	1,62,73,000	8,45,58,291
Other Liabilities -	11,91,68,830 22,33,87,329	81,14,615 21,76,87,420
* Since paid during Q1 of FY 2023-24	22,33,67,327	21,70,07,420
Note 11 : Provisions		E 25 24 047
Gratuity [Refer note 30 (A) (ii)]	4,95,47,368 2,33,96,984	5,35,24,947 2,86,06,499
Compensated absences	7,29,44,352	8,21,31,446
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	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Note 12 : Program Income #		
Designated fund	1,18,04,208	1,49,86,656
Project funds held in trust	59,65,57,373	61,76,81,816
# To the extent utilised		
_	60,83,61,581	63,26,68,472
Note 13 : Interest income		
Interest income on savings bank accounts	1,33,64,571	54,60,559
Interest income on sub grant to NGOs	-	-
Interest on income tax refund	•	
Interest income from fixed deposit accounts*	2,56,93,332	1,71,62,090
	3,90,57,903	2,26,22,649
Interest income on investments transferred to Project Funds Held in Trust and	(76,13,114)	(47,56,642)
Designated Fund	3,14,44,789	1,78,66,007
*Includes interest of Rs. 1,16,55,391 pertaining to fixed deposits held in the name of	5,17,77,707	1,70,00,001
CBI court		
Note 14 : Other income	40 42 240	040 05 5
Forex Gain	18,42,219	3,39,049
Miscellaneous Income	14,63,781 33,06,000	20,18,088
Excess liabilities written back	55,00,000	23,37,137
- Sundry creditors	99,74,680	1,47,51,596
- Old project balances	51,43,636	81,85,430
B	1,51,18,316	2,29,37,026
A+B	1,84,24,316	2,52,94,163
Note 15 : Program expenditure	25,96,50,279	32,40,68,499
Salaries & Allowances (Refer Note 16)	8,34,71,062	8,59,47,075
Legal and professional charges (Refer Note 31)	5,14,75,907	5,33,53,643
Overhead Expense - Indirect Cost Consultancy Charges	4,91,97,905	4,91,41,740
Travel and conveyance	5,14,50,810	4,38,04,894
Sub Grant Expense	2,15,26,910	94,12,325
Conferences and meeting expenses	1,85,09,366	73,68,474
Project Supplies & Equipments	1,62,11,957	94,55,202
Scholarship/Fellowship - Exp.	28,33,000	77,94,168
Consumables	4,13,191	28,32,372
Miscellaneous expenses	11,62,053	8,62,197
Printing & Stationary	72,65,960	55,15,982
Project Survey Cost	55,39,499	1,00,42,787
Honorarium - Guest Faculty	11,00,434	9,60,320
Insurance	42,40,344	28,39,658
Books & Periodicals	64,72,721	25,65,427
Electricity and water charges	9,03,452	5,59,886
Communication expenses	38,54,182	24,84,253
Repairs and maintenance	59,53,919	65,31,330
Rent	78,22,506	61,40,288
Housekeeping & Security	55,86,216	5,58,206
Software Expenses	37,19,910	4,29,745
	60,83,61,583	63,26,68,471
Note 16 - Personnel expenses (Pefer Note 30)		
Note 16 : Personnel expenses (Refer Note 30)	39,32,153	6,04,94,169
Salaries and Allowances *	39,32,153 1,26,58,050	6,04,94,169 1,94,13,396
	1,26,58,050	6,04,94,169 1,94,13,396 <b>7,99,07,565</b>
Salaries and Allowances *		1,94,13,396

\* Net of salaries and allowances of Rs.25,96,50,279 (previous year Rs.32,40,68,499) allocated to program expenditure





	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Note 17 : Other expenses		
Society sponsored programme expenses	2,63,68,250	7,32,23,290
Rent	7,92,742	31,11,330
Legal and professional charges (Also, refer note 31)	1,48,35,486	2,49,49,952
Repair and maintenance	8,30,623	38,21,544
Insurance	9,75,612	42,90,086
Communication expenses	9,247	6,31,536
Electricity and water charges	41,209	21,15,667
Travel and conveyance	5,56,112	4,71,071
Conferences and meeting expenses	2,59,792	89,771
Miscellaneous expenses	21,75,453	3,01,187
	4,68,44,526	11,30,05,434
Less: Recovery of general overheads from projects	(3,95,42,889)	(3,09,59,475)
Less: Expenses recoverable from IPHSH	1.81	(4,02,06,712)
Rates and taxes [Refer Note No. 26 (b) & (c)]	9,08,596	19,41,432
nares and raves [here: note for to [1, a (a)]	82,10,233	4,37,80,679

Note 18. Prior period items (included in respective heads)

Prior period expenses - Program expenditure

3,80,000	2,98,000
3,80,000	2,98,000

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# DONATION TO PHFI

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Shri. N R Narayana Murthy for his generous contribution to PHFI



FF PHFI's innovative projects and community engagement strategies have led to significant improvements and changes in health behaviour. The training sessions and capacity-building workshops conducted by PHFI have made a substantial difference in working with the community, enabling them to deliver better services to the community."

Medical Officer, PHC Nathavaram, Anakapalli District, Vizaq Rural

The awareness campaigns and training sessions have provided us with essential information on preventive healthcare and healthy living. Their health education initiatives have empowered our residents with the knowledge and tools to take control of their health. We now have a better understanding of how to manage chronic illnesses and maintain a healthy lifestyle."

Local leader, Ex MPP / Influencer, Anakapalli District, Vizag Rural

**It is never too early to start thinking about your health. PHFI's initiatives have** significantly contributed to improving public health in our area. Their community engagement and health education programs have raised awareness about important health issues and encouraged healthy practices."

Medical Officer, UPHC Lawson's Bay Colony, Visakhapatnam district, Vizag Urban

**F** I have seen PHFI working since 2013 in our area. Initially, it was difficult to engage people towards healthy lifestyle practices. PHFI has made it easier, and their continuous efforts have had a tremendous impact on health-seeking behaviour and health education."

Local Leader / Municipal Ward Corporator, Visakhapatnam district, Vizaq Urban

F PHFI is a distinguished organization known for its unwavering commitment to building a healthier society through its initiatives. By strengthening partnerships and collaborations with public authorities and social organizations, PHFI has the potential to significantly amplify the impact of its efforts, driving positive change on a larger scale.

District Program Manager, National Health Mission, Visakhapatnam district, Vizag Urban

ram Manager, Public Health Foundation of India, Sonipat

Subject: A brief quote for PHFI team for their contribution at Sonipat district

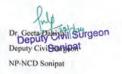
"Through National Health Mission Sonipat, I have been collaborating with PHFI tr Team. I got technical support from the PHFI team to draft media reports for general awareness and to coordinate public health events with district health officials. Apart hat, I found their field workers did a very good job of conducting lifestyle counselling the screening and health camps. I wish the PHFI Sonipat team all the best for their hear screening and health camps. I wish the PHFI Sonipat team all the best for their screening and health camps.

District Progra m Coordinator

Dr. Ratest

Date: 22th July, 2024 Place: NCD Cell, District Hospital, Sonipat

"We have been working with the PHFI Sonipat team for over ten years. The team has continuously supported us through the NP-NCD program and collaborate with us in organising key health promotion events such as health talk, walkathons, awareness campaigns, and NCD screening camps throughout the year. I am impressed by the I would gladly work with them and wish them success in their future research and public health projects.



Date: 22July, 2024 Place: Civil Surgeon Office, Sonipat

**District Program Coordinator, National Health Mission, Sonipat** 





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