



Report 'Booster – 2014'

3rd IAPSM-GC PG Meet



"Gender Equality" *Be human, Be Considerate To Women* *- Equal Right, Equal Might*

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Background

The 3rd Annual IAPSM-GC PG meet was organized by the team of all Residents from Dept. of PSM, Medical College Baroda, Vadodara on 5th and 6th September, 2013. After spreading the topic news online on 'Booster Facebook page' to take suggestions from PGs across the state, the theme for this learning event was decided as "Gender Equality - Be Human, Be Considerate to women". Approximate 150 PG students from all medical colleges of Gujarat took part in this event. The meet included academic sessions from eminent experts in Gender Equality and also some co curricular activities.



Different activities: Day 1 (05/09/2014)

Inauguration:

With a Prayer and lamp lighting the event was inaugurated by Dr A T Leuva, Dean Medical College Baroda, the Guest of Honor. He praised the initiation of such '*For the student - By the student*' event that is organized yearly by residents of PSM all across Gujarat. Inauguration event had become special by the presence of Medical Superintendent Dr Rajiv Daveshvar, Professor and Head PSM Dr V S Mazumdar, IAPSM GC President Dr K N Sonaliya, IAPSM GC Secretary Dr A M Kadri and GMC observer for the event Dr J R Damor.



Sessions:

First session of first day was kick started by our faculty Dr Shobha Misra, Associate Professor, MCB. She had not only explained importance on gender equality but also discussed an excellent tool for gender analysis in research. As an invited guest speaker Dr Dinesh Kapadia (Director, Gender resource centre, Ahmedabad) talked on “Gender Inequality – Sensitization and Awareness on Legal Provision”. Both these lectures were very helpful to students in understanding the actual burden, current scenario and available and future solutions in the field of gender equality and also the legal side of it. During post lunch period guest speaker Dr Arthur Mackwan (SMO, Vadodara) spoke on ‘Work Experience And Challenges - What Field Requires From A PSM Post Graduate?’ Special discussion time was allocated after each session and participants took part actively in discussions. All the queries and doubts were nicely replied by speakers. Thematic cultural events like Poster making, Rangoli, Mahendi and Card making were organized in the evening at the end of scientific session. Students from all colleges took part with great enthusiasm and tried their best to display their creative talents. During these sessions PGs enjoyed interacting with their colleagues from different colleges.



Day 2 (06/09/2014)

Sessions:

Enthusiasm similar to day one was also evident on the faces of participants on the next day too. Topic “Gender inequality: Psychosocial aspects” was explained in depth by Dr Bhavna Mehta, Associate Professor, Faculty of Social Work, MS Uni. After that Dr Bhavesh Modi, Associate Professor, Dept of PSM, GMERS, Gandhinagar presented his views with graphs and pictures on “Tobacco control policies – advocacy & challenges”. Words “Best was yet to come!” were proven true by Dr V S Mazumdar when he gave his views on the topic “Presenting Papers at Conference- Common Errors”. Students found the lecture very interesting and learned the art of presentation. After all the academic/scientific sessions a beautiful extempore was given by Mr. Jay Vasavada, an eminent name in Gujarati literature, on “*સ્ત્રી: પતંગિયા ની પાંખ અને અજગર ની આંખ*”. His humorous and at the same time an emotional speech touched many hearts. Scientific session was followed by thematic cultural events like Dumb Charades, ad making and drama

Felicitation of Winners & Vote of Thanks:

Felicitation of the winners of thematic and non thematic was done with certificates and prizes to boost PG’s motivation. After felicitation of winners, the PG Meet was concluded with vote of thanks from Dr R K Baxi, Professor. The PG meet was very

well appreciated by all the delegates, experts as well as senior teachers from different medical colleges.

Feedback from the Participants

This meet acted as a platform for the PG students to explore and share their ideas and network with each other for future advancement. Booster in real sense is an unique opportunity to sensitize young turks of public health towards a particular issue and may help in overall development of the state.

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