

Khalsa College of Nursing, Amritsar
9th National SOCHNI Conference, 2023

“Global Health Safety Challenges: Role of Community Health Nurses”

Date: March 3-4, 2023

CONFERENCE REPORT

Khalsa College of Nursing, Amritsar organized 9th National SOCHNI Conference on the theme “Global Health Safety Challenges: Role of Community Health Nurses” under the aegis of Society of Community Health Nurses of India on March 3-4, 2023. The Conference was attended by 535 Delegates from 41 institutions belonging to 15 different states of India.

The main purpose of this conference was to strengthen Health care system and health professionals especially community health nurses to go extra miles in knowledge and skills in handling challenges related to Global Health Safety.

This educational event was inaugurated with Shabad Kirtan and lamp lightening by worthy Chief Guest Ms Achala, Assistant Director General (Nursing), Dte. GHS MoHFW, New Delhi and Guest of Honor S. Rajinder Mohan Singh Chhina, Honorary Secretary, Khalsa College Charitable Society Amritsar (Punjab). They were accompanied by Dr. Chellarani Vijay Kumar, President SOCHNI, Ms Shandriela Immanuel, Secretary SOCHNI, Dr Amanpreet Kaur (Principal) and Dr Neelam Hans (Vice Principal). Dr Amanpreet Kaur, Principal Khalsa College of Nursing, Amritsar welcomed the dignitaries and gave a brief introduction of Khalsa College Charitable Society, Khalsa College of Nursing and the conference. Ms Achala spoke on emerging issues and challenges in public health safety these days and the health professionals need to be sensitized towards New Challenges for Community Health Nurses related to disease control in order to improve knowledge and skills among them.

The conference was organized under four plenary sessions including New Challenges for Community Health Nurses related to disease control; Challenges for Community Health Nurses related to accidents and disasters; Ensuring occupational safety and health of population-Role of community Health Nurses; and Expanded role of Community Health Nurses in Global context.

Panel Discussion on ‘Environmental Safety: A shared responsibility’ was led by Dr Sushma K Saini, Associate Professor, PGIMER, Chandigarh and symposium on ‘Strengthening of Health Care system towards Health Safety’ was conducted by Dr Samta Soni, Assistant Lecturer, Govt. CON, Jaipur and discussed by eminent speakers. For Quiz competition themed Occupational and Environmental Health,

total 9 teams from different institutions participated in the preliminary round. Finally 4 teams reached the finale, the quiz was conducted and the winners were announced. There were 15 paper presentations and 11 poster presentations. All winners received tempting prizes. The students of Khalsa College of Nursing performed cultural events during 'Cultural Night' that were full of vibes.

The conference concluded on March 4, 2023 at 2:30 pm with the valedictory Ceremony. Dr Chellarani Vijay Kumar, President SOCHNI was the Chief Guest. She said this Conference has, without a shade of doubt, made academic fraternity richer, with the additional literature in the form of scholarly works on the subject. She added that the Conference owes its success to the able guidance of Dr Amanpreet Kaur and the hard work put in by the entire Khalsa College of Nursing team and the student volunteers. Ms Shandrila Immanuel, Secretary SOCHNI cum Guest of Honor added that it's a great opportunity to be a part of this conference in world's renowned educational institute of Punjab excelling for many years in academics. Mrs Sudha, Associate Professor cum Organizing Secretary read the detailed conference report and Dr Greeda Alexander, Treasurer SOCHNI gave a brief report of SOCHNI activities and annual expenditure. The delegates gave positive feedback about the conference and found this mega event full of zeal and enthusiasm.