

**College of Nursing**  
*Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences*  
**NATIONAL CONFERENCES**

The Dean and Faculty of College of Nursing, Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences, Pondicherry is very happy to declare the successful conduction of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> National Conferences sponsored by ICMR.

**National conference on 30<sup>th</sup> September was on “Healthy Aging: Scope, Issues, challenges and Dilemmas.”** There were 488 delegates, representing 34 institutions from various states. The delegates were from both medical and nursing fraternity. The inaugural session commenced with prayer, followed by traditional lighting of kuthuvilakku. Dr. Rebecca Samson, Dean-CON & Conference chairperson welcomed the distinguished guests and delegates. The conference started well with the chief guest address by Dr. John Abraham, Director- Principal, PIMS. The theme was unfolded by Ms. Radha Saini-convener ICMR. As a remembrance of the achievement, conference souvenir was released by the dignitaries.

The scientific sessions in the morning was led by Dr. Anil Purty, Registrar, PIMS on overview of geriatric care, followed by geriatric nursing and Gerontologic nursing in comparison with India and abroad in both hospital and community settings by Ms. Radha Saini. The necessity of being sensitive nurses in elderly care was dealt by Dr. Avantika Batish, Chandigarh. The forenoon sessions were by Ms. Ranganayaki.L on degenerative diseases of elderly and cancer among elderly population and by Dr. Lakshmi. R on cancer among elderly population. The afternoon session started with a role play on domestic violence among elderly. The session concluded by the complementary therapies available for elderly population by Dr. Shirley David, Professor CMCH, Vellore. Delegates also involved themselves in poster exhibitions and paper presentations held as 4 concurrent sessions at College of Nursing. The conference was concluded by a valedictory programme between 4.00pm- 4.30 pm.

**Third national conference was on “Nosocomial infection: A Menace for health care providers”** was held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014. There were a total of 493 delegates represented 37 institutions from nursing and medical fraternity. The conference started with an inaugural session. The chief guest Dr. Reba Kanungo, Dean Research, unfolded the theme. The conference souvenir on nosocomial infection was released by the dignitaries. The first session was by Sr.Lilly Kutty, on epidemiology of hospital acquired infections. The forenoon sessions was started by Ms. Radha Saini, Convener- ICMR. She gave a detailed information on the need for policies on hospital acquired infections. Prof. Felicia Chitra, MTPGH briefed the review of health care associated infection with special importance to nurses role. The pre lunch session was explained with practical examples on surveillance and reporting of health care associated infection by Dr. Rebecca Samson. The afternoon session was a panel discussion on multidrug resistant organisms- challenge for policy makers. The panel was chaired by Dr. Reba Kanungo. The panel members were Dr. Isabella Topno, Dr. Sujatha. R and Dr. Navaneetha. M. Delegates participated in poster exhibitions and paper presentations held as 3 concurrent sessions at College of Nursing. The third national conference concluded with a valedictory session between 4.00- 4.30 pm.



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**Lamp Lighting Ceremony- 2014**

The lamp lighting ceremony of 10th batch of B. Sc Nursing, was held on 31st October 2014 between 4.30pm to 6.30 pm in College of Nursing- Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences. The program started with the Opening Prayer by Rev. Dayavaran, Chaplain-PIMS. It was followed by invocation song by SNA Choir. The dignitaries on the dias lighted the kuthuvillaku.

Dr. K. Jacob, Honorable Chairman PIMS gave the presidential address. He insisted on the need for dedicated & optimized care by nurses in care of the human beings. Dr. John Abraham, Director-Principal felicitated the freshers. He highlighted that the authority for the practice of nursing is based upon a social contract that delineates professional rights and responsibilities.

Capt. Susan Jacob, Nursing Superintendent, addressed the Nurses. In her speech she outlined responsibility of the nurse, to be aware of the power imbalance, to recognize the potential for clients to feel intimidated and to create a therapeutic relationship.

Chief Guest Dr. Ananatha kumara Rajan Professor, Deputy Nursing Superintendent, Former deputy director CMCH- Vellore, Former Nursing Director-PESIMSR, Andra Pradesh was introduced by Mrs. Usha.M, Lecturer college of Nursing, PIMS.

The chief guest and Dr. Rebecca Samson, Dean College of Nursing lighted the lamp and passed the light to the faculty members and 60 freshers, followed by that Dr. Rebecca Samson, Dean College of Nursing recited the oath to the freshers. The Chief Guest suggested young nurses should use of clinical judgment in patient care so as to enable to improve, maintain and in recovery of health. The program came to an end by 6.30pm with vote of thanks by - Ms. Greta Hellen, Lecturer

