

*Conference proceedings***Synergizing for Excellence in Nursing Education**

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Abstract

"Synergizing for Excellence in Nursing Education", the national conference was held from Dec 10-12, 2015 at college of nursing, Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, Pune. Conference was conducted with the intention to increase the values and quality of education in the field of nursing in India. A total of 190 participants pre-registered, including 150 pre-conference registration from all over India and abroad. The participants included chief guest, faculty and students from various nursing colleges. The conference programme was focused on importance of CBCS in nursing education.

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Planning Phase

The National conference on "Synergizing for excellence in Nursing Education" was planned under the exemplary guidance of Dr. (Mrs.) Sneha Pitre (Conference Chairperson), Dr. Tapati Bhattacharjee (Conference Advisor). The conference was coordinated by Mrs. Lily Podder as organizing secretary. The speakers' names were suggested by

1. Dr. M S Prasad
2. Dr. T Bhattacharjee
3. Dr. Sneha Pitre
4. Dr. Suresh Ray
5. Mrs. Pravina Mahadalkar
6. Mrs. Minimol Louis
7. Mrs. Lily Podder

Several meetings were conducted with faculty members for decision upon the theme, the subthemes, the topics and the date for the conference. The meeting was also held with Dr. A. R. Bhalerao, Dean and Principal, Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering, Pune for the topics to be discussed in conference. The final dates for conference, theme and subtheme were finalized with the consent of faculty members and speakers.

The date decided was from 10th to 12th December 2015. The registration fee for faculty was decided as 2500/- in case of early registration and 3,000/- for late/on-spot registration. The registration fee for students was decided as 1500/- and 2000/- respectively.

After the final decision regarding the conference, 100 pamphlets were prepared and circulated during Principal's meet at Sawangi Meghe College of Nursing, Wardha Maharashtra on 3rd and 4th July 2015.

Organizing committee members were decided after the discussion with Conference chair-person, conference advisor and conference secretary. The responsibilities of the conference were distributed among all the faculty members, non-teaching staff and M. Sc nursing 1st year students.

. Each committee members then started to work for necessary arrangements for the conference. As per the requirements 500 brochures were printed and sent to all the nursing colleges all over India by courier.

Dr. Mahi Pal, Director (Planning and Policy), Ministry of Rural development, Govt. of India,

consented to be *the chief guest* for the inauguration ceremony and Mrs. Moumita Sarkar, UN Gender Consultant, Ministry Of Rural Development, Govt. of India, consented to deliver a social note on "Gender Audit" during the conference. Necessary arrangements for the same were done by Dr. Suresh Ray.

Application for awarding CREDIT POINTS to the conference was sent to Maharashtra Nursing Council, which was finally granted to award "4" CREDIT POINTS to the conference delegates and "4+1" **credit points** to the organizers and speakers.

Pre-conference press meet was held on 8th December 2015 with presence of Dr. Sneha Pitre, Dr. T Bhattacharjee, Mrs. Nisha Deshpande, Mrs. Minimol Loius and Mrs. Lily Podder at Patrakar Bhawan. The press reporters were given the details of the conference and were also invited to attend the inaugural function. They were also requested for giving the press coverage. Press notes were prepared in English as well as in Marathi and given to the press reporters.

Day 1

The first day of the meeting was started with registration followed by breakfast. Following were the nursing Institutes registered for the conference: Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Nursing, Pune-67, Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Nursing, Sangli.-1, Sinhgad College of Nursing, Pune.-2, MKSS, BTINE-5, Nootan College of Nursing, Visnagar, Gujrat-2, Smt. Radhikabai Meghe Institute of Nursing, Sawangi, Wardha-2, Tehmi Grant Institute of Nursing education, Pune- 11, K.J. Somaiya College of Nursing, Mumbai-2, College of Nursing, AFMC, Pune-20, Jaslok College of Nursing, Mumbai-1, Beleshwar Institute of Nursing, Parbhani-2, J.G. College of Nursing, Ahmedabad-19, IKDRC, College of Nursing, Ahmedabad-11, M.V.P's Institute of Nursing Education, Adgaon, Nashik-2, Krishana Institute College of Nursing, Karad 16, Symbiosis College of Nursing- 1, Sadhu Vaswani College of Nursing, Pune- 2, TMV, College of Nursing, Pune-3, Jotiba College of

Nursing, Gujrat-19, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai-1, and HCN, SRHU, Deharadun -1.

The conference was inaugurated by the chief guest of the function Dr. Mahi Pal, Director (Planning and Policy), Ministry of Rural development, Govt of India; special guest Mrs. Moumita Sarkar, UN Gender Consultant, Ministry Of Rural Development, Govt of India. Dignitaries on the dias were Dr. MS Prasad Director, ICT, Bharati Vidyapeeth, Deemed University, Pune; Dr. Sneha Pitre, Dean and Principal, Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Nursing; Dr. Tapati Battacharjee Prof. and Head, Medical-Surgical Nursing Dept., Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Nursing, Pune; Mrs Nisha Deshpande, Principal, Bharati Vidyapeeth School of Nursing, Pune; Mrs. Lily Podder, Associate Professor, Obstetrics and Gynaecological Nursing Dept., Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Nursing, Pune.

The souvenir of the conference was released by the Dignitaries of the Dias. Mrs. Moumita Sarkar delivered a Social Note on "*Gender Audit*" in the Inauguration Function.

Key note address was given by **Dr. Selva Titus Chacko**, Dean, Nursing, CMC, Vellore with a very warming-up lecture on getting ready for a World Class Nursing Education. Prof **Dr. DT Shirke**, Department of Statistics, Shivaji University, Kolhapur followed with a presentation on "*Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in higher education in which he highlighted about the major aspect of CBCS*".

Dr. M S Prasad, Director, ICT, Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, Pune gave an introduction to measurement and evaluation in CBCS. His speech focused on assessment evaluation i.e: summative and formative and difference between summative and formative evaluation. **Dr. Chitra Sohani**, (Ex-Faculty) SNTD College of Education, Pune proposed a nice guideline for creativity building in 21st century education. The first day of conference ended with a very attractive Cultural programme "NAVRANG" followed by delicious dinner organized at the guest house, Bharati Vidyapeeth Dhankawadi Campus.

The detailed programme of the meeting is mentioned in below-mentioned table.

Thursday, 10th December, 2015		
Time	Programme	Resource person
8:00 am	Registration	Registration Committee
9:00 am	Breakfast	
9:30 am	Inaugural Function	
11:00 am	Keynote address- Getting Ready for a World Class Nursing Education	Dr. Selva Titus Chacko Dean College of Nursing, CMC Vellore
11:45 am	Tea Break	
Plenary session-I: Reforms in Higher Education		
12:00 pm	Choice Based Credit System in Higher Education (CBCS)	Prof. DT Shirke Department of Statistics Shivaji University, Kolhapur
12.45 pm	Principles and Policies of implementing CBCS in Higher Education	Dr. AR Bhalerao Dean and Principal Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed university College of Engineering, Pune
1:30 pm	LUNCH	
2.30 pm	Measurement and Evaluation in CBCS	Dr. MS Prasad Director, ICT, Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, Pune.
3:30 pm	Creativity Building for 21 st Century Education	Dr. Chitra Sohoni, (Ex-Faculty) SNDT College of Education, Pune
6:00 pm	Cultural Evening-“ NAVRANG ” Followed by DINNER	
Friday, 11th December, 2015		
8:00 am	Breakfast	
Plenary session-II: Nursing Education at Fore Front		
9:00 am	Implementation of CBCS in Nursing at International level	Mrs. Shreedevi Balachandran. Clinical Instructor, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman, Muscat.
10:30 am	Commencing of CBCS in Nursing Education at National Level	Dr. Pratibha Chandekar , Principal, Kamal Nayan Bajaj College Of Nursing, Aurangabad.
11:30 am	Tea Break	
12:00 pm	Transforming Examination Pattern in Nursing (OSCE and OSPE)	Dr. Tripti Srivastava Convener, MCI Nodal Centre for Faculty Development, Head,

		Department of Medical Education, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College DMIMS, Sawangi (M), Wardha
13:00	Lunch Break	
2:00 pm to 2:30 pm	Implementation of CBCS in Nursing education in USA	Dr. Elizabeth Simon Dean and Professor, school of Nursing, Nyack College, New York
2:30pm to 5:30 pm	Group Work: Restructuring Nursing Curriculum into Semester Pattern	Dr. Pratibha Chandekar , Principal, Kamal Nayan Bajaj College Of Nursing, Aurangabad. Dr. Khurshid Jamadar , Principal, Dr. DY Patil College of Nursing, Pimpri, Pune Dr. Elizabeth Simon Dean and Professor, school of Nursing, Nyack College, New York
Saturday, 12th December, 2015		
8:00 am	Break fast	
9:00 am	Presentation and Discussion on Group Work	Dr. Pratibha Chandekar , Principal, Kamal Nayan Bajaj College Of Nursing, Aurangabad. Dr. Khurshid Jamadar , Principal, Dr. D. Y. Patil College of Nursing, Pimpri, Pune Dr. Elizabeth Simon Dean and Professor, school of Nursing, Nyack College, New York
12:00 am	Valedictory	
1:00 pm	Lunch	

Day 2

The 2nd day of the conference started with warm welcome to all the delegates and dignitaries. **Mrs. Shreedevi Balachandran**, Lecturer, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman, Muscat brought our attention to the ongoing system maintained by her institution and a competent presentation on "Implementation of CBCS in Nursing at International Level". **Dr. Pratibha Chandekar**, Principal, Kamal Nayan Bajaj College of Nursing, Aurangabad acquainted with commencing of CBCS in Nursing at National Level. **Dr. Tripti**

Srivastava, Head, Department of Medical Education, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, DMIMS, Sawangi (M), Wardha highlighted on the ongoing process of practical examination pattern for medical students. The pros and cons of implementing OSCE and OSPE were discussed. **Dr. Elizabeth Simon**, RN, PhD, ANP-BC, Dean and Professor, School Of Nursing, Nyack College, USA notified us the technological advancement in their institute and how to incorporate that in improvising nursing education system in India. A group activity was headed by Dr. Pratibha Chandekar,

Principal, Kamal Nayan Bajaj College of nursing, Aurangabad; Dr. Khurshid Jamadar Principal, Dr. D.Y. Patil College of Nursing, Pimpri, Pune, and Dr. Elizabeth Simon RN, PhD, ANP-BC Dean and Professor, School of Nursing, Nyack College on restructuring nursing curriculum into semester pattern. All delegates were divided into six groups consisting of 30-33 members. Each group was allotted one course of nursing programme for revision and development of curriculum.

Day 3

The last day of conference was headed by discussion on the group activity of the 2nd day of the meeting. One representative from each group presented their views related to restructuring of nursing curriculum into semester pattern and allotting credit to the subjects. The experts commented on the presentation. In valedictory session, all delegates were given certificates along with credit points for attending the conference. Souvenirs were also distributed to the delegates followed by felicitation of the organizing team. Participants also expressed their opinion regarding the conference. Dr. Tapati Bhattacharjee summarized the entire sessions of the conference. At the end of the meeting, Mrs. Supriya Pottal Ray proposed the vote of thanks.

Feedback was also collected from the delegates regarding the conference.

Dr. Mahadev Shinde and Mrs. Meenal Rane, two members from Maharashtra Nursing Council were present throughout the conference as OBSERVER. In 3 days, all the sessions were very informative and, doubts and questions from the delegates were cleared by concerned speakers.

Photography for the conference was arranged by Bharati Vidyapeeth University. Video recording of the conference was done in view of telecasting the conference later by DD Sahaydri.

A wide coverage was given by the leading local news papers:

Wednesday: 09/12/2015; Pudhari

Thursday: 10/12/2015; Punya Nagari, Pudhari, Prabhat, Maharashtra Times, Sakal

Friday: 11/12/2015; Lokamat, Nava Bharat, Samna, Pudhari, Prabhat

Saturday: 12/12/2015; Lokamat

Over all the conference was a grand success.

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