

Support for the APH Programme at IHS

'For quite sometime now, there has been felt need for an appropriate and task oriented course on Public Health in India. The Institute of Health Systems, Hyderabad is now offering such a course based on their considerable experience and understanding of important issues of public health, both at macro and micro level. The Institute is headed by a dynamic and distinguished Civil Servant, Dr. Prasanta Mahapatra, who has done path-breaking work in reviewing and revitalizing health systems in Andhra Pradesh.'

Alok Mukhopadhyay,
Chief Executive,
Voluntary Health Association of India

'I am pleased to know the impressive work being done by the Institute of Health Systems for advancement of Public Health Programmes'

Dr. B C Harinath,
Director, JB Tropical Disease Research Centre,
Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram.

'A great idea to meet the health care needs of India. Our Institute will be happy to collaborate and I personally endorse the development of such new initiatives very enthusiastically'

Dr. Gullapally N Rao,
Director,
L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad

'I am very much impressed with the contents of the programme. This programme will be highly relevant in our situation. With long years of service in the central and state government and particularly in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare during the last few years before my superannuation, I have felt very strongly on the need of a course of this type. I am sure you will succeed in introducing this course and your institute will be the appropriate forum under your leadership to make it a success. People won't have to go to schools in the United States or other countries to qualify on the subject.'

AR Nanda,
Executive Director,
Population Foundation of India,
Formerly Secretary to Govt. Of India. MoH&FW, New Delhi

- 'I am extremely impressed with the proposed course.'
- Course objectives are of very high relevance. Most post graduate and in-service training programmes for public health in India neglect the social science aspects, especially analytical perspectives like health economic and policy. As a result professionals in key positions are unable to judge the merits of programmes proposed by donors. The course objectives are also highly relevant for the private and voluntary sectors in an increasingly competitive environment.
- The division of the course content into two streams ensures that students get the opportunity to concentrate on acquiring skills which would be of use to them in their chosen careers.
- The effort put into preparation of the prospectus and course description speaks volumes for the commitment of the Institute. Teaching at this level requires that the faculty handling each module have considerable expertise in the field, and it is unrealistic to expect the core group to develop skills in all these areas.
- This course may be most useful for mid-career professionals from all strata of the health services in the States. It would be ideal if the Institute gets the State governments to agree to support students for training, by giving deputations/fee support etc.'

Dr. Raman Kutty,
Executive Director,
Health Action by People, Thiruvananthapuram.

'The APH Prospectus does touch on several important aspects, which are currently not part of PG curricula and are yet to be adequately covered in in-service training programmes. The feedback from the first batch may be the best method to assess the usefulness of the course'

Dr. (Mrs) Prema Ramahandran,
Adviser(Health, Nutr & FW),
Planning Commission, New Delhi

'We would support the proposed formal training of Health specialists of various disciplines in the 'Advanced Studies in Public Health Course' to be started in the IHS shortly. We could plan to have collaborative Research Projects of mutual interests and involve your interns'

Mrs. J Kumudini Devi,
Honorary Secretary-Founder,
Sivananda Rehabilitation Home, Hyderabad.

'Both the tracks of the two year Programme (APH) are wonderful. The curriculum is innovative and must be exciting for the really interested students'.

Dr. S Narasimha Reddy,
Registrar,
N.T.R. University of Health Sciences, Vijawada.